Jenkins emphasizes importance of values

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

In an effort to reach all members of the University community, administrators conducted four Town Hall sessions for Notre Dame staff today and Wednesday, emphasizing each worker's role in achieving the institution's academic and spiritual success.

"This is a chance for us just to speak to you generally about the University, thank you for your efforts and talk about where we want to go in the future," said University President Father John Jenkins, who delivered a similar — but more academically focused — address to faculty members Tuesday.

Student Senate

Shappell discusses meeting with Council

City officials defend ordinance amendment

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

Student government leaders came to Wednesday's Senate meeting fresh from debating sticking points of the city's disorderly house ordinance with members of the South Bend Common Council — but the conversation ultimately did not result in the removal of the provost Tom Burish addresses members of the Notre Dame staff Wednesday during one of four Town Hall meetings.

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Student body leaders Bill Andrichik and Lizzi Shappell attend the Common Council meeting.

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Deere CEO speaks at Berges Lecture Series

By STEVE KERINS
News Writer

In today's corporate climate, it's the task of company leaders to develop, implement and maintain their organization's commitment to ethical practices, a business executive said Wednesday.

Robert W. Lane, chairman and chief executive officer of Deere and Company, delivered the third lecture in this year's Berges Lecture Series, which addresses issues of ethics in business.

"Lané devoted a large portion of his presentation — which was entitled "No Smoke, No Mirrors: Straight Down the Middle" — to outlining the role of business leaders both in promoting an ethical culture within their own companies and in restoring public faith in business.

"Frankly, these recent situations in the United States are very disappointing," Lané said, referring to the wave of imports that1 is one of the fast food chain's biggest sellers.

Campus Subway tops U.S. sales

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

Though it occupies only a small niche in LaFortune, Notre Dame's campus Subway is one of the fast food chain's biggest sellers.

Notre Dame's Subway is ranked very highly in sales both regionally and nationally, according to Dave Prentkowski, director of Food Services.

"During the regular academic year Notre Dame Subway is typically the number one sales store in the geographic region we are part of..." (which includes northern Indiana) ... 

Assistant News Editor

By AMANDA MICHAELS

Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves grounded the otherwise ideologically lofty Town Hall meetings held today and Wednesday for Notre Dame staff in more concrete specifics, explaining employee performance initiatives, University budgetary concerns and campus construction plans.

"The most frustrating thing for many of you is that you work at Notre Dame, but find out about many projects from the newspaper instead of us, so I want to give you a sense of what's going on over next year," Affleck-Graves said.

As part of an effort to make university joins new OpenCourseWare site

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame has joined a group of universities from around the world offering materials for some of their courses free of charge via the Internet.

At the invitation of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Notre Dame signed on to the OpenCourseWare Consortium, launching its own OpenCourseWare website Sept. 20. The site currently features materials for only eight courses, but the University plans to eventually post materials for 30 courses during the year-long pilot program.

While MIT ultimately intends to offer materials for all of its 1,000-plus courses, other American universities are featuring the courses for which they are best known. For Johns Hopkins, that means medical school courses; for Harvard, law school courses; and for Notre Dame, courses on something the Consortium feels Notre Dame does best.

"MIT and the other members of the consortium found Notre Dame's focus on courses having to do with the "human condition," in the broad sense, very appealing," and a very valuable addition to the overall OpenCourseWare movement," said Alexander Rahn, director of the Kanel Center for Teaching and Learning. The
INSIDE COLUMN

Television without pity

At the beginning of the evening, I was going to write a serious Inside Column. Serious commentary about a serious subject. Something about being disturbed by the Career Fair being completely dominated by hardcore business majors, and the Post-Graduate Service Fair frighteningly overrun with missionaries. It even had a title: "Fair is Fair?"

But now it's rounding on 1 a.m., I still have to finish helping put today's news section together and I know better than to try writing scathing social commentary when I can't think straight. So, though I promised myself I would never publish mindless drivel under my name, I don't have much of a choice anymore.

Televisionwithoutpity.com. For anyone that loves your TV with a hefty serving of unbridled sarcasm, this is your Web site. Staffed by a slew of "freelance recappers," each with their own special ability to turn a phrase, its motto is: "Stop the snark, spoil the networks."

The most popular shows on television are recappered weekly, and then archived for future perusing pleasure. It's an absolutely perfect way to procrastinate — even an episode you've already seen seems new under the sarcastic stars of TWOP's staff.

I use it to follow the shows I love but can't get at Notre Dame — mainly, "Project Runway," which I'm too cheap to pay $1.99 for on iTunes — and the newly-added "Studio Networks."

Amanda Michaels
Assistant News Editor

IN BRIEF

Former Indiana Congress­man and Majority Whip John Brademas will be sharing his experience and answering questions in a talk entitled, "How to Effect Change in Government." It will take place today at 3 p.m. in the Dooley Room of LaFortune. The event is sponsored by the Notre Dame College Democrats.

A panel discussion: "The War in Iraq: What Now?" will take place today at 12:30 p.m. at the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The event includes faculty panelists George Lopez, Ken Lieber, Dan Lundley and Jerry Powers and will be moderated by speech­writer to President Clinton, Heather Hurbut.

Another installment of the "pizza, Pop and Politics" series will take place tonight at 5:30 in Coleman/Morse with "The Midterm Elections and the War in Iraq: A Conversation with Foreign Policy Expert Heather Hurbut."

A lecture entitled Pope Benedict XVI in Regensburg "The Catholic Church and Islam: Allies or Adversaries?" will take place today from 4:30 p.m. to 6 in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The Junior Class Council invites all students to join 80 children from Boys and Girls Club at Stepan Center today from 3:30 p.m. to 6 for an afternoon of fun and games at the inaugural Community Kickoff Carnival.

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

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Guest lecturer discusses Central Asia
Speaker from London School of Economics addresses political, social instability

By MAUREEN MULLEN
News Writer

Anna Matveeva, associate fellow at the Crisis State Research Centre of the London School of Economics, spoke Wednesday at the Hesburgh Center on Thursday, September 28, 2006, about the main factors of instability in Central Asia’s international community as played for Peacebuilding,” Matveeva identified Security in Central Asia: Opportunities Central Asia’s potential for London School of Economics, spoke the Crisis State Research Centre of the Speaker from London School of Economics addresses political, social instability some of the countries of what is now not Afghanistan may be included as a cited a debate concerning whether or and will continue to play in the region. To begin her talk, Matveeva defined the countries that compose Central Asia as Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. She also cited a debate concerning whether or not Afghanistan may be included as a Central Asian country. 

"[Afghanistan’s] people ethnically, culturally, historically are related to some of the countries of what is now Central Asia,” she said.

Matveeva said Central Asian countries are “Third World countries but not with Third World populations” and “nations which are in urgent need of development.” Most of the countries are afflicted with “low living standards, growing infant mortality, growing problems of poverty and deprivation,” she said.

Matveeva took care to distinguish the realities of Central Asia from those in Third World post-colonial Africa. “The deprivation is quite different,” Matveeva said. "The degree of education among people is also different.” Because many of the Central Asian countries were once part of the Soviet Socialist Republic, oppression is often used as a “problem-solving tool,” she said. Matveeva emphasized the vulnerability of governments there, and explained that it is not uncommon for governments to present themselves as the only alternative to anarchy - as the "last bastion of order." Thus, such governments are able to frighten people into upholding them out of fear of the alternative.

And that, Matveeva said, "is a kind of propaganda that has some definite mileage." For some of these countries, succession and power change has the potential to turn out badly, she said. Matveeva cited the regional challenge of the drug trade as a possible corrupting factor to present and future government.

"Afghanistan is emerging as a place of drug production, drug trafficking... Russia is a booming market for drugs,” she said.

As to what extent drug money might affect the politics of Central Asia, Matveeva had no answer. We cannot really say that current elites are drug bars,” she said. However, Matveeva alluded to a precarious future for Central Asian politics in light of the drug trade.

"Democratization is seen by many as a covert weapon of Western influence." Matveeva said. "Democratization is seen by many as a covert weapon of Western influence.”

What must be done in Central Asia and what the international community must come to understand, Matveeva said, is an emphasis on "problem solving techniques conducive to very gradual solutions... an emphasis on state building needs to happen along with police reform and an end to corruption.” The long-term goal that may be able to effect change and connect the area with the developed world is for "people of Central Asia to interact with the outside world,” she said.

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As for the role the international community plays in Central Asia, Matveeva said little attention was paid to the problems of the area throughout the 1990s. Moreover, Matveeva explained that there exists for Western culture a great difficulty in addressing the problems of Central Asia, because the democracy so integral to Western society is not a form of government that seems sustainable in Central Asia. "Sept. 11 brought Central Asia into viewpoint along with the complexities of democratization... If we allow democratic structures to take root, whole societies may unravel," Matveeva said. "Democratization is seen by many as a covert weapon of Western influence.”

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Dorm throws quad carnival
By BRIDGET KEATING
News Writer

When Hurricane Katrina slammed the Gulf Coast, Welsh Family answered the call to serve and sprung into action with what has now become its signature event: the Welsh Family Block Party. Tonight from 8 p.m. to midnight, the Whirlwinds are inviting the entire Notre Dame community to join them on West Quad for this second annual event. This year, proceeds will go to "Room To Read," which establishes schools and educational infrastructure for young girls in Third World countries.

Half presidents Lauren Murray and Lauren Shuttleworth led their hallmates through Welsh Family Spirit Week, which began Monday and has included an evening with Executive Director of the Alumni Association Chuck Lennon, Women’s Day with Mary Kay facials and hip-hop yoga. Tonight’s open block party is the weeks highlight and will emphasize Notre Dame and hall pride.

The Block Party will feature classic carnival games and fun throwback prizes such as goldfish and finger traps. Student body president Lizzie Shappell, vice president Bill Andrichak, rectors and various campus leaders will be seen serta in the dunk tank. A full slate of entertainment will be on hand, including Ebb and Flow (formerly Harper Valley Drifters), Steppers, Harmony, ND Bagpipe Band and PreShow DJs.

Voluntary donations will be collected throughout the evening to benefit "Room To Read," a charity voted on by Welsh Family residents. After earning $1,000 last year for Katrina relief, the women are hopeful for a solid showing once again tonight.

"This is a fun event that brings Notre Dame together to contribute to a worthy cause,” Murray said.

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Resume Deadline:
Tuesday, October 3rd

1st Round Interviews:
Wednesday, October 11th
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scandals that has hit American business in recent years. The loss of public trust in business has generated certain trends, Lane said.

In a company not known for ethical practices, "potential employees might think that there are no rules, that anything goes," he said. Acknowledging growing concerns over the long-term security of American jobs in the face of globalization, and the obstacles these might cause for the future of corporate ethics, Lane downplayed the role of outsourcing in recent changes in the economy. He said that outsourcing accounted for "less than two percent" of job loss, and that workers' wages constituted the same portion of annual GDP that they did 50 years ago.

Lane spoke about the place of ethics in an increasingly global business environment, a theme that has appeared in each of the Berges lectures this year.

"Much of John Deere's growth in the 21st century will come from countries [whose] laws are very different from those in the U.S.," he said. Lane argued that, because of "inevitable" trends in globalization, many companies will face challenges in upholding their codes of ethics abroad. Based on these realities, "it is essential that businesses work responsibly with legislatures to develop and enact public policies," he said. Lane also addressed the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and similar recent legislation on corporate ethics, another common topic in this year's Berges lectures.

"Sarbanes-Oxley has transformed procedures and responsibilities [in] almost every aspect of organizations," he said. "It is a price that U.S. business is paying to restore investor trust." Although high profile scandals have kept the public on edge, Lane said it is important that investors and consumers know that most companies "have been vigilant for a very long time" in matters of business ethics.

"After we have exhausted all [possibilities] to win business and personally, I think this is just a very important time," Hahn said. "...I think this is just a very important time, a time to be..."
**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**EU increases carry-on restrictions**

BRUSSELS, Belgium — European Union air safety officials on Wednesday backed tightened rules on the amount of liquids and size of carry-on baggage passengers can bring onto commercial flights — even as the U.S. has eased its restrictions.

The stricter EU-wide security rules are a response to Britain’s discovery on Aug. 10 of a plot to bring down U.S.-bound flights with liquid-based explosives.

The European Commission said its tighter limits on liquids will enter into force in early November. The rules would bar passengers from carrying on more than a fifth of a pint of liquid per container. All such containers will have to be in a clear plastic bag to be checked at security stations.

The rules also limit carry-on baggage to a maximum of 22 inches by 17 inches by 10 inches — not much bigger than a briefcase or laptop bag — although exceptions could be made for some items such as musical instruments.

**Saudi Arabia deli­Vertice­enced­ unborn**

SAUDI ARABIA — Saudi Arabia is pushing ahead with plans to build a fence to block terrorists from crossing its border with Iraq — another sign of growing alarm that Sunni-Shiite strife could spill over and drag Iraq’s neighbors into its civil conflict.

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The barrier, which hasn’t been started, is part of a $12 billion package of measures including electronic sensors, security bases and physical barriers to protect the oil-rich kingdom from external threats, said Nawaf Obaid, head of the Saudi National Security Assessment Project, an independent research institute that advises the Saudi government.

**National News**

**House approves interrogation bill**

WASHINGTON — House Republicans approved legislation Wednesday giving the Bush administration authority to interrogate and prosecute terrorism detainees, moving President Bush closer to the edge of a pre-election victory with a key piece of his anti-terror plan.

The 253-168 vote in the Republican-run House prompted bitter criticism from Democrats, who have called surveillance tactics, perhaps forensics-­campaigning-­attack ads to stem.

Democrats responded that the GOP leader was trying to provoke fears.

Republican leaders are hoping to work out differences with the Senate and Bush in a final version before leaving Washington this weekend to campaign for the Nov. 7 congressional elections.

**Bush urges leaders to cooperate**

WASHINGTON — President Bush appealed to the bickering presidents of Pakistan and Afghanistan on Wednesday to put aside their differences and “strategize together” over the new threat to their nation’s security.

Standing between Pakistan President General Pervez Musharraf and Afghan President Hamid Karzai, Bush emphasized the “need to cooperate, to make sure that people have a hopeful future” in both countries.

**Local News**

**Indiana sees surge in West Nile virus**

INDIANAPOLIS — A late summer surge in human West Nile cases has pushed Indiana’s tally of the disease to 30 human cases — the most since 2003.

The State Department of Health reported this week that 23 of Indiana’s 30 cases of West Nile disease have been confirmed among Indiana residents, more than doubling the state’s 2006 total to 30.

More cases are expected in the coming weeks as Hoosiers who’ve fallen ill with flu-like symptoms seek treatment and are diagnosed with West Nile, James Howell, a veterinary epidemiologist with the department, said Tuesday.

**Gunman enters Colorado school**

Suspect takes six hostage, critically wounding one before committing suicide

**Associated Press**

BAILEY, Colo. — A gunman took six girls hostage at the high school in this mountain town Wednesday, derailing the school’s football team’s home game and holding authorities at bay for hours before shooting and critically wounding one of the girls, then killing himself, police said.

The gunman, believed to be between 30 and 50 years old, was cornered when he fired on a second-floor classroom and released four of them, one by one.

Park County Sheriff Fred Wegener said authorities decided to enter the school to save the two remaining hostages after the suspect cut off negotiations and set a deadline. He said the suspect had threatened the girls throughout the four-hour ordeal and had shielded himself with the hostages.

The gunman was not immediately identified, and the sheriff was at a loss to explain a motive.

“I don’t know why he wanted to do this,” Wegener said, his voice breaking.

After the suspect entered the building, hundreds of students at Platte Canyon High School were evacuated in a scene that recalled the horror at Columbine just a short drive away.

Students said the bearded, masked suspect wore a dark blue handmade suit and a camouflage backpack.

The sheriff said the man threatened to set off a bomb he claimed to have in the backpack. The man was later identified as a local mailman.

Authorities had what they described as “catastrophic” negotiations with the suspect and urged him to continue to talk for more discussion.

Officers eventually went into the building and there were reports of an explosion inside.

At a time later, someone wheeled a gurney inside and took an unidentified person to a medical helicopter parked on the school’s football field.

Lynn Bigham, who described herself as a family friend of the wounded hostage, said the girl had just turned 16.

“I think she’s strong. I’ve been praying she’ll be OK,” she said. “She’s real bubbly. Every time you see her she gives you a hug.”

The last hostage was unharmed and talking with authorities.

The sight of students fleeing the high school in long lines, and of frantic parents scrambling to find their children, evoked memories of the 1999 attack on Columbine High School, where two students killed 13 people before committing suicide.

Students described a chaotic scene inside after the intercom announced “code white” and everyone was told to stay in their classrooms.

The high school and a nearby middle school were evacuated. Jefferson County authorities — who also handled the attack at Columbine — sent a bomb squad and SWAT team to the high school.

“I’m just terrified. I’m terrified,” said Sherry Higenson, whose son plays on the high school football team and was told not to return to school from his part-time job. “I know so many kids in that school.”

Students from the two evacuated schools were taken to an elementary school for a head count. Ambulances were parked in the end zone of the school’s football field, and a tank-like SWAT team vehicle was parked nearby on a closed highway.

Parents pressed authorities for details but had little information on their children.

Bill Twyford said he received a text message from his 14-year-old son, Billy, a student at the high school, at about 11:30 a.m. It said: “Hey there, there’s a gun hijacking in school right now. I’m fine, bad situation though.”

Twyford said he had not heard from his son since then and was not sure if he was among the hostages.

Michael Owens, who has one son at the middle school and another in the high school, said the anxiety was worse because of the memory of Columbine.

“It’s like an earthquake,” he said.

**Germany**

**Iranian nuclear program debated**

**Associated Press**

BERLIN — Senior Iranian and German officials held late hours of talks Wednesday on Tehran’s disputed nuclear program amid suggestions the U.S. and other nations willing to defer seeking sanctions for a few weeks if a diplomatic resolution was in sight.

Ahmad Chalabi, who emerged as one of the most prominent advocates of ousting Saddam Hussein, died Sunday.

The negotiators met for five hours of “very intense” talks before adjourning until Thursday, said Solana spokesman Cristina Gallach.

Germany has joined with the permanent U.N. Security Council members — the United States, China, Russia, France and Britain — in pressuring Iran to give up what the U.S. says is a nuclear weapons program. Iran says its program is peaceful.
Affleck-Graves illustrated the relationship between individual performance goals and the university's performance. "Whatever we each do to contribute" and core values ("How I'm expected to act"), the goals of each department and even each employee are expected to align themselves with the greater mission of the university. "Achieving our aspirations alone is not enough," he said. "We must do it the right way."

Affleck-Graves emphasized Notre Dame's commitment to developing the abilities of staff members. "We want all of you to have the feeling that Notre Dame is the best place in the world to work at, and it is important for us to let you develop to whatever level you want to," he said.

In order to ensure that each employee is living up to his or her potential and embodying the mission of the university, formal performance reviews will be conducted consistently, and annual salary increases will be tied to performance.

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Consumers question gas prices

Many Americans believe that politics are a factor in the sharp drop at the pump.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Energy experts pin the sharp decline in gasoline prices on basic market forces. Tell that to many motorists, however, and their eyes roll. Two out of five Americans believe that government actions and politics — not economics — are behind the plunge at the pump.

Retired farmer Jim Mohr of Lexington, Ill., declared a tankful of reasons why fuel costs may be settling, including the end of the summer travel season and the fact that no major hurricanes have disrupted Gulf of Mexico output.

"But I think the biggest important reason is Republicans want to get elected," Mohr, 66, said while filling up for $2.17 a gallon. He thinks politics got the prices down is going to help get some more incumbents re-elected."

According to a new Gallup poll, 42 percent of respondents agreed with the statement that the Bush administration "deliberately manipulated the price of gasoline so that it would decrease before this fall's elections." Fifty-three percent of those surveyed did not believe in this conspira- tory theory, while 5 percent said they had no opinion.

Almost two-thirds of those who had voted for President Bush last year, visited a gas station to bring down energy prices before Election Day, are registered Democrats, according to Gallup.

White House spokesman Tony Snow told reporters Monday he was "amused" by the suggestion "that the president has been rigging gas prices, which would give him the kind of magis- terial influence unknown to any other human being."

"If we're dropping gas prices now," Snow said, "why on earth did we raise them to $3.50 before?"

The suspicion among U.S. motorists follows a post- summer decline in gasoline prices that even veteran analysts and gas station owners concede has been steeper than usual. The retail price of gasoline has plunged by 66 cents, or 22 percent, since early August to $2.38 a gallon nationwide, according to the Energy Department. That is 42.5 cents lower than a year ago, when the country's fuel output was devastated by hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which damaged platforms, pipelines and refineries across the Gulf Coast.

With competition fierce to sell the cheapest fuel on the block, gas is selling for less than $2 at a Columbus, Ind., gas station Tuesday. The price for regular, unleaded gasoline has fallen 22 percent since early August.

More customers are buying mid-grade and premium gasoline, he said, and they're spending more cash inside his convenience stores, where profit margins are higher.

"I'd much rather sell them a doughnut or a fountain drink," said Ricker, whose stations are selling regular unleaded for a few pennies above $2. Fimat USA oil analyst Antoine Halff scoffed at the notion that President Bush, or any politician, had the power to muscle around gas prices.

"President Bush interferes with our lives on a daily basis and he has an agenda, and he's not going to seek the sort of cooperation that he needs to pull off such a feat," said Halff. "The Bush administration -- the Bush administration, which has been critical of Iran in recent years -- would need a great deal of complicity and cooperation to pull this off."

The plunge in prices, Halff said, is the result of growing domestic invento- ries of fuel, slowing eco- nomic growth and toned-down rhetoric between Iran and the United States, which has been critical of Tehran's uranium enrichment program.

The selldown has been magnified, Halff said, from the recent retreat from the market by many speculative investors who got burned by the late-summer volatility.

"The sky is not falling," said Halff, who believes oil prices will likely head higher again this winter.
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Jenkins was joined by Provost Tom Burish and Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves, who each took a portion of the allotted hour to speak to the hundreds of staff members who tucked to the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

While Affleck-Graves spoke specifically about employment initiatives and campus construction, Burish and Jenkins referred more broadly to how staff members fit in the University’s greater goals.

Burish set the session’s inclusive tone by using his time to thank the staff on behalf of administrators, faculty members and students.

“Unfortunately those who work in the academic side in the University often don’t thank you (the staff) enough,” Burish said. “A university is like a city. . .a city which works because of you. You run the city of Notre Dame.”

Burish described staff members as “role models” for students, often stepping in place of professors who have difficulty keeping up with their Judicial Council representatives, who should have information about elections.

When Lockwood asked about the accessibility of the student government Web site, Shappell admitted that the site has not been updated since fall 2005. Student government recently received the site on a brand new Web site — only to realize that it is not compatible with the vice president’s computer. Once a new computer with a more current Web server is procured, the site will be running and updated “regularly,” Shappell said.

University Affairs committee chair Aly Baumgartner encouraged members to attend the first-ever Student-Alumni recruitment event this Friday.

The event is open to all students and is the first of three core teamwork, learning and improvements that will be held in the Eck Center throughout the fall.

Baumgartner said it’s a casual, “no pressure” opportunity for students to chat with former Notre Dame students.

“These people are who have done well for themselves, and we all know how the alumni network is a great thing to tap into,” Brown said.

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Indiana, and northern Ohio and parts of Illinois—not including Chicago," he said.

Nationally speaking, Notre Dame's Subway has "reached as high as number three in the United States" in terms of sales. The rankings are issued by Subway’s corporate communications, and other Subway stores that perform at a similar level are located in other universities, some military bases and Las Vegas casinos, Prentkowski said. Subway has 26,534 restaurants in 85 countries, serving around 2,800 sandwiches and salads every 60 seconds, according to the company Web site.

"During the regular academic year the Notre Dame Subway is typically the number one sales store in the geographic region," Dave Prentkowski director of Food Services.

Subway "typically [having] the highest number of 6-foot sub and party tray sales in the region," Prentkowski said.

With more than two million different sandwich combinations available, the restaurant is a popular choice among students looking to burn some e FlexPoints.

"I get a different thing every time I go," said freshman Brianna Muller. "That's the only place I really go in LaFortune because of the variety and it's also really healthy too."

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Space surgery a success

Doctors make history in zero-gravity conditions

Associated Press

MEBRGNAC — Braving queasy stomachs, a team of French doctors took to the skies Wednesday for the first operation on a human being in zero-gravity conditions, removing a cyst from the arm of a man as the aircraft soared and dived to create weightlessness.

The five-man medical team made history by slicing off the yellow growth that floated away from the patient, tied to a string. Doctors worked in intervals of 22 seconds during conditions of weightlessness. Coincidentally, it took 22 intervals to complete the surgery.

The operation, more than three years in the making and part of a three-year-experiment of weightless surgery, paves the way toward one day performing surgery in space via a surgeon or a remotely controlled robot.

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"I get a different thing every time I go," said freshman Brianna Muller. "That's the only place I really go in LaFortune because of the variety and it's also really healthy too."

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The importance of image

Eight Halloweens ago, the most popular costume was not that of a witch or a warlock. Instead, it was the guise of a former White House intern — Monica Lewinsky.

Many autumns later, as Americans flock to costume shops for their ‘superman Returns’ Evil Bizarro latex masks (predicted to be one of the year’s hottest costumes), Monica Lewinsky’s name — along with what she did to earn her place in history — has not been forgotten. Everyone is known for something. Unfortunately for former President Bill Clinton, his image is inextricably linked to a belt-wearing intern. In his post-presidential years, Clinton has tried to amend his image in a rather Jimmy Carter-esque fashion.

After Carter’s presidency, it seemed as though he was destined to be remembered as that man from Georgia who mishandled the Iranian hostage crisis. In his post-presidential years, however, Carter highlighted his humanitarian side. Now Carter is known as that man from Georgia who mishandled the Iranian hostage crisis but won a Nobel Peace Prize. Not too shabby.

As for Bill Clinton, he too has tried to highlight his humanitarian efforts, most recently through his Global Initiative program. But few people want to hear about that. After all, now the only impeached president of our generation has also been blamed by some for our generation’s greatest tragedy, Sept. 11, 2001. And that is what people want to talk about.

When Fox News Sunday’s Chris Wallace asked Clinton about his administration’s failure to kill Osama Bin Laden, Clinton erupted into a rage that will certainly not win him a Nobel Prize — this because he tried to protect what remains of his already tarnished image.

But what’s in an image? And why was it so important for Clinton to defend his? You can ask current President George W. Bush (the one who hoped that his image will be forever linked to 9/11, not because he caused the tragedy, but because — in his opinion — he was such a valiant leader in the midst of it) about that one. When his approval ratings sank into the 30 percent range in the spring of 2006, Bush adamantly argued that this wouldn’t matter. He claimed that history would nonetheless remember him as a great president.

And who wouldn’t want to be remembered as great? Who wouldn’t want a Ronald Reagan-esque fortune?

Millions of people watched Reagan’s 2004 funeral on television; it was the smash hit of the summer. Following his death, a plethora of roads, parks and libraries were renamed in his honor. Even during his lifetime, some members of Congress petitioned for Reagan to replace Franklin D. Roosevelt (who was well-liked himself — ranked the third most popular President in the same Gallup poll that ranked Reagan as the most popular) as the face of the dime.

But not everyone can be a Ronald Reagan.

Take seventeenth President Andrew Johnson, for example. He was the first President to be impeached, and that is all that many Americans know about him.

And as for the most well-known line attributed to thirty-seventh President Richard Nixon? “I am not a crook.” But he was. And that is all that all those Americans know about him.

Everyone has an image; it is what others remember about you when you fade from their lives. You might be that girl who always wore sandals (even in subzero temperatures), that boy who asked too many questions in class or that president who did a little more than paperwork in the Oval Office. And more likely than not, that image was at stake.

Clinton appeared on the show to talk about his Global Initiative, which has thus far raised millions of dollars to stop climate change, alleviate poverty and mitigate religious and ethnic conflict. Perhaps he is in an outstanding humanitarian. Perhaps he hoped for a Jimmy Carter-esque image turnaround, so that people would remember him fondly.

And isn’t that what everyone wants? To be remembered fondly? But for now, Bill Clinton’s image is that of a red-faced and angry finger-wagger who may or may not have been able to prevent the Sept. 11 attacks, and who did, in fact, have sexual relations with that woman, Ms. Lewinsky.

I don’t know many people who would want to be him — even for Halloween.

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Yesterday we celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, Fr. Xavier’s priest who left the comfort of his assignment in the court of Queen Margaret of Valois to spend the rest of his life serving the poor and sick, often called Vincentians, and the assignment in the court of Queen Margaret of Valois to go the ends of the earth to get them all they need. We come along that remind me how blessed I am to have dinner and whether that shirt I going to fix for dinner and whether that shirt I wear to wear tomorrow is ironed. However, events come along that remind me how blessed I am to have small concerns. Last Wednesday, Sept. 20, two friends of mine each lost a long-year parent to death.

Kate Barrett
FaithPrint

Parental priorities a bit off key

My parents say that is the job of a parent to do all they can to make sure their child has the tools to be successful when they get into the “real world.” They have done everything they can to give me that. From my plan to deeds for the big stuff from the small; to recognize what he really needed to worry about, to refuse to get caught in the petty and minor wrappings of wealthy court life that he might spend his time with the largely ignored, impoverished and ill-educated peasants of France.

Hmm. I don’t know about you, but unless I pay attention, most days I don’t have much to worry about beyond whether my kids have done their chores, how they get along with their friends, how that I’m going to fix for dinner and whether that shirt I wear to wear tomorrow is ironed. However, events come along that remind me how blessed I am to have such small concerns. Last Wednesday, Sept. 20, two friends of mine each lost a long-year parent to death.

Jesse Pence
East Carolina University
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Listen up, bikers

Let me paint a picture for you, and bikers, pay attention. We pedestrians will thank you later. It is the last day of class. The place is Baylor. The time is early. Too early. In fact, it’s so early that I forget to lock the door to my apartment. In other words, I go to my dorm. The ventilation to Waco’s fine gamut of pawn shops. Was it actually so early that I actually see the NoZe brothers lifting weights with Phi Gamma Delta at the Mustang Life Center?

It’s so early that I actually go 20 seconds wrong turning a long-sleeved T-shirt advertising some rush event that took place in the third stall of the men’s bathroom of Fashion Academy. I’m on Nov. 12, 2005, titled “Tizzy at the Toilet ‘05”!

Walk Two Moons, a character named Mrs. Pence.

Winterbottom asks her daughter, “Do you think I lead a tiny life?” The size of our lives isn’t measured by how far we travel, the prestige of our professional lives, the wealth we accumulate or how well we’re esteemed by others. Rather, what matters is whether we pay attention, as Vincent de Paul did, to those people who most need us, to those situations which most need our prayers, our talents, our treasure, our loving care.

It’s OK to worry about the little things; sometimes we do need to sweat the small stuff. We just can’t ever forget that the big stuff is out there, needing our foremost prayer, needing whatever we can do. And, yes, the fact that you’re reading this means that you are abundantly blessed — with talent, with family, with friends, with potential, perhaps on your way to completing a Notre Dame education. In the midst of so much, we would do well to pray with the words of St. Vincent de Paul: “We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings of others, and pray continually that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the spirit of God.”

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Justin is bringing 'SexyBack' with new CD

By COURTNEY WILSON

If the statement "I'm bringing sexy back" sounds at all foreign, then you have likely been living under a rock somewhere for the past few moons. In fact, the phrase has become so popular that it is likely the hundredth time you've heard it this week.

And music fans are glad for it, since it has been four years since their last Justin Timberlake fix. Now 25, Timberlake is back on the scene to save everyone from the presently bleak music scene and revive the spirit of his album "FutureSex / LoveSound." Apparently, the former Mouseketeer turned N'Sync member, is now a sexy soul man.

Timberlake took his first step toward indie credibility with the solo album "Justified." Taking its inspiration from the King of Pop, Michael Jackson, it was the former Mouseketeer serves as the perfect mix for conveying a new make over. "FutureSex / LoveSound" is his album "Justified." Taking its inspiration from Michael Jackson, it was the perfect mix for conveying a new make over.

'FutureSex / LoveSound' is his knack for the soulful rhythm of Hendrix and his guitar. He pours out his soul through his lyrics, which add even more depth.

'Through the eyes of an all-too-innocent JT?'

The album is as much (if not more so) about the soulful rhythm of Hendrix and his guitar as it is about the electric version of the same track close to Hendrix's own style. Hendrix is a self-taught musician, the left-handed Fender Stratocaster guitar turned upside down and re-strung to suit him. Hendrix may not seem like an obvious artist here, but blues icons like B.B. King and John Lee Hooker come to mind first. Plus, Hendrix grew up in the Pacific Northwest — a far cry from the blues had on his music by focusing on the past few months.

The album starts off with an acoustic version of "Hear My Train Comin'," a track with a heavy nod to the soul of acoustic bends and humming. A live electric version of the same track changes the CD, though its focus is quite different.

He adds his renowned electric guitar riffs, which become the dominant feature of the song. Despite the shift in instrumentation, Hendrix still maintains the same attitude of the original song — a testament to his ability to sing through the guitar. The riffs become the expression of the lyrics, embodying the hums with electronic distortion.

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Even with a wardrobe malfunction, Justin Timberlake won two Grammys in 2004 for his album "Justified" and his vocal performance on his hit single "Cry Me A River."
**MOVIE REVIEW**

**'Jackass' sequel brings humor to new lows**

By ERIN McGINN Assistant Scene Editor

It all began with a much-censored and always-controversial television show on MTV. One movie and two spin-off television shows later, the boys of "Jackass" are back in "Jackass: Number Two." At the core of the movie, Bam Margera says, "I hope there's no Jackass 3." After what he and the rest of the guys endure throughout the film, it is not hard to sympathize with his sentiment. The stunts filmed in this movie have definitely upped the ante from both the previous movie and the various television shows. After this outing there aren't too many ways for the crew to top its own antics — aside from winding up in the hospital. Although the stunts are more advanced, the sh*t is the same as always. "Number Two" is a series of short sequences of the daredevil's performing random acts of idiocy and harassing each other mercilessly. There are more daredevil stunts included in this movie, but this time the guys are more self-conscious of being filmed — an aspect that was missing in the first movie. There are also countless bulls and snakes; the guys seek pain from those animals more than any others.

Despite what they once had, they have gone their separate ways since the first movie, all the boys are back in their full glory. Johnny Knoxville, Bam Margera, Steve-O, Chris Pontius, Ehren McGhehey, Preston Lacy, Jason "Wee Man" Acuna, Ryan Dunn and Dave England. While the original show and movie distributed the anguish equally amongst all, it's clear this time the movie is playing up the names of its two biggest celebrities; Margera and Knoxville. After "Jackass," Margera received his own spin-off show on MTV, "Viva La Bam," which focused on his pranks around the house — often directed at his uncle Vito. He frequently bad Dunn, England and Steve-O on the show with him. Knoxville has come into his own as a movie star, with leading roles in the 2005 films "Dukes of Hazzard," and "The Ring." Knoxville is the clear leader, often putting fun on even through the others have backed out. He proudly stands alone while getting bitten by anacondas or charged repeatedly by bulls — and he does it all with a smile. One stunt involves anti-riot land mines, and after the device is demonstrated, Margera and Dunn opt out. Knoxville then heritates them into charging them gleefully standing in the front to take the pain.

Despite his leading role, Margera is far more cynical this time through. He frequently comments on how far the stunts have gone and several times tries to back out. Throughout the movie, Margera is reduced to tears three times — one time because of genuine fear when the guys lock him in with a cobra. Aside from their horribly disgusting and dangerous stunts, the guys have several skills where they harass the general public. In one of the funniest scenes, producer Spike Jonze walks through the streets of LA disguised as an elderly woman whose shirt keeps coming undone, leaving her sagging in front of the horrified onlookers. Due to the guys' ever-growing celebrity, there are also countless guest stars — including the three 6 Mafia, John Waters, Tony Hawk and Jay Chandrasekhar (Super Troopers) — who add to the absurdity of the situations.

Although there is nothing truly unexpected, "Jackass: Number Two" contains countless immense and grotesque laughs. It is definitely a movie best seen with lots of other people who find people slamming into walls and eating unmentionable atrocities hilarious.

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**CD REVIEW**

**'Blood Mountain' is an oasis of sharp individuality**

By MARTY SCHROEDER Assistant Scene Editor

A major label album doing something off the beaten path is something to behold.

Metal band Mastodon's latest release, "Blood Mountain," is precisely that, as the band weaves poetic lyrics with smashing sonomies. Sometimes great and sometimes bordering on sonic chaos, this album won't be liked by everyone. It is not quite "radio friendly," but it is different — and should be commended.

"Blood Mountain" opens with the raging "The Wolf Is Loose." This may be the friendliest of all the tracks as the long guitar solos are kept to a minimum and it delves into what might be called "pop sensibilities." But this tenuous connection is broken by frontman and bassist Troy Sanders' gritty and abrasive vocals. As the drums pound through the song, he pours through such strange lyrics as "The hero of the gods / the crossing of the threshold /

**Mastodon**

**Blood Mountain**

*Reprise / Wea*

Recommended tracks: 'The Wolf is Loose,' 'Capillarian Crest,' and 'This Mortal Soul' characteristic this musical style, and, while they do become slightly monotonous, listening to guitarist Bill Kelliher on his axe is an experience. "Capillarian Crest" bleeds from the speakers.

Sanders weaves through the song, transitioning from melodic singing to metal screaming with ease and in appropriate spots. Kelliher's guitar sets the raucous pace and never lets up. The song is as much about the lyrics as the sonic experience. Half the song is sung in Mastodon's unique lyric style while the other half is devoted to the band playing and kicking some ass.

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ST. LOUIS — Albert Pujols’ go-ahead single with two outs in the eighth inning was the difference in St. Louis’ 4-2 victory over the San Diego Padres on Wednesday night, ensuring the Cardinals’ sixth straight winning streak during which the Cardinals’ NL Central lead central extended to 1 1/2 games.

Pujols hit a 1-0 pitch from Cien Fidelito into the third of four decks over the left-field wall to erase a one-run deficit. He had driven in one of two of the previous five games before the looming shot erased the Cardinals’ frustration.

St. Louis has won only two of its last 10, five of the seven by one run apiece. While the Cardinals were struggling, second-place Pittsburgh was surging. The Astros entered their game with the Pirates on Wednesday with seven straight victories.

The Cardinals got to the San Diego bullpen when Chris Young followed a 0-1 no-hitter with seven dominant innings, ending the Padres’ six-game winning streak. St. Louis also reduced the Padres’ magic number for clinching its third straight division title to 1 1/2 games.

Young struck out six, walking two, and single in the seventh inning.

The Cardinals’ Albert Pujols watches his three-run homer against the Padres Wednesday night. St. Louis won 4-2 to snap its seven-game losing streak.

For the save, his first since 2004 with Tampa Bay.

Los Angeles 6, Colorado 4 — Decker, Lowrie, and Drury in seventh straight decision and the Los Angeles Dodgers held on to their lead in the NL wild-card race by overcoming a three-run deficit to beat the Colorado Rockies on Wednesday night.

The Dodgers entered Wednesday one game ahead of the Philadelphia Phillies, who played at Washington.

Lowrie (16-4) got the win despite allowing three runs in the second inning and getting roughed up for four earned runs and 10 hits.

Jonathan Broxton picked up his third save in four chances.

The Dodgers fell behind 4-1 entering the sixth with Rockies right-hander Aaron Cook (9-15) in command. But J.D. Drew’s two-run triple put Los Angeles in front, and the Dodgers scored three times in the seventh to secure their 14th win in 18 games against Colorado this season.

Andre Ethier, pinch hitting for Lowe, tied it at 4 with a run-scoring single, and a two-out bloop by shortstop Troy Tulowitzki allowed Wilson Betemit to score the go-ahead run.
Yankees put out their top hitters Thursday, September 28, 2006

Yankees manager Joe Torre used a spring training approach, taking out most of his starters by the late innings, and he brought in closer Mariano Rivera to pitch the seventh. New York heads into the post-season with pitching questions — Randy Johnson has been pushed behind Mike Mussina to start Game 3 because of his bad back — but the Yankees bats look mighty, with every starter getting a hit and scoring a run.

Sheffield and Hideki Matsui are back after missing most of the season with wrist injuries, joining Abreu, acquired in late July from Philadelphia. Giambi returned Wednesday following a six-game absence caused by a torn ligament in his left wrist. Cano, among the league leaders with a .343 average, was the No. 9 hole, and Torre didn’t even have room for Melky Cabrera or Bernie Williams among his starters.

“He have some pleasant problems to solve before next Tuesday,” Torre said before the game.

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Giambi erased a 1-0 deficit in the second inning with his 37th homer, a two-run drive down the right-field line off Kris Benson (11-12). Giambi, who had a third cortisone injection just four innings for the Twins.

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Wayne to rejoin team after brother's death

Indianapolis receiver Reggie Wayne makes a reception during Sunday's game against Jacksonville. The Colts won 21-14.

Colts wideout could play Sunday vs. Jets

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Colts receiver Reggie Wayne is expected to return to Indianapolis on Thursday and could be available to play Sunday against the New York Jets.

Wayne left town Sunday night after finding out his older brother, Rashad, had been killed in a traffic accident that day in Kenner, La. Reggie Wayne has been in Louisiana all week to help the family make funeral arrangements.

"The last conversation I had with him, he said he'd be back in Indianapolis sometime tomorrow," coach Tony Dungy said Wednesday. "Right now, I think he will play."

Dungy was not sure whether Wayne would return in time for Thursday's practice.

Wayne's 32-year-old brother was killed Sunday morning when the delivery truck he was driving crashed into a highway guardrail. Police said Rashad Wayne was pronounced dead at the scene.

Linebacker Cato June, one of Wayne's closest friends, said he thought Wayne would try to play Sunday.

"He's doing as best he can," June said. "If he's feeling well enough, I'm sure he'll come back and play. If not, everyone understands that family comes first."

Wayne is one of the key components in the Colts' high-scoring offense.

Last year, Wayne caught a career-high 83 passes to lead the Colts. It was the first time someone other than Marvin Harrison led the Colts in receptions since 1998, Manning's rookie season. Harrison had 82 receptions in 2005.

In the first three games this year, Wayne has caught 14 passes for 284 yards and is fourth in the NFL in yards receiving.

"I have talked to him and I told him we're praying for him and thinking about him."

Peyton Manning
Colts quarterback

"Right now, I think he will play."

Tony Dungy
Colts coach

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T.O. denies report of suicide attempt

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dallas Cowboys receiver Terrell Owens denied a police report Wednesday that he attempted suicide by overdosing on painkillers.

As if to prove his doing fine, Owens went from the hospital to catching passes from quarterback Drew Bledsoe within two hours, then proclaimed himself "very capable of going out there and playing on Sunday" — despite whatever happened Tuesday night and a broken hand.

Owens said the confusion likely stemmed from an empty bottle of pain medication found by his publicist, who was with him at the time and called 911. He said the rest of the pills were in a dresser.

"I was non-responsive when she made that call," Owens said. "She made the call out of her judgment for my well-being." Appearin in a news conference at team headquarters a few hours after leaving a hospital for what a police report described as "a drug overdose," Owens wore workout gear and no bandage on his right hand.

The star receiver smiled and seemed more amused than touched at the latest ruckus surrounding him.

Owens, 32, blamed a combination of hydrocodone, a generic form of Vicodin, with all-natural supplements for making him ill.

"It's very unfortunate for it to go from an allergic reaction to a suicide attempt," he said.

Rescue workers arrived at Owens' home around 8 p.m. Tuesday and took him to an emergency room. Word spread, publicist Kim Etheredge said it was an allergic reaction.

But the story shifted Wednesday morning when several media outlets received a police report that had yet to be released by the authorities — saying Owens had attempted suicide by overdosing on the painkillers, even putting two more pills into his mouth after an unidentified friend, later identified as Etheredge, intervened.

The police document, first reported by WFAA-TV, said Owens was asked by rescue workers "if he was attempting to harm himself, at which time [he] said: 'Yes.'"

"I was kind of out of it," Owens said. "I can barely remember the doctors, much less the police officers asking me questions."
NCAA FOOTBALL

No. 2 ranked Auburn hits the road to face S. Carolina

Gamecocks will try to end Tigers’ win streak

Associated Press

COLUMBIA — Steve Spurrier doesn’t believe scholarships or national press attention have anything to do with the pre-game jitters that overtake these SEC veterans like warm-ups in practice.

"I think he will look at this as an opportunity to play against some former teammates, go back to where he started. Other than that, after the first few plays it won’t make a lot of difference," Tuberville said.

Tuberville said, "We’ll do a lot of talking about him this week in scouting reports."

This will be the third game that Steve Spurrier starts at quarterback for the Gamecocks. South Carolina had only managed 15 points — and just five catches and no touchdowns by Rice — in its opening two games with Blake Mitchell starting at quarterback.

Since Newton took over, the Gamecocks have put up 72 points and Rice has got his season going.

The Gamecocks will also have pay close attention to David Iron’s brother, Kenny, the former South Carolina back who’s become a Tigers star after languishing on the bench at Williams-Brice Stadium.

Iron can’t wait to see the stadium he last stood in three years ago. “It’s like playing at LSU in Baton Rouge. It’s real loud,” he said. “At South Carolina, their fans are so dedicated. They’re loud whether the team’s doing had or good.

Some Auburn players see the primetime special as the chance to keep themselves in the minds of potential voters — and college football fans — as the team that belongs in the national title game.
**NFL**

Martial arts help Marshall alum

**Associated Press**

HEMPSTEAD — While sitting at home recovering from his second shoulder surgery last winter, Chad Pennington was watching tape of some of his passes. Something suddenly clicked.

"The one thing that the shoulder injury did do for me, really was to watch some karate to improve skill," the New York Jets quarterback said Wednesday. "I always thought I used my body well to throw, but I really didn't."

"I was really an arm thrower, and that's why the ball would die on me a lot."

The balls are flying for Pennington now, and he credits videotape and karate for helping him become one of the NFL's top passers this season going into Sunday's game against the Indianapolis Colts. Always knocked for not having enough arm strength or zip on his passes, Pennington has shown quite a bit more of both this season — even after two shoulder operations.

"My feet somehow weren't planted in the ground when I was throwing and the ball would flutter," Pennington said. "So it really had to look at that, look at some film and break it down. My dad helped me look at that. He's seen me throw for 30 years, so he looked at that, too."

During his rehabilitation this offseason, Pennington focused on rebuilding the strength in his arm as well as perfecting his mechanics. He watched films of John Elway and other strong-armed quarterbacks, and saw that they used their lower bodies and twisted their hips more than he had.

So, Pennington incorporated karate into his workouts, thinking it might help.

"Throwing a punch is similar to throwing a football," he said. "When you really break it down, and when you really look at it, it's really similar."

While he's far from being a Karate Kid, Pennington still uses martial arts as part of his workout routine.

"What karate has done for me has helped show me how important a good base and good foundation is, how to incorporate those hips and your core to throwing a football," he said.

One karate chop at a time, it's all worked so far. Pennington said he would like to think he's throwing better and with more velocity than he did even before the surgeries.

"If my quarterback likes to think that, then it is that," wide receiver Lawrence Cides said with a smile. "Whatever he says, it is. He gets no discrep-

Jets quarterback Chad Pennington throws a pass Sunday against Buffalo. The Jets won 28-20.

**Rice leads Rutgers to unbeaten start**

**Associated Press**

PISCATAWAY — Ray Rice planned to play for Notre Dame. A decision he made early in the recruiting process.

But when the Orange changed coaches, Rice had second thoughts about playing for a program he liked Schiano viewed as a second chance at getting the talented tailback to play in New Jersey.

"I got the sense that something might be going on up there around their bowl game," Schiano said. "I said if it happens, we've got to take a run at it. As soon as that happened, I called him personally, because we felt we had missed the opportunity because he'd committed so early."

Schiano was the first coach to contact Rice, and he sold the player on a program that had languished at the bottom of Division I-A for years.

Rice hopped on board and quickly became an integral part of the rebirth of Rutgers football.

With Rice leading the way, the unbeaten Scarlet Knights (4-0) are ranked for the first time in 32 years and cellar dwellers in the Big East no more.

"When you meet a coach who really cares about a program, you know he's planning on playing right away in college, but he didn't rush us out of there. He had flights scheduled depending on what time I could come, I thought. 'This guy's putting other coach on hold so he can sit down and talk to me.'"

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The addition of Rice to a backfield that already included versatile fullback Bobby Brown has given Rutgers coach Greg Schiano a great deal to work with, but he is far from being a headliner.

"It's kind of a different game," Rice said. "He's big, fast and he runs over people." Rice said. "I'm small and short, and quick. He's a great role model. He does it by example.""

Leonard first saw Rice play at Rutgers Stadium in the Governor's Bowl, a game pitting high school all-star teams from New York and New Jersey.

"He made some awesome plays in that game," Leonard recalled. "I didn't expect him to come in and make the same playing style right away in college, but he did."

Their bond extends beyond football.

Leonard, a fifth-year senior from Upstate New York, also considered attending Syracuse but was persuaded by Schiano to help rebuild a program that ended a 25-game Big East losing streak in 2003.

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And how long will it take to get there?
"It's not going to happen overnight," Vick said. "Maybe it will be all year long. Maybe halfway through the year we'll have it down."

Mora is confident that Vick's passing numbers will look much better by the time the season is done. "If you take the emotion out of it and just try to gauge where we are, I like the progress we are making in the passing game," Mora said. "It's not reflected in the numbers yet, but it will be as we go through the year."

It just shows completions, attempts, percentage and rating. When the receivers drop the ball, the numbers are not going to look as good. And our receivers dropped some balls in most games last year." Atlanta's wins over Carolina and Tampa Bay were powered by a dominant running game that prominently featured Vick. But the Saints were not fooled by the shotgun option that so confused the Buccaneers, limiting the Falcons to 117 yards on the ground—less than half of what they averaged in the first two games. Vick, in fact, was the team's top rusher with 57 yards.

Of course, the Falcons knew they weren't going to put up a rushing average of 279 yards over a 16-game season. The passing game would have to take on a bigger role, and Mora was pleased with Vick's progress in the West Coast-style offense that gave him trouble the last two years.

"It's better, a lot better," the coach said. "It's a lot better from the standpoint of decision-making, timing, breaking down the progressions, knowing where to go with the ball a lot quicker. The problem Monday night was we dropped five passes. And New Orleans covered the receivers. They got their hands in there and knocked a lot of balls out."

The protection for Vick was another concern. The Falcons' line isn't as undersized as expected for the zone blocking schemes of the running game. When playing off their heels, the guys up front often have trouble setting up an effective pocket around No. 7.

The Saints sacked Vick five times and smacked him around on nine passes he did get away. The Falcons may have gotten away from their running game a little too quickly, trying to catch up through the air after the Saints jumped to a 14-3 lead in the first quarter. And there were more struggles in the red zone: Going into Sunday's home game against the Arizona Cardinals (1-2), Atlanta has gone more than 1 1/2 quarters without scoring a touchdown.

"It is a very real concern, but we feel like we can get through it," Mora said. "We will get through it."

The Falcons have been a run-oriented team since Mora took over as coach in 2004. They led the league in rushing the last two seasons and are on the way to doing it again, which partially explains Vick's ordinary passing stats. He ranked 21st in passing efficiency in 2004, when Atlanta reached the NFC championship game, and dropped to 25th last season.

Vick said he's still getting used to a relatively new group of receivers.

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Football

Fields.

Last year Lewis was one of the most dominant teams in Interhall, entering the playoffs as a No. 3 seed. This season the team says it has played well, but the Chicks haven't always seen the results they've hoped for.

"Although the first couple games have been tough, they have been good learning experiences," Chicks captain Mia De La Rosa said. "Lewis is ready to come out and play this weekend."

The Chicks lost a 6-0, season-opening heartbreaker to Howard.

The following week, Lewis took on McGlinn, falling to the Shamrocks 6-0 — a team that Breen-Phillips defeated 25-6 last Thursday.

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brought his season total to 11 and padded his lead as the Big East's leading goal scorer.

"Joe Lapira is Joe Lapira. He scores goals," said Notre Dame head coach Bobby Clark. "He's a one man wrecking crew at the moment."

Lapira played the entire first half for only the second time this season. Previously, Clark has elected to use more of a four-man rotation up top with Lapira, Justin McGeeney, Kurt Martin and Bright Dike.

"We wanted to emphasize the game wasn’t over," Clark said. "[Lapira] is just such an important player to the team at the moment, and we wanted the team to know that the game was still alive."

It wouldn’t be until the 73rd minute that Notre Dame put the game away for good. Senior midfielder Nate Norman scored a brilliant individual goal after he weaved his way through multiple defenders and unleashed a shot into the corner of the goal from just inside the penalty area. Norman, who leads the team in assists, put his name on the scorers chart for the first time this season.

"Once Norman's goal went in, that was it for [Marquette]," Clark said. "There was no way back."

Dike put the finishing touches on the game, scoring Notre Dame’s final goal in the 82nd minute. After muscling his defender out of the way to control a ball out of the air, the sophomore forward took a touch toward goal and ripped a shot from just inside the 18-yard box into the lower corner of the net.

"We followed up well [from Saturday's win over Pittsburgh]," Clark said. "It was as comprehensive a 90 minutes as we've played all season."

The Irish, who have won two consecutive Big East games, have built up some momentum just in time for Saturday's showdown with Seton Hall. The Pirates are currently in fourth place in the Blue Division, one spot ahead of Notre Dame.

Notes:
- Senior midfielder Ian Etherington did not play in Wednesday night's game after suffering a deep bone bruise against Pittsburgh on Saturday. Sophomore Cory Bellas started in Etherington's place. Clark did not know how long Etherington would be out.

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Irish defender Matt Besios dribbles upfield in Notre Dame's win over Marquette Wednesday at Alumni Field.

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on goal, besting Marquette by a margin of 19-9. Notre Dame leads the Big East in shots with 196. Meanwhile, Marquette — in the Big East cellar with a 1-9-1 overall mark — has managed only 79 shots in its 11 games, while allowing opponents to tally 166.

"Let's be honest, I'll settle for four goals. If I was guaranteed four goals every week, I'd be happy," Bobby Clark

Irish coach

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Irish corner back Darrin Walls, left, dives at Spartan quarterback Drew Stanton, center, during Notre Dame's 40-37 win over Michigan State Sept. 23.

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**SKY HIGH**

Irish defender Matt Besios dribbles upfield in Notre Dame's win over Marquette Wednesday at Alumni Field.

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**SPORTS**

**WOMEN’S INTERHALL**

**The Finest hope to rebound against Ducks**

By KATE DONLIN and SARAH THOMAS
SPORTS WRITER

Farley’s finest seek their first victory of the season as they take on Howard at 7 p.m. tonight at Riehle West Field. Farley has faced a tough schedule early on in the season, playing both teams from last year’s Interhall champi-

onship game — Pangborn and Pasquerilla West — in its opening matchups. In its first game, Farley lost a 6-0 heartbreaker to the Phoenix in a defensive battle. The following Sunday, the Finest were plagued by penalties and lost 20-14 against a tough Purple Weasel defense. Despite the rocky start, Farley captain Kim Crehan has been able to take something positive away from the first couple games. "The first two games helped us realize what we needed to improve on, and we have had a couple practices this week to prepare," she said. The Ducks say they have improved after their 0-5-1 record last year. In its opening game, Howard managed to shut out Lewis on its way to a 6-0 victory. The Ducks realized they needed to spark their offense if they wanted to succeed in this weather. But despite its best efforts, Howard was unable to contain the quick Pangborn offense Sunday. The disappointing 20-6 result gave the Ducks their first loss of the season. That won’t satisfy the Ducks this week. "We have mostly been work-

ing on our offense in practice and trying to be more consistent in terms of our attack," Howard captain Catherine Krug said.

Breen-Phillips vs. Lewis
Lewis hopes to reap the benefits of weeks of intense practice when it takes on Breen-Phillips tonight at 8 p.m. at Riehle West Field. "The Finest hope to rebound against Ducks Thursday, September 28, 2006"}

**SMC VOLLEYBALL**

**Saint Mary’s, Cusack try to stay successful against Bethel**

By MICHAEL BRYAN
SPORTS WRITER

After an impressive first half of the season, Saint Mary’s will look to continue its success when the second half begins tonight at 7 p.m. at Bethel. The Belles concluded the first half of the season with a 3-1 win over NCAA opponent Tri-State on Tuesday — improving the team’s conference record to 4-2 on the year. Senior Kristin Evans posted 26 kills and a match-high 19 digs to lead the Saint Mary’s offensive effort. After a 30-28 win in the first game, the Belles lost by the same score in the second game before tallying 30-15 and 30-28 victories to win the match. "I feel so good to know everyone on the court is working together toward the same goal," Amanda David, Belles setter said.

"Like our ability to drive and win," Schroeder-Biek said. "What I didn’t like was putting ourselves in that position to have to come back. We need to improve our desire to compete from start to finish." The Pilots improved their record to 8-13 with a 3-1 win over Grace Tuesday. Junior Erica Bruxvoort led Bethel with 14 kills, four aces and seven blocks. Bethel has been very inconsistent so far this season, alternating wins and losses in its last seven games. The Pilots have had a three-game win streak and an eight-game losing streak this season. Saint Mary’s is led by libero Anne Omack, who was recently named NCAA specialty player of the week. The senior averaged 7.2 digs and 1.2 service aces per game in the Belles’ two matches last week. Cusack currently leads the conference with 7.31 digs per game in MIAA play.

"We have fantastic chemistry," Schroeder-Biek said. "That is a huge strength and it helps to carry us through when we are struggling with our game." David also emphasized the value of the team’s chemistry. "It feels so good to know everyone on the court is working together toward the same goal," David said.

"Having this chemistry helps us to be successful because it gives us confidence in each other during high-pressure moments," an Contact Michael Bryan at mbryan@nud.edu