New office, clubs promote the University's effort to conserve energy

By AARON STEINER and JOHN TIERNEY

Editor's Note: This is the first installment of a multi-part series examining sustainability at Notre Dame.

Sustainability — a word that's here to stay at Notre Dame. The University launched an entire office dedicated to the matter in January, a new "green" issues student organization gained approval as an official club this summer, and today's Notre Dame Forum is devoted to sustainable energy.

University President Father John Jenkins told faculty members in his annual Faculty Address Sept. 16 that he is "eager to give special attention to this problem" through the Forum, academics and other initiatives on campus.

"We must strive, as a community, to make a practical response to the energy challenge in our lives and on our campus," Jenkins said. Indeed, making a response to calls for sustainability is a growing trend at many universities. A variety of publications, including The Princeton Review, have recently begun to evaluate sustainability on college campuses, further evidence of the issue's growing importance not just in the classroom, but also on the campuses themselves.

"For better or for worse, sustainability is a mainstream thing now," said the Director of the University's new Office of Sustainability, Jim Mazurk.

Formulating initiatives, centralizing efforts

With various groups emphasizing sustainability — both within the University community and outside — Notre Dame's recent actions reflect recognition of that recent shift. But the creation of the Office of Sustainability last January was also in part a response to a need that has grown over the past decade, Mazurk explained.

"Frankly, what the University lacked ... was a centralized administrative focus on sustainability. Many departments have been doing individual actions and initiatives but the University was missing the structure, focus and coordination," Mazurk said.

University Vice President for Operations Jim Lyhout added: "A number of the units throughout the University have been involved in conservation and sustainability efforts throughout the years," Lyhout said, citing recycling efforts that began almost 15 years ago.

But, he also said "the effort lacked coordination and communication."

Colorado Gov. talks to College Democrats

Ritter speaks of 'high-wire act' to reconcile Democratic Party's stance on political issues with Catholic faith

By JENN METZ

Key issues in national politics — like abortion, gay rights and war — pose challenges to Catholics in office who must find a way to reconcile the doctrine of their religion with their party's stance. Colorado Governor Bill Ritter, a Catholic, spoke to the Notre Dame College Democrats Tuesday night about that challenge, reflecting on his personal experience as a Catholic missioner in Africa, a district attorney in Denver and as governor.

"My name is Spencer Howard, president of the College Democrats," he said.

Ritter, the first speaker of the evening, lectured about the current economic policy.

"We define sustainability as considering the present and future needs of the University, balancing both environmental and economic considerations," Mazurk said. "At Notre Dame, this means weaving sustainability principles into all we do — our institutional decision-making, operational practices, and built environment."
**INSIDE COLUMN**

On pictures and statuses

Darling Facebookers,

As I said last week, our problems on Facebook are numerous and varied. I have returned this week to address a different set of problems. I hope that you have curtailed your wall malpractices since then, and that you are ready to learn about a new set of problems. This week, we shall address the issues inherent in status updates and profile pictures.

Oh, the statuses update. The epitome of letting your closest friends and the people who don’t even know you in on the details of your life. But sometimes, people just take it too far. Kids, I don’t want to see the details of your money breakout on my status feed. I don’t need to know what you’re doing every five seconds. There are fine lines here between acceptable and unacceptable.

For example: if you must anga in your status, use song lyrics. It’s acceptable if the song is stuck in your head, especially if it describes how you FEEL. What’s even better is if it’s obscure song lyrics that make me guess what exactly you are doing to make a moment a crime. If you truly feel the need to express your angst, keep it general — your close friends can ask about it. And the rest of the apathetic folk can just keep on going on with our days without wondering why random song so­und is all about.

Now, I know we discussed what to not to do on a wall when one is ... drunk out of your mind, and that is good and holy, would you want a your status, use song lyrics. It’s acceptable if the song is stuck in your head. There are fine and the rest of us apathetic folks can perhaps wonder what exactly it is you are doing to make a moment a state. We all like seeing your random w ords that can be blended into awesome nicknames. It’s amusing. We, the people, like to be amused. That being said, the most accept­able form of status — other than something or a slight variation — is something witty. Make me laugh, people. Nay something completely ridiculous, or something clever, or something thoughtful. Keep the masses entertained.

That said, there are other factors of your profile that also need to be kept classy. Like your profile picture. Folks, WHF, in the name of all that is holy, would you walk in a picture of you in a bikini or you, well, not in the right state of mind, on your profile? This trend baffles me. It is a bane to Facebook. Keep it to pictures of you and your friends — maybe your pet, or even your car. But at least keep it classy — and keep it real. There are all sorts of creepers out there — don’t encourage them!

What is the appeal of a non-classy picture, anyhow? Do you want everyone to think of you as swim suit-clad or drunk out of your mind, and that be the only facet of you they know? I didn’t think so.

So keep your statuses entertaining, and your pictures classy. Use this wisdom to create a better tomorrow... on

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT’S YOUR FAVORITE THING TO DO WHEN IT’S NICE OUT?**

- Kyle Mitchell
  - sophomore
  - Stanford
  - “Oil my body and tan on the quad.”

- Nora Collins
  - sophomore
  - LeMans
  - “Oil Kyle Mitchell and watch him tan.”

- Kennedy Collins
  - sophomore
  - Fisher
  - “Wear my sunglasses.”

- Juliet Joly
  - junior
  - Farley
  - “Look at the sky. It’s usually so gray.”

**OBFFFET**

Elderly woman tends off burglar with reacher

ANNAPO L I S, Md. — Police said an elderly woman fended off a man who broke into her Annapolis-area home using a reaching device used to grab objects.

Police say two elderly women were in their home on Cedar Lane in the Hillsme re community about 3:20 a.m. Monday when the man kicked in the door. He demanded money, but they said they had none.

Police said after the man started going through a purse, one of the women grabbed the reacher and used it to repel him. Police said the man fled with the purses.

Thieves steal hood from ice cream delivery truck

AUGUSTA, Maine — Dave Farley says he can understand thieves snatching ice cream from one of the Hershey’s delivery trucks he manages. But stealing a hood off the truck? The branch manager at Hershey’s Augusta warehouse said “nothing like this has ever happened.”

Tracy said the fiberglass hood, at 7 1/2 by 6 feet and 4 feet deep, is “not exactly small.” He said that even if the thieves had a pickup truck, the hood wouldn’t be easy to carry off.

Tracy, who works for Hershey’s for 23 years, discovered the theft when he got to work Monday morning. Augusta police said the thieves probably needed a hood identical to the one on the ice cream truck.

Hershey’s Augusta warehouse has six trucks that deliver through Maine and northern New Hampshire.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Workers take down scaffolding from the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. It underwent repair from damage caused by wind shears in May 2007.

**IN BRIEF**

Campus Ministry will sponsor a Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic Divine Liturgy as part of the evenings of Prayer from Around the World Series today at St. Michael The Archangel Ukrainian Byzantine Catholic Church. Bikes will be available at 330 Coleman-Morse at 6 p.m.

The Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity opens Thursday at 4 p.m. with a lecture by Oxford University economist Paul Collier, author of the award-winning book “The Bottom Billion.” The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will take place in the Hesburgh Center auditorium with a reception to follow.

Saint Mary’s College is hosting a book release for communications professor Terri Russ’ book ”Bi-"It’s Bad Boys! Young Women Talk About Body dissatisfaction” this Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge.

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SMC hosts lecture on voting policies

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

This week Saint Mary's hosted Indiana University South Bend Political Science professor Elizabeth Bennion in a lecture called "What Difference Does It Make to Vote?" as a part of the College's third Super Tuesday event.

Bennion is a member of the League of Women Voters and has worked with both the Rock the Vote and Youth in the Vote campaigns intended at drawing younger voters to the polls.

Beginning the lecture she asked the audience to think about the staunch differences between John McCain and Barack Obama.

"The candidates have opposing philosophies and policy recommendations on the economy, health care, and national security," Bennion said. "Obama supports it, McCain does not."

Bennion said she wanted to discuss how their vote wouldn't count because they are just one person.

"Voting is a right that many citizens throw away and take for granted without thinking about the people that fought for their right to vote," she said.

She also stated that wearing an "I voted!" sticker is a badge of honor to be proud of and that sometimes the one vote a person doesn't think counts will work to cancel out the vote of someone else.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES
Group approves appointment

Sophomore Kate Clitheroe will serve as Freshman Class Council Liaison

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) unanimously approved the appointment of sophomore Kate Clitheroe as Freshman Class Council Liaison at its meeting Tuesday.

Clitheroe served as the Freshman Class Council President last year and is currently serving as sophomore class vice president. She also serves as the spirit commissioner of Lewis Hall and is a member of the Circle K club.

Clitheroe's new position is important because freshmen serving on class council are always in need of some guidance, according to Sophomore Class President Cynthia Weber.

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Clitheroe will be in a position to "inspire leadership in the freshmen," Weber said.

Clitheroe said that her position as sophomore class vice president will not distract her from being an available sophomore advisor. Instead, it will enhance her value to the Freshman Class Council team.

"We're going to be more collaborative this year, so we'll be good," she said.

As sophomore liaison, she will be required to "attend Freshman Class Council meetings, assist them in making feasible goals, guide their event planning, and encourage them to build class unity," Weber said in a letter distributing to COR members.

Following Clitheroe's confirmation, the council discussed the new "What's the Deal with...?" question series that will be conducted by the student senate committee. The series is designed to "dispel some myths about the bigger mysteries of the University that really don't need to be bigger mysteries, but it's just that no one has ever explained them," student body president Bob Reish said.

Reish proposed topics including how the commencement speaker is chosen, what the actual rules regarding Brytospia are and how DART times are chosen for the series.

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Your Body and the Planet” on Tuesday and Thursday’s book release, according to flyers posted around the College.

The dormitories also asked for donations of “beauty and body products” for St. Margaret’s House.

As of Tuesday night, the organizers still had not received any donations, but they were still hopeful, Faunce said. “It’s still early in the week,” she said, “Our big event is Thursday. “I’m happy with the way that things are coming out now,” she said.

Monday’s event was a group discussion led by alumna Justine Ray, founder of the College’s Freedom Revolution. Faunce said. “It was important that we brought in someone that students can relate to ... bringing Justine in really helped,” she said.

About 12 students, faculty and staff joined in to discuss body image at Saint Mary’s, she said.

The part of the talk Ray emphasized was her assertion that if women spent the time they typically spend worrying about their appearance on something more productive “we would have so much more power,” Faunce said.

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most by the poor, he said, especially those who live in coastal areas.

Ritter used his experience in Africa to discuss how to wrestle with another Catholic teaching—in politics—social justice.

“We, as a country, have a moral imperative to help other people in the world,” he said.

He said he believes people experience callings, and something that has always been important to him is “having some quiet in your life to hear the calling.”

He and his wife together felt a strong pull to go to Africa as Catholic missionaries with their young son over a decade ago with the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate for three years.

While working in a nutrition education program, Ritter first saw the devastation of the AIDS epidemic ravaging Sub-Saharan Africa. He and his wife began teaching AIDS prevention, including the use of condoms, “even though it was against Church doctrine,” he said.

“Finding out how to navigate those issues, as a Catholic, is hard,” Ritter said. “There is a difference between rhetoric and “making a meaningful difference.”

On the social justice front, he said, when the discussion turned to immigration “Catholic social justice teaching should teach us to have a soft heart for the people,” he said.

The importance of social justice cannot be emphasized on a purely domestic or purely international level, Ritter said. “It’s not one versus the other. We must act globally as a country.”

Ritter took time to speak individually with most of the students in attendance after the one-hour discussion.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Teenage Finnish gunman kills 10

NEW YORK — It was a tightly controlled crash course on foreign policy for the vice presidential candidate, the mayor-turned-governor who has been outside America just a little.

Palin sat down with Afghan President Hamid Karzai and Colombian President Alvaro Uribe, Tuesday, after their meeting in New York.

She was asked, "What is the role of the United States in this conflict?"

"The role of the United States is what the president is saying,"she said.

"We have a responsibility to help the Afghans build their own army," she continued.

"And we need to support them," she added.

"We are committed to supporting them," she said.

"We are going to do that," she said.

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More troops to be sent to Afghanistan

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The new office will serve to provide necessary structure and accountability for the University, Mazurek said.

While sustainability reports may have played some role in his office's formation, Mazurek downplayed their importance.

"I consider those ratings more noise than anything," he said, but added that he recognizes the importance of these ratings to others, especially when a grade is a D, the grade given to Notre Dame by the Sustainable Endowments Institute in 2007.

After the University announced the formation of the Office of Sustainability in January, Mazurek, a Notre Dame graduate, was selected as the office's director in May and given an initial $2 million green loan fund to help jumpstart improvements on campus.

Since his appointment in May, Mazurek assembled a team that includes two additional full-time staff members and four student interns, he said.

Engineering Professor Frank Incropera, who serves as the 2008 Notre Dame Forum co-chair, said the University's lack of substantive administrative action on sustainability, but its current actions have shown progress.

"The University was slow to identify this as an important issue for which an institutional commitment has to be made," Incropera said. "But it's been very quick to develop significant programs to be good citizens."

This late response to the sustainability issue is what makes the University's actions all the more important, according to GreeND president Lourdes Long.

"Notre Dame is behind on this," she said. "The Office [of Sustainability] knows that we have a lot of work to do."

But Long, a senior, said the University will do a good job in addressing sustainability.

"When Notre Dame decides to do something, it does it right," she said.

She also cited the high level of involvement of the trustees and the upper levels of administrative officers as a sign that the University is genuine about its commitment to sustainability.

Students for Environmental Action (SEA) co-president Tracy Jennings, a junior, said the involvement of alumni is critical to the new enthusiasm on campus for sustainability.

"I would like to think that the University would have always liked to be sustainable and that the [D] report card drew a lot of support from the alumni," she said. "It put this issue at the forefront more than it created the impedes to [take action]."

Student involvement in sustainability

Student involvement in sustainability and environmental issues comes mostly through the groups GreeND and SEA, which are linked to each other.

"All these groups work together," Long said. "We're in constant communication and share leadership."

But while the groups are fighting on the same side, they approach the battle with a different perspective.

"The thing for GreeND is that we really pull together all the interests," Long said, citing issues such as energy policy, energy technology, and recycling that the group addresses.

"GreeND is the University's response to make campuses a greener place," Jennings said, who is also a GreeND member, said.

SEA, on the other hand, is a social action club organized out of the Center for Social Concerns, its focus is more on the environment outside the Notre Dame campus' bubble.

"We do community outreach like tree planting, river cleanups on St. Joseph's River, and different activities outdoors," Jennings said. "We need to remember that we're part of a bigger community."

"We focus on providing services to the greater South Bend community and on fulfilling the CSC's mission for social justice," she said.

SEA also distinguishes itself by focusing on many environmental issues, not just energy, according to Jennings. "SEA has always been more concerned with the holistic view of the environment," she said.

While SEA has been active at Notre Dame for many years, GreeND is a more recent development. The group was formed in Nov. 2007 and achieved official club status in July of this year, according to the GreeND Web site.

GreeND is closely linked with the Office of Sustainability, both by its missions and its work, according to Long, who also serves as a student intern at the office. Each group needs the other group to cause any real change.

"If you think about all these different things popping up across campus, a lot of this comes from student initiatives," she said. "The administration was right there with us, and that's what made it a success."

Thursday's installment will examine Notre Dame's overall environmental impact, ranging from energy consumption to waste disposal.

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He highlighted the problems that have raised the United States' economic woes.

"The four major problems of the economy are the financial meltdown, leading to a recession, increasing inequality and poverty, less secure middle and upper classes, and outrageous gas and home heating prices," he said.

Warlick said these problems have led out have contributed to the growth of poverty in the United States. "Great number of people who are visiting soup kitchens and food banks are rising dramatically," she said.

She said the policies both John McCain, and Barack Obama have detailed during their campaigns to help the poor have weren't very biparti-

"Each candidate's proposals stay straight along their party lines."

Jennifer Warlick
Economics and studies policy professor

"If people can't get loans for homes, the prices fall even further," he said. "We have to get people lending money again."

Ruccio said he was glad the event attracted a lot of students because those students show that they are trying to understand the issues.

"You are giving evidence that you care about these issues, and I am very pleased by that," he said.

Pizza Pop and Politics is sponsored by ND Votes '08, a part of the Center for Social Concerns, and the Washington Program.

The next ND Votes '08 event will be a Debate Watch. The first Presidential Debate will be shown on Friday at 9 p.m. in the Gleden Morse Lounge.

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**Washington**

Medicare pulled billions in suspect claims

WASHINGTON — The government paid more than $1 billion in questionable Medicare claims for medical supplies that showed little relation to a patient’s condition, including blood glucose strips for sexual impotence and special diabetic shoes for leg amputees, congressional investigators say.

Billions more in taxpayer dollars may have been wasted over the last decade because the government’s health program for the elderly and disabled paid out claims with blank or invalid diagnosis codes, such as a “77” or “zzzzz,” Medical auditors said in a recent report. Even smiley-face icons could have been accepted.

The panel’s review of millions of claims submitted by sellers of wheelchairs, drugs and other medical supplies on behalf of Medicare patients from 2001 to 2006 found at least $1 billion in suspect Medicare payments, the government would allow the government to buy bad mortgages and other problem assets held by troubled banks and financial institutions. Getting those debts off their books should bolster those companies’ balance sheets, making them more inclined to lend and easing one of the biggest choke points in the credit crisis. If the plan works, it should help lift a major weight off the national economy that is already sputtering.

Congressional leaders still predicted passage — with significant changes — but Wall Street’s worries were barely soothed. The Dow Jones industrials sank 161 points and now are off more than 500 this week after initially surging on news of the bailout announcement last week.

Direct drilling trouble was just one piece of the larger economic backdrop that Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson told senators would ensure if Congress fails in action on the administration’s proposal to rescue tottering financial institutions.

“It's the Senate’s decision to lend and ease. Banks and financial institutions.

Democrats and Republicans said big changes are needed, primarily tricky task of pushing through a financial bailout six weeks before the elections at a time when millions of everyday Americans are economically strapped.

“It’s their bill. And they’re going to have to figure out if they can support it,” House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said of Republicans.

“Nobody wants to have to do this,” agreed Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, the Republican leader. He said he was hopeful of a quick agreement, despite withering criticism from conservative GOP lawmakers who recoiled at the prospect of federal intervention.

Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., said, “This massive bailout is not a solution. It is financial socialism, and it is un-American.”

Separately, mortgage enforcement officials said the FBI had begun investigating four institutions whose collapse helped trigger the financial crisis.

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**Business**

**Google phone to cost $179, debut Oct. 22**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The first phone that harnesses Google Inc.’s ambition to make the Internet easy to use on the go goes on sale today. The handset was supposed to arrive shortly after T-Mobile said it would begin selling the G1 in late September.

The device helps U.S. stores Oct. 22 and leads to Britain in November and other European countries early next year.

The phone will be sold in T-Mobile stores only in the U.S. cities where the company has rolled out its faster, third-generation wireless data network. By launch, that will be 21 cities, including: New York, Los Angeles, Houston and Miami.

In other areas, people will be able to buy the phone from T-Mobile’s Web site. The phone does work on T-Mobile’s slower data network, but it’s optimized for the faster networks. It can also connect at Wi-Fi hotspots.

The data plan for the phone will cost $25 per month on top of the calling service, at the low end of the range for data plans at U.S. wireless carriers. And at $179, the G1 is $20 less than the least expensive iPhone in the U.S.

Android, the free software powering the G1, is a conduit building block in Google’s efforts to make its search engine and other services as accessible on cell phones as they already are on personal computers. The company believes it eventually might make more money selling ads that get shown on mobile devices than on PCs, a channel that will generate about $20 billion in revenue this year.

Both Yahoo Inc. and Microsoft Corp. also are investing heavily in the mobile market in hopes of preventing Google from extending the dominance it enjoys in searches initiated on PCs.

In an interview, Google co-founder Sergey Brin said Google’s aims are broader than mobile advertising.

“Generally, we think if there are great operating systems out there that let people have great devices and great applications, people use the Internet on their phones much more,” Brin said at the launch event in New York. “And whenever people use the Internet more, they end up using our services, and ultimately, that’s good for our business. There’s no secret plan to have ads pop up or anything.”
How do you sign people's yearbooks? Some leave a generic message. "I can't believe we made it through a whole year! It's been awesome getting to know you better. I hope you keep in touch." Others detest the impersonality of such a message. These protesters demand a higher quality from the yearbook message in an entity and only write in the yearbooks of those for whom they can write a poignant and meaningful note. Yet though, the recipient may appreciate this type of message in the end there are costs primarily the amount of the labor having to turn people away when they ask, "Hey! Joe! Sign my yearbook?" As the "no" leaves the lips of the yearbook-idealistic, Joe will immediately become the big jerk face who sucks the lesson being that those who think they should take the message high ground are actually just big jerk faces who suck.

Finally, there are those among us who choose neither the personal nor the impersonal. I'm speaking to the message. The pressure to write in so many books builds and builds to feverish levels. Constant bounding and caging wear down the souls of these poor saps, still holding out on putting pen to paper, until finally they have no choice but to take every book they're handed and write the most superfurious and varous four-letter acronym in existence: hugs.

So where do we go from here? Let me refresh my initial statement. Instead of asking you how you sign people's yearbooks, let me tell you how I sign people's yearbooks. And to do so, I'll employ the best kind of evidence anecdotal evidence.

In late May of my freshman year of high school, as the yearbooks were released, I decided I didn't want my friends to remember me as the dull guy, the sentimental too, or the generically compliant guy. I wanted them to remember me as the funny guy — the guy whose message on which they could look back years from now and say, "Gosh darn it! That Andrew Miller sure was one funny son of a gun!"

But how to be the funny guy? How could I write such messages so that a majority of my friends (the total number of my friends at that time being no more than ten) just as a point of reference would recognize the power of my rapier wit? I realized the only way I could bring about such a reaction would be by making a reference so clever, so hilarious, they would be hard-pressed not to remember me.

So then the issue becomes what is the perfect reference? It had to be something vaguely recognizable yet obscure enough to be unique. Something undeniably funny yet with a hint of poignancy. Something ironic yet heart-warming.

I started thinking about end-of-year themed episodes of various programs and I remembered one that I had admired: the two-part Boy Meets World episode that contained the Mr. Feeny retirement flash-forward ("The WarGames the Hard Way"). In this hour-long episode, the seven principles allow a prank war to escalate to the point where none of them wants to have anything to do with any of the others. During the flash-forward it's revealed that since the prank war, the only two who have remained in contact are the married Corey and Topanga (and they're in couples therapy). Erin showed up as his new personality, the reclusive Plays With Squirrels, and shares with everyone his life's work, a compendium of all his knowledge: Lose one friend, Lose all Friends, Lose yourself.
Energy conservation begins with us

One of the events offered as part of energy week was a tour of the Notre Dame Power Plant.

My roommate and I decided to take the tour, hoping it would be a bit more than a way to avoid studying for our linear algebra test. I was expecting mostly under-graduate students on the tour, but was surprised to find a few professors, a priest, and several adults in business casual outfits.

The tour was much more than an overview of how energy was produced from fuel and shuttled to campus—not too interesting, just a lot of facts. We were lead to the average reader—but also a real idea of what effects my energy usage has on my community.

With the Forum this week, energy sources and usage is getting a lot of attention. But besides the fact that it’s the new hip thing to be green, it’s important to realize that the effects of our energy consumption are everywhere.

For example, I learned later in the tour that the well-dressed adults were from accounting, and were on the tour to see what sort of accountability there was for energy usage in specific buildings. One of the students was there to learn about why our power plant uses coal rather than cleaner fuels. One of the professors was asking about the power usage of the research facilities he accessed on campus. Some people at the plant were thinking about the environment, others about money and some (me and my roommate) about if our engineering degrees would require us to read such complicated displays.

But all joking aside, it wasn’t exactly an uplifting message. The fact is, a lot of the energy that the plant is forced to produce is wasted. Some TVs use up to 60 percent of the power when they are in standby as when they are on. Our school used enough hot water to supply 20,000 homes.

So go to the Forum, read the energy policies of the presidential candidates, but whatever you do, don’t forget that the biggest difference you can make is the act of moving your arm two feet to turn off a light, or stepping on the power strip that connects all of your appliances.

Our tour guide has been working at the plant for seven years, and he says his kids have always complained because he turns off the TV at night rather than keep it on standby, which causes the TV to take a minute to turn on in the morning.

Well he not only pays the bills for his energy use, he puts in the hours for ours. Even though we don’t have to send a check for our energy use, someone does. Who knows, maybe that gets added onto fees as well.

So next time you are about to walk out the door with your laptop on sleep mode, think to yourself, “Well, maybe if I turn off my computer, football tickets will be cheaper next year.” It could be true.

Steve Mattix
neighbor
Dillon Hall
Sept. 22
Spurt of Blood: An experience in theater itself

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Assistant Scene Editor

When most people read Antonin Artaud’s surrealist play “Spurt of Blood,” they consider it an academic exercise. For all the influence Artaud has had on modern theatre, this play is considered to be unstageable and unproduceable. But not all people work that way.

Two years ago, senior Jackie Dineen discovered “Spurt of Blood” during Dr. Mark Pilkinton’s Theater, History and Society class. She remarked in an e-mail interview that, “he had us read the play out loud in class as an academic exercise and briefly mentioned how it has always been considered unstageable due to many of the surrealist and absurd characteristics of the show. I immediately became interested in what it would take to faithfully translate Artaud’s vision onto the stage. This week, under her guidance as dramaturge, her interest has come to full realization as the Film, Television, and Theater department take on one of theater’s most difficult works. The show is part of her honors thesis for the department, which will focus first on the practical aspects of translating Theater of Cruelty, an overarching theme of Artaud’s work, to a modern stage and audience and second on Peter Brooks, the first person to bring the play to the stage. The quest on most people’s lips is, of course, what is this play about? Before audience members set foot in the Theater of Cruelty, this play is considered to be unstageable and unproduceable. But not all people work that way.

Attendants of FTT’s production of “Spurt of Blood” are certain to be exposed to a new theater experience.

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

THE OBSERVER

SCENE

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"Sput of Blood" is absolutely ridiculous in the most fantastic way. It was easily the most fun I have had in the theatre in quite a while. Upon entrance, one expects to be handed a program and seated around the stage for a passive, albeit emotional or maybe hysterical evening of entertainment. This is what an audience member expects — to be entertained. We want to have other people get up and act out our greatest tragedies and triumphs, and to feel something in the process. We expect them to question our values and give us a glimpse of society. But we always know that no matter what, they're on the stage and we're in the chairs. This is accepted. This is expected. It's The Theatre after all. This is precisely what Artaud was attempting to abolish. And I'm here to tell you, if that's the intent of this production, it succeeds. I can't begin to describe the plot, which, though present, is altogether unimportant. This experience is not about telling a story, but instead about using the idea of theatre to bring emotions and thoughts to an audience without one. Theatre is about experience, then this should be its calling card.

Beyond the set (fluid) costumes (bizarre) and text (nice...really) stand the actors, who are the pillar of this show. They are so committed that, as the absurdity rises, you somehow trust them to keep it all in control. This is a show that could easily get lost, become a farce or leave the viewer stranded in a sea of confusion, but they never falter. As an audience member, I felt safe letting them guide me across the stage (at moments literally) as the show raged on. It ran about 38 minutes, start to finish. I laughed, gasped, and I let myself be open to this archetype of "theatre of the cruelty." But I am pretty sure that through the entire show I was smiling. Bottom line, you don't have to be a theatre aficionado to understand the show. It's not about being understood. And you should go.

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NHL
Jets’ Favre expected to play this weekend

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Neither the New York Jets nor the Minnesota Twins have been the same teams over the past month. They’re determined to change that during Monday night’s closely watched regular-season finale.

The White Sox will bring a 2-1/2-game lead in the AL Central over the Twins to a packed and electric Target Field Tuesday for the start of a three-game series that should, finally, define a potentially developing race.

"We’re in first place, so we need to act like a first-place team and go play like one," said lefty Mark Buehrle, who will take the mound Wednesday.

Minnesota is glad to be back after playing 24 of the past 28 games on the road and going 9-15 in that stretch. The Twins have lost 26 of 51 games at the Metrodome this year, with a 3.25 staff ERA under the bubble compared to 5.14 on the road.

“We’re ready for it. We’re going to show it’s not that hard,” said Twins left-hander Fransisco Liriano, who pitched in the series after allowing one run in seven innings on the night Chicago made its debut at Tropicana Bay.

Oh these rivals have been no further apart in the standings than the current margin since Jan. 22, 2005, when protesters chased the Twins out of the franchise for 144 days and all but mine since Minnesota defeated Chicago by more than any more than 3/2 games since June 19.

“We’re in first place, and the only thing that can complement that is to win," said Paul Molitor. "If not, it will be a tough summer with a bad ending.

This has been a strange season in the Upper Midwest. The Tigers were supposed to be the favorites after their winter spending spree, but their age showed this summer and they had more holes than the Twins. Some of their starting pitching was erratic, and they often looked like a team that should be proud of that one. He also metaphorically projected a collapse a trilogy this campaign would feel like a low-budget movie with a confusing conclusion.

The only thing we have left and the only thing that can complement that is to win,” Molitor said. "If not, it will be a tough summer with a bad ending.

It’s like you’re fighting for a half-game, that’s what we’re here for," Hillman said, referring to Minnesota before the game on Sept. 11. "Maybe it’s because we’re here right now playing against them in this losing streak. We have a better record. I just feel like these guys are tougher for this winning streak, this little bit, even though the White Sox at times can pitch a little bit better.”

At this point, analysts don’t matter. The White Sox have the lead, and it’s up to them to maintain it.

“We are where we are for a reason,” said John Danks, who will start Wednesday. “We know it’s a big series, and we know there is a lot at stake. We want to have as much left way as we can.”

Twins pitcher Francisco Liriano pitches against the Rays during the second inning in Tampa Bay on Sunday.
**Ohio State running back Beanie Wells cheers from the bench during the Buckeyes’ 28-10 win over Troy Saturday in Columbus, Ohio. Wells will likely return to the Ohio State lineup against Minnesota this weekend.**

**Wells likely to suit up for Buckeyes**

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Tailback Chris “Beanie” Wells is likely to return for No. 1 Ohio State against Minnesota on Saturday.

“It adds to our arsenal,” coach Jim Tressel said Tuesday, shortly after announcing that Wells was probable for Saturday’s game.

Wells has been out of action since injuring his right foot early in the second half of the opening victory over Youngstown State. Dan Herron has been the tailback in victories over Ohio and Troy and a lopsided defeat at unp-ranked Southern California.

Ohio State could use the boost. Even though freshman Terrelle Pryor threw four touchdown passes last week in his debut as a starter against Troy, the offense has been erratic since Wells left.

His teammates were happy to see him doing all the drills at Tuesday night’s practice.

Asked how Wells looked, offensive lineman Alex Boone said, “Fast. Very fast. He was running all over the place. He looked physical and fast. He looked like something had happened to him.”

Against Troy, the Buckeyes led just 14-10 heading into the fourth quarter before punts downed deep inside the 20 helped Ohio State set up two short touchdown drives to pull away 28-10. Pryor gives the Buckeyes a mobile quarterback who can avoid a collapsing pocket and transform a potential loss into a gain.

He escaped from severe pressure on several occasions to frustrate Troy defenders and perpetuate drives. The Buckeyes also experimented up front with several other fresh faces on the offensive line. Jim Cordle, who had past the start 16 games at center, moved to left guard to fill in for the injured Steve Rhett. True freshman, Mike Brewster, then took Cordle’s spot.

Brower wasn’t the only youngster in the rotation up front. True freshman J.B. Shugart and sophomores Andrew Miller also saw action.

Suddenly, the huddle that Wells returns to doesn’t bear much resemblance to the one he left.

**IN BRIEF**

Paterno hopes to return to sideline at Penn State

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Joe Paterno didn’t list himself on the injury report, but Penn State’s coach designated himself “hopeful” to be back on the sideline for the 12th-ranked Nittany Lion’s game Saturday night against Illinois.

Slowed by a sore right leg, the Hall of Famer moved to the press box after halftime of last week’s rout of Temple — not that the 81-year-old Paterno says he couldn’t have stayed on the field the whole time.

“Yes, I hope to be,” Paterno said Tuesday when asked if he intends to pace the Beaver Stadium sideline for the Big Ten opener versus the No. 22 Illini. “I could have been out in the second half Saturday if I wanted to, but ... I figured we got a lot of football ahead of us. Let’s maybe take it a little bit easier upstairs.

Green set to replace Bulger at QB for floundering Rams

ST. LOUIS — Marc Bulger is out as the St. Louis Rams starting quarterback after throwing only two touchdown passes in three games and will be replaced by 38-year-old Trent Green for Sunday’s game against Buffalo.

The benching of the Rams’ highest-paid player, announced by coach Scott Linehan in a terse, two-paragraph release on Tuesday, signals just how desperate times have become for the sagging franchise. Linehan is 11-24 in his third season, including 0-3 this year with none of the games competitive.

Last week, Linehan was told by new owner Chip Rosenbloom that improvements need to be made or that changes would be forthcoming. This is Linehan’s first head coaching job at any level, earned off success as an offensive coordinator with the Dolphins and Vikings. He was a quarterback in college at Idaho.
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NFL

QB Quinn could start for Browns

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Maybe it was fitting that Derek Anderson spent his day off at an adoption center for cats and dogs. Cleveland's starting quarterback is on a short leash.

With his team off to a disturbing 0-3 start, Browns coach Romeo Crennel is considering personnel changes and may bench Anderson for popular backup Brady Quinn.

Anderson, who made the Pro Bowl last season while leading Cleveland to 10 wins, has thrown just two touchdown passes and five interceptions in Cleveland’s losses to Dallas, Pittsburgh and Baltimore. He enters this week's game at Cincinnati with a 43.5 quarterback rating — only Kansas City’s Tyler Thigpen’s 38.3 is worse.

Anderson expects to start against the Bengals. However, if he struggles, he won’t finish. He has run out of time.

“I can play better. I know that,” Anderson said Tuesday outside the Cleveland Animal Protective League. “It’s been frustrating because I’ve put a lot into it and it's not gone perfect. I’m not making excuses, but it hasn’t been what we’ve all expected it to be. You watch film and it’s a few things here and there: a missed throw, a dropped pass.

“It’s never going to be perfect, but we thought we would have won at least one or two games so far. I understand it, and I’m just going to continue to keep working, knowing that we’re still in this and we just have to find a way to get going.”

Wearing a protective sleeve wrap over a bruised right arm, Anderson didn’t appear to be nervous about losing his job. He was typically laid-back and approachable as he toured the facility and mingled with volunteers and people adopting animals. At one point, he dropped down on the floor to play with a pair of adorable brown Labradors before they were taken home by delighted new owners.

On Monday, Crennel informed the Browns that he was evaluating every position and that changes could be forthcoming. Anderson didn’t need to be told. Pressing to make big plays, he has made poor throws and bad decisions for an injury-riddled offense that has scored a league-low 26 points.

And if Anderson doesn’t improve quickly, Crennel will have no choice but to turn things over to Quinn, who will get more repetitions in practice this week with the first-team offense.

“Regardless of the situation, I always put a lot of pressure on myself,” said Anderson, who went 14-of-37 for 125 yards with three interceptions on Sunday. “I take it as he (Quinn) is trying to take my job every week. Maybe it’s too much pressure I put on myself, but that’s just kind of the way I’ve always thought about it, even in college when I knew I was going to play.

“Anytime you get comfortable, you have to remind yourself that that guy’s chasing you.”
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“We did what we came out here to do,” Bishop said.

Bishop, who played quarterback for the Ducks (1-1), attributed her team’s offensive success to a lot of short passes that helped them spread out the Pyros (0-1) defense.

“We didn’t just go for the big plays, we tried to work the entire field,” Bishop said.

Though Bishop threw for three touchdown passes, she was just as effective running the ball, creating multiple opportunities for the offense by throwing on the run or by tucking in the ball and taking it up the field herself.

Howard’s defense was equally impressive, sacking Pyros quarterback Caitlin Robinson four times and intercepting her once. By generating a consistent pass rush, they did not allow the sophomore signal-caller to get into a good rhythm.

On the other sideline, Pasquerilla East now has a good idea of how it can improve for next week.

Though the Pyros got on the board with an early touchdown, they just couldn’t keep up with Howard. The Pyros defense stayed on the field for most of the game, as short offensive drives gave them little time to rest. Captain Tara Pillai said the team was disappointed, but that it was only their first game and the squad should be better prepared next week.

“We need more consistency on offense and with our defensive pass coverage,” Pillai said.

Pillai stood out in an otherwise unimpressive Pyros offense. As Robinson’s favorite target, Pillai kept multiple Pasquerilla East drives alive on third and fourth downs.

Cavanaugh 0, Pasquerilla West 0

Neither the Purple Weasels nor the Chaos could emerge victorious from a defensive showdown as the teams battled to a tie Tuesday night.

Both offenses struggled as neither team could move the ball down effectively or sustain a drive.

Cavanaugh (1-0-1) came the closest to breaking the deadlock. After a punt return deep into Purple Weasels (0-0-1) territory, Chaos captain Katie Dunn connected with freshman receiver Brittni Alexander in the corner of the end zone, but Alexander was ruled out of bounds.

Dunn disagreed with the call. "I don't see how a ref could miss a call that badly," Dunn said. "She clearly dragged her feet in the end zone.'"
Offense

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first three games (and we've had more success throwing the ball than running the ball," he said. "But you can't make a living — you can't make a living just being one-dimensional in football."

Given the option of continuing with that balance despite recent struggles of the running game or converting to a more pass-heavy offense, Weis said the rushing offense takes pressure off the quarterback and prevents defenses from keying on the passing game.

"I always believe that it makes things a heck of a lot easier on the quarterback if you can run the ball. It makes it a lot easier," the coach said. "When defensive linemen can just pin their ears back and know you were throwing on every down, you're usually putting yourself at risk."

When asked whether it would be easier to run the ball with one solid back rather than three, Weis drew his answer from the NFL game between the Jets and the Chargers Monday night. Chargers running back LaDainian Tomlinson, he said, was the best, but their change-of-pace back, Darren Sproles, posed a threat every time he got in the game.

"When they give him the ball, it's not like giving it to LaDainian," he said. "LaDainian is one of the best but when that little guy gets in there you better look out because every time he touches it, he may be taking it to the house."

Note:

♦ Weis said wide receiver David Grimes will play this weekend. Grimes has missed time because of a sore back. Contact Bill Brink at wbrink@nd.edu

Interhall

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That drive aside, the game was dominated by both defenses. The Chaos secondary was outstanding from start to finish, intercepting three passes and swatting down balls all night.

"We played signature Cavaghan defense tonight," defensive linemen Jessica Mahon said.

Anchored by Mahon, the Chaos recorded two sacks and pressured Purple Weasels quarterback Cara Davies into countless rushed throws.

The Pasquerilla West defense was just as stingy, stifling the usually potent Chaos offense.

"The defense really saved us," Davies said. "They bailed us out of every jam, especially the defensive line."

Despite the tie, both teams were still optimistic about their season outlooks.

"This is hands down the most potential I've seen on any Cavaghan team," Dunn said. "Once we develop our red zone offense, we'll be just fine."

Pasquerilla West coach Adam Brainard is also hopeful that his team will pull it together in time for next week's game.

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Yeatean will not suit up

Junior tight end will sit out until ‘matter is resolved’

By BILL BRINK
Sports Editor

Junior tight end Will Yeatman will not play this weekend against Purdue and will not suit up until his “matter is resolved,” Irish coach Charlie Weis said in his weekly press conference.

Yeatman and freshman center Mike Golie Jr. were arrested this weekend at an off-campus party on Golfax Ave. Police charged Yeatman with minor consumption of alcohol, false informing and resisting arrest, and charged Golie with minor consumption of alcohol.

“Any other action as it relates to team rules, including the situation with Mike Golie, will be handled by me,” Weis said.

Weis said both players will participate in practice.

The situation’s delicacy, Weis said, requires him to act with some degree of compassion.

“I think I try to treat these kids similar to if I were talking to Charlie Weis, Jr.,” Weis said. “As you go through growing pains, you know, you just try to educate and teach and let them know that you weren’t perfect when you were going through the growing experience yourself.

Weis said it is not his role to judge the players’ actions but rather to provide support.

“I think the most important thing is to just look out for the interest of the kids and the team and the University,” Weis said.

At the tight end position, Weis said Joseph Fauria’s playing time will increase due to the loss of Yeatman.

“As a matter of fact, today, instead of practicing on the scout team he’ll be practicing with the big boys,” Weis said.

“Really impressed with Kyle Rudolph currently tops the depth chart at tight end,” Weis said.

The loss of Yeatman, who caught six passes for two yards and played primarily as a run-blocker, won’t hamper the team’s blocking schemes.

“We’re ready to go with him as well,” Weis said.

SMC VOLLEYBALL

Squad picks up home win over Kalamazoo

SMC upperclassmen lead the unit in kills

Observer Staff Report

Saint Mary’s took down Kalamazoo Tuesday to run its record to 10-4 overall and 3-2 in the MIAA. The Belles came from behind to earn the 26-24, 26-24, 26-24, 25-14 victory.

Seniors Cathy Kurczak, Kaela Hillman and junior Lorna Slupczynski led Saint Mary’s as each recorded double-digit kills.

Kurczak and Slupczynski combined for 10 of the Belles’ 12 kills in the second set to keep the team in the match.

The Belles also took the third set to take control of the match for good. At the end of the set, Kurczak notched another kill to knot the score at 24-24. She then added another to end the set in favor of Saint Mary’s, 26-24.

The Belles cruised to the victory in the final set. Hillman had five of the team’s nine kills in the set.

It was the Belles’ fourth straight season with 10 or more wins.

Saint Mary’s returns to action against Calvin on Saturday.

SMC GOLF

Belles head to Michigan

Team will try to gain ground in league standings at third jamboree

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s will look to close the gap in the MIAA season standings Wednesday when the team heads to Thornapple Pointe in Grand Rapids, Mich., to compete in the third of four fall season jamborees.

The Belles find themselves one stroke behind second-place Hope and 37 behind first-place Olivet.

Saint Mary’s coach Mark Hamilton said he is looking for steady improvement each jamboree.

“Right now, we are really struggling to get four good scores. Our top three are usually pretty solid, but we aren’t getting consistency from our fourth and fifth spots,” Hamilton said. “We are a ways behind Olivet and they are the team we are trying to beat. We just need to focus on gaining ground on the teams ahead of us.”

Belles freshman Natalie Matuszak has been on a tear in her rookie season at Saint Mary’s and will look to lead the team back into league contention.

“Matuszak is developing into a great college player,” Hamilton said. “She is the best freshman I’ve coached in my seven years at Saint Mary’s.”

Hamilton has not given up on his team’s chances to finish atop the conference.

“If we can get healthy, we have a shot to make up some ground,” Hamilton said. “Our goal is still to win the conference this fall and have momentum heading into the spring.”

The team at the top of standings after the fall season is declared the MIAA champion but the automatic NCAA tournament berth will not be determined until the spring season.

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