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As a response to the continuously increasing student demand for study abroad programs, a new study abroad pricing policy will go into effect in the fall of 2007.

According to Julia Braun said bathroom posters about sexual assault are not adequate enough.

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After months of planning and fundraising, the first annual dance marathon not only raised $21,047.42, but was also named Best New Marathon at the Children's Miracle Network Dance Marathon Leadership Conference 2006, which was held in Cincinnati July 14-16.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Selling out a "classic"

The last time it happened was 1996. There on the television screen was a Dirt Devil vacuum cleaner. Dancing with it was screen legend Fred Astaire. My favorite male star and fellow tap dancer was being used pithlessly to sell a vacuum cleaner.

The absurdity and outrageousness of the image did little to respect the legacy of the star and instead made me laugh. Astaire deserved so much more.

Now, imagine my horror and disgust 10 years later when Astaire's late great co-star in "Funny Face" is being similarly exploited.

I am, of course, speaking of Audrey Hepburn — my all-time favorite female star.

Audrey Hepburn, a Hollywood icon of enormous talent, grace and beauty who devoted the end of her life to saving the lives of children through UNICEF, is being used to sell black pants for Gap.

The commercial features the dance from her movie with Astaire set against A/DC's "Back in Black."

Upon seeing the ad, I was left speechless for the first time since last year's USC game.

What many do not realize is how important that dance was to Audrey.

As a child growing up in Europe, her one great love was ballet. After getting a late start on her passion in England, she had to postpone her dreams of becoming a prima ballerina when WWII broke out and her mother took her back home to Holland.

The combination of severe malnutrition from the war and not enough training led her to abandon her dancing dreams and pursue modeling and acting instead.

However, her first love would always be dance.

"Funny Face" was an opportunity for Audrey to display her true passion and to release years of pent-up energy.

Not only was she to dance with the great Fred Astaire, but she was to have a dance solo in which she could be as free and uninhibited as her own spirit. It was a dream come true and for that it was perhaps her favorite film.

Audrey, like so many other actors, hated dancing. She did it so her intimate friends as well.

Imagine her horror at seeing such a shininess to sell a vacuum cleaner.

"That girl doing the crazy dance in the Gap commercials." A/DC's "Back in Black" plays out behind her for the first time since last year's USC game.

...and I am finished. I will never watch a Gap commercial again. I will only watch Gap's ads from the 70s, when they featured Astaire and Hepburn.

Just like Astaire, Audrey deserves more than what the Gap gives. She deserves to be remembered as the person she was — the person she was and not as a ploy to sell fairly priced pants to young girls who know nothing of her beautiful life.

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Zahn

Margaret Kelly
freshman
McGillan

Sarah Barnes
sophomore
Lewis

Molly Conaty
freshman
Zahn

Tommy Osberger
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"Toledo, España, para conocer a las bonitas."

"China, so far once I won't be the shortest person in the room."

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OFFBEAT

Panda bites man and man bites panda back at zoo

BEIJING — A drunken Chinese migrant worker jumped into a panda enclosure at the Beijing Zoo, was bitten by the bear and retaliated by chopping down on the animal's back, state media said Wednesday.

Zhang Xinyan, from the central province of Henan, drank four jugs of beer at a restaurant near the zoo before visiting Gu Gu the panda on Tuesday, the Beijing Morning Post said.

"He left a sudden urge to touch the panda with his hand," and jumped into the enclosure, the newspaper said.

The panda, who was asleep, was startled and bit Zhang, 35, on the right leg, it said. Zhang got angry and kicked the panda, who then bit his other leg. A tussle ensued, the paper said.

"I bit the fellow in the back," Zhang was quoted as saying in the newspaper. "Its skin was quite thick," Zhang was hospitalized.

Hang 730: Surfers try to break world record

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Surfers around the world may complain about crowded conditions, but for dozens of South African wave riders it was the more the merrier as they lined up to break a world record by riding a single wave.

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IN BRIEF

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Dance

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marathon Francesca Johnson got the idea to start the dance marathon at Saint Mary's after attending a similar event at Indiana University Bloomington.

Kistka said she signed on to help out because she felt that it was a great cause—something the organizers witnessed firsthand when they visited the hospital last year. After winning this year's award, Johnson said she and Kistka gave themselves one weekend off before they began to plan this year's event with their achievements driving them to set an even higher level of success.

Unlike last year, marathon organizers will begin the planning process with a $500 grant from Indiana University Bloomington. They also plan to obtain corporate sponsors as additional support for the dance organizations at Saint Mary's and Notre Dame.

Several new committees have also been added, including a promotion committee whose main goals are to get the marathon's message out.

We want to really include students from Notre Dame and Holy Cross in the marathon and the planning process," Kistka said.

Plans for additional advertising of the marathon include sending out information to current and former students to spread the word. Already, some Saint Mary's students who have transferred to Notre Dame have agreed to act as liaisons for the committee, she said.

This year's marathon will be April 20, and the organizers have two major goals for the special event—"increase the amount of money raised and the number of dancers," Johnson said she hopes to have 300 dancers at the event. If every dancer who participated last year would bring just one friend, she said they would surpass their goal.

"It's staying on your feet for twelve hours for kids who care," chairwoman Sarah Voss said.

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Holy Cross College is seeking comments from the public in preparation for its evaluation by the regional accrediting agency, the Higher Learning Commission.

The college will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit by a team from the commission on October 23 to 25. The team will require the College to meet the commission's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the College. Comments should be addressed to the following:

Public Comment on Holy Cross College
The Higher Learning Commission
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400
Chicago, Illinois 60602

Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs.

Comments must be in writing and, and will not be treated as confidential.

All comments should be received by September 23.
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When Cordes arrived on campus, there was no center, and there was no Scott Howland.

"It seemed like in many ways, faculty and folks wanted to help, but they didn't necessarily know what to do," he said. "It was a learning process for all of us.

Even faculty members who have taught students with disabilities might encounter a disability they've never seen before, Tardy said. They might not understand, for example, how long a student takes just to complete a homework assignment, he said.

Understanding is just what Perspectives hopes to accomplish — while they have different challenges, disabled students are just like their peers, Penko said.

"We eat at the dining hall together and go to parties and do everything socially that other students would do," she said. "But the social life for students with disabilities like that can really bridge that gap," she said.

"Educating so they aren't afraid anymore" The final goal of Perspectives is to increase awareness among disabled students themselves.

"I wish that I had known some of whom are "actually ashamed of their disabilities," Penko said — about interacting with the community is another primary goal.

We want to educate students with disabilities about how to be open and honest, so they aren't afraid anymore," she said. "If we educate everyone, disability won't be as taboo, and people won't be ashamed.

It'll help students with disabilities realize they're unique, but it's okay to be different, and people will be understanding."
Chavez equates Bush to the devil

Venezuelan leader charges U.S. with imposing own version of democracy in Iraq

Associated Press

**UNITED NATIONS**

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez called President Bush "the devil" in a speech to the United Nations on Wednesday, making the sign of the cross in a dramatic gesture and accusing him of "taking over the whole world."

The fiery speech by the leftist leader, one of Bush's staunchest critics abroad, was harsher in tone than that of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who sparred with Bush the previous day over Tehran's disputed nuclear program but avoided any personal insults.

"Yesterday, the devil came back," Chavez said, referring to Bush's address before the U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday. "Right here. Right here. And it smells of sulfur still today, this table that I am now standing in front of."

He then made the sign of the cross, brought his hands together as if praying and looked up at the ceiling.

"Last anyone wasn't listening, Chavez continued. "Yesterday, ladies and gentlemen, from this rostrum, the president of the United States, the gentleman to whom I refer as the devil came here, acting as if he owned the world."

Chavez said: "His words drew tentative giggles at times from the audience, but also, I sense at the end of the speech and when he called the devil a word he used no fewer than eight times."

"Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Chavez's words were "not becoming for a head of state.""

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The speech was reminiscent of crusading addresses by his mentor Eidel Castro of Cuba and the late Argentine revolutionary Ernesto "Che" Guevara. In his 33-minute address, Chavez also called Bush a "spokesman of imperialism" who was trying "to preserve the current patterns of domination, exploitation and pillage of the peoples of the world."

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The Department of Defense has made it virtually impossible for anyone to check the accuracy or thoroughness of what is going on in Guantanamo," Schulz said. "The public is supposed to be able to determine these things for itself."

A spokeswoman for federal prosecutors, Lauren Dem Denough, said the government had no immediate comment.

The judge noted that some detainees have initiated hunger strikes to protest what they consider abuse, while other detainees, since released, have gone public with allegations of abuse.
Rights
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on you. They're there because they have the laws to protect neighborhood
s and, if someone calls in, the police officers have to respond."

Student body president Lizzi Shappell said students must learn how to become full members of the South Bend community — from being better neighbors to following local laws and learning their rights. It is important for students to understand the responsibilities that come with those rights without using them to "evade the law," she said.

"If students are aware of their rights as members of this community, they should also be aware of the expectations of them as members of this community," she said.

Leone said off-campus students should remember that they live within residential communities.

"I'd recommend to keep it indoors and keep it low-key," she said. "It's not the fun way to go to school, but it's the responsible way to go to school."

Both Leone and Monterrosa said students who receive citations or are arrested for offenses should always seek legal aid.

"If the charge is a misdemeanor, students can hire counsel," Monterrosa said. "If they can't afford that, then they should ask for a public defender. Under no circum-
stances should students try to handle it on their own."

Monterrosa said there are opportunities for individuals to resolve cases without pleading guilty.

"If it's a misdemeanor, it goes on your record forever, so you want to make sure you avoid that first conviction — or any conviction," he said.

Monterrosa said one way stu-
dents can avoid conviction is through the St. Joseph County pre-
trial diversion program. Established by the Prosecutor's Office, the program seeks to work with individuals with little or no criminal background who have been charged with a misdemeanor.

"The program does not 'banter pre-mud or pre-law stu-
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**IN BRIEF**

**Tax incentives decrease for Hybrids**

WASHINGTON — Tax incentives for environmentally concerned drivers shopping for certain energy-efficient hybrids will soon start disappearing like autumn leaves.

The Internal Revenue Service said Wednesday its tax collectors have been told that Toyota Motor Corp. this summer hit the legal production limit — 60,000 vehicles — that Congress imposed on vehicles eligible for tax breaks.

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Though making his first trip as treasury secretary, Paulson has visited China dozens of times as chairman of the investment bank Goldman Sachs, building extensive ties in Chinese business and political circles.

At the start of their meeting, Wu praised Paulson, saying that he "understands even more about China than many Chinese people" and called him a "true friend of China."

Paulson, while cordial, emphasized his commitment to addressing the thornier issues of China-U.S. trade relations in his new role.

"Because of the time that I have spent in China, I have learned how many common interests we have, how many interests we share, and I've also learned that some of the tensions that exist are also important and that it's very important that we find solutions to them," Paulson said.

As Paulson began his rounds in Beijing, a U.S. business group criticized new Chinese regulations that limit foreign news agencies' access to the Chinese market, saying they could impede the flow of information to Chinese banks and financial firms.

The regulations, issued last week, would bar state-run Xinhua News Agency control over the distribution of foreign news agencies' text, photos, financial and other information services.

Letting Xinhua regulate its competitors "wholly under­mines China's stated aim of creating a 'level playing field' for news media in China," the American Chamber of Commerce in China said in a statement.

Aside from the meeting with Wu, which was joined by Finance Minister Jin Renqing, Paulson was scheduled to meet other eco­nomic decision-makers as well as President Hu Jintao.

Exchange rate reform is among steps that Washington wants China to take in order to cut its trade gap with the United States, which last year reached $202 billion and is expected to top that this year.

Paulson, however, has said that he expects such reforms to take time.

**U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Chinese Vice Premier Wu YI embrace after opening the bilateral talks on Chinese trade and exchange rates in Beijing.**

Associated Press

**BP puts $3 billion in Indiana refinery**

Company officials announced in October they were considering upgrading either the Whiting or Texas City, Texas, refinery to turn Canadian oilsands into gasoline. U.S. Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman said in July that production from Canada's vast oil sands deposits could have a "profound" effect on energy security in the United States.

"It's a good move for the country because it will diversify energy sup­ply," Hodge said. "It will do more for you than planting an acre of corn in Iowa and turning it into ethanol."

Construction was tentatively scheduled to begin in 2007 and be completed by 2011, pending regulatory approvals.
The Observer

Ode to the ushers

So, we lost last weekend. Bummer. There are other things that are bummer, too. In fact, some of these bumm­ers also occur in the football stadium, but they have little to do with football. Like when a bunch of drunken guys, celebrating in raucous Dionysian manner, stumble into the student section and do their best to make sure the words most closely associated with the Notre Dame student section are: "drunk," "stupid," and "annoying." Thankfully, there is somebody who stands bravely against the smashed stupidity of these game-spouting drunkards. More than one somebody. I'm referring, of course, to the Notre Dame stadium ushers.

I know some students have a less-than-amiable view of these stadium attendants. They see the ushers as harbingers of terror, roaming around the stadium with sinister intent, ready to swoop down and strike furious vengeance on any helpless student who just wants to partake in a few pre-game, during-the-game and post-game festivities. Titans of terror. Golden-coated curtailers of freedom. Big Brooder, watching your every move. These yellow-jacketed storm troopers of doom represent the hypocrisy of this University's fascist regime. Or conversely, some of our Lady's loyal sons and daughters think those bumbling old bearded men are bitter, sad fools whose sole enjoyment left is to hang around the football stadium and catch a free viewing of the game. Heck, they probably even went to Boston College.

Not so, my friends. Not so. Well, I can't say for sure about the Boston College part, but I can assure you that the rest of that caricature is more grotesquely inaccurate than the average Notre Dame student was ham­mered after last weekend's loss. It turns out these ushers are anything but sinister, sad, bitter or vengeful. In reality, these dedicated men and women are one of the primary reasons a game at Notre Dame Stadium is a unique experience.

Even before the Stadium ever opens, these faithful shepherds are helpful sources of information, poster-boy (and girl) advocates for the University, dedicated to their jobs. We (hopefully) don't have to ask directions to the Stadium, but for thousands of visitors to campus, the ushers are always there to safely guide them in the sacred grounds of Notre Dame football. You can see them every home football Saturday before the game, grabbing a hot dog or steak sandwich on the way to the Stadium (and supporting student groups, I might add). They'll be happy to give directions, lend a hand, and even join in the spontaneous student cheers across campus.

And that's hours before kickoff. When game time actually nears, these ushers are swarming all over the place, guiding frail old alumni, confused visiting fans and disoriented students to their appropriate sections. Supposedly, Notre Dame has about twice as many ushers as most other college stadiums. This dedication to providing a good time translates into an enjoyable experience for all fans and students alike at the games. Any time some idiot in the stands breaks open a beer can over his head, tries to drunkenly crawl over the railing to a closer tunnel exit, or shouts violent ethnic slurs at opposing teams' fans, an usher is somewhere nearby to help defuse the situation and remind everybody to keep calm and enjoy the game.

These ushers do not abuse their authority or try to "ruin the fun." I have never seen an usher in any way overstep his or her bounds or go after a student with malignant intent. They are always there to hand out high-fives and a "Irish" on your way to sit down, to protect kids from their bumbling drunken selves when they try to do push-ups and to kindly remove inebriated imbibles from the stands — for which I am thankful.

And how do we repay these dedicated men and women? By leaving dirty beer cans in the stands, feeling clever when we sneak out over a railing, and whining when our God-given marshmallow throwing privileges are called into question (let's not bring up that dispute again). Not all students are like this, by any means, but more of this goes on than the ushers really deserve.

The next time you're in the Stadium, make a point to thank your usher for all his or her service, because we are the ones that benefit from their hard work. Some of them do it for a weekend job. Some do it because they love Notre Dame football. Some do it because they enjoy the dedicated fans and the experience of helping them out. Almost all of them enjoy being around the energetic crowd sections of a game. No matter what their reasons, none of them are the boil-the-beverage element sometimes make them out to be. All of them are helpful, informative, and just fun to spend a game with. They are all valuable members of the Notre Dame community and the Notre Dame experience.

We need a new golden sign for the television advertisement, which reads: "Usher Like A Champion Today." James Dechant is a junior English and theology major. Questions, comments and rude remarks can be sent to jdechant@nd.edu. The views expressed in this article are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
The unpoppular topic of overpopulation

As a counter-response to the bally of attacks on Liza Coffey’s Sept. 14 column “Big families equals big trouble,” I wish to correct the numerous conceptual and factual errors that were put forth as both intellectually and emotionally sound, if somewhat overstated argument.

Tim Wymore makes the assertion that “while natural resources are finite, our ability to manipulate them can humanly limit its energetic consumption on a daily basis to the energetic input in terms of primary solar radiation for that day.”

We are currently consuming bio-solar energy stored over the millennia as fossil fuels far above any sustainable level and in the process liberating vast quantities of sequestered carbon into the atmosphere and contributing to global climate change. Additionally, Wymore’s reference to the “tremendous improvements in farming techniques” needs to be high-lighted as a contributory factor in the global population crisis turned out to be inaccurate, although not altogether un-instructive. The application of industrial fertilizer has led to significantly higher crop yields and enabled the population explosion but has also resulted in profound global nutrient pollution, such as the annual hypoxic “dead zone” the size of Texas in the Gulf of Mexico. This is a direct result of improvements in farming techniques. When Wymore makes the claim that the human population has never been better fed, he is certainly sure that Coffey supports the concept of large adopted families) with an emotionally charged insult of his own that the concept of a system with a continually increasing population has never been better fed, he is certainly speaking in terms of percentages and not in terms of actual numbers of those underfed, a claim ironically penned on a day coincident with the University’s Forum on world health issues.

Gardener’s claim that a reduced population growth in North America and Europe is tantamount to a “civilizational suicide” of the West is absurd. If only it were true then perhaps the at times unrealistic standard of living set by American families wishing to live in gated communities of gigantic houses over an hour’s commute by SUV away from their work would not be a global standard for emulation. Maintaining a zero population growth at the already high current population is truly the only reasonable action. On the pre-production age mortality rate, this translates into a replacement rate of 2.3 offspring for every couple. Certainly failure is correct when he states that the danger of human extinction is not imminent, highlighting an over-dramatization in Coffey’s article: however, responding to a misunderstanding of hers (I’m sure that Coffey supports the concept of large adopted families) with an emotionally charged insult of his own is unpersuasive at best.

The conceptually suspect yet pervasively held ideal of an over-expanding economy is one of the primary motivators for a growing population. On the supply side it keeps labor costs down, which from the perspective of the American laborer has led to unremittent outsourcing of jobs to Asia. As an ironic example of this, China has recently relaxed its population control measures in an attempt to turn up and make some noise then please sell your home to pay my tuition or hold out for a win?

Seniors, on Sept. 30 against Purdue, if you’re not going to turn up and make some noise then please sell your home to pay my tuition or hold out for a win?

Tom Bradley
Kenny Cashing
Sept. 18

Support the team or hold out for a win?

Football is about victories

Over the last few days, several students have written to The Observer expressing their disappointment in the student section’s behavior at the Michigan game. We share this disappointment.

We are disappointed that the student section blindly cheers on the football team regardless of what is happening on the field. We are some of the seniors that left early and are some of the most fervent Notre Dame fans in the world. We could no longer stand to watch our beloved squad being dragged all over the field. We follow our team all year, give 100 percent at every home game and travel to several away games to cheer our team “toward to victory”. We don’t simply go to have fun, wear the band play and partake in tradition. Winning is what football is all about. Winning is fun. And winning, at Notre Dame is tradition. We wear “The Shirt” proudly with “TRADITION” across our chests. There are a few coaches missing from the back of the shirt—Gerry Faust, Bob Davie and Ty Willingham—who coaches did not uphold the tradition of winning.

Notre Dame is the nation’s most followed football team not because of golden helmets or a great fight song, but because we have traditionally been the best team in the land. Whenever we lose as badly as we did Saturday, we violate that tradition. We have all witnessed some “untraditionally” bad losses throughout our time at Notre Dame. We were all at the 52-20 Florida State thrashing freshman year. We all walked out early. Not a single one of us regrets doing so. We were embarrassed that the tradition of Notre Dame Football was not upheld on the field. We were embarrassed on Saturday, and we know the players felt the same way.

The way we love Notre Dame Football is very similar to the way many of our parents love us. If one of us were ever to come home with a report card littered with Fs, our parents would not applaud our failures and do a jig around the house. We will not stay and cheer with smiling faces during a beat-down. We need to remember that 80,000 people pack Notre Dame Stadium every week to watch their team win. Winning is what football is all about. Ask Charlie Weis.

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Read what we can’t print — become a copy editor for Viewpoint.

Enroll in a viewpoint class in the fall.
Lostprophets mesh genres in ‘Transmission’

By ANALISE LIPARI
Assistant Scene Editor

In their latest release, Welsh rockers Lostprophets have evolved their sound from heavy metal to referential alternative. "Liberation Transmission," the band’s third studio album, calls to mind shades of Duran Duran, the Clash, and even Fall Out Boy in its most accessible release yet.

Consisting of Ian Watkins, Jamie Oliver, Lee Gaze, Mike Lewis and Stuari Richardson, Lostprophets have made a conscious effort in their latest release to get back to their roots.

"From our parents, we grew up on pop music, but we were also into Metallica and Megadeth, and when you’re 19 years old all you want to do is play heavy stuff, and that’s easier to do as well," Watkins said in a recent interview with MTV.com. "But this time we decided to strip some of the stuff down and let the songs really stand out. It’s not about thrashy riffs anymore, it’s about taking elements from the stuff we listened to growing up and using that to make better songs."

Watkins continued, "Already having debuted at No. 1 in the UK, "Liberation Transmission" was released on Sept. 31 in the United States and debuted at No. 33 on the Billboard charts.

The opening track, "Everyday Combat," is among the most metal-sounding of the songs, and acts as a bridge for their older fans into their developing sound. With strong vocals, heavy percussion and a repetitive chorus, "Combat" harkens back to their earlier days in a way that leaves room for the changes to come.

Beginning with the second track, "A Town Called Hypocrisy," Lostprophets demonstrate their new musicology. Calling to mind the angularity of glam punk found in bands like The Clash, "Hypocrisy" blends the sensibilities of modern and punk-looking into a West Coast sound with "Rooftops," leaving both old and new fans of the Welsh band with little to fault.

This trend in musical blending and evolution continues with "The New Transmission" and "Rooftops," where both pointed vocals and distinctive guitar riffs call to mind the better days of Eve 6. Particularly on "Rooftops," listeners are hearing a new part of their sound for the group—it’s a little less metal, a little more pop, and in a way that stays true to the essence of the group.

Other standout tracks include "Can’t Stop, Gotta Date With Hate," whose hook and lyrics are so addictive that they warrant multiple listens immediately. "Everyday’s Screaming!" is a solid rock track with hints of Arctic Monkeys blended with smoother vocals, and "4:AM Forever," a subtle reflection in the vein of an Inurbs-type sound.

"Always All Ways," the album’s final track, represents the sum of their musical evolution, as it’s the most glaringly different from "Everyday Combat." It’s as though the band has tracked their evolution through the progress of the album, and closing on "Always All Ways" lends the band both a speculative ballad and a reference to their past.

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Lostprophets, a Welsh rock group, perform their unique brand of heavy metal crossed with modern emo music in Britain while promoting their new album.

Hopeful Nevertheless struggles on debut album

By MARTY SCHROEDER
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There was a train of cookie cutter pop-punk that stormed through the highways of musirond in the early 2000s. Nevertheless missed the train and hopped on the midnight bus. If only they had never gotten on.

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Chipotle comes to town, with free burritos

By SEAN SWEANY
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The choices are simple. Fajita or burrito? Black beans or pinto? Chicken, steak or carnitas? Hot, medium or mild? Sour cream, cheese or lettuce? Perhaps a splash of guacamole for extra flavor?

The result is delicious. A personalized, mouthwatering Chipotle creation made from fresh ingredients right in front of your eyes. For those who have enjoyed Chipotle food before, a description and thoughts of such a meal may cause a rumbling in the stomach. For others who have not experienced the joy of a Chipotle meal, this may sound like unnecessary hype and praise for such a seemingly simple concept as a burrito.

With the opening of South Bend's first Chipotle, however, the uninformed need remain that way no longer. Access to what the company itself calls, "A complete, four-course meal in a tidy totilla carrying pouch" is now available to all who can ferry themselves out to Grape Road.

The success of Chipotle took some by surprise, but has most certainly not gone unnoticed. Conceived as a more casual fast-food establishment than, say, McDonald's or Burger King, Chipotle has enjoyed wild success in its meteoric rise as a prominent restaurant chain. Other competitors including Wendy's and other smaller corporations have launched competing fast-food establishments the world over to capitalize on the Chipotle phenomenon.

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Restaurant praised for its all-around sophistication

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

Everyone knows about Chipotle and everyone knows that one is going to open on Main St. this Friday. However, not everyone may know that the founder, Steve Ellis, is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and New York University. The beginnings of Chipotle are the stuff that dreams are made of — fast-food dreams. The restaurants themselves, while no longer. A accesses to what the company itself calls, "A complete, four-course meal in a tidy totilla carrying pouch" is now available to all who can ferry themselves out to Grape Road.

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While the guacamole is excellent, the attention and care that Chipotle employees lavish on the other ingredients such as marinated chicken and slow roasted pork are equally as good. Various types of salsa — from mild to very hot — garnish each creation with a mouth-watering, eye-watering taste that gives one the same feeling after every bite. It is this taste present in every menu item that keeps customers coming back for more.

With the opening of South Bend's first Chipotle, especially since free burritos are being given away today, Sophomore Anthony Ashley has never been to a Chipotle. However, upon hearing about the restaurant and today's giveaways indicated he would like to give Chipotle a try.

"Free burritos and spicy goodness sounds good to me," Ashley said.

As the Chipotle craze sweeps campus, others who have not experienced the sensation will no doubt be joining the bandwagon along with Ashley.

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And for today, at least membership is free.

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HOUSTON — The Houston Astros fans gave Roger Clemens a warm send-off after the Rocket delivered one more performance to remember.

Clemens pitched six scoreless innings in his final home start of the season for win No. 348 to lead the Houston Astros to a 7-2 win over the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday.

The 44-year-old Clemens will have two more scheduled starts this season — and possibly forever at Philadelphia on Monday and at Atlanta on Sept. 30.

Clemens won't say what he'll do beyond that.

“It's definitely a challenge physically and mentally every year,” he said. “If it is, I'll come back and play. I want to be able to perform.

“I don't have a handle being average,” said Clemens, who lowered his 2006 ERA to 2.37. "I guess there's a time when you know and I thought that was three years ago. But I had to come back and really challenge myself to get it done.”

Luke Scott had a three-run triple and a solo homer and Craig Biggio hit a three-run triple and a solo homer as the Astros won for just the third time in 10 games, a slide that has left them with fading hopes in the wild-card race. The Astros were 6-12 games behind the wild-card leaders coming into the game.

Clemens (7-5) struck out six and allowed three hits with three walks. He did not yield an earned run for the fourth time this season and allowed fewer than three for the 15th time in starts.

Before he threw his first pitch, catcher Brad Ausmus met him at the mound and thanked him for a memorable 2-1 season with the Astros.

“I personally hope that it isn't,”zoomed, “but catching Roger has been a highlight of my career. He's the ultimately prepared professional and certainly a first-ballot Hall of Fame player.”

Clemens walked out for the seventh, and Astros manager Phil Garner came out before he threw a pitch and replaced him with Russ Springer.

The fans stood for a roaring ovation and Clemens tipped his cap as he walked off the field. “He wasn't going to pitch anymore,” said Garnie, who didn't say what inning things played out, everything came together for that moment. The fans’ reaction was unbelievable and Roger's reaction to that was just as special.

The cheering continued and Clemens came out for a curtain call, shirt untucked, pumping his fist in the air before disappearing into the dugout. “That's what it's been about since I've been home,” he said. “Obviously, winning and making it enjoyable for our fans at home.”

Reds starter Bronson Arroyo (14-10) lost for first time in five starts, giving up seven hits and striking out four in 3-1-3 innings. The Reds have also slipped from view in the wild-card race, entering the day tied behind the fifth.

San Francisco 7, Colorado 4

Colorado's Brad Hawpe pinch hit, run-scoring single in the eighth broke a tie game and helped San Francisco snap a four-game losing streak during a win over the Colorado Rockies on Wednesday.

The Giants entered Wednesday's contest trailing San Diego by five games in the NL West and Los Angeles by 4 1/2 games in the wild-card race. They had lost six of their last eight.

The Giants entered the eighth with two on base and scored five times on six hits off four different Colorado pitchers.

Ray Durham's double scored Todd Linden to tie the game and Bonds' single one-upped pinch-runner Fred Lewis. Durham was thrown out at the plate on the play by Brad Hawpe.

Green followed with a two-run triple off the wall and then scored on Moises Alou's double.

Brian Wilson (2-3) got the win and Manuel Corpas, who hadn't given up a run in his last eight outings, took the loss. Corpas (1-2) gave up three runs without recording an out.

Mike Stanton worked the ninth for his eighth save in 10 chances with the Giants, getting a double play with two on base to end it.

Jason Schmidt, who skipped his start last Friday due to tightness in his lower back, tied a season-high with seven walks. He was pulled after walking J.D. Closser following Hawpe's triple. Brad Hennery cut slim Barmes to ground out to end the inning.

Colorado added a run in the bottom of the eighth with a Cary Smith drive in Jeff Salazar with a double.

Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 2

Wyatt Walker hit a leadoff double, Tampa Bay snapped a seven-game, nine-game losing streak Wednesday, hitting a tiebreaking two-run homer in the eighth inning in the Devil Rays' win over the Baltimore Orioles.

Greg Norton drew a one-out walk off Rodrigo Lopez (9-17) before Walker went 4-2 with his 21st homer — the 16th that has either tied a game or put Tampa Bay ahead.

Seth McCalgin (6-6) pitched 1-3 1-3 innings for the win.

Chris Gomez pulled the Orioles even at 2 in the top of the eighth with an RBI single off Joe Seo. The Tampa Bay starter, who allowed two runs and seven hits in 7-2-3 innings, is 0-1 with seven decisions in eight starts since July 29.

Wigginton and Jorge Cantu opened the seventh with singles off Hayden Penn, who had given up one run and one hit through six innings. After Kevin Witt struck out, Doner Navarro singled to load the bases.

Tomas Perez, mired in a 9- for-62 slide, popped out for the second out.

Baldelli got the Devil Rays first hit of the season, a diving Gomez at third. Lopez, the major league loss leader, replaced Penn and got an inning-ending grounder from Delmon Young to keep Baltimore within one run.

Pena gave up two runs and five hits in 6-2-3 innings. He had allowed 22 runs and 24 hits over 7-1-3 innings in his previous three starts this season.

The right-hander's longest outing during that stretch was 2-3 innings.

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**NCAA Basketball**

William Holmes, center, is escorted by authorities to the Allegheny County Jail Wednesday in Pittsburgh. Holmes will be arraigned on multiple charges related to the shooting of five Duquesne basketball players.

**Second shooter turns self into police**

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — A second man charged in a shooting that wounded five Duquesne University basketball players turned himself in Wednesday, police said.

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Holmes is the third person arrested in Sunday’s shooting after a dance at the private, Roman Catholic university. Two of the wounded players remained hospitalized.

**In Brief**

**Embattled referee takes year off after blowing call**

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — The instant replay official whose failure to overturn a bad call helped Oregon beat Oklahoma has been granted a leave of absence for the remainder of the football season by the Pac-10.

The league announced Wednesday that official Gordon Riese, who has already been suspended for a game by the Pac-10, requested a leave of absence.

Because Pac-10 replay officials work in crews, replay assistant Roger Judj would also not work any more games this season.

"Gordon Riese had a distinguished 28-year career as a Pac-10 official and, with the exception of Saturday, had done a fine job as a replay official," Pac-10 commissioner Tom Hansen said. "He is an individual with impeccable officiating credentials and unquestioned integrity. We look forward to his return next season."

**Red Raiders coach questions players' hearts, desire**

DURANGO, Texas — Texas Tech coach Mike Leach ripped into his players following a 12-3 loss to TCU last week, blaming the defeat on what he said were "prima donnas" who have "gotten soft."

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**Hoosiers hope to improve outdated athletic facilities**

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana University trustees will vote this week on a proposed $55 million project aimed at making the Hoosiers’ athletic facilities competitive with others in the Big Ten Conference.

Athletic director Rick Greenspan presented plans and architectural renderings Wednesday to the university’s Board of Trustees. The board will vote on the project Friday.

If approved, the project would include a new basketball practice facility, improvements to IU’s football stadium and a new baseball and softball complex.

IU president Adam Herbert said such improvements are long overdue.

"Our athletic facilities are probably the worst in the Big Ten," he said. "It’s simply my view that we must correct this fundamental deficiency."
MLB
Rose plans to sell apology baseballs

Ex-Cincinnati coach will auction off 30 signed balls online

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — For the right price, Pete Rose is willing to write on a baseball that he’s sorry.

The bets king unveiled his latest marketing venture Wednesday on his Web site. For $299, plus $4.99 shipping and handling, fans can order a baseball inscribed “I’m sorry I bet on baseball” along with Rose’s autograph.

The offering came two days after an auction house condemned that 30 baseballs inscribed the same way would be available for bid next April.

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Football fever takes center stage tonight

PW and Pangborn gear up for 8 p.m. rematch at Riehle

By MATT HOPKE and JOHN TIERNEY
Staff Writers

Forget the "Feve." All the Thursday night dancing will be on the gridiron tonight at Riehle West Field as Pangborn battles Pasquerilla West at 8 p.m. in a rematch of last year's championship game.

The intensity for the replay of PW's 13-0 championship victory headed up after both the Phoxes and the defending champion Purple Weasels put up strong wins in their opening games.

Pasquerilla West put on a show last weekend, destroying the Babes of Breen-Phillips 20-0. The offensive explosion was due in large part to captain Mo Spring's two touchdown receptions.

"We came out strong last week but we weren't perfect," Spring said. "We hope to continue to improve every week."

Pangborn also posted a win in its season opener, beating Farley's Finest 6-0. Most teams spread the first week working out the kinks, but the Phoxes have a roster full of juniors and seniors that know about big game experience.

"We played pretty well last week, and we've been practicing a lot so we feel pretty good about the game against PW," Pangborn captain katie Riemersma said. "We're returning most of our players from last year, so we're pretty excited about the rematch."

A win tonight would put either team on top of the Gold League with a 2-0 record. The added bonus for Pangborn would be some revenge for the shutout they suffered in the stadium last season.

"I think we're going to beat them," Riemersma said. "We're definitely good enough to beat them."

Howard vs. Breen-Phillips

Howard and Breen-Phillips enter tonight's 9 p.m. matchup at Riehle West Field on two opposite paths, with BP looking to rebound after a shutout loss Sunday and Howard looking to keep its momentum going after a shutout win.

Howard defeated Lewis 6-0 Sunday on a first-half touchdown pass from Sheena Keitchum to Megan Savage. While the Duck defense was stifled most of the game, the big-play capability it showed early on was enough. Howard held on to the lead and the victory thanks to dominating defensive play.

Meanwhile, BP lost 20-0 to defending Interhall champions Pasquerilla West. TheBP offense leaked into spots and moved the ball efficiently, but was unable to make the big plays needed to score. The offense improved in the game's waning moments, while the defense forced a turnover off an interception in the second half.

The Ducks plan to stick to their defensive game plan from Sunday, but hope that their offense will pick up more of the load. Offensively, Howard wants to get off to another fast start against BP.

"Getting the touchdown in the first half was huge, and we would like to do the same on Thursday," Ducks captain Catherine Krug said.

However, Krug also emphasized Howard's need to be more consistent offensively.

"The plan is to not be content with just one touchdown. We found out some things that worked offensively, and some things that didn't," she said. "So we plan on building on that to create a more consistent attack."

While on the surface, BP's loss to PW appears potentially crippling, the fact that the Babes played well in the second half to the defending champions and early favorites should be encouraging.

BP can still rebound to make the Gold League playoffs if it wins Thursday.

A win for Howard, meanwhile, will put the Ducks at 2-0 and headed toward a playoff spot.

McGill vs. Lewis

The McGill Shamrocks will open their season against the Chicks of Lewis tonight at 7 p.m. on Riehle West Field.

Though the contest will be McGill's opener, captain Madeline Boyer remains confident.

"We're not too worried that they have played a game and we haven't," Boyer said. "We just need to put into play everything we practiced."

Lewis (0-1) suffered a close loss to Howard in a game where one score was the difference. The 4-0 shutout only gives the Chicks more incentive to come out firing on all cylinders tonight, said captain Mia De La Rosa.

"We played OK in our first game. We just came out on the short end," De La Rosa said. "We tried our best in practice to fix the problems."

Foremost among the Chicks' troubles is putting points on the board. Despite generating a couple lengthy drives, Lewis finished its first game without a score something the Shamrock defense loves to hear.

"We have a really good defense," Boyer said. "From what I heard, Lewis didn't score last week. Our goal is to make sure they don't score again."

One major issue Lewis and McGill will try to sort out is what to do with a boatload of freshmen, as both captains are quick to admit that their teams are short on experience.

"It is hard to predict how our team will do this year because it's a completely new squad," Boyer said. "From what I heard, McGill have a lot of freshmen but they're very enthusiastic."

The same seems to be true for the Chicks.

"We just have to put our freshmen used to the pace of the game," De La Rosa said. "We just have to make it in the top four to be in the playoffs. That's our goal right now."

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as we wanted to, but it was a great experience for me at my first tournament," Fortner said. "I think I showed that I fit in at this level ... at least a little."

Filho, Santos-Ocampo and Willis travel to West Chicago, Ill., to compete in a 'B' team event next Monday and Tuesday at DePaul's John Dallio Memorial Tournament.

"It's going to be nice to see how we fare in a tournament like this," said Filho, who hails from Brazil but has lived in the United States for the past four years, "It should be fun."

Fortner said. "We know we have to practice hard. Everyone has to earn his spot."

Filho Irish golfer

Olavo Filho

Santos-Ocampo, of Naples, Fla., about his first official college event.

"It's a good chance for us to get back to competition," said Filho, who had missed the CSI tournament.

"They've been working hard," Filho said. "Everyone has to practice hard," Filho said. "Everyone has to earn his spot."

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Scoring

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Irish senior captain Greg Dalby slides a goal past DePaul keepr Brian Visser in Notre Dame's 3-0 victory Aug. 10 at Alumni Field.

at the exact midpoint of the regular season, the Irish are in danger of slipping from national championship contender to merely good to maybe even mediocre. If the Irish have aspirations to be an elite team again — they were ranked No. 8 two weeks ago — the shots have got to start finding the back of the net.

Technically, Notre Dame did find it once, on a Matt Bedell header off of a corner kick in the 41st minute, but that was negated because of a pushing foul that happened away from the play.

The problem remains how to unlock that potential, and, in doing so, how to score.

The Irish, however, will need more than just confidence to turn things around.

While, in all fairness, it can be tough to find the answer to an offense that is barely problematic, the Irish need to find a way to finish its chances if it plans on moving out of sixth place in the Big East.

Ultimately, in an environment where everything boils downs to the win-loss columns, Clark has accurately addressed where his team stands.

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has the most possessions or the most shots that win, it’s the
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Notre Dame almost found itself on the wrong side of the
scoreboard in the first over-
time despite controlling the
pace. Northern Illinois senior
Justin McGrane put a low
cross in from the end-line
where teammate Marcus
McLarty’s touch took him
past his defender. Only a
reflex save from Irish senior
goalkeeper Chris Cahill kept
McGrane’s shot from giving
the Huskies the victory.

“Cahill made a very good
save on McGrane,” Clark said.
“If that shot goes in, we
lose a game that we dominat-
ed, and that’s happened to us
a couple of times already this
season.”

Notre Dame had its share of
chances in overtime as well.
Its best opportunity came in
the 105th minute when
Lapira threaded a through ball
to fellow forward Justin
McGeeney. Northern Illinois
sophomore keeper Joe Zimka
came sliding out to clear the
ball, which went straight to
the feet of Lapira. Lapira shot
the ball toward the empty
net, but Huskies defender
Josh Karsien came flying
back to clear the ball off the
line.

Although the Irish created
chances in regulation time,
they were hindered by
Northern Illinois’ 4-5-1 for-
mations, which allowed the
Huskies to put most of their
players back on defense and
counter-attack.

“[Their formation] forced us
to keep working the ball and
to be patient,” Clark said.
“You ended up with 21
players in one half of the
field. There wasn’t a lot of
space.”

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defense for the team’s continued
success.

“Our attack has been more
balanced this year. We have
quite a few players that can put
the ball down,” Schroeder-Biek
said. “And our back court has
done a nice job keeping the ball
alive for the offense.”

Setter Amanda David was one
of those players, making several
key plays to keep the Belles
afloat.

Senior outside hitter Kristen
Playko posted her 11th double-
double of the year with a 15-kill,
22-dig performance. Freshman
outside hitter Lorna Stupczynski
also had a double-double, her
seventh of the season, with 13
kills and 10 digs. Sophomore
middle back Cathy Kurczak
added 11 kills while senior libero
Anne Ganack tallied 21 digs.

The Belles host Calvin College
in another conference matchup
Friday at 6:30 p.m.

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Saint Mary’s senior outside hitter Kristen Playko, left, sends
the ball over the net during the Belles’ 3-0 win Wednesday as
senior setter Amanda Davis watches.

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8. Two-player activity
9. Executive airport planter
10. Colorful hands
12. Come clean
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16. Form animal station
17. Get in the comic "Baby Blues"
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24. Musician
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Irish play to scoreless draw after two overtimes

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Junior Joseph Lapira was inches away from giving the Irish a hard-fought victory over Northern Illinois Wednesday night at Alumni Field. But the Huskies’ most important defender was their crossbar, which stopped Lapira’s shot and preserved the double-overtime, 0-0 tie.

In the 116th minute, Lapira received a pass outside the 18-yard line, pushed the ball past his defender and unleashed a shot that had the keeper beat. The ball ricocheted back off the iron, as the Irish missed their best chance to wrestle away victory.

Notre Dame’s lack of scoring was certainly not because of a lack of opportunities. Notre Dame outshot Northern Illinois 24 to 7, (15 to 4 shots on goal) in the second half and two overtimes. The Irish also told the edge in corner kicks by a 10-to-3 margin.

“We had some very good chances that we didn’t take,” Irish coach Bobby Clark said. “If you watch soccer, it’s not always the team that

Irish senior goalkeeper Chris Cahill grabs a save to preserve the 0-0 draw against Northern Illinois Wednesday. Cahill made two saves in the tie.