Students, alum climb Mount Kilimanjaro
Three Domers scale one of world’s highest peaks over summer break

By MEGHAN WO NS
News Writer

Notre Dame senior Colleen Mallahan, freshman Kirsten Blazic and Class of 2003 alum Caitlin Blazic all know what it feels like to stand on top of the world. And they have the pictures to prove it.

Over the summer, all three of these ‘climbing Irish’ reached the summit of Tanzania’s Mt. Kilimanjaro, which at 19,350 feet is the highest freestanding mountain in the world.

Mallahan climbed Kilimanjaro — or “Kill,” in her words — in June after taking a yearlong leave of absence from Notre Dame to attend the school for International Training in Uganda in the fall and the University of Cape Town in South Africa in the spring.

Originally from Seattle, Mallahan said Tuesday that “it’s not for certain [the University is working with Kitel],” he said Tuesday. “That process has not been concluded yet.”

Hakannen said there is “no particular time frame” for when the University plans to reach an agreement with the developer.

“We will finish and make an announcement once we’ve worked our way through the issues,” he said.

Last Wednesday, Associate Vice President for News and Information Don Wycoff told the South Bend Tribune there were some “stumbling blocks,” but said the University hopes to strike a deal with Kite.

Wycoff told The Observer Tuesday he could not discuss specifically what need...

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University plans Eddy Street Commons

By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame is forging ahead with plans to develop a retail and residential district just south of campus and has confirmed talks with a preferred developer for the project, University officials said Tuesday.

Greg Hakannen, director of asset management and real estate development for Notre Dame, said the University has selected Indianapolis-based developer Kite Realty Group for “exclusive negotiations” in the Eddy Street Commons project.

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INSIDE COLUMN

The Countdown

Three days, 21 hours, 42 minutes and 45, wait, 44 seconds until the moment when those gold helmets and blue jerseys will burst out of a tunnel in Atlanta, signifying the end of the dog days of summer and the commencement of the best four months of the year — college football season. It seems the only thing that can get more exciting for the 2006 season would be a preseason poll, but not just any preseason poll, but the preseason edition of Greg Arbogast’s completely biased, largely unresearched and partially credible College Football Top 10 Plus 1 Rankings.

“The Woad Store because Gary needs a friend.”

David Chisum, senior, Dillon

“How-A-Burger, because what a burger!”

Katie Smith, senior, Lyons

“Reckers. It’s funny, you know, cause it’s already here.”

Graham Austin, sophomore, Haskell

“Tribüni — it’s a taste of Ireland.”

Blair Mancini, senior, Keough

Ashley Braun, senior off campus

Brad Fleming, senior, Dillon

Grand Master Soon Pii Hong breaks a brick during a demonstration at the World Taekwondo Federation Club’s booth at Tuesday night’s Activity Fair in the Joyce Center.

OFFBEAT

Man throws phone 292 feet to win contest

HELSEINKI, Finland — Ever heard of the Mobile Phone Throwing World Championship? It was held in Finland this weekend. Old phones were supplied for contestants who were allowed to pick which kind of phone they wanted to throw.

The men’s winner tossed her phone 292 feet. The women’s winner tossed her phone 167 feet, a new world record according to the organizers. She said she has tossed a cell phone a time or two before.

Another contestant said three things were needed to compete: technical skills, power and a sense of humor. There were four competition categories: men, women, juniors and freestyle.

Sex toys confiscated in Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam — Authorities in Vietnam’s southern commercial hub of Ho Chi Minh City seized one ton of Chinese-made sex toys, aphrodisiacs and other sexual stimulants, state-controlled media reported Friday.

Police and market inspectors Thursday confiscated the illegal shipment, which included more than 10,000 tablets of Viagra, sex toys and sexual stimulants in the form of tablets, powder and liquid hidden in a truckload of onions.

The newspaper quoted a truck driver Mui Ngoc Hoang as saying he was hired to transport the goods from the northern province of Lang Son bordering China to Ho Chi Minh City.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Today is the last day to make class changes through INN.

“Goodie and The Feel Alright” will perform at Legends at 10 p.m. Thursday. The show is free for students.

Chicago’s “Howl at the Moon” dancing pianos will perform at Legends at 10 p.m. Friday. ND, SMU or HCC student ID required for admission.

“Inconvenient Truth” will be shown at 7 & 10 p.m. Thursday and Friday in Browning Cinema at The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Admission is $6 for general public. $5 for faculty, $4 for seniors and $3 for students.

The Suite Museum of Art will showcase Mexican immigration to the United States through a multimedia exhibit that includes Chicano and Mexican visual arts beginning Sunday, Sept. 3 in the museum’s O’Shaughnessy Galleries, Mestrovic Studio Gallery and the entrance atrium.

The sixth annual Saturday Scholar Series will feature six lectures and a performance by leading faculty members on each home football game weekend this fall. The first lecture, “More Than a Movie? Assessing The Da Vinci Code,” will be held, as always, three and a half hours before kickoff on Sept. 9 in DeBartolo Hall.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.

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Group discusses goals for year

Student safety, community relations, diversity at forefront of agenda

By KATHLEEN McCONNELL
News Writer

Safety concerns, community relations and diversity issues dominated discussion at Tuesday's Council of Representatives (COR) meeting to begin the group's first meeting of the academic year.

The news writer, Kathleen McDonnell, wrote about the meeting's focus on student safety, community relations, and diversity. She mentioned that the council brought up the community summit that was part of her election platform. The goal, she said, is to bring community leaders and local colleges and universities together for discussion.

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slogan people would remember and embrace.

The goal of The Shirt design was a "juxtaposition of the colorful past and our bright future," Ricketts said.

"That Shirt is the painstaking result of nearly a year of planning. In the fall, a Shirt panel selected the design and there was initial support for the design concepts. In years past, Student Senate action has been overseen solely by the graphic designer and the president of The Shirt project.

This year, however, Fox decided to take The Shirt in a new direction.

"It was a little different this year," Fox said. "I wanted to make a committee approach to this. This committee, working alongside Ricketts, adjusted the concept design to form the final product. The Shirt was first conceived in 1990 as a fundraiser for graduate student Zhongwen Wang. Wang was struck by a car while walking along Notre Dame Avenue in January 1990. He spent over a year in various medical facilities and returned to South Bend. His parents flew to South Bend from Tianjin, China to be with him.

In 1990, Sister Jean Lens and then-director of Student Activities and Development Cassedy suggested that a T-shirt be sold to help raise money to pay for Wang's medical bills and for his parents' travel costs, according to the University's newsletter.

Orders for the first Shirt arrived before the design was even complete. The time all sales were in, over 30,000 Shirts had been sold, with $170,000 going to the Wang family.

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ed to be resolved by the September 1 before an agreement is reached.

Kite would head the development of Eddy Street Commons, a commercial district during the spring term near Eddy Street and Angela Boulevard on land owned by the University. The project would also include two new residential areas. Hakanen said the number of shops is ultimately "up to the developer" to decide.

The current plan calls for 85,000 square feet of retail and an 85,000 square foot restaurant space, he said.

"We talk about philosophy and there is some general guidance," he said. "But the developer is the landlord and it's up to them to tenancy space.

Ex-Vice President John Affleck-Graves told The Observer in February 2005 that the retail area might include "a small boulangerie and [and] maybe a bookstore.

"You're not going to get a Gap, a Banana Republic, something like that," he said in February.

Hakanen told the Tribune that he and organizers have visited similar projects in commercial centers — such as Maxwell Street at the University of Chicago — to see how the retail was laid out.

The cost of the project is unknown at this time, he said.

South Bend Mayor Steven Lukecke said Tuesday the development project will bring "new energy, new investment and new attention" to the South Bend area.

Lukecke said while South Bend's Committee for Economic Development is still involved with the plan, he has attended meetings with officials, neighbors and other partners.

"We are very excited about the development of the Redevelopment Plan," he said. "It's been a great partnership.

Lukecke said the plan would tie in with other area revitalization efforts, such as the expansion of the South Bend Clinic and the redevelopment of St. Joseph Hospital. These projects and others, such as investment downtown and at the East Bank "complement and support each other," he said.

The new area will also provide a "great space for people to come together," he said. "I think this spot will be a great point of connection for the University and the community," Lukecke said. "I am grateful for the University, we have with the University.

Wylliff said uniting the South Bend campus with the community is "part of the hope" of the development plan. "The hope is that not only will it give Notre Dame a commercial and community space type environment, but that it will be a place to go for people to meet," he said.

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The Shirt
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When: Wednesday, August 30th, from 7—9 PM
Where: Coffee House, Center for Social Concerns (CSC)
What: Food, Fun, New Friends, Opportunities to learn about being involved

The Alpha course (Mondays, 7:30 — 8:45 in the CSC Classroom)

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

British police arrest more suspects
LONDON — British anti-terrorist police charged three more people late Tuesday with conspiring to commit murder in the alleged plot to blow up U.S.-bound airliners.

The trio, identified as 23-year-old Haroon Gulzar, Mohammed Shamim Uddin and Nabeel Hashmi — were also charged with preparing to commit terrorism by helping in an alleged plan to smuggle explosives aboard the planes, police said.

Eleven people have now been charged on those two counts. Four others were charged with terrorism-related knowledge of a terrorist activity but not disclosing information.

A Scotland Yard statement said Gulzar, Uddin and Hashmi consented with eight other suspects in the alleged plot and had intended to commit "acts of terrorism engaged in con­­duct to give effect to their intention to smuggle the component parts of improvised explosive devices onto aircraft and assemble and deto­­nate them on board."

Afghanistan suicide bomber kills 21
KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — An Afghan suicide bomber in a car struck a NATO-Afghan military convoy Tuesday, killing one civilian and wounding two others, a day after a bomb at a market left 21 civilians dead and 43 wounded, officials said.

Another bomb, detonated by remote control, killed two police on patrol in Helmand province, an official said.

The suicide bomber hit the military convoy on the main road linking Kandahar with the city's airport, said Col. Sher Shah, who was in the convoy. No NATO soldiers were wounded.

A civilian driving near the convoy died in the blast while another civilian and an Afghan soldier were wounded, Shah said.

National News

Tower controller missed plane crash
WASHINGTON — The air traffic controller on duty the morning Comair Flight 5181 crashed and cleared the jet for takeoff, then turned his back to do some "administrative duties" as the aircraft veered down the wrong runway, its national investigator Tuesday.

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The jet struggled to get airborne and crashed in a field about 1 mile from the Cincinnati airport Tuesday.

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The numbers immediately became political fodder, with a little more than two months to go before midterm congressional elections that will determine whether Republicans continue to control the House and the Senate.

Local News

Officers attend funeral of policeman
MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Police officers, family members and friends packed a church Tuesday for the funeral of a state trooper killed while bicycling to raise money for the families of fallen com­­rades.

Mourners said Indiana State Police Lt. Gary Dudely, 52, led by example as com­­mander of the state's police academy, teaching at least 700 troopers.

"He just did things the right way," Indiana State Police 1st Sgt. Brian Oheby said before the service.

Ernesto drenches south Florida
MEXICO CITY — The Caribbean Hurricane Ernesto, whose winds had been downgraded to tropical storm strength, arrived Tuesday afternoon and spread a deluge across a wide area of southern Florida as it moved north.

Ernesto was briefly a hurricane Sunday before it struck Cuba.

"We're in for quite a bit of rainfall and ultimately that translates into a lot of flooding issues," said Brian Hart, a meteorologist for the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

Forecasters expected 5 to 15 inches of rain, which could flood streets and homes. Residents in flood-prone areas filled thousands of sandbags in anticipation of high water.

"People will let their guard down. They're going to do foolish things and they're going to get hurt. This storm is not over," said Craig Fugate, the state's emergency management director.

Ernesto was expected to make landfall in the middle of the state and over the sur­­face water was far enough from early Thursday before churning into the Atlantic Ocean, where it could regain hurricane status before hitting Georgia or the Carolinas.

President consoles New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS — President Bush comforted the city that lost so much in Hurricane Katrina and has regrouped so little in the year since. Amid the raw sor­­row of Tuesday's anniversary, the president selected a few beacons of hope — a hospital being opened on the edge of New Orleans west­­ern neighborhood, the police academy that lost seven of its members, the football stadium that hosted the Super Bowl. Bush even met the New Orleans Saints, whose return to the Superdome next month is cheered here as a symbol of normalcy in the very place that 30,000 storm victims grew increasingly desper­­ate in the days after Katrina's strike.

"The challenge is not only to help rebuild, but the challenge is to help restore the soul," Bush said in a speech heavily laced with religious references.

"Sunday has not yet come to New Orleans, but you can see it ahead." When Katrina roared ashore east of New Orleans last Aug. 29, it left 80 per­­cent of New Orleans underwater, killed 1,800 people across the Gulf Coast, destroyed or severely damaged more than 204,000 homes and made more than 300,000 people homeless overnight.

A year later, New Orleans and other hard-hit parts of southeastern Louisiana, have not even emerged entirely from the cleanup phase. With insur­­ance settlements in dispute, no master rebuilding plan from the city, and fed­­eral grants only beginning to flow to resi­­dents, significant reconstruction efforts seem a distant hope for most.
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is vice president of the Notre Dame Climbing Club and has climbed often since she began college, she said. When Mallahan was 16, a summer service trip to her sister parish in Malawi sparked her interest in climbing Kilimanjaro. "I saw it (Kilimanjaro) from the plane and it has been sort of a life dream to climb it ever since," Mallahan said.

She prepared for her five-day trek up the mountain by going climbing and hiking almost all weekend, every weekend while studying in Cape Town, she said, in addition to weekly surfing lessons.

"Between the swimming and surfing, hiking and climbing, I was in pretty good shape before I attempted the climb," Mallahan said.

She climbed with a Canadian student who was also studying abroad at Cape Town, a guide, an assistant guide, four porters and a cook, she said.

Mallahan recorded her journey up the mountaintop in a daily Weblog, both to update her friends and family and to have a memory of the experience. On June 20, two days after Mallahan began her ascent, she hit 15,520 feet and was preparing for the push to the summit.

"Wet spent the afternoon eating and resting and mentally preparing for our summit attempt, which was to start at midnight," she wrote of the day.

"With the summit still nearly 4,000 snowy feet above us, I was excited but slightly terrified," she said. After Mallahan reached the top of the mountain at sunrise on June 21, she was able to pause and reflect on her surroundings.

"It will be a long time before I forget the moment at which the first rays of sun hit the glaciers of Kilimanjaro," she wrote. "The soft red glow of dawn slowly turned the sky pink and then blue as I took pictures... although the summit of Kilimanjaro is often characterized by wind and -30 degree Celsius temperatures, we were treated to blue skies and sunshine at the summit." If Mallahan has it her way, even more peaks may be on her horizon.

"While I definitely need a period of rest before attempting another big peak, Kilimanjaro left me with an even stronger desire to climb the mountains in my own backyard corner of the United States," she said.

While Mallahan's dream of climbing Kilimanjaro began when she was just 16, freshman Kirsten Blazic said she wasn't initially interested in making the climb. Her father, Greg Blazic, and older sister Caitlin Blazic convinced her to go.

The three reached the summit together on August 6 — just weeks before Kirsten Blazic arrived at Notre Dame's campus for Freshman Orientation week.

None of the Blazics had any previous mountain climbing experience, Kirsten Blazic said, but the three had planned their trip to Africa since last August. Blazic was a long distance runner in high school and prepared for the climb by following a beginning marathon runner's training schedule, she said.

"The most difficult part of the climb was definitely the last couple of days when we were approaching the summit," she said. "It became entirely mental."

The Blazics spent the night at the top of Mt. Kilimanjaro, and Kirsten Blazic said she has never been so cold.

"We woke up in the morning to the sound of our porters chipping ice off of our tents," she said. "After that, I don't think Notre Dame winters will be so bad."

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Department's jurisdiction, to cashiers for the different restaurants and cafes that Food Services oversees.

On average, these students will work between eight and 10 hours a week and earn from $6.75 to $7.65 per hour, according to the Office of Student Employment.

"The minimum wage is $6.75, which is fifteen cents higher than last year and in line with what other universities pays their student employees," Biergans said.

Sophomore Andrew Parnell is one of those 3,000 students who balance work with school.

Last semester I worked around thirteen hours every week, which wasn't too hard because I enjoy my job, but it definitely took away valuable time that I could've used to study for some of my tougher classes," he said. But the responsibility and time commitment factors don't seem to threaten the demand for jobs among students at Notre Dame.

"Our jobs are usually all full time around, there are still students having trouble finding a job that fits their schedule," said Kelly Koski, University Libraries business manager.

Students also tend to stick to their first placement, rather than jump around to different jobs, Koski said.

"Once students start working for us, they often return to that job or another within the library for the rest of their time at ND," she said.

While many employment opportunities for students are posted in the Office of Financial Aid's online job board, University Libraries simply resorts to printed applications available to any student who visits the Hesburgh Library at the beginning of every semester.

Though opportunities abound, there are still students having trouble finding a job that fits their schedule. "I didn't really realize at first that all the good jobs would be gone quickly, and I went over to the Huddle really late," freshman Jenn Perricou said. "All the good Starbucks shifts were gone. All that is left now are Friday and Saturday night shifts. Next semester I am definitely getting things off of there as soon as possible."" There is still hope of finding that perfect campus job.

"If there really is a department that interests you, and you would like to work with them, just check back to see if there are any positions that may open up throughout the year," Biergans said. "As departments and other organizations settle into the school year and the workload grows, there may be new opportunities for students to come in and work. Something new opens up everyday."

Just ask freshman Sierra McNamara. "I was doing kidney cancer research over the summer and wanted to continue doing that at the undergraduate level," she said. "I e-mailed a biology professor over the summer to see if she would be willing to take me on board, even though I'm a junior, and it turns out that she was really helpful about it and I will be working with her this semester."

Though the work may be time-consuming, students like Parnell and McNamara come away with valuable insight about dealing with superiors and co-workers that cannot be taught in the classroom.

That shift during the lunch break is almost like another class, but the reward doesn't come in credits or letter grades. It's the cash that will pay for those weekend taxi rides.

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Gold decreases; crude oil follows

NEW YORK — More weakness in crude oil sent the market pulling down, I think, a bit of a less fear that there is going to be inflationary pressures," said John Person, president of National Futures Advisory Service. This, in return, silences the likelihood of any future Federal Reserve rate hikes, he continued.

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"If there is an economic slowdown, people might have less disposable money for spending on jewelry, he said. "So jewelry demand could potentially decline as well.

Toyota's competing Tundra also hails from Indiana — Little Princeton near Evansville. For every Tundra sold off a Toyota lot in Central Indiana, however, Chevy dealers sell 20 Silverados. Drivers don't buy the Chevys because they prefer Fort Wayne, home of a Silverado assembly line. On the car lots, geography seems irrelevant, Walters said. The reason: No freeway links the regions, so the Evansville area seems remote. Drivers here buy autos, Walters said, for the same reason as they do in other states. They shop for quality, price and design. That's what has hurt the Tundra's sales.

The pickup has arguably seen a tad compared with Silverado, though Toyota now is bringing out a bolder model. Expecting their dependents in Indiana, the largest GM con-

INDIANAPOLIS — When it comes to the automobile, Indiana'sressed General Motors strength since the 1920s.

Nearly two of every five new vehicles sold in central Indiana were GM models. That's the largest market share for any automaker, and GM is best in terms of any major metro area in the nation.

Now, some dealers of GM brands sense the loyalty might fade, and with it, sales.

By 2008, Toyota Camry midsize sedans will roll off an assembly line in Lafayette, Honda cars — probably compact Civics and subcompact Fits — will be made in Greensburg.

As a result, Honda is set to become a key piece of industri
deficit. Toyota is already a major manufacturer here. And GM officials say steadfast customers could accept American nameplates, trading Buicks and Chevys for Hondas and Toyotas.

"It's going to be OK if a farmer to drive a Toyota. Tundra pickup truck, suggests Gay Neisius, GM's Chevrolet market manager in Indianapolis.

Could GM's vaunted market share crumble? Sales reports show that simply because an automobile is made in Indiana, it doesn't guarantee sterling success on the courts.

"I actually think Honda having a plant in Greensburg will help Toyota sales in Indiana," said Skip Walters, general manager of O'Briant Toyota, an Eastside Indianapolis dealership.

"Honda's an import, too. Having them in Indiana will bring to the banks a whole new group of people. Camry going to Lafayette will help, too," he said.

Today, four automakers turn out nine car and truck models in five Indiana assembly plants. Only those models — GM's Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck — is an Indianapolis sales leader.

Toyota's winning formula is coming into a value area here from $610 to $620," he said. "My 40 years experience in Indiana, we've always dealt with a very powerful GM influence," said Paul Harvey Ford, a Westside dealership.

Still, this is Detroit country — Ford, Chrysler and espe-

"In my 40 years experience in Indianapolis, we've always dealt with a very powerful GM influence," said Paul Harvey, president of Paul Harvey Ford, a Westside dealership.

A 2007 Chevy Tahoe sits in a dealership lot in Lone Tree, Colo. Sunday, GM sales are expected to decline as Japanese companies move production to the United States.

Reasons for the decline:

- The market initially waffled after the release of the minutes from the Fed's Aug. 8 meeting, when the central bank refrained from raising interest rates. Wall Street had become cautiously optimistic that the Fed's two-year campaign of 17 straight rate hikes is over, especially given recent economic reports that pointed in that direction.

- The minutes said the pause in rate hikes would give the central bank time to determine if the increases have contained inflation without slowing the economy's growth too far, but it did not rule out further credit tightening.

- The Fed initially knocked the market down, but once that was away and people realized it wasn't as bad as it could have been, buyers came into the market and took it up," said Todd Leone, managing director of equity trading at Cowen & Co. "The Fed is being vigilant on inflation, and we're seeing evidence the economy is slowing down. They have to portray a tough stance.

The minutes said the central bank believed another rate increase "could well be needed" to slow inflation and orchestrate an economic soft landing. But, the market largely discounted the comments since a series of reports, including slowing home sales and the latest consumer confidence numbers, indicated the economy is indeed slowing.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index advanced 2.02, or 0.19 percent, to a three-month high of 1,304.28.
**Israel**

Israel will leave once troops secure border, hait aid to Hezbollah

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan called Israeli-air and sea blockades of Lebanon a “brazen” attempt to sidestep a cease-fire Tuesday and demanded it be lifted. He also said it first needed assurances that forces deployed on the border can stop weapons shipments to Hezbollah.

The dispute was the latest direct to the fragile cease-fire that ended 34 days of fighting between Israel and Hezbollah guerrillas.

Annan arrived in Israel as part of his Middle East tour intended to shore up the truce. He also said he planned to visit Lebanon on Tuesday in a U.N. base in south Lebanon. "We need to deal with the lifting of the siege, land and air — water. So the Lebanese is a humiliation and an insult to their sovereignty," he said.

In Israel, Annie met with Defense Minister Amir Peretz and urged the blockade to be lifted as soon as possible in order to allow Lebanon to go on with normal commercial activities and also rebuild its economy.

"Israel is concerned that Lebanon's borders can prevent Hezbollah from robbing itself. We are willing to help if the Lebanese forces to help patrol the Lebanon-Syria border to enforce the ceasefire," Peretz said.

Hezbollah advises Beirut to lift the blockade if its militants can secure the border on their own.

Peretz said he told Annan about "an implementation of the embargo against the transfer of arms and ammunition between Syria and Lebanon.

"Annan said Israel was responsible for most of the violations of the truce and appealed for everyone to work together to ensure the truce is not spoiled," Peretz said. "Annan said it won't leave until a sufficiently strong contingent of Lebanese and international forces arrive.

Annan said the U.N. hoped to find a way to lift the blockade by Friday. That is double what he had said the previous day.

Annwas was to meet Wednesday with U.N. Assistant Secretary General Ed Hudson Olmer, who he said would talk about the "unconditi" national returns of our captives in Lebanon," said his spokes­woman Miri Eisin, referring to reserve soldiers Edhu Goldwasser and Eldad Bogev. A Karachi soldier's body was captured by Hamas-linked militiamen from an army post near the Gaza Strip on June 25.

The soldiers' families met with Annan and he told them he had no new information about the captives, and that they were to be treated not en secret one — taking the soldiers' families to his own offices. But the "good news was that we got a personal pledge from the Lebanese general to the U.N. that he accepts the mission to replace the newly captive" and "had a happy hour home and that's a really big thing," Goldwasser's wife, Liali, told the Associated Press. "(Hamas) must first of all give us a sign of life. Annan said must make sure that. It's a moral question, and that's basic in any negotiations," she said.

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"The United States' ambassador to the U.N., John Bolton, dismissed Ahmadinejad's remarks, and Britain's ambassador to the world body stated, somewhat tongue-in-cheek, that the comments were milder compared to Ahmadinejad's past sharp rhetoric against Israel. and others.

He and other reports he makes, we should probably talk about that as a complement," a U.N. official said.

Annan visited U.N. peacekeepers in "three Western countries. He said they are holding a sign of life to encourage a de-escalation. He added that he will visit U.N. peacekeepers in the Middle East at the end of the month.

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"The United States and Britain are the source of many tensions," a U.S. official said. "At the Security Council, where they have a right to protection, they enjoy the veto right. If anybody confronts them, there is no place to take complaints.

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Average scores fall for new SAT
Point drop for math, reading sections not significant, College Board says

Associated Press

The high school class of 2006 got a shock with a new, longer version of the SAT didn’t fare well on it. Average reading and math scores fell a total of seven points — the sharpest decline in 31 years.

Experts agreed the dip in combined math and critical reading scores on the college entrance exam was related to the new version of the test — but not as much as they had feared. The updated exam, with a new writing section, also features more advanced math questions and replaces analogies with more reading comprehension.

Average reading scores fell from 508 to 503 and math scores fell from 520 to 518, the College Board announced Tuesday, with the changes hurting boys more than girls.

Boys’ reading scores fell eight points, while girls’ dropped just three points. Girls and boys scored 11 points better than boys on the new writing section. Boys and girls’ math score fell two points each to 236 and 202, respectively.

The College Board, which owns the exam, downplayed the drop, saying it amounts to a fraction of one question per exam. The board’s explanation: about 3 percent fewer test-takers, out of 1.5 million, tried the exam a second time. Combined math and reading scores typically rose 30 points when a student retakes the test.

The College Board also insisted fatigue wasn’t to blame. The test was administered in three sessions: from three hours to three hours, 45 minutes, and can take more than a full morning counting prep time and breaks. Some parents and fair-testing advocates predicted the longer exam would cause scores to decline, but the College Board said its research showed no drop-off in student performance as the test go on.

Still, the results will spark debate among the College Board — also facing criticisms over 4,000 incorrectly scored exams last year — was able to deliver a new test that is comparable to the old one.

The new scores also stand out because they were two weeks ago the rival ACT exam reported its biggest score increase in 20 years.

“It does show how meaningful the test is as a measure of educational quality, that technical changes in the test can significantly alter the (scores),” said Bob Schaeffer, an SAT critic and public education director of the group FairTest. “It’s the test, not the education, that’s the problem.”

Christine Parker, executive director of high school program development at test prep company Princeton Review, said the College Board has always been very small increases important, so it’s surprising to see it downplaying the decline.

“This is just the latest in a long line of bad news,” she said. “They’re in a very defensive posture.”

The results were not a surprise in the academic community. The College Board had previously indicated scores would be down this year after numerous colleges began reporting the trend.

Average reading scores for black students rose 1 point from 433 to 434, while math scores fell two points from 431 to 429.

The College Board lists three categories for Hispanic students. Scores for Mexican-Americans rose three points overall, Puerto Ricans fell two points and scores of students who identified themselves as “other Hispanic” fell 11 points.

Girls’ average overall score of 500 is as good as a possible 2400 remains 26 points below boys’ average, but the addition of the writing section and changes in the reading section helped them narrow the gap. Parker said the shift in emphasis from vocabulary in reading comprehension favored girls.

“Interpreting language that’s in front of them — girls do better at that,” she said.

Many colleges said they would continue to accept scores from the old SAT as the new exam was rolled out. That prompted some students to take the test early in their junior year and not to try the new exam. Some also waited to take the exam in their senior year — perhaps to have more time to students thought, which may have preceded them from colleges.

Comparing only scores from students’ first tests, math scores actually rose one point and critical reading scores fell three points, said College Board Vice President of Research Wayne Camara. That suggests the test may have been marginally harder but that the decrease in retesting was a significant factor.

Another factor limiting retesting may be migration to the ACT. The number of SAT test-takers in this year’s class declined slightly to about 7 million while the number of ACT test-takers, about 1.2 million, rose slightly. There is no way to determine how many test-takers took both the ACT and SAT.

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Warren Jeffs’ vehicle was stopped on Interstate 15 for having a temporarily Colorado license tag that wasn’t registered. The driver, 52-year-old Nevada Highway Patrol officials said.

John E. Lewis, special agent in charge of the FBI Phoenix division, said the operation was a “tragic and spectacular victory” when Jeffs identified himself to Officer Eduardo Martinez as his wife and contact and was found.

“That is why we commonly say to the average police officer that when he turns around the car he is going to continue to probe just a little bit,” Lewis said.

Jeffs confirmed to a FBI agent who was called the name. He would not tell investigators where he had been hiding, but he said “that he would be subject to what he术语 referred to as a ‘public prosecution,'” Lewis said.

He was inside the vehicle, which was carrying $5,000 in cash, gifts totaling a little less than $10,000, the cell phones and wigs, four laptop computers, a GPS device, a police scanner, and numerous unopened envelopes that were thought to be personal receipts.

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Warren Jeffs, 50, was arrested without incident just outside Las Vegas late Monday after more than a year on the run, the FBI said. No weapons were found, but the 2007 red Cadillac Escalade he was riding in was filled with items including three wigs, 15 cell phones and tons of dollars of thousands of dollars in cash and gift cards, authorities said.

Jeffs leads the fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, a group that broke away from the Mormon church a century ago. He is said to have at least 40 wives and nearly 60 children.

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Associated Press

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F.T.C. Church split from the mainstream Mormon Church when the Mormons disavowed polygamy more than 100 years ago. Warren Jeffs took over the reinaugured sect in 2002 after the death of his 98-year-old father, Rulon Jeffs, who was said to have had 65 children by several women. Warren Jeffs was said to have captured all his father’s widows as his own wives.

Jeffs has been called a dangerous extremist by those familiar with his church. F.B.I. officials said that while the sect has long practiced the common-law marriages, young girls were rarely married off until Warren Jeffs took over.

People expelled from the community said young men were sent away to find common-law partners for brides. Older men were cast out as alleged disobedience, and their wives and children were renas­ ced by Jeffs to new husbands and fathers, the officials said.

“If this will bring an end to that, that will be a good thing," said Ward Jeffs, an older half-brother of Warren. "We're excited about the people down there, but we're very concerned about who might step up and take the leadership role."
There has been some question as to whom the artist Common was referring when he shouted “[Expletive] bush” during his recent performance at The Show. A debate has sprung up between two major schools of thought. Bush as United States President, and Bush as Plant.

For my part, I am at first inclined to believe that Common was indeed referring to President Bush. You see, Common is a socially conscious hip-hop artist. You can tell which artists are socially conscious because they profane the name of Bush at intervals during their concerts. It is common knowledge that any artist who does not in some way profane the name of the president during a performance is not socially conscious and actually hates the poor and downtrodden. (Third Eye Blind is, by the way, doomed to conservatively hell.) It also makes much more sense about the president would serve the dual purpose of keeping his socially conscious image and beating the poor and downtrodden know just how deeply he really does care about them.

But perhaps this line of reasoning betrays my superficiality. Common is socially conscious, after all, and he doesn’t say things simply because they rhyme, like other hip-hop artists. Anything he says could have a deeper meaning, especially when it comes to enigmatic statements like “[Expletive] bush.”

This is where the second argument becomes compelling. You see, there are those who would argue that Common was actually referring to the type of woody plant that grows outside of the Joyce Center. Common grows up in the inner city, which is built mostly of concrete; indeed, many of his songs are about how these surroundings have shaped his life and opinions. Perhaps that is why he was so angry last night — he was never exposed to foliage in his youth and is bitter that Notre Dame provides them for young people today.

But Common doesn’t seem like a bitter kind of guy. It is more probable that his concern, if he did refer indeed to plants, was purely humanitarian. He assumes that most members of the Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame communities grow up in affluent neighborhoods where bushes were plentiful, and, therefore, we do not care about the poor and downtrodden. Notre Dame must be a veritable bastion of social injustice because, after all, half of its student vote Republican.

The major hole in this Bush-as-plant argument, however, is why he chose to use that particular pejorative. Dictionary.com defines the expletive as, first, “to have sexual intercourse with,” and, second, “to treat unfairly or harshly.”

The first definition fails on a purely empirical basis. Plants, as most people know, do not reproduce through sexual intercourse, but are instead aided by hummingbirds and the wind in a process called fertilization.

The second definition makes a bit more sense, but if Common did intend it that way, he contradicted his entire message in a single phrase. From what I could gather from remarks during his show that I could be near and present, he wants nothing more than to spread peace and harmony throughout the world. But maybe Common is just not a “love thy enemies” kind of guy.

Or maybe he was referring to the president, but in an affectionate way. Everyone knows that profanity in hip-hop music can be as much a friendly jibe as an insult. Despite his objections to the president’s foreign policy, he could in this instance have been extending the olive branch, as it were. Perhaps, by wishing the president the best of luck in his romantic endeavors, he was trying to be the better person — or else just relate to the president on his own level.

Whether it was Bush or the bushes, something Friday night made Common very emotional. Emotional enough to use the expletive that he did, a surprising choice given that non-violent resistance to tyranny and freedom of sexual expression are some of Common’s central messages (the latter of which was made most clear to the audience during his performance).

Whatever Common’s intended meaning, I am sorry to conclude that he was at fault. It is bad enough that his remark, in either case, is out of context that it’s hard to be sure what he was talking about. The President of the United States, at least, is capable of defending himself against the profanity of hip-hop artists. But as I left the Joyce Center after the concert, I noticed that the Hibiscus syriacus looked distinctly withered. So usual, the real victors that evening were those that had no voice.

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It sounded better in my head

Common sows the seeds of dissent

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Looking back on Katrina anniversary

August 29, 2006 marked the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina. As a New Orleans native and someone who was personally affected by one of the worst disasters to hit the United States, I was shocked that there was not more coverage in The Observer. The only mention of Hurricane Katrina was a reprint of an Associated Press article on Page 6 and a quote by Father Bill Lies in an article on CSC seminars. I found Lies’ quote to be especially poignant. “With the anniversary of Hurricane Katrina upon us, these seminars give students the opportunities the questions need to be asking, especially at a Catholic University.” Clearly, Lies recognizes the importance of the anniversary of Hurricane Katrina and the response that should be evoked at a Catholic University. But what about everyone else? The question I would like to ask is “Does the Notre Dame community even care about the widespread destruction and despair in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast due to Hurricane Katrina?” I would hope that the answer is “Yes.”

Having been at Notre Dame as a senior when the September 11 attacks occurred, I know that the Notre Dame community can be very compassionate and quick in responding to tragic events. However, I feel that the victims of Hurricane Katrina have been forgotten by Notre Dame and by the rest of the country. New Orleans is still in the very beginning stages of cleaning up. Things are by no means “back to normal.” In fact, things will never be the way they were before the storm. So many people lost everything during Katrina. Those who survived the storm are still struggling to make it through each day. I feel like we have all seen and heard the news stories of the devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina, but somehow we have grown complacent. Somehow we feel like it is not our problem. Somehow we feel like we are too far away to make a difference.

These are not the responses I am used to hearing from Notre Dame students. Notre Dame is not just another university. Notre Dame is a place where people care about each other and strive to do better than those who are less fortunate, being true to our Christian mission of service and love. Being part of the Notre Dame family means more than just being on campus in South Bend. Let us not forget that the Notre Dame family extends beyond all geographical boundaries. Right now the people in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast need our help. Let us not forget them.

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Katrina revealed racism

A year ago, the realities of pervasive American poverty were revealed to the world. Impoverished, forsaken and homeless refugees were shown on global news outlets wading through flooded streets, maneuvering past Boating corpses and hoping for rescue and aid. Families were separated and lives were destroyed.

And as often happens, the real tragedy of the hurricane came afterwards as the government and federal agencies passed the buck, shifting blame from cracks in one bureaucracy or the other while the media perpetuated discussions of an underlying race and class issue that still exist in the United States.

The victims of Hurricane Katrina were by no means all black. However, since the most indelible screen images were those of African Americans, they became the representatives of the entire incident. And because we live in a polarized society, anyway, all things eventually become “black and white.”

So, what are the race and class issues that exist today? Well, one has been stated above. Whenever some discuss race and class issues that exist today… We have not heard much about this.

Minorities proclaim their disadvantaged status due to hundreds of years of institutionalized segregation and unequal access to education. Instead of pondering these historical set-backs with any profound insight, the majority simply throws money at the minority in hopes that they will “catch up” while feeling “burdened” to help them.

Need convincing? Last year, during the hurricane coverage, some news media applied “searching for food” to photos of white victims breaking into stores, while they applied “booting” to photos of black victims searching for food. Upon visiting some hundreds of displaced victims in Houston, Barbara Bush said to a reporter, “…So many of these people were under-privileged anyway, so this is working out for them.” Mrs. Bush was implying that being displaced was to the benefit of the majority. However, it is unlikely that those individuals, who were separated from their families, and who had lost what little they had, felt relief and support in being shipped in a bus to Houston days after the storm.

One can never really comprehend poverty or class issues if one is isolated from the realities of the American social structure. What would anyone know about what it means to be “poor” if they themselves have not lived in poverty? This theory of the white man’s burden is lacking in this respect. Aside from being self-inflicted, the supposed rationale for the alleviation of this burden has proved problematic. You cannot fix poverty with money. That is, social welfare, minority scholarships, vouchers and so forth, while advantageous (thanks), only begin to tap the surface of the larger issue.

The most pervasive poverty has been generational. At the turn of the last century, many African Americans were still sharecropping. Actually, this generation now is merely the second generation of blacks having access to a diverse education and opportunity to compete in society. And the last generation had a rocky road attempting to obtain higher education at an institution of their choice. Ask an African American student at Ole Miss if their grandparents attended college, and you will probably find that the majority of that generation did not. While the privileged have enjoyed centuries of education and the passing and sharing of knowledge, some minority groups are only now beginning to start this cycle.

Suffice to say, this is why the discussion of race and class are interconnected. For a long time, one’s race determined their class. And unfortunately, in some instances it still does. With the influx of Hispanics, the majority of them from Mexico, it would seem that there has not been sufficient societal maturation, as this “new” minority is the recipient of verbal abuse and class-ism from both the traditional white majority and the old black minority. I suppose “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” are not without their costs.

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SAMUEL L. JACKSON FEATURE

"Star Wars to 'Shaft' to 'Snakes'

By SEAN SWANEY

A lifetime of fighting deadly snakes at 35,000 feet, serving as a Jedi Knight and living as a philosophical hit man would be enough for just about anybody - but not Samuel L. Jackson. These are just a few of the roles the hardest working actor in Hollywood has played during his long and famous career, and the 58-year-old shows no signs of slowing down.

Since his debut in the 1972 film "Together for Days" as a student at Morehouse College, Jackson has acted in more than 95 movies and currently has no less than six projects in various phases of development. To date, his films have grossed more than $3 billion at the worldwide box office, which is more than any other actor in the history of cinema. Jackson's repertoire of films spans the entire spectrum of Hollywood genres, from science fiction to comedy to drama. Some, like "xx,xx," "Shaft" and "Sphere," either received extremely poor reviews or made hardly any money at the box office.

However, roles in films such as "Unbreakable" and "A Time to Kill" demonstrate that Jackson is a legitimate actor who can easily impress critics in his performance. In 1994, Jackson earned an Oscar nomination for playing hitman Jules Winnfield opposite John Travolta in Quentin Tarantino's "Pulp Fiction."

This summer's cult hit "Snakes on a Plane" featured one of Jackson's most spirited and unique performances and brought him and his career into the limelight, thanks to his personal and dedicated marketing of the movie. The surge in popularity has left many people wondering exactly how Jackson has become the most successful actor in Hollywood history.

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B-LIST MOVIES

B-movies glorify best of the worst

By MARTY SCHROEDER

Bela Lugosi and Boris Karloff can rest easy in their graves. Samuel L. Jackson has taken it upon himself to carry the torch of the B-list movie hero with the recent release of "Snakes on a Plane."

While "Snakes on a Plane" has created quite a buzz in pop-culture circles, it's not anything new. With its scary snakes and descriptive title, the movie falls into a long tradition that dates back to the Universal horror films of the 1930s: "Dracula," "The Wolf Man" and "The Creature from the Black Lagoon." Were all films that told the audience all that they needed to know in the title. "Dracula" has its vampire, "The Mummy" its mummy and "Frankenstein" its monster. The titles were simple, descriptive and easy to remember. What if "The Wolf Man" had been titled "The Man Who Goes Through an Attitude Adjustment Every Day there is a Full Moon?" Not quite as catchy. B-movies don't need creative titles or explanations for why he signed on for "Snakes on a Plane" to find out why he has succeed­ed.

Jackson's penchant for mak­ing movies that he personally enjoys translates into fun for audiences as much as "Snakes on a Plane" as it ever has before. This simple mantra of making fan films has pro­pelled Jackson to the top of the film world and could keep him there for a long time.

The self dubbed "King of Genre" will undoubtedly continue to make films that appeal to him for a long time to come, in the hopes that his films will continue to resonate with the­atrical audiences.

It is not unimaginable that "Snakes on a Train" or "Snakes on a Boat" could sitter into theaters sometime soon.

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Assistant Scene Editor

While "Accepted" has a great deal of promise, the final product turns out nowhere close to reaching its potential. Like films of the high school genre, movies about colleges and college students are generally successful, since it is always fun to see the characters and their predicaments. "Accepted" follows the long line of "lovable losers in college" movies stretching from the generation-defining "Animal House" to "Revenge of the Nerds" to 2003's "Old School." Justin Long ("Dodgeball") stars in his first leading role as Bartley Games, a loser who is rejected by every college to which he applies. No school in the nation will take him, and apparently local community colleges are not an option. With the help of his friends, he decides—for some unknown and unexplained reason—to convert an abandoned mental institution into the fictitious South Harmon Institute of Technology (just in case the significant and initial initials is lost, the movie points them out over and over again).

Because Bartley has the most gullible parents in the world (what parents hand their child a check for $10,000 to cover his tuition?), he is successful in starting the college that was supposed to be for him and his friends alone.

However, due to a fluke on the subtext, the final product created fake Web sites, the sand of accepted students—also rejected from every real college—show up for orientation. The easy follow-up to the titin of rejection, Bartley can't help but bring his application to shatter their dreams, so he proclaims that South Harmon will be a college for the students, run by the students.

In an "Old School"-esque turn of events, Bartley and his friends eventually have to fight for the survival of their fake university, which leads to the predictable climax and conclusion of the picture. Long is likable in his first leading role, but he doesn't get the chance to demonstrate the sarcastic edge that should define character. His character is reminiscent of Vinnie Vaughn roles, and if given the right parts, he could be shaped into an actor akin to Vaughn.

Much like Long, comedian and "The Daily Show" regular Lewis Black is kept under tight reign as the make-believe dean. While Black is left with a few inoffensive rants, it's easy to see his acting potential. The other characters are left undeveloped and, for the most part, completely uninteresting. At the helm is screenwriter-turned-director Steve Pink. While "Accepted" marks his first film as a director, previous writing credits include the John Cusack classics "High Fidelity" (2000) and "Grosse Point Blank" (1997). Had Pink and the other writers of those offbeat comedies developed "Accepted," the result probably would have been a much sharper, cleverer and more interesting film.

Unfortunately, Pink had no hand in the script for "Accepted," which was written by three newcomers who definitely do not receive high marks for this product.

With a tighter script, more capable direction and better acting from the supporting cast, "Accepted" could have joined the honor roll of great and defining college films. Instead, it falls flat with few redeeming moments. "Accepted" is instantly forgettable and easily rejected.

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DPAC SPOTLIGHT

Brando shines in classic ‘Waterfront’ film

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

Late in Elia Kazan’s "On the Waterfront," Terry Malloy (Marlon Brando) is driven into a car where his brother is waiting for him with orders to kill.

"You don’t understand," Malloy pleads. "I coulda been a contender. I coulda been somebody, instead of a bum, which is what I am. Let’s face it. I was Charley."

The monologue, one of the most famous in all of cinema, is the defining moment of the defining film for both its director and its star. The Best Picture winner of 1954, "On the Waterfront" redefined the career of both Kazan and Brando and remains one of the most enduring pictures of its time. Despite its relatively dated social concerns, the film paints an accurate and searing portrait of 1950s corruption and its effects on blue-collar Americans.

"On the Waterfront" follows Terry Malloy (Brando), a one-time boxer turned union leader who ultimately fights against the Mob-controlled union led by Johnny Friendly (Lee J. Cobb). Malloy is a down-on-his-luck fellow, but upon meeting Edie (Eva Marie Saint), the sister of one of Friendly’s victims, he comes around and decides to testify against Friendly—a potentially fatal decision.

The film was semi-autobiographical for Kazan, who worked with the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC) in anti-Communist propaganda. Unfortunately, his self-righteousness is a bit problematic for the film, which draws its morality in black-and-white as starkly defined as Boris Kaufman’s monochromatic cinematography.

Controversy would follow Kazan throughout his career, which makes separating his cinematic work from his political life problematic. Taken on its own terms, however, "On the Waterfront" succeeds admirably, though the subtlety of Kazan’s self-indication is evident throughout.

Kazan directs with more force and vigor than ever in his career, surpassing even the narrative clarity he brought to Tennessee Williams’ "A Streetcar Named Desire" (1951).

At the center of it all is Brando. He fully embodies the character he rev­olutionized acting—but not by much. The Method style of acting he brought to Malloy was a revelation, influencing actors for generations to come.

"On the Waterfront" is easily among the great performances of all time, even if elements of it seem outdated by today’s standards. The film’s nearly two-hour running time is well spent. The director’s monologue is, from Saint’s sensitive touch to Cobb’s slimy union boss Johnny Friendly. The music by "West Side Story" composer Leonard Bernstein is also memo­rable, anchored by a winsful, flute-driven love theme. Bernstein’s only film score punctuates the on-screen action in a way far different that most scores, intentionally running against the real­ism of the film rather than complementing it. This creative choice affects some of the scenes drastically, though it does not necessarily reduce the gravitas of any crucial scenes. The big winner at the 1954 Oscars, "On the Waterfront" took home statistics for Best Picture, Best Direction (Kazan), Best Adapted Screenplay (Schulberg), Best Actor (Brando), Best Supporting Actress (Saint), Best Cinematography (Kaufman), Best Art Direction (Richard Day) and Best Editing (Gene Milford).

More recently, it was ranked by The American Film Institute as the eighth greatest film of all time, a testament to its longevity and timelessness.

"On the Waterfront," one of the classics of American cinema, will be screened on Saturday at 3 p.m. in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center as part of the PAC Classic 100.

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SABATIA holds CA cap to cap a two-run scoring three runs and Wednesday, August 30, 2006
The Observer
walked Chris Duffy before Cedeno.

doubled to right, and, out later four consecutive Pirates reached base. Doumit singled, Castillo reached on a throwing error by Zambrano, pinch-hitter Jerome Burnitz singled off the high wall in left, and Duffy lined a single to left.

Michael Bartlett's two-out double off Marty McLeary scored Aramis Ramirez to give the Cubs a lead in the seventh.

Cleveland 5, Toronto 2
C.C. Sabathia pitched his major league-winning fifth complete game and Travis Hafner hit his 40th home run, helping the Cleveland Indians beat the Toronto Blue Jays Tuesday night.

Sabathia (10-4) allowed two runs and four hits as he worked seven innings for the 11th time in his last 14 starts since July 7. The lefthander struck out six without a walk to earn consecutive victories for the first time since winning three in a row from May 19-30.

Cleveland scored three times in the seventh off Brandon Puffer (0-2) to take a 4-2 lead in 15th games against 20. Blue Jays starter Gustavo Chacin gave up two runs and hits over 5-1/3 innings before leaving with a leg cramp in the sixth.

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Palmer not satisfied with return to the field

Despite scorching Green Bay for three first-half touchdown passes, Cincinnati QB found room for improvement

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Instead of getting caught up in those three perfect touchdown passes, Carson Palmer chose to dwell on what went wrong.

A few things were a little bit off during his return from a devastating knee injury. He missed his mark on a pass or two. He didn't make the right decision on every play. There was a little bit of rust on his game.

"I definitely have a long way to go to get where I need to be," he said.

While Palmer looked at areas of improvement after the Cincinnati Bengals' 48-17 preseason victory over the Green Bay Packers on Monday night, everyone else saw the big picture.

From that viewpoint, these Bengals are contenders again.

"We are picking up from where we left off last year," receiver Chad Johnson said. "Some say that what we did last year really doesn't matter anymore, but we are picking up from right where we left off last year.

They ended last season as AFC North champions, losing a first-round playoff game at Paul Brown Stadium against the Pittsburgh Steelers. On Palmer's first pass of that game, Kimo von Oelhoffen drove his shoulder into Palmer's left knee, shredding two ligaments and dislocating his knee cap.

The Bengals' chances of contending for another title depended upon how Palmer's rehab went and how long it took. He sat out the first two preseason games, acknowledging that he wasn't ready to try to reclaim his job.

After playing less than one half on Monday night, the job was his.

A crowd of 65,614 fans — the biggest ever for a preseason game in Cincinnati — went silent whenever Palmer got hit or took off running. It cheered every time he got up. And, it marveled at how well he played. Palmer went 9-of-14 overall for 140 yards, three touchdowns and a passer rating of 136.9 — about as good as it can get.

By halftime, the Bengals had a 34-7 lead and their playoff swagger back, along with their starting quarterback.

"I'm sure he answered all the critics' questions and all the doubts that everyone had in their minds," said Johnson, who didn't catch a pass. "We scored 34 in the first half. That is ridiculous. Imagine if we had the first team play the entire game. I need not say more.

Even coach Marvin Lewis hinted that Palmer had done better than expected — a rare concession by a coach who likes to give the impression that he's on top of everything involving his team.

"I can't say I'm all that surprised," Lewis said at halftime. "Maybe he was a little sharper than you'd expect, but we've seen him working every day for six months."

Afterward, Lewis named him the starting quarterback for the season opener Sept. 10 in Kansas City.

Perhaps the biggest test for Palmer was getting hit for the first time since his injury, which came on a 66-yard completion to Chris Henry. In an interesting bit of symmetry, his first completion on Monday also went to Henry. And, Palmer got hit again right after he released it.

This time, Green Bay's Kabeer Ghasa-Biamila hit him around the waist and took him down. The linebacker's 6-foot-4, 250-pound body landed on top of Palmer, a tame but telling hit.

Concerned teammates immediately checked on him.

"I said, 'How do you feel?' He said, 'I feel great,'" receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh said.

Bengals quarterback Carson Palmer drops back to pass at practice Aug. 1.
**Preseason NFL**

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**WNBA**

- Cheryl Ford, second from left, and her teammates share a laugh before practice at the Palace in Auburn Hills, Mich., Tuesday. The Shock will meet the Sacramento Monarchs in the WNBA finals Wednesday.

Ford leads Shock back to WNBA Finals

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Cheryl Ford led the Detroit Shock back to the WNBA finals with a tenacious style that is reminiscent of her dad, 14-time NBA All-Star Karl Malone.

That is all well and good, but Ford is not fond of such comparisons. "Like I said before, I'm just trying to do my own thing, make my own name," Ford said Tuesday after practice at the Palace.

The Shock will face the defending champion Sacramento Monarchs in the best-of-five finals that begin Wednesday night.

Malone sat courtside and watched his daughter help Detroit win the WNBA title three years ago. Malone said he used his eyes as the power forward sank four key free throws in the final minute of the decisive third game against Los Angeles, then embraced her when it was over.

With all the numbers and accolades Malone garnered during his career, Malone said Ford can be even better than her father.

"Cheryl Ford arguably has been our most valuable player all year long," Malone said. "Her rebounding has been so consistent, she leads the league in rebounding." Malone said. "Her inside presence, being able to score has been more than we expected this year."

Much like the 2003 title team, Laimbeer's squad rolled through these playoffs with a dominating inside game, anchored by Ford. She is also averaging 11.8 rebounds in the playoffs.

"She's a heart," said teammate Katie Smith, the All-Star guard. "The sky is the limit for her. It's fun to be on the floor with somebody who competes, especially rebounding. You don't have to worry about the rebounding too much because she ran corral most of those."

But star forward Swin Cash knows Ford can't do it alone.

"It's going to be up to our guards, myself and Ruth (Riley) to really help Cheryl and not have her getting 30 rebounds and us getting like one or two," she said. "We have to collectively rebound as a group."

Sacramento hasn't lost a game in these playoffs, eliminating Houston and Los Angeles.

"We have to be mentally tough," Ford said. "If we let them knock us off focus, then boy we're in for a long series."

**In Brief**

- Martin placed on PUP list, Pennington named starter

NEW YORK — Curtis Martin will miss at least the first six weeks of the season. It could be the end of the 33-year-old running back's career.

The NFL's No. 4 career rusher, who underwent knee surgery last December, was placed by the New York Jets on the regular-season physically unable to perform list on Tuesday. That means he will miss the first six weeks and the Jets will have 21 days to decide whether to activate him.

The Jets also announced that Chad Pennington is their starting quarterback. Pennington, who underwent shoulder surgery for two straight years, had been the starting QB throughout the preseason. But first-year coach Eric Mangini had designated a starter from among Pennington, Patrick Ramsey, Brooks Koehling and rookie Kellen Clemens.

- Pacers sign guard, two assistant coaches

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers have signed guard Jimmikki "Snap" Hunter and assistant coaches Johnny Davis and Leonard Perry.

Hunter, a 6-foot-4 guard, played last season with the Gary Steeleheads of the CBA and led the league with 27.6 points a game. In March, he signed with Eron Alcante of the Spanish ACR, where he averaged 15.9 points and 3.7 rebounds in 12 games.

Davis is playing for Indiana during 1978-82 and averaged 12.9 points and 4.5 assists during a 16-year NBA career. He has been a head coach twice, going 42-111 in stints with Philadelphia and Orlando, and was an assistant with the Minnesota Timberwolves last season.

Perry had been in college coaching since 1994 and is taking his first NBA job. He went 48-97 in five years as the head coach at Idaho before being fired in March following a 4-25 season.

- Hooters enter season loaded at running back

BLOOMINGTON, Ind — Marcus Thigpen has the breakaway speed Indiana coach Terry Hoeppner craves, and Demetrius McCray offers the elusive a college running back needs to stay healthy.

After assessing the duo for the past month in practice, Hoeppner has finally made a decision: He'll play both in Saturday's season-opener against Western Michigan.

If Hoeppner wanted a primary runner, he certainly didn't lend it any credence.

"Either, the Hooters coach plans on using four backs this weekend Thigpen, McCray, Bryan Payton and Josh Sears."

The running back competition was the most-watched duel of spring practice, but when it didn't produce a clear-cut winner, the battle was rekindled in August. Again, neither pulled away in the competition, which now continues.
Boilermakers’ return linemen Uche Nwaneri after fight last year

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Uche Nwaneri’s return to Purdue’s offensive line could turn the unit into one of the Big Ten’s best.

After suffering every game at left guard two years ago, Nwaneri was suspended and missed last season because of a fight with then-teammate Ryan Noblet. Nwaneri is back for the senior year he expected to have after fighting last year, starting Saturday against Indiana State.

“It’s hard not to be able to do something you’ve been doing your whole life,” he said. “It gave me a chance to contemplate things I need to accomplish, give me a little more focus on things I need to do.”

Nwaneri had an emergency appendectomy last week, but is listed No. 1 on the depth chart. Coach Joe Tiller hopes Nwaneri will be ready for Saturday’s game.

“Certainly, when he’s in there, we’re a better offensive line,” Tiller said.

All five starting offensive linemen have at least 11 career starts. Purdue’s media guide lists four all-Big Ten candidates for the Boilermakers and three are linemen. Tackle Mike Otto has 36 career starts, more than any player on the team. Guard Jordan Grimes has 12 career starts and tackle Sean Sester has 11.

Robbie Powell started 11 games in Nwaneri’s place at left guard last season and has moved to center. He won the team’s Pit Bull Award for his play during the spring. Quarterback Curtis Painter said Powell has adjusted well and has done a good job of keeping the line working together.

Purdue’s offense ranked 25th nationally with 428.5 yards a game last season. Now, Nwaneri brings his athletic ability and improved strength to a unit that allowed nine sacks last season, second-fewest in the Big Ten.

“I just want to add to it,” he said. “I don’t want to say that I’m going to make the line the best line there is, but we’re all going to work hard to make this the best line it can possibly be.”

He said he’s proud of the way the unit played last season, but was unhappy with the fact that Purdue went 5-6 last season and missed a bowl game for the first time since Tiller became coach in 1997.

“It’s never fun to sit there and watch your team lose and have problems like we did, but we’re past that now,” Tiller said. Nwaneri weighs 318 pounds and is the most solid he’s been, Tiller said. Nwaneri’s commitment to getting into shape has earned respect from his teammates.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Amelie Mauresmo wiped raindrops from her face and Lloyd Hewitt nearly skidded into a split as bad weather played havoc with the U.S. Open on a stop-and-go Tuesday.

More than 50 matches were postponed, including Maria Sharapova’s opener. Showers and a shaky forecast pushed back a remembrance of Hurricane Katrina on the one-year anniversary to Wednesday.

The start of play was delayed 3 1/2 hours by rain, giving sleepy-eyed fans extra time to recover after watching Andre Agassi finish off his first-round win at 12:30 a.m. EDT. Light but persistent rain forced two suspensions and left the courts empty by late afternoon.

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SMC GOLF

Belles begin year at Tri-State Invite

O'Brien shoots an 82 as team finishes seventh

By BECKI DORNER  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's opened its 2006 campaign with a seventh-place finish at the Tri-State Invitational Saturday.

The Belles recorded a cumulative total score of 351, and Indianapolis took the team title with a final score of 308 at the par-73, 5,828-yard Zollner Golf Course in Angola, Ind.

Ball State followed closely in second place with a 310. The overall individual medalist was Indianapolis' Kristi Pipenbrink, who finished with a two-under-par 70.

Saint Mary's junior Katie O'Brien led the Belles with an 82 — good enough to earn a tie for 20th place. A hole-in-one at the par-3, 150th punctuated her back-nine score of 38.

"We have such a young team and I am very satisfied with all of the newcomers for playing so well under so much pressure," O'Brien said. "Tri-State is always a challenging course, especially for the newcomers who have never played it."

Freshman Kate Dornbos recorded an 89, earning the second-lowest score for the Belles in her first collegiate season. Alex Sei and Claire Orfanos finished with 90s, and Bri Raker rounded out the Belles score with a nine. Orfanos and Baker also competed in the first event of their collegiate careers.

Belles head coach Mark Hamilton acknowledged that the team's performance not as strong as he hoped.

"We had moments of brilliance but we were more rusty than we should have been after a summer of playing golf," he said. "I was encouraged with what I saw from the freshman group. I expect strong performances from them once they get adjusted to the college course."

The young Belles undoubtedly have some big FootJoys to fill. Last year, the team graduated four seniors, including MIAA league MVP and NCAA qualifier Megan Mattiu, who departed after finishing 18th in the spring Division III championship.

For O'Brien, who returns with Sei as one of the leading contributors from last season's MIAA championship team, this year promises a lot of potential.

"I hope that our team can follow the success of previous teams and bring home another MIAA championship," she said.

Saint Mary's was recently named the third best college in the nation for fresh, incoming athletes.

Katie O'Brien  
Saint Mary's golfer

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Young Irish team has holes to fill this season

After finishing fifth last year, ND looks to build on success

By DAN TAPETILLO  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame heads into the 2006-07 season after placing fifth in the final ITA rankings — its best finish since becoming a Division I program in 1985-86. The Irish earned the mark after ending the year with a 27-2 record and reaching the NCAA quarterfinals.

"It was an incredible year and I was definitely glad to be a part of it," said Notre Dame senior Cattina Thompson. "Everyone was such a delight to work with."

Several changes have been made in the team's staff and lineup over the summer — a challenge as Notre Dame lost seniors Lauren Connelly, Kiki Stastny and Kelly Nelson.

Connelly, the team captain last season, competed in doubles with Stastny at No. 3. Both ended the season 37-6.

Although Nelson only competed in two dual matches last season, she provided necessary wins for the team by finishing 2-4 and 13-2 in 2006.

"All three [seniors] will be missed," senior Christian Thompson said. "It'll be very hard to replace [Connelly and Stastny] in doubles because we could always count on them for a win in several close matches last season."

Notre Dame also lost its assistant head coach Michelle Dasso after she accepted a position as the head coach at Illinois.

"Dasso was a huge part of our success last season and the team knows she will make a great coach at Illinois," sophomore Katie Potts said.

Despite these losses, Notre Dame returns several key players — making the Irish a threat once again this season.

Leading the pack are the Thompson twins, who claimed the school's first-ever title in an ITA national championship last October. After peaking at No. 1 in the ITA rankings last season, the sisters finished the season at No. 10 and with a 22-7 record.

This summer, the Thompsons also claimed two professional tournaments in doubles. They were able to compete and maintain their collegiate eligibility by not accepting prize money.

"This past summer is really going to help their confidence," Potts said. "[The Thompsons] are going to have an incredible year."

Also returning is junior Brook Buck, who played at No. 3 singles last season. Buck earned the ITA doubles title with teammate Ashley Teffl and will compete in the Riviera/ITA All-American Championships Oct. 5-8 in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

The final returnee is Potts, who competed at No. 6 for the team last season and finished 22-3 in dual matches.

Joining the team this season are Casmina Cishaku, Collin Bieley and Kali Krios. These incoming freshmen were ranked as the nation's top class by TennisRecruiting.net.

The three combined in one doubles and five singles titles in ITA events this summer.

"We're hoping to build upon the success we had last year," Christian Thompson said. "The freshman class is several strong this summer and I know they are going to really add depth for us."

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Dame] was the place to be," she said.

"It's located in her college career with the Irish over hometown — and Big East rival —

Louisville, as well as Saint Louis University and Purdue.

The Irish recruiting process — which she described as "hit-and-miss compared to the other schools — started with a letter from the team's freshman year and concluded with several campus visits and the ultimate decision."

"It's such a perfect fit for me," she said of Notre Dame. "My teammates especially, they're really supportive. Especially the upper classmen, who have made the transition to college really smooth."

The rookie is one of seven incoming freshmen on this year's squad that made up a recruiting class named third-best in the nation by Volleyball Magazine.

She was named a MizunoVolleyball All-American and was a member of Volleyball's Fab 50, a list of the top ten incoming high school seniors.

Those lists and months spent poring over potential players — were the reason why Irish coach Debbie Brown was not surprised by the announcement of the Big East honors.

"There's been great expectations," said Brown of her incoming players. "We know we have several of them that were ranked very highly coming in."

They're surrounded with a conference rookie of the week is not real surprising to me because I know that they're a pretty talented group.

Brown credits Kaelin's outstanding showing against Bowling Green to the team's set-up, but she said that Kaelin showed initiative on the court, especially in the third game.

"Kaelin did a good job of mixing her shots," Brown said.

"The set-up was making comments, "We know Christina wanted the ball, so we gave it to her."

For the match, Kaelin put up a .465 hitting percentage — 24-for-43 — and made four hitting errors. But there is still room for improvement, Brown said.

Brown wants to evolve Kaelin into an all-around package who can play all six rotations by developing her blocking skills to complement the strong outside hitter roles she played against Bowling Green.

"We're thrilled to have her," Brown said. We know that throughout her career, she'll get better and better — and not just this year.

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Krivacek said, "I don't want to say we were complacent last year but it really wasn't the same. Winning the national championship and knowing what it feels like and what it really means makes the fire that much bigger."

"After winning it in 2004 [last year] was a little different," senior midfielder and Hermann Trophy nominee Jenc Bukczkowska said. "Now this year we have that taste of defeat from Portland with us still. I think now we're a little more revved up and hungry to win it again."

Krivacek, Bukczkowska and Lorenzen are three members of the eight-player senior class, several of whom played critical roles in the 2004 title.

To repeat their prior performance, the seniors feel they must expand their responsibilities and display the leadership embodied by 2004 senior defender and captain Melissa Tancredi and 2003 striker Amy Warden.

"We've had some great leaders," Krivacek said. "(Tancredi and Warden) really left a legacy in the program in what they brought to the team and what they expected from their teammates. We think leaders on the team try to model themselves after them.

In addition to the renewed hunger of the upperclassmen, the Irish will also rely on major contributions from those still working to chase down their first collegiate championship if they hope to return to the College Cup finals for the sixth time in the past 13 years and become only the second program ever to win three national titles.

The Irish are currently without sophomore standouts midfielder Brittany Bock and defender Carrie Dew who played in the U.S. national team past Germany 4-1 in the quarterfinals of the World Under-20 Championships.

Five of the freshmen and sophomores tallied 60 minutes or more in Notre Dame's 3-1 win at Ole Miss Sunday afternoon that pushed Notre Dame's record to 2-0, including highly touted freshman striker Michele Weissenhofer.

For Weissenhofer, the college decision came down to Notre Dame and UCLA. Though the Naperville, Illinois native said she ultimately chose the Irish over the Bruins for a variety of reasons, she is necessarily related to the soccer pitch, when she laces up her boots there is only one team on her mind.

"The final goal obviously is winning the national championship like we did two years ago," Weissenhofer said. "That's what we're playing for. Everything is gearing up for that — all the other games.

That is exactly the mental attitude Irish coach Randy Waldrum was looking for when he offered Weissenhofer a scholarship.

"[During recruiting] we clearly outline our expectations and what we want to achieve," Waldrum said. "We let [recruits] know they're going to be on a team that is year in and year out strong enough to compete for a national title. There are a lot of players that don't have that work ethic. We have that expectation and we live under that pressure."

Different coaches practice different philosophies regarding national-title talk. Waldrum said to his players, "We're thrilled to have her," Brown said. "We know that throughout her career, she'll get better and better — and not just this year.

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Irish forward Kerri Hanks drives past Iowa State midfielder Jess Villhauer during Notre Dame's 9-0 win over the Cyclones Saturday.

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back of our minds, it's got to be a one game at a time thing and [Waldrum] constantly stresses that."

After the Irish earned their second victory in as many days with their win over the Running Rebels, Waldrum was encouraged by the ability of this season's group, as the old and new continue to mesh.

"[This team] reminds me a lot of that '04 team in the fact that ... we have a good blend of young players who have that talent but just haven't been through those wars yet," Waldrum said. "Having the upperclassmen and the experience they've had in their two and three years here only helps the young players. When we get into a situation like we did this weekend where we're in a hostile environment on the road and it's hot, the experience level really carries the team through."

Notre Dame will be tested this weekend when it welcomes a pair of Golden State teams to the Inn at St. Mary's Classic at Alumni Field. The Irish face Southern California Friday at 7:30 p.m. followed by what is projected to be their toughest regular season opponent of the year — No. 9 Santa Clara Sunday at 1 p.m.

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starters — defensive end Adam Oliver, defensive tackle Joe Anoa'i, and line-
backers KaMichael Hall and Philip Wheeler — return. The
lone veteran in the secondary is Kenny Scott, a corner.
A year ago, Georgia Tech's defense finished No. 13 in the
country against the running game, but No. 52 against the pass,
allowing 103.9 and 213.6 yards per game, respectively. They finished
No. 22 nationally in total
defense.
The offense boasts eight veterans — including All-
American receiver Calvin Johnson, starting quarterback
Reggie Ball and four offensive linemen — but new starters
will sprinkle the field. Galley
isn't sure how they'll react in
their first game under the
lights — a game that also
happens to be in prime time and against a top-five national
championship contender.
"There are a lot of things
that we are looking for —
small things on an individual
basis and large areas as far
as certain teams, packages
and groups," Galley said.
"You don't know. You have
not seen anything, so you are
waiting to see how it works
out."
The Yellow Jackets offense
averaged less than 200 yards
per game in the air last year —
No. 89 in Division I-A. Rushing was 40 spots better at
153.8 yards per game. But
the much-maligned numbers
of last year's offense aren't
Galley's primary concern.
"I think that's speculation,
and [let's] wait and see what
happens," he said. "The bot-
tom line is to win the game —
it's not statistics."
Running back Tashard
Choice, in his first year as a
starter, said a major offensive
problem was mental mistakes
and failing to capitalize on
red-zone opportunities.
"This year we understand
that we want to pick up and
improve from last year," he
didn't have success during the
teleconference.
"You have to continue to
gain better from year to year.
This year we're focused on
capitalizing on mistakes
made by the defense so we can
get points on the board, allowing
to rely on our defense and special
teams."
Winning isn't new to the
Yellow Jackets — and highly
ranked teams don't intimidate them, either. Last year, they
beaten-then-No. 3 Miami and
then-No. 15 Auburn. The Irish
stand at No. 2 in the Associated Press poll and are
ranked third in the coaches.
Still, Galley doesn't take
Weis lightly.
"[Weis] picks and chooses
what he thinks his advantages
are, and he does a really good
job of creating advantages for
his people," Galley said.
"I think that made them good
last year."
A new wrinkle in the Irish
defense will be the addition
of Travis Thomas, listed as the
starter at weakside line-
backer.
"We don't know a thing
about him at linebacker," Galley
said. "We'll just have to wait and see how he looks on the
field."
Galley doesn't have long to
wait.
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about players, fans and the
media — they are restless.
"I think the players are ready
to play against somebody else," he said at a
press confer-
ence Tuesday.
"I'm sure
Georgia Tech feels the same
way. It gets old
against each other."
Weis is wary
of facing
Johnson and his
three-year start-
ing quarterback
Reggie Ball, who will take the
snap behind an offensive line
returning four veterans.
"It always starts with the
quarterback," Weis said. "Any
time you have a quarterback
that's a dual threat, it's a con-
cern. Any time you have a
quarterback that can throw and
can run, you know, it's not
like just a drop-back quarter-
bak that all you have to do is
put pressure in his face the
whole time. This guy can hurt
you — he can legitimately hurt
you."
Protection by the experi-
enced offensive line — as well
deep and talent at running
back and Johnson at receiver
— means that the Yellow
Jackets offense could be dan-
gerous.
But Weis is con-
vinced that his own
questions have
been settled to a
satisfactory degree
during camp.
"I think that our
linemen have
settled in nicely," he said. "I know
who can do what. I
couldn't say I
have too many
questions about
what we can or cannot do.
"Although it's hard to judge special teams outside of the
game context, Weis said, he
was confident about them as
well.
"I expect a very good per-
formance," he said.
Overall, Weis was unshashed
about admitting he thinks that
the team that will take the field
against Georgia Tech on
Saturday is better than the one
that lost 34-20 to Ohio State in
the Fiesta Bowl. Specifically, he
traces the improvement to the
return of basically four starters
on both the offensive and
defensive lines.
"Any time you have two vet-
eran lines, you have to think
that you have a chance," he
said.
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Unscramble these three Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Lauren Collins, 19; Donny Osmond, 43.

Happy Birthday! You may have trouble making up your mind, and that will hold you back this year. Start juggling with both feet, doing whatever has to be done. You have an unshakeable mind. You are very much a leader this year. You should not be second-guessing your every move. That is only a waste of valuable time, better used for accomplishing. Your numbers are 13, 17, 29, 34, 46.

ARIENS (March 21-April 19): Stop taking everything too seriously. If something doesn't work out the way you want, don't reject it. Get help if you need it and work on projects you know are good at.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do what you think you can't do. Your friends think you can't handle it, but if you try hard enough, you can do it.

GEMINIs (May 21-June 21): This is a good day to be creative or fall in love all over again. You will be an effective and loving model. Remember your motives and where you see yourself headed in the future.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your emotions will be a little over the top today, but as long as you are giving and project kindness, you will do fine. Watch out for someone who is trying to take advantage of you financially.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll have the wherewithal to make some very creative changes in your life today. Although not everyone will agree with what you are doing, follow through and ignore the fact that some people around you lack vision. An elderly relative may be a burden.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): As long as you try to get along with everyone around you, you can reach some degree of success today. What you do now is what will count in the future. The more accepting and adaptable you are, the farther you will go.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Arguing will get you nowhere. Being responsible for your own actions is the best you can do. Put financial ventures with family members or friends on hold until you have a better understanding of what is involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): This is the perfect day to meet new people and form new friendships or work relationships. Put together a proposal and promote yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This is the perfect day to meet new people and form new friendships or work relationships. Put together a proposal and promote yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll be up and down regarding personal issues. Take a trip to get a charge of reality. Your anxiety is probably making the people around you nervous. Try to avoid emotional encounters.

CAPRICORN (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your focus is on your personal growth and advancement. Emotional problems or just sparking your work will help. If you decide to keep things the same, you can expect to make very few gains.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look on the bright side today and you will find positive ways to develop new interests, friendships or partnerships. Romance will be prominent. Your uniqueness will lead to greater options.

Birthday Baby: You have an elegant way of presenting yourself. You are graceful and accommodating but still manage to stay in control. You are compassionate and fair.


Crossword

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5 Hasty escape
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18 Extremes
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23 "Who-hoo!"
24 "Ponte" (H.M.S. "Pinfare" song)
25 an Englishman
34 Butts
36 Koala's hangout
36 Picture parents
41 "Convert to a fine spray"
44 "Open with a fine spray"
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FOOTBALL

Weis prepares, Gailey questions

Irish coach versed in all facets of Yellow Jackets’ game plan

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Charlie Weis knows that Georgia Tech’s two backup quarterbacks are left-handed. He watched tape of Henderson State dating back to 1999 and 2000 when Yellow Jackets offensive coordinator Patrick Nix was the head coach.

And he knows how many pass interference plays have been called against All-America receiver Calvin Johnson’s defenders — it’s 16, if you were wondering.

Notre Dame’s second-year head coach enters Saturday night’s 2006 season opener at Georgia Tech knowing everything there is to know about the Jackets’ game plan.

Weis also knows something

Head Jacket keeps young Tech team focused before opener

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

The hype is deafening, and Chan Gailey is trying to stay focused on the questions his team has yet to answer.

Gailey, Georgia Tech’s head coach, is trying to limit the speculation and concentrate on his players — many wet behind the ears — and the game they will bring to Bobby Dodd Stadium Saturday.

“You’ve got some guys who have not played extensively in games before, so you are anxious to see how they will react and handle themselves,” he said Tuesday during his weekly teleconference.

Although the Yellow Jackets who were 7-5 in 2005 — return 15 starters, only five play on defense. Four of those

Kaelin making immediate impact

By KYLIE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame freshman Christina Kaelin was selected Monday as Big East Rookie of the Week, only two days after the Irish hitter put in a 24-kill performance against Bowling Green.

It was the first time an Irish player had accumulated more than 20 kills in a single match since current junior Ellen Heintzman had 22 kills in five games on Nov. 26, 2005.

Kaelin, however, set her mark in just three games.

“A week ago I didn’t know where I was going to be in the starting lineup,” Kaelin said. “I thought it was a big shock — I didn’t even know they gave out that award. It was a good honor.”

And the honor is only the start of a homecoming of sorts for the Louisville native. Born in South Bend, Kaelin moved away from the city at the age of two, but has always felt a connection with the school.

“Just growing up, (Notre Dame) was always there,” Kaelin said. “I think the fire is back.”

Two titles aren’t enough for team

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

When it comes to postseason hardware, Notre Dame women are gold diggers.

Fifteen months after outlasting UCLA 1-1 in a shootout (4-31) to bring home the program’s second national championship in 2004, the Irish are mining as hard as ever for another piece of NCAA gold.

The first time around was quite a rush, so much so that 2006 senior captain and defender Kim Lorenzen says she still can’t transform her emotions into precise words, a feeling that the players around from the 24-1-1 2004 squad are having a hard time living without.

“The perception is once you get one national championship it’s probably good enough for everyone,” Lorenzen said. “To be honest, every season is new and all teams every year are different. Now this year we have to prove to everyone that it wasn’t just a one-time thing.

Notre Dame is a top team that can do it more than once.”

Senior midfielder Jill Krivacek, then a sophomore, scored the final goal of Notre Dame’s 2004 season when her penalty kick eluded UCLA keeper Valerie Henderson, before an Erick Bohn save netted Notre Dame’s second title. The win made the Irish the first two-time champion besides North Carolina, which has won 18.

Portland equaled Notre Dame’s feat last year when the Pilots won their second title, topping the Irish 4-1 in the NCAA quarterfinals along the way. The Irish said the loss reinforced the team and reignited its ambitions.

“I think the fire is back,” Lorenzen said.