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# Jeffrey Sachs, Paul Farmer to participate in Notre Dame forum on global health crisis

By Dennis K. Brown

Economist Jeffrey Sachs, director of the UN Millennium Project, medical anthropologist and physician Dr. Paul Farmer, founder of Partners in Health, and Dr. Miriam Laker Opwonya of Uganda will be among the panelists participating Thursday, Sept. 14 in the second annual Notre Dame Forum.

Titled "The Global Health Crisis: Forging Solutions, Effecting Change," the forum will begin at 1:15 p.m. in the University's Joyce Center arena and will be moderated by Gwen Ifill, senior correspondent for the NewsHour with Jim Lehrer. Classes have been canceled for the afternoon so that students and faculty may attend. Staff members are welcome, and are encouraged to ask their supervisors if they may leave work to attend the session. It also will be broadcast over the Internet at <http://forum.nd.edu>.

The event's theme was selected to coincide with the daylong dedication of Notre Dame's new Jordan Hall of Science, a \$70 million, 200,000-square-foot building that contains the most advanced scientific and educational teaching instrumentation of any university facility in the nation.

"More than 50 years ago, the framers of the constitution for the World Health Organization wrote that the 'highest attainable standard of health' is a fundamental right of all people worldwide," said Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., Notre Dame's president. "And yet, despite the many scientific advances in health care over the past half century, poverty, disease and premature death continue to devastate large segments of the world community. As a teaching and research university committed to the ideals of Catholic social justice, Notre Dame takes seriously our responsibility to examine this problem in depth and help forge solutions."

Notre Dame Forum panelists will discuss the medical, political, moral,

social and economic implications of this global crisis, and reflect on the responsibility of developed countries to assist those who suffer from poverty, malnutrition and disease.

Sachs, Farmer and Opwonya have devoted their careers to helping the world's poorest populations. In addition to his work with the United Nations, Sachs is the Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development and a professor of health policy and management at Columbia University, where he also directs The Earth Institute. He is the author of the best-selling book "The End of Poverty," as well as many other scholarly articles and publications.

As director of the UN Millennium Project and special advisor to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Sachs leads the effort to meet the Millennium Development Goals, the international effort to reduce extreme poverty, disease and hunger by 2015. He has advised governments in Latin America, Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, Asia and Africa on economic reforms and has worked with international agencies to promote

poverty reduction, disease control and debt reduction in poor countries.

Farmer has worked in infectious disease control for nearly two decades and is a world-renowned authority on AIDS and tuberculosis. He founded the Boston-based Partners in Health in 1987 as an international organization that provides direct health care services and undertakes research and advocacy activities on behalf of people worldwide who are sick and living in poverty. The organization established a multi-service health complex, Zanmi Lasante, in Haiti in 1991 and is now exporting its community-based model to rural Rwanda.

An attending physician at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Farmer also is the Maude and Lillian Presley Professor of Medical Anthropology in the Department of Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He is the author or co-author of more than 100 scholarly publications and of numerous books,

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# Center for students with disabilities gets clean start

By Gail Hinchion Mancini

Scott Howland is looking forward to the day when no one walks into his new office with bundles of laundry.

He is located in what was the campus satellite of St. Michael's Laundry. Following renovations this summer, the laundry has reopened in a smaller headquarters on the south side of the one-story building. Howland, who for 11 years has served the needs of students with disabilities, occupies the part that used to be the St. Michael's entrance.

Last week, Howland moved among baffled students, faculty and staff looking for St. Michael's (lots of them, he says), and workmen who were putting the finishing touches on signage for the newly named Sara Bea Student Center.

A ceremony Friday, Aug. 25, returned Tim Cordes to campus as a guest of the facility's formal dedication. Cordes, who is blind, was the 1998 valedictorian; having finished his medical degree at University of Wisconsin-Madison, he continues there in a doctoral program.

The ceremony also brought together most of the center's benefactors—Jovan and Vita Bea family, whose ties to Notre Dame include four of six children who are graduates or current undergraduates. Jovan Bea, CEO and president of a Wisconsin-based Catholic hospital system, is a member of the science advisory board. Not among them was Sara, who died at age 21 in June 2003, having had multiple disabilities all her life. The new center honors her memory.

Cordes is one of the more high-profile disabled students to graduate from Notre Dame. But most, says Howland, have disabilities that are not visible. Of the 200 students registered as disabled, most have a learning disability or are diagnosed ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder).

"The most commonly requested accommodation from students is testing accommodations," says Howland. Students need extra time to complete a test; some need a quiet location to help concentrate; some need a reader that enlarges the words on a test or to answer questions on a computer instead of in a blue book.

Howland previously shared office space in Badin Hall with another program and had only one room for testing. The makeshift headquarters was a poor option for the 550 to 600 tests administered each semester. When the Beas expressed interest in

supporting something for students with disabilities, Howland's hope for space could finally be realized.

The new facility has an office area for Howland, a reception area, a lounge, and eight rooms that can be used for testing. One anticipated use of the lounge is as meeting space for a new support group for students with disabilities. Called Perspectives, its purpose is to get students with disabilities together to share their experiences and success stories and to plan activities that raise awareness of students like them. Mel Tardy of the First Year of Studies staff is the

faculty advisor for the group. He saw the need for the group after attending his first Disabilities Awareness Month panel discussion a few years ago. "The feeling among students in the room seemed to be: 'We have so much in common, I wish I had known you were here earlier!'"

Awareness is an important concept because Howland says he has found that not all students with disabilities know about the office. And not all Notre Dame students are aware they have a disability.

At least a dozen students are diagnosed each year after starting at Notre Dame. "It's the inconsistency. You know they've got it in some areas, but in others they really struggle," says Howland, who has a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling from Bowling Green State University.



Scott Howland, center, welcomes visitors to the new Sara Bea Learning Center during a dedication ceremony last week. He is flanked, at left, by Jovan Bea, father of Sara Bea, and, at far right, Dennis Jacobs, vice president and associate provost. **Photo by Joe Raymond.**

# Ticket operations in high gear to manage off-the-charts demand

By Gail Hinchion Mancini

You've heard of unsung heroes? The 12 members of the athletic department ticket office who plowed through 37 percent more football ticket applications this summer belong in that category.

Is there a support group for people who have suffered paper cuts? If so, says Josh Berlo, director of ticket operations, his team needs one. He lauds them for "processing more paperwork and payments faster than ever before."

This year, they mailed and processed more than 65,000 ticket lottery applications to all 50 states and more than 60 foreign countries. Then they issued ticket lottery refunds totaling \$11.7 million, representing nearly 200,000 unfilled ticket requests.

Berlo is the front man of this efficient team. He has learned a number of skills in self- and staff-protection since starting with the ticket office seven years ago. With this year's avalanche of ticket demand, those skills are really coming in handy. It starts with Berlo's demeanor, which is as polite but as closemouthed as a CIA agent.

The particulars on the demand for football tickets, the largest in the University's history, include:

- The Penn State game Sept. 9 and the Michigan game Sept. 16 are the two most requested home games in the history of the stadium. The most requested game in 2005 was the USC game, when 54,211 asked for tickets. In contrast, the Penn State game drew 66,670 requests; the Michigan game drew 61,631.

- This year, four home games rank in the top 10 all-time for requests, and all seven games rank in the top 30.

- The Nov. 25 Notre Dame-USC game in Los Angeles is the most-requested away game in Irish ticket history.

Having sent faculty and staff tickets out a few weeks ago, Berlo and his coworkers have been wading through the inevitable reports of lost or stolen tickets. More than 7,000 faculty and staff tickets are sold; more than 80 percent of eligible employees buy them.

When their season packets don't show up—and he gets dozens of reports about this each year—the loss seems to be experienced by someone who asked that they be delivered by U.S. Mail, not by Federal Express. Tickets are more vulnerable to

theft when delivered to a mailbox, Berlo says. "It's worth the few extra dollars to have them delivered by FedEx."

That Notre Dame football tickets are among the most valuable commodities in the country is no more apparent than on eBay, where bidding for a pair of Penn State tickets has surpassed the \$1,000 mark. And for faculty and staff trying to sell their tickets through that medium, be aware that the ticket office is keeping tabs on you, not just on eBay but on some 20 Internet ticket sites.

"We do have a problem with

resale of tickets, and we are working very hard on it," says Berlo, who has revoked some 2,100 tickets in the last five years. First-time offenders can lose the right to buy tickets for a few years; repeat offenders have been banned permanently.

The University's ticket resale policy states that anyone found to have sold their tickets to one or more games for greater than face value, or who sells their tickets to a broker or agency that resells above face value will be denied ticket privileges for a minimum of two years. Selling season tickets above face value can result in a suspension of up to five years—or, in some cases permanently—and a loss of seat locations.



# Urgent care center or emergency room?

By Carol C. Bradley

A cut that needs stitches, a broken arm or an asthma attack: You are facing a mini-emergency, and the doctor's office is closed. How do you choose between an urgent care facility and the emergency room?

It's good to think about that question now, and to consider a possible answer.

"Especially in winter, when cold and flu season hits, people go to the wrong urgent care facility," says Mary Warner, manager of benefits and Work Life in the Office of Human Resources. "We also see it with some emergency room visits."

By wrong, Warner does not mean that poor health care is provided. But it's health care at a price, because the wrong selection might mean that the solution you selected was more expensive than it needed to be.

Fees and co-pays vary across the University's three insurance plans, and are higher for emergency room visits.

So first, consider: The doctor's

office is closed. Do you go to an urgent care facility or do you go to a hospital emergency room? It's a question of the severity of the injury or illness, Warner says.

Urgent care facilities are available for minor injuries and illnesses: Cuts that may need a stitch or two, minor eye injuries, pink eye, rashes, urinary tract infections or sore throats.

You should head straight to the emergency room if you have major injuries or illness: Chest pain, shortness of breath, allergic reactions that involve tightness of the throat and difficulty breathing, multiple injuries, obvious fractures with limb deformity or severe bleeding.

For those enrolled in **Advantage HMO**, urgent care center co-payment is \$40 and emergency room visits have a \$100 co-pay.

The **Meritain PPO** co-pay for the urgent care center is \$50. For emergency room visits, if a network provider is used, benefits are paid at 85 percent after the annual deductible is met. For out-of-network providers, benefits are paid at 65 percent of the usual and customary charges after the deductible.

If you decide to seek care at

an Urgent Care facility, make sure to go to the one covered by your insurance plan. In the past year, since the University's health plans began offering urgent care, Warner has noticed a number of cases in which employees have gone to the wrong center. At the correct center, you should only be charged the co-pay. At the wrong center, you could be faced with paying the entire cost of the visit, she says.

Advantage HMO and Meritain PPO utilize Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center, South Bend or Mishawaka campus, for hospital or emergency room care. Urgent care facilities covered under the plans are the South Bend Clinic Immediate Care Center, 211 N. Eddy Street, South Bend, and Saint Joseph Urgent Care Center, 53830 Generations Drive, Suite 110, South Bend.

**Meritain HMO** members have a \$40 co-pay for an urgent care center visit (\$25 for Medpoint Express), and \$100 for the emergency room. Plan members are required to use Memorial Hospital for emergency room and hospital visits; for urgent care needs, the plan offers three Med Point locations: 6913 N. Main Street, Granger; 1815 Ireland Road, South Bend, and 4630 Vistula Road, Mishawaka. There is also a Med-Point Express located inside the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Mishawaka.

All three insurance plans have a \$20 co-pay for a general physician office visit, which is the least costly option of all. So are there cases when you can make it through the night and see the doctor in the morning?

Meritain subscribers can take advantage of the 24-hour Nurse Line, at 1-888-668-6855. A registered nurse is available who can answer questions about a current illness.

# Alumni Association offers new football weekend events

By Carol C. Bradley

The Alumni Association is offering entertainment and concessions on football Fridays at the Eck Visitors' Center from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., says Karen Putt, director of special events and classes. Events will take place in a tent at the north end of the building.

Entertainment will be provided by campus groups such as the juggling club, Irish dancers, and the Undertones, as well as the bagpipe band and members of the cheerleading squad. The events are directed at all visitors to campus. "They're for alumni, family and friends," Putt says.

Visitors to the center will also be able to view campus scenes and pre-give television broadcasts on a new 50-inch, high-definition plasma TV located just inside the entrance to the building.

This year the center will feature a display welcoming family and friends of the opposing team, with information on each school's fight song, pennants and mascots, history, and the history of their football rivalry with Notre Dame.

The family fun will continue on game day, says Jaime Cripe, assistant director of the visitors' center. On every football Saturday except the weekend of the Purdue game, the band The Oblates of Blues will perform.

Performances by the Chicago-style blues band, whose members are drawn from the ranks of Notre Dame faculty and graduate students, will begin three hours before kickoff. Band members include Maxwell E. Johnson, professor of liturgical studies, and Hugh Page Jr., dean of First Year of Studies.

In case of inclement weather, events will move inside the building. Beginning this season, the Eck Center will close for the day at kickoff time.

Insurance Plan	Designated Hospital	Appropriate Urgent Care Facility
Advantage HMO	St. Joseph Regional Medical Center	South Bend Clinic Immediate Care S. Eddy St., South Bend Saint Joseph Urgent Care Center Generations Dr., South Bend
Meritain PPO	Same as above	Same as above
Meritain HMO	Memorial Hospital	MedPoint (Granger, South Bend and Mishawaka) MedPoint Express in Wal-Mart, Mishawaka

Select the appropriate urgent care facility to avoid paying unnecessary costs. Most urgent care facilities are open until at least 8 p.m. on weekdays. Weekend and holiday hours vary.

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# Balfour Scholar shares blessings on program's anniversary

By Shannon Chapla

Just imagine you're a Notre Dame student.

If a friend asks you to walk to the Grotto at 2 a.m., go.

If someone offers you a ticket for an away football game with little notice, take the trip.

If you are invited to stay abroad at the home of a classmate and you are able to, do it. That's "Orientation 101," compliments of senior Jason Laws, a Balfour Scholar from Charlotte, N.C.

The political science and Spanish double major insists the little things are worth squeezing into even the most rigorous of schedules. So, after crumpling and trashing five "Welcome to Notre Dame" draft speeches, that's exactly what he told incoming freshmen Aug. 19 at the Joyce Center when he addressed thousands at orientation.

Laws admits he struggled to capture in his speech his most impressive endeavors on campus, including serving as both freshman and sophomore class president; teaching English at a boarding school for orphans in Chiang Mai, Thailand; leading a reconstruction service project in McDowell, Va.; and participating on Notre Dame's 2005 national championship fencing team. Finally, he gave up and decided there was just too much to detail and that his frustration with trying was the key to writing the perfect orientation address.

"I realized that I did, in fact, have something concrete to share with the incoming class. The blessing revealed, the value of my Notre Dame experience understood, all came from the simple realization that I have entirely too much to share, so I told them, 'Create your own Notre Dame story and make it so intense and varied that if you are called to share it with someone you will struggle, as I have, to summarize your personal account.'"



An assignment to address this year's freshmen helped Jason Laws summarize what college has meant to him. **Photo provided.**

Laws attributes his many "blessings" to support from the Balfour-Hesburgh Scholars Program (BHSP), which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.

Established in 1986, the BHSP, sponsored by First Year of Studies (FYS), is an academic enrichment experience designed to help incoming freshmen make a successful transition from high school to college. It was launched with a three-year grant from the GTE Foundation to help increase

the recruitment and retention of historically under-represented racial and ethnic minority students interested in math, science and engineering. About a dozen students participated in the first year of the program, which has grown to accommodate 36 students this summer.

After the GTE grant ended in 1989, FYS won an endowment from the Balfour Foundation, which is based in Massachusetts and funds programs in that state, with Notre Dame being the only exception. Lloyd Balfour and Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., president emeritus of Notre Dame, were close friends concerned about the under-representation of minorities in science and engineering. In 1991, FYS received another three-year grant, this time from the Aetna Foundation, to expand the program to include prospective liberal arts and business students. When that grant ended, FYS was granted a \$1 million endowment from the Balfour Foundation to continue the momentum.

"We have tried to encourage students to think about graduate school from the beginning of their college careers," says Cecilia Lucero, director of BHSP. "Thus, we invite faculty to give presentations about their research and scholarship. This summer, we offered three faculty panels, all of which were very well received."

BHSP provides a rigorous four-week summer curriculum that introduces incoming freshmen to the challenges of campus life. All participating students take courses in English composition, calculus, strategies for success, and team building. Some may also choose chemistry, physics, or general science studies.

"The Balfour program has served as a great stepping stone in my education and overall Notre Dame

experience," Laws says. "The advisors, faculty and staff have been constant sources of encouragement. When I look back on my years at Notre Dame, the Balfour program will be one of my

fondest memories!"

Thus, Laws told the class of 2010, "Get involved in a club that piques your interest, research a political or social issue you wish to address, try a new sport, take a weekend road trip, do what inspires you."

He has.

After he graduates, Laws hopes to become a Foreign Service Operator for the U.S. Department of State, then eventually go to law school.

## Shields comes here; students head to Washington

ND Works staff writer

Syndicated columnist and political analyst Mark Shields, a 1959 Notre Dame graduate, will speak on campus at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 8.

Shields' address is titled "How Students Can Shape Politics, Government and History." The presentation will take place in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Currently a regular on The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, Shields has written about Washington politics for 25 years, earning equal admiration as a pundit and a perceptive analyst.

The presentation is sponsored by the Washington Program, which offers students—sophomores and juniors—the opportunity to observe and participate in American political and cultural life through a program that combines living, learning and culture. Students may participate in the fall or spring semester, and are taught by Notre Dame professors while in Washington.

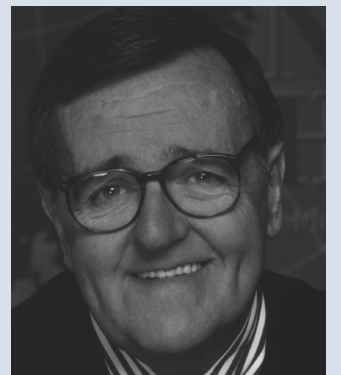
Internships are a key component of the program and this fall's cross-section of placements reflects both wide student interest and Washington's varied opportunities.

"Students are responsible for securing their own internships based on their talents and interests, but work with the Career Center for contacts, and the Washington Program for ideas and final approval of their choices," says Liz Murdock LaFortune, on-campus academic coordinator for the program. "The internship experience becomes integrated into the students' coursework while in D.C."

Junior Shawn Sanford is interning with the Children's Defense Fund in the office of President Marian Wright Edelman. Working in media are Bob Costa, who is at "This Week" on ABC News, and Jose Gonzalez, who has a spot at NBC's "Meet the Press."

Greg Cuneo is working on Capitol Hill in the office of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY). Laura Hale is in the public affairs office of the U.S. Department of Justice, while Ellen Becker is working in the marketing offices of MDB Communications.

Shields' visit is co-sponsored by the Departments of Sociology, Political Science, American Studies and History; the John W. Gullivan Program in Journalism, Ethics, and Democracy; the Hesburgh Program in Public Service; the Program in American Democracy and the Center for Social Concerns.



Mark Shields comes to campus next month. **Photo by PBS.**

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**Global health forum**

most recently "Pathologies of Power: Health Human Rights, and the New War on the Poor," published in 2003 by University of California Press. He is the subject of the book "Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man Who Would Cure the World" by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tracy Kidder.

Opwonya is a medical doctor who specializes in tropical medicine and international health issues. She currently works at Mulago Hospital in Kampala, Uganda, where she is coordinating a clinical trial involving the use of antiretroviral therapy in the treatment of Kaposi's sarcoma,

the most common AIDS-related malignancy in Africa.

A graduate of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Opwonya previously worked on an HIV and AIDS initiative with the U.S. Agency for International Development. She also served at the St. Raphael of St. Francis Hospital in Nsambya, Uganda, as a medical officer, the coordinator of palliative care, and in the Department of Paediatrics and Child Health.

Opwonya is a medical columnist for The Leadership, a Catholic monthly magazine in Uganda, and is a member of the Board of Governors for the Pope John Paul II College in Gulu, Uganda.

Also participating in the forum will be two Notre Dame students and two graduates:

- Michael Dewan is a senior science and business major who, while working at a clinic in Uganda, contracted malaria. He was able to make a full recovery thanks to his access to first-world medicine, a luxury rarely available to the average Ugandan.

- Ailis Tweed-Kent, a senior engineering major, worked during the summer of 2005 in Mokhotlong, Lesothos, in southern Africa, ministering to the needs of children, many of them orphans afflicted with HIV/AIDS. Her work was sponsored by The Touching Tiny Lives Foundation, an organization directed

in Mokhotlong by 1992 Notre Dame graduate Ken Storen.

- Dr. David Gaus, a 1985 alumnus, is a physician and co-founder of Andean Health & Development Inc., a non-profit agency created as a

sustainable model of secondary health care delivery. The program addresses the health needs of more than 70,000 residents in the poor, tropical region of rural Ecuador.

- Keri Oxley, who was graduated in 2004, is a third-year medical student at Yale University and a member of Notre Dame's Board of Trustees. Based on her experiences working in Mother Teresa's Home of the Destitute and Dying in India and the Chapin Street Clinic in South Bend, Ind., she has decided to specialize in international medicine and medical ethics.

The Notre Dame Forum was established last year by Father Jenkins to annually assemble world leaders on campus in discussion of the leading issues of the day. The forum seeks to engage all campus constituents in these important conversations to better formulate solutions and effect positive change. The 2005 forum addressed the role of religious faith in a plural world.



Gwen Ifill, at right, will moderate the forum, which will include international global health activists, Dr. Paul Farmer, left, and economist Jeffrey Sachs. **Paul Farmer photo by Mark Rosenberg. Sachs photo from Earth Institute, Columbia University; Ifill's photo compliments of PBS.**



# Off to a spirited start

*In his homily at the opening Mass Aug. 22, President Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., spoke of the guiding hand of the Spirit in the pursuit of truth. And he directed our attention, as has Pope Benedict XVI, to the significant role of love in all aspects of our lives.*

## Mass of the Holy Spirit August 22, 2006 The homily of Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., president

We celebrate today the beginning of the 2006-07 school year. Few things are more fresh and exciting than a new school year. I hope you share that excitement. Welcome back everyone, and a special and especially warm welcome to the new students, new faculty and new staff. May you very quickly feel at home here.

We celebrate today the Mass of the Holy Spirit, and it is a good time to reflect on the kinds of spirits that draw us together.

At this university, we do so many, different things. Students, you build lofts and join clubs; you serve in student government, and serve in local schools and social agencies; you play basketball, and play the piano; you write for the Observer and write poetry. Your primary activity is your studies, and for this you go to class and lectures; read books and write papers; conduct experiments in labs and peer through telescopes; you paint, act, and play musical instruments; you go on archeological digs, and visit museums; you travel to London, Santiago, and Shanghai.

Faculty, too, engage in an array of activities. You teach in classrooms and serve on committees; you grade papers and direct dissertations; you submit grant proposals and conduct experiments; you deliver papers and write books; you put on plays and paint and sculpt works of art; you are administrators and members of professional societies; you serve in the local community, and comment on issues of national and global significance.

The activities we engage in are manifold and, at first glance, may seem disparate and disconnected. But they are not. They are united by a spirit, a spirit which seeks to discover, understand, and express what is true. This spirit is part of our nature as humans—as intellectual, rational beings, and it is given its highest expression, perhaps, at universities. It is this spirit, this urge to understand and make known the truth, which draws all the activities of this university together and makes them one. Among these disparate activities, we are a *university*—a word that indicates unity or oneness—because this spirit that searches for truth binds us.

The readings today speak of another *spirit* which seeks truth: “I will send to you . . . the Spirit of truth,” says Jesus, “who comes from the father.[and] he will testify on my behalf . . . . When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth” (Jn. 15:16; 16:13).

The spirit Jesus speaks of here is not the same as the spirit which drives all human beings on to understand truths in general. That spirit is due to the fact that we were created as intellectual creatures who, by nature, reason and inquire. Because this spirit—with a small “s”—is in us by our created nature, and does not need Jesus to send it.

But Jesus speaks here about sending a further spirit—a spirit with a capital “S”—which will lead the disciples on to further truth. In faith we can find in ourselves the Spirit which guides us, but is not entirely from us. It is most intimate to us, but not part of our nature. And this is the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, which works in our hearts and draws us often not to truths that we can grasp through inquiry and understanding, but to mysteries that are beyond our understanding. It wordlessly guides us, counsels us, helps us to act.

In this Mass of the Holy Spirit, we acknowledge the spirit that is part of our intellectual nature and which guides us through inquiry and reason to the truths we can understand, and we pray for guidance to the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, who guides us to the mystery of God and to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

We are, perhaps, in our time cautious about any claim to be guided by the Spirit of God. In our history and today, many claim to be guided by such a spirit who performs destructive and divisive acts. Destructive religious wars, persecutions, and terrorist attacks have sometimes been justified by appeal to guidance by a higher spirit.

The first letter of John warns: “Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God” (4:1). But what are the tests for whether a spirit is from God? There are perhaps several, but I want to speak of one. It is this: the spirit that is from God, the spirit that Christ sends, is a spirit which not only leads us to truth, but also draws us to a more profound and generous love.

Love is often spoken of, and there are many different kinds of love. There is romantic love, love between friends, love of music and literature, and love of things. All these can be important and worthwhile. The love that Jesus speaks of is the one which was expressed most profoundly by his suffering and death on the cross. As it says in John’s Gospel: “There is no greater love than this, to lay



University President Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., welcomes students, faculty and staff to the new academic year. *Photo by Joe Raymond.*

down his life for his friends” (Jn. 15:13). It is the love that we celebrate in this Mass, and which is represented by every one of the very many crucifixes that are on this campus. The love that the Holy Spirit draws us to is the one which gives of itself without seeking itself.

We are a university united by a spirit that drives us to a greater understanding of the truth. But we are not fully the university we claim to be if that higher spirit, the Holy Spirit, does not draw us also to love. We may write ground-breaking books, conduct illuminating experiments, produce wonderful works of art. Yet if our various activities are not in some way directed toward love, we are not the Catholic university we claim to be.

As St. Paul says: “If I speak with the tongues of mortals and angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong, or a clanging cymbal. . . and if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and knowledge, and if I have faith, so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.”

If the spirit that drives us to truth does not also draw us to love, it is not the Spirit of God.

In his encyclical, “God is Love,” Pope Benedict says that Christian life can be summarized in the line from the first letter of St. John, “We have come to know and believe in the love God has for us” (1 Jn 4:16). We are called to return this love, but, as St. John also says, we cannot say we love the God we cannot see, if we do not love the neighbor we can see. And, Pope Benedict points out, this must be expressed in concern for those in greatest need.

We have during this year an opportunity to reflect on those in the world who live under a dehumanizing poverty. We speak so much—and rightly so—of globalization. The globalization which comes from rapid travel, technology that gives us instant communication around the world, international trade and politics—all of this makes the world smaller and brings us all together. It has allowed nations like China, Japan, and India to make dramatic advances economically, and to become more integrated in the world economy. But the globalization has also made us aware of peoples and nations that struggle with poverty and disease. The peoples of Sudan, Haiti, Peru, Bangladesh, and many other countries lack even the most fundamental necessities for life and health. Diseases such as tuberculosis and malaria, which are rather routinely curable in our country, take more than 5,000 lives each day in developing nations. That means that more people die each day from these curable diseases than are in this auditorium today.

HIV/AIDS remains an infectious disease of epidemic proportions in the developing world, especially in sub-Saharan Africa, where 63 percent of the population are infected and living with the disease. In transitional and developing countries, 6.5 million people are in immediate need of life-saving AIDS drugs, but only 1.3 million of those people will receive them.

In coming weeks we will have the chance to reflect on the lives of those who struggle for basic necessities. Our academic forum—entitled “The Global Health Crisis: Forging Solutions, Effecting Change”—will bring together some of the world’s most prominent writers and activists on this issue. We at Notre Dame will have the opportunity to reflect on and discuss the challenges the world faces to provide the most basic health care to those who suffer under extreme poverty.

There is no greater power in the world than that which comes from education, and the knowledge and expertise education gives a person. We who are fortunate to be faculty and students at Notre Dame have a share in this power. The



Above: Five student choirs and orchestra provided music during opening Mass in the Joyce Center. *Photo by Joe Raymond.*

readings today challenge us to reflect on whether we will use this power for ourselves or for others.

The Holy Spirit works with the spirit in us to draw us to greater truth. It also draws us to love. At this Mass of the Holy Spirit, we pray that the ardor for knowledge, understanding, and authentic expression may burn ever more. We also pray that this knowledge and understanding serves others in love. Let us pray that through the guidance of the Holy Spirit we can go forth in this academic year to discover, understand, and express the truth, and to serve others in love, and particularly those in greatest need.



Provost Tom Burish’s welcome to students and faculty included a tip for students: “Live below your means.” *Photo by Joe Raymond.*



Past presidents Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., pictured here, and Rev. Edward A. “Monk” M. Holy Cross priests to concelebrate the opening Mass. At right, Mary Ellen O’Connell, Short Professor. *Photo by Joe Raymond.*



Paul Horn is acclimating to life with the Center for Social Concerns after working several years in South Africa. **ND Works staff photo.**

## And now, he helps others serve

By Michael O. Garvey

*Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of stories that will highlight newcomers and their decisions to come to Notre Dame.*

For nearly a quarter of a century, Notre Dame's Center for Social Concerns has attempted to nourish and enliven the arts, sciences, professions, and other areas of scholarship by linking them with the social teaching of the Catholic Church. The recent addition of a 1997 alumnus, Paul Horn, to its staff is an interesting example both of the Center's past success and hopeful future.

Horn's history prior to his recent appointment as its director of communications in some respects exemplifies the sort of career the center would like to make commonplace among Notre Dame graduates.

A native of Madison, Wis., Horn came to Notre Dame to pursue political science. Taking advantage of the University's international studies program, Horn was able to spend six wide-eyed months in Tantur, Notre Dame's unique outpost between Jerusalem and Bethlehem. "I was already deeply interested in the effect of the Holocaust on the memory and self-identification of the Israeli people," he says, "and getting to know Palestinian people around Tantur and learning more about their lives and situation was an unforgettable experience."

The ravaged society of the Holy Land deepened in him a vocation to serve others, a fascination with conflict resolution and a longing to see the people of a subjugated majority peacefully empowered and reconciled with former oppressors. His search led him to Washington, D.C., during the summer of his senior year to work for the American Muslim Council and the American Task Force for Bosnia.

His assignment to South Africa came through Prof. Peter Walshe, who put Horn in touch with the principal of a convent school in Belgravia, Johannesburg. Horn began working there three months after graduation.

Horn remembers his anticipation that he would find South Africa at least as startling as the Holy Land. "I was not disappointed," he says. But notwithstanding the horrific crime rate, the miserable poverty, and the excruciating and widespread effects of AIDS, he insists "I still saw hope, resolve, faith, and a dream for a brighter future."

His Dominican employers were less than fastidious in their assignments and quickly found plenty for Horn to do. "I directed the school choir and led the school liturgy," he says. "I also coached the track team. I taught mostly math, but also history and science, to the elementary- and secondary-level students, and I served a couple of years as assistant deputy principal and disciplinarian. During the last year and a half of my time there, I served as the school's development director."

His fundraising responsibilities raised and managed provided tuition, food, clothing, shelter, counseling and transportation for 66 students, most of them denizens of the impoverished streets of the area, and many of them orphaned by AIDS.

Undoubtedly, the most life-changing aspect of his sojourn in South Africa was Horn's meeting Ntombiyani, a young woman of the Ndebele people, to whom he was married last January.

There were other life-changing events as well, however. "My wife and I were mugged in front of our home and our car hijacked last March. Our car was recovered, but we did not," he says wryly. The newlyweds had already been entertaining the possibility of emigration, and physical danger influenced his decision to become the CSC's communication director.

But there were other forces at work as well: "I chose Notre Dame because of its efforts to instill a long-term commitment to justice in its students," Horn says. "It's important to help students realize how privileged they are and to remind them of their responsibility to give back to the community. The Center for Social Concerns works to do this directly on a daily basis. My own experience in South Africa taught me that many people are simply never exposed to the poverty, violence, and insecurity that billions of others in the world experience every day. They simply need to wander into this other world for their whole perspective on life to change. It will be my job to persuade Notre Dame students to journey into these new experiences, which, I hope, will cultivate a long-term commitment to justice within them."

## Budding academics refine their career prospects in Peters fellowship program

By Susan Guibert

Erskine A. Peters was a distinguished and beloved English professor at Notre Dame for years with a legendary commitment to scholarship, community service and graduate education. And he was passionate about urging African Americans to "rewrite their blueprint," or code of behavior, for success in the 21st century.

Three young scholars are refining their academic blueprints this year as recipients of the Erskine A. Peters Dissertation Year Fellowship for outstanding African American doctoral candidates in the arts, humanities and social sciences. Peters died in 1998, and in memory and honor of his passion for empowering black Americans, Notre Dame established the fellowship a year after his death.

"God and goal lines dominated my perception of Notre Dame before coming here as an Erskine Peters Fellow in the fall of 2005," says Quincy Mills, one of last year's fellows, now an assistant professor of history at Vassar College. "Being on campus as a Peters Fellow introduced me to the academic life at Notre Dame—one that is as intellectually vibrant and collegial as the University of Chicago, my home institution."

Mills points out that the Peters Fellowship is one of the few national dissertation fellowships that assembles in a cohort of fellows—three this year. They will gain support from the faculty in their specific field, but they also will have one another to rely on. "It helps to go through the job market process with colleagues who are also in the final stages of their dissertation," Mills attests.

Melissa Stuckey, a doctoral candidate at Yale University; brings an impressive academic pedigree that includes a degree from Princeton and a past John Hope Franklin Fellow from the American Philosophical Society.

She is using the year to complete her dissertation "All Men Up: The Challenge of Black Progressivism on the Oklahoma Frontier, 1889-1939," which argues that Oklahoma's all-black towns were critical to the political development of the state's black emigrants. "Through the Peters program, I have the opportunity to focus completely on these tasks with mentorship and practical advice and support."



Melissa Stuckey, clockwise from top, Nazera Wright and Katrina Thompson will refine their academic profiles this year as recipients of Erskine A. Peters Dissertation Year Fellowships.

Stuckey and Peters fellows Katrina Thompson and Nazera Wright receive a stipend, a research budget and a faculty mentor. Professional development and employment strategies are folded into the year's agenda, as is participation in a public forum discussing issues related to African American life and the African diaspora.

Faculty work with the fellows to develop skills and materials that will make them successful on the job market, one of the distinguishing aspects of the fellowship, explains Richard Pierce, chair of the Department of Africana Studies, which administers the program

in conjunction with the Provost's office.

"Another goal is to provide the departments of the College of Arts and Letters with opportunities to interact with the fellows, and potentially hire them as tenure track faculty, as we did with Professor Jessica Wormley Murdoch in the Program of Liberal Studies. The University searches for exemplary faculty and the Erskine Peters Fellowship attracts excellent candidates at an early stage of their careers, and introduces them to the opportunities available to them at a Catholic research university," adds Pierce.

Thompson, a doctoral candidate at State University of New York at Stony Brook, was impressed with the Peters Fellowship Program not only because of Notre Dame's academic reputation, but also because of a relationship one of her mentors had with Erskine Peters.

"One of my mentors at Stony Brook had the wonderful opportunity of personally knowing Peters and spoke highly of his dedication to education and African American achievement. The legacy of Erskine Peters and the outstanding status of Notre Dame assured me that this program could only benefit me in achieving my career goals," she says.

Another goal of the fellowship program is to expose emerging African American scholars to the special qualities of a Catholic university. Certainly, the Notre Dame spirit has stayed with Mills, who says, "I owe a great deal to the Africana Studies faculty and the Peters program for preparing me. I'm sure Touchdown Jesus played a guiding role as well."



Malloy, C.S.C., were among dozens of professor of Law, gives a reading. **Photos by**



For some, the official kickoff of the new year is the first cross-campus practice of the Notre Dame Marching Band. **Photo by Matt Cashore.**

## An Iraqi point of view

ND Works staff writer

The annual Higgins Center Labor History Film Series features the plight of the working person, but generally the American working person. This year's first film is "Meeting Face to Face: The Iraq-U.S. Labor Solidarity Tour," at 4:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11 in the auditorium of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

What can we learn from looking at the Iraq situation?

A lot, says film series organizer Teresa Ghilarducci, professor of economics and policy studies, particularly about the role workers can play under extraordinary circumstances.

"This documentary shows that the aspirations of workers are broad, current, and relevant in places you wouldn't think they were," she says.

Michael Zweig, the film's executive producer, will lead a discussion after the 27-minute piece, which he says, "brings the voices of Iraqi working people into the mix of our discussions in this country about the war and occupation, voices we never hear."

The documentary also captures the sentiments of American working people who are organizing as part of the peace movement "in unprecedented numbers through their unions, a development we also typically hear nothing about."

Ghilarducci adds that Iraq's labor movement is the only strong group in the country "consistently calling for high-quality infrastructure and a decent standard of living for ordinary Iraqis." As a result, she says, labor leaders are frequent targets of death squads.

## Da Vinci, redux

By Susan Guibert

If the controversy about "The Da Vinci Code" entertains or engages you, you can hear some fresh views on the subject by attending a discussion titled "More than a Movie? Assessing 'The Da Vinci Code'" at the opening session of the Saturday Scholars Series in 101 DeBartolo Hall.

The series takes place on home football Saturdays, three and a half hours before kickoff, presenting lectures and panel discussions by distinguished members of the College of Arts and Letters. Two years ago, a series discussion on the book "The Da Vinci Code" drew a standing-room-only crowd.

Focusing on the movie released this summer, the panel will offer insights into the cinematic quality of the blockbuster film, the historical relationship between Jesus and Mary Magdalene, and the theological role of the art depicted in the movie. The panelists will be James Collins, professor of film, television and theatre; Mary Rose D'Angelo, associate professor of theology; and Charles Barber, associate professor of art, art history and design.

For the Michigan game Sept. 16, Eugene Ulrich, the Rev. John A. O'Brien Professor of Theology, will discuss "The Impact of the Dead Sea Scrolls on Our Bible" in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. Discovered between 1947 and 1956, the Dead Sea Scrolls include approximately 240 Hebrew and Greek biblical manuscripts that illuminate a previously undocumented period in the history of the books of the Bible. This lecture will examine how the manuscripts illustrate the development of the biblical books and raise questions about revelation, inspiration, and the canon.

## Life's a picnic for retirees

By Gail Hinchion Mancini

Lively discussion ensued at the many tables of the Aug. 17 retirees' picnic lunch in the Monogram Room. And if the chatter was in any way typical of attitudes at large, some trends emerged:

- **People adapt easily to new traffic patterns.** Sharon and Dick Smith, residents of Indian Village, think the new roads at the east end of campus are lovely. Josie and Herman Harworth reported not the least confusion parking for the Joyce Center event, even though they faced a phalanx of new signs about Juniper Rd. closing and traffic being diverted.

- **A fair number of the retirees came to Notre Dame for second careers,** like Mr. Harworth, who worked for decades in a South Side electrical supply store before joining the Joyce Center staff. A fair number—the Smiths and the Harworths included—also have adult children working at Notre Dame. The Smiths have a son and daughter-in-law who both work the night shift in housekeeping. "They love it," says Sharon Smith.

- **People appreciate a free lunch.** "They don't have to do this," says Mrs. Harworth, who attended as a spouse. Twice a year, the University gathers its retirees for a meal. "You get to catch up on people you hardly ever see," Mrs. Harworth says. All retirees are allowed to bring a guest, so Mary Buck, who worked full-time in food services, brought her former colleague, Bev Hartley. Hartley retired from part-time work; the picnic invitations are extended only to retirees who held full-time positions.

- **Things change.** Buck and Hartley worked in The Huddle, "when it really was The Huddle," back when it always smelled of hamburgers and cooking grease. They had heard of the latest renovation and vowed to see it. "We saw a lot of change," Buck says. Sharon Smith talked about her days as a cook in the University Health Center (pictured below). She retired about 10 years ago. "They had a huge kitchen," she says. They provided home-cooked food for convalescing students. She remembers one boy who was ill, but also homesick. "He wouldn't eat. His mother sent a recipe for his favorite soup and I made it. Then he ate." Her tales of injured football players focused on quantity. "They just wanted to eat all the time." At one point, a

football player was sent to the health center for some assistance losing weight. She caught him raiding her ice cream freezer. "I let him have the ice cream. I felt sorry for him."

- **People like free money.** At the end of the lunch Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., drew names for door prizes, exhibiting a heretofore unrecognized gift for pronouncing, with no advance rehearsal, an assortment of ethnic names. Recipients won certificates to eateries and events on and off campus and cash prizes in \$20 and \$25 increments, with one grand \$100 prize won by Chestertine Wesolowski.



Chersterine Wesolowski wins the grand prize of \$100 cash at the semiannual retirees' picnic. Photo by Carol C. Bradley.

## DISTINCTIONS

The University welcomes the following faculty, staff and administrators, who have recently joined several campus departments.

**Anne Sheridan and Jeffrey J. Marler**, accounting and financial services

**Elizabeth A. Giudicessi**, admissions

**Dianne M. Pinderhughes**, African and Africana

**Mary-Geraldine N. Svarovsky, Kathryn A. Steinlage and Ryan K. Clark**, Alliance for Catholic Education

**Vania Smith**, anthropology

**Nicole M. McNeil**, Arts and Letters

**David Schrage**, baseball

**Jason S. McLachlan**, biological sciences

**Christopher P. Schenkel**, campus ministry

**Latonia Ferguson**, career center

**Elizabeth Kovacs**, Center for Civil and Human Rights

**Paul W. Horn**, Center for Social Concerns

**Paul W. Bohn**, chemical and biomolecular engineering

**Bonnie Prestin**, civil engineering and geological science

**Kathleen M. Star**, controller

**Jeffrey L. Jones, Augustine T. Fajardo, Kent M. Berlincourt and Diane L. Williams**, building services

**Deborah M. Shamoon**, East Asian languages and literatures

**Thomas N. Hall, Joyelle McSweeney and Katherine G. Ziemann**, English

**James Leady and Zhi Da**, finance

**Marisa Ellsworth**, First Year of Studies

**Robert L. Williams**, South Dining Hall

**Jan L. Hagens, Denise M. DellaRossa and Anita McChesney**, German and Russian languages and literatures

**Mark Noll**, history

**Holly M. Gorbitz**, Huddle

**Betty Baunoch and Susan A. Hlade**, human resources

**Richard J. Buhrman and Peter J. Murphy**, investment office

**Jennifer M. Mason, Edmund P. Edmonds and Margaret Brinig**, Law School

**Richard A. Jacobs**, Legends

**Lindsay B. Given**, library-Law

**Cindy Rice**, mail distribution

**Yongtao Zhang, Nero**

**Budure, Giuseppe Tinaglia, Noam Greenberg and Zhiliang Xu**, mathematics

**Wendy K. Winovich**, Morris Inn

**Jeffrey P. Simko**, ND Marketplace

**Mary K. Radelet**, ND Vocation Initiative

**Benjamin Jacobson and Matthew M. Metzger**, operations and engineering

**Curtis D. Franks, Samuel Newlands and Jeffrey J. Speaks**, philosophy

**Sebatian Rosato and Dana R. Villa**, political science

**Robert M. Kelly**, procurement services

**Pierpaolo Polzonetti**, Program of Liberal Studies

**Michael A. Villano and Gerald Haefel**, psychology

**Jay J. Fiebig**, Reckers

**Kacie E. Taylor**, recreational sports

**Linda S. Cirillo, Ralph L. Haag, Denise Lyon, Denise E. McOsker and Breyan M. Tornifolio**, residence halls staff

**Philip Schirripa**, security

**Omar A. Lizardo and Christian Smith**, sociology

**Joe J. Prisco**, sports information

**Victoria E. Dobiynski**, student activities

**Andrew J. Page and Joshua C. Stagni**, student affairs

**Kelly C. Doty, Jill R. Salsman and Hyun Ok Kim**, University Counseling Center

**Constance J. Morrow and Peggy O. Fischer**, University Health Services

**Roberta J. Lupo**, Walther Cancer Institute

## FROM THE ARCHIVES



Students receive much tender loving care in this 1955 photograph taken in the student infirmary. The current University Health Center, opened in the 1960s, is under renovation and is expected to reopen after Christmas. Photo provided by Elizabeth Hogan, University Archives.

## Pedometer program counts steps to physical health

By Bill Gilroy

“Solvitur ambulando,” St. Jerome was purportedly fond of saying. “To solve a problem, walk around,” or more precisely, “It is solved by walking around.”

An increasing number of faculty and staff at Notre Dame are walking with pedometers to solve the problem of physical inactivity and its resulting negative impact on health and wellness.

The Cooper Institute of Aerobics has determined that 10,000 steps a day—the equivalent of approximately five miles—is the amount of physical activity needed to effectively decrease body fat, improve blood pressure and increase aerobic fitness. Ten-thousand steps also is roughly equivalent to the Surgeon General’s recommendation to accumulate 30 minutes of activity most days of the week. Recent research indicates that “lifestyle activity,” such as walking 10,000 steps each day, is as effective as more formal, structured exercise programs in improving health.

For the past five years, the University’s Office of Human Resources and RecSports have combined forces to encourage employees to become physically active through a “Counting Life Steps” program. For a \$15 fee, employees get a pedometer that measures the number of steps taken in a day. For \$20, faculty and staff also receive a T-shirt and a log book in which to record their progress.

Jessica Brookshire, now manager of Total Rewards and Communication and formerly manager of Work Life programs for Human Resources, and Jennifer Phillips, assistant director of fitness for RecSports, helped establish the Counting Life Steps program.

“We envisioned the program as a means of motivating employees to get moving,” she says. “The pedometer was an easy means of showing people what they had done at the end of a day. For many, it’s an eye-opener to see how many steps they’ve taken in a day.”

In simple terms, a pedometer is a pager-size device worn on a belt or waistband that records the number of steps you’ve taken based on your

body’s movement. The basic models provide a total number of steps; more advanced models convert steps into distance walked or calories burned. For programs like the University’s the simple model is all that is required.

The 10,000-mark may seem daunting to someone just beginning the program. But keep in mind that experts estimate most individuals take 900 to 3,000 steps in the normal course of a day. And, as in any exercise program, 10,000 steps is a goal to gradually work up to, and benefits accrue with any increase in physical activity.

As is true with many exercisers, pedometer users can become quite tenacious in their pursuit of their walking goals. In 2003, Human Resources and RecSports introduced a “Million Steps Pedometer Program.” The goal for participants was to average 10,000 steps a day, each day, from Feb. 23 until June 2.

Alan Bigger, the University’s director of building services, participated in the program and has written an engaging account of how he reached the million-step goal. On the last day of the program, he found himself 28,772 steps short of the goal. But like any true athlete performing under pressure, he rose to the challenge.

“It took over three hours of nighttime walking, it started to rain, it was miserable,” he wrote. “The clock seemed to be moving faster



A pedometer snaps to a belt or waistband. This one indicates the wearer is more than halfway past a daily goal of 10,000 steps. *Photo by Julie Flory.*

than my legs could carry me. With much ‘blood, sweat and tears,’ at 11:55 p.m. on June 2, I made the goal of 28,772 paces and reached the goal of 1,000,000 steps, actually, for the record, 1,000,049.”

Doug Franson, director of operations for the Institute for Latino Studies, helped organize departmental pedometer programs in both the institute and in the Graduate School, where he used to work.

“There are many advantages to participating in the program as a group,” he says. “In the institute, we had groups walking together at lunch and weekly half-hour classroom sessions to discuss diet and exercise. We also held an ‘ILS Biggest Loser’ competition for two years, although we stressed that the program was about wellness and not just weight loss.”

In the case of both the institute and the Graduate School, the

departments covered the cost of employee participation in the pedometer program.

“There is an immediate benefit to the department in terms of improved staff health and morale,” Franson says.

Despite his final dash to the million-step mark, Bigger highly recommends the University’s pedometer walking program.

“There were some immediate benefits of the program,” he says. “The weight started to come down, the cholesterol levels were lowered, better eating habits were formed and one did not get out of breath so easily. It really was a well-designed wellness program that provided tangible and easy-to-achieve steps to better health.”

For more information about the University’s pedometer program, contact Mary Warner, manager of benefits and Work Life at 631-5588 or [mwarner3@nd.edu](mailto:mwarner3@nd.edu).

**For Your Health explores programs that promote health and well-being and the people whose lives have been enriched by them.**

## FYI

### Poetry readings at Chloe’s Cabaret

Chloe’s Cabaret, an evening of poetry, music, coffee and conversation takes place from 8 to 11 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7 in the Regis Philbin Studio Theatre of the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. The series is a collaborative effort between the performing arts center, the Institute for Latino Studies and the Creative Writing Program. For more information on the season schedule for Chloe’s Cabaret as well as upcoming poetry readings, book signings and author lectures, visit <http://www.nd.edu/~alcwp/activities.html>.

### New Exhibitions at Snite Museum

**New Photographs: Selections from the Permanent Collection** opens at the Snite Museum of Art on Sunday, Sept. 3 and continues through Sunday, Oct. 15. The exhibition features photographs recently added to the museum’s collections, including a portrait of a young girl by Julia Margaret Cameron and a study by Horace Bristol of a Depression-era California migrant camp. The exhibition also includes a group of documentary photographs of such subjects as famine victims in India, carnival workers in Georgia and families of West Virginia coal miners.

**Caras Vemos, Corazones No Sabemos (faces we see, hearts we do not know): The Human Landscape of Mexican Migration**, presents the issues of Mexican migration as expressed in Chicano/Mexican visual arts. The exhibition, co-sponsored by the Institute for Latino Studies, is a multi-media experience of music, artwork, oral histories and supporting documentary material. The accompanying brochure and catalog, as well as all signage and labels, will

be in both Spanish and English. The exhibition opens Sunday, Sept. 3 and continues through Sunday, Nov. 12.

### Performing Arts Center features Irish, funk music

Composer and violinist Daniel Bernard Roumain and his nine-piece band **DBR and The Mission** perform at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8 in the performing arts center. Roumain is a composer, performer, violinist and bandleader who blends funk, rock, hip-hop and classical music; \$30 faculty/staff/senior citizens, \$15/students.

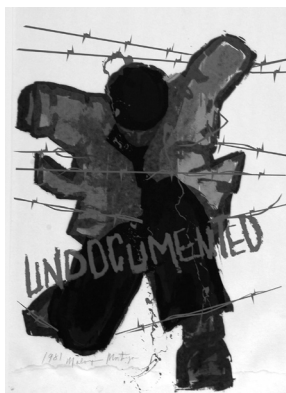
“Bard of Armagh” **Tommy Makem** returns to the performing arts center at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15 for an all-Irish musical extravaganza, sharing the stage with local ensemble Kennedy’s Kitchen (“the best Irish band in the Midwest”); \$25 faculty/staff/senior citizens, \$15/students.

### Correction

Closing hours for Rolfs Sports Recreation Center and the Rockne Memorial were incorrect in the Aug. 17 special insert. Rolfs Sports Recreation Center and the Rockne Memorial close at 11 p.m. every night. Effective Oct. 22, RSRC will close at 12 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and the Rockne



DBR and The Mission



Undocumented by Malaquias Montoya

Memorial will close at 12 a.m. Monday through Thursday. For a complete list of facility hours, visit [recsports.nd.edu](http://recsports.nd.edu).



For day-to-day listings of events, visit [agenda.nd.edu](http://agenda.nd.edu).

## WHAT THEY WERE DOING



Children’s activities at the opening picnic make the annual event a popular family affair. *Photo by Matt Cashore.*



Kathi Connor operates a shirt pressing machine.



The front desk of the newly renovated St. Michael's satellite on campus, pictured above, is in the same building and has the same friendly service. It's just smaller, and its new entrance is a little bit south of the old entrance.

## A laundry by the numbers

St. Michael's can wash 800 pounds of laundry per hour in four of its machines alone. If you add to that the smaller machines, it has the capacity for much more. Michael Klosinski, director of St. Michael's, estimates his staff washes between 20,000 and 30,000 pieces of clothing every month. There are:

- four 200-pound machines
- three 65-pound machines
- two 35-pound machines
- one 95-pound machine
- one 18-pound machine
- one normal household machine for delicates

# Defense against the evils of laundry

*St. Michael's Laundry has been Notre Dame's guard against grime*

By Lisa Panzica

"St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle."

Great prayer. But is it respectful to say even if that battle is against laundry?

As it happens, Notre Dame's St. Michael's Laundry is a powerhouse worthy of the battle guard whose name it bears. Its weapons include state-of-the-art facilities for washing, dry-cleaning, commercial cleaning for hotel bedding and linens, tailoring, and linen and uniform rentals. Its force of human specialists recently has been augmented with a \$280,000 computer system that thrusts the operation into the forefront of laundry technology.

"Some students still confuse us with being a Laundromat, where they can bring their clothes and study between cycles," said Michael Klosinski, director of St. Michael's. "But our facility is a true laundry service, with pickup and delivery convenience, and the most up-to-date tracking capabilities so we know precisely where each student's laundry is at any given moment."

Monitoring laundry is one of the most important pieces of this new technology, Klosinski says. "Our employees can tell you exactly what pieces of clothing came in, what machine they went into and when they were bundled back up for delivery," he says.

In 1989, fire destroyed the laundry, then located on Holy Cross Drive near Lewis Hall. For two years while a new building was constructed to the north of campus the laundry operated out of St. Joseph's Medical Center using the hospital's equipment during the second shift. When the new facility opened in 1991, its new equipment was assembly-line efficient.

On an intricate rail system high above workers' heads, large bags of laundry move easily towards loading into large-capacity washing machines and dryers.

And at St. Michael's, large capacity means large. The facility does more than 2 million pounds of laundry a year, a figure that nearly reaches its capacity for a single shift of employees, says Klosinski, who credits Cathy Martsolf, the plant manager, and Robin Kramer, associate director, for the laundry's success. The entire operation closed for a few hours this summer for a surprise employee appreciation party that ended with lunch in the Morris Inn.

"To put it in perspective," he explains, "South Bend's Memorial and St. Joseph hospitals each do roughly three million pounds of laundry a year at their facilities. St. Michael's does the equivalent of a 400 to 500 bed hospital" St. Michael's dry cleaning operation runs the equivalent of South Bend's Rubin's Dry Cleaners, he says..

The on-campus site of St. Michael's recently underwent another change, moving to a different part of the building. It still is the spot for on-campus drops of laundry. But for the bulk of St. Michael's 38 full-time employees, home remains within the building near the Notre Dame Federal Credit Union.

"This has been a great success for the people who work here," Klosinski says proudly. "They have adapted so well to all of these changes. So many of these people have been here for 10, 15, 20 years. They are an amazing set of workers."

Yet, it takes a good leader to oversee a project of this magnitude. And here is no exception. Earlier this year, Klosinski was awarded the 2006 National Laundry Manager of the Year by a national industry trade group, an award given to him by his industry peers.

*Photos by Carol C. Bradley.*



Earlier this year, Michael J. Klosinski, director of St. Michael's Laundry, received the 2006 National Laundry Manager of the Year.



Above: The laundry has a computerized bar-code system for washing and drying student laundry. Students no longer have to mark individual items.

Johnny Cotton, left, empties a washer that tips forward to let him pull out a gigantic load. St. Michael's does more than 2 million pounds of laundry a year.



Wieslawa Ruchniak, left, a member of the ironing crew, feeds towels into a folding machine.

On the right, Kim Warner is a customer-service representative in the full-service dry cleaning department.

