University, police, students react to arrests

Two party busts over the weekend bring number of alcohol-related arrests to almost 60 since students returned to school

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Editor

The second major police raid last weekend resulted in a broken-down door, landed a police officer in the hospital and brought the total number of alcohol-related arrests since students returned to school to nearly 60.

The incident, in which students reportedly refused to open the door and one person punched and kicked an officer while resisting arrest, sent 35 people to jail.

The recent trend to arrest — rather than cite — students for underage drinking has caught the attention of both students and the University. "We clearly don’t condone underage drinking or gatherings that infringe on the rights of others," Brown said. "At the same time, the welfare of our students is our highest priority.

"We have concerns about the handling of some recent incidents that we are actively addressing through appropriate channels.

"Indiana State Excise Police busted a party on Turtle Creek Drive Sunday morning and arrested 32 people for minor consuming alcohol, one person for public intoxication and one person for furnishing alcohol." see ARRESTS/page 5

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SMC’s Johnson elected to ASACCU

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary’s Editor

Karen Johnson, vice president for student affairs at the College, received national recognition by being elected to a one-year term to the board of directors for the Association for Student Affairs at Catholic Colleges and Universities (ASACCU).

The New York-based ASACCU holds annual conferences where leaders from schools across the country can share ideas, resources and advice with one another, Johnson said.

"ASACCU is the resource for student affairs issues as they related to Catholic colleges and universities," Johnson said.

She said she started her work with the organization 10 years ago when she attended a weekend workshop, "The Institute for Student Affairs at Catholic Colleges and Universities."

"When the funding for the workshops ended, the Association was formed," Johnson said. "During the second year of the Association, I hosted the annual conference, and it took off." see JOHNSON/page 5

‘Quarter dog’ prices rise at the Huddle

By SARA FELSENSTEIN
News Writer

Seventeen years ago Jim Labella, general manager of the Huddle, came up with the concept of a limited-time, late-night special that would offer hot dogs to students for just 25 cents.

For a while, everything went smoothly. The “limited-time” special became a staple of Huddle Mart fast food, the Huddle made some money off the sales and Notre Dame had a new thing to boast as tradition.

“Then we started losing money,” Labella said. “We’ve been losing money on every one that we’ve sold for the last five years, basically.”

Labella said last school year, the Huddle Mart served 29,798 hot dogs and lost eight cents on each one of them. That loss prompted the decision to raise the price to 33 cents per hot dog.

“We waited as long as we could,” he said. “Now, at three for 99 cents we’re just breaking even. We’re not making a cent on these.”

A departmental decision was made over the summer to raise the price, Labella said. No other major price changes have been made to Huddle Mart products this year.

“We meet departmentally and look at our costs, and then determine what to change,” he said.

Labella said he looks out to protect Notre Dame traditions just as much as students do.

“That is why the price of the hot dogs had not changed since 1993, he said.

The Huddle never promoted the hot dogs as “quarter dogs,” Labella said. They were simply meant to be a low-cost special offered late at night.

“We never called them quarter dogs — that was a nickname that students gradually took on,” he said.

Labella does not expect the tradition to change or fade now that the hot dogs cost 33 cents.

“We haven’t seen any change in the number of students purchasing the hot dogs this year,” he said.

Regardless, students remain dissatisfied with the price raise. For sophomore Brian Phelan, the remaining of quarter dogs as “midnight dogs” just does not cut it.

“They should be called third dogs, because before they were a quarter of a dollar — now they’re a third of a dollar,” he said.

At least 20 cars were broken into and robbed in the D6 parking lots Sunday night, according to NDSP. Read about the break-ins on page 3.

BURLGARIES IN D6 LOT

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OFFBEAT

Odometer mileage jump baffles vacationing couple

NEW YORK – A couple who left their car parked in a long-term lot near Kennedy Airport during a trip to California were trying to figure out what their car has been doing without them. Mimi and Ulrich Gunthart said their car odometer reading jumped by 724 miles while they were out of town. Ulrich Gunthart said he was “flabbergasted” when he saw the number. Another surprise: when they returned to the car and started it up, a music CD came on at full volume.

David Menter, a regional manager for AvisRentacar, said the company investigated and looked over inventory logs but “found nothing out of the ordinary.” He said there have been no similar claims by other customers, and they will be reviewing its procedures.

The Gambarts said the incident won’t stop them from parking at the lot again.

John Lennon’s toilet sells for $14,740 at auction

LONDON – A toilet that belonged to late Beatle John Lennon, who was murdered in New York in 1980, sold for $14,740 at auction on Saturday, around 10 times its estimated value, the sale organizers said.

Lennon, who was murdered in New York in 1980, sold the porcelain lavatory removed from Tittenhurst Park in Berkshire, southern England, where he lived from 1969 to 1971, and replaced with a new one.

The builders who took away the white and blue lavatory were told to “put some flowers in it or something,” according to the auction catalog.

Builder John Hancock stored it in his shed for 40 years until he died recently and the lavatory was sent for sale. British media reports said.

The toilet was among Beatles memorabilia sold at auction as part of the Beatle’s week festival in Liverpool, the group’s native city in northwest England. The pre-auction estimate was 750 to 1,000 pounds.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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New fences block campus shortcuts

Installation of black posts serves to limit vehicle traffic on grass, protect landscaping

By SAM STRYKER

Newly-erected black posts and fencing that now stand between the sidewalks along several campus pathways have led many Notre Dame students to question their purpose. James Lyphout, vice president of business operations, said the posts serve aesthetic and safety purposes.

“This effort was intended to increase pedestrian safety as well as to minimize the vehicular damage to the campus landscape,” he said. Despite the sudden appearance of the posts and fencing, students should soon expect a better appearance around these new elements. “Sections of fence will soon be landscaped with new plantings that will soften the appearance of the new fences while blending them into the landscape,” Lyphout said.

Sophomore Anthony Cossell believes that as they are now, the poles and fences are an eyesore on campus. “I think they are pretty ridiculous-looking to be placed everywhere,” he said. Senior Anna Katter agreed.

“It makes the campus less inviting,” she said. “They seem silly, like an arbitrary way to spend money.” Junior Melissa Guinan said she understands the purpose behind the posts and fencing, but that does not necessarily mean it was a correct decision to place them around campus. “I try to ride my bike on the grass when it is busy so that I don’t hit people or have to swerve,” she said. “We’ll find other shortcuts. Students aren’t dumb.”

Sophomore Charlie O’Leary said that a few simple additions could improve the sightlines around the poles drastically. “Even if they put some plants or flowers around the poles, that would help them seem less out of place. A little effort would go a long way,” he said. Though he views the poles around campus as looking out of place, Cossell said one other simple change could drastically improve their appearance. “If they made the poles look more like the fences to keep people off the grass, I could understand that, but without being connected they look weird,” he said.

O’Leary said he believes students will soon grow used to the new addition of the black poles. “I understand why they are there,” he said. “It’s just going to take a little time for students to get used to them.” Contact Sam Stryker at stryker1@nd.edu.

Students found new fences around campus upon their return. James Lyphout, vice president for business operations, said the posts serve aesthetic and safety purposes.

They are intended to guide vehicles.

James Lyphout vice president for business operations

Westerink reflects on Katrina’s 5th anniversary

Special to The Observer

The fifth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina (Aug. 29) has caused many Americans, and the news media in particular, to look back on that tragic event and reflect on its meaning.

Joannes Westerink, a professor of civil engineering and geological sciences at the University of Notre Dame, has especially keen insights into Katrina and its significance. As the hurricane unfolded, he was providing forecasts of its incoming storm surge, and in the storm’s aftermath, he played a leading role in the effort to understand the causes of the catastrophe and the development of steps needed to prevent its recurrence.

In 1991, Westerink and his MIT classmate Rick Luettich, now a professor of civil engineering and geological sciences at the University of North Carolina, developed ADCIRC, the Advanced Circulation Model. ADCIRC has since become the authoritative computer model for storm surge used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the state of Louisiana to determine water levels due to hurricane surge and to design levee heights and alignments.

ADCIRC employs computer science, coastal oceanography, mathematics and engineering to forecast tides, riverine flows, wind and wave-driven currents, as well as incoming storm surge. Storm surge is the wall of water pushed onto land as a hurricane comes ashore. The model is increasingly more accurate as geographic detail, resolution and the underlying physics and computational engines are improved. Recent refinements have increased its accuracy to within half a meter 90 percent of the time in hindcasting high water for a hurricane.

As he reflects back on Katrina and its aftermath, Westerink feels that the $15-billion dollar effort that created 350 miles of flood protection in the wake of the hurricane represents real progress. “This was an enormous and very successful effort to build a flood protection system that will do a good job of trying to do what was supposed to have been done in the wake of Hurricane Betsy in 1965,” he said. “Congress finally stepped up to the plate and provided the necessary construction funds to provide protection that should be effective for approximately 40 years.”

However, Westerink believes that there are major issues that still need to be addressed. In particular, he feels that a layered system of protection that places greater safeguards on especially vulnerable areas of the Gulf Coast with high population levels needs to be developed.

ND police investigate burglaries

Observer Staff Report

At least 20 cars were broken into and robbed in the D6 parking lots Sunday night. The cars’ windows were broken and any valuable items, such as computers or Global Positioning Systems (GPS), that could be seen were stolen, said Dave Chapman, assistant director for Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP).

“Basically anything of value that people can see by looking through the windows are the cars they broke into,” he said. “You can break a window and take something out of a car in about five seconds.”

Chapman said the cars were broken into between around 9 p.m. Sunday night and 4 a.m. Monday morning. Although security vehicles patrol campus, they were not in the D6 north or south lots during the time of the break-ins.

“We can’t be everywhere all the time, unfortunately,” he said. NDSP is processing the evidence and taking fingerprints of cars in hopes to find the suspect. They are also helping students tape up their car windows and vacuum up glass, as well as directing students to shops where their cars can be repaired.

Chapman advised students not to leave valuables in the car, even if it is a just a GPS base. “If the GPS has a base on it, don’t leave the base sitting on the dashboard because that the person there is probably a GPS sitting in the car,” he said.
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By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

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Student body president Catherine Soler speaks to COR members at an April 14 meeting. She led the year’s first CLC meeting Monday.

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Mosque site fire worries Tennessee Muslims

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — A suspicious fire that damaged construction equipment at the site of a future mosque in Tennessee has some local Muslims worried that their project has been dragged into the national debate surrounding Manhattan’s ground zero.

Authorities told leaders of the Islamic Center of Murfreesboro that four pieces of heavy construction equipment on the site were doused with an accelerant and one set ablaze early Saturday morning. The site was not patrolled at all hours by the sheriff’s department.

Federal investigators have not ruled it arson, saying only that the fire was being probed and asked the public to call in tips. Eric Kehn, spokesman for the Nashville office of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, said arson is suspected.

The site has already seen vandalism, said Joel Siskovic, a spokesman for the FBI in the Memphis office. A sign at the site was spray-painted with the words “Not Welcome” and torn in half. The FBI is investigating the fire in case it is a civil rights violation.

“We want to make sure there are not people acting with the intent to prevent people from exercising their First Amendment rights,” Siskovic said.

Essam Fathy, chairman of the planning committee for the mosque, said he has lived in the city about 25 miles southeast of Nashville for almost 30 years and has never run into problems with his faith until now. He’s concerned that outsiders could be involved.

“I don’t think this is coming out of Murfreesboro,” he said. “There were no issues at any time, even after 9/11, there were no issues. It just seems like there’s a movement in the United States against Islam.”

The debate in New York over a proposed Islamic community center and mosque two blocks away from ground zero has pitted advocates for religious freedom, including New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and President Barack Obama, against opponents who think it is insensitive to the victims of the terror attacks.

Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen, a Democrat, weighed in on the project for the first time on Monday.

“I guess I would ask everybody to remember that this is a country whose deepest origins are in religious freedom — it was founded by people who escaped to it to practice their religions — and to ask people to please have great respect for anyone’s religious preferences and their rights to practice those in the United States,” he said.

Supproters of the Tennessee mosque and some leaders in other faiths hope the fire could be a wake-up call to support religious freedom.
**Arrests**

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to minors.

One person was also arrest-
ed for resisting law enforce-
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cer and conduct and minor consuming alcohol.

Tim Cleveland, excise police
commander for the district, said
many of the arrests were Notre Dame stu-
dents, but he could not con-
firm that all were from
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The excise police were in the area of the party because South Bend
Police asked them to check a location of
another party. When officers
arrived, the party they had
been called for was not occur-
ing, but they discovered the
party on Turtle Creek Drive.

Cleveland said, "They stumbled across the one at Turtle Creek," he said.

"It's a higher likelihood that you'll be incarcerated if you try to hide and attempt to destroy evidence and fail to cooperate."

*Tim Cleveland
Excise Police commander*

**Johnson**

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at my previous institution, Saint Mary's University in San
Antonio, Texas. She said she has remained an active
member and has continued to volunteer for jobs
since the confer-
ence was held in Texas. According to
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She said she and her fellow
members on the board have goals
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presence, improve commu-
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Johnson said her position
should not affect her role at
Saint Mary's, but it is always an honor to represent [the]
institution on a national board.

Johnson said the knowledge
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"Keeping current with what is happening in Catholic higher
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In her student affairs career that has spanned more than 30 years, Johnson said, "the more things change, the more they stay the same." She said she enjoys her work at the College.

"I really love working at Saint Mary's. We have learned so much from the student affairs here," Johnson said.

"We've had a couple parties in St. Ed's as opposed to just going straight off campus," he said. "Then when I have gone off campus, I haven't stayed anywhere too long."

Grasberger said the arrests are especially notable because of the other crimes occurring in the area that could have more of an impact. The South Bend police are not focusing on the things that are important for law enforce-
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Over the course of our short yet fruitful lives we have experienced many fads, from Tamagotchi to babies to furby to pokemons. There are too many ways of spending so many elementary school classes across the country that the hope was huge and the craze seemed never ending. I still have a trunk of silly bands and rubber bands somewhere that contains an almost complete set of the mini Beanie Babies McDonald’s has aged with their Happy Meals. And a reason against trading Pokemon cards had to be enforced during recess at my school. And now, when cleaning up your virtual pet’s poop was everything. Some might have expected us to be beyond all that. Well for some, it is still a thing now that we are college students, but it seems that isn’t so. We have a new fad that seems to be so powerful it has followed us into our college years. I first heard about Silly Bandz when my roommate was showing me her collection as she was teaching a second grade last class. I immediately thought they were awesomely stupid, but the kids could have so much fun collecting and trading them just as we did back in the day with pokemons. So it is a new bigger, better fashionable gimmick that can become a phenomenon even among 21-year-olds.

If you do not know any young children, or if you simply never take note of the behavior of young students, then you are asking, what exactly is a Silly Band? Simply put, they are silicone rubber bands that take shape in a design in some sort such as an animal, object, letter or symbol. They can be worn on your wrist or anklet as an almost normal rubber band, only to resume their original shape when taken off. Pretty cool.

I also think Silly Bandz are a great fashion trend for the new generation of kids. I would think that a little kid would probably just be as taken by the trend as we were, but kids could have so much fun collecting and trading them just as we did back in the day.

As I see a classmate, friend or stranger wearing a Silly Band around campus, I wonder where they got it. Did they buy it from some poor, innocent child? Did they bully their little brother into giving up his favorite dinosaur? Did they beg their mom to buy a package in the aisle at Target? Or did they actually buy them for themselves? That $5 that could have been spent on your cover at Fever.

Silly Bandz are created by Diane Arbus and Notre Dame who are also Wearers of Silly Bandz, where you got your Bandz and why you like them? If you have ever all you will to visit www.sillybandz.com to discover the absolute wonder that is the world of Silly Bandz. “My Silly Bandz” by the aspiring rapper Young Siege. As Mr. Siege says: "Be careful with who you call "hats" on [his] bandz" I will say that I am not trying to do that. I am merely trying to understand why you all find them attractive.

“Are they simply only if you get the original brand and not an imitation? Are these bandz truly as awesome as their popular seems to say they are? Or are they jaffy and — well, to put it simply — just silly.”

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Silly Bandz

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

My Notre Dame family. I am writing to you about a little adventure I like to call the Summer of Love. Last fall I applied for, and somehow got, a placement for the Center for Social Concerns International Summer Service Project in Kolkata, India. The site places two Notre Dame students in Kolkata to work with the Missionaries of Charity, the order of nuns Mother Teresa founded.

I went off thinking I would discover a little more about love: how to give and to receive it. It ended up being a complete understatement.

Arriving in Kolkata, I was sure I would end up volunteering at an orphanage, although I promised myself I would start with working at Arritman, a shelter known as Kalighat, a home for the destitute and dying of Kolkata. Mother Teresa founded the home to care for people in their last hours, to give them dignity and love; to make them feel like humans before they died. I was scared beyond belief to work there. How could I, a lowly student, do anything for these poor people who had suffered so much?

No surprise: I was incredibly wrong. I found I loved Kalighat. As I gave the patients medicine, fed, clothed, and washed them, they gave me boundless amounts of love. They held my hand, just as much as I held theirs. They massaged my back when I looked stressed. Then fanned me when I was drenched in sweat. They offered me their stories, their smiles, their hugs. I undeniably received invaluable lessons: I learned how to love.

Mother Teresa once said, “We have been created for greater things: to love and to be loved.” Her simple words present a challenge and a blessing, to truly live our humanity to the fullest we have to love, but we also receive it. So this Fall of Love I challenge you all to love each other. Held open the door for someone else. Smile at that person you barely know but pass all the time. As I found this summer, sometimes it is the smallest actions that can offer the most love. Go out into the community. Do a week-long service project over fall break. Apply for an ISSLP. Spread the love.

Enjoy the Fall of Love! I can’t wait to see how love has transformed campus next spring.

Love until it hurts,

Anne Huntington
junior
abroad
Aug. 29

Summer of Love

This right here? This is big enough for me to write a story in. I could tell you such a tale...but I won’t...you haven’t earned it yet. Want to know how you can go about doing that?

Write in a letter.
**Get Him to the Greek**

The plot of this movie was predictable and written on the movie poster itself. It seemed to bank on the success and popularity of “Superbad” and “Forgetting Sarah Marshall.” While entertaining at times, it tried to develop a dynamic and dark character. Aldous Snow, the British rocker, which did not fit the comic theme of the movie. P. Diddy was the star of the movie, proving his newfound dedication to acting. Any scene he graced with his presence was hilariously novel. Unfortunately, Jonah Hill and Russell Brand didn’t come close to the comedic value of the rap mogul, making this movie over-hyped and underwhelming.

**MacGruber**

MacGruber was surprisingly entertaining and may be the funniest movie you haven’t seen. Despite the movie’s affiliation with the utterly awful sketch on “Saturday Night Live,” the movie delivered a refreshingly funny parody of spy movies and the MacGyver series. Admittedly, it was a low-brow comedy movie, but Will Forte and Kristen Wiig provided much better performances than they do on Saturday nights. The writing was at times cliché and rude, but without the occasional ripped-out throat the movie would lack comedic value differentiating it from the awful original SNL skit.

**Despicable Me**

“Despicable Me” is the epitome of studio abuse of 3-D movies. Not only was this a children’s cartoon, but “Toy Story 3” there were absolutely no scenes where the 3-D could be noticed. Other than that, the movie was quite and the little girls were absolutely adorable. Steve Carrell showed his acting flexibility with an accent that held throughout the movie, causing his first success releasing a family film (contrary to what happened with “Dan in Real Life” and “ Evan Almighty”). Overall it was an average children’s comedy that was neither terrible nor great.

**The A-Team**

This action-packed film wholly succeeds as a remake of the 1980’s television hit with a modern twist, as this time around the main players are Iran War veterans. The A-Team is an oddball group of renegades that must clear their name after they are set up for a crime they did not commit. The film is three parts action/adventure part comedy, the perfect combination for an explosive, fun summer blockbuster.

**Knight and Day**

This action-comedy is formulaic and cheesy but it is also incredibly fun due to delightful performances by Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz. The film’s premise of a defective spy on the run with a stranger he just met works because of Cruise and Diaz’s undeniable chemistry. Cruise plays the slightly deranged Roy Miller and leaves audiences grinning.

**The Twilight Saga: Eclipse**

If you can get past Kristen Stewart’s awful wig and bad acting, it is easy to see that “Eclipse” is the best film of the Twilight Saga thus far. Bella is once again in danger while simultaneously being torn between her vampire boyfriend Edward and werewolf best friend Jacob. But with an ever-increasing budget and more experience by the young actors, “Eclipse” is better than its predecessors. Oh, and Taylor Lautner is shirtless, again.

**Eat Pray Love**

A soul-searching adaptation of Elizabeth Gilbert’s best-selling memoir, this film is about one woman’s search for fulfillment. Portrayed by Julia Roberts, Gilbert.trots all around the globe to find her true purpose and a sense of balance in her life. To find that balance between a longing for independence and a desire for love, Gilbert decides to travel to three different locations, each with a specific purpose, to Italy to eat and enjoy life, to India to find her spirituality and to Indonesia to clear balance between the two.

**Toy Story 3**

The third installment in the beloved computer-animated children’s series, “Toy Story 3” blends comedy, adventure, insight and raw emotion. Andy, now 17 years-old, is expected to store away his old toys that he has outgrown before going off to college. Hilarity and hi-jinks ensue when Woody, Buzz and the other toys are mistakenly donated to Sunnyside Daycare. The most commercially successful Pixar film yet, the movie is a must-see, especially for loyal viewers who have enjoyed the “Toy Story” series from the beginning.

**Inception**

Director Christopher Nolan (“Memento”, “The Dark Knight”) returns with his uncanny ability to create for both the masses and critics alike. Leonardo DiCaprio, in his second psychological thriller of 2010 (“Shutter Island”), gives himself unto Nolan’s unique, but somewhat clunky vision, as a dream extractor assigned one last big job, which without coincidence is his last shot at redemption. The problem here, like in some of Nolan’s other films, is that his character is meant to be emotive and full of angst, but that feeling never quite runs through DiCaprio’s veins in his great, yet blemished performance. Instead “Inception” as a whole, operates in impressive fashion that leaves a little more to be desired.

**Exit Through the Gift Shop**

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**Scott Pilgrim vs. The World**

“Scott Pilgrim vs. The World” can be summed up in three phrases: “comic book,” “speed dating” and “balls.” Scott Pilgrim is a visual rollecoaster that is weak on plot, but honestly, who cares? From start to end, the movie is filled with unusual and entertaining characters, hyper-realistic martial arts battles, great music and more visual affects than your brain can handle. Edgar Wright has done what a few years ago would have been a pipe dream: bringing the look and feel of a comic book to the big screen. Awesome upon awesome upon awesome.

P.S. For all you Michael Cera haters out there, in this movie he gets punched in the face. A lot.

**Salt**

Evelyn Salt’s (Angelina Jolie) seemingly stable life as a CIA agent gets turned upside down when she is suspected of an affiliation with a Russian spy group planning to assassinate the president. Though it remains uncertain throughout most of the film whether her allegiance lies, the action is worth watching. Think of Jolie as a female version of the character Liam Neeson played in “Taken.”

**Sex and the City 2**

Carrie and the girls were back this summer with another flashy, dazzling big-budget ode to sex, the city, couture clothing and, this time around, women’s rights, the Middle East, marriage, parenthood and menopause. Unfortunately for the film foursome, the movie was so big and overdone, and way too long, that it sapped the heart out of what once made “Sex and the City” so great. Do yourself a favor and skip this movie and checkout the original HBO series instead.

**Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time**

Jake Gyllenhaal ventured out to the Middle Eastern desert this summer with the video game adaptation of “Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time.” In the end, it really is just another mindless action flick, but Gyllenhaal is totally charming as Istan, a street-rat-turned-Prince wrongfully accused of killing his father. All “Aladdin” allusions aside (and there are plenty), “Prince of Persia” is a fun movie full of parkour stunts, scary snakes and star-crossed love. Abstract Milona’s great supporting role is perhaps the highlight of the movie. Just try not to think about the film’s political correctness.

**Robin Hood**

Here is Russell Crowe and Ridley Scott (the duo behind “Gladiator”) teamed up once again this summer for a new adaptation of the legend of Robin Hood. But gone are the green lights and general merrymaking. Rather Robin Hood, played by Crowe, and his band of merry men are more concerned with saving a small village from the evil and greedy wrath of King John. History buffs will enjoy the reference to the signing of the Magna Carta at the end. Though not a great movie overall, Scott’s “Robin Hood” brings a grittier tone to the story than is typically found in the movies. And Russell Crowe is still, even at 46, a bona fide action star completely capable of carrying an entire movie on his shoulders.
There are two types of music listeners: hunters and gatherers. Hunters are always on the prowl, reading music blogs and magazines, tuning in the soundtracks of movies and TV shows, and Googling lyrics they hear on obscure radio stations. Music hunters have accounts at Pandora and last.fm, a collection of ticket stubs from this summer, and about 18 “Personal Best Of” lists. Hunters are ruthless in their pursuit of the perfect song, and go out of their way to explain a detailed opinion on everyone from Lady Gaga to Bon Iver. Gatherers are in love with the music. They listen to songs on the radio and slowly fall in love. They eagerly collect mixes from their hunter friends, listening intently to the music that has been handpicked for their enjoyment. They casually ask who did “that one song” on the mix they just received, in hopes of gathering more. They are passive in their pursuit of new music, and are content with the 300 songs on their iPod that they have purchased based on iTunes top-10 tracks. They are willing to fall for whatever is currently playing, but will voice an opinion if asked. They aren’t manic when it comes to new music, in fact, gatherers let new music come to them.

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By ALEX KILPATRICK
Scene Writer

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Ramirez adjusts to life with Ozzie, White Sox

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Manny Ramirez will have to follow two nonnegotiable rules if he’s going to play with White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen.

No. 1: Stretch with your teammates.

No. 2. Be on the field for the national anthem.

That’s it. Well, he may have to trim the dreadlocks. But that’s about it.

“I want him to feel comfortable here,” Guillen said Monday. “I want him to like it here. I want him to have fun and I want him to be happy.”

Back to frighten pitchers who haven’t seen him regularly in a few years, Ramirez flew to Chicago the night against the Indianapolis Colts Pro Bowl running back, understands his situation very well. He can do to the Indianapolis Colts Pro Bowl running back, understands his situation very well.

“I’m not even sure what (The Bengals game) is big for us,” James said. “It’s just another game for us to play better.”

“It’s a learning process. Each game we have to get better,” James said.

Cincinnati could be his final season of a two-year contract to arrange bartering or send resume to Earls of Beaconsfield.

The secret of success in life is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes.

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Our destiny changes with our thoughts, we shall become what we wish to become, do what we wish to do, when our habitual thoughts correspond with our desires.

- Onison Swift Marden

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Clijsters comes back in U.S. Open

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Defending champion Kim Clijsters briefly lost her step on a windy day before regaining her timing to win her 15th straight match at the U.S. Open.

The second-seeded Belgian beat Hungary’s Greta Arn 6-0, 7-5 in the first round Monday. She fell behind 2-0 in the second set, and the 104th-ranked Arnd had a chance to serve out the set at 5-4. But Clijsters got the break, then did it again to clinch the straight-set victory.

Clijsters said she wasn’t aggressive enough playing with the wind at her back early in the second set, waiting for the ball instead of moving up for it.

“She kind of put me under pressure a little bit more than she should have been the other way around,” she said.

A year ago, Clijsters was a wild-card entry in her third tournament back after 2 1/2 years away from the sport. Now she’s one of the favorites to win the Open.

Melanie Oudin and Francesca Schiavone also showed they can change. Oudin, who refused to let a court appearance ruin his day.

And his actions spoke of a man fewer but every bit as forceful.

If anything, Schiavone seems to be having fun in the spotlight. Asked why she’s a fan favorite, she playfully replied, “I attract them because I’m beautiful.”

Schiavone acknowledged that maybe she’s a bit more motivated at a Grand Slam than at other tournaments. Schiavone, seeded No. 6, had been just 3-3 since winning at Roland Garros. She lost in the first round at Wimbledon and dropped her opening match at three other tournaments.

She was pleased that her first-round match was in the grandstand — a year ago, she was relegated to an outer court.

“I like to do it, because adrenaline is coming up and I enjoy much more than play in faraway court,” she said with a laugh. “Maybe because I am 30 years old and now I want to enjoy with people.”

Kim Clijsters of Belgium enjoys her win against Greta Arn of Hungary in the first round of the U.S. Open tournament.

Clemens pitches not guilty in court

WASHINGTON Roger Clemens stood up to the plate Monday and took a swing in an intimidating moment.

The seven-time Cy Young Award winner sporting a black blazer and blond highlights in his hair, marked the official beginning of a court case that could tilt baseball even further and land the “Rocket” in jail.

U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton presided over an arraignment hearing that lasted less than 14 minutes in the ceremonial courtroom at the federal courthouse, across the street from the Capitol.

Walton set April 5 as the start of jury selection — the Monday before the baseball season, and also around the time a case involving Barry Bonds, Jr. the all-time home run king, could be wrapping up in San Francisco.

Petre Rose, Darryl Strawberry, Dwight Gooden and Denny McLain are among former baseball stars to have spent time in jail. Clemens and Bonds, who chased history on the field throughout their careers, now could become the first to do so in a federal courtroom.

They are both in jeopardy of becoming the first baseball player to be convicted of a crime related to the performance-enhancing drug imbrolio that has sullied their sport for much of the past 15 years.

Clemens faces six charges — including perjury and obstruction of Congress — but could get off on one technicality.

He two weeks to reply to a grand jury investigation.

He turned to one of his lawyers, wearing a striped red, white and blue shirt and blond highlights in his hair, as the second of two subpoenas, one sent by the grand jury and one issued by the Justice Department, arrived.

“Not guilty, your honor,” he said, before leaving the courtroom.

Clemens was released with no bail and no real restrictions. His case has dragged on for months when Durham asked that the court hold his passport, and Clemens turned to one of his attorneys and shook his head.

“I think he’s well-known enough that if we were to deport the country, someone would know who he is,” Walton said.

Back then, Clemens testified: “Let me be clear. I have never taken steroids or HGH.”

That’s a good deal of scientific evidence that needs to be parsed over hearing dates and to an Associated Press investigation.

The case has been portrayed, probably simplistically, as one of Clemens’ word against those who gave unfriendly testimony against him in Congress. Typical figures are there is his former trainer Brian McNamee, who said the pitcher did use steroids and HGH. Former teammate Andy Pettitte also told congression investigators that Clemens told him he had used HGH — a conversation Clemens said Pettitte “moo.”

But in asking to push the start of the trial to next year — with the agreement of the prosecutors — Hardin said there is much scientific evidence to sift through, as much as including pre- sumably the syringes McNamee says he used to inject Clemens with drugs.

On Monday, Hardin was given access to the grand jury testimo and FBI interviews that were used to indict Clemens, along with a 34-page master index and 12 computer discs of evi- dence. Durham called the evi dence “voluminous.”

There’s a good deal of scien tific evidence that needs to be tested. He told the jury: “We’re at the mercy of the experts.”

While the crux of the case is whether Clemens used steroids or HGH, any conviction would have to come on evidence that he lied to Congress about it. It’s a sort of backdoor way that authorities that have been accused of using PEDs.
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these two teams will be more like our style. "I think the fans are going to see see two teams that are very similar in style this weekend, and I would expect it to be the same when we got west to UCLA."

Both teams are talented, too. "Santa Clara's got a really good goalkeeper, [junior Bianca Lunner], and I think she's going to make a difference," Waldrum said. "They also have a young girl we were recruiting a little bit. [Julie] Johnson, the freshman in their midfield, they've got this year. With UCLA, they've got kids like [junior midfielder] Sydney Leroux, who won the Golden Boot at the under-20 World Cup. They're really loaded with talent - you look at that roster, and it's made up of a lot of national team kids, so they're going to be pretty solid through and through." Wedged in between the Broncos and Bruins will be upstart Texas Tech, which has a familiar face at the helm in coach Tom Stone, who played for Waldrum at his first coaching job at MacArthur High School in Irving, Tex. "[Texas] Tech is going to be new for us because we haven't played them since 2004 and they've got a new coach in Tom Stone that's been there about three years now, and he's probably been the one coach that they've had over the last decade that has actually been able to turn that program around." Waldrum said. "I'm going to expect that he's going to try to play as much soccer as he can too because that was kind of his style when he was a player."

The Irish will take on Santa Clara Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field.

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out and digging her heart out. "She's an explosive player," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "She plays with a lot of experience and emotion, keeps everybody fired up and talks to them on the court a lot." Silva's fired-up attitude is clear to her coaches and teammates, but she also has the stats to back it up. In her sophomore season, Silva recorded 323 digs, the most of any returning player, and added in 22 over the weekend in the Shamrock Invitational. But the numbers don't come without some hard work.

When she joined the team in 2008, Silva's speed often caused her legs to move faster than her arms, making her passes jerky. This problem also came from her background in soccer, not volleyball, which came as a second choice at first. "Initially I liked soccer better, but then I think the challenge of a new sport was really what pulled me in, especially because I started out as a bit of a journeygirl," Silva said. "I am relatively small, so having to prove myself against other taller opponents was a lot of fun. I fell in love with the fast-paced nature of the game." Learning to slow down the game in her body and mind has made Silva the stronger player that she is today. From the start of her freshman year to now, Brown feels that Silva has improved in all of her skills on the court, including becoming more patient in her passing and smoothing out the bumpy passes. Furthermore, she has improved to become a skilled defensive specialist, able to read and understand a team's strategies in order to make better defensive moves herself. But Silva's growth is not limited to her athletic abilities.

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"She's an explosive player," Irish coach Debbie Brown said. "She plays with a lot of experience and emotion, keeps everybody fired up and talks to them on the court a lot." Brown said. "Her team is what is most important to Silva and what keeps her motivated throughout the season, athletically and academically. When she came on a college visit in high school to Notre Dame, she tried to dislike the school. A southern California native, Silva had ties to USC but was pulled in by the atmosphere on campus. "I was blown away by the amount of spirit, tradition and pride that I could potentially be a part of," she said. "I also felt an immediate click with many of the girls on the team as well as the coaches. I truly felt at home and knew that I could not pass up on the opportunity. "I have been really self-motivated my entire life and am never satisfied. I want to continue to improve and get better every day and know that day in and day out I am giving everything I have to my team. I get uneasy thinking that while I am resting somebody else could be out there working harder, so I do everything I can to make sure that doesn't happen." As Silva and her teammates work toward another successful season in hopes of a second consecutive undefeated Big East season and a run in the NCAA Tournament, there are only a few goals on their minds. "As a team and individually I think a huge goal is to make the NCAA Tournament, each match better than the one before," Silva said. "Every day we have to be focused and united as a team to get better. A huge theme for our team this year is the concept of "one team, one goal."" Silva and the Irish will be advancing in their journey to perfection this week as they travel to Reno, Nev., to play in the Nevada Invitational Friday and Saturday.

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During her freshman year, the team did not perform up to its ability, but the memory of a less successful season has stayed with her for the last few years. As a sophomore, Rafael and the Irish went to the NCAA Final Four for the first time in program history. They returned again last year, but injuries held them back once again.

Now, as her last season with the Irish approaches, Rafael wants to change that. “I would be lying to say I would not be dreaming of a national championship this year,” Rafael said. “Coming so close these past two years, and especially after last year’s loss, the hunger for achieving more is even greater.”

Unlike the lengthy roster of a football team, the tennis squad’s small group changes the dynamic of the team itself. “If we were any bigger, I feel that we wouldn’t be as close as we are now,” she said. “We know the ins and outs of each other and are able to take time to support everyone on the team because there aren’t that many of us.” Despite the fact that tennis, as a sport, relies heavily on individual performances, Rafael has found no negative competition during her time with the Irish.

“We are competitors, but we use that to push each other to become better players and better people,” Rafael said. “Where other teams have lost focus and become more concerned about winning for their own individual goals, we use that to push each other and compete.”

Notre Dame’s solid defense, high-powered offense, and consistent goalkeeping efforts have led the Irish to a 14-6 record on the year. The Irish have scored 118 goals this season and have allowed 46, resulting in a goal differential of 72.

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ranked recruit in the nation, according to Golfweek. Zhang’s older brother, Dustin, is a senior on the Irish men’s golf team.

“Nicole has so much potential,” Holt said. “From tee to green, she doesn’t have a single glaring weakness in her game. More importantly, she enjoys herself out there and loves the game.”

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RecSports
Water polo squad starts slowly
Irish lose three out of four during first weekend tournament
Notre Dame began its season by dropping three of four matches as the Irish fell to the Ohio Squirrels, Michigan State and Michigan, and beat Virginia. In the first game of the weekend, the Irish found themselves up against a Squirrels team composed of former Dayton and Ohio players. The Squirrels scored a quick goal in the first quarter, but the Irish were able to even the game up on a man-up goal by senior Captain Matt Fordonski.

A back-and-forth affair, aided by two goals by freshman Geno Freeman, resulted in a 6-4 Ohio lead at halftime. The Squirrels came out strong in the third quarter, tallying five goals and utilizing a counter-attack offense. The Irish were able to net two more opportunities, but the Squirrels were able to defend against the Irish threat.

At the start of the third, Freeman came up with a big stop in goal, blanking a Spartan on an open look. It wasn’t enough, however, as the Spartans would run off three straight goals. Fordonski would score a lob to end the third quarter, 9-3.

During the fourth, Irish again struggled in their transition defense, allowing two goals before sophomore Jon Hancher scored on a man-advantage off a cross-cage pass. The final score of 11-4 was disappointing, but the Irish felt like they had played a much better game than their first.
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ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Tough road ahead

Irish to face difficult non-conference schedule

By MIKE GOTIMER
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No. 4 Notre Dame knows this stretch is coming every year, and the time has come for the Irish to begin their challenging non-conference schedule.

This year’s slate is no different from previous ones, as Notre Dame will play two of its next three matches against top-10 West Coast foes. But Irish coach Randy Waldrum compels it’s a necessity for his team each year in order to earn favorable seeding in the NCAA Tournament and boost its chances to win the program’s third national title.

The interesting thing is that it could make a difference in whether you open the NCAA Tournament at home or away at the end of the year,” Waldrum said. “It should be really an interesting two weeks. The thing that you thrive on is that you want to play good teams, and I can’t wait until it gets here.”

The Irish begin their gauntlet on Friday against No. 8 Santa Clara, which travelled to No. 3 UCLA the following Friday. Both teams present a tough matchup for Notre Dame because they play similar styles of soccer to the Irish.

“I think that Santa Clara’s going to play the same system we play and they play very much like we do,” Waldrum said. “UCLA plays a little bit of a different system than we do, but they also try to possess the ball and they try play very attractive, very attacking soccer.”

ND WOMEN’S GOLF

Freshman competes in US Open

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For many college golfers, the ultimate aspiration is to one day play with the professionals. Players log endless hours at the practice range and putting green in an attempt to achieve this dream.

For freshman Nicole Zhang, this dream has already become a reality. Before ever making a shot at the collegiate level, Zhang competed this summer in the U.S. Women’s Open, making her the first Irish golfer ever to do so. Zhang fired back-to-back 78s for a two-day total of 14-over at Oakmont Country Club near Pittsburgh.

Although she missed the cut, Irish coach Susan Holt was optimistic about Zhang’s performance.

“The U.S. Open experience was amazing for Nicole,” Holt said. “She learned so much playing a course like that in such difficult conditions. Playing against such amazing competition and under immense pressure will help her in the future.”

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Silva keeping team focused

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
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A familiar voice on the Irish volleyball court has rung out louder than ever before in the first few weeks on campus, and it doesn’t belong to one of the coaches.

Frenchy Silva, a junior libero and defensive specialist, has stepped up her game and is keeping her teammates focused as they begin their 2010 season.

Despite standing at only 5-foot-8, Silva has never let her height keep her down on the court. Instead, she can be seen flashing across the court to rescue a teammate setter who played the first ball, setting up a strong defensive layup to No. 3 UCLA the following Friday. Both teams present a tough matchup for Notre Dame because they play similar styles of soccer to the Irish.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Lone senior Rafael ready for leadership

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A year after her team graduated three players, Kristen Rafael is ready for the challenge of being Notre Dame’s only senior.

“As a four-year letter-winner and team MVP recipient in high school, Rafael knew she was looking to play at a school where she could both focus on balancing tennis and academics. Since the recruiting process began, she always felt at home at Notre Dame. Rafael said she could not help but feel the pull of the family-like atmosphere of the team and the traditional aspects of the school.

“I thought that if I was going to play for a university, I wanted to make sure I was a part of that university,” she said. “That every time I stepped on the court, I wasn’t just playing for my team or my coaches, but for all of Notre Dame, for all of the students and the tradition.”

Football season is coming.

Our Irish football page is already here: ndsmobserver.com/sports/irish-football