Local leaders welcome Jenkins

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

University President Father John Jenkins will be given an elaborate inauguration steeped in Notre Dame tradition in exactly two weeks.

So upon first glance, the informal Wednesday reception for him and 70 prominent community members at South Bend's HealthWorks Kids' Museum featuring giant plastic intestines, dangling skeletons and a transparent box filled with cigarette butts - might have seemed strange.

"Someone described this as a neighborhood block party," Jenkins said. "It's just a chance for us to meet people in the community in a relaxed setting."

Reception attendees mingled informally with Jenkins and staff members in the name of community relations. And when Jenkins made a brief speech, one woman remarked that he stood next to a sign reading "SCABS."

Despite the laid-back atmosphere, there was a clear theme - maintaining and building upon the existing relationship between Notre Dame and its surroundings.

"What I've seen in the last several years is Notre Dame becoming a larger part of the community," Mishawaka mayor Medical said. "We'll have different promotions, especially if Notre Dame football atmosphere in South Bend."

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ND airs ad during Pitt game

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Numerous times during the Pittsburgh-Notre Dame football game Saturday, students gathered on North Quad erupted into cheers as Notre Dame opened the season with a win.

One of those cheers, however, was neither for the strategy of Charlie Weis or the talent of the Notre Dame players.

Students also cheered in reaction to a new television advertisement promoting a Notre Dame education.

In the commercial, a girl is seen entering a church multiple times to light a candle. By the end of the commercial, it appears that her prayers have been answered, and she opens her mailbox to find the much sought after "big envelope" from the admissions office at Notre Dame. Dropping the rest of her mail, she looks to the heavens as the university's name and the words "A Higher Education" appear.

Many students reported that the spot brought back memories of their own quest for admittance to Notre Dame and the rush of emotions that came with receiving their acceptance letter after a long wait.

Freshman Kells Lewis, who watched the game on the North Quad, said "I felt chills," after seeing the ad.

Notre Dame's Office of News and Information was involved in creating Notre Dame's ad, or what they call an "institutional spot." Matt Sturm, the associate vice president for News and Information, said "It's just a chance for Notre Dame to open up communications with the community.

Local coffee shop honors Weis

By PETER DEVINE
News Writer

CJ's Pub, a 21-year-old restaurant and bar that boasts a thick collection of Irish memorabilia, will reopen to the public next week after a seven month hiatus.

The famous Irish landmark on Michigan Street has been closed since Jan. 19, 2004 when a six-story building next door fell on top of it during a demolition process gone terribly wrong.

"It happened at 3:15 in the afternoon," said Ricky Joe Medick, who co-owns the establishment with his sisters Judy and Cindy. "There were four of us inside. I had just walked in the back door and the whole back of the building just collapsed. If I had been five seconds later walking in, my sister would be telling the story."

On Sept. 13, the pub will reopen its doors in time for Notre Dame's first home football game. The food will be the same, but a giant horseshoe bar and 92-inch television will give the place a new look, Medick said. The Plasma TV's will also be added.

Medick said customers will find the restaurant "opened up." Instead of two separate rooms there is now one large one with the horseshoe bar in the middle.

A quarter of a million dollars worth of damage forced the pub to close in order to repair the areas that were damaged.

Meal plan includes more flex points

By KATHY LEE
News Writer

Students with the "Flex 14" meal plan were in for a pleasant surprise this fall when they checked their balance at Notre Dame Food Services thanks to the allotment of 280 flex points rather than the 260 given in years past.

Flex Points, dollars set aside in students' accounts to be spent only at food venues on campus, are often preferred by students who would rather eat at other food establishments than North or South Dining Halls for meals.

Flex points are a lot more convenient than using cash, students said.

Freshman Joanna Emillian, right, pays with flex points at Reckers. Students with the Flex 14 meal plan receive an additional 20 flex points each semester for the 2005-06 school year.
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Happily disoriented**

No, I don’t know your name. No, I don’t know what time it is. No, I don’t even speak English all that well. Yes, I’m a freshman.

No one needs to help me in becoming disoriented. I’m already disoriented. I’m the master of being disoriented. In fact, I’m just striking random keys on my computer right now.

You know, on a long enough timeline, any chimpanzee with a laptop could type this article. I know, because I’m playing off that chimpanzee at this very moment.

Like when you’re a freshman, you’re supposed to be ignorant and at least marginally useless.

Somewhere.

I really have been a whirlwind meeting so many new people and learning where everything on campus is located. I’m trying to enjoy it now before I eventually realize that these are the people and places I’ll be seeing every day for four years, and I’m eventually going to have to learn real names and stop calling everyone ‘dude’ — especially the priests.

People aren’t in college because they know exactly what to do with their lives. They’re in college because they’re trying to figure that out.

Sometimes between throwing water balloons, yelling at the television during Notre Dame season football games and floating in the Coleman-Morse Center, I’m sure I could’ve figured some things out.

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"Refuel for the excitement.""Fondue."

"I went around and wrote victory vandalism on everyone’s message board."

"Fire it in pal!" "I made fun of all the stupid commercials."

**IN BRIEF**

Students who participated in Mexico TIES, a volunteer program with Universidad de Guadalajara students, will give presentations today in C-103 at 3 p.m.

James Darsey, a professor of communication at Georgia State University, will give a lecture titled “Cosmopolitanism and the Location of Moral Argument in a Post-Prophectic World” today at 4 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

**OFFBEAT**

Police officials find bus loaded with animals

**MEXICO CITY** — The bus from Catemaco turned out to be a wild ride indeed. Turtles and lizards, snakes and tarantulas, parrots and even an eagle rode along with the apparently unwitting passengers.

Mexico’s federal attorney general’s office said Wednesday that federal police had seized more than 130 wild animals they discovered in the baggage compartment of a bus heading to Mexico City from Catemaco, a region of eastern Mexico famed for its diverse wildlife as well as for traditional Indian medicine men.

The wildlife was discovered when officers heard odd sounds coming from the luggage compartment of an ADO bus at a checkpoint in Chalco on the eastern outskirts of Mexico City.

Deliver man steals prized Notre Dame tickets

ELKHART, Ind. — A man whose prized University of Notre Dame season football tickets fell to arrive was an older gentleman who said he asked his friend to steal the tickets after he delivered them to the man’s front porch.

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Determined to avoid a repeat of last spring's long, heated and ultimately inconclusive basketball ticketing debate, Student Senate quickly decided to send a letter to director of ticket operations Josh Berlo at Wednesday's meeting.

The letter, an updated version of one proposed last year, focuses on increasing both student attendance and student ticket options.

"One of our top priorities is to improve the student ticket exchange," the letter reads. "Although it was not very successful last year, we believe the ticket exchange has great promise, and with some modification, it could become one of the key factors in boosting student attendance at home games."

Another key issue proposed in the letter is "Midnight Madness," an event open to the general public designed to pump up fans right before the season begins.

"Most schools do this," University Affairs committee chair Matt Walsh said. "And Berlo actually seems pretty excited about that."

Walsh said his committee would like to survey the student body to find out how many games the average student-ticket-holder actually attends, so we can be better informed."

Senators approved a second letter regarding "Majors Night," an idea proposed by the Academic Affairs committee.

"The committee hopes to create an event that will be similar to "Activities Night," where students will have the ability to come and learn about all programs that interest them," the letter said. The proposal includes inviting local high schools in order to "not only provide a service to the local community, but [also] demonstrate the importance of a post high school education in today's world."

Academic Affairs committee chair Chris Harris said details would probably change closer to the event's projected date next spring.

Senators also confirmed the topic for this fall's presentation to the Board of Trustees — community relations.

Student body president Dave Baron said his experience this summer talking to South Bend residents about problematic student parties off campus demonstrated the need.

"Whether or not people believe in the ordinance, it really brought issues into light about how we're regarded in South Bend," Baron said. "We're respected around the world, but at our doorstep, if you say you're from Notre Dame it's not necessarily a good thing."

Student government makes a presentation on a topic of its choice to the Board of Trustees three times a year.

Senior Class Council officers took the podium at the beginning of the meeting to promote the Walk for the Cure, a Sept. 18 benefit walk for people with diabetes.

Senior Class Secretary Ben Zerante, who has Type-1 diabetes, asked senators to spread the message to their dorms.

"Every year Notre Dame students participate, but it's kind of discontinued," Zerante said. "This year we would like one unified group walking."

Students can register online for the walk at www.jdrf.org.

In other Senate news:

=> Head of student activities Brian Coughlin urged senators to volunteer to collect donations for Hurricane Katrina victims at the home Michigan State football game Sept. 17, noting the success and importance of the past 9/11 collection that raised close to $280,000.

"It was really the public face of the University," Coughlin said. "It was all over broadcast TV. It reflected well on the University, and it was the right thing to do. And it's not something that's just going to happen."

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Health care, parking discussed by members

By MAGGIE HYDE

Bagpipe music came drifting through the window in the middle of the Graduate Student Union's first meeting of the academic year Wednesday. The unexpected surprise did not seem to rattle President Misty Schieberle or any other representatives who were intent upon the agenda and issues of the 2005-2006 year.

Schieberle welcomed all attending the meeting and thanked them for participating in such a "worthwhile endeavor."

Union members unanimously approved the 2005-2006 budget and then outlined plans to tackle various issues this year. Graduate student health care/medical leave policy, improved parking for graduate students and support of the Higher Education Affordability and Equity Act topped the list of agenda items.

Schieberle distributed a report to meeting attendees which addressed health care, parking, social activities, graduate student orientation and travel grants.

"Better health care remains a core goal of the Graduate Student Union," Schieberle said in the President's Report. "We are continually in contact with Anne Klewa, Director of University Health Services to lobby for better insurance coverage and better family medical care. We are also revising and hoping to receive official approval for a medical leave policy."

This initiative will also include a survey of married graduate students to determine the insurance coverage of graduate students with spouses and families. "I hope to regularly meet with Anne Klewa to discuss relevant issues, and what seems to me to be disturbing patterns of growing costs and reduced benefits," Michael DeGraco said in a report of the Health Care Committee.

The Union also plans to send members to the Legislation Action Day of NAGPS on Sept. 21. Heather Erisler of the Publicity and Procedures committee plans to attend and represent the Notre Dame Graduate Student Union in lobbying for the Higher Education Affordability and Equity Act (HEAA).

"I have been monitoring plans by The National Association for Graduate and Professional Students to lobby for a bill that would make stipends used for living expenses tax-exempt, among other positive education-related reforms," Schieberle said in the President's Report.

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Thursday, Sept. 8th
LaFortune Basement
10 pm - Midnight

Performers
10:00-10:20: Ryan Martin & Matt Hagan
10:20-11:00: Peter Biava
11:00-11:20: Patrick Noble & Juan Pablo Garcia
11:20-11:40: Dave Locky
11:30-11:40: Tim Schwartz
11:40-12:00: Robbie Hazen

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Jeff Rea said, "Both [University President Emeritus] Father [Edward] Malloy and now Father Jenkins have done great things to reach out to us. And there are tremendous economic benefits." Ted Foti, senior vice president, Memorial Health System and co-chair of the community relations advisory group that organized the event, described the relationship as one of "a kind."

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South Bend mayor Stephen Lukeo said he was "just delighted that Notre Dame is a real partner member of the neighborhood." He mentioned discussions with the University regarding MetroNet, a fiber optic network running through the community to broadband capacity, and a proposal for a new research park on Edison, "something which could provide opportunities for graduate students.

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Vance reports that the mocha "does well" at the downtown café and hopes to see more wares for Wes in the near future.

The Chocolate Cafe is located in downtown South Bend on 122 South Michigan next to the College Football Hall of Fame.

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Junior Dan Ward, right, hands his Notre Dame I.D. to Huddle employee junior Matthew Pavlov to pay using flex points. The Flex 14 meal plan allows students 280 flex points each semes-

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Dame gets a new coach, and brings back memories when the program begins," commented Jenny Landry, assistant manager of the café.

According to the café, a hint of the mocha, rich chocolate and flavorful coffee are the ingredients to making the perfect mocha and the perfect coach.

The invention was created by Christina Pier, who is in charge of marketing, advertising and other promotions for the South Bend Chocolate Café. In addition, Vance reports that the mocha goes well with a "piece of chocolate or Danish" from the café.

"I think it's a cool idea to sell this mocha because it supports the team and Coach Wes," said sophomore Christina Marzo. "I hope that "Winning Wes" actually holds true for the rest of the season."

Sophomore Meghan Kelly said she appreciated the new concept.

"I think it's nice that they're integrating Wes into the Chocolate Café," Kelly said. "It's nice that he's been accepted as a part of the South Bend community."

Similar responses came from students who tasted the "Winning Wes Mocha" at the Chocolate Café.

Freshman, Michael Huang, who tried the mocha, described it enthusiastically.

"The mocha isn't too sweet and just right," Huang said.

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and offer variety from the din-

ing hall," sophomore Amanda Deckelman said.

The "Flex 14" plan provides students with 14 meals a week and an allowance of flex points. As the default meal plan for all residential students approximately '96 percent of students on campus choose the "Flex 14" plan over the 21-meal plan, according to Dave Prentowski Director of Food Services.

The extra 20 points were added to the meal plan because students complained that all of the allotted 260 points were consumed before the end of the semester, Prentowski said.

In order to answer student complaints, the Notre Dame Student Senate discussed last spring the possibility of creating a new "Flex-10" plan that would give students only 10 meals a week, but grant students a greater amount of flex points.

The Senate was unable to pass the movement for several reasons including objections from the dining halls that said the increased flex points would be too expensive and some services of the dining hall might have to be cut to cover the extra cost.

"A 10 meal plan was not adopted for a number of reasons... (For one), The Office of Student Affairs interest in encouraging community dining hall based meals as much as possible," Prentowski said.

"I didn't even know about it but it was a pleasant surprise. I feel like my schedule is busier and I end up using more points than in previous years," said junior Ashley Kelly.

While it is true that the students have more nominal flex points, the value of those points decreased slightly, Prentowski said.

"It should be noted that Notre Dame increases the Flex portion of the meal plan each year to assure that the students do not lose purchasing power due to inflationary price increases," he said. "In fact, the increase, most years, is higher than general retail inflation and is related to the percentage of the increase of the cost of room and board."

"He could not say if the purchase power of student's Flex points this year is greater than or less than last year."

While the dining halls were wary of the proposed new increased flex point meal plan, other Food Service establishment
Rehnquist given final farewell

President, justices lead mourners in honoring life, service of Chief Justice

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Palestinian security chief killed

Followed by family members, the casket containing the body of U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist is taken out of Saint Matthew’s Cathedral in Washington.

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Iraqi oil of reft rejected by U.S.

WASHINGTON — For the first time in nearly a year, the U.S. military and the United States 20 million barrels of crude oil in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina if Washington waived trade sanctions for the Revolutionary but the State Department official said Wednesday that offer was rejected.

In a gesture that mirrors American aid offers after a devastating 2003 earthquake in Iran, Tehran’s envoy to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said 16 people were killed and 21 were injured in a car bombing at a restaurant in a central market.

Roy Hallums, 27, was “in good condition and is receiving medical care,” a military statement said after U.S. forces unlinked an unidentified Iraqi from the farmhouse 15 miles south of Baghdad.

Tropical storm heads to Florida

M J S O N W I L E H E A R T, Fla. — Brisk wind and torrential rain from Tropical Storm Ophelia moved through this beachside community Wednesday, sending tourists scurrying inland and driving surfers out of the churning Atlantic.

The tropical depression off the coast strengthened into a tropical storm early Wednesday and could bring strong winds and heavy rain to central and northern Florida over the next few days.

LOCAL NEWS

Tax amnesty to begin next week

INDIANAPOLIS — Those late to pay their Indiana taxes take note: The state will start a 60-day grace period beginning next week that will allow you to pay up without penalty, interest or collection fees.

Revenue Commissioner John Eckart said Wednesday.

U.S. hostage freed after 10 months

The Vietnamese military said Wednesday that a U.S. military intelligence officer, who had been held hostage for nearly 10 months, had been freed.

The kidnapers, who kept their captive’s weapon and gagged, escaped without a gun battle.

The rescue came on a day that saw two deadly bombings and a strong tropical storm off the coast.

Tehran’s envoy to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said a roadside bomb killed four Palestinians, including a young boy, and is receiving medical care, a military said.

Bush, the funeral audience, is a two-hour service at historic St. Matthew’s Cathedral. Rehnquist was prepared to send that quantity of oil to America,” the radio said.

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The initial feedback to the Office of News and Information about the spot has been limited so far, Storin said.

"Some people with a bad experience with admissions found the video personally disturbing," Storin said. Their interpretation is that you must pray in order to get into the University, he said.

Jenny Ehrlich, a Notre Dame sophomore, says that the commercial was "maybe a little less extreme" and that a lot of people can relate to waiting for a response from college.

Storin said he hopes people understand the ad shows the faith-based aspect of Notre Dame.

"We are a university that attracts young people of faith," Storin said. "Flory remarked on the difficulty of bottling a message about the University in a 30 second ad. "It's hard to craft a message so perfect that no one can dislike it," Flory said.

Storin said he hopes viewers will focus on the words "a higher education," which appear at the end of the spot.

"The kind of person attracted to Notre Dame is a person who believes in prayer," said Storin. This spot will be played throughout the day during televised Notre Dame sports. It can also be viewed in both the normal 30 second version and an extended (60 second) version at mms/streaming.nd.edu/can-die60.wmv.

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**Economic assessment looks bleak**

Higher energy prices, slow growth, job losses to ensue, says Budget Office

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CBO said overall economic growth, as measured by the gross domestic product, could be reduced by between 0.5 and 1.0 percentage point for the second half of this year but this slowdown in growth should be temporary as long as gasoline prices retreat to pre-Katrina levels.

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**Evacuees to receive debit cards**

WASHINGTON — Break out your iPods: Harry Potter is going digital.

Michael Brown, the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which is administering the novel card program, said it plans to hand out debit cards worth $2,000 to people in shelters as well as people who are not in shelters but as the Houston Astrodome.

The concept is to get them some cash in response to the disaster, held a conference call Wednesday on her Web site, "The message posted Wednesday on her Web site, where fans have stumbled upon unauthorized bootleg editions for which the original text was altered."

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**MEXICO**

Ship delivers supplies to devastated regions

Welcomed gesture seen largely as symbolic

**Associated Press**

NUÉVO LAREDO — A Mexican ship laden with hurri­cane relief supplies anchored off Mississippi Wednesday night, while an aid-bearing Mexican army convoy reached the U.S. border in a journey marking the first time its military has aided a United States.

The Papaloapan, a navy ves­sel, arrived in U.S. waters fol­lowing its voyage from the Gulf coast port of Tampico and began unloading rescue equip­ment by helicopter, the Mexican navy's press office said.

Meanwhile, a convoy of 42 vehicles and 196 soldiers arrived at the border city of Nuevo Laredo Wed­nes­day evening. It was to cross into U.S. territory early Thursday, Gen. Francisco Ortiz Valdez told reporters as his men refueled at a local gas sta­tion.

He said the troops would help refuge operations in San Antonio, Texas.

"Our mission is to give aid to the civilian population affected by the disaster," Ortiz said.

FedEx trucks temporarily blocked the highway in both directions as the convoy arrived at the gaso­line station.

Radio talk shows and newspa­pers in Mexico buzzed with excitement over news that, for the first time, a port in a non-U.S. disaster relief, was sending a hurricane aid convoy north.

The convoy represents the first Mexican military unit to operate on U.S. soil since 1846, when Mexican troops briefly marched into Texas, which had separated from Mexico and joined the United States.

It included military special­ists, doctors, nurses and engi­neers carrying water treatment plants, mobile kitchens, food and blankets.

"This is just an act of solidarity between two peoples who are brothers," said Fox's spokesman, Ruben Aguilar.

Army press office employee Francisco Aguilar said he did not have details of the convoy's precise location. It originally was scheduled to arrive in Houston to provide food for evacuees, but apparently had been rerouted to Dallas.

All of the convoy's partic­i­pants will be unarmed. In July 2004, Mexican troops interrupt­ed the funeral of a U.S.-born Marine killed in Iraq. They objected to the nonworking, cer­emonial rifles carried by two Marines who came to the United States for the ceremony.

Mexico later apologized but said it has an obligation to prevent a ban on foreign troops carrying weapons in its terri­to­ry.

The convoy has a "very high symbolic content," said Javier Oliva, a political scientist at Mexico's National Autonomous University. "This is a very sensi­tive subject for historic and political reasons." Large Mexican flags were taped to many of the 35 olive­green Mexican Army trucks and tractor trailers as they rumbled northward toward the border Wednesday.

The convoy includes two mobile kitchens that can feed 7,000 people a day, three flattened trucks carrying mobile water­treatment plants and 15 trailers of bottled water, blankets and applesauce. The 195 Mexicans taking part include military engineers, doctors and nurses.

**LONDON**

Hurricane claims foreign lives

Many European citizens remain missing in ravaged New Orleans

**Associated Press**

LONDON — Three weeks have passed since Tom Noone last heard from his 31-year-old brother, Mike, who lived near New Orleans.

"As each day goes by, it's just harder and harder. I've got to make every effort I can to try and find him," Noone told The Associated Press from his home in Abingdon, central England.

Britain and other countries are working to account for their citizens who are missing in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. For some relatives, the search has ended happily as those once stranded began returning home.

Mike Noone, a mechanical engineer for Lockheed Martin Corp., has lived in Louisiana for 18 years. His three children — Patrick, 24, Ryan 20, and Marion, 16 — also had not been in touch, Tom Noone said.

The level of anxiety around the world is measured on a Web site for the Geneva-based international Red Cross — http://www.familylinks.icrc.org — which lists more than 117,000 names of people who have not been located.

Several hundred names have been deleted as people have been found, said spokesman Florian Westphal.

Britain’s list of 96 people is the largest number confirmed by a European government. Poland says it has yet to account for 22 citizens, but France, Germany, Russia and Italy are among the nations which decline to say how many of their people are missing.

Russia has confirmed contact with 112 citizens consulate in Houston, and Germany says it tracked down 10 people known to be in the region. Denmark’s Foreign Ministry said Wednesday it had located the lone Dane who had not been accounted for.

No one of the governments has confirmed any deaths of citi­zens.

At least five Australians remain unaccounted for, including 30-year-old Ashley McDonald, whose credit cards and dri­ver’s license were found in a hotel in Baton Rouge, U.S. and Austra­lian authorities are searching for him.

His rainfast and Australia’s Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said.

South Africa says three of its citizens are not accounted for.

Like Noone, Drew McElvane of Devizes, England, is relying mainly on the Internet in hopes of tracking his 65-year-old father David.

"We had a falling out, and haven’t had contact for about six years, but I really wanted to get in touch to make sure he was OK," McElvane told The Associated Press. He believes his father was living in New Orleans.

He said he posted a message on the Web site of the American Red Cross and another on the New Orleans-based Web site http://www.nola.com. One message tells his father: "There is a plane ticket and a room ready if you need it."

There have been joyful homecoming scenes in Europe this week.

Christine Sabadello lost notes, an outline and book she was using for her doctoral dis­ser­tation at the University of New Orleans. But she told the AP she was "just happy to be alive" after returning home to Austria.

She said she rented a mini­van as the storm approached and evacuated with some friends. "We just thought we’d spend a nice weekend in Texas," she said.

They got as far as Alexandria, La., and took shelter with the par­ents of a fellow student.

"People showed up at the house and brought food and money," Sabadello said. "We were invited for dinner — we just thought we’d spend a nice weekend in Texas." Ten Russian college students returned to a tearful family in Moscow on Wednesday.

They had been stranded in a second floor apartment in New Orleans for three days before being evacuated by helicopter and sent first to San Antonio, then to Atlanta.

"We swam on mattresses across the street to a bridge four days later and there we were rescued by a military heli­copter," said Vitaly Nikolov, as his mother embraced him.

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FRANCE

Chirac's health problems unclear

French President missed Cabinet meeting due to "vascular accident"

Associated Press

PARIS — President Jacques Chirac skipped a weekly Cabinet meeting Wednesday for the first time since taking office in 1995, as authorities kept France in suspense for a fifth full day about what exactly ailed the hospitalized 72-year-old leader.

Officials have cryptically referred to Chirac's illness as a "small vascular accident" that affected his vision in one eye. With little to go on, doctors not involved in Chirac's treatment suggest a range of possible problems from minor to a ruptured blood vessel in a retina — to serious — a stroke.

Officials of the presidential Elysee Palace have worked to portray the president, admitted to Val de Grace military hospital Friday night, as active and deeply involved in the affairs of state.

Chirac met for about an hour with Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin ahead of the Cabinet meeting — held, unusually, at the presidential Elysee and presided over by Villepin.

Officials took a reassuring tone regarding Chirac's condition, the government spokesman, Jean-Francois Cope, said Chirac was in "very good form" and wouldn't be out of the hospital by week's end, as expected. Officials have not specified which eye was affected.

It was still unclear whether Chirac would make his planned trip to New York on Sept. 13-15 for a U.N. summit. Cope said Wednesday that it would be clarified when Chirac is released.

Senate President Christian Poncelet, the only other official who could replace Chirac if he could not carry out his functions, said he had "not for one second" imagined he might need to step in.

Chirac is "going to get back on his horse, to use the customary expression," and then take charge of the government, Poncelet told France-Info radio.

The French president, like other former chiefs of state, has often kept quiet about details of his health. Two years ago, Chirac reportedly dressed down a former minister who hinted publicly that he wore a hearing aid.

For years, Socialist President Francois Mitterrand covered up the prostate cancer that eventually killed him in 1996, the year after he left office. Former conservative President Georges Pompidou died in office in 1974 without ever revealing he had terminal cancer.

FRANCE

Europe fearful of imminent attack

 Continent not unified on terror dealings

Associated Press

LONDON — The moments are charged with collective memo­ry: Smoke billowing from the Twin Towers. The charred husk of a London double-decker bus. Bombed out com­muter trains in Madrid. The convicted Muslim assassin of a Dutch filmmaker coldly telling the victim's family in court: "I don't feel your pain."

But if the language and iconography of terror haunts us in our shared fears, it does not necessarily follow that the carnage has forged a common front.

If Europeans were separatist from 9/11 by the Atlantic Ocean, Amsterdam (11/21) and London (7/7) have awakened them to the reality of 21st century ter­rorism. The question most people are asking is not "will there another?" but "how?"

Yet the London attacks do not appear to have pushed Europeans closer to the U.S. in its govern­ment's view of the world. Many are not buying into the Bush Administration's attitude as simplistic and arrogant, and argue that the U.S.-led war in Iraq has provoked the Muslim world to rally against the West.

And among themselves, Europeans are divided over how to pro­ceed.

Unlike for Americans, who largely rallied together­side behind their govern­ment in the 3 1/2 months after Sept. 11, 2001, the recent terror­ism in Europe has under­scored differ­ences in political outlook, culture and secu­rity strategy.

"I have the feeling that Europeans will never, ever manage to unite," said Carlos Sosa, a 21-year-old mechanical engineer in Madrid. "History separated us a long time ago and it is hard for even such a painful case as terrorism to bring us back together.

For some on this side of the Atlantic, the London attacks created a certain affinity between Europe and the United States that was briefly reinforced at the summer's G8 summit immediately after 9/11, when the world's heart went out to wounded New York and Washington, D.C. Few here have forgotten the ash-keaded, blackened debris emerging from the stricken Twin Towers.

But few here will forget the London woman clutching a burn mask to her face in a chilling evocation of Edward Munch's painting, "The Scream." But rifts remain.

"There is a feeling here that the United States because of what it suffered on Sept. 11, but there are important dis­similaties with the U.S.," said Enzo de Martino, a civil servant in Rome.

Perhaps most keenly, terror­ism has brought urgency to an already intense debate about how to handle the contin­uing Muslim immigrant com­munity.

The two main approaches have been France's activist secularism, which demands that newcomers assimilate to the French way of life, and the liberal multiculturalism of Britain and the Netherlands, which teaches that society is enriched when immigrants preserve their traditions.

As the London attacks and the U.S. war in Iraq convic­teer Theo van Gogh suggested, the multicultural approach might prove more viable in a country's economic, social and artistic life can also lead to a kind of self-imposed ghettoiza­tion: Communities sealing themselves off from the tradi­tions and values of the host nation.

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Carlos Sosa mechanical engineer
Thousands evacuated by military, police

New Orleans residents holding out in homes

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Using the unmistakable threat of force, police and soldiers went house to house in the French Quarter, coaxing the last 10,000 or so stubborn residents to leave. Hundreds shivered under tarpaulins, scattered New Orleans because of the risk of disease from the putrid, sewage-laden floodwaters.

A large group of young men armed with guns just arrived at my door and told me that I have to leave," said Patrick McCarthy, who owns several buildings and lives in one of them in the lower Garden District. "While not saying they would arrest you, the inference is clear.

A frail-looking 86-year-old Antonio Garcia, who lives alone in the French Quarter as he lacked his front door and walls were slowly being washed away, said he was leaving the steps of the house where he had lived since 1952. "I'm not going to a house in my life," he said as soldiers took him to a helicopter. "I don't want to go.

Mayor C. Ray Nagin ordered law enforcement officers to return to the streets Tuesday to evacuate all holdouts — by force if necessary. He warned that the combination of fetid flood waters, fires and natural gas leaking from the disaster zones of Katrina made it too dangerous to stay.

In fact, the first government tests confirmed Wednesday that the Louisiana-thirds related bacteria in the floodwaters are at least 10 times higher than acceptable levels. Julie Gerberding, chief of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said the bacteria won't even touch the water and people can't leave the city yet, you must do so.

As of midday, there were no reports of any deaths, a number of National Guard officers said they did not take orders from the mayor. "When you are told by a National Guard officer that you are not ready to use force just because you are not sure if the threat of force would be the first option.

"We have thousands of people who want to voluntarily evacuate at this time," said Calv Caster, chief of emergency services. "As long as they are out, we will concentrating our forces on mandatory evacuation."

Mindful of the bad publicity that could result from images of weary residents dragged out of their homes at gunpoint, Caster said that when his officers start using force, it will be the minimum amount necessary.

"If you are somebody who is 250 pounds, it will take more force to move you than if you are 150 pounds," the chief added.

The stepped-up evacuation came as workers trying to get into the city, where most services came under sniper fire. Most of the 4,000 National Guard officers and seven armored personnel carriers captured in a housing project where fires had been firing on workers trying to rescue their cell phones, authorities said.

"These cell teams are getting on almost a daily basis, so we need to get in here and take the fire out," said Jeff Connor, command of the police SWAT team. "We're putting it up in order if necessary. We are bringing it under control. Eight days ago this was a mess. Every day is getting a little bit better.

The police chief boasted that 7,000 more police, military and law enforcement officers on the streets had made New Orleans "probably the safest city in America right now."

Across miles of ravaged neighborhoods of clapboard houses, grand estates and housing projects, workers struggled to find and count corpses snuffed out by cadaver dogs in the 90-degree heat. The mayor has said New Orleans' death toll could reach 10,000. Already, a temporary warehouse morgue in rural St. Gabriel that had been prepared to take 1,000 bodies was being readied to handle 5,000.

The enormity of the disaster came as clearer in neighboring St. Bernard Parish, which was hit by levee breaches that brought a wall of water up to 20 feet high. State Rep. Nita Hutter, who owns several grand estates and housing projects, walked slowly back down the road near her home in Chalmette when the staff left the elderly nursing home in Chalmette when the staff left the elderly residents behind in their beds. And Rep. Charlie Melancon said more than 100 people died at a dockside warehouse while they waited for rescuers to ferry them to safety.

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Hurricane separates loved ones

Pregnant women, terminally ill apart from families during storm

Associated Press

Rachal Watson is 19 years old and nine months pregnant. Her 1-year-old daughter is missing. So is her boyfriend. She paces the floor of her former home in New Orleans, rubbing her belly while her worries run wild.

"I just can't take it no more," she says as she walked slowly back down the road.

"I really can't. I have no momma and no daddy. That's the only family I have."

Her posting, on the Web's National Registry, "I am safe in Houston hotel looking for baby girl.

"There is the floodwaters and they are thousands upon thousands looking for the ones they love in any way they can.

In the wreckage of Katrina, not much works, especially the phones. People in desperate families try to reach the missing through television or the Internet.

Please pray for the babies in the scene. You are the only thing we have left."

Eleanor Sawyer of New Orleans writes, "I am staying at the Shreveport, Louisiana and I looking for my son Darrell Sawyer.

On another site, Patty Hein looks for her sister and brother-in-law, from Long Beach, Miss. "Any info about where they bored? It's in any word, we are so worried," she wrote.

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Angie Holman

"We were separated from our family, and we had no means of contacting them."

"How's it going for you in New Orleans?"

And then there is Rachal Watson, who said that she just wanted to get far away from the destruction. "We couldn't get much worse than having to leave the Louisiana Superdome and knowing that we're not under a National Guard truck."

"I was so scared I forgot my glasses."

"I landed on my stomach, like a baseball slide."
JOHANNESBURG — Time is running out for world leaders to keep their promises to roll back poverty and millions of people will die needlessly over the next decade without drastic changes, the U.N. warned in a major report Wednesday.

The stark findings were presented to the 191 U.N. member nations a week before they meet in New York for a summit to review progress toward the Millennium Development Goals. The targets set in 2000 include halving extreme poverty, reducing child deaths by two-thirds and achieving universal primary education by 2015.

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Some years ago, I came by a fact about Madonna. I don’t know how it happened, I do everything I can to avoid learning about celebrities’ lives, but somehow the information keeps seeping in.

Madonna had let it be known that her daughter, Lourdes, was not allowed to watch television because Madonna believed it was a bad influence.

Perhaps, I remarked to a friend of mine, what Madonna was really worried about was that Lourdes might turn on MTV and happen across her mother’s “Erotica” video. That screen, I said, would be audible from space.

My friend demurred. He’s a physicist, so I assumed his complaint was that a scream cannot travel through the vacuum of space, but it turned out that what he objected to was my slur on Madonna’s parenting.

If Madonna’s raunchy videos would be disturbing to her daughter, my friend countered, it was not her fault, but the fault of our society for teaching her daughter that sex is something to be ashamed of. If we could get rid of the puritanical idea that sex is dirty, only we could get past our prissy Victorian taboos, then we would live in a less hypocritical and healthier culture.

What he was making (or as frequently assumed) in all kinds of debates, but this day is mostly commonly encountered in discussions of pornography. I don’t think it’s a good argument, but it does seem to be an effective one (who wants to be a prissy Victorian?), and it has no doubt contributed to the increasing acceptance of pornography in our culture.

In the show “Friends” (a sitcom more mainstream than which can be imagined), Chandler’s wife treats his predilection for internet pornography as a foible deserving of ridicule, rather than a vice deserving censure. It’s familiar stance of screen as well as on porn (notice how the abbreviation “porn” already makes pornography seem less serious, more familiar) is just one of those dumb things guys like, a bit embarrassing really, but hardly a moral issue.

Another sign that pornography has lost some of its stigma can be seen in higher education. Linda Williams, who teaches film studies at the University of California, Berkeley was described not so long ago in the Boston Globe as “a leading porn theorist,” which is one of those phrases that should set off alarm bells in the reader’s head.

Okay, so that’s Berkeley, which prides itself on being out of step with mainstream culture, but other universities are teaching pornography too. At Wesleyan University (Wesleyan) Hope Weissman taught a course which required students to create their own pornographic works for their final project (“I don’t put any constraints on it,” she explained. “It’s supposed to be: Just create your own work of pornography.”)

The University of Southern California invited Gracehook (an “adult film actress”) to his “I don’t put any constraints on it,” she explained. “It’s supposed to be: Just create your own work of pornography.”

The argument is made (or just as frequently assumed) in all kinds of debates that while a film showing people having sex. And then there are those have discussed pornography — as if that makes the film (them is the presence of a fictional narrative. Apparently we’re supposed to imagine that with the film showing people having sex counts as pornography, a film of those people being filmed while having sex is cultural journalism.

These days even the feminists, traditionally opposed to pornography, are divided on the issue. Some still believe that pornography contributes to women’s oppression but are reluctant to denounce it for being seen as making common cause with the Religious Right. Others are keen to avoid the issue because they wish to avoid encouraging the stereotype that feminists are anti-sex. And then there are those have discovered that they actually rather enjoy pornography themselves and so declare that it can be empowering, a means through which women can take control of their own sexuality, and so on.

It is sometimes argued that we shouldn’t get worked up about pornography because it’s really nothing now, indeed it’s as old as civilization; the Greeks and the Romans were both fond of sexually explicit paintings and some of their poetry is pretty saucy.

Well, it’s notoriously difficult to define pornography, however, and however we draw the line there, surely must be admitted that there is a major difference between the graphic frescoes found in Pompeii and the videos of real—it wouldn’t be proportioned — people having sex that form the backbone of America’s pornography industry. And the fact that that industry has an annual turnover of somewhere in the region of $14 billion proves that pornography is without precedent not just in its nature, but also in the scale of its consumption.

La Rochefoucauld said that hypocrisy is the virtue that vice pays to. So one easy way to do away with hypocrisy is to do away with the distinction between pornography and art and the Romans were both fond of sexually explicit paintings and some of their poetry is pretty saucy.

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Open Letter to Father Jenkins: Dismantling the public image

The first instalment of this letter traced the connection between the tendency of some administrators to view Notre Dame as business-like and certain problems faced by the university at the beginning of your presidency. The primary concern is that the university's reputation, as does its success in recruiting students and in raising funds, depends on the public image that the university is able to construct and maintain. This image defines the goal of a top quality education, however measured by numerical rankings among the nation's nine schools in the nation that admit less. The genuine quality of education, as measured by numerical rankings among the nation's nine schools that admit less, is the one constructed by professional image-managers. The public image that Notre Dame is run like a business, its fortunes is determined by the kind of image it presents to the public at large, especially to prospective students and donors.

Some manifestations of Notre Dame's image are relative commonly and not likely to change. The least legible of these components include the Golden Dome, the Leprechaun, and the Notre Dame degree. To these might be added episodes from its storied past that can be encapsulated in the form of a picture (the Four Horsemen) or sound bite ("win one for the Gipper"). As long as they remain unsullied, symbols like these are effective in generating public publicity.

More fluid are impressions of the University generated by its involvement in newsworthy current events. A recent example, and one that might be collectively caused by the firing of Coach Willingham, was the questioning of the university's commitment to attracting donors and potential students, or whether their efforts should be directed primarily toward making known the genuine worth of a Notre Dame education. While the implicit goal in both cases is to advance the interests of the university, the two depictions differ on how that goal is to be accomplished. The difference is analogous to that between trying to boost sales of a brief cereal or by gimmicks and packaging and deceptive pricing, and trying to boost sales by enhancing the actual quality of the product. Although professional image-managers would be quick to embrace the latter as their "official" position (e.g., in mission statements), there are signs that the former may be emerging in practice as Notre Dame's dominant public strategy.

Consider, for example, a recent web-posting (http://und.collegesports.com), which observed that "Notre Dame's commitment to academic excellence, character development and student learning has been front and center character development" places it among the top 25 teams in the country. Learning. Evidence offered to that effort included Notre Dame's being one of nine schools in the nation that admit less than half of their freshman applicants, its ranking commonly among the top 25 in the survey conducted annually by the News and World Report, and its repeated high ranking among the nation's "Most Wired College." Not mentioned in the well-posting was the fact that Notre Dame is just one of the nation's best institutions (including Harvard, Princeton, and Stanford) that do not participate in the "Most Wired" competition because it included no evaluation of how well technology meets their educational needs. Also relevant is the fact that the "U.S. News" rankings are based on an extensive criterion among educators for allowing institutions to judge in reporting data. A major reason for giving prominence to genuine education. As far as admission rates are concerned, the fact that Notre Dame's "average" freshman students want to come here, but says nothing about the genuine quality the University, it is not unreasonable to hope that far priority will be given to providing the students and professionals concerned with the University's image, nonetheless, will be to in academic offices, otherwise meaningful in this regard will be to make sure that what really happens at Notre Dame is worthy of being promoted. The upshot will be that Notre Dame will have an even more substantial and genuine image than one constructed by professional image-makers.

Another consequence is that the top academic administrators of Notre Dame have acquired with what is actually going on in the classrooms, the laboratories, the dormitories, the sports arenas, and various social venues where its influence and character formation of indi­

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Expanding our communities

This past week, Nate Williams, C.S.C., pro­fessed his final vows in the Congregation of Holy Cross and was ordained a deacon in the Catholic Church. On Saturday in the Basilica, Nate made a profession of "perpetual virginity" in perpetuity and committed to the Franciscan Exposition through his whole life as a member of the Congregation of Holy Cross. On Sunday, in the Monroe Seminary Chapel, he was ordained a deacon. He now serves in that capacity until his ordination to the priesthood.

Most likely only a small percentage of our Notre Dame community will ever feel called to run for public office, but most of us who have been blessed with classes that prepare us to be leaders in our community. The deacon's role is to answer the question, "What has God called me?" Have you ever asked yourself whether you were gifted outside yourself, but we each have gifts that are unique and beautiful, and we each have a responsibility to use them for the good of the Body of Christ. The deacon "calls" you to live out your baptismal promises to the best of your ability, to think critically, and in skills of speaking and writing coherently. More students are getting higher grades for less effort ex­­

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British dance band broadens U.S. horizons

By VINCE LABRIOLA
Scene Critic


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Hold Steady's creativity shines in latest effort

By JOE LATTAL
Scene Critic

After the release of "Separation Sunday" last spring, The Hold Steady became the kings of low and medium market media.

The band received a "best new music" tag from the influential Pitchfork Media, as well as an interview. They performed on "Last Call with Carson Daly." In Target's latest ad campaign, a series of online videos called "Odds Against Seven," college freshmen drive across state lines to see The Hold Steady play live.

However, none of the hype matters if you've yet used to frontman Craig Finn's hard-hitting yet rangeless voice. His half-singing, half-singing delivery is a "love-it-or-hate-it" stain on the New York-by-way-of Minneapolis band's debut. It takes time to get used to Finn's voice, or at least time to tune it out. Though, the man can write good poetry. His he-said-she-said lyrics dress up an album driven by an over-used narrative — traveling around the country and watching stuff happen.

Here's the good news. "Separation Sunday" has some of the most fun guitar riffs from the last year. The music recalls themes from nearly every era of rock, with distortion, Hammond organ, and piano. Each song appeals to large audiences — upbeat, but not heavy enough to offend anyone. None of the songs drag, and there is enough variety between each song to keep the story interesting. (Which is good because Finn's voice never changes.)

An a cappella opening of "Hornets! Hornets!" starts off the album before exploding into a guitar-driven verse about bitter post-breakup thoughts: "She said I won't be much for conversation ... I kinda dig these awkward silences."

The track, "Cattle and Creeping Things," makes it apparent that this is really how Finn sings. It wasn't just one song. Finn refused to be distracted by the tri- umphal, hectic chord changes of the chorus, maintaining his storytelling tone.

"Your Little Hoodrat Friend" is the strongest song on the album and also the choice for the band's performance on Carson Daly's show. It is the best song because of the likeable, brief, palm-muted measures in the chorus immediately after the simple chord progressions. It is the strongest because it's the closest Finn comes to actually singing a tune.

"Stevie Nix" and "Chicago Seemed Tired Last Night" are other highlights on the album. Both back on the latest trend in indie rock — songs about songs. Each works better than the Statistics "Final Broadcast" or Trail of Dead's "Worlds Apart." The Hold Steady comes off more sincere and Finn's storytelling delivery makes each track more interesting.

Not many bands sound like The Hold Steady, and it's probably because they don't really want to sound like them. The description of the band is simple — a singer who tells stories over rock music.

But their creative geniuses were aiming in that direction. They remain the one band people can be certain aren't lip-synching on stage.

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CD Review

Bigger label gives Death Cab room to grow

By BRIAN DOXTADER and MOLLY GRIFFIN
Associated Scene Editors

Brian: It must be tough to be Death Cab for Cutie. Appearances on "The O.C. and the runaway success of bandmate Ben Gibbard's side-project The Postal Service have made Death Cab's latest, "Plans," the other hotly-awaited pop/rock release of the year (the first being Coldplay's "Parlour Sound").

Death Cab never sounded like a band intended for superstardom, so the band's bad luck is understandable, but a little distracting nonetheless. "Plans" has the very same sound and lyrics that they have always had, and yet it has the same sound and lyrics of the band that, for the first time, sounds a little unsure of its direction.

Accordingly, Death Cab's latest isn't "Transatlanticism," their last album and their best thus far. No is it the Postal Service's "Give Up." Instead, the band tries to progress forward within the confines of its sound, which works in some cases but not in others. It doesn't have the immediacy of either of the two aforementioned albums, but it does have a warm and inviting sound that suits Gibbard's starry-eyed romanticism.

If anything, Death Cab sounds more understated than ever, which is apparent from the outset. "Marching Bands of Manhattan," the opening salvo, is as quietly agreeable as "The New Year" was bombastic on "Transatlanticism."

Thankfully, the production doesn't mute everything's presence, as the songs delineate themselves quite clearly. This clarity is welcome and even necessary, as there are certainly some fantastic songs on "Plans." Among the best are the peul-epic "Different Names for the Same Thing," the lovely and understated "I Will Follow You Into the Dark" and especially the staggering "What Sarah Said," undoubtedly the album's masterpiece.

Like most Death Cab albums (and also, incidentally, symptomatic of U2 albums), "Plans" runs a little too long, and the overall quality starts to dip towards the end.

Gibbard's lyrics are better, though they still tend toward melancholy at times and incomprehensibility at others. Gibbard's dreamy idealism is a heady mixture of universality and often bizarre specificity — could be considered an embarrassment, but the honest delivery and overall earnestness keep "Plans" aloft. Like Pavement's Stephen Malkmus, Gibbard is best in sound bytes, as he's capable of a killer line or two, even when spinning dangerously close to cliché: "I'm a war ofaw-headed versus heart and it's always this way. My head is weak and my heart always speaks before I know what it will say," he sings on "Crooked Teeth," the most straightforward song on the entire album.

Additionally, several tracks take cues from the title track on "Transatlanticism," in which a single lyrical phrase gets the Philip Glass treatment, to great effect: "Your love is gonna drown," Gibbard intones repeatedly on "Marching Bands of Manhattan," while the droning repetitive- ness on "Different Names For the Same Thing" is more agreeably melodic than merely ingratiating. "Plans" is ultimately an album of modest pleasures. There's nothing as bracingly catchy as "The Sound of Settling," nor is there a lighter-waving anthem like "Transantlanticism," but the album holds together as well as anything Death Cab has ever cut. It is the sound of a band in transition, and while the transition sounds interesting and pleasant, it's not quite the bold leap forward that might've been hoped for. Death Cab For Cutie has always been a good band and "Transatlanticism" indicated that they might be a great band. "Plans" isn't quite the fulfillment of that promise, but it's a solid set of songs that will appeal to longtime fans and new listeners alike.

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Yankees keep lead in AL wild card after win over Tampa Bay

Associated Press

NEW YORK - Jason Giambi and the New York Yankees certainly never figured it would be such a relief to beat Tampa Bay. Giambi homered twice, the second run runner with two outs in the ninth inning, and New York beat the Devil Rays 5-4 Wednesday night for a much-needed victory after a surprising two-game losing streak.

"That's being in that spot, and it's great to come through," Giambi said. "Hopefully, this will get us going and get us on a little bit of a tear." 

Hideki Matsui hit his 400th career home run as the Yankees kept the two-game lead in the AL wild-card race. It stayed right there on the wire. Everything is even.

"You can still win the division," New York manager Joe Torre said. "That's the most important thing. He didn't lose his composure," manager Joe Torre said.

Tanyon Sturtze (3-5) worked 1-3 score less innings for the Yankees, with Mariano Rivera pitching a perfect ninth for his 50th save of the season.

New York remained four games behind first-place Boston in the AL East, and a half-game ahead of Cleveland in the wild-card race.

With Tampa Bay ahead 4-3, Joe Borowski (1-3) retired the first two batters in the eighth before Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek hit a two-run home run and punched a single to center. Giambi hit a two-run shot to give the Yankees a 5-4 lead.

"That's the way things have been going," Borowski said. "I tried to blow it foul, but it stayed true right down the line." 

Playing from behind and pulling off the win, the Yankees wasted a couple of scoring opportunities and appeared headed to another puzzling loss.

Down by one, they loaded the bases with one out in the seventh, and an angry Lou Pinella dispatched Devil Rays pitching coach Hernandez to pull reliever Trevor Miller.

Boston 6, Los Angeles 3

Shane Victorino hit his first career home run, the Red Sox overcame a three-run deficit with the help of David Wells' two-run single to beat the Los Angeles Angels Wednesday night.

"You get the feeling you are doing something really well," manager Terry Francona said.

During Boston's last five games, Arroyo and Mat only lasted 1-3 scoreless innings, and David Wells filled well with pitches.

Aron sim Williams added two runs and a home run in the sixth inning, beating the Chicago White Sox.

Boston's run rally started off eight short innings in his last fast, but showed improvement in working 6-1 scoreless innings in Monday's 5-3 loss to the Chicago White Sox.

"You kind of feed off each other," said Arroyo (12-9), who was 0-2 with a 1-3 scoreless inning about Wakefield going nine last night.

"I'm sitting down on the bench the same thing trying to get the lead in the game.

Mike Timlin got three outs for his seventh save, but a rotation battered by injuries to Schilling and Walshe and Miller inconsistencies in the east is the stuff Francona wants it with 24 games left.

Boston maintained its four-game lead over the New York Yankees in the AL East.

"Obviously, in April we didn't let pitchers get deep into games, Francona said. "We don't want to wait anymore for the dog days of September and have them dragging. So we really try to monitor them closely."

Ervin Santana (8-7) gave up all six of Boston's runs.

Oakland 8, Seattle 7

Oakland Calif. - Nick Swisher planned on having breakfast with his wife before Alex Rodriguez congratulated Jason Giambi after his eighth inning home run Wednesday. The two-run shot put the Yankees up 5-4, after New York had fallen behind 4-0 in the first inning.

"That show s you right there how big a win this was," Rodriguez said. "Closer Huston Street said, "In order to score five runs you have to do a lot of things and get a little lucky. It was unbelievable. You saw everybody coming through."

Seattle led 5-0 after three innings and was on the verge of sweeping its first series at Oakland since April 2001 before the comeback against Eddie Guardado (1-2), who blew a save for the third time in 48 games, and Jeff Nelson, who walked Swisher on a 3-2 pitch.

Minnesota 8, Texas 6

MINNEAPOLIS - The Minnesota Twins came back from a five-run deficit for the second straight day. This time they won.

Minnesota took advantage of a throwing error by pitcher Doug Brocail on a bunt two runs in the sixth inning, beating the Minnesota Twins.

Mike Redmond and Luis Rodriguez drove in two runs each for the Twins, who trailed 5-0 in the second inning for the second game in a row Thursday. On Tuesday, they took a one-run lead into the ninth inning but lost to the Rangers 10-7.

Brad Radke became the second straight Twins starter to last just two innings, following Kyle Lohse. Radke allowed five runs and eight hits.

Joe Mays, J.C. Romero and Tim Norton combined for seven innings of one-run, five-hit relief. Mays pitched 3-2 scoreless innings, his longest stint since he was removed from the starting rotation late last month.

Romero (4-3) got three outs, and Norton pitched the ninth for his 36th save in 41 chances. Nathan allowed Hank Blalock's two-run single and Alfaro's seventh score of the second to strikeout Kevin Mench.

Minnesota, which avoided getting swept in the three-game series, began the day 5-3 games back in the AL wild-card race.

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City agrees to Colts' new stadium in '08

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INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts and the state board overseeing construction of a new downtown stadium have reached an agreement clearing the way for work to start on the $300 million project, a state senator said Wednesday.

The deal is expected to be formally announced Thursday by the Indiana Stadium and Convention Center Building Authority, said Senate Tax Committee Chairman Luke Kenley, R-Noblesville.

Kenley said the biggest hurdle in negotiations was a proposed $3 per ticket tax for Colts games, which is not included in the deal. The ticket tax would have brought in about $2.5 million, and Kenley said officials wanted to make sure they would have enough money without it to cover expenses.

"The revenue sources have enough of a cushion that they will probably be all right," Kenley said.

Colts spokesman Craig Kelley said he did not immediately know about any plans to announce a stadium deal with the state.

An agreement between the Colts and the state was the last significant step preventing major work from starting on the 63,000-seat retractable-roof stadium, which is slated to be completed by the 2008 NFL season.

Kenley, a nonvoting member of the state stadium board, said he believed that the stadium would be finished on time even though continued negotiations prevented the planned Aug. 1 groundbreaking.

The team and the city announced an agreement last week on a new stadium lease that will keep the team in Indianapolis for at least the next 30 years. The state is overseeing construction of the new stadium, but it will be operated by the city.

Demolition work already has started near the RCA Dome to make room for the new stadium.

The state Legislature had authorized the ticket tax, but the Colts argued against it, saying that ticket holders already pay a 5 percent admissions tax, which is going up to 6 percent.

The team will pay $100 million toward the stadium, with the other 80 percent of the cost coming from restaurant taxes in central Indiana, as well as on hotels and at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Several counties surrounding Indianapolis have approved a new 1 percent food and beverage tax, and Marion County raised its restaurant tax from 1 percent to 2 percent to help finance the project, which also includes expansion of the downtown convention center. The suburban counties will keep half the money raised by the tax with the rest going to the stadium project.

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City agrees to Colts' new stadium in '08

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FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — The New England Patriots marvel at the talent of Randy Moss. They'll see it up close Thursday night when the receiver who grabs attention as well as passes makes his debut with the Oakland Raiders.

Yet if anyone should know that one star can't win a game by himself it's the Super Bowl champions, who built their success on the team concept.

"We played a team similar to that before in Philadelphia and Terrell Owens is one of those players, dynamic players that can change the game," linebacker Willie McGinest said, "and I don't think one guy can control everybody else."

Owens caught nine passes for 122 yards in the Super Bowl 6 1/2 weeks after ankle surgery, but the Patriots beat the Eagles 34-21 for their third title in four years.

Thursday night's NFL opener begins the Patriots' quest to become the first team to win three consecutive championships.

In March, the Raiders obtained Moss from Minnesota, where he averaged 8.2 catches for 1,096 yards and 13 touchdowns in seven seasons, although he was slowed by a hamstring injury last year.

His rare combination of speed, jumping ability and excellent hands drew raves from the Patriots.

"He doesn't really have any real weakness," coach Bill Belichick said.

"He's a special player," linebacker Chad Brown said. "He can do things no other player can. I've actually had him come around on a reverse on me. My job is to contain him and it was a little frightening."

The Patriots have managed the past two seasons to handle teams with exceptionally talented individuals. They're 34-4 in that stretch, including 6-0 in the playoffs.

"The type of character we have around here, guys don't quit," McGinest said. "Guys play hard and they look forward to challenges like that."

The Raiders were 5-11 last year and 4-12 in 2003, but made it to the Super Bowl the previous season and lost to Tampa Bay.

Moss is just part of the challenge posed by the Oakland offense. There's also quarterback Kerry Collins' strong arm and running back LaMont Jordan's chance to show he can be a productive starter after four years as Curtis Martin's backup with the New York Jets.

"LaMont's impact could be the key for us," Collins said, "could give us that balance that we lacked to make defenses play us a little more honestly."

That would make the combination of Collins, who has thrown for more than 3,000 yards the past five seasons, and Moss even more dangerous — as long as Moss' tendency to draw attention to himself and his controversial comments and actions don't get in the way.

He said last month he had used marijuana but "it's in the past."

He was fined $10,000 last season for pretending to pull down his pants and moon the crowd in Green Bay during a playoff win by Minnesota. And he was criticized for leaving the field with 2 seconds left in a regular-season loss to Washington.

Collins thinks coming to a new team can be "a rebirth" for Moss.

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"Moss poses challenge to Pats"
Texas football
Texas' Young is early season Heisman hopeful

Longhorns' standout begins year Saturday visiting Ohio State

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Vince Young calls it the Texas Two-Step. A quick fake followed by a burst of speed and the Texas quarterback is past a defender and all the way to the end zone.

So far, at 233 pounds with 4.4 speed, he's the most dangerous running quarterback in the country. In Texas' 38-37 win over Michigan last season, he ripped off dazzling TD runs of 60, 10 and 23 yards, leaving Michigan defenders punching the air in frustration or bent over gasping for breath.

Now a top contender for the Heisman Trophy, Young leads No. 2 Texas back into Big 10 country for Saturday night's matchup with No. 4 Ohio State. The glamour non-conference game of the season is the first meeting of the elite programs and has national title implications just two weeks into the schedule.

"It's going to be a game you'll always remember," Young said. "I sense a great opportunity for our team."

And for himself.

Stoking the flames of this blockbuster matchup, Ohio State players have said they want to knock Young out of the Heisman chase.

"Our goal is when Vince Young leaves here, he won't be a candidate for the Heisman," said Ohio State linebacker Bobby Carpenter.

"I'm not too much getting into the Heisman right now," Young said. "It's all about my teammates right now. Whatever they want to say, let them talk, man."

Young has been talking to his teammates about this game for months. When the players trickled back to campus for summer conditioning, he left them a written message in the locker room: "If you want to beat Ohio State, meet me here every night at 7 P.M."

He is now the undisputed leader of a Texas team searching for its first outright national title since 1969. The Longhorns shared the title in 1970. "This is Vince's team," said defensive end Tim Crowder.

That's partly because tailback Cedric Benson, the fifth-leading rushing in major college history, is now in the NFL leaving Young to shoulder the national title hopes.

Young, who was nearly benched after two poor games midway through last season, has embraced his role as leader. He took charge of summer passing drills this week. He's made the rounds urging teammates to practice hard, pushing them to be perfect.

"I'm the guy, and I'm going to be the leader," Young said.

That's my role," he's even talked about quarterbacks. He thinks weren't up to the job. At Big 12 media days, he criticized former Oklahoma QB Jason White — the 2003 Heisman Trophy winner — for what he considered a lack of leadership in the Sooners' loss to Southern California in the national title game last January.

"As a leader and as a quarterback, you've got to keep everybody in the game," he said. "Jason White should have done more." He's taken his charge to the coaching staff as well.

Young was part of a group of players who went to coach Mark Brown and urged him to listen to some hip-hop music that the players like. "Brown says he downloaded the music himself into his iPod digital music player."

"I was telling him sometimes what 50 Cent be saying, it's similar to some of our guys' lives," Young said.

Brown has watched Young mature as a player and a leader, which makes him more comfortable as a coach to let him loose.

"He flipped the switch and took over our team," Brown said. "It's fun to have a mature guy who's not (just) surviving at quarterback. He's getting better every play."

Young rushed for 1,079 yards last season, with 14 touchdowns, to go with 1,849 yards and 12 TDs through the air. In a 60-3 season-opening win over Louisiana-Lafayette, he passed for 173 yards and three TDs and scored another on the ground.

If there's a knock on Young, it's his passing. He threw 11 interceptions last year and his throwing motion isn't pretty. He throws a soft deep ball, but sometimes gets lazy on the shorter passes, dropping to a sideline delivery.

Even so, he completed nearly 66 percent of his passes last season and was 13-of-15 in the first half of the season opener. Young bristles at questions about whether he's a "complete" quarterback.

"If you're completing the ball downfield to your receivers, you're a quarterback," Young said.

But defenses fear his legs most.

"Vince Young is definitely the heartbeat of that team," said Ohio State defensive lineman Mike Kudla. "You've definitely got to contain him and you've almost got to make them one-dimensional and make them throw the ball on every down."

Even when Young drops back to pass, defenses soon realize that forcing him into the pocket and keeping him there can be two different challenges. Even Young's teammates sometimes don't know where he's going.

"There's been a couple of times we got caught standing around and he's still back there running," said tackle Justin Blalock. "It gives us a lot of confidence to know there's a playmaker back there."

"When the chips are down," Blalock said, "he can pull something from nowhere."

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Cleveland - With a whistle hanging from his sweat-soaked neck, Browns first-year coach Romeo Crennel began his post-practice news conference during training camp with a quick weather report.

"Nice, warm sunny day," he said, smiling. "How's everyone doing?"

Fine, thanks. In July and August, Clevelanders usually feel pretty good about life in northeast Ohio — and the Browns. But in September the climate changes, football season arrives and the wind off Lake Erie offers a chilling reminder of colder, busier days ahead. Crennel senses them coming. Just days before making his NFL head coaching debut after 24 years as an assistant, New England's former defensive coordinator insists he's still enjoying being the man in charge of reviving the Browns.

"Sure, so far," Crennel said. "The honeymoon is still going right now. Ask me in a couple weeks, and the answer may be different."

No doubt. Because 10 years after former owner Art Modell relocated his team to Baltimore and six years since their expansion reincarnation, the Browns, once one of the league's giants, are only a few months removed from bottoming out.

Since 1999, they've lost a league-high 66 regular-season games, changed coaches three times, endured innumerable personnel moves and gutted their front office. There have been costly injuries, blown draft picks and assorted off-the-field disruptions, the latest being Kellen Winslow Jr.'s season-ending motorcycle crash.

To some fans, Cleveland's three years without the Browns were better than the past six watching them.

"It has been sick," offensive tackle Ryan Tucker said. "Losing stinks worse than anything."

As was owner Randy Lerner, who along with team president John Collins, hired general manager Phil Savage away from the Patriots and changed almost everything about the Browns but their orange helmets.

"In my opinion, there's a lost generation of fans out there," Savage said. "They haven't enjoyed the feel-good winning product. That is really our objective."

Crennel's job is to fix the mess on the field. He and Savage have overhauled the roster, getting rid of 22 players who made at least one start last season. The club will open 2005 with 26 new faces — 10 rookies.

"They want to win," the 58-year-old said. "Everyone in the NFL wants to win. Like I told the team, this is a new beginning. If

Indianapolis' defensive schemes challenge Simon

**Ex-Philadelphia star running out of time before start of season**

Associated Press

**INDIANAPOLIS** — The Indianapolis Colts playbook is an important to Corey Simon as his debut approaches. The former Pro Bowl defensive tackle, signed last week after he was released by Philadelphia in a contract dispute, is hurriedly trying to learn the Colts' system as well as get back into football shape. He went through a couple brief walkthroughs Monday and Wednesday mornings and had his first full practice with the rest of the team Wednesday afternoon.

He still doesn't know how much playing time he'll see during the opener Sunday night at Baltimore.

"We're going to roll and see what happens," Simon said. "I feel like Superman. I feel like I could go all day. But that's not my deal to decide."

Simon was the Eagles' first-round pick and the sixth overall selection in the 2000 draft. In five seasons with Philadelphia, he had 270 tackles and 32 sacks, but he would not sign a one-year franchise tender the Eagles offered him because he wanted a long-term contract.

He skipped all of Philadelphia's minicamp and its training camp and agreed to a five-year deal with the Colts in late June, after the Eagles released him.

Since then, he's been scrambling to familiarize himself with the Indianapolis defensive schemes.

"I think I'm doing really well," he said. "It's different than I played in Philadelphia, not as much blitzing and things of that sort, so you're able to really pin your ears back and get after it and not have to worry about anything."

Coach Tony Dungy listed Simon behind starter Larry Tripplett at left tackle and said Simon would probably be on the field for 20 to 30 plays on Sunday.

"He did fine," Dungy said after Wednesday's practice. "He's really learning what we do very quickly. He's a big-powerful guy, something we had not had inside. I think it's going to help us."

Heard from the players:

"I feel like Superman. I feel like I could go all day. But that's not my deal (to decide)." — Corey Simon,

**Colts' defensive end**

**Trippett, a second-round pick in 2000, started every game two years ago, but was a reserve last season. He said he wasn't worried about losing his starting spot again to Simon.**

"Just having a player of his capability, I'm excited to be around him," Trippett said. "I'm taking this as a learning experience. I know he's a football player and ready to go, so I wouldn't be surprised if we saw a lot of Corey on Sunday."

Quarterback Peyton Manning said Simon's presence on the team will likely help the offense, too.

"Coach Dungy's philosophy is that when the best players out there," Manning said. "The more good players we can get on this team, the better we'll be as a team. Corey's a veteran, he's a player who has made big plays in his career, he's used in winning.

The Colts, 0-5 in their first winless preseason since 1990, used few starters in those games. Several players, including center Jeff Saturday, missed the entire preseason with injuries.

"I'm ready to get back," said Saturday, who was sidelined by a hamstring injury. "I probably could have played back a while ago, but it just wasn't quite ready."

Another player expected to return is receiver Brandin Stokley, who missed the preseason with a shoulder injury.

Stokley, one of three Colts receivers with at least 1,000 yards in 2004, latched onto the starting job and returned to practice Monday and expects to play against the Ravens.

"Right now it looks like that way," he said. "I'm just waiting for a coach's decision. But it's as good a time as ever to try it out. It feels good. It's either going to be healthy or it's not, so it's time to play football."

**Summer Internships in Mexico**

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Mariners' rookie suspended for steroids

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. - Seattle Mariners rookie Mike Morse was suspended for 10 days Wednesday for violating baseball's steroids policy, and said he was still being punished for an "enormous mistake" he made in 2003.

Morse became the ninth major league player penalized under the sport's tougher drug rules.

He hit a go-ahead single in the seventh inning for a 3-2 win over Oakland on Tuesday, and on Wednesday the grievance by the players' association to overturn the suspension was denied by arbitrator Shyam Das.

"This result is unfair and unfortunate. It punishes Michael Morse again for conduct for which he has already been punished," said Michael Weiner, the union's general counsel.

"The PA does not believe the parties ever intended for the Basic Agreement to compel such a harsh result." Morse, 23, was batting .257 with three home runs and 23 RBIs in 209 at-bats since being called up from Triple-A earlier this season. The infielder-outfielder was acquired last season in the trade that sent pitcher Freddy Garcia to the Chicago White Sox.

"We think you cannot evaluate a program based on the results of a single case, that overall, the rules that we negotiated are designed to be strict but fair with the overall goal being to deter use," said Rob Manfred, executive vice president of labor relations in the commissioner's office. "To the extent that anyone disagrees with the result in a particular case, it might be the result of our desire to deter use."

In a statement before Wednesday's game against the Athletics, Morse apologized to "the fans, my teammates, the Mariners organization, baseball and to my family," and he offered an explanation.

"Back in November 2003 when I was 22 years old, I made an enormous mistake in my life. I took steroids while in the minor leagues," he said. "My thigh muscle, which I had previously torn, had never healed and I was scared that my career was over. I was desperate and made a terrible mistake which I deeply regret."

"In May 2004, I was punished and suspended, which I deserved."

In Brief

Big 12 coaches satisfied with instant replay

DALLAS - Nebraska coach Bill Callahan was one of the staunchest proponents for instant replay in the Big 12. He still is, even after five plays were reviewed in the Cornhuskers' season opener.

"They were possession calls and boundary calls and things of that nature, I think it was well done," Callahan said. "The calls were well-represented and logically thought out before they pulled the trigger and asked for a replay. What occurred was valid, was logical."

There were eight Big 12 home games in which instant replay was used for the first time last weekend. There were seven plays reviewed, the five at Nebraska and one each in the Texas and Oklahoma games.

Two calls were overturned in the Cornhuskers' 23-7 victory over Maine on Saturday. An interception by Maine's Daren Stone was called good after initially ruled an incomplete pass.

"That was decided by replay."

Tressel undecided on starting quarterback

COLUMBUS - Sometime before No. 4 Ohio State meets No. 2 Texas on Saturday night, Buckeyes coach Jim Tressel must decide who will be his starting quarterback.

A lot of people will be watching closely, reading a lot - maybe too much - into what is behind his decision.

On one hand is Justin Zwick, the steady starter from last week's 34-14 beating of Miami (Ohio). A bright kid who quietly leads direction to the offense.

He's got a good but not great arm and at 6-foot-4 and 225 pounds will never be mistaken for an Olympic sprinter. He is dependable, not spectacular.

On the other is Troy Smith, the star of last year's upset of No. 7 Michigan whose name has been linked to NCAA investigations ever since.

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USA Network
Robinson receives second chance with Vikings

Ex-Seahawks wideout currently in alcohol treatment after being released by Seattle

Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Stack in an alcohol treatment center in South Carolina, Koren Robinson wasn’t sure where his life was headed.

Overcome with anxiety, guilt and embarrassment, Robinson tried to figure out how he went from ninth overall draft pick in 2001 to sitting on the brink of career ruin.

Then the phone rang.

Vikings coach Mike Tice was on the other end and, after a few conversations, Tice told the troubled young receiver that he may have a second chance waiting for him in Minnesota when he checked out of rehab.

Suddenly, Robinson had hope.

"To have someone like Coach Tice call you and say they’ll give me an opportunity once you get out of there, it’s that much better to go in and do what you have to do and get out of there," Robinson, his voice quavering a bit, "it gives you motivation to get everything humbled, because you have someone waiting on you when you get out. In any situation, any aspect of your life, to be wanted feels good."

Robinson signed with the Vikings on Tuesday. Now the former North Carolina State star is looking to resurrect a career — and a life — that was overwhelmed by the temptations of pro football during his four years in Seattle.

Robinson pleaded guilty in July to drunken driving and had all but one day of his yearlong sentence suspended. He has a Sept. 14 court date stemming from the charge, but the Vikings are confident his troubles with alcohol are behind him.

He was cut by the Seahawks, three seasons after showing so much promise when he caught 74 passes for 1,240 yards and five touchdowns.

"I definitely got caught up in the NFL lifestyle," Robinson said. "That didn’t get me where I wanted to go, where I wanted to be. I had to do something else, man."

Robinson checked into the treatment facility and spiraled into a pit of self-doubt.

"It was tough," Robinson said, swallowing hard, "his eyes welling up with tears. "I was afraid, I was scared. The fear of the uncertainty, not knowing if I was ever going to get the opportunity to play ball again.

Knowing that I had to do some things to get myself right, personally, as far as being a better father, a better son, a better brother. I felt like I had to get that right first and foremost before any of the football things.

"I felt like I was embarrassing my family. My parents didn’t raise me like that, for the things I was doing. They didn’t raise me like that. It was time for a change."

A player with Robinson’s speed and talent will always get a second chance. That it came with the Vikings, who dumped Randy Moss in the offseason because they were tired of the distractions he created, came as a mild surprise.

"Koren Robinson is a guy who has such great ability," quarter- back Daunte Culpepper said. "His off-the-field things, everybody goes through something to get where they want. We have to welcome him and embrace him and hope that he understands the importance of him being successful and doing the right thing."

Easing the transition will be cornerbck Brian Williams, a close friend of Robinson’s from their days at North Carolina State. Williams encouraged Tice to pursue Robinson and vouched for him on a personal level.

Now it’s up to Robinson to prove his friend right. Wearing No. 18, Robinson is currently listed as sixth on the depth chart at receiver and Tice said he did not expect him to suit up for at least the first two games.

"We’re not going to rush him because I have some pretty good receivers ahead of him right now who are really coming on quite strong," Tice said.

What ultimately convinced the coach to give Robinson another shot was his humble demeanor and willingness to admit he needed help.

"He voluntarily went into rehab and knows that he messed up," Tice said. "You deal with those spoiled athletes and a lot of times even though they’ve made mistakes and they’re caught, they still don’t want to admit they need to get some things squared away."

Koren Robinson stretches during an April workout with Seattle. The troubled receiver was picked up by Minnesota after being released earlier this year by the Seahawks.
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USA HOCKEY

Young netminders vie to replace 1996 World Cup MVP

Mike Richter was given, a true constant for the American team once NHL players starting filling out Olympic rosters in 1998. It was a simple choice. He grew up in the USA Hockey program, played in the Olympics as an amateur in 1988 and then won a Stanley Cup with the New York Rangers. He sealed his position as "the guy" with an MVP performance in the 1996 World Cup. But he couldn't play forever. Now there isn't a clear choice for the Turin Games in February. A young crew of four goalies was invited to this week's Olympic hockey orientation camp and all like their chances. "These are young kids. This is the foundation," three-time Olympic forward Keith Tkachuk said. "You need great goaltending, and that's what we've had over the years with Mike Richter." Robert Esche of Philadelphia is 27 and has the most NHL experience. He has played 128 regular-season NHL games and helped the Flyers reach Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals in 2004.

The other three are 23-year-old Rick DiPietro of the New York Islanders, 29-year-old Ty Conklin of Edmonton, and Buffalo's Ryan Miller, who is only 25. "There are going to be some tough choices," U.S. general manager Don Waddell said. "If you watch what we have going on right now with the four guys we have here, three are experienced NHL players and one is on his way to what will be a very bright NHL career. "The goaltending end of it, where it might have been a question a few years ago, I think is starting to answer itself. I think it will be a strength for us come February."

FAITHPOINT

Thursday, September 8, 2005

LIVE IT!!

Next time you are at mass on campus and hear beautiful organ or piano playing, it would be worthwhile to look at the face behind the piano because it may very well be Eleanore Strong. Eleanore is a senior, Howard Hall resident and organ major who has been very generous with her time and talents since arriving here on Campus. Students at the MBA and Keenan Hall masses have enjoyed Eleanore's expert organ and piano playing since her arrival on campus. Visitors to Campus have likewise been treated to Eleanore's musical prowess at the 10:00 am Sunday Basilica Mass where she sings as a member of the Notre Dame Liturgical Choir. Eleanore balances her participation in these multiple liturgies with her commitment to the psychology experiments she runs as a psychology major. In addition to sharing her talents with the wider Notre Dame community, Eleanore takes time out of her everyday life to be an inspiring example of faith to her friends who have found her to be a wonderful person with whom to share their faith journey.

Let us know who out there is making a difference!

Send nominations to Brian Vassel at bvassel@nd.edu

Catholic Q&A

What are Indulgences?

One of the major complaints of the reformers at the time of the Protestant Reformation was the buying and selling of indulgences by some people within the Catholic Church. So what is the deal with indulgences? Are they still around?

Indulgences are indeed still a part of Catholic Church teaching and relate closely to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Catholic theology on the nature of sin and forgiveness. The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines an indulgence as "a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven (#1471)." Indulgences are described as either "partial" or "plenary," depending on whether they take away a part or all of this temporal punishment. In gaining a full understanding of indulgences, one must examine our Christian understanding of sin and its "double consequence." We all know that sin separates us from God. When we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the priest (representing God and the Church) forgives us of the guilt of our sins. This forgiveness breaks down the barrier between God and humankind, and takes away our "just reward" for sin: eternal punishment. However, as the Catechism clarifies, sin also "entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures which must be purified..." This purification frees one from what is called the "temporal punishment of sin (#1472)."

Temporal punishment can be eliminated through "offering up" the trials and tribulations of earthly life to Christ. Likewise, an indulgence also eliminates some or all of this temporal punishment due for sins.

One receives an indulgence through prayer and works of charity. Indulgences can be received for everything from making religious pilgrimages, to serving the poor, to praying a rosary, if these are done with the intention of receiving an indulgence. Normally, receiving the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation, as well as offering prayers for the intentions of the pope, complete the process of obtaining an indulgence. Of primary importance here is to remember that our God is rich in mercy, and He is not a heavenly accountant. The forgiveness an indulgence obtains still comes from the font of God's endless love and mercy. While some members of the Church tried to profit from the sale of God's mercy, a clearer understanding of sin, indulgences, and God's mercy will hopefully put some of these misunderstandings to rest.

Send your questions to Brett Perkins at Perkins.26@nd.edu!

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with a lot of intensity. We made the needed adjustments in the second half.

"In terms of the outcome from a coaching perspective, we had players positioned not in comfortable places."

The Titans put away their third goal to go up 3-0 in the 36th minute. Midfielder Lyndsay O'Brien pocketed a pass from forward Amy Slott past Belles' goaliefender Laura Heline.

Mackenzie credited Heline with playing a strong game.

"She made a great effort, handled a lot of shots," Mackenzie said.

Also coming up with strong performances for the Belles were seniors Carrie Orr, Shannon Collerton and Maura Schoen.

On offense, Carolyn Logun and Lauren Hinton pressured the Wesleyan defense but could not find the back of the net.

The last goal for Wesleyan came near the start of the second half, just past the 30th minute of play, on an unassisted shot from Caroline Leghtton (1 goal, 1 assist).

The Belles had trouble dealing with a quick Titans offense — a team much faster than Saint Mary's customary competition.

"They made it very difficult for us in terms of trying to figure out a way to slow them down a bit," Mackenzie said. "They were a very technical team, they just played a better brand of soccer than we did tonight."

The Belles held the Titans scoreless for the remaining 30 minutes of regulation, making the necessary changes to handle the explosive Titans attack. This was the last tune-up before the Belles begin MIAA conference play on Saturday against strong rival Hope College.

Mackenzie feels her team will come ready to play and start of their season strong.

"We have to take two steps back before we take a step forward," she said. "We will sort it out. We have the ability to be a really good team."

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week.

On Sunday night, Brewster collected a career-high 24 kills, also the second-highest total ever by a Notre Dame middle blocker.

The senior middle blocker has been "unbelievably valuable to the team right now," Brown said. While she had a few lapses in her usually exceptional serving over the weekend, the 6-foot-3 Brewer gained confidence as the matches went along.

Already equipped with outstanding talent and work ethic, she is nearly unstoppable on offense and impasable on defense as matches progress.

Some athletes might tire and fade, but Brewer wants the ball more.

"I think when it's the match on the line, she wants the ball," Brown said. "And she just does smart things. It's her experience, her leadership, the way she's leading by example."

"She was outstanding last weekend."

There's not much of a break for Notre Dame — just this week in practices to prepare for another tough tournament.

The Irish will travel to San Antonio this weekend for the University of Texas San Antonio Dome Rally in the Alamodome, the site of this year's volleyball Final Four.

Continuing its already grueling schedule, Notre Dame takes on No. 8 ranked Southern California Friday at 1:30 p.m., Oklahoma Saturday at 3:30 p.m. and No. 6 ranked Florida Sunday at 11 a.m.

Brewster welcomes the challenge. She sees it as an opportunity, and she has no fear of other American Volleyball Coaches Association Top 25 teams — just respect.

"It is such an opportunity to play a team in the top 25," she said.

Now, the Irish themselves are in the top 25. They entered at No. 19 this week after their successful weekend.

The ranking is their highest since Nov. 2002 when they were No. 17. They are 3-0 for the first time since the 2002 season.

Notre Dame hopes to have sophomore starting outside hitter Ellen Heinantz back by this weekend. She injured her medial collateral ligament in the Michigan match and sat out the Shamrock Invitational.

As a team with momentum, with a national player of the week and a returning starter, the Irish might be the ones to be feared in San Antonio.

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MLB

Matsui slams 400th career home run in win

Yankees slugger hit 332 homers in Japan

Associated Press

Hideki Matsui’s milestone made news on two continents. The New York Yankees outfielder hit his 400th professional home run Wednesday night, connecting in the fourth inning against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Matsui’s drive to right-center off Doug Waechter gave him nine home runs this season and 68 since joining the Yankees in 2003. He hit 332 homers for the Yomiuri Giants of Japan’s Central League from 1993-02.

"The feeling itself, it is the same," Matsui said through a translator. "I don’t really add the statistics that I had in Japan and the home runs I hit this year."

But he did keep the ball as a souvenir.

"To me, it’s not that important," he said. "Perhaps my father will be pretty happy if I give it to him."

Waechter retired his first 10 batters before Matsui’s homer, his first since Aug. 23 against Toronto’s Miguel Batista. But Yankees manager Joe Torre doesn’t think Matsui had been pressing to reach the milestone.

"Knowing him as we do, I doubt that he was goal-orientated there — especially getting up in situations where base hits were so important to us," Torre said. "He’s too professional, just too good at what he does."

Matsui also hit a two-run double in the sixth inning, cutting New York’s deficit to 4-3. He finished 2-for-4 with three RBIs, and the Yankees rallied to win 5-4 on Jason Giambi’s two-run shot in the eighth.

"The home run was one thing, but to come back with the double the next time, that was the one that got us back to where we felt we could win the game," Torre said.

Nicknamed "Godzilla" in Japan for his power, Matsui was a three-time Central League home run champion and hit 40 or more three seasons.

But after hitting a career-high 50 in 2002, he had only 104 homers in his first season in the major leagues. He has 104 RBIs this year, his sixth American season with at least 100 going back to his career in Japan.

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Irish head coach Charlie Weis said his defense will be prepared not only for a strong running game, but a diverse one, as well. "Grady holds about every Michigan rushing record there is known to mankind," Weis said. "So you can't just be concerned with just one guy. They could run the ball inside. They could run the ball outside. They could run with speed.

Weis is not far off in his description of Grady, who holds the Michigan high school state records for carries (1,154), rushing yards (8,431), touchdowns (115), scoring (924) and consecutive 100-yard rushing games (24).

When he and Hart are both clicking, that means more opportunity for second-year quarterback Chad Henne to throw the deep ball — something Notre Dame struggled against last season and still appears prone to, as Pittsburgh exposed on its first series last Saturday.

"If we're running the ball well, the safeties have to come up, which opens up things for Chad," Hart said.

Michigan aims to make Michigan one-dimensional in the passing game because he knows when Notre Dame did so last season, the result was an extra stroke in the win column.

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"Then we had a fumble on the goal line that stopped another drive. We just can't make those mistakes this week against Notre Dame. They're going to definitely capitalize more on them.

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**FOOTBALL**

**Wolverine rush**

Notre Dame defense aims to keep Michigan offense one-dimensional, preferably off-ground

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The last time Notre Dame played Michigan in Ann Arbor, the Wolverines ran the ball 54 times. Michigan won the game, 38-0.

It's no secret Michigan coach Lloyd Carr is most comfortable when his team is running the ball efficiently. Even last Saturday, with Michigan up 27-10 at halftime of an eventual 33-17 win over Northern Illinois, sophomores running back Mike Hart had 27 carries for 117 yards and one touchdown. Freshman back Kevin Grady also had nine carries, 42 yards and a touchdown.

"They always had a great offensive line, so in the last 15, 20 years they started recruiting nationwide and the skill has come on board to give them as much force as some of the marquee teams in the country," Irish defensive coordinator Rick Minter said. "I think it's all about stopping the run."

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**SMC VOLLEYBALL**

**Dutchmen get best of the Belles**

Schroeder-Biek says team mental approach was "disappointing"

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Sometimes your head just isn't in it. Belles coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said that was exactly the case for the Saint Mary's volleyball team last night at the Angela Athletic Center. Hope College downed the Belles in four quick games: 30-18, 30-21, 27-30, 30-19.

"It's disappointing," Schroeder-Biek said. "We are capable of so much stronger play. We didn't go into this mentally as strong as we needed to."

The coach was upset with the low level of confidence displayed by Saint Mary's in its first road meet.

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**SMC SOCCER**

**Shorthanded Belles fall to Illinois Wesleyan**

St. Mary's falls 4-0 to defending national champion Wesleyan

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Normally, dealing with a defending national champion is more work than most teams can handle, but the Belles' soccer team had other factors at play in their 4-0 loss at Illinois Wesleyan on Wednesday night.

Due to personnel issues, Saint Mary's was forced to put players in unfamiliar positions, a recipe that created some distress on the field. The Belles never got a feel for the game and despite strong play all around, fell to the highly-touted Titans.

"Our kids played hard, but we were missing bodies in the first half that would have really influenced the game," Belles coach Caryn Mackenzie said. "It was just one of those games that we took on the chin, and we will continue to grow and get better."

Three of the Titans' goals came in the first half, a sign that the Belles made on-the-fly adjustments to fight back and take control of the game.

Wesleyan's Katie Kelly opened the scoring quickly, setting the Titans' first barely into the third minute of the game. Kelly was assisted by Carissa Nommers on the goal.

Tina Rodriguez followed that up five minutes later with the Titans' second goal, notching the tally on a pass from Caroline Leighton. The Belles would hold back the powerful Wesleyan attack for nearly the rest of the half.

"We played a tremendous second half, had really good energy," Mackenzie said. "We played Irish defensive and Victor Abiamiri fights off a block against Pitt Saturday. Abiamiri and fellow leftermen Trevor Lawros, Derek Landri and Chris Frome will be key against Michigan's running game.

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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

**Brewster honored by VU**

Preseason Big East player of the year continues to shine

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

It's coaching instinct. When preseason All-American Lauren Brewster slips up -- which is rarely -- Debbie Brown almost wants to scold her star player.

But the 15-year Irish head coach thinks twice.

"I think it's interesting because there are so many aspects of the game, and I wouldn't get down on Lauren for anything," Brown said. "But she struggled with her serving. Usually we get a lot of points on her serving."

Brewster, the preseason Big East Player of the year, had a total of six service errors last weekend against then No. 11 ranked Texas (1-1) and Arizona State (4-4). But she also had 46 kills, a .310 attack percentage, 10 digs and 11 blocks on the weekend, earning tournament MVP honors.

She has led the Irish to a 3-0 start this season including last weekend's sweep of their own invite and a victory over Old Dominion in the season opener. Her performance landed her in unmatched ter- ritory for a Notre Dame volleyball player.

On Tuesday, Brewer was named the first Irish player to be named a National Player of the Week by Collegiate Volleyball Update and the second ever to be named national player of the week by any organization. She was also named the Big East Conference player of the week.

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**SPORTS AT A GLANCE**

*PGA TOUR*

Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson both will miss the Canadian Open this weekend.

*Tennis*

Unseeded American Robby Giniger advances to the semifinal round of the U.S. Open.

*Olympic Hockey*

Three young players vie to replace former goalie Mike Richter on the U.S. roster for the Turin games.

*NFL*

Oakland at New England

9 p.m., ABC

Patriots prepare for Raiders, Randy Moss as opener nears.

*MLB*

Yankees slugger Hideki Matsui hits 400th career home run, counting his totals in Japan and the U.S.

*MLB*

Yankees 5

Devil Rays 4

Jason Giambi's eighth inning homer lifts New York over Tampa Bay.