Party ordinance vote stalls again

With weeks until public hearing, off-campus partying could face Common Council’s scrutiny

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Editor

With the public hearing of the South Bend Common Council’s proposed party permit ordinance postponed once more, student body president Liz Brown said students should be aware of their behavior this weekend.

"If there are a lot of huge parties, a lot of my bargaining power will be lost," Brown said. "If there are a lot of huge parties, a lot of my bargaining power will be lost."

The Common Council has set Sept. 17 as the tentative date for the public hearing of the ordinance, which would require residents of boarding houses to notify the city before hosting an event at which more than 25 people would have access to alcohol. A boarding house is defined as a building in a residential-zoned area in which more than two non-related people live.

Brown and student body vice president Mariz Braun have been in discussion with council members since the bill was proposed, pushing for changes to the ordinance.

The proposed legislation applies to apartments.

Saint Mary’s breaks into rankings

U.S. News & World Report places College among nation’s top 100 liberal arts schools

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

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"We’ve long known we can compete on a national level and it is gratifying to see our quality recognized," College President Carol Ann Mooney said in an Aug. 17 statement. "While many of my peers in higher education would like to see ranking systems change, there is no doubt that students and their parents rely heavily on these rankings when making their decisions about college."

While Mooney was pleased with breaking into the top 100, she has already set a loftier goal for the College.

ND debuts new design for Web site

New layout requires most users to download latest version of Flash player

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

After more than eight years of simple graphics and text against a white background, visitors to Notre Dame’s Web site were greeted Tuesday morning with a fresh new layout.

The old Web site — which was launched in the late 1990s — received only slight modifications over the years. Notre Dame WebGroup director Matt Klamerus said.

The Web site was "due for a change," University chief technology officer Dewitt Latimer said.

Ticket distribution undergoes change

By KATIE KOHLER and ROHAN ANAND
News Writers

In response to student scalpers hawking their unused tickets for exorbitant prices on eBay and similar resale Web sites, the Notre Dame Ticket Office has discontinued the practice of exchanging unused student tickets for general admission tickets — with one exception.

Notre Dame students will now only be able to exchange their student tickets for general admission tickets for the USC game on the first weekend of fall break, but Saint Mary’s season ticket holders don’t have that option. Before, students from both schools could trade their student tickets for regular tickets before any home game.

Josh Berio, director of ticket operations at Notre Dame, said the change resulted from abuse of the program.

"Over the last few years, we [the ticket office] have noticed increasing abuse in the ticket exchange," he said. "Resale violations and counterfeiting of ticket booklets are scaring the fans."

Some students, Berio said, would resell their tickets to scalpers, knowing they would then be able to buy those scalpers' tickets back at their face value.
INSIDE COLUMN

A blast from the past

Before I got started here I want to wish everyone a great school year, seeing as how it's the first second. If you count Freshman Editions, I'll forget later.

For the first column, I could write a good human interest piece or an amusing piece about what the first day of school can be like even though it's the sec­ond for Notre Dame seniors, it's hard for Saint Mary's.

Instead I want to ask a question: How many of you remember the late 1990s boy band "98 Degrees"?

No, they weren't as big as "No Pink or the Backstreet Boys, but they were the boy band that gave Darrin Diamond — a.k.a. Screech from "Saved By The Bell! — a cramp in their 1999 music video for "I Do (Cherish You)."

My friends and I were there to see an album as the band Sureshot. They were also the band that introduced us to Nick Lachey, the man who married Jessica Simpson and whose patience I remember when 98° was popular. We don't do this now. I'll think about this later.

The view expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Liz Harter
New Production Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE CITY'S PROPOSED PARTY ORDINANCE?

Steve Ridenour
sophomore
St. Ed's

"It's pretty ridiculous."

Katie Manchin
senior
off campus

"As long as Michael can stay over, I'm fine."

Michael Redding
senior
off campus

"As long as I can have sleepovers at Kate's house, what difference does it make?"

ElsA Suarez
senior
off campus

"It's fine. I've legally adopted my roommates."

Andrea Mayus
senior
Welsh Family

"Every time South Bend passes an ordinance, more Notre Dame students get shot."

Casie Sweeney
senior
off campus

"I'm not worried about it, but I still think there are bigger fish to fry, like whale-sharks."

IN BRIEF

The Summer Shakespeare company will perform "Love's Labor Lost" tonight at 7:30 in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $20-35 for faculty/staff/seniors and $12-15 for all students. Performances will run through Sept. 2.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will be screening the film "Only Human" ("Sesame Street") Thursday at 10 p.m. Tickets are $3 for students and $6 for the general public.

The Notre Dame women's soccer team will take on Michigan Friday at 7:30 p.m. on Alumni Field.

The Notre Dame marching band will present its Drummer's Choice Concert Tuesday, the Main Building Saturday at midnight.

The Basilica of the Sacred Heart will offer a Vespers Mass 30 minutes after the Georgia Tech game Saturday.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will be screening the film "The Night of the Hunter" Sunday at 4 p.m. Tickets are $3 for students and $6 for the general public.

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

MSSS
Opening Mass begins new academic year
Jenkins focuses on upcoming beatification of Holy Cross founder Father Basil Moreau

By DAN JACOBS
News Writer

Notre Dame students, faculty, staff and priests gathered at the Joyce Center Tuesday to celebrate Mass and the new academic year.

University President Father John Jenkins presided over the Mass, and the Notre Dame Brass Ensemble, Chorale, Folk Choir, Glee Club and Liturgical Choir provided the musical arrangements.

In light of the upcoming beatification of Holy Cross Order founder Father Basil Moreau, Jenkins spoke during his homily Wednesday.

"Holy Cross founder Father Basil Moreau's contributions to the order, to community service and to education. "What Notre Dame stands for, its foundation, finds its heart in Moreau's contributions to Moreau's life and influence on Notre Dame, Moreau was born in 1799 and Moreau will be beatified in Le Mans, France Sept. 12-16. Beatification is a step in the process of declaring a person a saint.

"We want to be as excellent in our Web site as we are in academics and athletics," Matt Klawitter Notre Dame WebGroup director said.

"We've gotten a lot of kudos and well-wishes. People are excited that we've provided fresh content to all users," he said. The Web site was designed exclusively by Klawitter's WebGroup, which is a service of the Office of News and Information, not of the Office of Information Technology.

"We've gotten a lot of feedback from both aesthetic and practical purposes," he said. OIT divested itself from the WebGroup approximately three years ago because OIT's director, designed to handle the content and presentation of nd.edu, does not fall under OIT's role of overseeing the campus' computer systems and networks.

OIT "worries about infrastructure. (WebGroup) worries about message," Latimer said.

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The University debuted the anticipated redesigned homepage at mid-night, designed to appeal to three different groups of potential users those who are being exposed to the University for the first time, those who are looking for simple information and those who use the site on a regular basis, such as faculty, staff, and students, Klawitter said.

"Each and every one of us may imitate his spirit, his generosity, and his service," University Provost Thomas Burish showed a video presentation titled "One Heart, One Soul" near the end of the ceremony titled "One Heart, One Soul" near the end of the ceremony.

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He said he expects the improved search engine to be one of the added features that will directly impact prospective and current students by simplifying their online experience.

"We wanted to give a straightforward, positive impression of the University and provide a solid user experience," Klawitter said.

Feedback to Klawitter's office has been generally positive so far, he said. "We've gotten a lot of kudos and well-wishes. People are excited that we've provided fresh content to all users," he said.

Sophomore Nick LaSpina said he liked the Web site's improvements. "It seems well designed for both aesthetic and practical purposes," he said.

Klawitter's next task will be to improve the calendar, mapping and virtual tour features to update the "starting point" for the users' online Notre Dame experience.

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make a profit by selling at a higher face value.

To ease the problem, Berlo said, the ticket office, student government and the office of Student Affairs gathered this summer to look at the issues and "hopefuly improve them for next year," Berlo said.

After consulting with the student organizations, the Ticket Office decided to suspend the exchange program with the exception of the USC game, which takes place after fall break begins.

At the end of the season, the groups will meet again to determine if the changes were successful in curbing the problem. Berlo said that he hopes to reinstate the practice next season if the number of counterfeit and scalping cases are reduced. The new policy has not affected the number of student tickets sold.

While Notre Dame students are restricted to exchanges for one game, Saint Mary's students will not receive that option.

Karen Johnson, vice president for student affairs at Saint Mary's, said Saint Mary's students will not receive that option.

"We are invited to participate in the purchase of the tickets, but do not have any say in their policies," she said in an email to The Observer.

Because the Ticket Office is able to trace the counterfeit tickets to the individual student, Saint Mary's students, when Berlo said there were more frequent offenders, were excluded. According to the Ticket Office, offenders face up to five years of losing ticketing privileges.

"Since there are so few tickets available to be exchanged now, with only two games, we decided to give the Notre Dame kids the first shot," Berlo said.

"But the other reason is because we found violations of the exchange were proportionally worse from Saint Mary's. We wanted to isolate exactly where the problem was most prevalent."

There are no financial or other advantages to the changes made by the Ticket Office, Berlo said.

"It is disappointing because we don't enjoy taking privileges from the students," he said.

The new policy has left some Saint Mary's students upset with their limited ticketing options, including senior Bridget Fitpatrick, who had planned to buy an unused ticket from a friend and exchange it for a general admission ticket for her sister, who goes to school in Chicago.

"I wanted to bring [my sister] to a Notre Dame game this year, but now, because of the exchange policy, it looks like I won't be able to do that," she said.

Some students are angry because they were not notified of the policy until Aug. 13.

"It's frustrating because we bought the tickets first, and then they told us about the policy," senior Courtney Kendig said.

Other students said they thought the USC exception conflicted with the Ticket Office's desire to minimize the online resale of tickets, as seats for the anticipated USC game are likely to sell for large sums on auction Web sites.

"So basically, students are limited to exchanging their tickets only for the most expensive game," said senior senator Jim Lockwood. "This, logically speaking, makes no sense at all. Tickets for that game are going for $2,000 each."

Another major change in the regulation of this season's football tickets can be seen in the absence of long lines snaking along the side of Notre Dame Stadium for extended periods of time this week.

Beginning last spring, upperclassmen were able to choose their seating groups and pay for their tickets online for the first time. They must show their student ID cards to retrieve them from the Student Box Office this year, speeding up a process that used to require early-morning wake ups to stand in line for the best seats.

Sophomore Fraser Desmond said the online procedure was a lot faster than his experience last fall.

"It was better than having to wait in the rain on an early Tuesday morning, like last year," he said.

Desmond and his fellow upperclassmen have has spared the long lines and the early morning trek to the stadium — but that was not the case for every student.

Freshman's had not to participate in the online registration procedures last semester, and had to purchase their tickets the old way, before sunrise, and in groups of 10.

Freshman Eras Noel woke up at 2:30 a.m. and waited until the gates opened at 5:30 a.m. to receive his season tickets.

"I attended a summer program here so it was easy to find a group of people to sit with," he said. "Waiting for hours wasn't so bad."

The last football ticketing change this season limited the number of tickets that parents of students were allowed the chance to receive through the lottery. Previously, parents were given the opportunity to buy four tickets to two games, this year they can purchase two tickets to one game.

This measure was taken primarily to benefit the alumni, Berlo said.

"After the record-setting lottery last year, we took a look at the lottery and scaled back a lot of the participatory groups," Berlo said. "It was really a way to help insure that our future graduates would have greater ticket access."

Lockwood said he feels the reduction of parent ticketing and suspension of ticket exchanges are a double-edged sword that should have been reanalyzed because it disadvantages students at two fronts: by making it harder for their non-Notre Dame friends to attend games and by limiting their parents to only one game.

"Rather than punish everybody, the school should punish those who violate the policy more vigilantly," he said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Turkey elects new president

ISTANBUL, Turkey — A devout Muslim won Turkey's presidency Tuesday after months of Army mediation with the secular establishment, promising to be impartial and pragmatic in a nation that Islam and the state should be separate.

Still, in a sign that tension could be ahead, top generals did not attend the swearing-in ceremony in parliament of Abdullah Gul, their new president, who is a leader under in chief. Local media interpreted their absence as a protest against the 36-year-old Gul, the former foreign minister in Turkey's Islamic-rooted government.

Gul, who has tried to engineer Turkey's entry into the European Union with sweeping reforms, received a majority of 339 votes in a parliamentary ballot in the capital, Ankara. The religious conservative party, the head of the earlier bid for the presidency, but his triumph this time was assured by a ruling party that won a second term in general elections last month.

Shiite militias end festival

BAGHDAD — Fighting erupted Tuesday between rival Shiite militias in Karbala during a religious festival, claiming 51 lives and wounding 200 others.

In a move that could further strain U.S.-Iranian relations, U.S. troops raised a U.S.-funded radio station described as members of an Iranian delegation visiting to negotiate contracts with the Iraqis.

National News

American poverty rate falls

WASHINGTON — Five years into a national economic recovery, the share of Americans living in poverty finally dropped.

The poverty rate was 12.3 percent in 2006, down from 12.6 percent a year ago, the Census Bureau reported Tuesday. Median household income increased slightly, to $43,200.

The numbers provided some good economic news at a time when American job creation efforts have been rattled by a slumping housing market. But they also were tempered by an increase in the number of Americans without health insurance, from 44.8 million in 2005 to 47 million last year.

State senators alleged to be engaged in lewd act

BOISE — Under fire from leaders of his own party, Idaho Sen. Larry Craig on Tuesday the office of his own state's attorney general said he would “pay no attention” to American critics and if necessary “find friends elsewhere.”

Bush and the U.S. ambassador in Iraq have given accused Iran of violating human rights and trying to destabilize Iraq, Afghanistan and the wider region.

“Iran is sending arms to the Taliban in Afghanistan to be used to attack American and NATO troops,” Bush said. “Iran has arrested visiting American scholars who have committed no crimes and impose on threat to their regime. And Iran’s active pursuit of technology that could lead to nuclear weapons threatens to put a region already known for instability and violence under the shadow of a nuclear holocaust. Iran’s actions threaten the security of nations everywhere.”

Rescuers maintain search for miners

Local News

INDOT defends design of I-80

INDIANA — Residents and officials are questioning why Interstate 80/94 flooded last week, causing portions of the route into Chicago that is one of the nation's busiest stretches of highway to be closed for three days.

Indiana Department of Transportation officials defended the design, saying unusually heavy rains were to blame for the closure of the highway section that has been rebuilt over the past three years.

"It was an act of nature," INDOT spokesman Joshua Bingham said.

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad boldly declared Tuesday that U.S. political influence in Iraq was "collapsing rapidly" and said his government was ready to help fill any power vacuum.

The hard-line leader also denounced U.S. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, a fellow Shiite Muslim who has been harshly criticized by American politicians for his unsuccessful efforts to reconcile Iraq's Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds.

"The political power of the occupiers is collapsing rapidly," Ahmadinejad said at a news conference, referring to U.S. troops in Iraq. "Soon, we will see a huge power vacuum in the region. Of course, we are prepared to fill the vacuum, with the help of neighbors and regional friends like Saudi Arabia and Iran." Ahmadinejad did not elaborate on his remarks, an unusual declaration of Iran's interest to influencing its neighbor's future.

The mention of a Saudi role appeared aimed at allaying the fears of Saudi Arabia and other Sunni Muslim nations that Iran wants to dominate in Iraq. Even though Saudi Arabia and Iran have not cooperated in the past, it "doesn't mean it can't happen," Ahmadinejad said.

Iran fought a brutal eight-year war with Saddam Hussein's regime and welcomed the elimination of a deadly hated enemy. But Iran also strongly objects to the presence of a Sunni-ruled, author-rival, over its eastern and western borders in Afghanistan, a country aimed at the Iranian region.

"Occupation is the root of all problems in Iraq," Ahmadinejad said. "It has become clear that occupiers are not able to solve regional issues."

President Bush defended the Iraq war in a speech at the American Legion's national convention and repeated his warning of a power vacuum in Iraq he believes Iran is ready to fill.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad speaks at a press conference Tuesday, warning of a power vacuum in Iraq he believes Iran is ready to fill.

"Any power vacuum in Iraqs' future, saying he would "pay no attention" to American critics and if necessary "find friends elsewhere." They readily say the Iraqi prime minister and the constitution must change," Ahmadinejad said of U.S. critics. "Who are you? Who has given you the right? to ask for such a change, he added.

Ousting al-Maliki, a longtime Shiite political activist, would require a majority vote in the 275-member Iraqi parliament. As long as the Kurdish parties and the main Shiite bloc back al-Maliki, his opponents lack the votes for that.

In a move that could further strain U.S.-Iranian relations, U.S. troops raided a Baghdad hotel Tuesday night and detained about 10 people, including six whom a U.S.-funded radio station described as members of an Iranian delegation visiting to negotiate contracts with the Iraqis.

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Crews tried to lower a robotic camera into a Utah mountain Tuesday and drilled yet another shaft into the coal mine where six miners have been trapped for more than three weeks.

Officials hoped the seventh hole would break into the coal mine's so-called "War Room," a designated safety area 1,800 feet underground where the miners would have last protection after the Aug. 6 cave-in. Rescuers have detected no sign of life from the men.

The work was interrupted Monday by heavy rain that washed out work sites on steep terrain above the Crandall Canyon mine, about 120 miles south of Salt Lake City.

Crews were working to snake the robotic camera into an undamaged section at the rear of the mine through hole No. 3, drilled works earlier.

Officials planned to brief families on the camera's progress Tuesday evening, said Rich Kalczewski, a spokesman for the U.S. Labor Department. He said the government would not announce any developments until after that meeting.

"I don't expect there will be any shocking news coming out of that," said Sonny Olsen, a spokesman for some miners' families. "I don't think anything significant is happening yet."

Federal officials have said the instability of the mountain makes it too risky to resume underground digging or to drill a hole wide enough to send a manned rescue capsule into the mine.

The robotic camera can travel 1,000 feet and has a 200-watt light so it can take images of objects up to about 50 feet away. It is similar to one used to search the wreckage of the World Trade Center after the 2001 terrorist attacks in New York City.
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shot around 1 a.m. Aug. 21 following a “harsh” conversation with the shooter, who returned several minutes later in an SUV and fired five shots at the students, Trent said. The students were taken to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, where Depree was treated for a leg wound and then released, Trent said. The gunshot wounds Collins received to his abdomen and leg, however, were initially considered serious and threatened he requested and received last rites.

Collins said the shooter—who neither he nor his friends had ever met—approached him, Depree and another Notre Dame senior in front of Club 23 while they were waiting for a ride, according to Karen Collins. When the man asked the three students for a ride, they said no, Karen Collins said. The man—who police described as a short-haired black male of average build wearing a clean, white T-shirt—then walked out of sight. He returned moments later in the passenger seat of a black SUV as it drove up to the curb where the three seniors stood. He then said: “Thank you for the ride, you [expletive] Notre Dame students,” before firing five shots. Karen Collins said. Two of the bullets hit Collins, and one hit Depree. The car’s driver then drove northbound on Notre Dame Avenue, Trent said.

University officials were notified of the shooting before 2 a.m. Aug. 21 and became immediately involved, University spokesperson Dennis Brown said. Associate Vice President for Residence Life and Housing Bill Kirk visited Matthew Collins and Depree at the hospital later that morning. Brown said.

Both Matthew Collins and Depree said they intend to enroll for the fall semester, he said.

Karen Collins said the University “has been great” throughout the ordeal.

“The shooting is quite an uncommon occurrence,” Trent said last week. “We do not believe in any way, shape or form that this was random.”

Police do not know whether the suspected shooter was inside Club 23 before the shooting, Trent said.

“I would hope the student population wouldn’t let this scare them into not enjoying themselves or the community here,” he said. He advised students to avoid actions which could put themselves at risk, such as walking alone at night. Students are far more likely to be victims of property crime than violence, Trent said. Theft can often be prevented by concealing electronics and other valuables inside a trunk or locked in a console, he said.

“You leaving out a backpack is as good as leaving an iPod or cell phone out,” he said.

“A briefcase—you might as well leave the laptop out.”

The honors, McDonald said, “just boost the fact that we are already doing important things right. And that is a good flag to fly.”

Mandi Stirone contributed to this report.

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Rankings
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She hopes Saint Mary’s breaks into the top 50 national liberal arts colleges in the near future.

To do this, Mooney believes the College needs to improve retention and graduation rates. Small class sizes and “talented, accessible faculty” could also boost the College’s ranking, Mooney said.

But the College’s current performance was weak enough to prompt U.S. News to move it from the regional to the national category, Director of Media Relations Melanie McDonald said.

“We didn’t do anything different,” McDonald said. “There was no seismic shift…. It’s a reclassification,” she said. “But to enter into the realm of the top third is a big deal for us. It shows that we can play in the big leagues and that we belong.”

While the Princeton Review rankings are not as well known as the U.S. News and World Report rankings, the impact on the College is still significant, College officials said.

“Any time there is academic recognition and student satisfaction, it is a positive thing,” McDonald said. U.S. News, which relies heavily on evaluations from peer institutions, differs from the Princeton Review, which considers student input.

“It is a nice balance to know that we received kudos from students who lived the education and our academic peers as well,” McDonald said.

The Princeton Review rankings are based on standards for excellence and student opinion data collected through a survey on its website.

The information was compiled in the publication’s “Best Colleges: Region by Region,” section of the website dedicated to colleges that “set us apart as academically excellent institutions of higher learning.”

Administrators and faculty members said they are looking forward to the implications of the recent awards and their potential effect on enrollment.

Dan Meyer, vice president of enrollment, and Mona Bowe, director of admissions, are “leading the charge” in Mooney’s plan to increase enrollment, McDonald said.

“The rankings will not doubt look attractive to prospective students and parents,” McDonald said. “But it is not cause and effect. All the good things we want for the College will not come about right now, but it is a good place to begin.”

Students also said they think the College’s current performance was important.

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Wall Street raises investor concerns

Wall Street raises investor concerns. Sending stocks plunging as investors grew more uneasy about the economy, the government bond market "shows no signs of slowing down," said the National Association of Realtors. While the number of unsold homes shot up to a record level, the stock market found little to assuage worries over the housing slump, credit problems and turbulence on Wall Street Tuesday, sending stocks plunging as well. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 280 points.

There had been some hope on the Street that Fed policymakers might have sent a stronger signal they were more willing to cut interest rates to shore up sagging market conditions. But in the minutes from the Federal Open Market Committee's Aug. 7 meeting, while the central bank noted the turmoil in the markets and said, "To the extent such a development could have an adverse effect on growth prospects, might require a policy response," it didn't discuss a cut in the benchmark federal funds rate that Wall Street has wanted.

U.S. home prices continue to drop

NEW YORK — U.S. home prices fell 3.2 percent in the second quarter, the steepest quarter of decline since Standard & Poor's began its nationwide housing index in 1987, the research group said Tuesday.

The decline in home prices around the nation follows a wave of foreclosures of a market recovery anytime soon, one of the architects of the index said.

MacroMarkets LLC Chief Economist Robert Shiller said the declining residential real estate market "shows no signs of slowing down."

The report came a day after the National Association of Realtors said sales of existing homes dropped for a fifth straight month in July while the number of unsold homes shot up to a record level.

The S&P/Case-Shiller quarterly index tracks price trends among existing single-family homes across the nation compared with a year earlier.

China

U.S. representatives target toy safety

Larsen: Tainted Chinese exports create a personal problem for Americans

Larsen urged U.S. importers to get more involved. He said their businesses could suffer, especially around Christmas, "if the American public does not get to the point where they are specifically looking for products that are not made in China."

The legislation also provides funding for the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for overseas inspections of processed foods and toothpaste.

China's crackdown on toy makers comes two weeks after Mattel Inc., the world's largest toy maker, recalled almost 19 million dolls, cars and action figures because they contained lead paint or tiny magnets that could damage organs if swallowed by children.

"An examination will be conducted across the country on licensed Chinese toy producers and exporters to clear out those unspecified ones," the quality administration said on its Web site.

Fed considers credit intervention

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve policymakers meeting in early August acknowledged that they might have to take action to ease a growing credit crunch, even as they held out hope for "sustained further improvement in market conditions" without any intervention.

A cut in one interest rate came 10 days earlier, and analysts are expecting a broader rate cut when Chairman Ben Bernanke and his Fed colleagues meet in September.

The Fed, however, didn't feel an immediate need to act at its Aug. 7 meeting. Instead, the Fed left a key interest rate unchanged at 5.25 percent, where it has stood for more than a year. Policymakers left rates alone even as they acknowledged that the worsening housing slump, credit problems and turbulence on Wall Street had increased risks to the economy.

Bernanke and his central bank colleagues "expected a return to more normal market conditions," but they recognized that might not be the case, according to minutes of the closed-door meeting released Tuesday.

"A further deterioration in financial conditions could not be ruled out, and to the extent such a development could have an adverse effect on growth prospects, might require a policy response," the minutes stated.

The minutes didn't say what that response might entail. "Policymakers would need to watch the situation carefully," the minutes stated.

They did. Ten days later — on Aug. 17 — the Federal Reserve took the unusual step of slicing by a half percentage point the interest rate it charges banks for loans to 5.75 percent. That narrowly tailored move was aimed at propelling up sagging financial markets. The Fed also has pumped billions of dollars into the U.S. financial system to help banks and other institutions get over any cash-flow problems and more smoothly carry out their businesses.

Economists and investors believe the odds are rising that the Fed will move to lower its key interest rate now at 5.25 percent by at least one-quarter percentage point or before Sept. 18, its next regularly scheduled meeting. This rate, called the federal funds rate, is the interest banks charge each other on overnight loans and is the Fed main tool for influencing overall economic activity. A reduction to the funds rate would mean lower interest rates for millions of consumers and businesses.
"The goal the entire time is to have a permit process completely removed and to create other avenues to address disorderly parties," Brown said. But Council member Al "Buddy" Kirsits, one of the bill's co-sponsors, sees the ordinance as necessary to address the recurring issue of raucous student parties. "We need to tell people of the behavior we expect of them in our community," Kirsits said at the Aug. 20 Common Council Community Relations Committee meeting. "I don't see this as that big of a deal. It might be to some people who have that 'anything goes' mentality."

The proposed ordinance currently exists in two forms, each of which would require a different length of advance notice to the city about any event. The bill designed by sponsoring members Timothy Rouse and Kirsits would require the host to notify the city at least 10 days before any event, while the working draft of a proposal by the city administration would require only 24 hours notice.

The ordinance has inflamed discussion among Notre Dame students since Brown notified the student body in an e-mail Aug. 4.

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White House eyes possible Gonzales replacements

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Moving quickly to replace Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, White House officials are considering five contenders for the attorney general’s job if offered.

White House officials are in league with Justice Department officials to a select group of Bush administration officials.

The official who spoke on condition of anonymity asked to speak more openly about the process declined to identify the five contenders who were being looked at "seriously.

While House officials have consulted more than 20 members of Congress — Democrats and Republicans alike — about possible successors to Gonzales, who announced Monday that is leaving office on Sept. 17.

Interviews with current and former Justice Department officials, congressional aides, attorneys and other legal experts yielded as many as 24 names of possible, if highly speculative candidates for the attorney general’s job.

When contacted Tuesday, several contenders asked to remain anonymous and flatly said they did not want the job. Others declined to comment.

"I love the Department of Justice — it’s the most wonderful professional experience I’ve had in my life," said Ted Olson, a former solicitor general for the Bush administration who declined to say whether he has discussed the attorney general’s job with the White House. "I would accept the post if offered.

Similarly, George Tenet, a former attorney general under former President George H.W. Bush who has emerged as an often-mentioned contender, declined to comment.

Christopher Wray, a former solicitor general for the Bush administration who declined to say whether he has discussed the attorney general’s job with the White House, or whether he would accept the post if offered.

This week Gonzales endured.

"It’s going to be a very tough job," said Ted Olson, a former solicitor general for the Bush administration who declined to say whether he has discussed the attorney general’s job with the White House. "It’s going to be very difficult to win confirmation because of his political resume — including overturning Oliver North’s conviction and discrediting Anita Hill during Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas’ confirmation hearings.

Hatch’s prospects were a big unknown, there is general affection for him from his Senate colleagues but also questions about his loyalty to the administration because of his gentle treatment of Gonzales. The Utah Republican was the lone member of his party on the Senate Judiciary Committee not to publicly endorse the embattled attorney general.

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Bush hails New Orleans' spirit 2 years after Katrina

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — President Bush said Tuesday he wanted to celebrate the spirit of New Orleans. He chose to do so Wednesday, as much for her famous cook-city's Queen of Creole, known with Leah Chase, considered Orleans. He chose to do so to celebrate the spirit of New.

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The president and his wife, Laura, dined with about two dozen others at her restaurant, Dooky Chase, a landmark eatery that was once a gathering place for civil rights leaders and has become famous for traditional Creole cooking. Around the large square table with Bush, federal, state and local officials mixed with athletes, artists, developers and others.

New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees was at the table, as was musician Irwin Mayfield, for a long list of dishes such as crab soup, grilled redfish, shrimp Clemenceau, chicken with oyster dressing and jambalaya.

Bush called them all "quiet heroes who have helped bring optimism and hope to New Orleans" after the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina two years ago Wednesday. He saluted Chase and her husband, Dooky Chase II, who have renovated the restaurant with its elegant dining rooms, impressive art collection and brilliantly colored walls and plan to finally reopen from the storm's damage in a couple of weeks.

"I know you would want me to say that the food here is about as good as anywhere here in N.O.," Bush said. "I will say it.

The president and his wife are to spend Wednesday's anniversary at a New Orleans charter school and a community center down the Gulf Coast in Bay St. Louis, Miss. It is Bush's 15th visit to the region since the storm but only his second since last year's anniversary, as the issue has moved further off the president's radar.

The federal government's dismal performance in the immediate aftermath of the storm — and some residents' lingering sense of abandonment since — severely dented Bush's image as a take-charge leader. As on other visits, Bush and his team came here armed with a raft of facts and figures about how much his administration has done to fulfill his Jackson Square promise to "do what it takes" to rebuild New Orleans.

The president continues to follow through on his commitment to help local citizens rebuild their lives," said Bush spokesman Scott Stanzel.

The storm killed more than 1,600 people along the Gulf Coast, declining the Mississippi shoreline and flooding nearly 80 percent of New Orleans.

Two years later, huge swaths of the city remain in shambles, with businesses shuttered and houses abandoned and bureaucracy choking federal and state assistance.

The city's population continues to grow. Sales tax revenues are approaching normal. But unemployment is stubbornly high. Schools and hospitals have not reopened to keep pace and neither has prison crime prevention. New Orleans leves still are not ready for the next big storm.

Bush's Gulf Coast rebuilding chief, Don Powell, noted the federal government has committed a total of $114 billion in aid to the region, $96 billion of which is already disbursed or available to local governments.

The implied criticism is that it is local officials' fault if that money has not reached citizens.

Powell also said the president intends to ask for $7.5 billion more — for a total of $15 billion — to strengthen New Orleans' levee system to withstand a 100-year storm and improve the area's drainage system. Levees, he said, are undeniably solebly a federal responsibility.

But he said that other areas — such as infrastructure repair and home rebuilding — are shared responsibilities with local officials or entirely the purview of state and local governments.

The federally funded, state administered Road Home program, created to help people rebuild their homes, is a particularly sore subject.

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Louisiana have received grants, out of more than 180,000 applications. And federal, state and local government officials discovered only recently that insurance shortfalls mean they won't have enough money to go around.

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Insiders discuss Wilson's future

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By Numbers said Tuesday, "Owen Wilson has a really good reputation and people in general really feel bad for him right now. That feeling seems to extend to studio executives, too."

Fox Searchlight had no comment Tuesday about "The Darjeeling Limited," which stars Wilson, Adrien Brody and Jason Schwartzman. The film is scheduled for release Sept. 29.

Wilson’s next starring vehicle, Paramount’s "Drillbit Taylor," is set for a March release, a studio spokeswoman said, declining further comment.

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Senator recovers from hemorrhage

Associated Press

SIoux Falls, S.D. — On Tuesday, Tim Johnson was not the ailing thread on which Democrats' majority in the Senate hangs. He was a man surrounded by friends from both parties who wanted to see and hear him — and to find out how he's doing.

In his first public appearance since suffering a Dec. 13 brain hemorrhage, and after months of recuperation and therapy, the senator was pushed to the stage in a wheelchair at the Sioux Falls Convention Center. He stood up to the lectern and, slurring in a wheelchair, said:

"My will to keep fighting for you has never been stronger," he said.

Dr. Bryan Wellman, a neurosurgeon at Sanford Neurosurgery in Sioux Falls who watched Johnson on television, agreed. He said it seems as if the weakness on the right side of his face is causing Johnson's speech to be slurred and that as he gets stronger it should go away.

"For what he has dealt with, he has done marvellous," Wellman said.

The senator, who has not officially said whether he is running for re-election in 2008, hinted he wanted to use a scooter to travel longer distances in the Capitol.

"I think it's less how you look and more about how you care and how much you can connect with voters," said Democratic consultant Jenny Backus, who does not work for Johnson.

Two Republicans have said they will seek Johnson's seat: state Rep. Joel Dykstra and Sam Kephart, a self-employed businessman.

Kephart wished Johnson and his family well Tuesday but he didn't shy from taking shots, criticizing the senator's usually soft-spoken demeanor.

"It's not a time for quiet politics," Kephart said. "It's a time for building bridges and leading with your chin and taking risks."
Do you wonder how you are going to pay those student loans? Two University announcements last spring might give you heartburn. Or encouragement.

First, undergraduate tuition, room and board (THB) will increase 5.4 percent for 2007-08, up nearly $2,500 from 2006-07. The THB for 2007-08 is $44,377, including $35,187 for tuition and $9,290 for average room-and-board. In 1978 when Notre Dame first described itself as a "National Catholic Research University," THB was $5,180. If the rise in that 1978 THB had kept pace with the rise in the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the 2007-08 THB would be $16,368. The rise beyond the CPI is partly due to factors beyond University control. The main reason, however, is Notre Dame's drive for acceptance as a Great Research University. The traditional focus of Notre Dame had been on undergraduate education, with research and grad studies playing an important but balanced role. The drive for Research Greatness involves reduced teaching loads for faculty, more grad students as teachers and other effects including the paving-and-building mania that has converted the formerly pastoral Notre Dame into an imitation urban campus.

For other universities, Notre Dame has financed its research ambition by raising tuition, its budget, as a former Provost observed, in "tuition driven," Notre Dame's Excellent Office of Financial Aid does an admirable job of distributing aid to students who could not attend Notre Dame without it. Unfortunately, loans are an integral part of the typical aid package. Heavy loan burdens can distort the career and family choices of Notre Dame graduates. Which brings us to the second announcement. In May, the University announced the largest fund-raising program in the history of Catholic higher education. The Spirit of Notre Dame campaign seeks $1.5 billion, of which $887 million had been raised at the time of the announcement. The campaign aims $250 million for undergraduate scholarships and $40 million for graduate fellowships. "We would like," said Vice President John Affleck-Graves, "to move every student who is on one loan to no loan, and every student who's on two loans to one loan. The worst case for a student in need at Notre Dame at the moment is a two-loan package."

About two dozen major universities have moved to replace loans with university grants for low-income students. Princeton University, however, in 2001 expanded its "no loan" policy, beyond low-income students to all students entitled to aid. Princeton's tuition of $33,000 did not increase for 2007-08 although room-and-board did increase. Princeton THB is $43,980 — less than Notre Dame's. Princeton's total "no loan" program belongs at Notre Dame. No Princeton student is required to take a loan as part of his or her aid package. The amount a student normally would borrow is replaced with an increase in the Princeton grant. The full menu of every undergrad is met through Princeton grants, scholarships from external sources and a campus job. In 2006-07, 52% of all undergrads received financial aid, with an average aid package of $30,730, including $2,000 in campus jobs. The total scholarship budget is $71.9 million. About $52 million comes from endowed scholarships, and the rest through annual giving and other current-use support. Students can borrow for personal needs. The median family income of students receiving financial aid is $90,400. Compared to the national average of $20,000 of debt for graduating seniors, Princeton grants have an average total debt of $2,360. Two-thirds of the class of 2005, the first to enroll under the no-loan policy, reported that graduating with little or no debt "had a significant impact" on their ability to pursue further studies and seek teaching or other service-oriented jobs. "Since I have no debt," said one grad teaching in a high school, "I have time to make wise decisions about my future after Princeton and to pursue my true interests. I probably would not have chosen to become an educator if I was burdened with loans."

A Catholic university is uniquely obliged to free its grads from onerous debt. The only middle-class students now at Notre Dame tend to be ROTC students, scholarship-eligible, faculty and staff children, recipients of academic or special scholarships and those who are willing to come to Notre Dame at the price of crippling debt. Princeton has about 5,000 undergrads with an endowment of $13 billion compared to about $3 billion for Notre Dame. To emulate the Princeton plan here would be a daunting task. But it is difficult to imagine that Notre Dame alumni would not respond abundantly in a commitment, as part of the Spirit of Notre Dame campaigns, to adopt the Princeton no-loan program. Notre Dame should be a beacon in society. Notre Dame should not consign them to life as loan serfs to the government or to Sallie Mae or other private lenders whose interest rates can approach the cometary. This is one case where we ought to imitate the Ivy League.

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"A classic is something everyone wants to read and nobody wants to read."

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**Quote of the Day**

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Confessions of a Facebook addict

Facebook has opened up a new version of correspondence, but I have to wonder: has it completely changed the way our generation communicates? Is Facebook just a phase, or is it just the beginning of our over-exposed adaptation of email of the map? And once again, the race for the Democratic party nomination pits a candidate of youth, hope and enthusiasm against an experienced, but controversial political insider.

Hillary Clinton, for all her incredible political gifts, has become Public Enemy No. 2 for a disturbingly large number of Americans. Perhaps her contradictory nature is to blame. She is a multi-millionaire through incredible personal advances but fashions herself as a "champion of the middle class." She presents herself as a loyal, supportive wife while her failed National Health Care agenda, or even more distressing images of her husband retreating the halls of the oval office. And the rest of us, well, perhaps we are just jealous of the French because their leading liberal figure is such a straightforward, righteous babe. Whatever the reason for all of the personal enmity, Hillity Clinton spells trouble for America. We have spent the last eight years under the helm of divisive presidents, not to mention the last 27 years under administrations that contained either a Bush or a Clinton. Our politics are polarized like never before — more than half of America screamingly despises their own president. It's a weak excuse to avoid making an effort for unification among American citizens. The one thing America can't stomach is another president who will divide the house against itself into four — or, God forbid, eight — more years of bitter partisanship and distracted governance. Thus, it's not yet time for "her turn."

This column originally appeared in the August 28 edition of The Daily Texan, the daily publication at the University of Texas. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
In “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows,” we enter J.K. Rowling’s magical world for one last grand adventure filled with triumphs, heartbreaks and, most importantly, love. In the 10 years since “Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone” was published in the U.K., Rowling’s writing has grown more sophisticated and dark, making “Deathly Hallows” her finest work that, as always, can be devoured by all.

“Deathly Hallows” begins shortly after our favorite headmaster’s tragic murder at the hands of Professor Severus Snape. Harry prepares to fulfill Dumbledore’s last wish — to find and destroy the remaining Horcruxes and to rid the world of the evil Lord Voldemort. As Voldemort’s power and influence grows in the wizarding world, Harry’s mission becomes ever more urgent. With the help of best friends Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger, he starts the journey he was destined to take since that fateful Halloween 16 years earlier. With Harry’s parents and mentors now deceased, “Deathly Hallows” is the story of how the Boy Who Lived becomes a man.

Harry must overcome trials and obstacles as he and his friends hide in the countryside and search for clues that will lead them to the remaining Horcruxes. They must find ways to break into the Ministry of Magic and Gringotts, avoid saying Voldemort’s name due to a hex put on it and fight off Death Eaters at every turn.

The seventh book is certainly the darkest. Faithful friends fall almost too frequently, but the Order of the Phoenix is at war and casualties are an unfortunate consequence. Death is a powerful theme in the Potter series, one that reaches its fruition in this latest installment as Harry learns of the Deathly Hallows — three objects that, if united, allow the beholder to conquer death. Harry already possesses one and faces the difficult decision of whether to seek out the others or destroy the Horcruxes as Dumbledore commanded.

However, just as death is a dominating theme, so is love. Love is what distinguishes Harry from Voldemort because love is the powerful magic that Voldemort does not understand. In a wizarding world without God, Rowling has made love the most powerful force by which all wizards must live their lives. There is love for friends, love for family and even love for subjugated magical creatures. Harry fights for a world in which love triumphs over death.

Rowling’s writing drags only momentarily. She spends too much time on Harry, Ron and Hermione camping from site to site, but “Deathly Hallows” is still filled with more action and suspense than the previous six books combined. Harry even faces Voldemort within the first moments of the book, and frequent escapes from Death Eaters become the norm.

The action culminates in the Battle of Hogwarts, in which Hogwarts students and the Order fight side by side against the Death Eaters as Harry searches for the last horcruxes before facing Voldemort — and perhaps his own death. Unfortunately, the climactic battle is the only taste of Hogwarts we get, but Rowling still manages to write a captivating Potter novel without the everyday exploits and zaniness of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry.

In 759 pages, Rowling creates a beautiful ending to a magical series. From Harry’s final goodbye with the Dursleys to our favorite headmaster’s tragic murder at the hands of Professor Severus Snape, the Order of the Phoenix is on the run from Voldemort and his Death Eaters. Death is a powerful theme in the Potter series, one that reaches its fruition in this latest installment as Harry learns of the Deathly Hallows — three objects that, if united, allow the beholder to conquer death. Harry already possesses one and faces the difficult decision of whether to seek out the others or destroy the Horcruxes as Dumbledore commanded.

It’s what Rowling does best.

And fortunately, “Deathly Hallows” is not goodbye because we can visit Harry and his friends whenever we want. Rowling’s wizarding world awaits us in seven magical novels that will seldom collect dust on our bookshelves.

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The Day the Magic Ended

Hogwarts vs. Notre Dame

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

July 21, 2007 has become the most melancholy day in the history of my life. Yes, the release date of "Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows" marked the culmination of seven books and a bajillion pages worth of magic and mystery, but it also marked the end of an era for a generation of Potter-philes raised on the works of J.K. Rowling.

While watching fresh faces find their way around campus for the first time this past weekend, I thought of my own first days and nights on campus here at the University with a certain sense of nostalgia. That, combined with my depression at the end of the Harry Potter series, led me to recall my first impression of Notre Dame as I arrived as a skinnier and bright-eyed freshman: If there is any place in the world like Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, this is it.

The Notre Dame Bookstore is an easy equivalent of Flourish and Blotts, and books cost an arm and a leg at either institution. (Plus, if you order by credit card, you can have them magically boxed and ready for easy pickup.)

Like the wizard bank Gringotts, we have our very own Notre Dame Federal Credit Union (although it is not run by greedy goblins such as Griphook, but by humans) and mysteriously vanishing funds will make students wish they had more Galleons, Sickles and Knuts.

Another thing we Domers pride ourselves on is dorm spirit, much like the students of Hogwarts. While we have many more houses than just Gryffindor, Slytherin, Hufflepuff and Ravenclaw, there are a few parallels out there.

For my own part, I count myself lucky to be a Stanford Griffin, in the tradition of Father Griffin, our own ND equivalent to Hogwarts' founding father Godric Gryffindor.

The lovely ladies of Breen Phillips bring to mind Hufflepuff, and Farley's Finest are a good parallel to Cho Chang and Ravenclaw.

Of course, I suppose Zahm House would have to be considered a rough equivalent to Slytherin, though it's hard to imagine Professor Severus Snape and Co. dropping their robes for Bun Runs and things of that nature.

Regardless of what dorm you get placed into, you'll land on your feet. And like the students of Hogwarts, you will come to think of Notre Dame as home. You'll find wise, eccentric and enthusiastic professors ready to impart wisdom and knowledge. You'll find generous and benevolent upperclassmen, much like Fred and George Weasley, who tend to provide underclassmen with all manner of magical potions and elixirs, to comic effect.

We have our own diligent and faithful NDSP officers, who patrol the campus with a constant vigilance reminiscent of Hogwarts caretaker Argus Filch and his cat Mrs. Norris, always keeping a ready ear out for mischief in the interest of student safety.

You'll find a long line of wise and kindly University presidents (most recently, Father Jenkins and Monk Malloy before him, and Father Hesburgh before him) to rival the likes of Albus Dumbledore and the many wizened wizards who once held the post of headmaster.

In Notre Dame Stadium, like the Hogwarts Quidditch stadium, we have a distinguished list of fabled football forefathers including Knute Rockne, Ara Parseghian, Frank Leahy and now our own resident gridiron guru, Charlie Weis, to lead the Blue and Gold into battle.

So as you traverse the nighttime campus landscape and take in the lights glowing through the ephemeral mist wreathing the grounds (bringing to mind Number 12 Privet Drive, where the HP magic all began in the first place), one thing is certain about Notre Dame: Ordinary Muggles just can't understand the magic of this place.

So welcome to Notre Dame, First Years, and welcome home.

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Evil forces rise in
The Order of the Phoenix

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

At the time of its release in hardcover form, "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix" marked the darkest installment of the blockbuster book series to date, and its big screen counterpart is no different.

"Order of the Phoenix" features an angrier and darker Boy Who Lived, well into his teenage years and with brooding mood spells (in addition to his many others) and lots of scowls to match.

Between getting temporarily expelled from school, rushing up a student army to combat the forces of evil and practicing his Patronus charm (not to mention appearing in the buff in a London play), Harry also finds time to snog the beautiful Cho Chang. Yes, it's true: The Boy Who Lived is growing up.

Unfortunately, the film has a rushed feel to it, which is probably due more to the sprawling nature of J.K. Rowling's massive tome than to any fault on the part of first-time Potter director David Yates, who manages to handle the challenging material quite well.

Unlike Rowling, who has enjoyed carte blanche and unlimited pulp in which to flourish her magic wand and script out the spell of the Harry Potter story, Yates has considerably less room to play with, and he does well with limited film reel.

Ironically enough for a rushed film, "Order of the Phoenix" also clocks in at over two hours of running time, proof of the massive amount of ground Yates needed to cover with his movie.

The strength of "The Order of the Phoenix" is its cast, which once again puts in excellent work. In addition to the staple performers we've come to know and love, such as Daniel Radcliffe as Harry, Rupert Grint as Ron and Emma Watson as the increasingly attractive Hermione, "Order of the Phoenix" also features a talented trio of first-time female characters to the film series.

Imelda Staunton is perfect for the part of Dolores Umbridge, the new Defense Against the Dark Arts teacher who takes over control of Hogwarts with her syrupy sweet manners, love for all things pink and creepy cohort of pet cats. With every simpering smile, she redefines the image of pure evil.

Evanna Lynch introduces herself as the vaguely creepy, vaguely unnerving and extremely unsettling Luna Lovegood, who becomes one of Harry's new friends and is quite possibly the most bizarre character in the entire series - even one featuring goblins, broomsticks and magic wands.

Helena Bonham Carter shines in a dark light as the unscrupulous and unkempt Bellatrix Lestrange, as evil a witch as ever there was, cackling and unleashing foul magic with maniacal glee after her Death Eater pals spring her from the wizard prison of Azkaban.

Alan Rickman continues to excel as Severus Snape, one of the series' most complex and intriguing characters. He handles the role with perfect sneer and disdain, and continues to tighten up the ambiguous line with great balance. Although he sees limited action this time around, rumor has it he'll have a feature focus in the next film.

Gary Oldman rocks on again as Sirius Black, Harry's godfather, back in black to fight Voldemort and his forces of evil.

On the other side of the magical aisle, Ralph Fiennes puts in another solid performance as the serpentine He-Who-Must-Not-Be-Named, Lord Voldemort, who slithers around with his typical evil antics, waving wands around and generally inflicting dark deeds upon the wizarding world.

Thanks to the wide world of special effects and computer-generated imagery, the movie magic onscreen manages to capture the imagination of the books quite well. In particular, the battle between the Death Eaters featuring very

Avada kedavra! Helena Bonham Carter has bloody good fun with the role of Bellatrix Lestrange, a homicidal Death Eater with a penchant for cruelty.

Expelliarmus! Actress Evanna Lynch disarms viewers with an excellent performance as the loopy Luna Lovegood, an unsettling and creepy but cute character.
**AROUND THE NATION**

*Compiled from The Observer's Wire Services*

**Wednesday, August 29, 2007**

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### In Brief

**Simon preparing for fresh start with Titans**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Corey Simon stood sweating in the sun Tuesday after his first workout with the Tennessee Titans, insisting he loves football and that his motivation never dipped.

"I’m pretty comfortable with the players when it’s just moving around with them and talking one-on-one," Cooper said. "What I have difficulty with is when it’s a big group. I struggle with that a little bit, but those are things I have to get through and work through. The more I do it, the better I’ll get!"

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### MLB

**Astros ready to take over in Houston**

HOUSTON — Cecil Cooper has never had a problem communicating with players individually. It’s the group settings Cooper is going to have to get used to as the new manager of the Houston Astros.

Cooper took over as manager after Phil Garner was fired Monday, getting a little more than a month with the players when it’s just moving around with them and talking one-on-one," Cooper said. "What I have difficulty with is when it’s a big group. I struggle with that a little bit, but those are things I have to get through and work through. The more I do it, the better I’ll get!"

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### Pollution in Beijing a new problem for Olympics

OSAKA, Japan — Athletes will have a tricky choice next year if Beijing’s polluted air doesn’t improve in time for the Olympics: stay away as long as possible, or come in early and get used to it.

"We know how to train for heat and humidity, but not a lot of research has been done on running in the polluted atmosphere we think we’ll find in Beijing," Kyle O’Brien, an American marathoner who ran at the track and field world championship in Osaka, said Tuesday.

Therein, lies the problem.

Air pollution levels in China’s capital are nearly five times higher than the World Health Organization’s recommended safety level. A mix of major pollutants such as ozone, nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter are common. Sulfate and carbon also float regularly in the air.

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**Another Johnson looking to step up for Georgia Tech**

ATLANTA — As James Johnson sits on a couch in the players’ lounge at Bobby Dodd Stadium, a familiar face looms over his left shoulder.

It’s another Johnson—Calvin, to be specific. And though he’s now earning millions to play in the NFL, he still casts a large shadow at Georgia Tech, which opens the season Saturday at Notre Dame.

"He’s always checking on me," said James Johnson, looking back at Calvin’s image painted on the wall, clad in a tuxedo while posing with one of the myriad of awards he won last season for being the top receiver in college football.

The two Johnsons still talk frequently on the phone; Calvin calling in to make sure James is ready to take over the role of go-to receiver for the Yellow Jackets.
MLB

Howard's walk-off powers Phillies over Mets

Cubs rally to edge Brewers, extend their division lead to 2 1/2

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Ryan Howard's two-run home run off Guillermo Mota in the 10th inning capped a late rally and led the Philadelphia Phillies to a 4-2 win over the New York Mets on Tuesday night.

Shane Victorino, who scored the tying run in the eighth on a pair of bizarre plays, opened the 10th with a bloop single off Mota (1-1).

Then Howard hit a 1-2 pitch deep over the right field fence for his 35th homer, giving the Phillies wins in the first two games of this pivotal four-game series.

Brewers pitchers (3-5) pithed two scoreless innings to earn the win.

The Phillies now trail the NL East-leading Mets by four games.

The Mets took a 2-0 lead into the bottom of the eighth, but then环境下 saw three straight batters reach, including Jimmy Rollins' solo homer off Pedro Feliciano.

Carlos Delgado gave the Mets a 2-0 lead with his two-run shot off Adam Laingson in the second. It was Delgado's 19th homer this season and No. 426 of his career, tying him with Billy Williams for 10th place on the career list.

Cubs, Brewers 3

Jacque Jones hit a game-tying two-run double in the seventh inning and scored the go-ahead run on an error by reliever Wayne Linebrink as Chicago rallied to increase their lead on Milwaukee in the NL Central to 2 1/2 games.

The slumping Brewers lost for the 11th time in 14 games.

The Cubs, down 3-2 before the seventh inning, behind Jones' two-run home run in the eighth, tying the game at 3.

In the 11th, Oscar Villarral (2-2) walked Alfredo Amezaga with one out and Jeremy Hermida moved Amezaga to third with a double off the left-field center field scoreboard. Villarral intentionally walked Matt Macrii, loading the bases for De Aza, who bunted to right and score Amezaga.

Atlanta remained six games behind the NL East-leading Mets.

Byung-Ryn Kim (6-3) pitched his one-hit ball for the win.

Indianas 6, Twins 5

Jake Westbrook got his fourth win of August, rookie Asdrubal Cabrera drove in the go-ahead run and the Cleveland Indians kept a tight grip on the AL Central lead with a win over the Minnesota Twins on Tuesday night.

Travis Hafner hit a two-run homer off Boof Bonser (6-11) and Grady Sizemore added a solo shot for the Indians, who have won four straight and are since Aug. 15 — the day Cabrera replaced Josh Byrd in the starting lineup.

Jason Tyner had four hits for the Twins, who fell 7 1/2 games behind division-leading Cleveland.

The loss overshadowed three spectacular defensive plays by Minnesota's Torii Hunter, Nick Punto and Jason Tyner. Hunter's catch on the dead ball ran into the centerfield wall in the seventh was the best of the bunch.

Westbrook (7-1) allowed three runs — all in the fifth — and 10 hits in 6 2-3 innings. The right-hander, who spent six weeks on the disabled list and began the season 1-6, went 4-1 this month with a 1.90 ERA.

Royals 6, Tigers 3

Needing a win to keep pace in the AL Central, the Detroit Tigers found a familiar nemesis: the Kansas City Royals.

Brian Bannister won his sixth victory in the six time in seven decisions, Alex Gordon hit a three-run double and the Royals beat the Detroit Tigers Tuesday night.

Bannister spent 3 1/2 games behind division-leading Cleveland, the Tigers' biggest deficit in their division since before play on June 6. The lowly Tigers are 5-8 against Detroit this season after taking three in a row from the Tigers on the final weekend of last season — costing Detroit first place and forcing the Tigers into the wild-card berth.

Most of Detroit's difficulties against Kansas City have been at Comerica Park. The Tigers had been 14-1 at Kauffman Stadium since the start of the 2006 season but have lost their last seven of 10 against Kansas City at home.

Nate Robertson (17-11) gave up six runs, six hits and four walks in 4 1-3 innings, his shortest outing since June 3. Robertson is 1-5 in his past eight starts.

Maggie Ordinowicz went for 4-5 and is hitting .404 in August.

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Associated Press

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University of Texas Regents unanimously agreed to extend Brown’s contract by two years through the 2016 season, boosting his salary from $2.66 million to $2.91 million, including a special payment of $100,000 to be paid Saturday, the day No. 4 Texas opens the season at home against Arkansas State.

Like his original contract, he gets $100,000 annual raises that will push him past $3 million next year.

Brown, who turned 56 on Monday, also gets a $1 million bonus if he stays through next season and cashes in again with a $2 million bonus if he’s still here Jan. 1, 2010.

“I appreciate the university and the Board of Regents’ confidence in me and our staff,” Brown said in a statement.

Another major change in Brown’s contract calls for him to be reassigned to another “significant position” at Texas if he steps down from coaching Brown was Tuite’s athletic director in two of those three seasons coaching the Green Wave from 1985-87.

Texas won the 2005 national championship and Brown is 93-22 heading into his 10th season in Austin.

Associated Press

NCAA FOOTBALL

Longhorns reward Brown

UNIVERSITY, Texas coach Mark Brown got a two-year contract extension, a raise and a pair of hefty bonuses to come later. He also got a promise of a good job if he ever decides to quit coaching the Longhorns.

University of Texas Regents unanimously agreed to extend Brown’s contract by two years through the 2016 season, boosting his salary from $2.66 million to $2.91 million, including a special payment of $100,000 to be paid Saturday, the day No. 4 Texas opens the season at home against Arkansas State.

Like his original contract, he gets $100,000 annual raises that will push him past $3 million next year.

Brown, who turned 56 on Monday, also gets a $1 million bonus if he stays through next season and cashes in again with a $2 million bonus if he’s still here Jan. 1, 2010.

“I appreciate the university and the Board of Regents’ confidence in me and our staff,” Brown said in a statement.

Another major change in Brown’s contract calls for him to be reassigned to another “significant position” at Texas if he steps down from coaching Brown was Tuite’s athletic director in two of those three seasons coaching the Green Wave from 1985-87.

Texas won the 2005 national championship and Brown is 93-22 heading into his 10th season in Austin.

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Damon’s dinger propels Bombers over rival Red Sox

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Andy Pettitte proved reliable again for the New York Yankees, right after they lost faith in Mike Mussina.

Pettitte halted another Yankees slide by winning his rivals since June 3.

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Joshua comfy and rebound from a 2-5 time and rebounded from a 2-5 trip that ended Monday night with a 1-0 loss at Detroit.

Roger Clemens faces 16-game winner Josh Beckett and the Wednesday night.

It’s a situation now like we’re in the playoffs,” Jeter said. “We need to get win some wins.”

Pettitte (12-7) played stopper once again. He allowed three runs and six hits in seven innings, improving to 8-1 in 10 starts since the All-Star break. His last three wins have followed New York defeats, making him 60-23 in such situations with the Yankees.

“Andy has always been a guy who’s able to step up,” Jeter said.

Manny Ramirez and Jason Varitek homered for the Red Sox, who had won four straight — all blowouts at the Chicago White Sox.

After making an error in the sixth, Ramirez was lifted in the bottom of the seventh because of muscle spasms in his lower back. Boston manager Terry Francona said the team would see how Ramirez feels bottom of the seventh tied it at 3.

Garrett Anderson also homered and drove in four, connecting Aug. 1 against the White Sox.

The Yankees will call up touted prospect Ian Kennedy from the minor leagues and make him a regular.

In the first meeting between the Boston Red Sox on Tuesday August during his career. He

“Hopefully, but I don’t think so,” teammate David Ortiz said.

“How do you describe a no-hitter when you get a ballplayer to hit 20 or more home runs in a season?”

Pettitte improved to 6-0 this month, making him 45-16 in August during his career. He topped his record against Boston to 15-6 and threw 119 pitches, his most since tossing 120 on May 20 last year with Houston.

“I felt real good and I was on an extra days’ rest,” Pettitte said. “I felt really strong tonight.”

Joe Chamberlain worked a scoreless eighth with two strikeouts and hit 100 mph on the radar gun. With two on, the rookie sensation struck out J.D. Drew on a nasty slider to end the inning and let out a fired-up scream as he pumped his fist.

Mariano Rivera fanned two in the ninth for his 21st save — his 10th in 10 tries.

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NBA

Alston accused of stabbing

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Houston Rockets guard Rafer Alston was released without bail Tuesday after being charged with stabbing a man at a Manhattan nightclub — his second brush with the law this month.

Alston was arraigned on felony assault charges before being released without bail. A judge ordered him to return to court Jan. 3.

His lawyer said Alston was "absolutely innocent."

The man who said he was injured told police the incident occurred at about 3 a.m. Monday after he and Alston accidentally bumped each other inside Club Stereo. During an ensuing argument, the man said, Alston slashed his neck.

The 41-year-old went to a hospital to be treated for a minor neck injury, then filed a complaint at a police station.

Defense attorney Alberto Ebanks said bouncers and other witnesses told him the man didn't appear to be injured when he left the club and never bothered alerting police officers who were in the area.

The arrest came three weeks after 31-year-old Alston was charged with mis­deemeanor assault and public intoxication in Houston.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Boeckman tabbed as Buckeyes' starting QB

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Todd Boeckman will start at quarterback when No. 11 Ohio State hosts Youngstown State on Saturday in the 118th season opener.

Boeckman takes over for Troy Smith, who won the Heisman Trophy last season while the Buckeyes rolled to a 12-0 start before losing 41-14 in the national championship game.

"Todd Boeckman is the guy that's going to have the first chance to go out there and be nervous and have some fun," coach Jim Tressel said on Tuesday. "He's been waiting so long for this opportunity. He's being studied hard, paying close attention. He knows who we are and what we want to do." He's just got so much experience."

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Micah 6:8

The University of Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns wishes to honor the following students for their contributions to communities near and far this summer, as part of the ACCION Program, the Hispanic Leadership Intern Program (HLIP), the Interfaith Worker Justice (IWJ) Program, the International Summer Service Learning Program (ISSLP), and the Summer Service Learning Program (SSLP). For more information visit: socialconcerns.nd.edu
Freeman to start for Miami

Signal-caller beats out former 'Canes starter Kyle Wright

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Kirby Freeman became Miami's quarterback last season by default, taking over only because Kyle Wright suffered a season-ending injury. This time, he earned the job.

Freeman was named the Hurricanes' starter Tuesday, beating Wright in the most scrutinized competition of training camp. Miami coach Randy Shannon wouldn't say how Freeman separated himself in the race, only insisting "Kirby gives us the best opportunity to win games."

"He's given me an opportunity and I'm going to run with it," Freeman said. "I'm going to do everything I can. I'm not going to just try to keep my position. We're going to go win ballgames. It's time to play now. It's so far beyond trying to win a job. All this is over with now and we're going to move forward."

Miami was an underdog in the preseason poll for the first time since 1998. It opens Saturday at home against Marshall.

Freeman went 2-2 after Wright got hurt last season, throwing for 272 yards and two touchdowns in each of the Hurricanes' four games. Freeman was Miami's 21-20 win over Nevada in the MPC Computers Bowl. He spent 21 games as Wright's backup over seven seasons.

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Miami quarterdack Kirby Freeman throws a pass against Maryland in College Park, Md. on Nov. 11, 2006.

In his start last season, Freeman completed only 54.4 percent of his throws for 745 yards, with five touchdowns and six interceptions. But he threw at least one TD pass in all four games, matching the best streak of Wright's career.

"I'm overwhelmed. I'm really excited," Freeman said. "This is everything I've worked for. Everything I hoped it would be. Now it's time to play ball.

"Miami's first depth chart had plenty of interesting moves, not only in the quarterback column. Shannon has co-starters listed at seven positions, including tailback, where Javarris James and Craig Cooper will likely end up splitting the workload. There's no such designation at quarterback, but Shannon made it clear that Wright has pushed Freeman so far and will continue doing so.

"There is always competition," Shannon said. "No matter what we do, we will get the best guys on that field. The more that we can push and get other guys to push the more successful we will be."
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Maria Sharapova shanked a backhand wide, prompting her opponent to leap in the air and pump her fist and smile as though she'd won the match — or, indeed, the U.S. Open championship itself.

Uh, not quite. That little celebration by 51st-ranked Roberta Vinci of Italy was for winning one game Tuesday night, allowing her to narrow Sharapova's lead to 6-0, 5-1.

"I win one game, I'm happy," Vinci said. "6-0, 6-0, 6-0, 6-0, 6-0, 6-0." Ok.

A few minutes and one hold of serve later, Sharapova's 50-minute day was done, and she was into the second round at the tournament where she produced her second Grand Slam title a year ago.

"There's no way to get rid of the memories when I walk on the court and feel the vibe," the second-seeded Russian said, "600 crystals on her red dress sparkling in the Arthur Ashe Stadium lights. "Every corner I turn here, I get goose bumps.""

She compiled 15 winners before Vinci hit her first and second aces, both of which came on match point in the final game. Otherwise, about the biggest problem Sharapova had was when she missed a sip of water during a changeover and spilled a spot on her custom-made outfit.

Even Vinci took note of the setup, saying: "It's difficult to play against her. Strong player. Nice girl. She has a nice dress." "It's red this year, like the Big Apple, in honor of the city," Sharapova told the crowd, before gathering her patent leather racket bag and black jeweled handbag and heading to the locker room.

Sharapova's good feelings from her U.S. Open title are still fresh, but it's been a decade since Hingis won the tournament. This year, Hingis took a stroll around the new workout room and simply had to smile while scanning the enlarged photos decorating the walls.

Among the posters of previous champions is one of Hingis, clutching her 1997 silver trophy, a different player and a different person.

"I'm like, 'OK, I look really young.' Short haircut, all that. It's been 10 years," she said. "Sometimes it feels like yesterday, sometimes like a lifetime." Hingis was willing to remind a bit after beating Mathilde Johansson of France 6-0, 6-3. Others winning Tuesday included a man many consider a likely future Grand Slam champion, No. 3-seeded Novak Djokovic, and No. 6 James Blake. The day's biggest early surprise came when No. 9 Daniela Hantuchova, a past U.S. Open quarterfinalist, was eliminated by 50th-ranked Jelena Vuki去除n of Ukraine 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

Hingis might face Kuznetsova in the fourth round, but that's a little far to look ahead these days for the 26-year-old who used to be called "The Swiss Miss" — in the long-ago days when she was atop the rankings and won five Slams. The days before she missed three years' worth of majors because of foot and leg injuries. The days when Tuesday's opponent would see Hingis on TV.

"Everybody was watching her," the 22-year-old Johansson said.

Hingis returned to the circuit full-time in 2006, reaching two major quarterfinals. But her hip came out of alignment a few months ago, and that and back problems limited Hingis to a 4-4 record from the start of April until arriving in New York.

"I used to recover faster when I was younger," she said, then compared her old self to the Energizer Bunny, before adding: "It's not like that anymore." It's been only about half as far as Hewitt, who like Hingis is seeded 16th at this Open, it probably feels at least as far away. Nonetheless, the 2002 Wimbledon champion figures there will be another title somewhere down the road as a reward for his always-convincing legs and his zipping groundstrokes.

"I believe that, yeah, it's in me, that's for sure," Hewitt said after easing past Amer Delic of the United States 6-2, 4-6, 6-2. "That's what my goal is. That's what you keep striving toward, working for. Hopefully it will be around the corner." Said Delic: "I mean, the guy's good." Blake agreed, saying: "He's in playing some of the best tennis in the world right now. He's got to be in the top five contenders for this title.

While Hewitt is still chasing Slam No. 3, Blake and Djokovic are yearning for No. 1. Blake is on quite a run right now, having reached the final of the Cincinnati Masters before losing to Federer, then winning the hard-court title at New Haven last week.

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Bears linebacker says he panicked after crashing Lamborghini

Chicago Bears linebacker Lance Briggs, pictured at practice, admitted to abandoning his totaled car early Monday morning.

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a) Lou Holtz
b) Frank Leahy
c) Knute Rockne
d) Ara Parseghian

Think you know your stuff? Prove it.

Briggs leaves car at scene of accident

Lake Forest, Ill. — Chicago Bears linebacker Lance Briggs said he panicked after crashing his new Lamborghini along a highway early Monday morning and initially reported his car stolen after abandoning the mangled vehicle.

Speaking to reporters after practice on Tuesday, Briggs said he called a tow truck after leaving the scene and then reported his 2007 Murcielago was stolen.

"When it happened, the first thing I did was, obviously, I panicked," Briggs said. "I didn't want there to be a big scene there. And so I left the scene. When I left, I called the tow truck. I also was startled, and I called to report that my car was stolen. Within probably 10 minutes, I called back and accepted responsibility for what I did because it was ridiculous in the first place."

Illinois State Police said they have no record of Briggs reporting a stolen vehicle.

They did say that Briggs placed a 9-1-1 call at around 4 a.m. Monday, after initially saying he did not call police until sometime between 8 a.m. and 9.

But Master Sgt. Luis Gutierrez said Briggs gave "no indication of his car being stolen" during either call.

Illinois police found the abandoned vehicle, which had hit a light pole and a concrete bridge support, alongside the Edens Expressway on the city's North Side around 3:15 a.m.

Briggs was charged with leaving the scene of an accident, a misdemeanor, and was given traffic citations for failure to give immediate notice of an accident and improper lane usage, when he met with police on Monday afternoon. He was released after posting $100 bond and is scheduled to appear Oct. 4 in a Cook County court.

Leaving the scene carries a maximum 364 days in jail and a $1,000 fine, according to Gutierrez.

No other cars were involved in the incident and no one was with Briggs, he said.

Briggs said he was relieved no one was hurt after he lost control of the car and apologized to the organization and the fans during his brief address to the media.

"He answered one question about whether the incident changed him, saying, 'It did change me, absolutely. I'm very lucky to have made it out the way that I did, very lucky. I appreciate every day. The first thing I did when I got back here was hug every one of my teammates and tell them that I love them because you never know what's going to happen.'"

Then, he walked away as reporters yelled questions.

Briggs did not address a TV station's report that he had visited two Chicago clubs before the crash, although the owner of one — Level — said he was not there.

"He comes here frequently, but he was not here the night of the car accident," Mike Bloom said.

Gutierrez reiterated Tuesday that "it's undetermined" if alcohol was involved and said, "We're not pursuing that at this point."

Briggs' attorney Frank Himel said he wasn't sure how his client would plead. He also said he was not sure where Briggs had been or if he had been drinking.

"I never asked him any of these questions," Himel said. "If I did, I don't know how he could answer those questions."

Although coach Lovie Smith has said the team will not discipline Briggs, the league is looking into the incident.

The crash came after a turbulent offseason in which the Pro Bowl linebacker threatened to hold out — at first for the season, then 16 games — because the Bears placed the franchise player tag on him. He also asked the team to remove the label or trade him.

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Falcons QB admits to wrongdoing, takes responsibility

Associated Press

Michael Vick stood behind a podium, all alone. His amazing speed and quickness was not in use in this predication. He couldn’t scramble away from trouble with one of those nifty moves. All he could do was apologize. And ask for forgiveness. And start “bettering Michael Vick the person, not the football player.”

Looking somber and speaking without notes, Vick said Monday he was taking full responsibility for his actions after pleading guilty to a federal dogfighting charge in Richmond, Va. He could go to prison for one to five years.

Looking back on the dogfighting ring, and he couldn’t scramble away from a quiescent dogfighting ring: commissioner Roger Goodell, Atlanta Falcons owner Arthur Blank, coach Bobby Petrino and his teammates.

“I need to grow up,” Vick conceded. Acceptance of responsibility is one of the factors U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson will consider in handing down Vick’s sentence Dec. 10. The federal sentencing guideline range is projected at a year to 18 months, but Hudson can impose up to the five-year maximum.

Vick has already been suspended indefinitely by the NFL. “So I’ve got a lot of down time, a lot of time to think about my actions and what I’ve done,” he said.

“I will redeem myself. I have to.”

In Atlanta, the Falcons said they would not cut Vick immediately because of salary-cap issues. The team intends to pursue the $25 million in bonus money he already received in a $130 million contract signed in 2004, looking to reduce the financial burden of his massive deal.

“Cutting him today may feel better emotionally for us and many of our fans,” Blank said. “But it’s not in the long-term best interests of our franchise.”

Before the wrenching day was done, the Falcons defeated Cincinnati 24-19 in their first home preseason game, a chance for Atlanta’s fans to get a sampling of life without their most dynamic player.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of people showed up for the game wearing Vick’s No. 7 jersey. His replacement, Joey Harrington, made a good first impression by throwing two touchdown passes.

“It’s not something we can sweep under the rug,” Harrington said. “Mike is definitely in a bit of trouble, but he’s still a member of this team, still a member of this family.”

Vick took no questions after his first public statement about the dogfighting ring, and he said little in court.

With family members, including his brother and mother, watching from the front row of the packed courtroom, Vick stood flanked by two of his five lawyers and softly answered “Yes, sir” and “No, sir” to Hudson’s questions.

The judge, known for his tough sentences, emphasized his broad latitude in handing down Vick’s penalty.

“You’ll have to live with whatever decision I make,” Hudson said.

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“Vick called dogfighting ‘a terrible thing,’ said he initially lied to the NFL and his team about it because he was ashamed, and apologized specifically to all those he deceived about a gruesome dogfighting ring: commissioner Roger Goodell, Atlanta Falcons owner Arthur Blank, coach Bobby Petrino and his teammates.

“I need to grow up,” Vick conceded. Acceptance of responsibility is one of the factors U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson will consider in handing down Vick’s sentence Dec. 10. The federal sentencing guideline range is projected at a year to 18 months, but Hudson can impose up to the five-year maximum.

Vick has already been suspended indefinitely by the NFL. “So I’ve got a lot of down time, a lot of time to think about my actions and what I’ve done,” he said.

“I will redeem myself. I have to.”

In Atlanta, the Falcons said they would not cut Vick immediately because of salary-cap issues. The team intends to pursue the $25 million in bonus money he already received in a $130 million contract signed in 2004, looking to reduce the financial burden of his massive deal.

“Cutting him today may feel better emotionally for us and many of our fans,” Blank said. “But it’s not in the long-term best interests of our franchise.”

Before the wrenching day was done, the Falcons defeated Cincinnati 24-19 in their first home preseason game, a chance for Atlanta’s fans to get a sampling of life without their most dynamic player.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of people showed up for the game wearing Vick’s No. 7 jersey. His replacement, Joey Harrington, made a good first impression by throwing two touchdown passes.

“It’s not something we can sweep under the rug,” Harrington said. “Mike is definitely in a bit of trouble, but he’s still a member of this team, still a member of this family.”

Vick took no questions after his first public statement about the dogfighting ring, and he said little in court.

With family members, including his brother and mother, watching from the front row of the packed courtroom, Vick stood flanked by two of his five lawyers and softly answered “Yes, sir” and “No, sir” to Hudson’s questions.

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Triple A prospect to take over Mussina's spot against Tampa

Associated Press

NEW YORK — After winning 247 games in the major leagues, Mike Mussina lost his spot in the New York Yankees' rotation Tuesday.

Following three terrible starts in a row, the 38-year-old right-hander was told by manager Joe Torre that he'll be passed over for his next scheduled start Saturday against Tampa Bay.

"He was disappointed, naturally. This was very difficult for me," Torre said before the game. "We have relied on him every year since he's been here."

The Yankees will call up touted Triple-A prospect Ian Kennedy, a first-round draft pick last year, from Triple-A. The 22-year-old right-hander was told by manager Joe Torre to pitch against the last-place Devil Rays on Saturday against Tampa Bay.

"He's got great mound presence," said Yankees rookie Joba Chamberlain, who called Kennedy his best friend. "He understands how to pitch and how to get outs. He's going to come up and do a great job. It's going to be exciting to see."

Before the game, Torre said he wanted to speak with Mussina about his recent struggles before making a decision. He said the pitcher "earned that conversation" because "of who he is and what he's done."

"I just want to hear how he feels, and from there we'll talk about what we're going to do," Torre said before the game.

"Some conversations are difficult to have," he added. "I hope he makes it easy on me."

Mussina's last three starts have been particularly alarming. He has allowed 19 earned runs in 9 2-3 innings spanning two outings against the hard-hitting Detroit Tigers and one against the Los Angeles Angels.

His latest flop, three ineffective innings Monday night in a 16-0 loss at Detroit, dropped Mussina to 0-7 following Yankees losses this year. It also left him visibly dejected. Mussina said he would "understand" if Torre went with another pitcher next time through the rotation.

"Two weeks ago I felt really good about the way I was throwing the ball," Mussina said Monday night. "Two weeks later it's completely at the other end of the spectrum and I really don't feel like I can do much of anything right, and I haven't helped us at all in the last three games that I pitched. It's disappointing."

"I don't even know how to describe it because I've never had to deal with it before," he added.

Mussina was hurt by some bad luck and poor defense Monday night, which Torre noted.

"There were some balls that with any kind of luck he would have had a better result. I know he wasn't happy with it," Torre said. "He threw more strikes, gave himself more of a chance. I thought it was better. I thought he was a little lower throwing the ball. I thought he got frustrated quicker."

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That policy is understandable from the football team's standpoint.

It was June 6 when Charlie Weis announced that he was moving full camp from West Quad to Cartier Field and that he would open one practice for local fans, one for professors and one for students.

Most students didn't get back to campus until Saturday or Sunday, so their open practice was Sunday night — within a week of the team's first game and, we said, too close to kickoff to run a meaningless, bland training session.

But when Weis said he would open a practice for students, he hadn't yet indicated his plan to announce a starting quarterback before the Georgia Tech game.

So Weis had his predicament.

Thinking ahead to the open practices, Weis probably figured that students would be able to determine the starter by watching two hours of time on the field. Last week, he told WNDU that he had already decided on a starter and the chosen quarterback would be dumb not to know he is starting. Still, Weis doesn't want Georgia Tech to know, and that means he needs to control the flow of information.

Sunday's practice was closed to the media, but The Observer's four football beat writers are in a unique situation of being students and media members. So Brian Hardin, the team's director of media relations, let us know that we could go to practice. But, in not so many words, he said we could lose our media access if we reported on what happened at practice.

I understood that position.

Any objective observer would admit that Weis' strategy of not announcing the starting quarterback is a significant advantage for the Irish against Georgia Tech (and possibly Penn State on Sept. 5). Any opponent who must waste time studying one or two extra quarterbacks is far less efficient than one who knows the starter. Claiming the secrecy doesn't help Notre Dame in any way, as several national columnists have, is flat-out wrong.

But I asked Hardin the obvious question: What about the message boards? Notified students would be posting about what they saw immediately afterwards — and most students are not media representatives in their spare time and cannot be threatened with limited access.

Hardin said Weis probably would ask the students not to blog or post about the practice. But Weis didn't, and the message boards filled up.

Therein lies The Observer's predicament.

The Observer could look like a shill if we pretended as if Sunday night's practice was closed and the muzzle was on. Truth is, there were nearly 2,000 people who saw the two-hour practice, and at least a dozen who gave accounts of varying insight that weren't quite snap-by-snap but nonetheless detailed. That's not quite a small, off-the-record audience.

If Weis wanted to keep the happenings of the practice out of public consumption, he needed to keep it closed to all students. The post-practice Internet updates were predictable. And they demonstrate why having an "open" session while threatening a media cutoff is not to report on it is, well, absurd.

But media credentials are a privilege, and we accepted the team's terms. If we had not, we might lose the chance to serve our readers in more important ways in the future. But it is also important to inform our readers — on campus and off — why we are not reporting something that should be covered.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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played well in these two games.

Leading the way in both contests was senior forward Kurt Martin. Martin looked capable of taking over as a regular starter for the first time in his career. He scored six minutes into the New Mexico game and netted two more against the Wildcats.

"He's a very good player," Clark said. "He's very capable of scoring goals and hopefully he can maintain that form."

Martin needed only three minutes to bury his first goal against Northwestern. He picked up a loose ball inside the box, wheeled and put it in the top left corner to give the Irish a quick lead.

Ten minutes later, lightning struck again.

This time Martin took over just across midfield and fired a rocket from 40 yards out. The ball found its way through two defenders and past Northwestern goalkeeper Misha Rosenthal for a 2-0 lead.

Notre Dame continued to dominate play for the remainder of the first half, and Martin picked up his fifth point of the season with a cross to teammate Greg Dalby.

The two will meet Friday night whenever possible.

Martin was also impressed with the Irish defense for four years.

"I thought Armstrong and Thomason really bolted down the middle very well," Clark said. "Right through that middle was a strength for the Irish defense for four years."

The freshman has played well so far in the two exhibition matches and has won the starting job for the season opener.

Armstrong and the rest of his teammates will be tested right out of the gates as they face a flurry of powerhouse schools in their first few games. The season-opener pits Notre Dame against preseason No. 2 UCLA. The two will meet Friday night at the Adidas/IU Credit Union Classic in Bloomington, Ind.

The Irish follow their game against the Bruins with three more perennial contenders in Maryland, Rhode Island and Northern Illinois.

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near the goal with one of her signature flip-throws from the sidelines. Fowlkes was able to head the ball into give Notre Dame a 2-1 lead.

The game was quiet until the end of the second half, when Cinalli put back the rebound of a Weissenhofner shot, making the score 3-1.

In both games, all three Irish keepers split playing time. Senior Lauren Karas, sophomore Kelsey Lysander and freshman Nikki Weiss each saw about 30 minutes in goal.

“It’s probably the deepest we’ve been with goalkeepers since I’ve been here,” Waldrum said. “Even if we had a clear-cut favorite, we would have played all three in both games, just because you need to see them in those kinds of games. Rarely are you going to get to play a good team like Carolina and Virginia and have it not count, so you can take some chances.”

Waldrum said a decision has not yet been made as to who will be the starting keeper against Michigan on Friday.

“The good side is that they haven’t really separated themselves,” he said. “We’ve got to try to make some decisions this week and see which ones we think are going to be starting for us. It may be a few more weeks into the season before we have a clear-cut number one.”

Junior defender Carrie Drew, who missed the 2006 postseason after suffering an ACL injury in the last regular-season game, saw her first live action against Virginia. Drew played for about 45 minutes over the course of the game.

“She had gotten released from the doctors about a week before preseason,” Waldrum said. “We felt like giving her that extra week in the Virginia game, that is why we played her in Virginia but not in Carolina. She’s healthy, but it was more just the timing of getting her released.”

Waldrum said that the play of the Irish during the preseason answered some questions, particularly after losing midfielders Jenna Buczkowski and Jill Krivaceck and defenders Christiante Shaner and Kim Lorenzen to graduation.

He was pleased with the play of the freshmen in the relatively high-pressure preseason games.

In those games, the Irish outscored their opponents 5-3, outshot them 30-14 and put 13 shots on goal while allowing nine. Their win over the Cavaliers marks the third time in a row that Notre Dame has defeated Virginia in the preseason.

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both playing a role on both kickoff and field goal units. Weis said: “The first time we go in kick a field goal, it might make a difference where the ball is to see who’s the kicker.”

Walker, Whithaker and Burkhart were competing to replace Carl Hammond, who made eight of 13 field goal attempts in 2006.

Whithaker, a walk-on, appeared in the Stanford game last season, kicking off once. The kick traveled 50 yards.

Weis said he wasn’t surprised that the non-scholarship player performed so well against Walker and Burkhart, both of whom are on scholarship.

“Nate Whithaker, even last year, was one of the guys with one of the strongest legs on the team,” Weis said. “I’m not worrying about whether a guy is a scholarship player or a walk-on. Whoever the best guy is, they play.”

“Nate will be kicking in the game on Saturday.”

Walker, a true freshman, was mainly a punter in high school, attempting just 20 field goals in his junior and senior seasons and making 13 of them.

But the Findlay, Ohio native says he feels confident he can do whatever the Irish coaching staff asks.

“To be honest, as long as the team wins, that’s my forte,” Walker said. “Punting, kickoff, field goals, whatever gives us the best chance to win I’ll do.”

Whatever he does, however, Walker is a perfectionist.

“Inside 40 yards, I want to be perfect. Outside of 40 yards, well, I want to be 100 percent.”

Brandon Walker
Irish placekicker

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Walker said Notre Dame’s 6th-year senior punter, Geoff Price, has helped all the young kickers with their mechanics.

“Geoff Price is pretty much an All-American candidate,” Walker said. “I’m trying to soak up as much as that he says as possible. He always jokes that he’s as good of a coach as he is a player.”

And while Price — who along with junior quarterback Evan Sharpley is listed on the roster as the holder for field goals — will be on the field to help the young guys when they attempt kicks, Walker says he isn’t nervous to play in front of 60,000 people on Saturday.

“To be honest, kicking in front of coaches is much harder than kicking in front of fans,” he said. “Adrenaline is something you build off. Most kickers would tell you they kick it five yards further in games than they do in practice.”

Notes:

♦ Associate Athletic Director John Heisler said NBC play-by-play broadcaster Tom Hammond will return to the broadcast booth for Notre Dame’s second home game on Sept. 22 against Michigan State. Hammond will be in Japan this week covering the World Track and Field Championships.

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**Deuce's Manor**

Deuce's Manor will run in The Observer for the next two weeks. Let us know what you think. Feedback and comic submissions can be e-mailed to viewpoint.1@nd.edu.

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  5. "Survivor" groups
  6. "That's free!"
  17. Quambly of children's books
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  21. Squeezed (out)
  22. Balleter's digit
  23. Suffix with racket
  25. Weakens, as and Wilde
  26. Symbol of sturdiness
  29. Bug juice?
  35. Buffalo hockey
  36. "Do___do"
  37. Mauna___Weakens, as
  42. Actress Dawson
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  51. "Got mail"
  54. Shania Twain, 42;
  55. Daniel Slejny, 50
  57. Barbecue
  63. Unagi, at a sushi
  64. "Mm-hmm"
  66. Four-letter word
  68. It may be tidy
  69. "Doo___doo"
  70. Dancing locale

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1. Rick handi?
  2. Kayneta
  3. Less firm
  4. Instrument with a conical bore
  5. Shaa follower
  6. French ice cream
  7. Bush league?
  8. Morie Haggard
  9. Sall a zigzag course
  10. Little one
  11. Put up with
  12. Bread for a Reuben
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  14. Amount left after all is said and done
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Weis to use multiple placekickers during Georgia Tech game

By CHRIS KHOREY

The race to be Notre Dame's starting placekicker has narrowed to two.

Irish coach Charlie Weis said Tuesday that suspended junior nose guard Darrell Hand has been reinstated to both the University and the team, but will miss "at least" the first three games of the season.

"He's back in school; therefore he's back on the team," Weis said. "But he won't be playing for multiple weeks."

Hand was suspended from the team indefinitely Aug. 3 after he allegedly solicited a prostitute on the south side of South Bend.

Weis said that the junior attended both classes and practice Tuesday and will not face suspension from the University.

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Our lips are sealed following Sunday's open practice session

You might be looking for a practice report from Sunday's "Student Appreciation Night" in this space.

Sorry to disappoint.

Sure, I could tell you how many plays Jimmy Clausen ran, out of what formations with what offense and against which defense, but that wouldn't be wise.

The Observer was told not to publish any account of the practice or else it would face "serious" repercussions.

Ken Fowler
Sports Writer

Weis suspends Hand for three games following arrest

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Martin leads team to win

Senior forward nets two goals in 3-0 win over Northwestern

By DAN MURPHY

Notre Dame wrapped up a successful preseason in front of a full house with a 3-0 win Monday over No. 14 Northwestern, a week after a 3-0 exhibition win over No. 9 New Mexico.

Despite the early success, Irish coach Bobby Clark knows that his team still has a long way to go to reach their goals.

When asked what he thought of the team's potential, Clark responded, "You'll have to ask me in December."

"[The wins] don't indicate much more except that we

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Iron kickers Ryan Burkhart, left, and Brandon Walker, middle, warm up with long snapper J.J. Jansen during practice Aug. 28. Walker will kick situationaly to start the season.

Ireland look sharp in two preseason exhibitions

Team optimistic after beating Virginia 3-1, tying Tar Heels 2-2

By BILL BRINK

Notre Dame has only played two exhibition games this year, but the Irish already look ready for regular-season play.

After tying preseason No. 1 North Carolina 2-2 in a rematch of last year's NCAA Championship game and a matchup of the preseason No. 1 and No. 2 teams in the nation, Notre Dame defeated No. 11 Virginia 3-1 on Aug. 23 in Fort Wayne. Forward and senior captain Amanda Cinalli scored two goals and freshman midfielder Lauren

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Executive Director

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<td><strong>Home Family Care</strong></td>
<td>Focus: To provide temporary out-of-home care for families caring for loved ones with disabilities.</td>
<td>18+, Background check</td>
<td>Days: Weekdays, Weekends</td>
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<td><strong>Indiana Legal Services, Inc.</strong></td>
<td>Focus: To be involved in civil law clinics that assist low-income people in certain civil cases.</td>
<td>Excellent written skills</td>
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<td><strong>La Casa De Amistad</strong></td>
<td>Focus: To be a youth and community center serving the Latino population.</td>
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Reins of Life, Inc.
Focus: Therapeutic horseback riding for children and adults with disabilities.
Service activities: Assist riders with grooming, tacking, and lead line during therapeutic riding lessons; perform as horse leader or side-walkers in arena; safely monitors, instructs, and leads children; fundraising.
Days: Weekdays, Weekends
Time(s): Daytime
Requirements: Car, Background check
Placements available: Many
Contact: Sandy Chambers
(574) 235 5343 ext. 235
sandy@reinsolutions.org

S Robinson Community Learning Center (RCLC)
Focus: Hub for relationship-building and educa­
tional opportunities in the Northeast Neighbor­hood of South Bend.
Service activities: Tutor, assist youth entrepre­
eurs in annual business plan competition, web page maintenance, and research.
Days: Weekdays (M-F)
Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon
Requirements: Car, Background check
Placements available: Many
Contact: Jessica Fallon
Contact: (574) 283 1306
(574) 283 1235
s01@madison.edu

South Bend Community School Corporation Adult Education
Focus: Help students: 16 years of age and older strengthen academic, job, and life skills.
Service activities: Tutor adults who need to improve basic skills; prepare adults for the GED Exam, and/or learn English as a second language; help teach basic computer skills.
Days: Weekdays (M-F)
Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon, Evening
Requirements: Car (Or Bus Line)
Placements available: Many
Contact: Dave Silver
(574) 283 7563
gsilver@bscc.edu

South Bend Community School Corporation Partnered Up to a Child Focus: Reading programs
Service activities: Read for 30 minutes once a week to South Bend Community School Corpora­tion Title One students.
Days: Weekdays (M-F)
Time(s): Daytime
Requirements: 18 +, Car, Background check
Placements available: Few
Contact: Connie Moore
(574) 233 8102
mooreek@sbcs.k12.in.us

South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility
Focus: State juvenile correctional facility for males between the ages of 13 and 18.
Service activities: Tutor boys in basic core subjects, materials.
Days: Weekdays (M-F)
Time(s): Daytime, Evening
Requirements: Car, Background check
Placements available: Few
Contact: Michelle Peters
(574) 239 1209
pelemr@jsrmc.com
www.jsrmc.com

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Service activities: Tutor boys in basic core subjects.
Days: Weekdays (M-F)
Time(s): Daytime
Requirements: Car, Background check
Placements available: Few
Contact: Liz Fallon
(574) 723 9474
lfallon@salvationarmy.org
www.scsarmy.org/jsb

Sunshine Clubhouse
Focus: Provide for psychological rehabilitation for people with a history of mental illness.
Service activities: Take applications, prepare food boxes, clerical work, distribute tops.
Days: Weekdays (M-F)
Time(s): Daytime
Requirements: Few
Placements available: Few

S-5-0 of Madison Center
Focus: Safe cross cultural intervention and counseling for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence, as well as their significant others.
Service activities: Provide support and counseling to intervention victims at hospitals on and off the phone crisis line.
Days: Weekdays, Weekends
Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon, Evening
Requirements: Car, Background Check, US Citizen
Placements available: Many
Contact: Jessica Fallon
(574) 283 1306
(574) 283 1235
s01@madison.edu

S. Vincent de Paul Society
Focus: Help to provide emergency food, clothing, house­hold items, and financial aid to needy families.
Service activities: Serve in food pantry, work with clients receiving clothing, data entry, project assistance, website management and troubleshooting.
Days: Weekdays (M-F)
Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon
Requirements: Car
Placements available: Few
Contact: Matt Vigneault
(574) 241 4908
stvincent@kconline.com
www.swincons.org

Take Ten Focus: A skills-based violence prevention program that works with K-12 youth at 15 local schools and community centers.
Service activities: Team teach pre-established curriculum to a classroom of children at a Take Ten school or community center.
Days: Weekdays (M-F)
Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon
Requirements: Background Check
Placements available: Many
Contact: Ellen Paul
(574) 611 9424
talent@indy.edu
www.taketen.org

United Religion Community of St. Joseph County
Focus: To encourage religious cooperation and understanding, effect constructive changes in religious organizations, and to provide assistance seeking to meet life’s basic needs.
Service activities: Work to help those with basic needs issues, prevent, and provide administrative assistance.
Days: Weekdays (M-F)
Time(s): Daytime
Requirements: 18 +, Background check, car
Placements available: Few
Contact: Carol Titon
(574) 282 2397
colonel@yahoo.com
www.urcsc.org

Women’s Care Center
Focus: Crisis pregnancy help center.
Service activities: Include but are not limited to: baby supplies, counseling, greeting, babysitting, baby sitters, infant care, assistance, fundraising, marketing, scholarships, and many other special projects.
Days: Weekdays, Weekends
Time(s): Daytime
Requirements: Application with 3 references
Placements available: Many
Contact: Jennifer Allen
(574) 234 0363
deborahshccl@hotmail.com
www.womenscarecenter.org

Youth Service Bureau of St. Joseph County
Focus: To provide a strong safety net for mar­
ried couples, teens, young adults, and parents.
Service activities: Provide supervision, rec­
reation, and tutoring; database development, program evaluation, grants, research.
Days: Weekdays, Weekends
Time(s): Daytime
Requirements: 18 +, Background check
Placements available: Many
Contact: Bonnie Styrsky
(574) 233 9513
bostyrsky@bigblueglobal.net
www.yosbc.org

YWCA of St. Joseph County
Focus: To care for women and their families through programs for domestic violence, substance abuse, and sexual trafficking.
Service activities: Kitchen help, fundraising, spe­
cial events, fund manager, clerical work, tutoring, clerical, web design, and web research.
Days: Weekdays (M-F)
Time(s): Daytime, Late Afternoon, evenings
Requirements: 18 +, Background check
Placements available: Many
Contact: Gary Robinson
(574) 233 9491 ext. 303
grobinson@ywcajcg.com

For more information visit: SocialConcerns.nd.edu
AIDS Ministries/ AIDS Assist
Debra Stanley
P.O. Box 11192
South Bend, IN 46634
(574) 234 2870 ext. 1151
wau@nd.edu
www.aidsministries.org

Boy's & Girls Club of St. Joseph County
562 East Sample Street
South Bend, IN 46615
(574) 233 2120
webmaster@bgcsjc.org
www.bgcsjc.org

Center for the Homeless
Franklin Avenue
South Bend, IN 46617
(574) 631 9425
ncase@nd.edu

La Casa de Amistad
Rebecca Salazar
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South Bend, IN 46619
(574) 233 2120
encher@nd.edu
www.lacasadeamistad.org

LOGAN Center
Nichole Maguire
Volunteer Coordinator
2902 Jefferson Street
South Bend, IN 46615
(574) 233 2120
www.logancenter.org

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Jessica McManus
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jmcmanus@nd.edu

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Students for Environmental Action
Promote environmental ideals through education and community service in the area. Contact: Thomas Forling
mcf4005@nd.edu

SuperSibs
This is a club for students who have siblings with disabilities who are interested in befriending, mentoring, and participating in activities with children in the South Bend community who also have disabled brothers and sisters. We have biweekly, 2-hour activities during the week. Contact: Claire Mauiol
cm4004@nd.edu

Sustained Dialogue
In Sustained Dialogue we gather in small groups to discuss various social issues within the Notre Dame community and to think about how they can be addressed. Contact: Rachel Saunders
saundr@nd.edu

Trident Naval Society
Community service and naval education organization. Contact: Patrick Martin
pmartin@nd.edu

World Hunger Coalition
World Hunger Coalition is dedicated to relieving hunger of those who are starving both here in South Bend and throughout the world. WHC recruits students for the weekly dinner at Wednesday Lunch Food to raise funds and organizes hunger relief activities. Contact: Jessica Pitienella
gwill@nd.edu

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