ND students prepare for hurricane

Gulf Coast prepares for storm's landfall today

By JENN METZ  News Editor

Just three years after Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans, students from the area are anticipating the outcome of Hurricane Gustav, and remembering the last time a hurricane headed for their homes.

Senior Paul Cordes sat in Reckers Sunday afternoon, angled toward the television, in almost the same position he was in the night before Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf coast of the United States in 2005, destroying thousands of homes in her wake.

He, along with other Notre Dame students who claim Louisiana as their home state, remember anticipating that storm on the eve of Hurricane Gustav.

Gustav was downgraded to a Category 3 storm Sunday, according to the meteorologists at the National Weather Service, a classification it is expected to keep when it is forecast to make landfall today.

Cordes, a native of New Orleans, has lived in his home for 21 out of his 22 years. During Katrina, his floor of LaFortune, student body president Bob Reish held up a sheet of paper with a long list of president Bob Reish held up a sheet of paper with a long list of

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Student Government plans for eventful year

Improving town-gown relations, increasing political interest among Reish, Schmidt's initiatives

By JENN METZ  News Editor

Sitting in the Student Government office on the second floor of LaFortune, student body president Bob Reish held up a sheet of paper with a long list of ideas.

"Hopefully some of these will actually work, and I think the majority of them will, so we're really excited," he said.

Reish, along with student body vice president Grant Schmidt, explained some of those ideas to The Observer, detailing their agenda for the 2008-2009 academic year.

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Bishop ordains three Holy Cross deacons

By JOHN-PAUL WITT  News Writer

Three seminarians were ordained as deacons Sunday in the chapel of Moreau Seminary, Aaron Mirbach, Vincent Kuna and Dr. Charles McCoy were ordained by Bishop John D'Arcy of the Diocese of Ft. Wayne-South Bend.

As the new deacons were ordained, Bishop D'Arcy presented them with a book of the Gospels, instructing each to "Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach."

Bishop D'Arcy instructed the new deacons that the key to being a good minister is "overcoming self-centeredness," because the work of a minister is "not about me, it's about the word we preach," he said.

The responsibilities of a deacon include witnessing marriages, performing funeral rites, performing baptisms, and reading the Gospel in Mass, according to Bishop D'Arcy. But unlike priests, deacons cannot celebrate Mass, hear confessions, or give last rites.

Prior to their ordination Sunday, the three professed vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience in the Congregation of Holy Cross in Sacred Heart Basilica Saturday. This ceremony made the men full members of the congregation, since they pledged them-
INSIDE COLUMN

Day partying

In three full years of higher education I have learned quite a bit. I try to pass on as much of that information as is possible. From the philosophy of Socrates to how to properly smuggle food from the dining halls, I know all of these will help me in the future. One week into my senior campaign I think I have discovered one of the more important nuggets of wisdom of my career — the art of the day party.

Day partying is the often underused tool of euphoria that consists of a group of people gathering in a large outdoor area to drink, eat, and play any game you deem appropriate. Wikipedia and dictionary.com have yet to post any definitions of day partying so that one is my own and open to improvements.

With football games, assignments, and South Bend winters looming in the not so distant future I urge all of you to take advantage while you can. I can say from personal experience, there is nothing else on earth that is quite like a day party done right.

For most of my college life I would anxiously await the sunset before cracking a beer (0-60 deals before I was of legal age of course). But we all must learn to open our minds and think outside the box of usual social events. We are not vamps, there’s no reason to hide from the great outdoors. Don’t let the drinking conversations of past generations hold you back.

I realize for some of you, hopefully not too many, it might be nerve-racking deciding what to do when you can clearly see and hear members of the opposite sex in a social situation. It certainly was for me. Here are a few suggestions for activities to hold you up without the crutch of popular Journey music and dark, smoke-filled rooms.

Beer Pong and other conventional drinking games get a little more exciting when played in the great outdoors, but make sure to keep a few extra water cups nearby because twigs and dirt in your beer will put a damper on your day.

A potluck party is also a staple of the day party experience. Bags, also commonly referred to as Cornwall, is a fun game for all to play and allows each player to contribute to the potluck. It is easy to put together with a trip to Lowe’s or Home Depot. I would suggest going all out and giving your set a nice paint job. This provides for a solid conversation piece for after you’ve met your new friend where they are from, what dorm they live in, and what they are studying.

Other more extravagant items that I would highly suggest include a volleyball net, kiddie pool, boce set or slip-and-slide.

But with music, beer, and sunshine anywhere else you can dream up is just lying on the cake. Go out there and party it up.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT CLASS ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO MOST THIS YEAR?

Joy Feeney  
Daniel Lewis  
Jordan Mathills  
Kirsten Milliard  
Ariella Phillips  

Obviously Chorale because we are the coolest people on campus. (Paul*)  
"Chinese, because Asian people are awesome.  
"Psychology, because I think the teacher is hilarious.  
"Biology, because that’s what I want to major in and hopefully the classes here will be better here than at my high school."

OFFBEAT

Man finds dead shark in Lake Michigan

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — There’s no telling what might turn up in Lake Michigan.

Rich Fasi of Traverse City says he found a dead 2-foot shark in the water while fishing on West Grand Traverse Bay on Wednesday.

The saltwater fish was a juvenile blacktip shark, said Mark Tonello, a fishery biologist from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Tonello said someone might have caught the shark off the Atlantic Coast and kept it on ice while bringing it to northern Michigan.

Another possibility is that the dead shark was dumped by someone who kept it as a pet, Tonello said.

Museum won’t remove “blasphemous” art

ROME — An Italian museum Thursday defined Pope Benedict’s refusal to remove a modern art sculpture portraying a crucified green frog holding a beer mug and an egg that the Vatican had condemned as blasphemous.

The board of the Museum museum in the northern city of Bolzano decided by a majority vote that the frog was a work of art and would stay in place for the remainder of an exhibition.

The wooden sculpture by the late German artist Martin Kippenberger depicts a frog about 1 meter (3 feet) long nailing to brown cross and holding a beer mug in one outstretched hand and an egg in another.

Information from the Associated Press.

In Brief

Notre Dame Activities Office will host Rock the Quad Wednesday at 9 p.m. Rock Band and Wii Sports will be provided for students on South Quad. Free food will also be provided.

The film "The Visitor" will be shown in Browning Cinema in the De Bartolo Performing Arts Center on Thursday at 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. The film, directed by actor and filmmaker Tom McCarthy, stars Richard Jenkins and highlights his life-changing chance encounter in New York City.

The Notre Dame Glee Club will host a Kickoff Concert in Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. on Friday. There is a $5 general admission.

The first pep rally of the football season will be held in the Joyce Center on Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. Students are required to have a valid ID to enter and may begin entering at 5:15 p.m. The general public may enter with tickets at 5:45 through Gate 8.

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

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Saint Mary’s opens new year with mass
By SARAH MAYER

Father John Pearson, of Saint Mary’s Campus Ministry, narrated the hidden beauty found in everything at the Saint Mary’s opening mass Sunday.

Before mass, Sister Roseann Smayer, or SmayerO1, @saintmarys.edu, said that Sister at Saint Mary’s Convention, said there are 1,300 Masses for all the Holy Cross sisters that wanted to attend in the church as a JFK hanged through closed circuit television.

“They are praying for you on a regular basis,” she said. Pearson presided over the Mass.

He started his homily with a prayer from Saint Augustine. The prayer highlighted the beauty that is all around us, which was the theme for the day.

With the great weather outside, “it’s easy to say when we see God today that it is a glorious Earth, but when the wind is howling and we see snow that has been frozen, that is when we have to see God’s beauty,” Pearson said.

He said that when the beauty of God is seen and changed, and pointed out the beauty found in everyone in the same ways:

“Think of all the security workers who work at Notre Dame. When asked about Saint Mary’s College they would say, ‘I’m not a religious person, I just work, I don’t reflect, he said,” said Reish. He added that beauty can also be in things students might find unpleasant.

“The beauty of your roommate, your RA, or the grass cutter who cuts the grass at 6 a.m.

The day included a special Mass at 8 a.m., a special Mass at noon, and the Student Council’s Mass at 5 p.m. Reish said. He thanked all the students who participated in the events.

“People have been praying for you all of the time, you don’t know it because God does not have a calendar,” he said.

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Reish said. “I think the Importance of this year being an election year that will culminate in his freshman class being a part of this event.

The University, through a letter signed by Reish and University president Father John Jenkins, will formally invite Senator Barack Obama and Senator John McCain to campus, a formality that has taken place since 1952. Reish said.

“This is on behalf of the entire University - This will be one big venue, Notre Dame as a whole,” he said.

I think the clarification that we made to Schuman is that it’s not a rally, it’s not a campaign event. We’re not being partisan in any way, shape or form. We’re trying to inform the student body of [the candidates’] policies, that’s all we’re trying to do,” he added.

Reish said. “I think the question of topics that are being discussed are too wide to be covered in one students. We are not going to see the direct benefits.

The pair said they will focus on issues that have an effect on improving daily life, including launching a free DVD rental system, predicted to begin in the near future.

In order to increase the freshman involvement in student government, Reish and Schmidt are introducing a new program: the Freshman Leadership Experience (FLEX).

Reish said, “This is a whole new venue; it’s never been done before at Notre Dame.”

Ryan Meehan, FLEX program will be separate from the freshman class council, immersed between 25 and 30 students in student government, “essentially doubling the amount of people getting involved with student government,” he said.

“We’re only here four years. If you think about it, I don’t want to drop out, there are no more classes available, hopefully four years from now there’ll be more leaders around campus,” he said.

In order to connect with other student governments, Reish and Schmidt are working to establish a Midwest council, comprised of colleges and universities at a comparable academic level with Notre Dame, like Northwestern and the University of Chicago.

Other events to begin this year that Reish said are of importance will include a five-week series, something that received a lot of positive feedback when it was running for election, Reish said. The series, which according to the pair a Notre Dame program in 2002, will feature professors on campus doing their "last lecture." A book by the same name by Carnegie Mellon University computer science professor Randy Pausch, who delivery his "last lecture" in September 2007, has become a national phenomenon.

The series are on what they call The Big Event - a campus-wide service day. Schmidt said he is concerned with increasing community relations.

The program is an important, Schmidt said. Schmidt said you get to know about the people who you go to a University to at least know you’re surrounding area, and people know about South Bend as much as the city of Chicago.

Their efforts regarding this year’s forum on sustainable energy and how to learn how to function with disabilities were on Sept. 24, they said.

Plans for “What’s the Deal?” question series are also in effect, which will explain some of the little-known facts about why things are the way they are at the University, Reish said.

Reish and Schmidt said they hope to make their office more student-friendly. “I think some-
Policy

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21, as long as the underage roommate is not consuming the alcohol. If a student under 21 must be present if there is an open container of alcohol in the room, the student must be in a visible position. The requirement for students under 21 who do not reside in the room may not be present if anyone is drinking.

Before this year it was illegal to have alcohol in a room in which a student who is under 21 resided.

The policies listed in the Code of Student Conduct are values that we have always had, just spelled out in writing," Father McCoy and Kuna, in which the safety and the committee who put the new policy together, "reassured the students that we would not want them to jeopardize their safety, nor they would not want them to get into trouble," she said.

The new policy allows students to seek assistance during an alcohol or other drug emergency without facing disciplinary action, if students refuse to consume the alcohol or drugs as long as the student contacts the police. C&A, a member of the residence life staff for both dorms.

According to the Code of Student Conduct, the student resident council and an emergency would then be required to meet with a member of the committee and the alcohol or other drug emergency would then be required to meet with a member of the committee and the residence life staff for both dorms.

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Gulf Coast waits for storm landfall

Katrina devastation on the minds of residents, government three years later

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — With a historic evacuation of 1.9 million people from the Louisiana coast, gun-tooting police and National Guardsmen stood watch as rain started to fall on this city's empty streets Sunday by an East St. Louis' city official.

Also released when a barrel was dropped at Sunday night — and even the last buses out of town. "You're torn. Do you leave it behind as a bumper. Stores and restaurants shut down, hotels closed and windows were boarded up. Some who planned to stay changed their mind at the last second, not willing to risk the worst.

"I was trying to get situated at home. I was trying to get things so it would be half way safe," said 46-year-old painter Jerry Williams, who showed up at the city's Union Station to catch one of the last buses out of town. "You're torn. Do you leave it and worry about it, or do you stay and worry about living?"

Forecasters said Gustav was likely to grow stronger as it marched toward the coast with top sustained winds of around 115 mph. At 8 p.m. EDT Sunday, the National Hurricane Center said Gustav was a Category 3 storm centered about 175 miles southeast of the mouth of the Mississippi River and moving northwest near 17 mph.

Against all warnings, some gambled and decided to face its wrath. On an otherwise deserted commercial block of downtown Lafayette, about 135 miles west of the city, Tim Schoeller removed the sawings from his photography studio. He thought about evacuating Sunday before deciding he was better off riding out the storm at home with his wife, Nena. "There's really no place to go. All the hotels are booked up to Little Rock and beyond," he said. "We're just hoping for the best." There were frightening comparisons between Gustav and Katrina, which flooded 80 percent of New Orleans when the storm surge overtook the levees. While Gustav isn't as large as Katrina, which was a massive Category 5 storm at roughly the same place in the Gulf, there was no doubt the storm posed a major threat to a partially rebuilt New Orleans and the flood-prone coasts of Louisiana and southeast Texas. The storm has already killed at least 94 people on its path through the Caribbean.

ELECTION 2008

Gustav alters GOP convention plans

ST. PAUL, Minn. — John McCain tore up the script for his Republican National Convention on Sunday, caving himself as above politics as Hurricane Gustav churned toward New Orleans, "We act as Americans," not partisans, he declared.

He said this is a time when we have to do away with our party politics, and we have to be the party of the whiteouse. McCain added as fellow Republicans convergerd on their convention city to nominate him for the White House. Aides said Monday's program would be short and short of political rhetoric.

On the eve of his convention, McCain seemed determined to avoid the errors made by President Bush three years ago. "I have every expectation that we will not see the mistakes of Katrina repeated," he said.

Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney scrapped plans to address the convention Monday night, and McCain's aides chatted a set of dates back to their hurricane-threatened states along the Gulf Coast. Campaign manager Rick Davis said the first-night program was being cut from seven hours to two and one-half.

McCain said in an interview with NBC that it was possible he would make his acceptance speech not from the convention podium but via satellite from the Gulf Coast region.

The formal business of the convention includes nominating McCain for president and Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as his vice presidential running mate on Wednesday. McCain's acceptance speech, set for prime time Thursday evening, is among the most critical events of the campaign for his chances of winning the White House. The berygy resounding of an event months in the planning was unprecedented, affecting not only the program on the podium but the accompanying fundraising, partying and other political activity that unfolds around the edges of a national political convention.
"It just brings back all those memories from Katrina, and wondering when you're going to be able to come back, what you can bring, what will be safe at home, where you're going to go."

Kattlyn Patterson
Junior

"My brother is three years behind me ... he's taking virtually the same classes as me, he's only been to school four days before it. I just couldn't help but see him in my position," he said.

Vitter echoed Cordes' in saying this time, Louisiana is more prepared.

"The governor, Bobby Jindal, started evacuating people a lot sooner. Everyone learned from Katrina. He's doing a really good job," Vitter, who has lived in New Orleans his whole life, said.

Vitter's family was in Virginia for his younger brother's golf tournament and are safe from the storm. His older brother evacuated to Florida and his older sister is at the University of Pennsylvania.

Vitter's residence hall — Nunn — prayed for the Gulf Coast at their Sunday Mass.

"It was nice to add that petition in — to pray for New Orleans. I'm just going to hope for the best," he said.

Sophomore Charlie Landry comes from the city of New Iberia in South-Central Louisiana, which is in the projection cone for Gustav. His city is about two hours from New Orleans and is also under a mandatory evacuation.

"It was weird, but normal because had evacuated before. Though, we thought we were going home soon," she said.

She went to school in Ohio for the first semester that year and then went back home to Louisiana to finish her senior year and graduate high school. Two days afterward, her family made the move to Ohio permanently.

"Honestly, my dad, he'd been through too many evacuations. He didn't want to do it anymore. And so they decided it was the time," she said.

However, her friends are still in the city she grew up in.

"I'm scared for them," she said. "I know how it feels and it's just something you have to wait out. It's not something you can fully prepare for. And it's hard to know the emotions that they're feeling and not being able to do anything about it."

This time, Patterson is reliving the experience from afar. "It just brings back all those memories from Katrina, and wondering when you're going to be able to come back, what you can bring, what will be safe at home, where you're going to go," she said.

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**IN BRIEF**

**Boeing union calls for strike**

NEATAT, Wash. — Leaders of Boeing Co.'s Machinists union called Friday for a strike after rejecting the aerospace giant's "best and final" contract offer. They urged union members to reject the offer in a vote set for Wednesday.

The three-year-old base company hoped the proposal, which provides added pay and incentives to workers over the next three years, would help it avoid a large labor standoff. The talks come as Boeing tries to keep up with a backlog of plane orders and avoid more penalties caused by production delays of its next-generation passenger jet.

**Gustav prompts rise in gas prices**

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Saturday that Americans may have to face this Labor Day weekend with starting worries about the nation's — and their families' — economic health.

"There have been some recent signs that our economy is beginning to improve," Bush said in his weekly radio address.

Alan Greenspan, the Fed's chairman, said the risks that a "material decline" could cause severe disruptions off shore energy production.

Associated Press

In 2005, pump prices jumped from slightly more than $2 a gallon to $3 after Katrina and Hurricane Rita destroyed more than 100 oil platforms and damaged several refineries.

"The price consequences could be even worse this time," Rubin said in a report, noting that oil and gasoline inventories are lower than when Katrina and Rita hit. "Any replays of the 2005 storm season could see gasoline prices soar to $5 per gallon.

"Gustav was moving northwest of Jamaica toward the Cayman Islands after triggering floods and killing 29 people in Haiti and eight more in the Dominican Republic.

Light, sweet crude for October delivery fell 13 cents to settle $115.46 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, after earlier rising as high as $118.76. On Thursday, prices fell $2.56 at $112.59 a barrel, the first time this week it closed lower.

Analysts attributed the volatility to doubts over whether Gustav will affect offshore energy production, as well as speculation that the Energy Department will tap the Strategic Petroleum Reserve should the storm threaten supplies.

"Until this hurricane hits, the trend has to be higher toward the $120 level," said Jonathan Kornafel, Asia Director for brokerage Hudson Capital Energy in Singapore. "If this turns out to be a nonevent, the market could really come back down." As Gustav advanced, oil companies were pulling employees off installations.

Royal Dutch Shell PLC has evacuated nearly 670 cars line up for gas as a tanker truck driver fills the station underground tanks in Troutdale, Ore., Friday. Hurricane Gustav could send prices up to $5 per gallon.
Welcome to the elite

Congratulations to all the freshmen beginning their first year at Notre Dame, and welcome back everyone else. You probably haven’t given it much thought yet, but just by being here, most of you — 95 percent of you, by the Notre Dame Department of News and Information’s reckoning — have taken the first steps toward getting something the majority of Americans (75.5 percent of them) give or take one tenth of one percent don’t have: a college degree. Let that sink in for a moment. Fewer than one in every four Americans over the age of 18 have a college degree, according to the Census Bureau’s 2006 American Community Survey.

Of course, exactly what that degree does for you is a bit vague. The Census Bureau, naturally, has a statistical answer. It sets the value of a bachelor’s degree quite literally: about $2 million over the course of a lifetime. Which, you might tell whoever pays your tuition, is not a bad return on investment. Plenty of articles and web sites describe what a bachelor’s degree may do for you personally: develop a ‘secure future’ that comes with a steady profession that can ride out any economic rollercoaster, or “more prestigious employment and greater job satisfaction”.

Others can only resort to the sort of vague, meaningless language of second-rate pitchmen or motivational speakers, saying that a degree “teaches you to solve more of life’s problems or lets you ‘tune into your potential and challenges you to perform at your peak.’”

Explaining the worth of a degree in these terms isn’t particularly satisfying. Truthfully, I think it borders on insulting, surely all you future degree-holders didn’t decide to come here based on a dollar amount or a bit of marketing jargon. How else to summarize the college experience, then? Is it the sum of classes taken, papers written, languages learned and groups joined, or does that make it seem like more skills-building and vocational training — everything that a liberal arts education claims not to be and what does it mean if we don’t, for example, perfectly remember how to solve differential equations or the causes of the French Revolution? Is it something more intangible and immeasurable, like promoting abstract and complex thought or Socratic self-reflection? Or is it just supposed to provoke a deep-seated sense of restlessness and world-weariness? There probably isn’t a good economic term for this dilemma, and even if there was, it wouldn’t fit in a Viewpoint column (personally, I think it’s the third option, particularly for degree holders in the humanities). At the very least, however, it is worth asking what we’re doing here, and exactly what it means — if it means anything at all — to join the degree-holding minority of the population.

Finally, there is the matter of everything else. Some combination of ability, hard work, preparation, circumstances and luck got each of you here and will get the vast majority of you through to getting that diploma. And once you get it you’ll be a part of an exclusive club of degree holders — an elite, if you like. But I’d also be willing to bet that many of you go on to jobs where, for whatever reason, you probably won’t work with people outside of this elite, at least not as peers or equals. Amid all the beginning-of-the-year talk about the Notre Dame bubble, it’s easy to forget that it can go on for a lot longer than the four or so years that you’re here. You could probably go through life thinking that getting a degree, especially one from Notre Dame, also confers a monopoly on thoughtfulness, curiosity or intelligence. But if that’s all you’ve taken away from college, then you might wonder if, in fact, you have really learned anything.

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"The vision that you glorify in your mind, the ideal that you enthrone in your heart — this you will build your life by, and this you will become."

James Allen

author
Price changes irresponsible

Upon returning to campus, I was disappointed to learn that printing on computer lab and dorm printers is now priced at 10 cents per page instead of 10 cents per sheet as it has been in the past. As a result, double-sided printouts cost 20 cents instead of 10 and there is no financial incentive to save paper and print on both sides of a page. With the University’s emphasis on sustainability this year, it is disappointing to see the incentive removed for this environmentally friendly practice.

Brian Wysocki  
Sophomore Keenan Hall  
Aug. 30

Offshore oil drilling fails to tap into basic logic

Ever seen that bumper sticker that reads “Four-thirds of Americans don’t understand fractions”? Well it may be a joke, but it’s no laughing matter that a recent survey shows three-fourths of Americans support increased offshore drilling.

Ryan Quinn  
The Daily Gamecock  
Aug. 28

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By JIM MCGUIRE
Scene Writer

The Joyce Center got a little cooler Friday night — and it wasn't just the hockey rink behind the main floor — when Chicago hip-hop duo The Cool Kids and multi-platinum recording artists Good Charlotte headlined The Show 2008.

Although playing to a less-than-sold-out crowd, The Show stayed true to its mission of bringing an up-and-coming act along with a better-known (and arguably past its prime) duo to Notre Dame to open the school year.

The opening act, which came on a little after 7:30, was Chicago-based punk-pop alternative band "Absent Star." 'We're not The Cool Kids' was all lead singer Derek Ingersoll had to say before the band launched into their twenty minute set. Their sound was a bit like "Basic" with an edge: driving guitar parts, melancholy lyrics and vocals that went from straight muttering to smoothly forceful.

Although they put in a solid set — some of their songs, like "Give In To Me," would fit right in on an AFI album "Absent Star" didn't get much of a reaction as the crowd waited for "The Cool Kids" to arrive.

The Cool Kids, the first headliner, are also a Chicago group, but with a very different sound. Describing themselves as "the black Beastie Boys," The Cool Kids are a hip-hop duo whose sound hearkens back to very different sound. Describing their songs, like "Give In To Me," would fit right in on an AFI album, The Cool Kids' "Box of Rocks," the duo's wordplay was an example of what rap should be. Each song acted as a separate story, peppered with a little pop culture and a great deal of irony.

The duo didn't sample much off of other tracks, but when they did, they put their own spin on it, like when they used Fergie's "glimmerous" in the party "Bassment Party." While their set wasn't very long, totaling at about 40 minutes, The Cool Kids did give the audience a taste of old-school rap with a fun sound.

Thirty minutes after "The Cool Kids" wrapped, Good Charlotte finally graced the stage. The pop-rock band headlined by Joel and Benji Madden, a.k.a. Nicole Richie and Paris Hilton's better halves, first hit it big in 2002 when their album "The Young and the Hopeless" spawned a slew of hits, including "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous." Good Charlotte's power-pop sound helped give their early hits like "The Anthem" a bit of an edge and differentiated them from groups like Blink 182.

However, the group was accused of "selling out" once they hit it big, and their popularity sputtered. Now, Good Charlotte seems to be on an upward slope again, thanks in no small part to publicity from Ms. Hilton and Ms. Ritchie, with new hits like "Dance Floor Anthem II Don't Want To Be In Love!" Good Charlotte tried to pepper their set with some of their newer work, but the songs that really got the crowd going were their earlier pop hits like "Boys & Girls" and "I Just Want To Live." All their hits were played with the same energy and pop that made the public like them 6 years ago, which gave Good Charlotte's performance a real kick it might have lacked. While their between-song banter ranged from hilarious to painful — note to Joel Madden: most Notre Dame students have never even seen an illegal substance — the band hit all of their big sing-along hits out of the park. "Boys & Girls" and "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" make it fun to listen to your playlist from high school again.

While the acts at this year's The Show were as disparate as can be, The Cool Kids and Good Charlotte both delivered stellar sets that kept the audience in it the entire night.

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By SYZMON RYZNER
Scene Writer

Refer madness! Interested in a comedy-action buddy-flick centered on Hollywood’s favorite illegal substance? Well, then it might be worth your while to take a ride on the “Pineapple Express.” Viewers are treated to another R-rated comedy from popular producer Judd Apatow and starring Seth Rogen and James Franco.

Combining the appeal of previous Apatow works such as “The 40 Year Old Virgin” and “Superbad,” the new filmmaking fraternity has created an action flick with the most unlikely, passive-aggressive “pot” smokers available. There is little doubt that “Pineapple Express” is intended for those watching it to be high, but nevertheless the film manages to entertain with its many gags and “giggle weed” references.

If anything, the marketing for this film was extremely well put-together. Even the trailer is worthy of mention, for this film was extremely supported by M.I.A.’s memorable single “Paper Planes,” effectively turning the song into a popular mainstream hit. Another slick move by Rogen and Franco was the use of a large bag of fake “hamburger” and the smoking of a fake “fattie” onstage at the MTV Movie Awards. The gag made for a classic moment that had to have at least a few reactions of Saul to the circumstances in which the duo find themselves.

Both the comedic and action aspects are given respectable onscreen time, and the array of characters adds only to the enjoyment.

One standout is Danny McBride’s portrayal of Reed, the middleman in the drug world and an intermediary between the dealer and the drug lord. It’s a role that McBride truly makes a name for himself in this “stoner” epic. Seth Rogen plays the typical Seth Rogen character, the lovable hero with a good heart. James Franco, however, blows you away with every puff of his fake “fatty.” Franco plays an experience smoking “sea head,” even after repeatedly playing a straight-laced millionaire’s son in the “Spider-Man” franchise. He plays the character as though he has lived Hollywood’s idea of the perpetual “toker,” in retrospect, perhaps he has. Craig Robinson (Darryl on TV’s “The Office”) also delivers as a hilarious beach bum sent to kill the pair by the drug lord. The immaturity of the entire group of characters does wonders, truly forming a great ensemble.

“Pineapple Express” is an entertaining mix of humor and action. With its memorable characters and humorous action sequences, viewers are led to believe that perhaps a marijuana action film could exist — if so, “Pineapple Express” is it. Although the film is a blend of multiple, seemingly incompatible genres, you can expect to see “Pineapple Express 2” as soon as the production cycle of these recently successful comedy titans allows it.

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Rogen & Franco

team up in Pineapple Express

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Editor

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Which brings me to my question what kind of music did you listen to in high school?

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To paraphrase the late, great Estelle Getty as “Golden Girls” matriarch Sophia Petrillo, picture it: high school, 2003.Granted you freshmen weren’t exactly in high school in 2003, but use your imagination. I was a junior with a driver’s license and, luckily, an older sister who had the courtesy to graduate and give me her car. I spent my hours of driving to and fro listening to my new copy of Maroon 5’s “Songs About Jane.” They sounded like this outrageous blend of raspy soul, angry rock and mysterious jazz. I was in deep music love, the kind of love I thought would last a lifetime.

I believe that, like a relationship, a person’s affection for a band can go through a series of recognizable stages. First, infatuation: you can’t stop listening to their melodies are aural perfection and their lyrics fit every situation you’ve ever experienced. Next, slight disillusionment: that experimental single they just released? Not that great. Then, the lead singer goes and marries some Hollywood starlet and names his first child Kumquat. You try to focus on the good parts of the relationship. Later, you settle into long-term commitment: you buy each subsequent album, even though their style has evolved. Then, you can’t remember who you were before the day you first heard their sound. You’re either bound for life, or you’re burning your CDs and running crying “why?”

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Remember when you listened to bands like Linkin Park? With the right circumstances, high school music might make a comeback on your life playlist.
Brewers' Sabathia has controversial one-hitter

Werth and Phillips down Cubs; White Sox's Thome ties Mantle on career HR list in win over Red Sox

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — To the Milwaukee Brewers, CC Sabathia pitched a no-hitter. To official scorer Bob Webb, it was a no-brainer.

The Brewers are going to try to change his mind.

Sabathia limited the Pirates to Andy LaRoche's infield single leading off the fifth inning, on a play Milwaukee manager Ned Yost argued was an error on the pitcher, and the Brewers beat Pittsburgh 7-0 Sunday for their eighth victory in nine games.

He accomplished a no-hitter and wasn't given what he deserved. That should have been a no-hitter," Yost said. "That's a slinking no-hitter we all got cheesed from. I feel horrible for CC.".

The Brewers said they plan to send a DVD of the play and send it to Major League Baseball, asking that the call be overturned. However, according to baseball's rulebook, only the official scorer may change a judgment scoring call.

If official scorer Bob Webb were to decide to change the call, it would be the first time in major league history a no-hitter was awarded retroactively.

LaRoche's solid hit grounder on a 2-2 pitch rolled about 45 feet between the plate and the mound before Sabathia picked it up barehanded, only to drop it. The ball may have been hit too softly for Sabathia to get LaRoche out first, even if he had made the play cleanly.

Webb, a major league official scorer for 20 seasons, immediately ruled it a hit, explaining he watched LaRoche out of the batter's box and the runner was two-thirds of the way down the line as Sabathia was picking the ball up. Yost and several Brewers players disagreed — strongly.

"That's a joke. That wasn't even close. Whoever the scorekeeper was absolutely denied major league baseball a nine no-hit-right there," Yost said. "They drew him up on the board even before LaRoche hit the bag. That's a play CC makes easily, throws him out by 10 feet — no it's a no-brainer.

"That's sad. It really is sad." The Brewers' Ryan Braun said, "There's no question that's a no-hitter.

Despite the Brewers' protests, the play in question is often called a hit and fielders often get angry when they are called for errors on easier plays. The Associated Press pulled eight writers from both cities who have reported on the majors for 10 years or more, and six would have called it a hit.

Webb wouldn't comment on Yost's remarks, but said the play did not meet the rule book criteria for an error.

"The way the ball came off the bat, it was spinning, and it went to the left of the mound with a left-handed pitcher going to get it. It's a difficult play," Webb said. The definition requires standard effort, and that would have taken more than an ordinary effort. The runner was down the line.

As it stands, Sabathia (9-0) pitched the majors' fourth no-hitter this season and couldn't have come much closer to a no-hitter, with no Pirates batter except for LaRoche threatening to get a hit.

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Columbus, Ohio — The Buckeyes have struggled to win this season, but Alex Bower said coach Jim Tressel would have nothing but a positive message for his players before their game against Youngstown State Saturday.

"I'm not likely that there will be any update until probably after some initial treatments and therapy," she wrote.

Coach Jim Tressel said Saturday team doctors told him the X-rays were negative and the injury was not turf.

Ohio State can probably get by without Wells on Saturday when the Buckeyes host Ohio. That's not the case the following week, when they visit No. 3 Southern California in a huge nonconference.

"You see one of the guys go down and you hope he's all right," in -backer James Laurinaitis said after the game. "Chris is a tough guy. I hope it's not serious."

You hate to see a guy of his caliber, laying on the ground."

Judging from how Wells writhed on the field in pain, the injury did not appear to be a minor one. A crowd of more than 100,000 thought so too. The criticism was practically silent for several minutes while doctors and trainers attended to Wells near the goal line.

"It may have rolled it or planted wrong a play or two before," Wells said through Pew moments after the game. "Something just didn't feel right. Then I think I felt a pop. But the X-rays are OK, so we'll see how it feels in a day or two."

Wells, who has been hindered by nagging injuries throughout his college career, fell to the ground in pain before he was even hit after taking a handoff at the Youngstown State 2. He fumbled the ball away before there was contact, then fell backward while medical personnel rushed to his side. Tressel even ran onto the field.

"As I handed the ball back, he didn't even grab the ball," quarterback Todd Bockman said. "I didn't know what to expect, didn't know what he did. He went down and he was in some serious pain."

After he was helped off the field, Wells was put on a motorized cart and taken to the locker room.

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Dolphins sign Williams to 2-year extension

Dolphins, Fla. — Ricky Williams is signed up for two more seasons in the NFL. The Miami Dolphins are hoping he plays out his contract this time.

The Dolphins signed Williams to a one-year extension through the 2002-2003 season, putting their faith in the controversial running back even though he's bailed out on them in the past.

Williams won the NFL rushing title in 2001, but has also battled injuries and off-field problems.

Williams was initially suspended from the team for the 2002 season after he was arrested for failing a urine test for an illegal substance.

The suspension was later lifted, but Williams was still under scrutiny.

Dolphins general manager Bill Parcells said he was "expecting the best for Ricky." He also said Williams had agreed to a new contract.

Dolphins owner Stephen Ross said Williams had "agreed to a new contract" but did not specify the length of the deal.

Williams has had a turbulent career in the NFL, including a stint with the Miami Dolphins in 2001, where he was suspended for violating the league's drug policy.

Williams never played for the Dolphins again, but he did sign a one-year extension in 2002.

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Patriots cut perennial Pro-Bowler Lynch

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — John Lynch, the nine-time Pro Bowl safety signed by New England two weeks ago, was released Sunday.

"It goes without saying but John is an all-time great safety," coach Bill Belichick said. "He has been one of the league's classiest professionals and his elite play speaks for itself."
Four-time defending U.S. Open Champion Roger Federer returns a shot during his straight-set victory over Radek Stepanek Sunday in the Open’s third round.

Associated Press

NEW YORK - As if trying to rewriting history, the 32-year-old Federer thrashed his right fist overhead and pointed skyward with his index finger.

The universal gesture for No. 1.

As Federer made that signal, the 1970s song "Still I’ll Be" by Orleans rang out through Arthur Ashe Stadium on Sunday, marking the end of the four-time defending champion’s 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 victory over 28th-seeded Radek Stepanek in the U.S. Open’s third round.

Actually, for the first time in a while, Federer is not No. 1— in the standings for the hard-court Grand Slam tournament or in the ATP rankings. Those honors belong to Rafael Nadal, who beat Federer in the Nadal-fed French Open and epic Wimbledon finals and last week ended his record 237-week stay at the top.

Federer harbors no doubts that he can re-establish his ranking and his reputation among opponents, both built on the strength of 12 career major singles titles, two of Pete Sampras’ record.

"That’s the advantage I have. If I were to win a big tournament again, one of those Slams, whatever, right away I have the invincibility factor again, which is great for me," he said. "So that’s what I’m working for. I was that close in Wimbledon, so I hope to go a step further and win it this time."

He’s been a poor-by-his-standard — and, be it clear, only by his lofty standards — season for Federer, whose 12 losses already are more than he absorbed in any entire year from 2004-07. His two titles, at minor events, are his fewest entering the U.S. Open since 2002.

On the other hand, Federer did reach the semifinals at the Australian Open before losing to eventual champion Novak Djokovic and was the runner-up at the other two major tournaments.

"I would love his bad year. The guy has the best four-year run ever, and we’re all sitting here and saying he’s not the best five-year run ever. We have to use a little bit of perspective here as far as how good he’s been," said Andy Roddick, the last man other than Federer to win the U.S. Open, back in 2003, and his potential semifinal opponent this year.

If you were to hear about anything every day, you start thinking about it a little bit, and maybe that’s where he’s at," added Roddick, who reached the fourth round by beating No. 31 Andreas Seppi 6-2, 7-5, 7-6 (4).

Roddick will play No. 11 Fernando Gonzalez or Jarkko Nieminen.

Federer’s next opponent is No. 23 Janije Ivanovic of Russia, who beat No. 13 Fernando Verdasco of Spain in straight sets. In other men’s third-round matches, No. 5 Nikolay Davydenko eliminated No. 90 Dmitry Tursunov, qualifier Galles Muller, a 6-7 (3), 3-6, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (6), 7-5 upset of No. 18 Nicolas Almagro, and Australian Open runner-up J-Fierny Twenge lost to No. 15 Tommy Robredo.

The women are a round ahead, and No. 2 Jelena Jankovic reached the quarterfinals by coming back to beat No. 21 Caroline Wozniacki 3-6, 6-2, 6-1. Jankovic is among five women who have shut at round No. 1 in the rankings.

"I’ll be there," Jankovic said, "but I want to win a Grand Slam.

Another woman in the chase for No. 1 — and also without a major championship title — is Olympic gold medalist Elena Dementieva, who beat Li Na 6-4, 6-1 and now faces No. 15 Patty Schnyder.

Jankovic will meet No. 29 Sybille Bammer, who got past No. 12 Marion Bartoli 7-6 (3), 6-4 in a match that lasted 2 hours, 5 minutes — believed to be the longest women’s match, by time, in U.S. Open history.

"I didn’t even really sweat," Flammer said. "I could have played harder.

Muller looked as though he could have, too, even though his match against Almagro stretched beyond four hours.

Muller never had come back from a two-set deficit in his career before doing so in the second round against Tommy Haas. Now he’s done it twice in a row — despite winning a dozen fewer points than Almagro, 187-175, and making 25 more unforced and double errors. And Muller broke serve only once all match, in the final game.

Muller is the only man from Luxembourg to play in a Grand Slam tournament in the 40-year open era — and now the first man or woman from the country to reach the fourth round.

"I’m the first one actually to do everything, I mean, that’s not my goal — to be the best in Luxembourg," he said.

This isn’t his first moment in the spotlight at Flushing Meadows: Muller stunned Roddick in the first round in 2005. Since then, only Federer has beaten Roddick at the U.S. Open, in the 2006 final and the 2007 quarterfinals.

Those are part of Federer’s 30 consecutive victories in the hard-court major championship. The three wins this year have all come in straight sets, and Federer was truly tested only briefly by Stepanek.

PGA

Weir takes one-shot lead into final round

Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. — Sunshine began to bake the greens, the wind kept players guessing and the birdie cheers kept right on coming Sunday in the Deutsche Bank Championship, the final event for Mike Weir.

His third birdie over the final five holes gave him a 4-under 67 and a one-shot lead.

And it meant next to nothing.

"I’ve got my hands full," Weir said after patching together a good score despite marginal shots.

First came a pair of 63s from Ben Crane and Camilo Villegas, the kind of score no one thought possible in such blustery conditions. Then came the steady surge of Sergio Garcia and Vijay Singh, and a late charge from Ernie Els and Jim Furyk to set the stage for the Labor Day finish.

"Expert everyone to work extra hard to win the Deutsche Bank Championship.

“There’s one less guy that comes in second," Garcia said when asked what it would take to capture the second stop in the PGA Tour Playoffs for the FedEx Cup.

It starts with Weir, who hit only half of the fairways and of the greens. He has been around the lead all week, but had to grind out a score to stay there, including a superb 7-birdie on 3 feet to storm the 14th, chipping in for birdie on the 15th and the final birdie on the 18th.

Weir was at 17-under 196, the 10th time the Canadian has had at least a share of the 54-hole lead on the PGA Tour. He has converted only of those chances into a victory.

"There’s great players on the leaderboard," Weir said. "Some guys that are hungry to win for the first time, guys that haven’t won many times, and I’m trying to do the same thing. I just want to keep playing my type of golf. Hopefully, I can hit it a little better and find a few more fairways.

Villegas ignored the swirling wind and took only 22 puts in his round of 63, which put him in the final group Monday with Weir, one shot behind and perhaps his best chance for his first PGA Tour victory.

Three shots behind were Garcia (68) and Singh (69), part of the playoff last week at The Barclays that Singh won to move into the FedEx Cup standings.

And right behind them were Furyk, who birdied three of his last four holes for a 69; Els, who made eagle on the final hole after nearly holing a 5-iron and posting a 69; and Crane, whose 63 came much earlier in the day.

Ten players were separated by five shots going into the Labor Day finish, the kind of shootout the Deutsche Bank Championship always seems to produce.

"Today is the day," the 14th, chipping in for lead into final round

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Teams prepare to flee from Gustav's path

Associated Press

As Tulane's football team embarked on an unexpected trip to Oregon, Hurricane Gustav on their minds, coach Nick Saban figured it couldn't be any worse than the last time the Green Wave faced a major storm threatening Louisiana's coast.

"We've been through it before and we made it," Parenton said of the team's three days at the University of Oregon, where Tulane players played all their games on the road after Hurricane Katrina forced the cancellation of the entire fall semester.

"We'll kind of wait this thing out, hopefully come through OK, and go from there," LSU spokesman Michael Bonnette said. "I don't think anyone is really going to focus on the weather right now. It's all going to depend on the situation at the time."

Brian Moehler (10-5) went six innings and allowed three runs and seven hits, striking out a season-high eight to improve to 4-0 in seven career starts against the Cardinals.

"Moehler did a little bit of bending and managing," manager Cecil Cooper said. "He was able to handle the pressure, and he handled the curveball better than he had in a while."
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Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Rich Brooks knows Kentucky’s defensive tackle Jeff Owens, who already had been projected as a possible high pick in the 2009 NFL draft, will return next season.

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Athens, Ga. — Georgia defensive 

A.J. Tyson out for season 

NCAA Football

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia defensive tackle Jeff Owens will have knee surgery and miss the rest of the season, making the senior the second starting line
dleman lost by the top-ranked 

bulldogs in the past month.

Owens tore the anterior cruci
ciate ligament in his right knee in Saturday’s 45-21 win over Georgia Southern. Coach Mark Richt said Sunday that Owens will have season-ending sur

ery. Georgia lost starting left back

trait Sturdivant from its offensive line during preseason practice.

"At this rate we won’t last very long," Rich said. "We can’t afford much more there. I think we’ve got pretty good depth still at both spots if you’re thinking about trying to finish out the season, but more trouble there and we might really get hit.

Georgia senior Corvey Irvin will join junior Geno Atkins as the starting defensive tackles Saturday against Central Michigan.

Irvin had a sack and shared the team lead with six tackles, including two for losses, against Georgia Southern. Atkins had four stops.

"Corvey actually played an outstanding ballgame," Rich said. "He played the most snaps of the interior linemen and had the most production. Geno didn’t play as many snaps but was probably as productive per play.

Irvin has never started for Georgia, but he played in 12 games last season after trans-

ferring from Georgia Military College.

Defensive tackle Kade Westen, expected to be the team’s top backup, missed the opener with a sprained knee and is not expected to play next Saturday against Central Michigan.

Owens started every game 

last season.

Richt said Owens has been scheduled for reconstructive knee surgery on Sept. 9 and plans to return for his fifth year of eligibility in 2009. He played in all 13 games as a freshman and can have a medical redshirt year this season.

Richt said he has no doubt Owens, who already had been projected as a possible high pick in the 2009 NFL draft, will return next season.

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**SMC SOCCER**

Saint Mary’s drops first 2 games

Lack of offense contributes to pair of losses to Hiram, Case Western

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

The Belles struggled to find their offense against host Case Western falling 4-1 on Saturday. Sunday’s match against Hiram proved to be more of the same as the Belles once again failed to find their offensive rhythm in a 3-1 defeat.

Against Case Western, Saint Mary’s fell behind early but tied it up shortly after when senior forward Lauren Hinton connected with junior forward Merrit Hedinger in the 15th minute for the Belles’ first goal of the season. This success was short-lived, however, as Case Western would dominate the rest of the game putting two more goals in before half-time and adding a fourth shortly into the second half.

Senior Nicole Boler started as goalkeeper for the Belles, recording four saves, but was replaced at halftime by Junior Patty Duffy who finished with six saves.

In their second game, the Belles got out to a better start getting an early goal from freshman midfielder Taylor Paton to take a 1-0 lead. Once again, however, the Belles could not maintain their momentum and Hiram scored an equalizer in the 30th minute.

In the second half, the Belles could not find the net and gave up two late goals in the final seven minutes that sealed their fate.

Duffy played all 90 minutes in goal for the Belles and recorded 10 saves.

Saint Mary’s will look to get their first victory of the season as they take on Manchester College this Wednesday at North Manchester, Ind.

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**MLB**

Mets bullpen holds on to four-run lead

Associated Press

MIAMI — A four-run cushion was sufficient Sunday for the New York Mets. Now they’ll try to hang onto a lead in September.

The Mets’ battered bullpen came through with three shutdown innings to close out a 6-2 victory over the Florida Marlins, preserving New York’s one-game lead over Philadelphia in the NL East.

Four weeks of the regular season remain, starting with a three-game series beginning Monday at Milwaukee, and the Mets are mindful of their collapse last September.

“It has been a motivating factor the entire year,” manager Jerry Manuel said.

Pedro Martinez pitched six innings for only his second victory since July 7, and the Mets homered three times against the fading Marlins. New York won two of three games in the series, leaving third-place Florida seven back.

Last year New York went 5-12 down the stretch to squander a big lead in the East and miss the playoffs.

“Until I see that last day when we’ve won the division, I’m not going to get too relaxed,” Martinez said. “Hopefully things can be different. This is giving you any hints of showing what happened last year. It’s a different group.”

The problem last year wasn’t Martinez, who went 3-1 in September, and Sunday’s performance suggested he’s ready for another stretch run. The first two batters to face him scored, but those were the only runs he allowed.

Martinez (5-3) gave up seven hits but only one walk.

“Nothing special, just a quality outing,” he said. “I had to battle a lot. I was a little sluggish but managed to use my experience.”

Martinez won with a fastball that rarely exceeded the low 80s.

Pedro was Pedro,” Manuel said. “He didn’t have his greatest stuff, but he pitched magnificently.”

Back-to-back home runs in the third inning by Nick Evans and David Wright put the Mets ahead to stay. Carlos Beltran added his 21st homer.

Beltran homered leading off the second. Rookie Evans, relishing his first pennant race, hit his 214th career home run despite a rough start. Hanley Ramirez reached on a single, Wright homered leading off, and Wright homered leading off.

“Until I see that last day when we’ll be in five, six, seven in the NL East,” manager Fredi Gonzalez said. “I still believe that.”

Martinez, 46, has needed rest and managed to use his experience.

“Being my first year in the majors, you couldn’t ask for more exciting team and situation to be put in,” he said. “I’m enjoying every day of it.”

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digs and four aces of her own, with Kurucz contributing 29 kills, hitter Kristen Deoly and junior outside hitter Seckel added 10 kills each. Senior Taylor Bateman ended up taking the set 25-23. Also playing very well was Willits, who had 11 digs and 17 assists.

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The Irish roared in the third set, allowing the Wolf Pack to cut into the Irish lead. Senior Dealy and junior outside hitter Megan Fredrick, who made no mistake.

The Irish earned a first set victory against the Crusaders, gave the Irish their first two-set win of the season and the fourth set close all the way out in the end 25-23.

The Irish were able to keep the fourth set close all the way to 21-21, but the Crusaders closed the game and the match out in the end 22-23.

The Irish will be back in action next weekend for three games in Idaho against Eastern Washington, Washington State, and Idaho State to anchor the Idaho Volleyball Classic.

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"IPEW was a very strong and physically strong player. It was great to get the win, but we never really got into a good rhythm," Shanrock said. "We highlight the attack against the Mastodons were freshman Jone and junior Kristen Deoly and junior outside hitter Seckel. Dealy had 12 kills and 10 digs while Phillips led the Irish with 13 kills. This was the first time under Brady that the Irish had played the Mastodons, and marks an all-time 22-7 record in the series.

Three of the freshmen, Dealy, Hill and juniorissy, scored significant points for the Irish, while senior Kelly Schiebers and junior Margot Andre had 27 assists and career high 7 kills.

"The freshmen all played huge roles this weekend and did a great job," said Shanrock. "They were carrying a decent amount of the load."

The Irish earned a second victory 3-1 on Saturday against the Nevada Wolf Pack.

Sophomore Kelly Schiebers led the scoring for the Irish against the Wolf Pack, notchting 14 kills and 10 digs. "Schiebers was unbelievable," Brown said. "They did not have a chance to stop her."

Sciacca played so well that Brown said they moved her into the front row in set four. Also playing very well was Willits, who had 11 digs and 17 assists.

The Irish roared in the first set on the back of strong play from Sciacca, Dealy, and junior outside hitter Megan Fredrick. Sciacca's dominance continued in the second set with five of the team's 13 kills, with junior outside hitter Christina Kaelin ending the set with three of her 11 kills on the night.

Notre Dame built a comfortable 17-13 lead in the third set, but watched that advantage dwindle as the Wolf Pack ended up taking the set 25-23. The Irish re-established control in the fourth and final set with a better block percentage and ended the game 25-18.

Irish hopes to sweep the weekend were spoiled by the Crusaders of Valparaiso who defeated the Irish 3-1. Despite the loss, Brown believes that the loss was their best match of the season.

"We played much better today," Brown said. "It was a completely different game. It was going down to the last serve."

Angie Porche of Valparaiso had an impressive 26 kills and 10 digs to lead all players in the game. Sophomore Laurel Delany had 11 digs and 11 assists.

Junior Tara Enzweller had 8 blocks to lead the Irish. A big assignment for the Irish was to contain Zakuani, where they got Zakuani from, and that was our thinking throughout the spring and the day."

"It was a very difficult choice because both keepers played exceptionally well in the spring and the preseason," Clark said. "It's important that Andrew got to feel at home there, and that was our thinking instilling him both games this weekend."
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Alexa Vega, 20; Sarah Chalke, 32; Chandra Wilson, 39; Wally DeVille, 58

Hanging Rhythms: Bring all the stars to you and you'll win your way into whatever situation you desire. Partnership of all kinds will flourish. You'll be the one to put things back in order and make them work. Know your value and you will be respected and rewarded. Your numbers are 5, 30, 36, 19

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may find yourself all wrapped up in a situation that you cannot change. Try to stay as objective as you can, causing a small issue to become something overwhelming. Don't get angry or lash out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can make some personal changes or at least alter your surroundings to get a different view on where you are at or what you're facing. A sense of accomplishment should be yours for your hard work and staying the course.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be caught in the middle if you meddle in the affairs of others. Be a listener but don't contribute. You'll be emotionally but, if you can keep a lid on it and consider rather than_produce, you will win in the end.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can multtask in your heart's content and spin things in your favor. There may be a power struggle with someone who challenges you head on, but as long as you don't swallow, you will have no trouble defining whatever or whoever is trying to bite you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep a handle on what everyone is doing but don't multitask. Personal purchases will turn out to be a disappointment and a costly venture. Don't be pushed into spending on something you don't need.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You, someone you are close to or both of you will be out of control. Take a vacation and spend this day relaxing where you are. This is a good time to get away from all the complications by getting involved or something you shouldn't.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You lose your end in perspective for what's to come. Change is heading your way. Vent out a lot with people out of your paradigm and in the other area. You'll be surprised by the response.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This is no time to let up on what you are doing. Keep a handle on what others are doing. If you are tempted to jump into someone else's project, do not rush out and do it prematurely. Be your own research and you'll realize you'll have more going for you by doing your own thing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may find yourself all wrapped up in a situation you desire. Partnerships of all kinds will flourish. You will be the one to take things back in order and make them work. Know your value and you will be respected and rewarded. Your numbers are 5, 20, 26, 32, 39

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You can multitask to your heart's content and spin things in your favor. There may be a power struggle with someone who challenges you head on, but as long as you don't swallow, you will have no trouble defining whatever or whoever is trying to bite you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can push through a deal, purchase something or start something and get caught up. Someone will play emotional games with you.

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Unscramble the following jumbles, one letter at each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answers (tomorrow)

PARKA FUZZY STURDY

Common Answer: When the mayor cut the budget, he held a FUND "RAZOR"
**Soccer**

**Tournament trials**

Pair of convincing wins highlights 12th tournament victory

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

She shifted the ball to her right foot and from 15 yards out Erica Fantorno buried a goal in the top right corner of the net, taking with it the frustration of multiple missed opportunities. The sophomore's unassisted goal late in the first half widened No. 4 Notre Dame's lead to 2-0 in its victory over No. 21 Santa Clara Sunday. The shutout marked the second Irish win of the weekend having already beaten Loyola Marymount 4-0 in the first game of the Invitational in Crestview Hills, Ky., hosted by Thomas More College.

Senior defender Jack Traynor dribbled the ball in a scoreless draw against Mexico last April.

**Irish take 2 at the Shamrock**

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The Shamrock Invitational started off well for Notre Dame (2-1) with two solid wins against Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW) and Nevada, before the inviting atmosphere disappeared in a hard-fought loss to Valparaiso.

"The level of competition was very good this weekend," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "We learned a lot and got better with each match. We were able to identify a lot of our strengths and weaknesses."

The Irish began the opening weekend on Friday with an impressive 3-0 win over the IPFW Mastodons.

**SMC Volleyball**

Belles off to ringing start, take three of four matches

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (3-1, 0-0 MIAA) kicked off its season with a strong showing this weekend, going 3-1 at the Thomas More Invitational in Crestview Hills, Ky., hosted by Thomas More College. Belles senior Cathy Kurczak and junior Lorza Slupczynski were named to the All-Tournament team.

"This was a very important tournament," Schroeder-Biek said. "Last year, we struggled at the beginning of the season, especially," in its Saturday opener. Saint Mary's defeated Spalding University in four sets (25-23, 23-25, 26-24, 25-20), and dropped Earlham College in straight sets that evening (25-17, 22-14, 25-13). Kurczak (16 kills), senior Kaela Hellmann (24), and Slupczynski (21) led the Belles' offensive attack.

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**SMC Golf**

Three freshmen crack line up in Michigan

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

This past weekend, the Saint Mary's golf team competed in its first competition of the year at the Ferris State Bulldog Invitational at the Katke Golf Course in Big Rapids, Mich.

The Belles were one of 16 Division II and III teams entered in the tournament, finishing third amongst the Division III schools that competed in the invitational. The team finished with a combined score of 671 after two days of competition.

Entering their first tournament of the year, the team had a number of questions to answer. Because of injury concerns, the team was forced to start three freshmen that had yet to play at Katke. Despite their inexperience, coach Mark Hamilton was pleased with the outcome.

"Considering that we played three freshmen in the starting line-up that had never seen the course, I was pleased with the outcome," Hamilton said. "We were "show me" situations."

"But we're on the right track. Our goal was of being the low 3's in the field was not accomplished, but the two teams ahead of us played very well."

The Belles were led by freshmen Natalie Matsumaz, who was competing in her first col...