Dillon Hall cancels annual pep rally

Rector says he didn't prepare residents for the event, which won't be rescheduled in 2008

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

Dillon Hall Rector Fr. Paul Doyle shocked residence Sunday when he announced the residence hall’s pep rally, held every year before the first home football game of the season, was cancelled.

"The pep rally, a series of skits mocking aspects of Notre Dame life, has been a Dillon Hall tradition since the late 1970s, lead pep rally scriptwriter Ryan O'Connor said.

Fr. Doyle cited two reasons for his decision. "I failed to provide the necessary direction and support," he said.

The rector also told his residents the pep rally "was not coming together in a timely fashion."

Though this year’s event is not intended be rescheduled, Fr. Doyle expressed his intent to hold a pep rally in the future. "I hope we can have a pep rally next year that is the sort of pep rally the Dillon men and campus community have come to expect," he said.

Before Fr. Doyle broke the news of the pep rally’s cancellation to the dormitory as a whole Sunday night, he had a private meeting with current Dillon Hall President, Brendan O’Connor said.

Construction continues across campus

Projects are ongoing, with work to continue this winter; buildings expected to open on time

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

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Saint Mary’s rank falls in new report

College drops from 91st to 104th, but overall score improves

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary’s Editor

Saint Mary’s tied for 104th among the U.S. News and World Report's top liberal arts colleges for 2009.

This is only the second year the College, which had previously been counted among the top liberal arts schools in the region, has been on the national rankings list. It held the number 91st spot last year. The College's Director of Media Relations Gwen O'Brien said the school securing a national ranking for a second consecutive year is a step in the right direction, but they will continue to work hard to improve its reputation.

Daniels assumes position as director

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

Patrick Daniels began his time at Saint Mary’s as the College's new director of student involvement the same time as the freshmen arrived; moving into his office in the Student Center as first-year students moved into their residence halls.

Daniels, who came to Saint Mary’s from Towson University in Towson, Md., where he was the director of student activities. He spent eight years at Western Michigan University where he served many different roles, including director of student activities and leadership programs. He will oversee 25 student workers and more than 60 student organizations as they plan events for the College.

"I am the one who advises, rather than supervises," he said in an Aug. 29 statement. "I give assignments and recommendations and point them in the right direction, but they make the decisions.

Daniels decided to take the position to help the college be closer to members of his family, who live in Michigan. He also wanted to have the opportunity to work more directly with students.

"At my previous institutions
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Eyes on Denver

I love Denver. I've lived in the Denver area all my life. Denver has a mountain mystique, an allure that comes from being a world-class city so close to unchangeable, natural grandeur.

We're in the middle of the country, not near any ocean or lake, and yet we've managed to blossom into a thriving culture hub with a top performing arts complex and brand new opera house. No one has ever thought to mention our overwhelmingly successful sports teams (Broncos, Avalanche) who have each won national championships in the last decade, and the Rockies, who won the National League this year.

We've got cowboys, ski bums, and the occasional trust-fund hippie. We've got cowboys, ski bums, and the occasional trust-fund hippie. We've got cowboys, ski bums, and the occasional trust-fund hippie.

But last week we had something a little unheard of on our western plains: national politicians looking for a good show. It was quite a trip to watch my home city roll out the red carpet for everyone from Obama and Hillary to Susan Sarandon and Christopher Bale.

Though most people in Colorado have an opinion, politics hardly ever comes to blows, and all the candidates were getting sick of the one-sided Denver Party was staking out their territory.

I felt a polar surge through Denver the likes of which I'd never seen before. Talking to friends back home on both sides, some were bashing the time of their life, volunteering for the convention and getting caught up in the political wave. Others were getting sick of the one-sided Denver Post stories and the inability to start a conversation that didn't center on why Obama is the greatest man ever in a million years to ever breathe, ever.

I was fed with a certain smugness as the whole nation and even the world turned toward Denver. Shots of the Pepsi Center, where the Air play and where I saw The Police reunion last summer, were taking up IV screens everywhere. It was covered in "Celebrate Denver 08" banners and used as the establishing shot behind countless station identification bits from CNN to Fox News.

National newspapers were doing articles on Rocky Mountain oysters (buffalo testicles) and their mountain-esque appeal.

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The Student Activities Office will host "Rock the Quad" tomorrow at 9 p.m. on South Quad. Will sport and Rock Band. Free food will be provided.

A screening of Tom McCarthy's 2008 film "The Visitor" will take place at 9:30 p.m. on Sept. 4 at the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are available in the box office.

The first pep rally of the sea- son is Sept. 5 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena. The Notre Dame Glee Club will have a "Kickoff Concert" at 8 p.m. on Sept. 5 at the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are $5 for general admission. The event is sponsored by the Department of Music.

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'five year indicates Saint Mary's is on a course to meet a key goal in the College's Strategic Plan, which is to provide "Educational Excellence" to that of the leading Colleges in the Country.
This year's ACLS honorees are planning academic leave to immerse themselves in their research.
John Van Engen, Notre Dame's Andrew V. Tackes, and Duke's John Sadler, are working on a major reinterpretation of the history of Islamic culture.
Stanford, Princeton and Columbia, this year's honorees, represent the most expensive of the three projects, costing $69.3 million. Constrained by the new engineering building broke ground last November and is set to open in 2010.
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job duties and responsibilities did not change much opportunities were provided directly with students, "he said in an email Monday, "saint Mary's provides me that and it is something I look forward to.
Daniels has many goals laid out to improve the student involvement office that will change the way the office functions in relation to students.
"I want to enhance the offerings of programs and services, develop new programs and services where appropriate (and) to evaluate why we do things and make it work as it relates to our programs and services for our students," he said. "I want to empower and challenge students as it relates to their leadership, personal developmental and life skills." He said he will build on the programs and services Karen Siron, the former director of student involvement who left for undisclosed reasons, put in place during her year-long tenure.
Daniels also said everyone on campus has been very kind and welcoming as he transitions into a new post at a new school and he looks forward to looking around to a good beginning.
"This is definitely where I want to be and I appreciate the wonderful opportunity given to me to here," he said.
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these projects have not always been smooth-sailing.
A President of Business Operations Jim Lyphout is also no exception.
"Last winter's weather was challenging for outdoor construction activities, and the Law School was impacted by these conditions. It will be delayed on time but additional resources have been required to meet the schedule," Lyphout said. According to Lyphout, construction at the Law School building, located on Duncan Hall, cost $57.7 million and will continue through December 2009.
The new women's hall will change the name of the University $18.3 million and is set to be open in August 2009, according to Lyphout. Stinson-Remick Hall is the most expensive of the three projects, costing $69.3 million. Constraints by the new engineering building broke ground last November and is set to open in Jan.
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More than all buildings will serve different functions upon their completion, Marsh said that these projects each have their special challenges when it comes to their construction.
"The women's residence hall involves loud bearing grinding work which is very time consuming and labor intensive," Marsh said. "The Law School project has new challenges with respect to its connection to an existing building while it is occupied. Additionally, Stinson-Remick Hall is a cast-in-place reinforced concrete structure which is also labor intensive.
Marsh also said that the construction will remain as they are until the projects are complete — meaning that the buildings in areas on the campus West Quad will continue to have plenty of movement around campus.
According to Marsh, the new women's hall, located in the Law Library Bookstore, will serve as a residence for 248 women next fall.
The unnamed women's hall will be 74,600 square feet, according to a University press release. Although the women's hall has been constructed using recycled materials to those used on Duncan Hall, Marsh said that its design does not match that of Duncan's.
"This is unique, but its details and materials are similar to those used on Duncan Hall," he said.
Stinson-Remick Hall, which is being erected on the site of the University's cell, will include a nanotechnology research center and a semiconductor processing and facility fabrication clean room.
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The College hasn’t done anything differently in the past year.
Gwen O'Brien
Director of Media

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where we are."
College President Carol Ann Mooney said in an Aug. 22 statement, "The real proof of our success can be found in our graduates."
"We know we compete on a national level. Saint Mary's excellence and our commitment to educate the whole person set us apart," she said.
While Saint Mary's U.S. News ranking dropped slightly this year to 136 from 91 last year - O'Brien said this fact is not necessarily worrisome to College officials.
"While our ranking did slip this year, our overall score actually improved, increasing by a point," she said. "We are very proud of that fact." The Princeton Review also recognized Saint Mary's as a "Best Midwestern College for 2009," a category the College has ranked in since the Princeton Review began the "Best Regional College" categorization six years ago. U.S. News and World Report, which relies heavily on evaluations from peer institutions, differs from the Princeton Review, which considers student input. Its rankings are based on standards for excellence and student opinion data, collected through a survey on its Web site.
The information was compiled in the publication's "Best Colleges: Region by Region" section of the Web site dedicated to colleges that "stand out as academically excellent institutions of higher learning."
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including four very esteemed International Design Excellence Awards (IDEA). The "IDEA awards are the most prestigious, and the fact that we’ve won so many competing against international schools is very exciting," professor Ann-Marie Conrado said. "It is very difficult to get an industrial design award because generally it is a professional competition. Our students have been winning IDEA awards for some time now.

Industrial Design attracts a wide variety of students. Senior hand therapist, said the field costs a lot of money, and not many students do it. Although many consider it a lucrative profession, it is not something that would be chosen by many students.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

E.U. threatens to delay talks with Russia

Angela Merkel.

Chicago re complicating...Eastern European nations held out for a
tougther line. But Europe’s dependence on Russian oil and natural gas deterred stronger sanctions.

"I think we found an excellent compromise...but we’re still making clear that we want to maintain our...with Russia," said German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

Iraqis assume leadership in Anbar

BAGHDAD — American forces on Monday handed over security responsibility to the Iraqis in a province where U.S. forces was lost — a sign of the transfers of remaining U.S. forces. The local Sunnis turned against al-Qaeda in Iraq.

But a Sunni Arab leader criticized the Shiite-led government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki for failing to embrace its newfound allies, undermining the threat that sectarian tensions still pose to a lasting peace.

Nevertheless, the transfer of Anbar province, the largest in Iraq, was marked by a drama in the birthplace of the Sunni insurgency and the birthplace of al-Qaida in Iraq, marked a dramatic milestone in America’s plan to eventually hand over to all 18 provinces to U.S. troops can go home.

The 2,000 American troops remaining in Anbar will focus on training Iraq’s military and police forces and standing by to help if the Iraqis are unable to cope with any surge in violence.

**National News**

Palin’s 17-year-old daughter pregnant

ST. PAUL, Minn. — John McCain’s running mate, Sarah Palin, said Monday her 17-year-old unmarried daughter is five months pregnant, an announcement stressing newfound alliances, unifying the threat that sectarian tensions still pose to a lasting peace.

The convention’s opening session was a refinery of the disaster management of the Iraq War, one of the key...the Mississippi River, where officials would evacuate them.

"It’s overwhelming. There’s a possibility it’s going to be compromised," said Phil Truxillo, a Plaquemines emergency official.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami said Gustav hit around 9:30 a.m. near Cocodrie (pronounced ko-DOO), a low-lying community in Louisiana’s Cajun country 72 miles southwest of New Orleans, as a Category 2 storm on a scale of 1 to 5. The storm weakened to a Category 1 later in the afternoon. Forecasters feared the storm would arrive as a devastating Category 4.

**Election 2008**

Gustav alters GOP convention plans

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Republicans, determined to prop John McCain to the White House, opened their storm-shorned national convention on Monday amid distractions involving immigration debate. Delegates had scarcely settled into their seats when it was disclosed that a lawyer had been hired to represent the Alaska governor in an investigation of opening a defense of his state’s public safety commissioner. The other disclosure was personal, not political — the pregnancy of her 17-year-old unmarried daughter.

The convention’s opening session was abbreviated as Hurricane Gustav hit the Gulf Coast, snaring New Orleans and the type of damage inflicted by Hurricane Katrina almost exactly three years ago.

President Bush skipped his planned speech to go to disaster and relief centers, determined to avoid a repeat of the disaster management of Katrina.

McCain was in Waterville, Ohio, where he helped pack supplies to be sent to the Gulf. Both men’s wives sparkled cheers when they appeared before the delegates, shaming politicians to urge contributions to help storm victims.

Virtually the only political business of the convention’s 2-hour session was approval of a platform that side-stepped the Iraq War, one of the key issues in the campaign between McCain and Democrat Barack Obama.

"The waging of war — and the achieving of peace — should never be micromanaged in a party platform...In dealing with present conflicts or future crises, our next president must preserve all options," it said.

Outside the Xcel Center was a reminder of the passions the war stirs.

An estimated 6,000 to 10,000 anti-war protesters marched toward the convention, some of them smashing windows, punching tires and throwing bottles along the way. Police used pepper spray on the demonstrators and made at least five arrests.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Chicago recruiting Indianapolis hotels

VALPARAISO, Ind. — The organizers of Chicago’s bid for the 2016 summer Olympics are turning to northern Indiana’s hotels for help in the Windy City’s designation to land the games.

Under International Olympic Committee rules, there must be 60,000 hotel rooms secured for the thousands of members of the “Olympic Family” — workers, sponsors and media — who would turn out for the games eight years from now.
Zoo spectators watch video of newborn panda

Lun Lun’s cub, hairless and the size of a stick of butter, is the first born in the United States this year

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The only panda born at a U.S. zoo so far this year was placed in an incubator on Monday for closer monitoring by zookeepers after visitors flocked to watch mother and child on a live video feed at Zoo Atlanta.

Zoo officials said in a release they wanted to more closely watch the tiny, hairless cub — which is the size of a stick of butter — based on the behavior of the cub and its mother, Lun Lun, in the zoo’s birthing den.

Zoo spokeswoman Simone Griffin wasn’t able to provide further information about the situation but said the video feed has been suspended.

The Panda cub, the gender of which hasn’t yet been determined, was born Saturday, just a week before the second birthday of Mei Lan, the zoo’s first panda cub.

“You can go to every zoo and see elephants, but you can’t go to every zoo and see pandas,” said Christy Moorman, whose two children, Mia, 3, and Collin, 5, brought small stuffed panda toys with them to watch the cub on television screens in the zoo’s panda habitat.

Three other U.S. zoos house pandas, which are endangered: San Diego, Memphis and Washington, D.C. Mei Lan and dad, Yang Yang, napped in separate rooms of the indoor part of the panda habitat on Monday. Zoo officials will keep Yang Yang apart from his new cub as they have with Mei Lan, because male pandas in the wild typically don’t stay with their offspring.

Zoo officials insomniated Lun Lun with Yang Yang’s sperm in April. An ultrasound on Thursday confirmed zookeeper’s suspicions that the procedure was a success.

“A lot of people wonder whether this is less exciting for us because it’s our second birth,” Wilson said. “Every giant panda birth is important. We are just as excited about this birth as Mei Lan’s.”

Mei Lan’s birth was a landmark event for the zoo, drawing in thousands of visitors and generating a huge number of bits on the online panda cam. Weekend attendance figures weren’t yet available Monday, but zoo officials said they’re expecting them to be higher than normal because of the new arrival.

ND’s Google E-mail for All Students Starts Wednesday, September 3

The Switch Is On

Beginning at 6:00 a.m. on September 3, all Notre Dame upperclassmen will begin using Notre Dame Gmail instead of Notre Dame’s regular e-mail service. Note that First Year students are already signed up for and have been using ND Gmail as part of the admissions process.

Here’s what you need to do to make the switch to Gmail:

Step 1
Change your password as soon as possible before September 3 on the Notre Dame Change Password page at password.nd.edu. This will synchronize your ND password with Google’s authentication framework.

Step 2
On or after September 3, decide whether you want to bring your old mail over to Notre Dame Gmail, and then do so by following the instructions at oit.nd.edu/google. You will have until January 3, 2009 to move your legacy mailbox or abandon it for eventual removal.

Step 3 (optional)
If you previously configured your Notre Dame e-mail to forward messages to a third-party e-mail address — name@yahoo.com, for example — and you wish to continue to do so after September 3, you will need to reestablish mail forwarding within ND Gmail. If you previously forwarded and now wish to use ND Gmail, no action is needed. Instructions on how to perform this task can be found at oit.nd.edu/google.

You’ll find a variety of information, including Notre Dame Gmail how-tos, frequently asked questions, and other information at oit.nd.edu/google.

Beginning September 3, go to gmail.nd.edu and log in using your NetID and password, and you’ve successfully made the switch.

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Spectators photograph Lun Lun, an endangered panda, and her newborn cub during a video exhibition Aug. 31 at Zoo Atlanta.
The 2007 haul for the 43rd annual fundraiser was $1.2 million more than last year's $65 million for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, but that also made a pitch for those that weren't able to contribute.

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NOTRE DAME—The 50th anniversary of the introduction of the Pill marks the 50th anniversary of the Pill. Forty years ago, July 25, 1968, Pope Paul VI, in Humanae Vitae (HV), reaffirmed the traditional Catholic position on contraception. Until 1930, no Christian denunciation had ever said that contraception could ever be objectively right. Luther, Calvin, and Wesley rejected it. The 1930 Anglican Lambeth Conference gave cautious approval to contraception. Pope Pius XI replied that “any test of marriage ... in such a way that the act is deliberately frustrated in its natural power to generate life is an offense against the law of God and of nature ... and a grave sin.”

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**Construction necessary evil**

In response Rusty Marsh’s “Campus construction ugly and inconvenient” (Sept. 11), I can agree that construction is indeed an inconvenience that deal with on a daily basis. That is about as far as I can go.

I urge Mr. Marsh, and those who are like-minded to consider several things. Construction takes time and equipment. Buildings do not spring up out of the ground by themselves in a matter of days. If you were unaware of this, welcome to the real world. Every single building that is utilized on campus (yes, even the magnificent Dome and the Basilica) has had to undergo this process to become what they are today. A beautiful campus is not instantaneous, even at a Catholic University.

After time, when buildings are complete, Mr. Marsh’s “beautiful university” will return, rest assured. I might add also that the work being done on the Basilica now is to ensure that its beauty and grace remains.

I can completely understand if I fail to persuade you to give the complaining-about-construction-on-a-daily-basis up, but it is very un-Christian and exceedingly crass, especially on Labor Day, to make the remark of “questionable contractors.”

Having worked many of my summers as a contractor myself, I apologize that the appearance and sometimes moral standards of your typical contractor cannot match up with your own values and character. If you would like to see work of this nature performed by people that aren’t questionable, by all means go ahead and give it a try yourself. It is my personal guarantee that you will enjoy it immensely, and would love to make a career out of it. If not, try to remember that all work has dignity and all workers deserve our respect.

As to “unnecessary trees,” having grown up in the desert I cannot recall ever having seen one. Perhaps you would prefer a landscaping based on sand? Jokes aside, greenery is something that should always be appreciated, and most especially given the direction this University is trying to take with regards to the environment.

So for everyone that is frustrated with the construction process here on campus, please take the time to understand that it is something necessary for this University to do in order to forge on and provide a wonderful and beneficial experience for future students, something that has been afforded to us by past generations.

Kurt Nowak
Duncan Hall
Sept. 1

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**Save the Dillon Pep Rally**

I have wanted to contribute to The Observer but something always came up to keep me from writing. Nonetheless, I cannot ignore the recent travesty that has occurred.

Many of you are probably unaware that the Dillon Hall Pep Rally has been cancelled. Some of you will be affected by this; some of you probably could not be more apathetic. Yet, as a proud Dillonite, I believe our signature event is one of the greatest traditions of Notre Dame and should not go down without a fight.

In my first year as a timid freshman, the pep rally was my introduction to the cool character that is Dillon Hall. After the extremely awkward times of Dormfest and the myriad of other Fresh-O activities, I was as apprehensive about my hall and even my college choice as an 18-year-old can be. That all changed after being a part of the Dillon Hall Pep Rally. Whether it was unexpectedly catching our distinguished hall rector as he performed a flying leap from the stage or laughing along with my fellow hall mates, it was the pep rally that galvanized my newfound friendships and reinforced my identity as a proud member of the Dillon Hall family.

Equally important was the event itself which revealed the true characteristics of a Dillonite. With performances marked by a decided swagger, a sharp tongue, and the perfect dose of self deprecation, I knew that I had found my new home.

Likewise, returning my sophomore year, I was anxious to see what the gifted comics of my hall had in store for us, and in spite of their short time to prepare, the group delivered and welcomed a new group of freshmen to the Dillon Hall legacy.

The Dillon Hall Pep Rally is not about jokes or punch lines; it is about fostering camaraderie and celebrating one of the best traditions of Notre Dame. Though my 11th hour defense may come at a due time too late to save the event, I implore the Notre Dame community to rally against the cancellation of our pep rally. If you have ever laughed at our event, found it to be even mildly entertaining or just believe in the sanctity of one of the great traditions of Notre Dame, please do something to fix this error and show that the Dillon Hall Pep Rally means far more than a couple of off-color jokes.

I know what the event means to me; Notre Dame community, please show it means something to you.

John Martell
Dillon Hall
Aug. 31

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**Understand your legal rights**

On the evening of Friday, Aug. 29, an officer from the South Bend Police Department shut down my party. Any hypothesist could have predicted that it was only a matter of time before the party was broken up, as there were dozens of students on the front and back lawns enjoying beverages and each other's company.

The fact that the police came and broke up the party was not surprising, but the nature of the officer's visit was. Unfortunately, he felt the need to lie to me and my roommates, deny us our constitutional rights, and lock us up if we questioned anything he said.

First, he told us that the ordinance that was 'passed' last year mandated that we buy a permit from the city before we can have a group of our friends over. Anyone who went to Notre Dame last year knows that this is not true, and that the ordinance did not become law, the City Council dropped the measure before holding a vote.

Second, the officer told us that the students drinking on our front lawn and porch were guilty of public intoxication because he could see us from the public sidewalk. Based on this premise, one could conclude that a student drinking inside his house is guilty of public intoxication if an officer can see him through a window from the sidewalk. When I questioned the legal qualifications of the officer's statement, he threatened to lock me up and make sure my roommates and I were evicted. This made me feel powerless.

I was also baffled that in the 21st century, in the United States of America, an officer of the law feels that he can target students, make up laws and flagrantly oppress our constitutional rights.

The moral of the story is this: as long as students don't know their rights, allow themselves to be taken advantage of. By the police and this policy, the police will take advantage of our ignorance and oversleep their boundaries. Take some time to figure out what your rights are so that you can use the law to help you. Hopefully, a student body better versed in local laws will lead to a more respectful police force.

In addition, the last time the police spend giving us tickets, the more time they have to combat the alarming number of robberies that off-campus students have been victim to this year.

Charles Cummings
off campus
Aug. 31

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**Stop wasting water**

Although it may evoke carefree summer days for some, the feeling of squishing around in soggy shoes is apparently a Notre Dame tradition for some season the sprinklers are turned on.

Notre Dame has a beautiful campus, partly made so by its expanses of green grass. But my feet don't get wet because I like to frolic through the fields while the sprinklers are going. No, I get to squish along to class because for some reason, the sprinklers on campus are set to water the sidewalks—every sidewalk I have observed on campus.

I am not the only one to notice. Far from it. There are over 400 members in the Facebook group, "Why are we watering concrete?" The group page links to an Observer article from 1999 describing this very phenomenon.

The tradition, then, is quite possibly almost a decade old, and is not one of the many Notre Dame traditions of which I am proud.

It amazes me and particularly appalls me in light of the University’s stated 2008 commitment to sustainability on all fronts, including sustainable energy (this year’s Forum topic). The dire lack of access to clean water is not a problem we can wave away as something that somehow is fixable. Metropolitan Atlanta has been facing a drying water shortage, and as a California native, I can’t remember a year when we haven’t been urged to conserve water in whatever ways possible. I urge Notre Dame now to embody its commitment to sustainability and responsible use of natural resources by addressing immediately our concrete-happy sprinklers.

If you agree, please take a minute to e-mail the University’s Facilities Operations at info@fac.ops.nd.edu for more information.

Thanks very much,

Jessica Kim
graduate student
Fischer Graduate Residences
Sept. 1

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**Just think of all the potential illustrations these letters offered.**

E-mail Kara at kkings5@nd.edu for more information.
Experience Local Art, Music and Food at Art Beat 2008

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

Caught in the whirlwind that is Notre Dame, students don't often venture out into the South Bend Mishawaka area that surrounds them. But there is a lot to see, and at the beginning of each school year the city of South Bend offers a glimpse of what is there with their annual downtown festival, Art Beat.

First held in 2003, this signature South Bend event showcases much of the talent the city has to offer in the visual, performing and culinary arts. Over 250 local artists and performers — the City of South Bend Web site mentions that there was a record number of registrants this year — will set up along downtown sidewalks and show off their skills.

The event will focus around five "scenes" set up in the area that will have continuous performances of dance, theater, music, and poetry. For more information, check out the map below.

More permanent features of the area will get in on the action as well. Anyone passing by the South Bend Regional Museum of Art is welcomed into their Perform/Install 2 exhibit, which turns their Warner Gallery into a visual and performing arts venue and features the work of John Beenvenuto, Deb Whistler, and Brian Holderner. The College Football Hall of Fame is hosting a film screening of work from the Indiana University South Bend Independent Video and Filmmakers Festival and the Mid America Filmmakers.

Other venues, such as the Morris Performing Arts Center and local galleries, will have special presentations as well. Also, all of the local restaurants will be open for visitors to come in and grab dinner.

The event is free and will be held from 4-8:30 p.m. on Thursday. Art Beat 2008 will spread out around Michigan Street and College Avenue in downtown South Bend. There is free parking in Howard Park and paid parking throughout the area.

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UMPHREY'S McGEE TO PERFORM FRIDAY

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Editor

The Notre Dame community will play host to a band of its native sons on Friday night when Umphrey's McGee returns to South Bend for a concert at Saint Patrick's Country Park. This is the third year in a row that the band, whose members have longtime connections to the University, will play a concert the night before the first home football game.

Umphrey's McGee, while based in Wrigleyville, Chicago, since 2000, found its roots in the members' college days. With four Notre Dame alumni and a fifth band member from Indiana University in South Bend (IUSB) among its founding members, Umphrey's McGee has successfully kept up its Notre Dame connection while leading to its growing success across the United States.

Their current lineup includes Jake Cinninger and Brendan Bayles on guitar and vocals, Joel Cummins on keyboard and vocals, Andy Farag on percussion, Kris Myers on drums and vocals, and Ryan Stasik on bass guitar. Bayliss, Stasik and Cummins are all alums of Notre Dame, and Cinninger's wife currently works for the University.

Somewhat comparable to Phish and other jam bands, the group's quirky sense of musicality has helped them build a solid fan base. Their self-made first album, "Greatest Hits, Vol. II," released out of 2004's "Anchor Drops" and 2006's "Live at The Murat," which was rated 4 out of 5 stars by Rolling Stone.

Fans looking to capitalize on Umphrey's experience can check out their Web site, www.umphreys.com. In addition to the usual "merch," the site features original podcasts by the band and different set lists from recent concerts, including their August 31st show at Red Rocks in Colorado.

Tickets are being sold at the Morris Performing Arts Center box office in South Bend, as well as via Ticketsmaster.com, for $25, and day-of tickets will be sold for $30. The show begins at 7 p.m., and the gates will open at 6 p.m.

The men of Umphrey's McGee are having their third annual opening football weekend concert this Friday at Saint Patrick's Park in South Bend.

Contact Analise Lipari at alipari@nd.edu
By RYAN RAFFIN
Scene Writer

The Hold Steady defies expectations on latest album

The anticipation surrounding the release of the Hold Steady's newest album, "Stay Positive," is immense. The critical acclaim heaped on them has only increased with each successive album. Their third, 2006's "Boys and Girls in America," was hailed as a masterwork, and rightly so. It recalled the classic rock that influenced the band, while maintaining a lyrical mindset firmly rooted in modern society. And the lyrics, while on the subject, were brilliant, with references to Jack Kerouac — check the album title — and poet John Berryman in the first song alone. So, of course, expectations would be high for the follow-up.

But does "Stay Positive" satisfy? In a word, yes. It is everything one could hope for. Actually, if you were hoping it would solve the housing crisis, you'd be let down, but that has recently only included that has recently only included Alanis Morissette and the decade. No, but the end product is brilliant and against those who will remain "highly suspicious" until they see how fun and energetic this song is live.

Before "Evil Urges," My Morning Jacket was clearly in the conversation for the best live act in rock today. "Evil Urges," they have entered another elite group, one that has recently only included Wilco and Radiohead, for the most relevant rock group in the world.

By JAMES DuBRAY
Scene Writer

My Morning Jacket breaks new musical ground with "Evil Urges"

With "Stay Positive," the Hold Steady has exceeded fan and critical expectations. The first single off the album is "Sequestered in Memphis."
New York's Johnny Damon is congratulated after scoring on an Alex Rodriguez single in the fourth inning of the Yankees' 13-9 win Monday over Detroit.

Associated Press

DETROIT — What could have been a sepia-toned showdown between the teams with the two biggest payrolls in baseball instead had very little impact on the pennant races. Thanks to a guy known as "Pudge," it was not devoid of emotion.

Alex Rodriguez sparked a scoring barrage with a two-run double in the first inning and added an RBI in each of the next two frames to help the New York Yankees build a huge cushion they needed in a 13-9 win over the Detroit Tigers on Monday.

Perhaps the only intriguing moment in the listless game that lasted nearly 4 hours happened in the second inning when Ivan Rodriguez came to bat and acknowledged the fans by taking off his helmet and waving to the sold-out crowd.

"That was special," he said. "I appreciated that very, very much. It was great. It means a lot in the fourth inning when Ivan Rodriguez came to the plate.

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NCAA Football

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — Quarterback Kevin Craft sparked UCLA's offense in the second half Monday night, and Kai Forbath kicked a 42-yard field goal as time expired, leading the Bruins to a 27-24 victory over No. 14 Tennessee in overtime Monday night.

Craft, who threw four interceptions and totaled 66 yards in the opening half of his first game for UCLA, went 18-of-25 for 193 yards and one touchdown in the second half without an interception.

The touchdown was a 3-yarder to Ryan Moya that capped a 76-yard drive and gave the Bruins a 24-21 lead with 27 seconds left. The Vols had gone up 21-17 on Montario Hardesty's 20-yard run with 1:54 to play.

After the Bruins went back in front, the Vols answered with a quick 27-yard march that ended with Lincoln's tying field goal.

Raymond Carter had put UCLA up 17-14 earlier in the fourth with a 53-yard scoring run.

The Vols were forced into overtime when the Volunteers' Daniel Lincoln kicked a 42-yard field goal.

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Bruins win debut in dramatic fashion

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SINGH WINS AGAIN TO ALL BUT CLINCH THE FeDEx CUP

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Man. City agrees to terms with new owner

LONDON — Manchester City agreed Monday to a takeover by a United Arab Emirates business group, ending former Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra's brief ownership of the Premier League club.

The Abu Dhabi United Group for Development and Investment will look at the club's accounts and contracts before completion of a deal believed to be worth $360 million.

The group reached agreement late Sunday afternoon with Thaksin, board member Salim Khan, who said in a press conference Monday morning.

The club said in a statement that a "memorandum of understanding" has been signed and the deal is subject to due diligence, allowing investors to request informing from Man City and the Premier League.

IN BRIEF

Clemens and Co. arrested in Virginia parking lot

Lynchburg — The son of Roger Clemens and two other minor league teammates were arrested early Sunday morning and briefly jailed after a disturbance at a restaurant in Salem.

In a news release, police said Koby Clemens, Mark Ori and Jimmy Goethals were arrested after police were called to the parking lot of a restaurant. Clemens and Ori were charged with disorderly conduct. Goethals was charged with assault and battery.

The three play for the Salem Avalanche, which played its final game of the season Monday in Lynchburg.

In a statement, the Houston Astros said they were attempting to sort out the circumstances leading to arrest of the three players in their farm system.

Singh wins again to all but clinch the FedEx Cup

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Querrey challenges No. 1 Nadal at Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Rafael Nadal double-faulted on a break point Monday at the U.S. Open, it allowed Sam Querrey to pull even at a set apiece and 4-4 in the third.

Exactly two hours into their fourth-round match at the U.S. Open, the 55th-ranked Querrey was tied with the No. 1-ranked Nadal — tied with a man who owns five Grand Slam titles.

"You know," Querrey would say later, "I felt like I was right in that one." Indeed he was, to the surprise of pretty much everyone but Querrey. The 26-year-old Californian managed to match the relentless Nadal stroke-for-stroke for long stretches, before losing 6-2, 5-7, 7-6 (2), 6-3.

"Not the worst thing in the world—going out to the No. 1 guy," Querrey said. After a poor start, one he attributed mainly to nervousness, Querrey began to make a stand when Nadal served for a 2-set lead at 5-4 in the second. Querrey broke at love, and he broke Nadal again two games later to take the set, and then skipped to the sideline shak­ing a fist as most of the partisan crowd rose for a standing ovation.

"I thought I was maybe going to lose, like, 6-2, 6-2, 6-0 or something ... After I broke him in 5-4 at love in the second set, then I started hav­ing a little more fun," Querrey said. "From that point on, it was awesome.

He actually led briefly, when it was 5-4 and 6-5 in the third set, but he couldn't keep up in the fourth.

Then, with Nadal serving at 4-2 in the fourth, Querrey made the reigning French Open, Wimbledon and Beijing Olympics champion work hard.

Querrey compiled seven break points in that game—seven chances to get back on serve, to get right back into the match. But Nadal saved each one, the last with a 117 mph service winner he punctuated with a yell of "Si!"

At deuce, Querrey swatted a returned forehand wide then on the next point, he ended a 10-stroke exchange by pushing a forehand into the net. Querrey dropped his head and tagged at the brim of his sweat-soaked baseball cap as he trudged to the side­line.

Still, it was impressive the way the 6-foot-6 Querrey stayed in extended exchanges from the baseline, precisely the sort of point that's been the foundation of Nadal's career, wearing down more experienced and more suc­cessful players than Querrey. Roger Federer comes to mind, for example.

"Very tough, no? Sam is a big player, a big server," Nadal said. "He has a great future."

Nadal wound up with more unforced errors (41) than winners (37), a rare ratio for him. Nadal's serve was broken a total of three times in his first three matches; Querrey broke him four times.

"The match was crazy like that, no?" Nadal said.

The Spaniard conceded some blame for his problems to the swirling wind, something that Querrey also said was bother­some.

Querrey, of course, had other things to worry about: He was playing in Arthur Ashe Stadium—the sport's largest arena—for the first time, and playing in a major championship's fourth round for the first time.

"Oh, yes," Querrey said against Nadal, who has won 42 of his past 43 matches.

"I mean, it's nice to know he actually had to go out there and fight for it," Querrey said. "Rather than me kind of hand­ing it to him.

NFL

Pacman, Tank to start fresh

Jones and Johnson, both back from suspensions, to play Sunday

Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Adam "Pacman" Jones and Tank Johnson settled in for a new season in their corner of the Dallas Cowboys' locker room Monday.

Freshly displayed above the locker where Jones reclined was a pile of clothes were several pictures of his 2-year-old daughter, Johnson, mean­while, talked about plans for an entertainment center in the empty cubicle now between them after final ros­te­r cuts.

At the start of last season, neither was playing for the Cowboys — or any other team. Both were serving NFL suspensions.

Jones did not even find out for sure until last week that he would be cleared by com­missioner Roger Goodell to play this season. He is already finding it hard to control his emotions as he gets ready for Sunday's season opener at Cleveland, his first NFL game since Dec. 23, 2006, when he was still with Tennessee.

"I don't want to get too over-hyped, but Sunday I'll be ready," Jones said. "I'm just trying to not get too riled up. Reading a couple of books every now and then helps me out a little bit."

Johnson traded Jones, their 2005 first-round pick, in April while the cornerback­kick returner was still sus­pended because of an accum­ulation of arrests and legal problems while in Tennessee.

"Nine-to-five is just like all day, Nine-to-five is how I work. I love the number," Johnson said. "I was comfortable in 66, but once a 90­ number got free, I wanted to just go ahead and jump on it because I don't want to be the ugly one on the line."

In the preseason, "Parman" played the first three games, the last starting at left cor­nerback in place of Terence Newman, the injured Pro Bowl selection who is back at practice and expected to play against the Browns.

Jones doesn't know if he will start. "They ain't telling me nothing," he said—but he will be prominent on passing downs and special teams. Jones' only punt returns in the preseason were for 18 and 24 yards.

So what does Jones look forward to most?

"Probably the punt return more. I would like to take the first return back," Jones said, making sure to clarify that wasn't any kind of guarantee.

"I said I would like to take the first one back. We'll see how it goes, man. I'm eager to get out back there."

Coach Wade Phillips said Monday that Jones will likely be used on kickoff returns as well. He wouldn't say if there was a chance of Jones being used offensively to help bol­ster the injury-plagued receiving unit.

Still, Phillips said Jones has made significant progress in the two months since he was cleared by Goodell to practice and play in preseason games with the Cowboys. The com­missioner waited until last week to rule on the regular season.

"I think Adam Jones will probably get better and better as he goes. He just hasn't played in a long time. He does have some real natural abili­ties," Phillips said. "He's not too far away."

Write sports. Contact Bill at wbrink@nd.edu.
Brady says ankle is better; hopes to start in opener

Associated Press

Patriots head coach Bill Belichick refuses to answer questions about who will start Sunday against Kansas City.

Brady says ankle is better; hopes to start in opener
ty drills and said he is ready Tuesday, September 2, 2008

The Observer

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Tom Brady ran through agility drills and said he is ready to play in the New England Patriots’ opener. Bill Belichick is not ready to say that will happen.

Neither is much of a surprise. It would be a big surprise if the record-setting quarterback, who had a right foot injury and missed all four exhibition games, does not start Sunday against the Kansas City Chiefs.

"If it’s up to me, there’s no question," Brady said Monday. "I’ve been getting progressively better over the past couple of weeks. I’m excited. I’m excited to start the year."

The secretive Belichick deflected a question about whether last season’s NFL MVP would start Sunday.

"We will give you the injury report on Friday," he told reporters Monday. "We will give you the practice report after we practice."

Brady did not want to anger a coach who tells his players not to reveal too much injury information. So he would not estimate how close to 100 percent he was health-wise.

"I don’t know," Brady said with a smile. "Coach hates percentages, so I usually don’t give him. I have been yelled at more times with comments I make so I am laying off that one. Write that, so he reads that, too."

No matter the percentage, all signs point to Brady extending his playing streak to 125 games, third most in history among NFL quarterbacks. Only Brett Favre (275) and Peyton Manning (173) have longer streaks, and both are still going on.

And now the exhibition games are over.

"I felt like I could play all of them and I practiced the entire preseason pretty much," Brady said. "The decision was made that, OK, Tom, you’re not going to play, and I was fine with it."

A week ago, Brady said he would be ready for the Chiefs. Since then, he said, his foot has improved "quite a bit."

He also did everything the other quarterbacks, running backs and receivers did during the first 15 minutes of practice Monday that media members were allowed to observe. They stretched then jogged to the end zone for the agility drills.

The Patriots, with no proven backup, cannot afford to be without Brady. He set an NFL record with 50 touchdown passes last season.

Matt Cassel, starting his fourth season as the No. 2 quarterback, could not lead the Patriots to a touchdown in 17 exhibition series. Kevin O’Connell, the Patriots third-round draft pick, is highly regarded but is just a rookie.

Tackle Matt Light missed the first three exhibition games and guard Stephen Neal missed all four. So Belichick played it safe by not risking Brady’s health with two starters missing from the offensive line.

After eight seasons in the NFL, Brady expects to make a smooth transition to playing in a game even without the exhibition contests, all of them losses.

"Throwing so many footballs over the course of my life, it’s not like I need to learn how to throw a football or take a drop or make a read," Brady said. "All the plays that are in the playbook are ones that were put in when I was here, so I was a part of all those conversations.

"It’s just a matter of going out and doing it at a faster speed," he said. "I’ve played in a lot of those games to know what that speed is and, hopefully, I’m prepared for it.

Besides, Randy Moss sat out all four exhibition games last season and still caught an

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Walter’s faltering spirit and the friendship between the two men deepens, allowing differences in culture, age and temperament to fall away.

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Williams sisters meet in quarterfinal match

Associated Press

NEW YORK - By now, Venus and Serena Williams know all too well how it feels to set aside siblinghood for a couple of hours and try to beat each other on a tennis court. They know what it feels like to meet at a Grand Slam tournament, what it feels like to win such a match, which it feels like to lose. And they much prefer it when there's a major championship at stake. The all-Williams showdowns, up by their easy 6-1, 6-3 victory Monday at the U.S. Open, comes earlier this time. This time, Williams vs. Williams is only a quarterfinal.

"It's so soon," Serena said. "You know, it's just disappointing to be so soon."

Both advanced through the first round without a challenge. The No. 7-seeded Venus dismissed No. 9 Agnieszka Radwanska, 6-1, 6-3, before No. 4 Serena dispatched wildcard entrant Severine Bremond, 6-2, 6-2 at night. For the sisters, who would have been better than the quarterfinals, but at least one of us will make it to the semis," Serena told the crowd during an on-court interview. "I've got probably the toughest match of the tournament coming up next, so I've got to be ready."

Some sisters make plans to go shopping together, say, or to catch a movie. These siblings keep running into each other at their sport's highest levels. Venus beat sister Serena for the title at Wimbledon in July, after their seventh major title match and Wednesday will mark the first time they've squared off at consecutive Grand Slam tournaments since 2003.

Both have dealt with injuries and inactivity that staled their dominance, but clearly they are back at the height of their powers.

"The best part is that we're still here," Venus said, "going stronger than ever, in my opinion." They've played 16 times as professionals, with each winning eight of those. They've played 16 meetings at major tournaments, with each winning five.

"I would love to have a winning record," Venus said. "I have three."

Because of the luck of the pre-tournament draw, they have been placed in the same portion of the bracket in New York-much to the disappointment of the organizers and TV types. Even other players. "For sure, it would have been better for the crowd if it was a third round," Venus said.

That certainly rings true. Serena has lost a total of 14 games through four matches at Flushing Meadows, Venus has dropped 15. Of the eight women left in the tournament, only two have won a Grand Slam title; Serena leads all active players with eight, and Venus is right behind with seven.

They won every U.S. Open women's singles championship from 1999-2002, and made it to the finals the last two years of that span-it was their ascension that prompted the U.S. Open to move the women's final on Monday afternoon to Saturday night. Since 2002, though, Serena hasn't made it past the semifinals here, and Venus has only reached one semifinal. "I feel like, you know, we're both playing better and feeling better," Serena said. "We just had a turn in our careers. We're just playing the way we should play."

Also advancing Monday were No. 6 Dinara Safina, who defeated Anna-Lena Greenfeld 7-5, 6-0, and No. 16 Flavia Pennetta, who beat No. 32 Amelie Mauresmo 6-3, 6-0.

In men's action, No. 1 Rafael Nadal held off 33rd-ranked Sam Querrey, a 20-year-old Californian who never before had been placed in the same major tournament. Querrey hung in during those people to walk away even briefer led in the third set, before losing 6-2, 6-7 (7), 6-2.
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Offensive Most Valuable Player of this school means so much to Hanks Notre Dame record. Her prolific career, tying Jenny Hanks notched the sixth hat trick of the season. Despite being frequently double-teamed, some people might think Irish senior forward Kerri Hanks could not get much better. They would be wrong. In Friday’s 4-0 Irish win over Loyola Marymount, Hanks posted the sixth hat trick of her prolific career, tying Jenny Hofs Notre Dame record. “He was a part of this school means so much and just for me being able to break records is awesome,” Hanks said. Hanks was awarded the Offensive Most Valuable Player in a 2-0 win over Santa Clara Sunday. The win clinched the Inn at Saint Mary’s title for the Irish. Hanks had a hat trick earlier in the day.

Tight end's season ends with surgery

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

Sophomore tight end Mike Ragone chose to have surgery on Aug. 22 to repair a slight tear in a statem ent. Ragone to re serve the title for seven yards. Kyle Rudolph, a 6-foot-6, 252-pound freshman, is atop the latest depth chart. Rudolph graduated from High School in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he had 11 touchdown catches in his senior year. He is the fastest of the Irish tight ends and has added about 20 pounds of muscle to his large frame in the past year. Rudolph is one of eight freshmen on Weis’s two-deep depth chart, but the only one who is currently slated to start. Junior Will Yeatman follows him. Ragone topped the depth chart after Yeatman was sus­ pended from the team in the spring. Yeatman caught six passes for 37 yards last season.

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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

A league of her own

Hanks logs sixth hat trick of Irish career

By FRAN TOLAN
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ND ATHLETICS

Poll ranks Irish fifth in the U.S.

By DAN MURPHY
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Notre Dame was recently ranked fifth among Div. I schools for student-athletes by the National Collegiate Scouting Association. The Irish were 12th overall in the sixth annual NSCA poll.

“It’s a point of pride,” Senior Associate Athletic Director John Heidersaid. “It’s one thing for the institution itself to talk about what we do, but it’s another to have someone else recognize us and point out where we stand.”

The poll combines athletic graduation rates, academic rankings, and the U.S. Director’s Cup standings. Notre Dame was ranked 20th aca-