Cable installation complete in all 27 dorms

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Dreams of “Pardon the Interruption,” Rachael Ray’s recipes and Kristen Cavallari in a swimsuit are now a reality for Notre Dame students, thanks to the University’s installation of Comcast cable in all 27 dorms.

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By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

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Stud e nt Senate

Group discusses plans for 06-07

By MARY KATE MALONE
New Editor

The wheels started turning in the Student Senate Monday as senators gathered for their first meeting of the 2006-07 school year.

University Director of Ticket Operations Josh Berio and Associate Director of Ticketing Maria Hansen spoke to senators about changes that were made to the football ticket exchange program — a procedure that allowed students to swap a football ticket from their student booklet for a non-student ticket.

Tickets can be exchanged on the Tuesday before a home game from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Gate 10 Box Office at the Joyce Center. In previous years, students could exchange them on Wednesday as well.

Berio said there has been “rampant abuse” of the ticket exchange process in recent years, as students have sold their tickets for profit on Web sites like Ticket.com.

“If tickets were getting out into the secondary market,” said Berio, adding that the ticket exchange process was designed to provide tickets for close family members or friends — not strangers on the Internet.

As a result, students who wish to exchange their student tickets for a non-student one must provide the first and last name of the person who will be using their ticket.

“That puts the onus on the student to tell us who is going to use their ticket,” Berio said.

The ticket office will only exchange 300 student tickets per home game and 750 for the UCLA game, since it is at the

Student body president Lizzi Shappell and vice president Bill Andrichik review their notes at Wednesday night’s meeting.
I knew it was true when the kind woman reached over the counter to hand me my bag of newly purchased home accessories.

Her blue eyes youthfully pierced through her wariness complex as she thanked me for shopping at my local Family Dollar.

I had become a townie.

After attending Saint Mary's for three years, I had never actually considered South Bend my home. True, I did utilize the city's bars and restaurants, but only for a brief time before I would quickly return to the safe surroundings of my Saint Peter's Street dorm.

I moved into my Saint Peter's Street abode — which ideologically resembles a gingerbread house — only to discover not only did having an on-campus residence mean no part-time or even laundry but also an entire readjustment of one's personal lifestyle.

Never did I think I would call Family Dollar my favorite store, walking there sometimes twice each day, but I did.

Never did I think I would live between both a lawyers' office and a mental rehabilitation center, but I do.

Never did I think I would wander barefoot to my neighbors' or go to McDonald's an entire readjustment of one's personal lifestyle.

I no longer walk the lakes, but rather run the East Race river path. I paint beer pong tables a light blue hue and restaurants, but a walk to Maori's and Mac and Cheese and hotels near my home.

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Freshman Colleen Fleshman enjoys the warm weather by tossing around a frisbee after every emotional neighborhood meeting.

OFFBEAT

Killer raccoons terrorize pet dogs and cats

OLYMPIA, Washington — A fierce group of raccoons has killed 10 cats, attacked a small dog and bitten at least one pet owner who had to get rabies shots, residents of Olympia say.

Some have taken to carrying pepper spray to ward off the masked marauders and the woman who was bitten now carries an iron pipe when she goes outside at night.

"It's a new breed," said Tamara Keeton, who with Karl Hall started a raccoon watch after an emotional neighborhood meeting drew 40 people. "They're urban raccoons, and they're not afraid." Tony Benjamin's, whose family lost two cats, said he got a big dog — a German Shepherd-Rottweiler mix — to keep the raccoons away.

Woman accused of girdle heroin smuggling

LAREDO, Texas — A pedestrian is accused of trying to smuggle $535,000 worth of heroin into Texas in her girdle. The woman, from Santa Catarina, Mexico, whose name was not released, faced an initial court appearance Wednesday on federal charges of narcotics importation and possession. The woman had about 11 pounds of brown heroin on her when she was stopped Monday at the Gateway to the Americas Bridge, according to a Customs and Border Protection statement.

Authorities noticed something didn't seem right about the clothing worn by the 51-year-old woman. Officers discovered she was wearing girdles, with a powdery substance sewn inside.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Father Reginald Foster, principal Latin scholar for Rome's Regia VI, will be giving the lecture "Is Latin Really Dead? Why the Academy and the Church Should Preserve the Latin Language" today at 4:30 p.m. in room 120 of the Law School.

As part of the Summer Classic Film Series, "The Leopard" will be screened tonight at 7 p.m. in the Browning Cinema in the Debertalo Performing Arts Center. The film is in the Italian language with English subtitles.

The Summer Shakespeare cast, directed by William Brown, presents Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors" on the Davis Mainstage Theatre in the Debertalo Performing Arts Center. The show continues its run tonight at 7:30 p.m. and goes until Sunday.

Saint Mary's "Senior Career Kickoff Night" will be tonight from 5 p.m. to 6 followed by the "Junior Career Kickoff" from 7 p.m. to 8 at Vander Vennet Theater.

On Friday night at 8 p.m., The Show 2006 presents artists Third Eye Blind and Common in concert in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. The performance is limited to Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students with valid student IDs. Tickets are $10.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
Revised readership program arrives on College campus

Four major papers to be offered as McIlduff, Siefert alter existing setup to meet the need of Saint Mary's student body

By KELLY MAUS
News Writer

A revamped Saint Mary's College Readership Program resumed Wednesday, providing students free copies of the New York Times, USA Today, the South Bend Tribune and the Chicago Tribune. This year, however, the program has more funding and more features.

The program, which is completely funded by the Student Government Association, has increased in cost from $7,500 to $13,000 per year.

"The student government allotment this year increased by five dollars per student, which aided us in reallocating funds to make this project possible," student body president Susan McIlduff said.

"Also, we had underestimated the number of incoming freshmen this fall, which provided us with more student contributions to work with," McIlduff and vice president Maggie Siefert conceived changes to the program last spring and worked feverishly over the summer to make sure it would be ready this fall.

"The program was one of our biggest platform goals, so we're glad we could accomplish it right away," McIlduff said.

Perhaps the most noticeable change to the program is the installment of new locking newspaper receptacles that require the use of a student's ID to gain access to the newspapers.

"The new distribution machines were given to the school by USA Today due to our membership with them," McIlduff said.

Maggie Siefert student body vice president

McIlduff said she implemented the program as part of student government's response to students' strained access to the newspapers.

"There had been a problem in the past with faculty taking the papers before some students had a chance to get to them," McIlduff said.

Siefert said she is confident the new receptacles will meet the students' needs.

"We wanted the student body to be able to have access to current events to help with classes, as well as to become more informed with society," Siefert said.

Funds were relocated to provide this service, McIlduff said. "We want the students to know we have their interests in mind."

"So far today we've had a really positive response from Saint Mary's women," Siefert said.

Junior Carol Schaberg said she hopes "students take advantage of the program."

"Having to use our student ID really directs the program to us and will hopefully let students realize that the papers are there for our benefit," Schaberg said.

The newspapers will be available Monday through Friday at the Student Center, Madeleva Hall, Cushwa-Leighton Library and Le Mans Hall.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**U.S.: Iranian proposal falls short**

WASHINGTON -- The Bush administration said Wednesday a proposal by Iran for nuclear negotiations fell short of U.N. demands that it cease uranium enrichment, and the U.S. began plotting unspecified "next moves" with other governments.

At the same time, Iran contended it had offered "positive and clear signals" to resolve the dispute over its nuclear program.

Efforts by the U.S. and other nations could lead to more talks against Iran unless it reverses course and agrees to a verifiable halt to enrichment activities that can be central to making nuclear weapons.

France took a firm and quick stand on Iran's proposal, saying Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy said the Iranians must suspend uranium enrichment if they want to return to negotiations.

**Nigeria: Foreign hostages released**

LAGOS -- An American and five other foreign hostages in Nigeria's southern oil region were released Wednesday, the government said.

The six men were set free in the Port Harcourt area, the focus of a series of kidnapping in recent weeks, said state governor Magnus Abe.

Among those released was Royce Parfait, a contractor from Louisiana, who was abducted 10 days ago in during a raid on a night club by suspected militants.

"I appreciate everything everybody's done for us. We've having champagne," Parfait told The Associated Press in a brief telephone interview between Israel and Hezbollah. Diplomats are still trying to hammer out final details, including the peacekeeping force's precise responsibilities.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Judge dismisses mine safety suit**

CINCINNATI -- The surviving miner of the Sago Mine disaster and the families of two victims filed lawsuit Wednesdays against the mine owner and five other companies.

All three lawsuits accuse International Coal Group and a subsidiary of negligence in the operation of the mine. The suits allege that unsafe working conditions led to the Jan. 2 explosion.

Beatty guilty in activist gunning

CINCINNATI -- A man who gunned down a local activist who were forced to transfer out of a southern Louisiana and Mississippi, not one house has been rebuilt with that money in either state.

**LOCAL NEWS**

**Disabled children's center closes**

NEW ALBANY -- Nearly half the students at a center for disabled children in southern Indiana development center have moved back home because of voluntary manslaughter, a lesser charge than prosecutors wanted.

Judge Norbert Nadel, hearing the case without a jury, said there was not enough evidence to support the more serious charge of aggravated murder against Howard Beatty, 52.

"The evidence shows that Howard Beatty was provoked by Kahaka Oha into a sudden fit of rage," the judge said.

Beatty shot Oha in the head, died in the blast and prolonged entrapment at the coal mine near Buddhamon, while survivor Randal McClory Jr. was severely injured.

Protesters hold photos of cameraman Olaf Wigl, right, and, U.S. correspondent Steve Centanni in a demonstration calling for their release in Gaza City on Aug. 19.

**GAZA STRIP**

**Group admits to Gaza kidnapping**

Release of U.S. journalists promised upon liberation of Muslim prisoners

Associated Press

GAZA CITY -- An unknown militant group demanded the release of Muslim prisoners in U.S. jails within two weeks as a prerequisite for two kidnapped Fox News journalists, who were shown sitting cross-legged and barefoot on the floor in video released Wednesday.

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The images of the men sitting in a dark room were the first sign of the journalists since they were abducted Aug. 14 from their TV van in Gaza City.

"Our captors are treating us well," Centanni said.

In a statement attached to the video, a group calling itself the Holy Jihad Brigades rallied against the U.S. wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and characterized them as a war against Islam. It made no demands of Israel.

Local militant groups routinely try to limit the conflict to a fight between Palestinians and Israel, fearing they could otherwise cause a backlash against the Palestinian cause. Major militant groups, including the ruling Hamas movement, have all condemned the kidnapping and called for the journalists' release.

"We are not taking our bat­tle outside the Palestinian land," he said.

Boaz Ganor, an Israeli counterterrorism expert, said the absence of Palestinian demands in the statement made it "much more likely that this is part of an outside group." Ganor said that since Israel's withdrawal from Gaza, Islamic militants with direct or indirect links to al-Qaida have sneaked into the territory. "They're now well-rooted in the Gaza Strip," he said.

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Over the past two years, Palestinian militants have seized more than two dozen foreigners, usually to settle personal scores, but released them unharmed within hours. The holding of the Fox journalists is the longest so far.

A Palestinian security official close to the investi­gation said there were several signs that an outside group was behind the kidnap­ping. He noted the pro­fessional quality of the video and the absence of flags, masked gunmen or logos typical seen in videos made by local groups.

But the official said it was possible that local mil­itants were trying to divert attention. He spoke on con­dition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the matter with the press.

Border crackdown appears effective

WASHINGTON -- Nearly all non-Mexican illegal immigrants found sneaking into the United States are being held until they can be returned to the same countries, the Bush administration said Wednesday.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said this marks the end of the "catch-and-release" practice that had left millions of illegal immigrants stay in the United States indefinitely.

"There is a real deterrent effect to this policy," Chertoff told reporters in Washington, pointing to a 20,000 drop in the number of illegal immigrants caught crossing the southwest border this summer compared with last summer.

Although we're not ready to declare victory -- we've got a lot more work to do -- it is encouraging and it is something that ought to inspire us to continue to push forward," Chertoff said.

In the past, only 2,010 non-Mexican immigrants entered in the first two weeks of August, 26 have been released -- a 99 percent detention rate, Homeland Security data show.

Moreover, the immigrants are detained for an average of 21 days -- down from 90 days a year ago -- before they are taken home, Torres said.

Immigrant rights advocates have questioned whether the border crackdown actually detains people from sneaking into the U.S., noting that some illegal immigrants may just be shifting entry points to cross at more remote and dangerous areas.

**WORLD & NATION**

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both inside and outside the

campus amongst students.

Shappell said.

She encourages those who

pick up a newspaper to pass it

to friends and classmates or

return it to the bin for others
to use.

Shappell plans to continue

the work of last year's admin-

istration, led by former student

body president Dave Baron, to

improve community relations

between Notre Dame and South

Bend.

South Bend government kicked

off the school year with two

events designed to inform stu-

dents about the city: the first-

ever "Explore South Bend Tour" and the second annual

off-campus student informa-

tion fair Monday.

Shappell and Andrichik hope to

work with South Bend Mayor

Steven Luecke and his office to promote events in

South Bend and improve the
generation of off-campus student information.

"I think it really is about

changing the culture of how

we look at the South Bend

community," Shappell said.

A significant component of

improving community relations

would be a change to the

amendment passed by the

South Bend Common Council

last summer, Shappell said.

She said she will work "tire-

lessly" to change the ordi-
nance, which allows landlords
to evict residents after a first

noise violation.

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this community relations

initiative by reaching out to

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on Grape Road, Andrichik said.

The administration's goals

also include what Andrichik calls "common sense issues"—

plans discussed during his

three years at Notre Dame that

have never come into fruition.

The duo wants to cultivate stu-
dent-alumni connections long

before they become vital dur-
ing job searches.

"We want to be able to not

just contact someone when one side needs the other

as opposed to starting it a lot

earlier on so it is a much

stronger relationship," Andrichik said.

To build these connections,

Andrichik plans to reach his
grosse student-alumni receptions before home

football games this fall. He is

also working with the Alumni

Association and the Career

Center to give students full

access to Irish Online, an

alumni networking website.

This year, Shappell will act as an

ex-officio member of the

Alumni Board. She said it is

essential that a student repre-
sentative be present on the

board to increase contact

between alumni and current

students.

Shappell and Andrichik plan

to bring speakers onto campus

to address academic issues.

The student government will

sponsor the Catholic Think

Tank of America lectures,

now in its second year.

Shappell is also organizing a

student-alumni contact

conference slated for the

second annual Notre Dame

students search for a way

to prevent this disease.

"We want to ask more press-
ing questions, looking at what

creates an environment con-
ductive to eating disorders,"

Shappell said.

Other bullets on the agenda

include improving seating

availability for students at

football game pep rallies and using

classified ads on insideND for

book and ticket exchanges.

"To put it simply, I'd like to

see everything done on our

platform," Shappell said.

Along with Andrichik,

Shappell expressed optimism

that this is an achievable goal.

She also continued that

Shappell calls a "professional"

relationship with University

President Father John Jenkins

and his administration.

Shappell and Andrichik said

positive past experiences with

Jenkins bode well for contin-

ued collaboration this year.

"It seems like an administra-
tion that is very open to con-
tact and discussion with stu-
ds," Andrichik said.

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end of Fall Break.

"We think we have found a

way to preserve this benefit to

students," Berlo said. "It's im-

portant to us that if you can't attend you can utilize

that ticket for someone who is
close to you."

In other Senate news:

◆ College Readership Program organizer Chris

Harris reminded senators that CRP will launch today.

He said about 400 papers will be avail-
able at each of four spots on

campus (South Dining Hall, North Dining Hall, LaFortune

and near the Joyce Center

parking lot).

Student government leaders

will be wearing and handing

out "Stay Connected" t-shirts to

help advertise the new pro-

gram, which is funded by a

$15 Student Activities Fee

increase.

◆ Student body president Lizd Shappell, student body

vice president Bill Andrichik

and chief executive assistant

Liz Brown updated senators

on progress they made during

the summer months.

Shappell said she has been

working on an eating disor-

ders conference slated for sec-

ond semester. Shappell's focus

this fall will be working with

the South Bend Common

Council to make changes to

the recently-revised South Bend

disorderly house ordinance.

Andrichik told members

about his work on adding new

items to Grab and Go and get-

ting students access to Golrinh,

an alumni networking Web site.

Brown sat on a committee

that selected new channels for

cable news to dorm rooms.

Her committee made

recommendations, but those

have not been finalized.

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Concerns plague livestock ID project

**In Brief**

**Businesses relocate post-Katrina**

New Orleans entrepreneurs set up elsewhere; many have no plans to return home

Christine McAtee, at her business on Aug. 17, opened her Adventures in Advertising/Insignia company in The Woodlands, Texas after Hurricane Katrina. McAtee opened an office and continued working; while I had New Orleans clients who were displaced, her company also has many clients in other cities. She believed the move saved the business, because it allowed her to get back to work faster.

**Ford announces production cuts**

Hundreds of workers at Indiana's auto parts plants could face layoffs as a ripple effect of production cuts by Ford Motor Co.

"I know from conversations with suppliers that some are going to take 15 to 20 percent revenue hits" as a result of Ford's cuts, said Kevin Reale, research director for AMR Research, an industry consulting company.

"The biggest hit in Indiana looked to be at BorgWarner, which makes transmission transfer cases for Ford 4-wheel-drive F-150 pickup trucks and Explorer and Navigator sport utility vehicles. Some 840 hourly workers were told last week the plant would shut down for one week, but Doug Owenby, vice president of operations, said Tuesday the layoff notice might have been premature.

"At this point, we are re-evaluating it based on new information from customer releases and demand," Owenby said. **Page 7**
Rankings continued from page 1 and third. Regional schools Indiana University, Purdue University and the University of Michigan ranked No. 70, No. 64 and No. 24, respectively.

Other Catholic colleges included Georgetown University at No. 23 and Boston College at No. 24.

U.S. News & World Report also ranked comprehensive colleges nationwide and placed Saint Mary's first in the Midwest, second of 106 schools. The honor is nothing new, however — the College has led the list 12 of the past 13 years.

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she said. "Any time you receive positive recognition for the work you're doing, you have to

times it is not the cable, but the TV," Ellis said. "Most of the calls that we have received have been about how to set up the TV."

Many students are excited about the change.

"I think it's great [having cable in the dorm]," sophomore Ben Johnson said. "It's not really a distraction because if I didn't have cable, I would probably be on the computer anyway."

Johnson also said knowing he would have a cable when he returned to campus influ­enced his deci­sion to pur­chase a larger TV.

Some students said that the addition of wireless Internet and cable in the residence halls may influence their decision to stay on cam­pus.

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Don Wycliff associate vice president

News and Information

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Wycliff said the cost of the cable is included in students' room and board fees. However, he declined to say exactly how much money students pay for the cable services.

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With the new cable installa­tion, there is no longer allowed to use satellite dishes on campus.

"I don't think [the exclusion of satellite dishes] is much of a change," especially with the [University] offering cable and the additional­al cable packages," sophomore Andrew Parnell said.

We have some students who have difficulty setting up their televisions, Director of Integrated Commu­nication Services Steve Ellis said this is not usually due to poor instal­lation.

"There have been only a small number of reports [from students] about the cable not working properly, but many

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University of California, Berkeley, Penn State

University, UCLA and Texas A&M rounded out the top five.

Wycliff said though rankings are useful to the University, "one has to consider what the people who are doing the list­ ing have in mind, what criteria they use and what biases they may bring to the issue."

"Obviously every [list] serves some purpose to somebody," he said. "The bias can be as benign as the highest priority to academic graduate research, or in the case of the Washington Monthly rankings, how well the institution serves American democracy." McDonald said the U.S. News & World Report rankings, among other lists, are some­times "controversial in terms of value" since there is no definitive way to evaluate schools.

"A lot of students and par­ents look at rankings and find value in them," she said. "They use [the list] as a tool — and to be ranked at the top is an honor."

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School drops SAT requirements

Associated Press

McLEAN, Va. — George Mason University is becoming one of the nation's first four-year public universities to drop the SAT and other standardized tests from its admissions requirements for certain students.

High school seniors with at least a 3.5 grade-point average and who are in the top 20 percent of their class won't have to submit an SAT or ACT score with their application beginning this year, said dean of admissions Andrew Flagel.

The school, after a three-year review, concluded that SAT scores are a poor indicator of collegiate success for high-achieving high school students. Applicants who don't have a 3.5 GPA will still be required to submit a test score. Students who want to play intercollegiate sports also must submit test scores because the NCAA uses them to help determine eligibility.

"Dozens of private schools have stopped requiring applicants to take the SAT or ACT amid concerns the tests are not accurate gauges of an applicant's potential for success," said George Mason's stance is one of the most diverse student bodies in the nation, found that the SAT was a weak predictor for all races when applied to students with high GPAs. Flagel said racial and minority issues had nothing to do with the school's decision.

At George Mason, applicants who do not submit an SAT or ACT score will still be evaluated by the admissions committee and must submit two additional letters of recommendation.

"The SAT has come under fire in recent years from critics who feel it is overemphasized and is biased against minorities," George Mason, with one of the most diverse student bodies in the nation, found that the SAT was a weak predictor for all races when applied to students with high GPAs. Flagel said racial and minority issues had nothing to do with the school's decision.

The SAT is no longer a reliable measure of success, but that evaluating both is the best way to gauge an applicant's prospects.

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**SUDAN**

Darfur refugee camp rape count increases

Associated Press

KHARTOUM — More than 200 women have been raped in a refugee camp in Darfur in the past five weeks, a sign of the worsening humanitarian crisis in the violence-wracked Sudanese region, an aid group said Wednesday.

The increase in violence came as the U.N. Security Council discussed a draft resolution to replace an understaffed African Union peacekeeping force with a larger, more effective U.N. mission in Darfur, where more than 200,000 people have been killed since 2003.

The number of rapes in Kalma camp — one of Darfur’s largest with about 100,000 refugees — was one measure of the increased violence throughout the region. Another measure was a rising number of people fleeing their homes and of attacks on aid workers, said International Rescue Committee, which collected the information. "The numbers are rising in figures. We are used to hearing of two to four incidents of sexual assault per month in Kalma camp," said Kurt Trosman of the rescue committee.

The group did not specify who committed the rapes. Refugees in the past have accused pro-government Janjaweed militia of harassing them.

The aid group’s statement echoed a report issued by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan a day earlier that said there were thousands of documented cases of women and children being raped by Janjaweed and L-R forces and men in Darfur.

"Grave violence against women in Darfur continues to worsen," Annan said. "Girls have been targeted in inter-ethnic conflicts as a deliberate form of humiliation of a group, and as a means of ethnic cleansing." Violence flared three years ago in Darfur when ethnic African tribes revolted against the Arab-led Sudanese government.

Khartoum is accused of having unleashed in response a paramilitary group known as the Janjaweed that has been blamed for much of the atrocities.

Measuring the violence in the vast, arid Darfur region has long been notoriously difficult, with pro-government armed groups and rebel factions often barring access to international observers, and Khartoum providing scarce information.

International pressure has been mounting on Khartoum to let a large U.N. mission into the country to resolve the crisis.

On Wednesday, four U.N. congressional ended a trip to Sudan, the U.S. Embassy in Khartoum said. The delegation was led by Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., and included the Subcommittee on National Security, the embassy said.

The International Rescue Committee statement said more than 30,000 people have been made refugees in recent weeks, joining some two million people previously displaced by the conflict.

Last month alone, nine humanitarian aid workers were killed and 20 vehicles were hijacked in Darfur, the New York-based IRC also said.

The U.N. and several aid organizations have also warned that a peace agreement signed in May between the Sudanese government and the main Darfur rebel group was too weak and that violence and a worsening of the humanitarian crisis.

**LEBANON**

U.N. mandate divides Mideast

Israel, Syria dispute mobilization of international border force

Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syria on Wednesday opposed deployment of an international force along its border to prevent arms shipments to Hezbollah, and Israel called the situation in Lebanon "explosive." A cease-fire was further shaken by artillery shells and explosions that killed three Lebanese soldiers and an Israeli.

Lebanese Prime Minister Fuad Sanwar asked the U.S. to help lift an Israeli blockade on his country’s coast and airport — something Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said would not happen until U.N. troops deployed along the Lebanon-Syria border to block the flow of weapons. Hezbollah’s vast arsenal of rockets and other weapons, much of which is believed to originate in Iran, reaches the guerrillas across the Syrian border.

European Union ambassadors and deputies met in Brussels, Belgium, to drum up volunteers for the force, but tentative pledges reached just 4,000 troops by Wednesday — far short of the 15,000 called for by the U.N. cease-fire resolution. Deployment was likely to take weeks or months.

Meanwhile, Syria indicated it might impose a blockade of its own.

They will close their borders for all traffic in the event that U.N. troops are deployed along the Lebanon-Syria border, Finland’s foreign minister Erkki Tuomioja said after meeting his Syrian counterpart, Walid Moallem, in Helsinki.

Finland holds the rotating presidency of the European Union.

Israel has land borders only with Syria and Israel. Syria’s threat to close its border and Israel’s resolve to continue the blockade were among the burgeoning hurdles facing Lebanon as it struggled to meet key requirements of the U.N. resolution: deployment of U.N. troops along Lebanon’s borders south for the first time in four decades and stiffening control on all borders.

Sanwar said his government was making "every effort" to secure the borders, but Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni questioned the pace.

"Time is working against those who would like to see Lebanon resolved," Livni told reporters after talks in Paris with French Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy.

"We are now in the most sensitive and explosive position." Several incidents erupted along the Israeli-Lebanon border Wednesday, with the killing of three Lebanese and one Israeli soldier by exploding ordnance, the capture of two Lebanese men in an army raid, and the resumption of sporadic shelling by Israeli forces in the disputed Shebaa Farms.

Olmert told Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice by phone that the international force must arrive as soon as possible. Meanwhile, an Israeli blockade could be called off, his office said.

Syria — a Hezbollah benefactor largely cut off diplomats during the 34-day war appeared to insert itself Wednesday.

Syrian President Bashar Assad called any deployment of multinational troops along his border a "hostile" affront to Syria.

"First, this means creating hostile conditions between Syria and Lebanon," Assad told Dubai Television in an interview aired Wednesday. "Second, it is a hostile move toward Syria and naturally it will create problems."

The Aug. 11, U.N. resolution that halted fighting three days later called for the international reinforcements to arrive in Lebanon, but some have complained the mandate was fuzzy.

The additional peacekeepers were to augment the 2,000-strong U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon, known as UNIFIL, deploy south of the Litani River, 18 miles from the Israeli border, and open fire only in defense of themselves and civilians.

"The Israelis cannot ask UNIFIL to disarm Hezbollah. This is not written in our mandate," French Maj. Gen. Alan Pellegrini, the UNIFIL commander, told reporters at force headquarters in Naqoura, Lebanon.

Pellegrini said the cease-fire is "tense, very fragile, very volatile... Any provocation or misunderstanding could escalate very, very rapidly.

Many countries appeared wary of joining without safeguards to ensure they don’t get sucked into a new Mideast conflict.

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Important Information Meeting:

Wednesday, August 30, 2006

5:00-6:00p.m.

Room 330 Coleman-Morse Center

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — John Mark Karr's relatives offered up the boy in the girl's story Wednesday in hopes of raising money for a high-powered attorney to defend Karr against charges that he killed 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey.

"They're not looking for money for themselves," said Larry Garrison, a producer the family hired to represent them in media deals. "They're looking to support John's boys' college education and to make sure all legal fees are covered."

Karr remained in a Los Angeles jail Wednesday afternoon awaiting transfer to Colorado, where JonBenet was killed in her Boulder home in December 1996.

Garrison told The Associated Press that no money had changed hands yet with the Karr, and he didn't want to go into details about the agreement.

Karr's brother, Nate Karr, confirmed that Garrison is now representing the family. "Karr would have been too," he said. "We don't know what happened.

"We don't know what it shows."

Associated Press

Karr's family seeks top lawyer

Relative of JonBenet Ramsey's alleged killer insist he is innocent

County's Twin Towers jail

Sunday night after a flight from Thailand, said sheriff's Lt. George Vaneek. At the jail, detectives were looking in on Karr every 15 minutes.

Harris told the AP on Wednesday that, because of a difference of opinion, he no longer is representing Karr's father Wexford and brother Nate. He said he now represents only Michael Karr, another brother of John Karr, and his wife.

Harris would not disclose the reason for the split, but suggested it had something to do with Wexford and Nate Karr's desire to sell the family story.

"My clients are not seeking any book deals or anything of that nature," Harris said of Michael Karr and his wife. "I'll let you deduce what you want from that. My clients are not looking to make any money off of this.

Karr agreed Tuesday not to fight extradition to Colorado. In a two-minute court appearance, his expression changed only once when he slowly closed his eyes as the judge recited the count of first-degree murder that Boulder prosecutors included in an arrest warrant.

"Karr has been portrayed by the media as of late as being mentally unstable, attention-seeking, unwell, mentally unwell. And he is none of those things," said attorney Jamie Harmon, who spoke with Karr in jail and attended Tuesday's hearing.

"He is anxious to have an opportunity to address the allegations against him, to be portrayed in a more accurate and complete way," Harmon said.

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Between their normal routines of praying, archery lessons, and flagged-underpants pants pranks, numerous Christian camps across the country are now incorporating "a science curriculum about God's Creation" into their summertime activities, says a recent
Newswest article. One educational director says the aim is to give the kids enough of a background in the idea that, going back to school and learning about evolution, they will think, "Oh, that sounds goofy!"

Wild-eyed fanatics like these, spoofing their submissive fundamentalist views, are going to destroy this country's technolog­
ical gravitas as our youth turn away from the study of sciences and revert back to ignorant, primitive religions. Or at least that's what some left-wingers would have you believe.

The article also covered atheist-spon­
ored camps practicing the same indoctri­
nation with the opposing goal. Some fund­
amentalist Christians would in turn argue that atheist scientists like these, bent on corrupting the moral character of our children, are hypocrisically trying to reject God and huring them to revel in a libertine lifestyle of devilry and hedonism. Which is, of course, equally ridiculous.

Why all the fervor over educational con­
tent? Had parents always taken this strong an interest in their children's educa­
tion, we might see fewer high-school dropouts, decreased truancy activity, and a mainstream spike in studiosiveness. The evolution debate is being played out large by myopic adults, while the children too often resemble chess pieces in some larger contest.

For some reason, many uncompromis­
ing believers cannot accept, or refuse to accept, over a century of rigorous scientific in­
quiry. Admittedly, scientific thought itself demands wild guesses, un-testable

...
Innocent bystanders

Chris Khorey
Associate Sports Editor

The root cause of dumb laws

In Oklahoma, no one may spit on a sidewalk, and females are forbidden from doing their own hair without being licensed by the state, according to www.dumblaws.com.

Similarly stupid, but a little less openly regarded as superfluous, are the bedroom laws such as: "It is illegal to speak openly before you are married," and "Oral sex is a misdemeanor and is punishable by one year in jail and a $2,500 fine.

The fact that these laws are written in the books and at some point made it onto the State Congressional floor is beyond belief in a supposed freedom-giving constitution.
The sad thing is the penalties sense if one actually takes the time to think about our freedom in the United States.

For instance, if we can't marry whomever we want, smoke whatever kind of "cigarettes" we prefer, or eat whatever foods we please from Bangladesh?

At least we can still drive Hummers and watch Laguna Beach until our ears begin to tire of the last sense of reason and self-respect we had left.

If the laws stated above seem to be outdated and trivial, take a moment to think about the legislation banning homosexual marriage.

It has always been beyond my intellectual capacity to understand why anyone, much less a state, is concerned with another person's sex life.

To me, it is not a matter of protecting the sanctity of marriage, but instead a matter of one's own personal control.

As I understand it, it is easier to control people if they don't think for them selves.

And besides, thinking for yourself can get you into all kinds of trouble, as well as sticking your nose in other people's business.

This column originally appeared in the August 23rd edition of the Oklahoma Daily, the daily publication at the University of Oklahoma.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
A Journey still ‘Believin’’ a quarter century later

By SEAN SWEANY
Assistant Scene Editor

Journey immortalized “Don’t Stop Believin’” over two decades ago. And while many have adopted this mantra — including the 2005 World Series Champion Chicago White Sox — perhaps no one has kept believing as much as Journey itself.

Founded in 1973 by former members of Santana, Journey became immensely popular in the 1980s with hit singles such as “Open Arms” and “Wheel in the Sky.” The band’s album “Escape” hit number one on the charts in August of 1981 and reached platinum nine times. One of their Escape shows, on Nov. 6, 1981 in Houston, was recorded and aired on MTV and has recently been released in DVD/CD format.

This DVD is a must for any Journey fan, as it showcases Journey in its Steve Perry prime. Lead vocalist Perry contributes his unique voice along with an infectious energy that clearly roused the Texas crowd on that November night. Perry is joined by Neal Schon on guitar, Ross Valory on bass, Steve Smith on the drums and Jonathan Cain playing the keyboards.

Cain’s role in the show is paramount because his piano notes have the ability to perfectly mimic Perry’s vocal range, most notably on the eponymous first song. When he starts the show, Perry exudes boyish energy and sets the tone for a non-stop barrage of high vocals and guitar riffs.

Many of the songs on the DVD are more unknown and even some unreleased Journey tunes like “Lights” and “Dead or Alive,” but there are plenty of favorites such as “Open Arms,” “Don’t Stop Believin’,” “Wheel in the Sky” and “Any Way You Want It.”

There are some lesser known hits later in the disc including “Who’s Crying Now” and a Jonathan Cain piano solo. The concert ends with songs that are more familiar and loved by most audiences.

This disc functions in any CD player, but the real value of the collection is in the accompanying DVD. Seeing the members of the band with long hairdos and outsize sunglasses, those who are more interested in the band’s progression from its hardcore punk origins to more diverse sound.

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Journey models its trademark hairdos and outrageous clothes, which feature prominently on the recent release of “Live in Houston 1981: The Escape Tour.”

Journey’s latest release, “Decemberunderground,” showcases the band’s musical progression from its hardcore punk origins to more diverse sound.

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Journey’s latest looks from ‘December’ to new year

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

Any band that has been around for a decade and a half faces the problem of musical growth. This does not necessarily mean being new to please people with the latest album, it means balancing what the band thinks is the right direction and what the fans think is the right direction.

More so with punk than other genres, a legion of hardcore fans can about-face and call a band “corporate,” a “sell-out” and other such ad hominem titles that leave them out in the cold with no mainstream support and little of its original fan base. Or, conversely, the band can do exactly as it pleases without regard to anyone.

This attitude — that the music is more for artists and if the fans like it, great, if not, well they shouldn’t buy the record — has defined the band API since “Shut Your Mouth & Open Your Eyes,” which introduced an API that was less punk rock and more a band in the vein of The Beatles.

“Art of Drowning” was also the last album API released with the independent label Nitro Records and the beginning of its relationship with the Dreamworks. “Sing the Sorrow” (2003) was its major label debut and saw many new fans enter the scene, while many of the old guard left in disgust with the directions the band was taking. After this whirlwind, the last installment arrived — “Decemberunderground” on Interscope Records.

The poetic, melancholy lyrics that have come to define API since “Shut Your Mouth & Open Your Eyes” return in the beginning of the album. Per tradition on API’s works, the first track serves more as a prelude than an opening song. Front man Davey Havok sings of farewells and long roads, references to death that fit within the bands seeming obsession with life transitions and the morbid. The title of this album’s single makes the band’s fascinations literal — “Miss Murder” is poetic, anemic, nocturnal, melancholy and explores some of the electronic influences that API has been experimenting with since “The Art of Drowning.” Havok provides swooping vocals that do not seem to have lost their punch after vocal chord surgery.

However, with all the talk of transitions and career changes aside, “Decemberunderground” reveals a band that knows where it came from and where it wants to go. “Kill Caustic,” effectively the first track on the album after the prelude, is the sick-in-the-stomach punk that reminded us about API’s earlier days. Havok tears his voice through nails in “Affliction” and reminds the band’s die-hard fans that hardcore punk is not dead.

The band, however, heads in a more independent direction with the songs transitioning halfway through to what sounds more like Death Cab for Cutie than Glenn Danzig. The future of API seems to lie with the combination of the hardcore aesthetic, the Halloweenish image and the polished nature of electronics.

The once-straight-up punk rock band from Northern California has come a long way since 1991.

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A Journey still ‘Believin’’ a quarter century later

Live in Houston, 1981
Columbia/Legacy

Recommended tracks: ‘Don’t Stop Believin’, ’Any Way You Want It’ and ‘Wheel in the Sky’
Hitchcock's iconic 'Psycho' to screen at DPAC

By BRIAN DOXTADER

SPOTLIGHT

The film’s stark black-and-white cinematography is appropriately creepy (especially in the scenes featuring Perkins), demonstrating Hitchcock’s mastery of shadow and darkness. The only scene that really doesn’t work is an overly exposition conclusion that features a psychiatrist whose only purpose is to explain exactly what happened. It’s difficult to believe that Hitchcock wanted this scene as he was never known for insulting his audience’s intelligence. Thankfully, its presence doesn’t fully detract from the greatness of the film.

"Psycho" is in many ways the pinnacle of Hitchcock’s career, checking in at No. 18 on the American Film Institute’s list of The Greatest Films of All Time. When it was released back in 1960, it con cluded a fruitful and productive decade for the director, a period which included masterpieces such as “Strangers on a Train,” “Rear Window” (1954), “North by Northwest” (1959) and “Vertigo” (1958).

Hitchcock had several inarguable masterpieces over the course of his several decade career (including those mentioned above), but few have had the staying power and long-reaching influence of “Psycho,” which remains his most iconic film and a cinematic water shed.

Alfred Hitchcock’s "Psycho" will be screened in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Saturday at 3 p.m. as part of the PAC Classic 100.

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‘Brick’ a rock-solid experiment in modern noir

By ERIN MCGINN

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Alfred Hitchcock’s “Psycho” will be screened at the DPAC this weekend.

Berenice Bejo (as Camila) and Michel Hazanavicius on the set of “The Artist.” (Photo courtesy of movieweb.com)
Alfonzo delivers second straight game winner

Cabrera smashes two home runs and four RBIs to lead Marlins over Washington for the third night in a row

Ray Durham, center, is congratulated by teammates after hitting a three-run homer in the first inning of Wednesday's game against the Diamondbacks. The Giants held on to their early lead for the victory.

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MLB

Thome injured in much-needed Chicago win

Loaiza’s four-hit shutout performance gives Oakland a win as Frank Thomas hits his 475th career home run

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Chicago White Sox have used one of the most-needed tools in the game this season — extra innings.

Jim Thome limped off the field in the second inning with a hamstring injury in a 7-5 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday night.

The White Sox lost the first two matchups in the four-game series with the AL Central-leading Tigers, but bounced back with Joe Crede’s two home runs and Jermaine Dye’s three-run homer.

Chicago, which had lost six of eight, trails the Tigers by 6 1/2 games in the American League wild-card race.

The World Series champions added Thome last winter and after watching him hit .294 with 36 homners and 91 RBIs, they don’t want to lose him for any length of time with less than six weeks left in the season.

Thome pulled up after rounding first base on a ground-rule double and favored his left leg, which he injured last season during the AL Division Series.

Dmitri Young hit a two-run homer for the Tigers, who can win 19 of its last 24 games.

Chicago White Sox in the AL wild-card race.

Associated Press

The White Sox went ahead 6-0 in the first inning when Cuddyer hit a three-run double and Thomas’ homer. The right-hander gave up five hits, had one strikeout and one walk.

Tampa Bay 7, Texas 3

Jorge Cantu hit his first homer since July 29 and drove in three runs to help the Tampa Bay Devil Rays beat the Texas Rangers Wednesday night.

Cantu hit a two-run drive in fifth and a run-scoring double one inning later that gave Tampa Bay a 4-3 lead. He had sat out the previous two days and was hitting just .140 since July 24 before going 3-for-4 against Texas.

Carl Crawford added a two-run shot in Tampa Bay’s three-run seventh. It was his career-high 16th homer of the season.

Miguel Tejada hit a two-run homer for the Rangers, who have lost the first three games of a four-game series with the Devil Rays. Texas is 7 1/2 games behind the AL West-leading Oakland Athletics, who beat Toronto 6-0.

Shawn Camp (6-1) threw 1-3 scoreless innings to get the win. The Devil Rays are 13-23 since the All-Star break.

Rocco Baldelli doubled in a run in the first and Cantu snapped an 0-19 skid with his 10th homer of the season against Kevin Millwood (12-9) in the fifth, putting the Devil Rays ahead 3-0.

Wood gave up six runs and eight hits over 6 1-3 innings.

The Rangers tied it at 3 in the top of the sixth when Teixeira hit his 21st homer and Red Barajas doubled in a run against Casey Fossum. Fossum didn’t allow a hit in the first three innings but the Rangers loaded the bases with two outs in the fourth on two singles and a walk. Fossum worked out of the jam by striking out Barajas.

Fossum allowed three runs and four hits in 5 2-3 innings. He struck out eight and walked three.

Minnesota Twins defeated the Baltimore Orioles 4-1 Wednesday night.

Tori Hunter homered for the Twins, who got 13 hits off Baltimore starter Freddy Lopez. Minnesota started the day a half-game behind the Chicago White Sox in the AL wild-card race.

Garza (2-2) came in with an 11.74 ERA after losing his first two starts. The right-hander gave up five hits, had one strikeout and one walk.

Garza, the 25th overall pick in the 2005 amateur draft, retired the side in order only once but was aided by several fine defensive plays.

Joe Nathan, the fourth Minnesota reliever, worked the ninth for his 26th save.

Twins manager Ron Gardenhire was tossed from the game in the top of the fifth by plate umpire Angel Hernandez with Jason Kubel at bat. The ejection occurred while Gardenhire was in the dugout, and the manager emerged to plead his case — to no avail.

Lopez (9-13) gave up four runs in six innings. He kept Minnesota hitless in only one inning, and the 13 hits he yielded were a season high.

Nick Markakis drove in the lone run for the Orioles, who had won five of six.

The Twins went up 2-0 in the first inning when Cuddyer hit a two-run RBI double and scored on a single by Justin Morneau.

The Orioles scored an unearned run in the third when Markakis hit an RBI single after shortstop Jason Bartlett bobbled a potential double-play grounder.

Hunters’ leadoff hitter and the Twins used two defensive gems in the bottom half to maintain the 3-1 lead. Morneau made a leaping catch in center with Miguel Tejeda on first, second baseman Luis Castillo dived behind the bag to snare a grounder by Jeff Conine to begin a force play.

Joe Mauer doubled and scored on a single by Cuddyer to make it 4-1 in the fifth. In the Orioles’ half, Cuddyer made a diving catch of a sinking liner by Markakis with two outs and a runner on third.

Garza waited in the infield to give Cuddyer a high-five on his way to the dugout.

Pittsburgh 5, Atlanta 4

Freddy Sanchez hit a tiebreaking homer in the seventh inning to hand Atlanta another loss at Turner Field, giving the Pittsburgh Pirates a victory over the Braves on Wednesday night.

Jason Bay also homered for the Pirates, who won two of three in Atlanta after coming into the series with baseball’s worst record on the road. They had won only their third series away from PNC Park, having lost 17 and split another.

This is hardly the same Braves team that came into the season with a record 14 straight division titles and hasn’t had a losing record at home since 1990 — the year before the streak began. They dropped to 26-33 at Turner Field, the second-worst home record in the Atlanta Chipper Jones hit the 350th homer of his career to tie Chili Davis for the third-most by a switch-hitter in baseball-his history. Only Mickey Minkle (236) and Eddie Murray (204) have more.

Bay led off the second with his 28th homer, and the Pirates made it 2-0 in the fourth on Bay’s run-scoring double.

AP

Pittsburgh shortstop Jack Wilson throws out an Atlanta Brave in the Pirates’ 5-4 win Wednesday at Turner Field.

Twins first baseman Justin Morneau makes a spectacular catch in the second inning of Minnesota’s 4-2 win over Baltimore Wednesday night.
Colts quarterback Peyton Manning looks to throw against the Seahawks in an NFL preseason game in Indianapolis Sunday. Manning traded in his football Monday night to raise money for disadvantaged children.

Manning hosts fundraiser for youth in need

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning is all business when it comes to football. But since it’s still the preseason, forgive Manning if this week has been devoted more to his second vocation — helping others.

He hosted a major fundraiser for his charity Monday night and fully understands if football seems more distraction than passion to the thousands of fans expected to watch him play New Orleans on Saturday night in Jackson, Miss.

“It’s good to go back there because it’s got (Hurricane) Katrina ties to it,” he said. “Anything we can do to help out is good.”

Manning is trying to recast the perception that he’s the football equivalent to a high school valedictorian — all study, all the time.

After Sunday’s preseason game, he seemed more genuinely upset about the loss of his top backup, Jim Sorgi, and running back James Mungro than anything that happened on the field.

By Monday night, the two-time MVP was mingling at a local bowling alley with celebrities ranging from Cal Ripken Jr. and defending NASCAR champion Tony Stewart, to radio personalities Bob and Tom and actor James Denton of the TV series “Desperate Housewives.”

The goal was to raise money for Manning’s Peyback Foundation, which provides disadvantaged youth with opportunities like a Disney Cruise, a flag football game at the Colts training facility and Christmas parties for hundreds of children in Indianapolis, New Orleans and Knoxville, Tenn.

And when it has Manning’s imprint, calling in a few favors is no problem.

“We all know how great Peyton is,” Ripken said. “He has such great credibility, that I can say yes blindly knowing it’s about the kids.”

If that doesn’t work, there’s always intimidation.

“Peyton is a lot bigger than me, and I didn’t want to tell him no and then have him pick me up by the neck and drag me in here or something,” Stewart joked.

The bowling tournament has gone from infancy to national status in just four years and has turned into a memorabilia dealer’s virtual dreamplace.

In Brief

NASCAR puts Edwards on probation

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Carl Edwards has gone from one of NASCAR’s golden boys to one of the sport’s “bad boys,” struggling on the track and tangling with fellow drivers such as Dale Earnhardt Jr. off it.

Don’t expect him to apologize or to make excuses. If he loses his temper — and he has at times this year — Edwards says it’s about passion not petulance.

“I worked awfully hard to get here,” Edwards said Wednesday. “I think that maybe what people are seeing is hopefully they understand that I really care about what I’m doing. I’m going to stand up and point out when I think something is wrong.”

If he has to, Edwards will ram the point home. Just ask Earnhardt.

NASCAR fined Edwards $20,000 on Tuesday and placed him on probation for the rest of the year if he intentionally rammed the side of Earnhardt’s car on the final lap of last Saturday’s Busch race at Michigan International Speedway.

Steelers to adjust to loss of Bettis

LATROBE, Pa. — One of the intriguing questions before the Pittsburgh Steelers opened training camp was this: Who would replace Jerome Bettis, the short-yardage and goal-line specialist? The answer, apparently, is nobody or everybody.

Former starter Duce Staley or third-down back Verron Haynes appeared to be competing for the job, but coach Bill Cowher said Wednesday the Steelers probably won’t have such a specialist this season. That means starter Willie Parker might get the ball frequently inside the 10-yard line, something that rarely happened last season.

“I can’t say right now there’s been one person like there was with Jerome. And I don’t think that’s a bad thing,” Cowher said. “That’s the way it was last year. This year’s a different year.”

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Agassi dealt tough hand in final U.S. Open

On the women's side, unseeded Serena Williams also challenged as she attempts to come back from knee injury
Three long balls give Mexico the early lead

Associated Press

SOUTH WILLIAMSSPORT, Pa. — The Mexican champions from Matamoros used home runs from Jose Segoviano, Josue Barron and Roberto Guajardo in an 11-0, mercy rule rout of Barquisimeto, Venezuela, in Wednesday's International semifinal at the Little League World Series.

Mexico will play the winner of Thursday's game between Kawaguchi City, Japan, and Dhabran, Saudi Arabia, in the International championship game on Saturday.

"We had no idea it would be so easy," Mexico manager Candelario Perez said through an interpreter.

Mexico got to Venezuela pitcher Manuel Barrios early, tagging him with five runs — three earned — before he was pulled with no outs in the second.

"We had seen him throw early," Perez said. "We saw him as a very strong pitcher."

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Finally, Booty no longer riding the pine for Southern Cal

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — John David Booty arrived at Southern California three years ago with expectations so high many thought he would beat out Matt Leinart during the 2003 season.

Of course, no one knew at the time that Leinart would lead the Trojans to a 37-2 record and win a Heisman Trophy during one of the finest careers for a quarterback in NCAA history.

Now, finally, it's Booty's turn, and he's confident he can continue the tradition of winning quarterbacks established at USC by Leinart and 2002 Heisman Trophy winner Carson Palmer.

"The guys before me have set high standards. That's what I want to do, by winning games," said Booty, a 21-year-old red-shirt junior from Shreveport, La.

Booty didn't say much about the Heisman or any individual awards just winning.

"As a young quarterback, my biggest goal is to have our football team win, not put it in bad situations," he said. "All I can control is what I do."

Booty comes from a football family. His brother Josh was the LSU quarterback in 1999-00, and another brother, Abram, was a wide receiver at LSU from 1997-99 and at Valdosta State in 2000.

Booty's father was a quarterback in high school before being fired following his junior year. With that, Booty decided to graduate early and pass up his senior year to enroll at USC.

Booty beat out highly regarded redshirt freshman Mark Sanchez for the starting job. In a show of approval, teammates elected Booty as one of the Trojans' four team captains.

He'll get his first start Sept. 2 when USC, ranked sixth in The Associated Press preseason poll, plays its opener at LSU.

"I'm not worried about these guys at all," USC coach Pete Carroll said of his young quarterbacks. "Matt followed Carson and was able to get it going. It took Matt about four or five games before he got it rocking."

Nevada installs revolutionary 'pistol' offense

Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — At first glance, Nevada's new offensive scheme helped the Wolf Pack to its first bowl game since 1996 last season.

Coach Chris Ault calls it the pistol — a hybrid of the shotgun center than usual. And is that a quarterback is much closer to the line than when the quarterback takes the snap from center.

It's a variation of the spread offense schemes such as West Virginia's Rich Rodriguez and Florida's Urban Meyer have taken the rage in college football.

But Ault — 177-73-1 in 21 years of coaching, all at Nevada — said he didn't seek advice from outside coaches or experts before installing the pistol when spring camp opened last year.

"When I first brought it up to the staff back in January 2005, they were not for it. They thought it was too much of a reach. And I really did, too," he said. "But we were a bad football team. We were 5-7 (in 2004). I just felt it would be worth the investment."

The move paid off last season as Nevada finished 9-3, claimed a share of the WAC title and beat Central Florida 49-48 in overtime in the Hawaii Bowl. The Wolf Pack finished 14th nationally in total offense averaging 449.3 yards per game and 16th in scoring, with 34.2 points per game. They were balanced, too, rushing for 199.5 per game and passing for 249.8.

But nothing in football is truly new.

San Jose State coach Dick Tomey said the pistol is essentially the old single-wing that teams ran in leather-helmet days.

Hugh Wyatt, a longtime high school football coach in the Portland, Ore., area, said he's shown film clips at clinics of Princeton using a single-wing formation in the early '60s that resembles the pistol.

"It's not as if the fact Princeton was doing it indicates in any way he's copied this thing. It's not likely he ever had any access to the Princeton footage," said Wyatt, who was a personnel officer with Philadelphia in the World Football League before joining the WFL's Portland franchise in the early 1970s.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Young Irish team looks to build on last season

ND ranked preseason No. 21 as Danielle Herndon, the squad’s only senior, leads a group of talented underclassmen with a large freshman class. It’s a really good balance of experienced players and freshmen, and everyone seems really eager to learn and get better every day.”

The freshmen will find experienced faces ready to lead the pack as the lone senior, returning starter and captain Danielle Herndon, who also has a strong leadership role in the classroom.

“I have a goal to improve and do better with a large freshman class.”

Debbie Brown
Irish coach

Herndon hasn’t had a really good season with a large freshman class, but she learned well from watching and observing last spring. Last spring she did a great job stepping up, giving people a really good balance of experience and youth.

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before our conference even starts,” Brown said. “And once into conference we’ll be playing Louisville, I think it’s good in the fact that we have teams that are ranked or receiving votes.”

Notre Dame defeated Louisville 3-1 in regular season play last year and defeated the Cardinals 3-2 to take the 2005 Big East Championship. But at No. 12, the Cardinals received a higher ranking in the 2006 preseason polls than the Irish.

“It was Louisville’s first year in the Big East, having left Conference USA the season prior, and the newcomers are still stirring emotions,” Brown said. “Honestly Louisville is very, very strong being ranked in the top.” Brown said. “I know that we’re developing as a team and they’ve been in the conference one year, but we’re developing a strong rivalry with them.”

The Cardinals and Irish face off Oct. 29 in Louisville, the one-year anniversary of Notre Dame’s first victory over its newest conference foe.

But despite the heavy load of this year’s schedule and the difficulties that come in repeating the accomplishments of the 2005 Irish, Brown and her young team have already completed the first step in forging a successful squad — team unity.

“Returning players have done an incredible job of welcoming the freshmen and helping them get along with whatever they need — be it the volleyball aspect, or with classmates and in their dorms.” Brown said. “How we mesh together on the court is very important.”

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"grabs," Kubinski said.

Earlier this week, Isban and Sandman traveled to Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn. to compete in the U.S. Amateur Championship. Both players struggled in the first of two stroke play rounds, and neither advanced to match play. Sandman shot an 81 Monday but came back to fire a 75 in Tuesday's second round.

"Josh made a very good comeback," Kubinski said.

Isban, meanwhile, played tentatively in the first round before playing all of the second with the stomach flu — "the worst round [Isban] has played in many, many years," Kubinski said. Isban entered the tournament with realistic expectations of finishing high on the leaderboard but instead missed the cut by 13 strokes.

The seniors do not, however, have much time to dwell on their showings at the U.S. Amateur.

"I'm sure they will both be very excited to get the season started," Kubinski said. Kubinski said a "good goal" for his team is to finish in the national top 25. He will not, however, go as far as to predict such an outcome.

"With such a young team, I can't have [the top 25] as my expectation," he said. "But it's definitely something we want to do every year."

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Kyle Willis and Carl Santon-Ocampo, who represent the largest class on a team that also has one sophomore, three juniors and three seniors.

The Irish will begin their season at the Gopher Invitational in Wayzata, Minn. Sept. 16.

Between now and then, Kubinski will be forced to set his five-man rotation. "I am very excited to have all of the freshmen," he said. "But, as a coach, my job isn't too easy right now."

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Notre Dame backup quarterbacks freshman Demetrius Jones, left, freshman Zach Frazer, center, and sophomore Evan Sharphey prepare for a drill during practice Wednesday.
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who the player was and what station they were watching.
Such action violates NCAA bylaw 12.5.3, which states, "The student-athlete shall not
make any endorsement, expressed or implied, of any
commercial product or service."

The declaration of ineligibility did not affect any potential
practice time for any of the players. Had their respective
teams had a game during their brief ineligibility, however, they
would have been prohibited from participating.

Karwoski said he agreed with
the NCAA’s reasoning and that the situation would have been
avoided had WSBT or any
of the athletes asked compliance before
filming the "bumps."

"If someone from the sta-
tion or the show would have called
me, I certainly would have
looked into it. ... And we prob-
ably would have come to the
same conclusion."

The athletic department
became aware of the violations
Friday when multiple media
outlets, including The Observer,
contacted Notre Dame compliance
officials after running
back Darius Walker filmed
a "bump" for a WSBT show
during the post-practice interview ses-
tion the day before. Because
Walker’s promotional spot
did not air, Notre Dame did not
have to rule him ineligible.

In fact, Notre Dame declared
Zbikowski ineligible despite the
fact that WSBT has not been
able to provide Notre Dame
with the tape of the show that
Zbikowski appeared on, only
supplying the athletic depart-
ment with the unedited footage
from his appearance, which
included bloopers of Zbikowski
trying to film the "bump."

In light of the situation, Weis
addressed media issues with the players during a pre-sched-
uled team meeting Monday
night.

Karwoski said the best way to
avoid such encounters is sim-
ple. "Our mantra here is, ask
before you act," he said. "That
helps us out quite a bit."

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Coach will have trust in the system, saying she wanted "someone that believes in this place and this team." Diaz-Calderon said she believes the team can overcome any distraction from the coaching change and get ready for its season-opening tournament Sept. 10.

"We've been practicing on our own (and) we're very excited for the start of the season," she said. "They've all played impressive summer seasons.

King coached the team since the fall of 2001. In her first year, the team earned three top-four finishes: A year later, the team's share of 19-4 and the school record with a 3-2-1 finish in the NCAA regional tournament.

"We've been practicing on our own (and) we're very excited for the start of the season," said Alejandro Diaz-Calderon, Irish junior.

The squad then made the NCAA regional tournament that spring -- the first of two consecutive spring appearances. Notre Dame made its first NCAA tournament appearance in 2004.

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He said the offense will continue to be the strength of a team searching for its second national title in three years.

"When you lose a player like (Thorlakson) you have to find out who's going to carry that load," Waldrum said. "We're still going to be a very good team offensively. We're going to have a lot of weapons. I think we'll have enough ways to score goals without her.

Sophomore striker Kerri Hanks stormed the national soccer scene last season with a 71-point (28 goal, 15 assist) outburst that led the Irish in scoring and marked the fourth best output ever for a Division I freshman, en route to winning national rookie of the year honors as an NCAA second-team All-American.

First-team Big East forward Amanda Cinaill returns to continue setting up Hanks -- hoping to improve upon her 17 assists (fifth nationally) while creating opportunities of her own. "Amanda has always been good for us, scoring 10 to 15 goals a season," Waldrum said. "She's going to be called on to add that a little bit."

Despite Notre Dame's ability to attack opposing nets, Waldrum says the biggest question mark for the 2006 Irish will be defending their own. Notre Dame must replace a goalie for the first time since 2002 after four-year starter and '04 College Cup defensive MVP Erika Bohn took her 69 goals against average with her when the three-time Academic All-American graduated.

Although senior Nikki Westfall has the most experience, an injury will keep her out for several weeks as 5-foot-9 junior Lauren Karns and rangy 5-foot-10 freshman Kelly Lyons battle for the starting spot in goal. Unless one separates herself before Notre Dame's Aug. 26 opener against Iowa State, Waldrum most likely will wait to see both in game action.

"Someone that believes in this system," said Miami's Classic. "The challenge for us will be integrating them back in the team."

"Big East is important and everything, but at the end of the day, come tournament time we should be national champions, and that's the mindset that we have," said Ken Fowler at kdfowler@nd.edu

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Three athletes reinstated
NCAA calls violations 'secondary;' Zbikowski, Zeller, McAlarney will receive no penalty

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

The NCAA reinstated senior strong safety and defensive captain Tom Zbikowski and two men's basketball players after Notre Dame briefly declared them ineligible for their participation in promotional television spots. Associate Athletic Director for Compliance Mike Karwoski said Wednesday that the NCAA cleared the players.

Karwoski said the NCAA informed him in a phone call around 5 p.m. Wednesday they decided that three players committed "secondary violations" — violations without intent — for their "implied endorsement" of a local television show.

The NCAA then told him there would be no penalties or eligibility consequences for the spots featuring Zbikowski, sophomore forward Luke Zeller and sophomore guard Kyle McAlarney.

"As far as they are concerned, the matter is closed and there would be no penalties involved," Karwoski said.

In a statement e-mailed to the media Wednesday night, Irish coach Charlie Weis expressed gratitude to the NCAA for the quick manner in which the situation was resolved.

"I appreciate the fact this was handled in an expeditious manner by the NCAA as well as our compliance and sports information departments," the statement read. "I'm glad we have a resolution to this situation and I look forward to continuing our preparation for Georgia Tech."

Notre Dame had sent a letter to the NCAA compliance office in Indianapolis Tuesday afternoon at once declaring Zbikowski, Zeller and McAlarney ineligible and requesting their reinstatement.

The trio's problem stemmed from separate appearances on the sports talk show "Sports Dogs" that airs on WSFS-TV in South Bend. During their appearances, the players filmed "bumps" — advertisements for the show, during the show, that informed viewers of the upcoming Big East and ESPN 29.

ND WOMEN'S GOLF
King not retained after 5 years as head coach

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

There will be a new Irish leader this fall.

Notre Dame declined to renew the contract of head coach Debby King after five years, and a search for her replacement is underway. Assistant Sports Information Director Sean Carroll confirmed the news Wednesday.

Carroll declined to comment on specific reasons behind the move, directing questions to Assistant Athletic Director Jim Fraleigh. The Observer was unable to contact Fraleigh Wednesday night.

Assistant coach Kyle Veltri is still with the team, which begins official practice Aug. 29. Veltri declined to comment on the coaching situation.

"I think the main thing we're focusing on right now is to maintain the enthusiasm and be as confident as we can be," she said.

Junior golfer Alejandra Diaz-Calderon also declined to comment on the specific circumstances, saying she had not received official word of the athletic department's decision.

"The administration hasn't told the team any details why Coach King wasn't returned," Diaz-Calderon said.

She said she, senior Noriko Nakazaki and sophomore Lisa Maun — three of the team's returning players — would be involved in the interview process of a new coach.

She said she hoped the new coach has only decided on two men's still uncertain, Irish head coach Jim Kubinski said he has set high goals for the upcoming season.

Of the five players who will travel to tournaments, Kubinski said he has only decided on two so far. Nine players will compete for the three remaining spots on Notre Dame's traveling squad.

Senior Cole Isban and sophomore Josh Sandman are penciled in the top two spots, he said.

"Other than that, it's pretty much up for grabs," Kubinski said.