Peene serves as GOP delegate
Grad student is youngest member of New Jersey contingent

By AARON STEINER
New Writer

Ryan Peene has always been interested in politics, saying he was "a little political" from a young age.

So when Republicans congregated in St. Paul, Minn., this week for the 2008 Republican National Convention, Peene, a Notre Dame graduate student, was right in the mix.

The New Jersey resident, the youngest member of his state's delegation, currently in Notre Dame's Master of Nonprofit Administration program, he arrived in St. Paul on Sunday.

"It's been a whirlwind of a convention so far," Peene told The Observer Wednesday. "Expect the unexpected — that's been my motto this week," he added.

"We went from not having a (real) convention to being very obviously very obvious that the hurricane was downgraded to a tropical storm," said Peene, as the threat of Hurricane Gustav changed convention plans.

But the focus Monday night remained on the storm damage. Peene said he had spent time Wednesday at the Xcel Energy Center making relief packages for those affected by the storm.

He was in the convention center when former Sen. Fred Thompson of Tennessee and Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman spoke.

Peene said the convention was "very exciting." he added.

By JENNIFER HOFFMAN
New Writer

A picnic dinner on a summer evening. An outdoor movie under the stars. An exciting date night in South Bend? Not quite.

But Saint Mary's will host its annual Twilight Tailgate tonight on Saint Mary's Library Green. A picnic dinner will run from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Made of Honor, starring Patrick Dempsey, will begin at 9 p.m.

While the dinner is only for Saint Mary's students, the movie is open to all Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross students. Both dinner and the movie are free (the Saint Mary's dining hall will be closed).

The Student Activities Board (SAB) has been planning this event since students returned to campus. SAB President junior Michele Peterson worked with the Traditional Committee to discuss ideas for this year's tailgate. Peterson has attended past tailgates and promises an evening of camaraderie and fun.

"Due to the popularity of last year's dinner and a movie on the Library Green, we decided to bring it back," Peterson said.

Student body president Mickey Gruscinski has always cherished events like this at Saint Mary's.

"When else can you get together with your friends and peers on a quad at your school and see a movie outside for fun?" Peterson said.

By MEG MIRSHAK
New Writer

Construction on a new building for the Center for Social Concerns (CSC) and the Institute for Church Life continued Thursday, progressing toward an August 2009 completion date.

Geddes Hall, the new building west of Hesburgh Library, will occupy 65,583 square feet when finished, said Associate Vice President and University Architect Doug Marsh in an e-mail to The Observer.

The former CSC building, which was demolished when construction began in January on the new building at the same site, occupied about 8,400 square feet, Marsh said.

The building's structural steel frame is complete and migration to Google Apps continues

By BECKY HOGAN
New Writer

The Office of Information Technologies (OIT) said they have migrated all student e-mail accounts from Webmail to Google Apps as of Wednesday.

The Google Apps accounts for all incoming students have been functioning since the beginning of the semester, but the process of migrating the existing student accounts has taken longer to complete.

Nonetheless, OIT project director Katie Rose said the migration process has been a success.

"Migration of student e-mail to the Google Apps service has gone extremely well," Rose said Wednesday.

Rose said most students have not encountered problems in making the switch.

"A handful of students experienced some problems switching to Gmail, but overall the move has gone very smoothly, and the feedback from students has been very positive," Rose said.

Many students have been calling the OIT Help Desk to ask questions about the migration to Google, Rose said.

All student Webmail accounts were automatically switched to Gmail accounts on Wednesday morning, Rose said.

"There is a lot of concern in Alumni about other events getting cancelled," Blevens said.

"There will be no migration of the Dillon pep rally, which is scheduled for Aug. 28," Blevens said. "We've resolved the issue."
INSIDE COLUMN

Predictions gone wrong

As a senior, it's understandable that I would want — and likely get — choices that don't start early. Unfortunately, I have until 9:30 and a 9:30. Although that isn't ideal, it does have one great advantage: I get to listen to the best radio show on God's green Earth: Mike and Mike in the Morning.

This is not because I wholeheartedly agree with everything Mike Greenberg and himself a former Domer — says about sports, and especially about Notre Dame. It's because the two have great banter together and act like they are lifelong frikies. It's also because of the permanent segments that define the show. Any fun of the show knows about the Sheets of Integrity: the guys' version of a March Madness bracket. The classic arguments about one [bracket] vs. many and their wages on the outcome are an annual event that I look forward to almost as much as the NCAA Tournament.

For those who don't watch the show, here are some examples of recent tournaments the bet: one year Greeny won the bracket, and Mike Greenberg had to dress as the Leprechaun for the pair's live broadcast from the Bunker before the USC game. This past season, GweeG won and Golfe had to face professional eaters in a March Madness bracket. The classic argument is between my radio icons, but they probably have almost as much good chance of being wrong.

In Brief

The Interfaith Fellowship Kickoff sponsored by Campus Ministry will take place today at 3 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Student Lounge.

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

The Office of Student Activities will host comedian Joel McHale, star, writer and producer of E!'s "The Soup" for an hour of comedic relief at 10 p.m. Friday on South Quad.

The Disabilities Studies Forum entitled "Disability and Obsession: Can a psychiatric impairment have a history?" will be held Friday at noon in the Notre Dame Room of LaFayette Student Center.

The first pep rally of the season is Friday 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. Friday 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.

Michael Novak will be speaking regarding his book "Business As A Calling" on Sept. 11 at 7 p.m. in the DeBartolo Auditorium, room 101.

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

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OFFBEAT

Police accuse woman of crashing SUV into home

PORTLAND, Maine — Portland police say the Labor Day weekend got off to a rough start for a Westbrook woman accused of deliberately crashing her SUV into a home during an angry dispute over money.

The woman faces charges of aggravated assault, reckless conduct with a dangerous weapon and drunken driving. As well as driving with a suspended license.

Police say they were called to a home Friday night following the dispute over money between the woman, her friends and people at a home in Portland.

Officers arrived to see the woman's sport utility vehicle backed up and ram the building. She's also accused of hitting a man in the head with a rock.

Credit card thief signs own name to receipts

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Iowa City police say they don't have much trouble finding a man accused of using a stolen credit card — he signed his own name to the receipts.

Police said the man used the stolen credit card to buy a latte at a coffee house and to buy cigarettes at a tobacco store. Police said the credit card was reported stolen from an unlocked apartment last month.

They said the man also tried to use it at another store, but the card was declined because it came up as stolen. He also used the card at a local deli.

He has been charged with four counts of unauthorized use of a credit card.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH DISNEY CHARACTER DO YOU HAVE A CRUSH ON? WHY?

Kaitlin Files

junior

Caravagnoa

"Prince Phillip because I want to be Sleeping Beauty."

Larsa Connait

junior

Farley

"Prince Phillip from Sleeping Beauty... he's the only guy that fights for her."

Rebecca Jones

senior

off-campus

"Hercules that should be pretty much self-explanatory."

Sara Farrias

senior

off-campus

"Eric from The Little Mermaid... dark hair, dimples... delish."

Stephanie Klem

junior

Howard

"Thomas from Porchancas. HOT."

The South Quad of Notre Dame was turned into an arcade Wednesday evening when the Student Activities Office (SAO) hosted "Rock the Quad," featuring games of Wii and Rock Band.

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Wednesday. The students body vice president Sarah Falvey said: “We want to have students come and get to know what our process is about,” she said. The board is still in discussion about where the new meeting place will be.

In other BOG news: Ellen Goeschlait, a relationships expert and motivational speaker, will come to Saint Mary’s campus to speak about “Meeting, Dating and Mating.” She is speaking Monday, Sept. 7 in Vander Venne Theatre.

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"All new e-mail messages for students are now delivered to Notre Dame Gmail, so all students actually did switch over the morning of Sept. 3," Rose said. "Any students who did not change their password prior to Sept. 3 only need to change their password at password.nd.edu to gain access to their e-mail.

OIT will send additional e-mails throughout the semester to remind students to move any old messages to Google Apps that might still be on the Gmail system as soon as possible, Rose said.

Senior Adebola Giwa said he had been paying attention to e-mails sent by OIT which informed students of the migration to Google Apps. "I've been getting a lot of e-mails about [the migration], but I haven't been paying attention to them," he said. Giwa said that he received another e-mail Wednesday informing him that any new e-mails would be sent to his Gmail account. Since he already had another e-mail account with Gmail, Giwa said the switch from Webmail to Google Apps is a welcome change. "I like Gmail because I can send larger documents," he said. "With Webmail, I could only send smaller documents such as school assignments."

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fortunate" to have Lieberman, a former Democrat and current independent, come to endorse and fully support the nomination and election of McCain.

On Wednesday, Peene said he was anticipating witnessing vice presidential candidate Gov. Sarah Palin (Alaska) give what he called "the most important speech of her life." The New Jersey delegation, he said, fully supported Palin.

"There's a reason that 85 percent of the population in Alaska approves of the job she's done," he said.

In addition to his official duty to cast his ballot for McCain in the New Jersey delegation, Peene said there are plenty of advantages to being a delegate.

His free time has been spent "hitting the parties," he said. "It's all about big hats and Miller Lite," he said. Peene would know — this year's convention isn't his first.

"I was a spectator for the last two conventions," Peene said. "First as a senior in high school during the 2000 convention in Philadelphia, and again during the 2004 convention in New York City."

Peene studied political science as an undergraduate at Rutgers, and now works for a lobbyist firm called Capital Impact Group that works with nonprofit organizations. Recognized for being politically active in his home state, Peene was nominated and elected to represent his district, earning him a delegate spot this year.

Each state has a certain number of delegates, including politicians, elected delegates and others, determined by both the Republican National Committee bylaws and each state's rules.

Peene is not the only representative in his delegation with a New Jersey connection. Other alumni are in the New Jersey delegation, and Peene said he was certain there are a number of Donors from around the country serving as delegates.

The New Jersey delegation is looking forward to Friday, so they can head home and watch the Irish take on San Diego on Saturday," Peene said. But Peene said he hopes to return to another Republican convention in four years.

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Pakistan condemns raid on village
ISLAMABAD — Pakistan angrily condemned a raid on a village that killed at least 15 people Wednesday, claiming U.S.-led troops flew in from Afghanistan for the first known foreign ground assault on Pakistani soil since the militant Taliban hunkered in this country's wild tribal belt.

The White House insisted the attack, and an army spokesman warned that the apparent escalation from recent missile strikes on militant targets along the Afghan border would further escalate from recent missile strikes on militant an army spokesman warned that the apparent escalation from recent missile strikes on militant...(content truncated)

Congo army leaves national park
DARAK, Senegal — More than 1,000 soldiers have left a national park that has been on the frontline of fighting in eastern Congo in a move the park director said was intended to preserve an environment that is home to endangered gorillas, hippos and active volcanoes.

However, rebels still occupy a sector of the reserve that is home to some of the world's last remaining mountain gorillas, officials said Wednesday.

The decision to move out all government troops and their families — about 6,000 people in all — came after negotiations between Virunga National Park Director Emmanuel de Merode and Gen. Vainqueur Mayala, the army's commanding officer, Merode said in a statement.

Gustav evacuation successful
NEW ORLEANS — If Hurricane Gustav was one big lesson in government bungling, Gustav has been an open book test of whether the politicians learned anything from the disaster.

And so far, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal and Mayor Ray Nagin are getting high marks.

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First-term Alaska governor and Sarah Palin accepts the Republican party's nomina­tion for vice president.

Palin now heads out on the campaign trail, where events are less rehearsed, crowds less friendly and the environment less controlled.

"Our family," she said, "has the same ups and downs as any other.

One speech does not a cam­paign scrutinized her. She also has faced questions about her policy positions and her lack of the soaring oratory and jokes. Indeed, the family was on

AFGHANISTAN

Turbine arrives for U.S.-funded dam

KABUL, Afghanistan — It was a weeklong journey through Afghanistan's most danger­ous province that presented consistent attacks by insurgents and bitmapting over rough desert terrains riddled with mines.

But a huge wind turbine arrived safe and sound, project officials said, a day after a successful journey for a U.S.-funded dam project that could provide more than 6 percent of the country's electricity.

More than 200 Taliban militants were killed by forces protecting the convoy, British officials told a reporter from the Times of London who traveled with the group. No deaths were reported among U.S. forces, but a British soldier had his sniper killed in the fight. Rescuers arrived successfully with its cagoule to deliver the much-needed turbine safely through the Taliban-held zone.

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Kellogg purchases assets of plants

SEELYVILLE, Ind. — Food maker Kellogg Co. hopes to boost its production in the Midwest through the purchase of assets of plants in Indiana and Illinois.

Kellogg said Wednesday that it would integrate IndyBake Products plant at Seelyville, Ind., and Brownie Products at Gardner, Ill., a contract snack manufacturing business, into its U.S. snacks operation. Financial terms were not disclosed.

About 150 IndyBake and Brownie employees joined Kellogg when the deal closed.

The Battle Creek, Mich.-based company expected to peruse out 300 new full-time and contract positions at the Seelyville facility, about five miles northeast of Terre Haute.

Kellogg said a key element of Kellogg's business strategy and commitment to driving sustainable growth, "David Mackay, Kellogg's president and chief executive, said in a statement. "This acquisition will help us expand our capacity to manufacture existing and proprietary snacks products as well as enable new product innovations."

IndyBake and Brownie had combined revenue of $50 million in 2007, according to Kellogg. The operations have worked with Kellogg for many years as a snacks contract manufacturer.

Economic struggles to persist into 2009

WASHINGTON — The nation struggled with slow economic growth and still-high prices that are weighing on consumers and businesses alike as the race for the White House kicks into high gear.

The Federal Reserve’s new snapshot of business conditions, released Wednesday underscored the toll the housing, credit and financial debacles are having on the economy and the challenges likely to be faced by the next president. Problems are expected to persist into next year.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues are all but certain to leave a key interest rate alone at 2 percent when they meet next on Sept. 16 and probably through the rest of this year.

Motor clubs hope to be recession-proof

MONTICELLO, N.Y. — Bill McMichael braked his new Ferrati F430 Scuderia into the turn, dropped the clutch as he went into the corner. Then he punched it on the straightaway. Pedal down, engine whining an incredible 8,000 rpm, black car closed in on 140 mph within the straightaway. Pedal down, engine whining an incredible 8,000 rpm, black car closed in on 140 mph within seconds.

Acting like a lead-foot is OK here at the Monticello Motor Club. Actually, speeding is permitted and is even recommended among the exclusive club opened this summer in the Catskills.

The Monticello track had a "soft" opening June 29 amid the hills and lakes of the old Borscht Belt northwest of New York City. Right now, business is conducted mostly out of an elaborate two-story tent, but the club is building a spa, condominiums and a fancy restaurant.

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"As of right now, no other events have been canceled," he said. "As far as we know, the decision on the pep rally was an internal decision within Dillon." In other Senate news:

- The Senate praised the Office of Information Technology's (OIT) recent decision to move Webmail to the Google-based Gmail.
- The president of the Senate, Kevin Peterson, has a passion for Twilight. Peterson and the committee chair, "I am highly confident this is the best e-mail application for Notre Dame at this time."
- Student body president Rob Reish announced he would be sending a letter to all students before the first football game Saturday reminding them of their responsibility to be good neighbors.

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In addition to being larger than the old building, the hall's design maximizes the building space and avoids lost green space.

"[The University planners] considered our landscaped open space on campus quite sacred," he said.

With a basement and a top floor located inside the roof line, the five-story building design appears only three stories tall.

Three large sycamore trees on the south side of the work site were preserved, Marsh said.

Geddes Hall was registered with the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) system, a certification of the U.S. Green Building Council.

The council does not verify LEED certification until construction is completed, Marsh said. Other current construction projects that are LEED registered include the new women's residence hall near the Hammes Bookstore and Stinson-Hemrick Hall, a new engineering building.

As construction continues throughout the academic year, Marsh said all attempts will be made to minimize inconveniences to students.

A sidewalk temporarily closed during the spring semester between the Geddes Hall work site and the Hesburgh Library has reopened. The construction fence, however, should remain in place until late next spring.

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"Romantic comedies almost always go over well with the students," Peterson said.

In the past, movies like "License to Wed" were shown, and concert acts like Blessed Union of Souls performed for students.

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Sarah Favley student body vice president

Board of Trustees, Geddes serves as a Trustee liaison on Notre Dame's Institute for Church Life Advisory Council. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University, and serves as the chairman and president of Geddes and Guppy of Phoenix, a private investment and consulting firm.

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Huge ice shelf breaks off from Arctic island

Scientists say ice split indicative of warming

Associated Press

TORONTO — A chunk of ice shelf nearly the size of Manhattan has broken away from Ellesmere Island in Canada’s northern Arctic, another dramatic indication of how warmer temperatures are changing the polar frontier, scientists said Wednesday.

Derek Mueller, an Arctic ice shelf specialist at Trent University in Ontario, told The Associated Press that the 4,500-year-old Markham Ice Shelf separated in early August and the 19-square-mile shelf is now adrift in the Arctic Ocean.

"The Markham Ice Shelf was a big surprise because it suddenly disappeared. We were under cloud for a bit during our research and when the weather cleared up, all of a sudden there was no more ice shelf. It was a shocking event that underscores the rapidity of changes taking place in the Arctic," Mueller said.

Mueller also said that two large sections of ice detached from the Serson Ice Shelf, shrinking that ice feature by 47 square miles — or 60 percent — and that the Ward Hunt Ice Shelf has also continued to break up, losing an additional eight square miles.

Mueller reported last month that seven square miles of the 170-square-mile and 130-foot-thick Ward Hunt shelf had broken off.

This comes on the heels of unusual cracks in a northern Greenland glacier, rapid melting of a southern Greenland glacier, and a near record loss for Arctic sea ice this summer. And earlier this year a 160-square-mile chunk of an Antarctic ice shelf disintegrated.

"Reduced sea ice conditions and unusually high air temperatures have facilitated the ice shelf losses this summer," said Luke Copland, director of the Laboratory for Cryospheric Research at the University of Ottawa. "And extensive new cracks across remaining parts of the largest remaining ice shelf, the Ward Hunt, mean that it will continue to disintegrate in the coming years."

Formed by accumulating snow and freezing meltwater, ice shelves are large platforms of thick, ancient sea ice that float on the ocean's surface but are connected to land. Ellesmere Island was once entirely ringed by a single enormous ice shelf that broke up in the early 1900s. All that is left today are the four much smaller shelves that together cover little more than 299 square miles.

Martin Jeffries of the U.S. National Science Foundation and University of Alaska Fairbanks said in a statement Tuesday that the summer's ice shelf loss is equivalent to over three times the area of Manhattan, totaling 82 square miles — losses that have reduced Arctic Ocean ice cover to its second-biggest retreat since satellite measurements began 30 years ago.

"These changes are irreversible under the present climate and indicate that the environmental conditions that have kept these ice shelves in place for thousands of years are no longer present," said Mueller.

During the last century, when ice shelves would break off, thick sea ice would eventually reform in their place.

"But today, warmer temperatures and a changing climate means there's no hope for regrowth. A scary scenario," said Mueller.

The loss of these ice shelves means that rare ecosystems that depend on them are on the brink of extinction, said Warwick Vincent, director of Laval University's Centre for Northern Studies and a researcher in the program ArcticNet.

"The Markham Ice Shelf had half the biomass for the entire Canadian Arctic Ice Shelf ecosystem as a habitat for cold, tolerant microbial life, algae that sit on top of the ice shelf and photosynthesize like plants would. Now that it's disappeared, we're looking at ecosystems on the verge of extinction," said Mueller.

Along with decimating ecosystems, drifting ice shelves and warmer temperatures that will cause further melting ice pose a hazard to populated shipping routes in the Arctic region, a phenomenon that Canada’s Prime Minister Stephen Harper seems to welcome.

Harper announced last week that he plans to expand exploration of the region's known oil and mineral deposits, a possibility that has become more evident as a result of melting sea ice. It is the burning of oil and other fossil fuels that scientists say is the chief cause of manmade warming and melting ice.
Separating church and state

Just before praising a student for being a "redheaded Sasquatch for Jesus" in a June graduation speech at the Vasaella Assembly of God School of Ministry, Sarah Palin dropped this gem: "I can do my part in doing things like working really, really hard to get a natural gas pipeline — about a 9 billion dollar project. That's going to create a lot of jobs for Alaskans, and we'll have a lot of energy flowing through here. And pray about that, also. I think God's will has to be done in unifying people and companies to get that gas line built, so pray for that.

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Praying for the troops is admirable, but that's not what Sarah Palin asked the graduates to do. She suggests — or, at least, implies — that our cause is divine. I thought they were the ones fighting a Holy War, not Us.

The worst was to come, though. Palin's pastor followed her brief speech by asking for a prayer for, among other things, the "natural resources," as Palin had implored. He believes, "Alaska is one of the refuge states in the last days... Hundreds of thousands of people are going to come to the state, and the church has to be ready to minister to them." Palin nods a few times, the congregation gives a tepid Amen.

Thank God. And here I was worried I'd have to dial international to reach my saved loved ones.

It's embarrassing that any person serving as the most important political figure in a given state — let alone running for national office — should express anything close to agreement with the statement, "my state is likely a refuge in the impending end times."

But Palin seemed to think that God has chosen Alaska. Maybe it's because they have a redheaded Sasquatch for Jesus.

Sarah Palin may be a fantastic politician. She may be a great vice president. If elected, she may help root out corruption on a national level. In her time in Alaska, she hasn't seemed to force her faith-informed conservatism on policy too much, which is probably why her approval ratings remain phenomenally high. So, maybe, this... different... worldview doesn't deserve the scrutiny I'm paying it.

But here's the problem. Sarah Palin, like Barack Obama, is running on her judgment. And, as a general rule, I question the judgment of someone who cannot separate her personal beliefs — on the war in Iraq and an oil pipeline — with God's will. Even if you agree with Palin's political views in each, you might question this judgment. I question the judgment of someone who nods when her pastor says that his home state is likely God's chosen land. And I question the judgment of someone who thinks we need to start planning for the "last days" by equipping Alaska to handle the hundreds of thousands who will inevitably come.

When Barack Obama's church made controversial statements — a serious blow to his campaign — he condemned the statements and made sure everybody knew he was not at the service the day they were made. When Sarah Palin's church made controversial statements, she was standing at the pulpit. She stood next to her pastor, bowed her head, and nodded. If nothing changes, Sarah Palin will likely get her one wish. People won't want a one-breath-away who emphasizes her judgment but believes that Iraq and an Alaska oil pipeline are God's will.

Maybe this embarrassing belief means she'll get to stay in Alaska for all eternity.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
You risk a lot when you place the importance of your time or the significance of your needs above those of others. Sometimes, just one selfish decision can lead to regret beyond what we’ve ever dreamed.

The 21-year-old driver who hit Pat was introduced, and he left the scene without even stopping; he then turned himself in to the police the next day. He may have thought he couldn’t wait to sober up, or didn’t have time to drive more carefully, or just couldn’t stop to see who he hit. Unfortunately, time has now stopped in too many ways both for him and for the many who mourn for a husband, a dad and a friend.

Perhaps our own moments of selfishness won’t ever kill another person. However, if we think our time is too prized or our needs too great to pause in the life of another we may wonder if someone, we love, or someone we even don’t know, from a careless word or omission. Today, you may lose the opportunity to bring comfort to a widow, a son or a daughter overcome by grief. We may miss out on the chance to meet a new friend who will change us or teach us to see the world with new eyes. As Patrick’s wife and their children attempt to navigate a new life irrevocably changed by their loss, I have begun to recognize in a whole new way that very basic truth of our faith: Our lives are not ours to grasp tightly and arrange in ways that simply meet our own needs. Jesus has called us by his own example of sacrifice, to offer our lives to each other.

I imagine if we really did put the needs of others before our own. What if we actually lived like the Good Samaritan, who delayed his own journey to attend to the needs of the wounded traveler? Two others had hurried right by their injured “neighbor,” not wanting to interrupt their busy schedules. What if we lived like the shepherd who took the time to find the lost sheep that had wandered away from his flock of 1007? His concern for the lost one made the risk of leaving the others worth it; he didn’t drive moderately, aggre­gated by the elderly woman going too slowly — surely we have more impor­tant places to get to than she does, right? Maybe we hurry along the quad, impatient with the guy we can’t quite edge around to get to class faster — doesn’t he realize we’re running late? Maybe we even sit edgily through Mass come on, this priest has got to know we’ve got stuff to do!

Actually, Jesus teaches us — unmis­takably and without equivocation — that “those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.” We can put ourselves first so frequently and thoughtlessly that we lose sight of the fact that the message of the gospels clearly states, in Jesus’ words and in his very death, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

Most of all by this time of year, when so many opportunities and people and needs are new, whenever you can, make the generous choice. Share the road. None of us possesses time so valuable or needs so significant that we cannot offer something of ourselves to others. Jesus offered his very life for us; surely we can offer our time, full attention and generous hearts to one another.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How about a little self-control?

Wow. Brendan McPhillips (“Contraception not to blame,” Sept. 3) who are you? Obviously not someone who is able to “take into account the natural rhythms of a woman’s reproductive cycle and the importance of your time or the signifi­cance of your needs above those of the moral principles” of the Catholic church and natural law.

I happen to be the pregnant wife a Notre Dame graduate student — happily married two years, current employee of Notre Dame and excited to stay at home and raise my fam­ily. I am not a “reproductive child or childless,” nor have I lived by the Catholic teachings on sexuality, contra­ception and moral behavior outlined in Humane Vitae. I can tell you that both Pope Pius VI and Professor Emeritus Rice are correct in their assessment of contraception and abortion.

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We, therefore, present to you our Take control of your dining hall experience and make your own dish.

**Tuna-and-Bean Sandwich**

1. Fill a bowl with black beans and a splash of olive oil. If you are in South, add a dash of Italian seasoning or oregano, to your taste.
2. Layer a plate with sliced tomatoes or tomato wedges and sprinkle with feta cheese crumbles.
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**Quick Tip**

If you're feeling adventurous, try doubling up on the dressings for a kick (or even mixing it into the spread), or adding some more of your favorite vegetables or a mild cheese, such as provolone.
Associated Press

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**team** | **points** | **Record**
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1 USC | 1,539 | 1-0
2 Georgia | 1,506 | 1-0
3 Ohio State | 1,497 | 1-0
4 Oklahoma | 1,432 | 1-0
5 Florida | 1,415 | 1-0
6 Missouri | 1,301 | 1-0
7 TCU | 1,297 | 1-0
8 West Virginia | 1,108 | 1-0
9 Auburn | 1,033 | 1-0
10 Texas | 1,028 | 1-0
11 Wisconsin | 849 | 1-0
12 Tennessee | 842 | 1-0
13 Alabama | 834 | 1-0
14 Kansas | 749 | 1-0
15 Arizona State | 672 | 1-0
16 Brigham Young | 621 | 1-0
17 South Florida | 588 | 1-0
18 Oregon | 508 | 1-0
19 Purdue | 487 | 1-0
20 Wake Forest | 414 | 1-0
21 Fresno State | 242 | 1-0
22 Utah | 214 | 1-0
23 UCLA | 151 | 1-0
24 Virginia | 147 | 0-1
25 South Carolina | 147 | 1-0

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**Women’s NSCAA Soccer Rankings**

**team** | **points** | **previous**
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1 USC | 701 | 1
2 Texas A&M | 678 | 3
3 North Carolina | 677 | 2
4 Florida State | 637 | 5
5 Notre Dame | 534 | 4
6 Virginia | 502 | 7
7 Stanford | 526 | 10
8 Texas | 516 | 8
9 Portland | 499 | 6
10 Texas Tech | 422 | 9
11 Texas A&M | 412 | 13
12 Notre Dame | 407 | 16
13 West Virginia | 394 | 18
14 Boston College | 318 | 11
15 Illinois | 313 | 18
16 Santa Clara | 279 | 21
17 Wake Forest | 271 | 20
18 Duke | 256 | 22
19 Duke | 237 | 23
20 Cal State Fullerton | 214 | 15
21 California | 191 | 17
22 Creighton | 182 | 31
23 Florida | 154 | 19
24 Cal State Fullerton | 151 | 13
25 Kansas | 98 | 22

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**AVCA Women’s Volleyball Rankings**

**Team** | **Record**
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1 Penn St. | 3-0
2 Nebraska | 2-0
3 Stanford | 2-1
4 Texas | 1-1
5 California | 1-2
6 UCLA | 2-1
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8 Florida | 2-0
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**LSU postpones game in wake of hurricane**

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — LSU postponed its football game against Troy after Hurricane Gustav damaged Tiger Stadium and battered the community, having a full day to get a better understanding of this situation.

The university made the decision Wednesday after having a full day to get a handle on damage to the stadium and the community, much of which is expected to be without power into next week.

“It’s the right decision,” LSU head coach Les Miles said. “Our guys are a little more affected than the Katrina and Rita duo — more firsthand concerns, LSU players reported to Tiger Stadium and the community, having a full day to get a better understanding of this situation.

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**Boston Red Sox rally after 4-run deficit**

BOSTON — After sleepwalking through six innings, the Boston Red Sox woke up.

AL batting leader Dustin Pedroia homered in the seventh inning to begin Rostin’s comeback from a four-run deficit, and the Red Sox beat the Baltimore Orioles 5-4 Wednesday when pitcher Jim Miller threw away a bunt for a game-ending error.

Hitting cleanup for the fourth time in five games, Pedroia went 3-for-4 and raised his average to .333. He is 21-for-34 (.618) in his last eight games.

“We looked tired the first five, six innings, then we kind of turn it up,” Pedroia said. “We finally swept somebody.”

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The World's four-time Grand Slam champion beat Serena in their first semifinal at Flushing Meadows Wednesday, a tournament in which Russian has won 37 of her past 41 matches and made it to the finals at six of her previous seven events.

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"It's going to be a big match. You know, they've both been good." Safina said. "I just want to focus against myself and to give my 100 percent and see who's going to be stronger.

The siblings, both 23, met in Open championships, were to face each other in the last women's quarterfinals Wednesday night in the 17th matchup as professionals.

Safina is 1-3 against Serena and never has faced Venus before. The Russian was asked who sister she would rather meet?

"I don't care," Safina said. Wednesday's schedule also included the first two men's quarterfinals, with No. 6 Andy Murray and No. 17 Juan Martin del Potro meeting in the afternoon, and No. 1 Rafael Nadal taking on unseeded American Richard Krajicek in the evening.

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**FOOTBALL**

**Wells limited in practice**

Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Ohio State tailback Chris “Beanie” Wells is not taking contact or putting pressure on his injured right foot but still holds out hope of playing in the Buckeyes’ next game.

Team officials and doctors will huddle within the next two or three days to decide if and when Wells will play next. The second-ranked Buckeyes play Ohio University on Saturday, then travel to take on No. 1 Southern California Sept. 13.

“If he injured or did he just have some pain he can play through?” running backs coach Dick Tressel said Wednesday.

“We’ve got a long way to go. We’re counting on playing a lot of football this fall. We’re going to be smart with his rehab.”

Wells has an injury at the base of his big toe on his right foot, said Tressel, the older brother of coach Jim Tressel. Wells has difficulty putting pressure on the foot and has not participated in full practices this week, Tressel said.

“I absolutely want to play Saturday, but it’s not his call,” Tressel said.

Wells was injured in the second quarter of Ohio State’s 43-0 victory over Youngstown State on Saturday. He writhed on the ground and was eventually helped off the field. He had to be helped to watch the final few minutes, wearing a protective black boot on his foot.

Tressel said Wednesday that he had seen Wells wearing the boot and not wearing it either.

“Tressel said he had been doing full practices this week.

“If I could get each of them about 15 carries, I’d have a good weekend,”

Dick Tressel

Buckeyes running backs coach

Wells will all see playing time: “We’re going to be smart with his rehab,” Tressel said.

Still, he rushed for more than 150 yards and scored 15 touchdowns a year ago, marking him as one of the top running backs returning on the team.

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Heavy metals, such as arsenic, lead and mercury, which can be naturally occurring or result from industrial processes and petroleum production or come from gas stations, urban runoff and sewage treatment plants.

Radium isotopes, which can be naturally occurring or are the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

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Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. In general, if you flush your tap or until the water gets as cold as it is going to get, you will have eliminated the metal particles and other contaminants.

**OKLAHOMA CITY — Thunder can be heard from miles away, an early warning that a storm is about to arrive. So, perhaps it’s only fitting that the name of Oklahoma City Thunder team didn’t sneak up on anyone.**

Six weeks after the first names came from the showers, tearful fans officially announced Wednesday that the team formerly known as the Seattle SuperSonics would be known as the Oklahoma City Thunder.

“It’s hard to keep a secret,” team chairman Grant Bussard said after solemnly to a podium on the ground floor of the downtown office building where the team is headquartered.

The announcement had long been anticipated, but everybody knew what was coming.

The local AICL affiliation was released in mid-July that Thunder had been chosen as the nickname. The team officially announced the 43-0 victory over Seattle on Saturday, then travel to take on No. 1 Southern California Sept. 13.

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CINCINNATI Adam LaRoche snapped an 0-for-16 slump with a pair of RBI singles to help lead the Pirates to a 6-5 win over the Cincinnati Reds on Wednesday night.

With the score tied at 4 in the eighth inning, Nate McLouth led off with a single off of Cincinnati left-hander Jeramy Affeldt (1-1). McLouth stole second and continued to third when Affeldt's throw got past first baseman Joey Votto for a throwing error. Ryan Doumit walked and moved to second on a wild pitch, and LaRoche drove in McLouth with a soft single to right.

Mike Lincoln relieved Affeldt and gave up a run-scoring single to Andy LaRoche.

Tyler Yates (3-5) got the final out of the seventh inning to earn the win. Matt Capps got the save in 24 opportunities.

Adam LaRoche actually gave Pittsburgh the lead twice in the span of three innings after starting the game 0-for-2. He followed Doumit's sixth-inning, RBI single off of Cincinnati starter Edinson Volquez — which tied the score at 3 — with a broken-bat bloop to short right field that drove in McLouth with the go-ahead run.

Volquez had a perfect game with five strikeouts before Neyor Morgan led off the fourth inning with a ground-rule double to center field. Freddy Sanchez and Doumit followed with doubles to give Pittsburgh a 2-0 lead.

Ross Thielendorf, a former New York Yankees reliever making his first career start, retired the first eight batters he faced before Volquez solidly lined a single to center field. Votto got the Reds on the board with a solo homer in the fourth, his 16th home run of the season and first in 39 at bats since Aug. 21.

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Thielendorf, acquired with three other players from the Yankees on July 26 when Pittsburgh traded outfilder Xavier Nady and left-hander Ramon Martinez, lasted six innings, allowing three earned runs with one walk and two strikeouts.

Volquez went seven innings, giving up six hits and four runs with one walk and 13 strikeouts, a career high and the most by a Reds pitcher in one game this season.

**Astros 4, Cubs 0**

Manny Ramirez pitched a six-inning shutout and Ty Wigginton homered Thursday night as the Houston Astros won their 16th straight with a victory over the slumping Chicago Cubs, who've lost a season-high five in a row.

The surging Astros completed a three-game sweep at Wrigley Field behind the pitching of Volquez and some good defense. Wigginton, an infielder most of his career, also made a great throw from left field to cut down a potential Chicago run in the fifth inning.

It is Houston's second eight-game winning streak in less than a month, matching an earlier one from Aug. 7-14.

The Cubs are stuck in then-second place in the NL Central leaders have 27 games left this season, 16 away from Wrigley Field.

Despite another loss, the Cubs maintained their 47-game lead over Milwaukee after the Brewers were beaten 9-2 by the Mets as New York completed a three-game sweep at Miller Park.

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The Cubs threatened in the bottom of the inning when Ronny Cedeno walked and went to second on a sacrifice. When Alfonso Soriano singled sharply to left, Volquez made a strong on-target throw to catcher Humberto Quintero, who reached back and nicked the back of a sliding Cedeno's jersey for the out. Astros center fielder Michael Bourn then made a nice catch of Ryan Theriot's long drive to center to end the inning.

The Astros made it 4-0 in the ninth when David Newhan and Bourn singled to put runners at the corners with two outs. Cubs reliever Jeff Samardzija picked Bourn off first but when he was caught in a rundown, Newhan raced home. Cubs shortstop Theriot's throw to the plate was not handled by catcher Geovany Soto. Newhan was credited with a stolen of home on the play and Theriot an error when Bourn made second.

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Johnson says Bell stole his luggage

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Alex Rodriguez's ninth-inning homer was upheld in baseball's first use of instant replay, and the New York Yankees beat the AL East-leading Tampa Bay Rays 8-4 on Wednesday night.

Rodriguez, who went 3-for-4 and drove in four runs, hit a two-run shot off Troy Percival that third base umpire Brian Runge immediately ruled a homer when it bounced off the catwalk behind the foul pole in left field.

Yankees catcher Dioner Navarro protested, bringing manager Joe Maddon out of the dugout. After convening, the umpires left the filed to review the tape, a process that took 2 minutes, 15 seconds to back the out call.

Boston, which beat Baltimore 3-4 on Wednesday, moved within three games of Tampa Bay in the division.

Edwar Ramirez (5-1) worked out of a bases-loaded, no-out jam after Carl Pavano ran into trouble. Ramirez came in for Pavano, who was skipped over after he gave up a solo home run against the Rays on Tuesday night, the Rays ran an inside pitch to Ian Kinsler to make it a 2-0 lead. The Rays scored on Floyd's two-run single off second baseman Robinson Cano, who lasted 3-13 innings.

The Rays, who had one hit after the first inning, lost a series for the first time since the All-Star break.

It was the third time since the break that Tampa Bay lost consecutive games.

The Rays had been 12-0-1 in series since losing a season-high seven straight games from July 7-13 to turn a five-game lead over the Red Sox into a half-game deficit.

While the Rays weren't charged with any errors Wednesday night, sloppy defense contributed to four infield singles and helped the Yankees advance baserunners at will on hits to the outfield.

In losing the series opener 7-2 on Tuesday night, the Rays ran themselves out of a potential big inning and committed a throwing error that helped New York break the game open after Xavier Nady hit a two-run homer.

The Rays built a 6-1 lead for Pavano. The right-hander, making his third start since returning from elbow surgery that sidelined him for more than a year, couldn't get through the five innings required to get the win.

B.J. Upton singled and Carlos Pena walked to begin the fifth against Pavano, who was replaced by Ramirez with New York leading 6-3. Cliff Floyd lined a single off second baseman Robinson Cano's glove to load the bases with no outs.

The Yankees escaped a possible triple play with three runners at the plate. The Rays had run two fewer baserunners at the plate this year.

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Favre named Jets captain

Associated Press

FLORHAM PARK, N.J. — Brett Favre has made quite an impression on his new teammates.

The ballots are in, and the veteran quarterback was voted one of the New York Jets' offensive captains despite being with the team for less than a month.

"I'm honored," Favre said Wednesday before the Jets' first practice at their new home in Florham Park, N.J. "I felt a little uncomfortable to be voted. I feel like I need to earn it.

Well, that's start Sunday when the Jets open the regular season at Miami with Favre under center.

"I don't want it to be based on past performances or longevity, whatever," Favre said. "All those things are important, but what's important is what I do here and how I carry myself as a teammate, what type of leader I am. But you have to vote a captain, as every team does, early in the year and I'm honored to re-present this team.

Favre, acquired from Green Bay on Aug. 6 after coming out of retirement, joined new left guard Alan Faneca as offensive captains.

"Obviously, he's fitting in well with his peers to be a captain," coach Eric Mangini said of Favre. "I think the question of who's fitting in is: 'What's the best way to help?' and he's fitting in with the guys has been clearly answered by the fact that his peer group — I don't know how peer groups work with that age difference — but the kids voted for him."

The 38-year-old, gray-stubbled quarterback has been lauded throughout his career for being one of the game's ultimate leaders. His new teammates recognized that, and the fact he has started an NFL-record 253 consecutive games, showing a penchant for playing through pain.

It also helps that he has the coach's ear.

"You want a guy who has a hand in upper management," Bowles said with a big laugh.

"That was a no-brainer, I'm sure, for the offensive guys. Brett can go upstairs and talk to Eric pretty easily, but aside from all that, Brett is a good leader. He's showed toughness and played about 1,000 games in a row or something like that. Anytime you've got a guy in that situation, you definitely look up to him for leadership."

Favre will take on the Dolphins and Chad Pennington, the man he replaced, on Sunday and acknowledged he still has moments of anxiety before games, even after 17 seasons.
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**Horoscope**

- **Aries (March 21-April 19):** You should probably question a business or personal relationship you are in. It's time to expand options if you don't understand exactly what the relationship is doing and why the boundaries of a situation you are facing have changed. 5 stars
- **Taurus (April 20-May 20):** Emotions will be strengthening and troubled waters will make you wonder how secure you are. Back to what you know and don't take too much to complicate or save someone else's 7 stars
- **Gemini (May 21-June 20):** Ignore comments made out of anger, jealousy or spite. Keep your head clear and your mind alert. Live in a high speed if you can't slow down your relationships, you will have fun and satisfy your curiosity. 5 stars
- **Cancer (June 21-July 22):** You may feel like speaking out, but in your current state you will probably say something you'll regret. Denials, alterations or persuading others to do things your way will backfire. You won't win if you try. 4 stars
- **Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):** You can talk anyone into anything if you have your facts straight and your ideas ready to present. A trip, meeting or something you believe in will become your priority in a competitive market. A friend or experimented ally will help you. 4 stars
- **Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Finessing will hold you back. Let everyone see what you can. Advancement is in the stars, if you aren't afraid to promote what you have and offer change in the way you secure a jump at any opportunity. 7 stars
- **Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Overcoming and causing a failure before exploiting the beneficial changes that are taking place will be your downfall. Reels, wait, and then remember, make alterations or hack away. Time is on your side. 5 stars
- **Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You can rely on the old, experienced people who can agree you are in your career. Trust the advice offered. Your reactions will be revealing your support that you are still worth backing 5 stars
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- **Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You have a good idea that will help your finances out, so stick in and watch your money grow. Set up a budget that will help you out in business, even if it does restrict your playtime activities. Stay with it 7 stars
- **Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Don't let what you do now determine how much you can potentially grow. Someone with experience will teach you the ropes or the decisions you make. 4 stars

**Jumble**

**Unscramble these four Jumbles**

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Soccer

Squad drops one-goal game on the road at Manchester

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Through tough rain and torrent winds the Belles fought. But their win would not be enough as they couldn’t avoid another second half meltdown and were defeated 2-1 at Manchester Wednesday evening.

Saint Mary’s came out with something to prove after dropping its first two matches of the season, and jumped on Manchester by scoring the first goal of the game. Freshman standout Taylor Paton assisted junior forward Sam Smogor on her first goal of the season in the 27th minute to give the Belles an early 1-0 lead.

Saint Mary’s continued to dominate play throughout the remainder of the first half, outshooting Manchester 5-2. However, like in the previous two games, the second half proved unkind to the Belles.

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Men’s Swimming

Witnessing history

ND assistant coach interned at Olympics

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

Were you when Michael Phelps defined eyesight? Saint Mary’s Hopper was in an NTC truck outside the Water Cube in Beijing, watching 10 different cameras showing 10 different replays of Phelps scooping ahead of Serbia’s Milo Cekic.

“I had a replay thing right with me. I could scroll back and do frame by frame,” Hopper said. “I’ve probably seen it over 100 times. I’ve heard a lot of people say they wish he didn’t break the record I, but I’m really glad he did because the sport of swimming is going to benefit from it.”

Hopper swam for Notre Dame before he’s a shoulder surgery ended his competitive career. He had an internship with NBC for the Olympics this summer, logging camera footage and creating clips for teasers. Hopper was working in the NBC truck when anchor Bob Costas interviewed Mark Spitz — who held the previous record for gold medals in a single Olympics with seven — and Phelps at the same time.

“They did an excellent job getting ready for it,” he said. “There were people who could speak English, people who could speak French, people who could speak Spanish.”

NBC brought in American catering — Hopper said he had seen some nights were out in Beijing brought with it inherent dangers.

“There were a lot of hand signals, pointing and gestures,” Hopper said. “You were hoping you had eyes on him.”

Sometimes, he said, he was the only American within a square mile.

Hopper got up-close access to events: he sat in the front row for the U.S. vs. Australia basketball game, and watched the men’s and women’s tennis finals, track and field, fencing, diving, the Brazil vs. Argentina soccer game and the U.S. vs. Japan baseball game. One thing he didn’t get to do, however, was attend the opening ceremonies. “Even some of our managers and bosses couldn’t get into it,” he said. “On top of your media credential, you had to have three different stickers.”

Hopper did sneak into National Stadium one afternoon, but ended up getting lost for half an hour. He said could see the fireworks during the opening ceremonies from the media village, though.

On his days off, Hopper got to sit in the Water Cube for several finals races. He sat behind American swimmer Ryan Lochte’s parents and Phelps’ mom for some of them. The

SMC Volleyball

Team looks to rebound after falling to Adrian

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

After a promising start to the season, Saint Mary’s hit its first roadblock Tuesday night. The Belles (0-2 overall record, 0-1 MIAA) are coming off a disappointing conference loss to Adrian but hope to shift back into gear tonight against a tough Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Conference opponent.

Saint Mary’s burst out of the gate by going 2-1 at the Thomas More Invitational last weekend. Two Belles players, senior Cathy Kurczak, and junior Lorren Slupczynski, were named to the All-Tournament Team. The Belles struggled early last season, and finished with a 6-10 MIAA record. Starting strong is a high priority for the team this season.

“Last year, we struggled at the beginning of the season, especial­ly by.but by the end we had really started to click,” Schroeder-Biek said.

Adrian claimed the victory in straight sets. Offensive inconsistencies were the reason for the setback which had also surfaced during the Thomas More Invitational — sealed the Belles’ fate. Attack errors were often the tipping point of winning.

“Spike outs were there but we couldn’t finish them,” Schroeder-Biek said.

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SMC Golf

Belles head to Olivet course

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