Panelists discuss U.S. energy situation

By JOHN TIERNEY  
News Writer

The United States has the responsibility to do something to make its energy situation more sustainable, panelists at the Notre Dame Forum on Sustainable Energy said Wednesday.

"We're stuck right now and we're really not doing anything," General Electric chairman and CEO Jeff Immelt said. "And as everybody in this room knows, to do something you have to do something."

The discussion of what exactly must be done to improve America's energy situation ranged from individuals taking small personal steps to governments working to develop an energy policy. Each panelist echoed Immelt's theme that action is necessary.

Panelists Majora Carter, founder of Sustainable South Bronx, GE CEO Jeff Immelt, MIT physics professor Ernest Moniz and Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter Jr. discuss sustainability issues Wednesday at the forum.

NDSP, SBPD offer safety tips to off-campus students

Representatives from police departments advise students to follow instincts, trust judgement in confrontations

By EMMA DRISCOLL  
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In response to the concerns of students who live off campus or have been victims of crimes, representatives from the South Bend Police Department (SBPD) and the Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) met with students Tuesday night in the Dooley Room of LaFortune to offer tips to help students protect themselves.

Only a handful of students attended the session held by SBPD Crime Prevention Specialist Cpl. Patrick Bechliniski and NDSP Crime Prevention Officer Keri Kei Shibata. "The two most important things I can tell you are be alert and follow your instincts," Shibata said.

Shibata said that most of the crimes that have been happening to students off campus are "crimes of opportunity," meaning assaults, larcenies, robberies and burglaries that are not always premeditated. "People may see a person that they think is vulnerable, so they take advantage," Shibata said. "As individuals, we can reduce opportunity."

Individuals can take steps to ensure their own safety. "Individuals can do more to protect themselves than police can," Shibata said. "We really depend on you guys to be our eyes and ears. If nothing is going on somewhere... to protect yourselves and each other," Shibata said.

Student Senate

Group debates mock elections

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The Student Senate debated whether its upcoming mock election should be conducted with an online survey or in voting booths located throughout campus during its meeting Wednesday.

The mock election, which will serve not only as an informal campus poll but also as a way to inform students about the responsibilities of voting, will take place Oct. 7. "The point of this is activism," student vice chairperson of the Sustainability Office Ray Hechlinski said.

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SMC starts Weight Watchers program

By KELLY DAVIS  
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Gastor worked with Saint Mary's Director of Women's Health Catherine DeCleene to start an "At Work" program.
Down on the farm

When asked about their favorite restaurant, most people respond with a somewhat I really July 10 somewhere only the "local" know, or even Bruno's, if the person asked is on The Observer staff. My favorite restaurant does not fit into any of those categories. You can have your Italian bistros, your fancy steakhouses, your cozy spoon pubs. For me, I'll take the fine home-style cuisine of Bob Evans.

If you've talked to me more than once, you know the extent of my love/hate relationship with Bob's. I like to call it. I will admit, I've worked there for three years, and a 20 percent discount certainly informs my affection for the place. Aside from a manager who hates Notre Dame and a bad ankle from my shoe to crow, my employment was probably the best first job a 16-year-old could get.

The majority of people our age assume Bob Evans is strictly for travelers, families, or members of the персонала pop culture. False. They also assume Bob Evans is only for breakfast. Also false. (Had to throw in a little The Onion homage there, in honor of tonight's season premiere. Yay!)

What Bob Evans has is everything, and it's for everyone. With 196 locations in the great state of Ohio, or roughly one store for every 55,000 residents, Bob Evans has been a part of my extreme fortunate life for a 16-year-old could get. The pies are pretty good, too. I'm a personal favorite — pumpkin bread.

But the amazingness doesn't end there, my friends. What sets Bob Evans apart is its great lunch and dinner food. Most places (IHOP, Perkins, etc.) have terrible dinner food, regardless of their breakfast expertise. Bob's is the exception to that rule. Our sandwiches and burgers are amazing. We have great turkey dinners, or steak, or grilled chicken. Our broccoli doesn't have any weird stuff on it. It's just broccoli.

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We don't forget to tip your waitress — 20 percent or more — because I can guarantee you'll be getting service with a smile.

Basically, Rob Evans kicks every other restaurant in the loading dock.

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Philosophy prof talks love

O’Connor dissects human love in ‘Ancient Wisdom, Modern Love’

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
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The English novelist and theologian Charles Williams offered what he called a “maxim” for any love affair: “Play and pray; but on the whole do not gray when you are playing and do not play when you are praying.” We cannot yet manage such simultaneities. It’s difficult not to share this exasperation when trying to think seriously and carefully about something as disorderly and turbulent as whatever it is that goes on between lovers.

So David O’Connor, associate professor of philosophy at Notre Dame, certainly has his work cut out for him. Three afternoons a week, in a fluorescent-flushed Nieuwland Hall classroom, he stands before some 200 students enrolled in Philosophy 20214-01, leads a prayer invoking the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, and begins to speak about passion, romance, erotic love, and simple friendship.

O’Connor has been teaching the increasingly popular course, “Ancient Wisdom and Modern Love,” for a dozen years now. Because his consideration of human love attempts to meld philosophical analysis and literary imagination, his lectures require no less preparation from his students than from himself. The course reading list, for instance, includes Shelley’s translation of Plato’s “Symposium” (which O’Connor has edited); Shakespeare’s “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” and “Othello”; the papal encyclical “Humanae Vitae”; selections from Homer, Sappho and William Butler Yeats; and short stories by Andre Dubus. A half-dozen films are assigned as well.

During the fall of 2006 “Ancient Wisdom and Modern Love” was videotaped for inclusion in the online Open Courseware Initiative, in which Notre Dame is a partner, and now it has begun to attract attention far beyond the Notre Dame campus. In March of this year, the September edition of “The Oprah Magazine,” O’Connor received permission to make a movie star envy for the novelty and depth of his lectures. “David O’Connor rethinks common assumptions about love, sex, and marriage,” the author writes, “and convinces his students that philosophy can make us better, more discerning lovers—that we can fall madly in love without going mad.” In an introductory lecture sandwiched between a viewing of Atom Egoyan’s film “Exotica” and an embarking into Plato’s “Symposium,” O’Connor reads from Homer’s hymn to the god Dionysus and Sappho’s hymn to Aphrodite to provide a sample of the atmosphere of that ancient drinking party. You’ll need to appreciate this atmosphere, because Plato doesn’t shout,” he warns his students. “Read the ‘Symposium’ as if your life depended upon it... which it might. Read Plato as you would read a love letter; as you would listen to the voice of a lover, listening even more for what’s not there than for what is there.”

A concurrent associate professor of classics, O’Connor is at pains to point out the nuances often lost in translation of poetry and song from ancient Greek to modern English. “It can be frustrating,” he says. “You lose so much in the explanation, much as when you have to explain a joke. Once you explain it, it isn’t funny anymore.”

That frustration moves him to blurt a daunting recommendation: “I really wish you’d all just learn Greek,” he tells his startled undergraduates. “It can be much happier people, and it doesn’t cost any more to learn Greek than not to learn it.” Whether or not O’Connor is able to persuade his students to imitate his own mastery of a difficult ancient language, he is undoubtedly exhorting them to an equally challenging ambition.
"If we want to do this like a real election, we might as well hang chads and butterfly ballots," Gusi Gari, Senate Community Relations committee chair, said.

"This is your country. You shouldn't be lethargic or lazy and just want to sit in your dorm or off-campus house," Robin Brown, Lewis Hall senator, said.

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"We're going to have block parties around South Bend in an effort to encourage students to vote," Brown said. "It's a good way to bridge the gap."

Gari, who attended the Riverside polling center, said this was the process of meeting people from the Youth Security Police and the South Bend Police Department in order to discuss student safety.

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"Keep your stuff in your car out of sight," Shibata said.
"Put your self in the shoes of the bad guy. Walk around the area where you live and see if there is anything that would entice you to break in." Shibata said that he has seen break-ins where windows broke into cars for items such as cell phone chargers, hallway pay phones, CDs and cash and spare change in cupboards and on counters. Both Shibata and Shiba advised students to keep a list of at least five phone numbers on their property.

Shibata advised students not to leave boxes for new TVs, DVDs, video games or other expensive items in front of their garbage cans outside. These boxes should be broken down and placed in garbage cans or bags.

"[All criminals] have to do is go around and see if there actually know exactly what you own," Shibata said.

"You can keep your property out of sight, but people are a lot less likely to look if they think you're impsized," Shibata said.

"Students should use their alarm systems and be sure to always keep doors locked, even if people are home inside the house," Shibata said. Shibata suggested that students who have a creative way to make sure resident's never leave doors unlocked.

"Maybe whoever leaves the doors unlocked has to buy pizza," Shibata said.

Shibata advised students who bike to and from campus never to stop for anyone. "If they ask for a ride, ride on by and call us," she said. Shibata said she once saw a student have to play a trick of advantage of you.

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President Grant Schmidt said, "The more the better, simply not a poll." Shibata said that the mock election ballot would allow students their gender, college, and major to vote on a number of topics. Senators have the ability to close the ballot at any time.

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Ten killed in Finnish school shooting

KAUHAJOKI, Finland — Police released details Wednesday about the victims of a school massacre in western Norway, saying eight women and two men were killed by a 22-year-old gunman.

They confirmed the shooter was Matti Saari, a student at the school who was questioned by police a day before Tuesday's rampage about YouTube clips showing him firing a handgun. Saari was released Monday because police said they found no reason to keep him in custody.

The National Bureau of Investigation said all the victims were female students, while one of the men was a teacher and the other a student. The bureau said Saari also wounded an additional female student before shooting himself in the head.

Georgian schools cancel classes

TBILISI, Georgia — Before Georgia's war with Russia, the parents of Salome Lomadze, a lively 3-year-old with curly dark hair, had no reluctance to walk her up the street to school every morning, starting this month.

But now it is one of 50,000 Georgian children, government officials say, who won't be attending classes this fall because their schools — mostly kindergartens — are now shelter (ten of thousands of people who flee to the north).

Abroad, Russia's crushing defeat of Georgia's military in August severely damaged its relations with Moscow and the West. In Georgia, a struggling Caucasus Mountains nation of 4.4 million, it has created a slow-motion humanitarian crisis, with repercussions far beyond the former battlegrounds.

National News

Obama wants to keep planned debate

NEW YORK — The economic crisis and raw politics threatened to derail the first presidential debate as John McCain challenged Barack Obama to delay the Friday forum and join forces to help Washington fix the financial mess.

Obama rebuffed his GOP rival, saying the next presidential candidate's speech at Capitol Hill.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush: Fast action to save markets

President invites McCain, Obama, congressional leaders to White House meeting

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Wednesday warned Americans and lawmakers against relaxing their resolve to pass a $700 billion financial rescue plan that faces the task of getting the first steps wi ng out retirement savings, rising fore­

congressional leaders to White House meeting on Thursday to work on a compri­

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treatment to thousands more people each.

Stroke sufferers benefit from medicine

LOS ANGELES — Stroke sufferers can still benefit from clot-busting medicine even if they receive it an hour or so beyond the critical three-hour window after symp­

forced to make plastics and fertilizer.

But with the nation facing the biggest financial meltdown in decades, Bush took the unusual step of calling Democrat Obama personally about the meeting, which Perino said was aimed at making fast progress to stem the biggest financial meltdown in decades, were still being set.

Stoke sufferers benefit from medicine

CONGRESS

China milk products ban, recall dairy products

Chinese baby formula tainted with the chemical has been blamed for the deaths of four infants and the illnesses of 33,000 others in China. Health experts say ingesting a small amount of the chemical poses no danger, but melamine can cause kidney stones and lead to kidney failure. Infants are particularly vul­

More than a dozen countries have banned or recalled Chinese dairy products — the latest was France which does not import Chinese dairy products but has halted imports of Chinese biscuits, candy or other foods that could contain Chinese dairy derivatives. The govern­
This increased efficiency not only is of economic benefit, but also provides an environmental benefit as it requires less fuel," Kempf said. "The remaining portion of electricity used on campus is purchased from the local electric company, Kempf said.

Water usage

Of the 900 million gallons of water Notre Dame used in the most recent fiscal year, nearly 400 million gallons end up as sewage, Kempf said. The rest, he said, goes primarily to sprinkler heads on quads and irrigation. "In general, the balance, or 500 million gallons of water, is principally attributable to irrigation," Kempf said.

Irrigation systems have increased over time, water consumption that ends in sewage has remained relatively stable, with only slight decreases. "Water conservation techniques for toilets, sinks and showers have provided some improvement," Kempf said.

Waste and recycling

Between January and June, the University disposed of nearly 3,000 tons of waste, according to Facilities Operations data. "We've made the switch to single-stream recycling," O'Hara said. "The University leadership continues to grow." Authorities said that irrigation has increased as the developed areas of campus have been grown. "We would estimate that irrigation consumes roughly two million gallons per day, during the half year period, according to the same data. The University has been collecting data from all areas on campus. For example, Notre Dame used nearly 900 million gallons of water in the half year, according to the same data.

Facilities Operations data showed a usage increase during the past months the University community increased nearly 2,200 tons of non-recyclable waste, which primarily went to landfills.

Facilities Operations reported using 8.9 million feet of toilet paper per year, OIT reports that there are 22 computer-type devices (ranging from computers to handheld devices) connected to Notre Dame's computer network and Food Services reports handling approximately 3.5 million tons of food waste from meal trays in one year.

Notre Dame's Office of Sustainability is using these numbers to focus its efforts. Mazurek said his office has identified seven "core areas" to work on to sustainability issues: energy, waste reduction, design and construction, procurement, transportation, food services and water. The Office of Sustainability will continue to compile baseline data like the carbon footprint that will help to quantify the University's environmental impact. That data will help give a better sense of "where the University stands," Mazurek said.

Energy generation and use

While higher than usual energy consumption is cause for concern, Kempf said Notre Dame's methods of on-campus energy generation are relatively efficient and environmentally friendly. In the past year, the University power plant generated approximately 52 percent of the electricity used on campus using a process called co-generation, Kempf said.

"This process begins with the production of steam that is then used to drive ... generators to produce electricity," he said. "The exhaust steam is used to heat campus in winter or produce chilled water in summer. Coal, oil and natural gas fuel the generation process."

This process has a cycle efficiency of nearly 60 percent, Kempf said, whereas typical generation methods have cycle efficiencies of approximately 30 percent.

Just this week, O'Hara said, a second compacter that was previously used for non-recyclable waste was converted to handle recyclables. He said he expects other compacters to follow suit as recycling continues to grow.

Starting with a student-led initiative in the 1990s, recycling processes on campus now use single-stream recycling, meaning that recyclables need not be separated.

O'Hara said the University made the switch to single-stream recycling. Waste Management, the contractor that handles waste disposal, was able to accommodate the single stream process.

After personally visiting the recycling center outside Chicago, O'Hara said he was impressed with the machines used to separate recyclables. He said he felt this is a step in the right direction.

"The bottom line is, if you're in doubt, recycle it," O'Hara said.

Assessing the total impact, setting strategic targets

In addition to the data collected on waste, water and energy, the Office of Sustainability is gathering and processing data from the other core areas of procurement, design and construction, transportation, and food services. After compiling a credible set of baseline data, Mazurek said the Office of Sustainability will develop a set of quantifiable performance targets to work towards. Mazurek said his office is committed to "getting people on board" with the sustainability goals he sets. He said there's nothing turning back now.

"Not being sustainable is not an option," Mazurek said.

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Goldman starts capital-raising program
Plan includes investment from Warren Buffett, common stock offering

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Goldman Sachs Group Inc., seeking to improve not only its balance sheet but its standing with investors, has underwritten a huge capital-raising program that includes an investment of at least $5 billion from Warren Buffett and a common stock offering for another $5 billion.

Just a week earlier, Goldman had enjoyed a precocious ground as its stock price posted a muted response to fears that it could not survive as an independent investment bank. But the company contended Wednesday that the current crisis in the financial markets, which sent Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. into bankruptcy court and Merrill Lynch & Co. into a sale to Bank of America Corp., wasn't the catalyst for the deal.

"Although we're working under no pressure to raise capital, we've always said if an opportunity arose, we would look at it," Goldman spokesman Lucas van Praag said. "Raising capital "gives us greater firepower and greater flexibility," he said.

Goldman said Wednesday it was raising $5 billion through a common stock offering, doubling the amount it raised the day before. Goldman priced 4.55 million common shares at $123 apiece. An additional 6.1 million shares may be sold to cover over-allotments, potentially boosting proceeds by $750.3 million.

Buffett, considered among the top investors in the world, will invest $5 billion in Goldman's common stock and receive an option to purchase an additional $5 billion in Goldman stock. Buffett said during an interview on CNBC, "There's no better firm on Wall Street." Buffett acknowledged other investment banks, including Lehman, had approached him in recent months, but he passed on those investment opportunities. He declined to discuss the deal beyond the comments made on CNBC.

The investment by Buffett — which Goldman called an anchor for its common stock offering — will likely provide reassurances to a nervous market, said Brad Hintz, an analyst with Sanford C. Bernstein and a former chief financial officer at Lehman.

Wall Street appeared pleased with the moves. Goldman stock rose $4.95, or 4 percent, to $130 on the New York Stock Exchange. "If one thing is for sure, Goldman knows how to reorient itself for a changed environment, and this move is what was needed now," Deutsche Bank analyst Miko Mayo wrote in a research note. "The result should be increased confidence."

Buffett's investment will be his second major foray into Wall Street. In the late 1980s, Berkshire Hathaway invested in Salomon Brothers Inc. When the investment firm admitted wrongdoing in bidding for U.S. Treasury bonds in 1991, Buffett became interim chairman and helped Salomon reach a settlement with the government before stepping down in 1992.

Salomon was later sold to what is now Citigroup Inc.

The preferred stock purchase by Buffett will pay a dividend of 10 percent annually and can be repurchased by Goldman at anytime for a 10 percent premium. The warrants to buy common shares are exercisable by Buffett at anytime in the next five years at a price of $115 per share.

Goldman's efforts to raise capital come just days after the company received regulatory approval to convert to a bank holding company, and less than two weeks after the bankruptcy filing of Lehman set off fresh concerns about the fragile credit markets.

House votes to end offshore drilling ban

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said in a statement: "Unfortunately, the president's willingness to veto any sensible compromise on offshore drilling, which would have threatened to shut down the government and send a signal of necessary change during these hard economic times and a financial crisis on Wall Street, led to the expiration of the current moratorium."

She made clear the battle over offshore drilling was far from over, saying she looked forward to addressing the issue "with new leadership in the White House."
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Long also encouraged students to take a leadership role at the grass-roots level.

"Talk to somebody who wasn't here" about the issues of sustain-
able energy and their impact on the future, she said.
It's time for America to step up on the energy issue, Carter said.

"We're tired of building tribu-
tories to all of our collection failures and don't want to build monu-
ments to hope and possibility," she asked.

The current absence of an ener-
gy policy is an American failure, Immelt said, and this failure has con-
sequences.

"The worst of all is we have no energy policy, no call to arms and that people are afraid," he said.
People have a lot to be afraid about.

"What the country needs is for a leader to step up and provide an energy policy," Immelt said.
Right now we have a vacuum and that makes people afraid," he said.

But the energy policy that Immelt suggested would not limit development to certain technolo-
gies.

"Let freedom reign," he said.
I wouldn't specify. Then the entre-
preneurial capital will do things we've never seen before.

Americans can solve this prob-
lem, Carter said.

"It's not like this is the first time America has gone through a cri-
sis," she said, referencing World War II. "We need to call on the great resources we have, includ-
ing the American people, and "expect them to rise to the challenge and the occasion."
For Americans to take action, Ritter said, we need to view energy use as something that has an impact.

"We need to think about it in terms of scarcity," he said.
We need to make a case to the people of this country that we have some-
thing at stake."

Ritter said he thinks the younger generations need to take ownership of the energy problem.
He said once he woke up and thought, "My children aren't thinking about climate change change right now, they're out clubbing.""
"This is your problem and it's my problem," he said. "You need to understand you're part of the solution too."

The energy problem is some-
thing that transcends individual backgrounds. While Carter spoke about the issue very emotionally, Immelt said that the closest he ever came to spending time out-
doors was on the golf course.

Ritter was a prosecutor running for governor when he realized "the state of Colorado wasn't ever going to be an inspiration to everybody," he said.

"We stood by and watched," he decided to make energy reform a central component of his campaign, and has found that "people were yearning for this to happen," he told The Observer after the forum.

No matter what perspective the panelists brought to the energy issue, however, they agreed that the issue should be a personal one for students.

"It's your world," Montez said.
Immelt said students can bring any perspective to the energy issue and be able to see that their interest is necessary.

"Think about this in terms of what's in your heart and what's in your head," he said.
"If you study what's going on, you'll come to a conclusion that this is what's important."

Notre Dame's Energy Use Forum moderator Anne Affleck-Graves, a professor of environmental studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, echoed the need for leadership in energy issues. "Get out and vote."
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Residents return to Galveston after hurricane

Associated Press

GALVESTON — Ten days after Hurricane Ike, this devastated beach town reopened to residents Wednesday with stern warnings about what still lurks on the island — rotting cattle carcasses, snakes and swarms of mosquitoes — and what isn’t there: drinking water, reliable electricity, medical care or sewer service.

After spending hours in traffic that backed up for 10 miles, some residents found their homes in ruins.

“I wasn’t prepared for this,” taxi driver Patricia Davis said as she swatted away mosquitoes and surveyed the remains of her apartment, which had its entrance blocked by collapsed walls, wrecked furniture and sodden clothing.

City officials hoped most of the 45,000 residents who fled before the Sept. 13 storm would stay away until more repairs could be made.

“We didn’t promise paradise when you came back here. We’ve got a lot of work to do,” City Manager Steve LeBlanc said Wednesday.

The city has limited drinking water, few working sewers, limited electricity and minimal medical facilities. Officials extended the disaster declaration for 90 days.

What Galveston does have is ripening in the tropical heat: Rotting food in piles of debris where houses once stood, millions of mosquitoes and an abundance of snakes. The carcasses of cattle that drowned during the storm are too badly decomposed to be moved, they’ll rot in the fields just outside the city limits.

Residents of the island’s most severely damaged area, on the island — rotting cattle carcasses, snakes and swarms of mosquitoes — and what isn’t there: drinking water, reliable electricity, medical care or sewer service.

“Being here today kind of gives me some closure,” said Anita Arredondo, who found a pile of rubble where her two-story home once stood. “I have not been sleeping well, worried about what we could save and what we couldn’t.”

Ken Holman said he wished city leaders had allowed residents to return sooner because it might have allowed him to save more of this mother’s belongings from the house she lived in for 56 years. The home was inundated by 4 feet of water.

“Just the fact it took us this long to get in here, that kind of hurts,” he said.

The city has opened a shelter for 100 newly homeless residents, and officials hoped to set up more shelters on the mainland for residents whose homes are uninhabitable.

The city and the Federal Emergency Management Agency are considering a plan to allow residents to live in FEMA trailers in their driveways or near their houses during repairs.

But progress was slow: The island’s three electrical inspectors and two plumbing inspectors were ordered to inspect every flooded property before allowing residents to turn on the gas or flip an electrical switch.

LeBlanc asked other cities to send more inspectors.

“It’s not a healthy and safe place to be at this time,” said Mark Guidry, county health director.

At Ruby Holman’s house, where water lines stained the walls four feet above the floor, daughters Sharon and Ann wore bright yellow gloves and white masks as they carried away buckets of debris, including prized books.

The carpet inside Holman’s home was so soggy, it soaked through everyone’s shoes. The air inside the house was so choked with mold and mildew, a visit could only last a few minutes at a time.

Diane and Eddie Howard found that one of their homes, which they had bought only three weeks ago, was destroyed by the storm.

The other home, which they are trying to sell, was flooded by 8 feet of water, ruining the first floor but sparing many of their personal belongings on the second and third floors.

“I’ve been through all kinds of hurricanes,” said Eddie Howard, who was born on the island 77 years ago. “This is the worst one.”

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Nearly 50 residents are still missing, LeBlanc said.

Roughly 45,000 of the city’s 57,000 residents fled Galveston island, about 50 miles southeast of Houston, along with hundreds of thousands more from other sections of the Texas coast.

Residents of the island’s most severely damaged area, on the island’s west end, were allowed to visit their homes but not permitted to stay.

Gov. Rick Perry toured damaged areas Wednesday and announced a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development rental assistance program to help hurricane victims.

A Galveston resident returned to her badly damaged apartment Wednesday near two weeks after Hurricane Ike hit.
Russia emerges in nuclear program dispute

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The U.S. has found an emboldened Russia wielding enormous leverage at a critical stage in disputes over the Iranian and North Korean nuclear programs, a once-promising partnership with Moscow in doubt.

After a month of bitter exchanges over Russia’s war with Georgia, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice came face-to-face Wednesday with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and discovered Moscow’s cooperation on Iran and North Korea may no longer be a sure thing.

The atmosphere was awkward, but not chilly, for the highest-level contact between the two nations since Russia invaded Georgia in August in a dispute over a separatist border region, according to a senior U.S. official who was present.

“There was not shouting, table pounding or histrionics,” said Daniel Fried, the top American diplomat for Europe. But neither Rice nor Lavrov were able to agree on anything beyond general statements of support for the Iran and North Korea efforts.

“This was a polite, thorough exchange of views where the disagreements were quite clear,” Fried told reporters. Rice outlined the U.S. position on Russia’s war with Georgia while Lavrov repeated Moscow’s defense of its military action, he said.

Fried said the United States was unconvinced by Lavrov’s arguments and that problems Russia is facing because of its invasion of Georgia “cannot just be wished away.”

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Lavrov said it was not “rocky,” adding that both sides had agreed to be pragmatic regarding issues that divided them, such as the brief conflict over Georgia in August.

“We agreed that we must not make this situation a rock on which everything else would hit,” Lavrov told an audience at the Council on Foreign Relations.

While Rice did not expect to sway Lavrov on Georgia, she was seeking Russia’s support on Iran and North Korea less than a week after she raised the stakes by publicly denouncing Russia’s growing authoritarianism and aggression.

With Iran nearing the ability to arm a nuclear warhead and North Korea moving to restart a disabled atomic reactor, the United States needs Russia more than ever in the international efforts to eliminate the threats.

But Russia on Tuesday scuttled high-level talks on imposing new sanctions on Iran that had been set for Thursday between the foreign ministers of the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and Germany. Even sanctions opponent China had agreed to the meeting.

U.S. officials, including Rice, have sought to downplay the move, saying the time wasn’t right for the session. But they had previously said such a gathering would be useful and necessary to get fourth U.N. Security Council sanctions resolution on Iran.

At their meeting, Rice and Lavrov “agreed that there would come a time for another 15-plus foreign ministers meeting,” but did not say when that might be, according to Fried who used the formal name for the group.
It ain’t even being green

Its official. Being “green” is a full-fledged cultural movement.

How can I proclaim this with such unencumbered certainty? Time Warner Cable Channel 1226: Planet Green. The movement has its own official cable channel (regular and HD). The channel features all kinds of “green” programming, showing hip, cool people doing hip and cool things, and green products. From Emeril Lagasse’s organic cooking show to Tommy Lee and Chris “Ludaris” Bridges’ eco-tour face off, the channel really does make being green look fresh and stylish. The crown jewel, however, in “Alter Ecor,” Adrian Grenier, of Entourage fame, introduces a few of his friends who are building a fully green house in L.A. They then spend the majority of the show helping other high-end designers “green up” the operation.

To their credit, the folks on this show are green machines; they do everything possible to make everything some form of “all natural” or environmentally friendly. Popularizing the movement in this way, through television programs, and pop culture trends, paints “greenness” as requiring us to drop our way of life to reach eco-friendly nirvana. This is not only inefficient, and a waste of resources — but fairly disheartening to those who feel they are making an effort to do their part.

The truth is, it is easier bein’ green. While there are three primary channels through which action can be taken (personal/consumer, government and market), an average person really only has control over the first: personal and consumer use. Today, however, even taking control over your personal environmental footprint can seem daunting. Thousands of new products fine the shelves advertising how each is better for the environment than its competitor. There are detergents that are chemical free, shampoos that is 50 percent recycled, and cars that advertise they can travel a million miles per gallon. Recently, Terra-Hockey, an environmentally friendly marketing firm, released a report entitled “The Six Sins of Greenwashing.” In it, they concluded that 99.9 percent of consumer products bearing an environmental/green marketing claim were false or misleading. This isn’t very reassuring to those hoping to save the world one bottle of $8 organic/chemical-free/nontoxic/made of who knows what detergent at a time.

My advice: Take all of that, throw it out the window and stick to the basics. Rather, work on and fine-tune your basics. These are the practices that have been espoused by bland public service announcements since you were five years old. Unfortunately, in the flood of personal household solar panels and gutter rain barrels, their relative importance seems to have diminished. So to remind us all, here is the short list:

1. Recycle your cans and paper. Currently, paper makes up a full one third of solid waste generated. Over 55 percent of paper is still dumped into landfills rather than recycled. On campus, with bins in all classroom buildings and in each dorm, there is no reason any paper should end up in the trash can. Additionally, only one in four aluminum cans are recycled. That is about eight cans out of a case of Natty. I know this one is harder, but do your part. Stop it, it is easier bein’ green.

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The other 95 percent is wasted out into the air while it remains plugged in. The same goes for your laptop charger; unplug it. The easiest way to do this is to simply plug all of your chargers into one power strip and when something isn’t charging, simply flip the switch.

3. Finally, when the market works out the energy problem (which it eventually will), make the right choice. For the next couple of years, it will be more expensive to use alternative energy than conventional energy. However, drastically cheaper alternative sources are at our doorstep. A Nevada company, Aura, expects to be able to handle base loads for up to 30 percent of the entire southwest United States within ten years at a price very close to current kilowatt per hour rates. All you have to do, when the time comes, is choose to pay an extra penny or two per unit.

That’s all. Over the course of a month, this may only amount to ten bucks. More importantly, it will spur further investment and push profitability thereby adding economic incentive for big business to use and create clean energy even more. After all, oil would never have spread so quickly throughout the world had it not been for Nelson Rockefeller and Standard Oil. Now, let me put a personal disclaimer in for myself. In no way do I think it is wrong or unhelpful for a person to go above and beyond in following the three basic tenets. However, the cost effectiveness and returns on one individual’s environmental obsession is far less helpful than inspiring more and more people to do the basics correctly. So let’s not go overboard and frighten people away from making the little changes that can make a large effect; just remember to keep reminding people to unplug chargers and recycle their tests.

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"Kyle McCarthy is so pretty." — Jenn Metz

The Observer news editor
Do you ever have recurring nightmare? Some situation you fear that you may not even think about in the midst of being asleep. You wake up again while your unsuspecting brain has let its guard down in your sleep. Even after nearly 20 years after the last exam of my education career, periodically I still have a dream in which I show up for a final only to realize that I had somehow neglected to attend the class most of the semester, and am therefore spectacularly unprepared, guaranteed to reveal my stupidity to the professor in a most dramatic fashion.

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Ani DiFranco is Back with RED LETTER YEAR

By ANALISE LIBARI
Scene Editor

Ani DiFranco is back. Granted, she hasn't really gone anywhere — her new release, "Red Letter Year," is her most recent release on her independent label — Righteous Babe Records — and her 18th studio album in as many years. Still, "Red Letter Year" is DiFranco's first album after giving birth to her daughter, Petah, with partner and producer Mike Napolitano, and it feels like a renewal for the singer-songwriter. As she said recently in a press release accompanying the album, "I've got myself a new mantra ... it's coming in very round here."

"Red Letter Year" will be released in stores on September 30.

Recommended Tracks: "Emancipated Minor," "Red Letter Year," "Alla This" and "Land Gear"

The title track, "Red Letter Year," opens the album and has a somewhat minor tone. DiFranco opens strong with powerful vocals, a slight electronic edge to the guitar and an effective use of piano. The song nods wryly to the sense of renewal with lines like, "They didn't mention how much sh*t was gonna change around here." Later, she sings, "when you wake up sick as a dog/With dull eyes and really bad hair... and the water is rising/And it's coming in everywhere/Just remember you were there/You were always there." She plays with sound sensibilities here, incorporating different effects into the recording. The track also ends on an unexpected note of guitar with shades of orchestration.

"Alla This," the second track, reasserts DiFranco's feminist ideals. "I will not stand immersed in this ultraviolet curse/It won't let you make a fool of me/I will keep my mind and body free." It's clear with "Alla This" that female singer-songwriters in her wake, such as Alanis Morissette, have taken a few leaves from the DiFranco book of songwriting. The song's "stick-it-to-the-man" feel is empowering, especially in light of DiFranco's new motherhood.

For a new listener, DiFranco's vocal style might seem off-putting. Her vocals, like "Red Letter Year," itself, have a funny habit of growing on you with additional listens. Tracks like "Round A Pole" are surprisingly better the second or third time around. Other solid songs include "The Atom," with its use of the Indian sitar in the background; "Present Infant," with its sweet mom-daughter themes; "Landing Gear," with its catchy beat and casual style; and "Red Letter Year Reprise," an unexpected six minutes of Nola flair to close the album. "Red Letter Year" will be released in stores on September 30.

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**Weekend Events Calendar**

**THURSDAY**

**Thursday:** "Mountaintop Removal" (2007), Browning Cinema, DPAC

If you’re one of the hundreds of students to participate in one of the University’s Appalachian seminars each fall or spring break, then it’s likely that you’re familiar with the coal-mining process of mountaintop removal. If you haven’t gone on a USC seminar, maybe if you have, or even if the Forum got you interested in learning more, visit the Browning Cinema tonight for the latest film in the NO Forum films series on sustainable energy, “Mountaintop Removal.”

**Friday:** Dennis Stroughmatt & Creole Stomp at Football Fridays Block Party — 100 Block S. Michigan Street

Dennis Stroughmatt & Creole Stomp is a nationally known band famous for their Louisiana-style music. Their blend of French Creole, Cajun, Blues and Zydeco style music is heading north to South Bend for the latest in the series of Football Friday block parties being held downtown.

The bandleader, Dennis Stroughmatt, is a francophone and an expert in French Creole music and culture, often traveling to give seminars and workshops on the French presence in North America. If you’re looking for a night of spirited New Orleans soul, look no further. Tickets are $5 per person, and two-for-one tickets will be sold from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday night. Students can purchase tickets at the College Football Hall of Fame and the South Bend Marriott Hotel.

**Saturday:** Images from the Era of the French Revolution, Snite Museum of Art

If you’ve got some free time before Saturday’s football game, or if you’re looking for some art entertainment away from the gridiron, visit the Snite Museum this weekend. The Museum is currently featuring an exhibit called “Images from the Era of the French Revolution,” a collection of French drawings and paintings that rose out of the turbulent years of the Revolution and the Terror.

The exhibit is inspired by a collaborative conference to be held in the Annenberg Auditorium in October, "New Paradigms for Revolutionary Studies: French-American Colloquium."

**Sunday:** Mighty Clouds of Joy — Visiting Artist Series; Leighton Concert Hall

With almost 50 years of experience singing gospel music, and over 30 albums to their name, Mighty Clouds of Joy are legendary gospel artists. Their impressive praise and worship repertoire gives way to the faith and understanding of the groups members, whose love for their craft is obvious. "They find something in gospel that they don’t find in any other kind of music," said Bata, lead vocalist of Mighty Clouds of Joy, told the DPAC Web site. "They know Christ is real — even though they’ve never seen Him, because they can feel his presence in gospel music." The latest in the DPAC’s series of Visiting Artists, Mighty Clouds of Joy will perform 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets for students cost a mere $15, a solid discount given the $40 price tag for general admission.

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**Dining Hall Dish**

**Friday:** Tuna and Cream Cheese Bagel

By MICHELLE FORDICE Assistant Scene Editor

Not everyone is going to agree with me on this one, but tuna is delicious. Despite the problems having to do with over-fishing an issue that sadly and inevitably affects nearly all of the common species and the research being done concerning mercury levels through it does seem that they are concluding eating is tuna is fine, as long as it is done in moderation, as with all things, I can’t stop myself from eating it. So this week’s recipes are a tribute to the versatile and easily accessible tuna.

**This week’s recipes:**

**Tuna and Edamame Casserole**

I find something really comforting about tuna casserole. It’s one of those warm, simple and filling dishes that make you feel at home.

1. Fill a pasta bowl with short (shell), or fusilli (bow tie), conchiglie (shells), or fusilli (tortellini) and top it with one of the dining hall’s Alfredo sauces. (Go ahead and try something slightly to the right or left too, such as South’s Ranchero Alfredo sauce. It will give it a different taste, but a good one. You are looking for a creamy sauce.)

2. Add edamame (Boiled soy beans, for those of you who are unfamiliar. If you aren’t a fan, feel free to substitute with a vegetable like peas.), mushrooms and a cheese you like that matches with your pasta sauce (cheddar is pretty reliable) from the salad bar.

3. Mix ingredients together.

4. Heat it all in the microwave for about 45 seconds to soften the mushrooms, melt the cheese and get it all nice and hot.

5. Enjoy! This tuna casserole, of course, doesn’t get the benefits of that crusty top that comes from baking, but you’ll still get to enjoy the same creamy inside. Serve it with some good bread.

**Tuna and Cream Cheese Bagel**

Tuna melts are one of my favorite quick meals. This is a spin on the basic idea, adding in cream cheese and putting it all on a bagel.

1. Fill a bowl with tuna from the salad bar.

2. Pick up lettuce, tomato, slice of cheese (provolone or cheddar both work well) and a lemon wedge.

3. Toast a bagel.

4. Spread cream cheese onto both sides of the bagel.

5. Squeeze the lemon into the tuna: add a dash of pepper and mix.

6. Top one side of bagel with lettuce, tomato, cheese and tuna. Close it off with the other bagel.

7. If you like, stick in the microwave for a few seconds to tone it all up.

**Quick Tip**

The dining hall provides a pretty good tuna salad all set to go. Make yourself a quick salad with spinach, red onion, cheese and olives, top it all off with a mound of tuna and you’re set to go. Or give it a stir and go for the good old tuna sandwich – tuna, tomato, lettuce, cheese and whatever other condiments you enjoy. (I like Dijon mustard.)

Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mfordice@nd.edu.
Ryan endorses manager for ‘09 after Rangers’ win

Drew returns to lineup for first time since Aug. 17; Red Sox get late run to beat Indians, keep pace with Rays

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — For Nolan Ryan, it has been a long rookie season (as president) of the Texas Rangers.

Hired in February to revitalize a franchise that has never won a playoff series, the Hall of Fame pitcher has spent the season evaluating the entire organization and trying to determine what changes need to be made.

But after the home finale Wednesday, the Texas Rangers rookie left-hander went with two wins.

In my mind, you’re going to be back I have no reason to think differently,” Ryan said in a hastily gathered postgame meeting, “I don’t anticipate a change.”

Ryan also stuck with Washington after Texas got off to the worst start in team history, 7-16 in April. The team rebounded by winning seven straight series and got to six games above .500 in early August before a slumping finish that ensured the Rangers (77-82) would have their eighth losing record in nine seasons.

“I think it played hard for him under bad conditions in April, and I think he played hard for him all year,” Ryan said. “With a streak for the first time in a month...”

Harrison was one of seven pitchers who made their major league debuts this season, with Texas, which used a club-record 55 players (30 pitchers).

While Harrison was a bright spot, Ryan said the emphasis during the offseason has to be pitching — the Rangers had a majors-worst 5.41 ERA. But he doesn’t expect the team to be in the big-first-round sweepstakes for expected free agents like CC Sabathia and Mark Prior.

Texas pitcher Matt Harrison throws a pitch during the Rangers’ 4-4 win over Oakland Wednesday. Harrison threw six innings giving up two runs and striking out seven.

The only AL starters with more victories than Harrison since he made his major league debut July 8 are Cleveland’s Cliff Lee (11) and Toronto’s A.J. Burnett (10). Blalock’s three-run homer, his 11th, erased a 1-0 deficit in the fourth and put Texas ahead to stay. After Blalock was hit by a pitch to start the sixth, Nelson Cruz homered on the next pitch to chase Dana Eveland (9-9).

Travis Metcalf also homered and Michael Young went 4-for-4 with a walk for Texas, which has a 2 1/2-game lead over Oakland for second place in the AL West with three games left for both teams.

After missing 91 games this season because of injuries and playing only 28 games last year, Blalock isn’t certain of returning with the Rangers. The club has a $6.2 million option for 2009, or a $250,000 buyout, on the two- time All-Star third baseman who switched to first because of shoulder problems.

But Blalock is showing he can still hit, going 17-for-37 over the last 10 games. He has a streak of six consecutive games with an extra-base hit, a run scored and an RBI.

Blalock’s homer came off left-hander Eveland, who didn’t allow another homer to a left-handed hitter in his 29 starts this season.

“I got into trouble with the home run... I gave up some hits on some pitches I thought were pretty good. You can’t make a mistake against this team. They can swing the bats,” said Eveland, donning a platinum blonde wig and female police officer’s outfit.

The costume was part of the hazing of 17 Oakland As, who were dressed in female costumes for the trip from Texas to the West Coast.

The last batter Eveland faced was Cruz, whose 422-foot home run off the Green Monster near center field for a standup triple, Kotsay, also swinging at the first pitch, lined one down the first-base line and into the corner for an RBI double.

Manny Delcarmen pitched the ninth for his second save.

Red Sox pitcher Jon Lester pitched 2 2/3 scoreless innings with an extra-base hit, a run scored and an RBI.

Red Sox right fielder J.D. Drew runs to first base during Boston’s 5-4 win over Cleveland Wednesday.

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**NFL**

Giants wide receiver Plaxico Burress extends for a first down while being forced out by Redskins safety LaRon Landry during New York’s win on Sept. 4. Burress will sit out the Giants’ next game against Seattle.

**Burress suspended for 1 game**

**Associated Press**

**EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.** — A yearlong ankle injury could not keep Plaxico Burress out of the New York Giants’ lineup last season. The lack of a telephone call this week apparently is going to cost him a game and more than $235,000.

Less than a month after handing the man who caught the winning pass in the Super Bowl a new $35 million contract, the Giants on Wednesday suspended Burress for a game for missing a practice and not calling to explain his absence.

Burress’ agent insisted the nine-year veteran had an undisclosed family emergency on Monday and will appeal the ban to the NFL Players Association.

“We have had success here because of the team concept,” Giants coach Tom Coughlin said in discussing the suspension, which was handed down during a bye week for the Giants (3-0). “And the team concept means basically that everyone is accountable and responsible and that we don’t let the other guys down. And that is what we are trying to do.”

As part of the suspension, Burress will not be allowed to practice until after the Oct. 5 game against the Seattle Seahawks. That means he will miss two weekly paychecks, totaling $235,294.12 of his $2 million annual base salary.

The Giants refused to say why Burress was suspended, but agent Drew Rosenhaus claimed Burress had a family emergency that has now been resolved.

Rosenhaus said Burress spoke with Giants director of player development Charles Way on Monday evening, but he added there was “miscommunication” between the player and the team.

When asked specifically why Burress did not telephone the team or answer repeated telephone calls Monday to discuss the absence, Rosenhaus avoided answering the question.

Burress has had other problems with the Giants since signing as a free agent in 2005. He was benched for the opening quarter against San Diego early in 2005 for being late for a meeting. He said his wife was pregnant and he went with her for a test.

Coughlin and general manager Jerry Reese informed Burress of the suspension Wednesday morning before the team held practice.

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**In Brief**

**Sore shoulder sidelines Pettitte for season**

TORONTO — New York Yankees pitcher Andy Pettitte is done for the season because of a sore left shoulder.

"It’s giving me a little trouble," Pettitte said. "I’ve thrown enough innings. There’s not any sense in going out and continuing to kill myself now, to push myself through anything."

Pettitte had an MRI exam on his shoulder earlier this month, revealing no major damage. He won his last start on Sunday night, beating Baltimore in the final game at Yankee Stadium.

The 46-year-old Pettitte went 14-14 in 33 starts and threw 204 innings. His 4.54 ERA was his highest since 1999, when it was 4.70.

New York was eliminated from postseason contention Tuesday night when Boston beat Cleveland 5-4.

**Tigers reliever Jones announces retirement**

DETROIT — Tigers reliever Todd Jones is retiring, he announced in his own column in the Sporting News.

"So this is it," he wrote in the latest issue of the magazine. "If you’re a Tigers fan, I’ll never stress you out again. If you’re not a Tigers fan, you’ll never have me as your ace in the hole, convinced I’ll blow a lead against your team."

The 46-year-old Jones went on the disabled list in late July with an injured right shoulder. He was activated for one game in mid-August, gave up five unearned runs, and went back on the DL.

Jones was 4-1 with 18 saves in 21 chances this year and a 4.97 ERA. Jones has 319 career saves with Detroit, Houston, Minnesota, Colorado, Boston, Cincinnati, Philadelphia and Florida. He’s 14th on the all-time list and his 235 saves for Detroit are a team record.

**Packers Harris has “serious” spleen injury**

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Cornerback Al Harris has a “serious” spleen injury that requires a cautious approach, but he hasn’t been ruled out for the rest of the season, Packers coach Mike McCarthy said Wednesday.

“I'm hopeful he'll be back,” McCarthy said. “The frame time just hasn't been established.”

Harris was injured in the first quarter of Green Bay’s loss to the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday night. The injury is believed to be a ruptured spleen, which sidelined them Tampa Bay quarterback Chris Simms for the rest of the season in 2006.

Harris, one of the Packers’ top defensive players, won’t be able to do any significant physical activity for at least a week and will not play in Sunday’s game at Tampa Bay.

Harris left Sunday night’s game in the first quarter after he collided with Packers linebacker A.J. Hawk.
Lions fire President Millen

**Associated Press**

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — Matt Millen insisted he would stick with the tough job of turning the Detroit Lions into a winner instead of returning to the broadcast booth to make easy money.

So the Lions got rid of him. Finally.

The Lions fired Millen seven-plus years after the acclaimed TV analyst and Super Bowl-winning linebacker took over as team president for one of the NFL’s mediocre franchises and made it the worst.

“I have relieved Matt Millen of his duties effective immediately,” Lions owner William Clay Ford said in a statement Wednesday afternoon.

Message seeking comment were left on Millen’s cell phone.

Millen’s team won a league-low 13 games since he took over in 2001, but his loss failed to get rid of him until Wednesday afternoon.

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Onens abounding as baseball playoffs near

Associated Press

A black cat skulking across the field. A surprise note from a former star. An inno-
cent ground ball that takes an incredible hop.

Sure, a big hop from Manny Ramirez, Ryan Howard or Evan Longoria can help a
team make the playoffs. But oh, those little omens can really push a team toward
October.

"Sometimes you hope fate falls in your favor," Miller Lite center fielder Mike Cameron said after a late comeback. "Baseball's a funny game. It builds charac-
ter. It'll bring you joy. It'll bring you a lot, a lot of anger sometimes."

No such worries at Wrigley Field or Fenway Park — stadium workers can begin putting up the decorative hunting. Also ready is devil-

ish Tropicana Field, where the Tampa Bay Rays have

sold out the first two postsea-

dom races remain.

Time to make a move. To suc-
cumb to, as Mets manager Jerry Manuel conjured up, "The burden, the clouds, the demons, whatever you want to call them."

That is, for people who believe in such things.

"Good teams don't need omens. Bad teams are looking for them," Hall of Famer Mike Schmidt said in an e-mail Thursday.

More on him later, by the way.

So either the Chicago White Sox or Minnesota will win the AL Central, the loser is out. Same goes for the Los Angeles Dodgers and Arizona in the NL West.

The Mets still hope it's their season, a year after one of the biggest collapses in history. Having blown anoth-
er late division lead to Philadelphia, they're trying to fend off Milwaukee for the wild card.

And that's where that little grounder came into play.

It definitely didn't look like the Mets' night Tuesday, when they fell behind early against the NL Central cham-

pion Chicago Cubs. Needing a big hit, they got it in the most unlikely way.

Or, in Cubs coach manager Lou Pinella called it, "a magic bat trick."

Mets pitcher Johan Santana hit a hopper up the middle that had to be a certain out. But his black maple bat shattered, and the barrel went skipping past the pitch-

er's mound. As shortstop Ryne Sandberg got ready to field the ball, it somehow glanced off the tumbling, broken piece of wood. The ball deflected off Cedeno's glove and went for an infield single.

"It should count for two hits," Santana said. "I was just lucky."

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Recycle The Observer.

No one could recall seeing quite such a play and, no surprise, it keyed a fifth-
inning rally that led to a vic-

tory.

"A fickle, funny game," Mets third baseman David Wright said.

Older Cubs fans didn't find it so whimsical. They still remember all too well anoth-
er night at Shea Stadium.

Back in September 1969, the hard-luck Cubs brought a narrow lead into New York. Then in the first inning, with Tom Seaver pitching against them, Chicago saw something more scary: a black cat skit-
tered onto the field and stared up close at several players in the dugout.

Later, a few of the Cubs admitted it kind of spooked them to see that slinky feline.

Within a matter of days, the

Cubs fell out of first place and the Mets were on their way to an improbable World Series championship.

The Phillies got a boost earlier this month when Schmidt e-mailed a note to man-

ager Charlie Manuel before a series at Shea Stadium.

M a n u e l promptly post-

ed the message on the inside
door of the clubhouse.

"One pitch, one at bat, one play, one situ-

ation, think 'small' and 'big' things. Result, tough at-bats, lots of walks, stay up the middle with men on base, whatever it takes to 'keep the line moving' on offense, 27 outs on defense, the Mets know you're better than they are," Schmidt wrote.

And then, in a poke at the Phils' rivals, he added: They remember last year. You guys are never out of a game. Welcome the challenge that confronts you this weekend. You are the stars. Good luck.

Given their druthers, the players would rather control their destiny.

"Broken-bat contact in clutch situations is usually an out. One time is luck. Next time, sit down," Schmidt wrote Wednesday. "Omens are over."

"The omens you are refer-
in to are driven by hindsight, after a victory," he said. "It wasn't an omen until the game was over and the team won."

The Dodgers won Tuesday night, getting a big home run from Nomar Garciaparra to beat San Diego.

"You want it to be in your hands," Garciaparra said.

Garciaparra also had a message for his young team-

mates in their first pennant race.

"Enjoy it. Don't take it for granted because you may never have this opportunity again. There's a lot of people in this clubhouse that have gone a lot of years and never been in the playoffs," he said.

"I'm just lucky."
CHINESE GYMNASTICS

Investigation to Include 2000 Squad

Associated Press

China's gold medal gymnasts aren't the only ones ages are getting a closer look.

The investigation into the eligibility of the Chinese women's team in Beijing has been expanded to include the 2000 squad, which won the bronze medal in Sydney. The Associated Press was raising questions.

International gymnastics officials are scrutinizing whether Yang Yun and Dong Fangxiao, in particular, were old enough to compete.

"If we had a look at all the articles that came before, during and after the games, there were always rumors about the ages of China's athletes in Sydney," Andre Guesbuhler, secretary general of the International Gymnastics Federation, told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

"We did not have another choice," he said. "If we want to remain credible, then we have to look into things."

No other Chinese teams are being investigated, Guesbuhler said.

"At this moment in time, we just have concerns about 2000 and 2008," he said.

The investigation is ongoing, a month after the Beijing Games ended. It is anticipated that it will be finished.

"It's a work in progress," said Eun Young Lee, the International Gymnastics Federation's director for women's programs. Lee is a woman for the International Gymnastics Federation and said the work had been completed, there is nothing we can say.

Yang's age has long been an issue for debate.

In a June 2007 interview that aired on state broadcaster China Central Television, Yang said she was 14 at the Sydney Games.

Gymnastics rules require athletes to be 16 during an Olympic year in order to compete.

"I'm confident in every guy who's going to step on the field on Sunday, whether it's a starter, a backup, and third-stringer, a scout team guy — it doesn't matter," Brees asserted after practice on Wednesday. "All those guys have put in the time and they're going to be prepared."

"It's never about one guy," he said. "How about two guys? In particular, wide receiver Maquees Colston and tight end Jeremy Shockey."

Colston has led New Orleans in receiving each of the previous two seasons and Shockey is a former Pro Bowl player who was the Saints' second leading receiver each of the first three games this season.

Imagine how coach Sean Payton and Brees must have salivated at the thought of Colston and Shockey on the field together, stretching defenses already preoccupied by quarterback Drew Brees' versatility as both a running and receiving threat.

Colston tore ligaments in his left thumb on opening day, sidelining him up to six weeks, and now Shockey is sidelined for a month or longer with a sports hernia.

"It could be even worse when New Orleans hosts San Francisco this Sunday," Veteran starter David Paton, who has eight catches for 106 yards and a TD, hurt his left groin during New Orleans' 34-22 loss against Arizona last weekend said he did not practice Wednesday.

Accordingly, it's an opportunity for some young guys to step up and get a lot of playing time," Brees said. "I have all the confidence in the world in that group, and I think they deserve this opportunity.

One player likely to see more action is Robert Meachem. If there was every a time for him to prove he deserved to be the Saints' first-round draft choice in 2007, that would be it.

Meachem couldn't get on the field during the regular season. He finally made his regular season debut in the Saints' final game of the 2007 season.

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En route, he also had three catches for 105 yards in his young career, something he doesn't see any need to change his approach this week.

"At receiver, that's probably one of the cockiest positions on any team," he said. "We have to step up, but all our goals are high anyway... We're going to make our mistakes, we're going to dive. We're going to do everything in our power to make sure Drew's happy."

Payton said he hoped to be ready by Sunday, calling his status day-to-day.

Meanwhile, Terrance Copper, a special teams regular who has started sporadically since 2006, was limited in Wednesday's practice because of a hamstring pull that sidelined him for the Denver game.

If they are unable to play, the Saints remaining healthy receivers would be Devery Henderson, Lance Moore and Meachem. The Saints also could activate Skyler Green or Joe West from the practice squad, but would have to temporarily terminate a veteran player's contract to make room. At tight end, the Saints will rely on Billy Miller, who was temporarily released during Week 2, then brought back last week. He caught two passes for 41 yards in Denver.

Payton conceded that losing two top receivers presents "a lot of challenges." Yet, he also noted that most of the receivers who remain have been effective when given a chance...

"Roberts' been able to get open," Payton said. "He's a good job. He made a big play for us last week," Payton said.

"The international federation has required the delivery of all the certificates and all the documents like family books, entries in schools and things like that," IOC president Jacques Rogge said on the final day of the games. "They have received the documents, and at first sight it seems to be ok."
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Lance looking to prove he’s clean

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lance Armstrong is chasing an eighth Tour de France title and an elusive feat, persuading everyone he’s clean.

As Armstrong reunites with his childhood friend and Astana team director Johan Bruyneel, the man behind his yellow jersey, he’s also adding a new member to his support group.

Anti-doping expert Don Catlin has been hired to test Armstrong anytime, anywhere — and to post the results online for the world to see.

“I think it’s the first time an athlete can actually be totally validated on the chance he’s successful,” Armstrong said Wednesday. “In my opinion, Don Catlin is beyond reproach.”

Armstrong revealed details of his comeback two weeks after saying he would end a three-year retirement. He’ll ride for Astana and will compete in the Tour Down Under in Adelaide, Australia, in January.

The setting was the Clinton Global Initiative, the annual meeting of former President Bill Clinton’s foundation. Armstrong held a news conference to talk cycling after announcing a new worldwide campaign to fight cancer before an audience of political and corporate leaders.

As he described his 2009 Tour plans, the 37-year-old Armstrong sometimes made it sound as though this was more a publicity move to raise awareness about the fight against cancer than a legitimate shot at winning an eighth title.

“I think we’re sure we’ll have success with the movement, because we need it,” he said in an interview with The Associated Press, “but I’m not sure I’ll be the fastest cyclist in the world.”

Astana was banned from this year’s Tour because of past doping violations. But Pat McQuaid, the leader of cycling’s governing body, said he believed the team would be allowed to return in 2009.

The UCI Anti-Doping Group, which owns the company that organizes the Tour, has confirmed in writing to UCI that Astana is on its list of teams “that they say can be guaranteed to ride in the Tour de France in 2009 and 2010,” he told the AP.

Tour director Christian Prudhomme didn’t respond to messages.

The makeup of the 2009 Astana team is unclear. Alberto Contador, the 2007 Tour de France champ, suggested in AS newspaper Tuesday that the two elite riders couldn’t coexist on the same team.

In a statement released by Astana on Wednesday, Contador was conciliatory but didn’t commit to remaining on the team.

“Right now people are looking to make up controversy, but honestly I have no ill will towards Lance,” he said. “I identify with his passion for the sport. He has certainly been a role model for me and others throughout the world, and I imagine having him on Team Astana will only motivate me further.”

Contador signed with Astana through 2010, won the Spanish Vuelta on Sunday. Combined with his 2008 Giro d’Italia title, he became just the fifth cyclist to win the three highest-regarded Tours.

“I think there’s room for all of us on that team,” Armstrong said.

Another Astana rider, American Levi Leipheimer, is a former Armstrong teammate with U.S. Postal Service.

“He will make everyone on the team better, and that is a good thing,” Leipheimer said from the cycling world championships in Varsse, Italy.

Armstrong also hopes to improve the next generation of cyclists, starting an under-23 team that will include 18-year-old Taylor Phinney, the son of 1984 Olympic medalists Connie-Carpentier-Phinney and Davis Phinney, finished seventh at the Beijing Games in the individual pursuit. Axel Merckx, a son of cycling great Eddy Merckx, will lead the development team.

Armstrong, the greatest rider of his generation, is counting on Cailln to help cement his legacy. Cailln will be paid by Astana, but McQuaid had no problem with that.

“I would have every faith that the results that he will find will be correct and transparent,” McQuaid said in a telephone interview. “He wouldn’t suffer fools, and he wouldn’t be a man that would be involved in anything unethical or incorrect.”

Cailln oversaw testing for anabolic agents at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and ran the country’s first anti-doping lab at UCLA for 25 years. He now runs Anti-Doping Research, a nonprofit organization he founded to research performance-enhancing drugs, uncover new drugs being used illegally and develop tests to detect them.

Armstrong said he didn’t know what kinds of tests Cailln would use.

Cailln did not immediately return messages and emails left by The Associated Press.

“I think this will be the most advanced anti-doping program in the world,” Armstrong said. “I’m going to talk about it today, beyond today. I’m not going to tell you how clean I am, and I’m not going to intimidate how dirty the others are.

“I’m going to ride my bike, I’m going to spread this message (about the fight against cancer) around the world, and Don Cailln can tell you if I’m clean or not.”

Kazakhstan Cycling Federation deputy chief Nikolai Proskurnin said Armstrong agreed to ride for the Kazakhstan-based team for free the first year and has signed up to take part in five races.

Armstrong wouldn’t rule out competing beyond 2009, but for now that’s all he’s committed to.

His goals for his charitable work are clearer. Armstrong plans to hold a global summit on cancer in Paris after the Tour. He hopes to draw nearly a dozen world leaders, including the next U.S. president.

His schedule in the months leading up to the Tour will be influenced by the campaign to expand his foundation’s fight against cancer to underserved parts of the world.
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Ryder Cup casts shadow over FedEx Cup finale

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Chad Campbell tipped over a small bucket of balls Wednesday and hit 5-irons across the pond on the practice green at East Lake, none quite as true as the one he struck five days ago at Valhalla, that earned a crucial point in the Ryder Cup.

Campbell, the last player to qualify for the 30-man field at the Tour Championship, will be the first to tee off Thursday. He'll understand if his game doesn't arrive until sometime later in the week.

"It's going to take a few days," he said. "I think once the tournament gets going, I'll be good to go. But everybody is a little bit worn out. There are some guys here who are fresh. I just don't think you can name any of them who were at the Ryder Cup."

Ten Americans who were spraying each other with champagne on Sunday are trying to remind themselves that this, too, is a big week. The Tour Championship features a $7 million purse, and for many players, their final PGA Tour event of the year.

The only two missing at East Lake from the U.S. team are J.B. Holmes and Boo Weekley. Sergio Garcia is the only Ryder Cup player from Europe who qualified for the Tour Championship.

"It is different," said Hunter Mahan, who made his Ryder Cup debut going unbeaten in five matches. "It's weird going to build to a finish."

"Any time I've had a close call, and then having to come to such a big event like this. We get a couple days to kind of fall back to earth and just back to the grind a little bit, so it should be good. It may take a round or two to actually get back into the flow of playing tournament golf again."

The Ryder Cup is only one component that has taken the sizzle out of the FedEx Cup finale.

A new points system during the PGA Tour Playoffs brought the kind of volatility the tour wanted, but it knocked out several players that otherwise would have had a right to be at East Lake.

Padraig Harrington missed the cut in his first two playoff events, and for that he becomes the first PGA Tour member to win two majors in one year and still not qualify for the Tour Championship. Also missing is Adam Scott and Geoff Ogilvy, along with the Weekley, who might be the most popular man in golf these days for his antics and shenanigans during the Ryder Cup.

Furyk at least is motivated by trying to pick up his first victory of the year, a goal that applies to 15 other players in the field, such as Steve Stricker, Ben Curtis, Mahan, Campbell and Trevor Immelman.

Even someone like Singh, who won the Tour Championship in 2002, wants to finish off the season with another win.

"This is a big event for us," he said. "Two years ago, three years ago, this was one of the major events on tour. That's the way I still look at it."

But his comment was telling.

"Is the Tour Championship no longer one of the big events on the PGA Tour? It sure doesn't seem like one now, with one guy assured of the FedEx Cup simply by showing up, a field that includes first-timers Kevin Stadler and Keegan Bradley, and a bunch of Americans suffering from Ryder Cup hangover."

What once was considered golf's version of the All-Star game has all the atmosphere of a corporate outing.

And just imagine if the Americans had lost the Ryder Cup.

Two years ago, a World Golf Championship was held in London a week after the Ryder Cup. Furyk recalls being angry about losing, and after taking a day off, getting back to work to fix what was wrong.

"Any time I've had a close call or lost in a playoff, it's usually about a day or two and then I get back to work," he said.

"After you have a big win on tour, it's a little bit of a hangover the next week, and emotionally, it's tough to get up and get ready."

The tour brought this problem on itself, and for that, 10 Americans are thankful.

Remember, the Tour Championship was supposed to be the week before the Ryder Cup, but PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem agreed to move it back two weeks so the Americans (and some Europeans) would be fresh for the event that doesn't pay a dime.

Finchem said he expects a good week and big crowd, and it helps that Saturday's playoff round will be played early, so as not to conflict with the NBC broadcast of Notre Dame football.

Thankfully, Georgia plays Alabama on Saturday night.

In the meantime, he said changes to the FedEx Cup appear imminent.

"We've got to have a climactic finish," Finchem said. "It's going to build to a finish."
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"Farley's win was very impres­
sive on Sunday," Bulldog captain
and quarterback Katie Hackney said. "But we're looking to
see improvement in our fresh­
men and senior safety Kelsey
Young will play a big part in doing
that."  
Rose is also very confident in the
Bulldogs' wide receiver corps.

"We have great receivers in
Carla Lanzilotti, Ryan Conner
and Courtney Raines," she said.

Despite both Fernandez and
Country being freshman, Rose
expects them to be an integral
part of the passing game and
continue to have an impact
throughout the season.

Fernandez caught a touchdown
pass in Badin's 6-6 tie with
Browns-Phillips in their previous
game.

With their last game ending in
a stalemate, Hackney was eager
to finally put a game in the win
column.

"After the tie on Sunday, we're
looking to go out and get our first
win of the season," she said.

Walsh vs. Pangborn

Both Pangborn and Walsh will be
looking to rebound from shutout losses when the two meet
tonight at 9.

Both teams are young and their
inexperience played a key role in
each team's respective losses last week.

Pangborn lost 14-0 to Welsh
Family, but the coaches seemed
pleased with the effort, especially
on the defensive side of the ball.
Middle linebacker Andrew
Rupdale led the defensive push,
slowing the vaunted Walsh
Family offense.

"The defense was solid and
carried us last week," Phoxes
coach Ryan Bell said. "Walsh
Family has one of the best offens­
es in the league and we were
able to contain them.

He also mentioned that while
defensive coordinator Mike Perry
was pleased with results of last week's game, he wants to see
more emotion.

"Perry is looking to create a
Serger Brown, 'Zack me up type
of intensity on the defensive side
of the ball," Bell said.

Despite the defensive effort, the
Phoxes failed to score any points,
making the offense this week's
prime focus.

"We have been working on get­
ting the defense on the same
page," Bell said. "We have to be
able to take advantage of the
opportunities we are given."
Like their opponents, the Wild
Women will be looking to put last
week's loss behidn them.

Walsh lost to Farley 26-0 but
showed encouraging signs on the
offensive side of the ball. Despite
falling to score, sophomore quar­
terback Ali Longnecker was able
to move the ball down the field
and find the open receiver
effectively. Longnecker and the
rest of the offense will work on
completing their drives and find­
ing a way to put points up on
their scoreboard.

The Wild Women also hope to
see improvement in their fresh­
men athletes, many of whom got
their first game experience in the
loss weekend. With some
game experience the Wild
Women hope to look more
aggressive and physical on the
field.

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Phoxes failed to score any points,
when they allowed Western
Michigan to come back and win
after being down by two sets.
"I think that in spurs, we've
played some really good vol­
leyball," Kaelin said. "I think we
just need to work on our
consistency."

Consistency will be crucial as
Kaelin and the Irish hope to
improve on last season which
she considered to be largely
unsuccessful. The Irish
finished with a final record of
15-13 and fell to Louisville in
the second round of the Big
East tournament.

"I think last year we see as
somewhat of a disappointment
because we didn't reach the
goals that we had set," Kaelin
said. "But I feel that it's also like
a learning experience. We don't
want to be there again."  
Kaelin said she
used last sea­son's shortcom­
ings as motiv­ation during
the spring and sum­mer months
to make sure that this year had a
different outcome.

"In the summer we really hit
the weight room hard," she said.
Now, Kaelin is focused on just
one thing on her mind: making
Notre Dame a dominant force
in the Big East.

"Going into the Big East this
weekend," she said. "One of our
big goals is to go undefeated in
the Big East."

The graphic design major
knows exactly what she has to
do to get the Irish to that goal.

"I think I need to have strong
hitting performances every time
I go on the court," she said."

Also, I need to play pretty good
defense, especially on the front
row, doing some good blocking.
"We're going to show that
Notre Dame is a force to be
reckoned with in the Big East."

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well in each and every match, as
opposed to having flashes
here and there.

"I think I need to play a little
bit more consistently," she said.

"I've had some really good
matches and also some match­
es where I didn't play up to my
potential," Kaelin also pointed out
that the message of consistency
translates to her team's play as
well. The Irish have shown that
they can play with anyone in
the country, like when they took
No. 4 California to five sets. But
they also have let a few match­
es get away, such as Sunday

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Christina Kaelin
Irish outside hitter

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**Hitting her mark**

Kaelin racking up kills with major efficiency

By SAM WERNER

Sports Writer

This weekend, Christina Kaelin not only led the Irish past UConn and U-Cleveland, but the junior outside hitter also spiked her way into the Notre Dame record books.

Against Liberty, Kaelin tallied 11 kills and no errors, marking a .733 hitting percentage, the 10th-highest single-match percentage in Irish history. The Louisville native didn’t let up the next night against U-Cleveland, registering 17 kills and 51 assists, setting a new career high.

“This weekend was one of the better weekends I’ve had so far,” Kaelin said. “I think it was because of my consistency.”

Consistency is key for Kaelin, who noted that the one aspect of her game she wants to improve is her ability to play passing game. “We were solid on both sides of the ball,” Gargula said. “Our offense, both our touchdowns through the air, and all our receivers contributed.”

Gargula said she believes the attitude of the team is also an important factor. “We are confident going into every game,” she said. “Regardless of who we’re playing, we think we can out and win.”

The Whirlwinds will face a stiff defense and a proficient offense, both our touchdowns and no errors, marking a .733 hitting percentage in Friday’s win over Liberty.

Junior outside hitter Christina Kaelin spikes the ball during a 2006 match against Bowling Green. Kaelin notched a .733 hitting percentage in Friday’s win over Liberty.

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**Women’s Interhall**

Lewis to open with Welsh Fam; Farley looking to dominate

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Sports Writers

As Welsh Family looks to build off a solid performance, Lewis is eager to prove what it can do when the teams collide tonight at 7 p.m. at Riehle Fields.

The Whirlwinds are coming off a 14-0 victory over Pangborn Sunday. Welsh Fam captain Jenni Dike has scored four goals — top-quality rounds from its defense and a proficient offense, both our touchdowns and no errors, marking a .733 hitting percentage in Friday’s win over Liberty.

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**Men’s Soccer Commentary**

Irish may have Bright future

In seven games so far this season, senior forward Bright Dike has scored four goals — not bad for someone who didn’t play a minute last season. But Notre Dame will need more from Dike this year.

“Dike has said many times, it takes a complete squad to win,” Greg Arbogast, Sports Writer.

As Irish coach Bobby Clark has said many times, it takes a complete squad to win, but a little bit of luck to go deeper into the postseason. Still, a game-breaker never hurts. At 6-foot-1 and 200 lbs., Dike is a physical presence defenses aren’t accustomed to seeing. Running after balls, he reminds you of Vince Young — he doesn’t look like he’s running that hard, yet he’s faster than everybody else on the field.

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**SMC Golf**

Belles fall just short of first in MIAA Jamboree

By ALEX BARKER

Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s placed two golfers in the top four overall but took second by two strokes to Olivet in Wednesday’s second-place finish at the MIAA Jamboree at Thornapple Pointe Golf Club in Grand Rapids, Mich. Sophomore Rosie O’Connor shot a 78 to tie for first in the individual standings. Freshman Jarkie Dill posted a career-best 80 to claim a fourth-place finish overall. Senior Perri Hamma recorded the Belles’ third best score with an 86.

Saint Mary’s was once again plagued by its inability to post top-quality rounds from its fourth and fifth golfers. Freshman Natalie Matuszak, who has been a major contributor so far this season, battled through a tough day to card an 87, and fellow freshman Christine Brown rounded out the Belles’ scoring squad with a 90.

With one Jamboree and a two-round championship yet to be played, the Belles find themselves with 41-stroke deficit behind reigning champion Olivet.

The Belles will compete in the fourth MIAA Jamboree, hosted by Adrian College Sept. 30, before playing for the MIAA Championship Oct. 10.

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