



RAINY

HIGH 57°
LOW 46°

Mourning a music legend

George Harrison, songwriter and guitarist for the Beatles, dies leaving fans with a long list of musical moments.

Scene ♦ page 11

Tuesday

DECEMBER 4,
2001

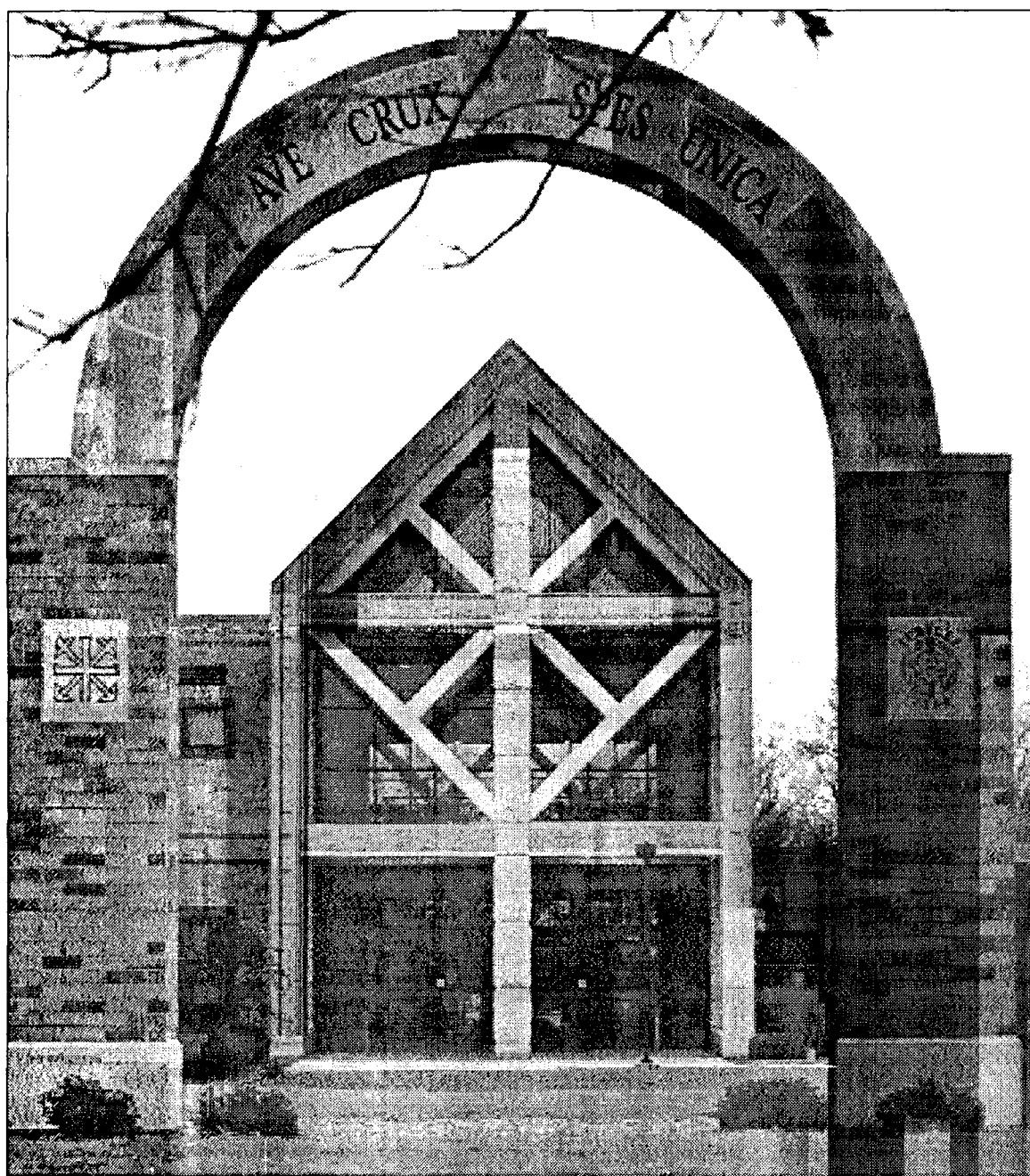
THE OBSERVER

The Independent Newspaper Serving Notre Dame and Saint Mary's

VOL. XXXV NO. 61

HTTP://OBSERVER.ND.EDU

Holy Cross may offer bachelor's degrees



KYLIE CARTER/The Observer

Holy Cross College is investigating a proposal to offer four-year bachelor's degrees. The College currently offers two-year associate's degrees.

♦ College looks into becoming four-year institution

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Writer

Holy Cross College could expand its degree programs to offer four-year bachelor's degrees in the near future, according to proposals currently being developed at the College.

Pending accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Holy Cross wants to offer a four-year bachelor of arts degree in addition to the two-year associate's degree it currently offers.

The College is in discussion stages with the association about timing and there is no firm schedule for the site visit that is necessary to become accredited. The Board of Trustees are currently creating a proposal and have not announced what the time frame is for implementation, according to William Mangan, vice president of Academic Affairs.

"One of things in the forefront of our thinking is that any baccalaureate program cannot negatively affect out associate program and curriculum," Mangan said.

The push for the four-year degree is also coming from alumni and students.

"Many times we hear from

alums and students who say that they would love to stay for four years," Mangan said.

The college considered implementing a bachelor's degree program last year and has been looking into it this academic year, which is also the College's 35th anniversary celebration.

Last week, a general information meeting was held at Holy Cross regarding the academic expansion of the school. Marcum said that administrators expressed that students would be informed of the college's decision of whether or not it is adopting the program in

January or February of 2002.

"A lot of students are excited because it provides a different atmosphere in comparison to other

colleges. It is small enough to be a family, yet large enough to provide opportunities," said Amelia Marcum, president of the Student Advisory Council.

The bachelor degree program would be separate from the associate degree program. Students who receive their associate degree from Holy Cross would have to reapply in order to gain admission into the bachelor degree program. This program would also be open to students who want to transfer from other colleges or junior colleges.

According to Marcum, administrators said at the information meeting they want to begin with

see DEGREES/page 4

"Many times we hear from alums and students who say that they would love to stay for four years."

William Mangan
vice president of Academic Affairs

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Requested study day denied for next semester

By SHANNON NELLIGAN
News Writer

Kristen Matha, student body president, updated the Board on the proposed study day for the spring semester. It was reported that due to the time constraints on the proposal it is unlikely that there will be an extra study day next semester.

The Board had asked the student body earlier this semester to return to campus one day earlier for the spring semester to be able to tack on a study day before finals. The proposal was denied, and the spring semester

will begin on Tuesday, Dec. 15 as planned, and no study day will be added.

"We will work on the study day proposal for the remainder of the year and we plan to see it implemented by spring semester in the next academic year," Matha said.



Matha

In other BOG news:

Teresa Lorenz, a member of the Student Environmental

Action Coalition, requested funds from the Board of Governance to aid three students and one faculty member who are attending a Clean Production and Pollution Prevention at Universities convention in Hermosillo, Mexico.

This will be the first year that students are able to participate in the three-day conference. The purpose of the convention is to learn how to reduce waste and promote effi-

ciency at the College.

"We hope to learn how to

"We will work on the study day proposal for the remainder of the year."

Kristen Matha
Saint Mary's
student body vice president

international level with our presentation," Lorenz said.

Michelle Nagle, student body president, suggested that encouraging and helping stu-

make our campus more environmentally friendly and to represent our club and the College at the

dents to attend such prestigious international events will greatly benefit the College community.

"The students that attend these types of conventions will bring back a lot of important information and it will bring international exposure to Saint Mary's," Nagle said.

After some debate, BOG moved to grant \$400 to cover the convention fee. The rest of the cost has been granted by co-sponsorship with the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership.

Contact Shannon Nelligan at nell2040@saintmarys.edu.

INSIDE COLUMN

Do you have character?

Modern America, through its frank discourse into previously unmentionable topics, has found itself embroiled in a constant debate about character. What is character? The seemingly rhetorical question is often left without an answer. Does the President have character? Who has the best character? Who has the strongest character?

Pat Peters

Operations Manager

On a national level, these answers seem almost impossible to find. We are only privileged with information provided to us by the media and by public relations firms who earn their wages by twisting and turning words and events into scenarios of benefit to their clients. On the local level, however, we are given a much deeper insight.

On the Notre Dame campus, for instance, who has more character? The students and fans who run Web sites degrading and even slandering a man and his family? The alumni who wear T-shirts of dissent against not only a coach but also this University?

Or a man, who when faced with adversity, steps up to the plate and returns focus to where it belongs — with the team he devoted the past five years of his life to, to the players he views as heroes. As Bob Davie said at Sunday's press conference "if my son Clay grows up to be anything like one of those 70 young men we took to Purdue last weekend, I will consider myself a success." This man has character.

Imagine having your dream ripped from you less than 12 months after it had been extended. Imagine even further, having experienced the triumph of victory and less than 12 hours later being told you were no longer associated with the program you've guided for most of your recent memory. Keep on imagining, however, for you still have not faced the humiliation wrought on you and your family by inconsiderate "fans" who have gone so far as to place "for sale" signs in your front yard. This is adversity.

Then stand up, face the cameras and gaze of a dozen or so media outlets and hold your head high. Tell the nation how proud you are of your team and how lucky you feel to have been afforded the opportunity to coach at Notre Dame. How lucky you are. Despite the treatment you have received from its supporters over the past few months. How lucky you are.

Bob Davie saw and continues to see the big picture. Life is not determined by wins and losses on the football field, but by the way an individual conducts himself in society. How many men, when faced with the same situation, have spoken with vengeance and anger. Quote Richard Nixon, "you won't have Nixon to kick around anymore." Instead, this man spoke with dignity and class.

While I will agree with the fact that he is not the best coach for the program, as a Notre Dame student, I am proud to have attended a school where a great man like Bob Davie was a member of the faculty. Hopefully we all can learn from him how to handle the tough situations that life throws at us.

Contact Pat Peters at ppeters@nd.edu

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

The Observer (USPS 599 2-4000) is published Monday through Friday except during exam and vacation periods. The Observer is a member of the Associated Press. All reproduction rights are reserved.

QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"It's hard for me to hide my disappointment that I won't be back as the head football coach of Notre Dame. But with that said, I accept the decision."

Bob Davie
former head football coach
on being fired Sunday

"I had good intentions to do service when I first came here to Notre Dame, but then I got busy with other things."

Melissa Rauch
senior on community
service

"I can't even tell you how many times I've cried thinking that this was going to be my last game with these guys. I love these guys. I would cut off my arm for these guys."

Anthony Weaver
senior football player

"To have people driving by and beeping their horns ... to have more than 100 people who I don't even know turn out to support this cause, it's just so affirming."

Rachel Soltis
Peace Coalition member on
community peace protest

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

University denies mishandling sex-crimes

BOSTON

A lawyer for Boston University on Friday denied allegations made by former student Kristin Roslonski, who claims the University covered up her alleged rape and failed to collect medical evidence pertinent to the case.

Roslonski filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education last week claiming BU violated her civil rights by mishandling the investigation into her alleged rape, attempting to discredit her claims, misrepresenting campus rape statistics and creating a hostile environment for rape victims. Her lawyers sent a demand letter to BU on Nov. 5 threatening to sue the University for \$1.4 million.

BU Counsel Robert Smith said the University would work with the DOE and believed any possible investigation would back the University's case.



"We will work closely with the Department of Education and respond appropriately to any and all information requests because we have nothing to hide," he said.

Roslonski told BU authorities she had been drinking vodka with friends on the fifth floor of Claflin Hall on Nov. 5, 2000, according to witness

statements released by BU. After returning from a failed search to find a party in the Ashford Street area, Roslonski said friends pulled her into a lounge where she kissed and fondled the student she later accused of raping her, according to a police affidavit.

Later that morning, Roslonski went to the student's room where she said she first had consensual oral sex before the other student allegedly raped her with a vibrator.

BU police investigated, but no criminal charges were ever filed. After an investigation by the BU Office of Judicial Affairs, Roslonski was suspended until May 31, 2003, for sexual harassment and alcohol violations. Her alleged assailant was punished for alcohol violations, BU spokesman Colin Riley said last month.

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

Student pleads guilty to professor's death

James Parker, one of the two teenagers charged in the murders of two Dartmouth College professors, will plead guilty to accomplice to second degree murder in the death of Susanne Zantop, the New Hampshire attorney general's office announced earlier Monday afternoon. The parties have reached an agreement and a plea hearing has been scheduled before the Grafton County Superior Court on Friday, Dec. 7 at 9 a.m. "We have reached an agreement with the state of New Hampshire which resolves the case against Jimmy," Parker, lawyer for Cathy Green said in a statement. "Jimmy has made the decision to accept responsibility for his actions, and is hopeful that his plea will enable his family and that of the Zantops to begin the healing process. He is now 17, and will pay a very heavy price for his role in this tragedy." On Friday, the state is expected to present the full terms of the agreement, which would include a proposed sentence; the agreement still has to be approved by a judge.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

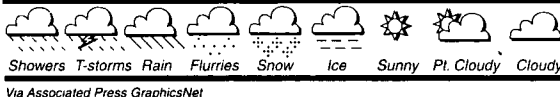
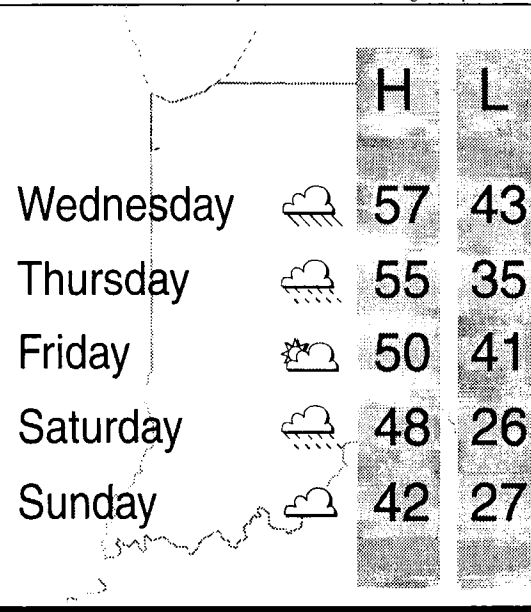
Family of missing professor hires PI

While police have emphasized the possibility that missing Harvard University professor Don Wiley committed suicide, Wiley's family members said Saturday that investigators have told them there is no evidence besides his rental car — found abandoned on a bridge — to support that theory. "I hate that suicide keeps getting brought up as the possibility rather than one of many," Wiley's sister-in-law, Susan Wiley, said in her home Saturday. "I just don't think he committed suicide." Wiley, Loeb Professor of Biophysics and Biochemistry, was last seen at midnight Nov. 15 at the banquet for a scientific meeting in Memphis. There were no signs of foul play when his car was found on the Hernando de Soto Bridge — over the Mississippi River — four hours later. Memphis Police Department (MPD) Lt. Richard True, the department's spokesperson for the Wiley case, said last week that based on past cases with similar evidence, "indications are [Wiley] parked the car on the bridge and took his own life."

LOCAL WEATHER

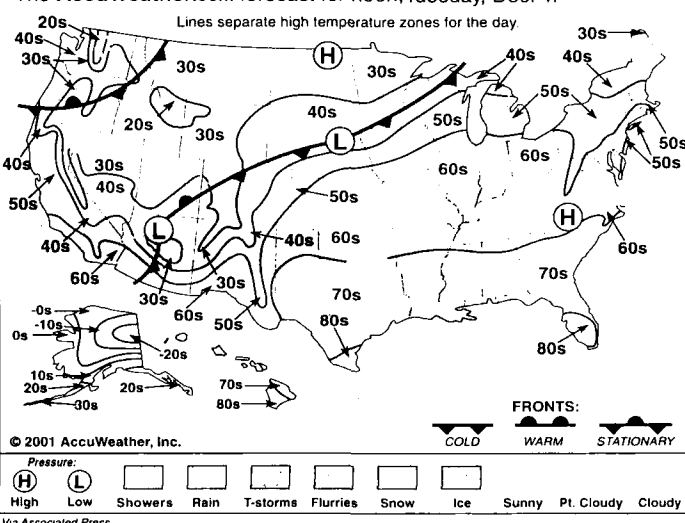
5 Day South Bend Forecast

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures



NATIONAL WEATHER

The AccuWeather.com forecast for noon, Tuesday, Dec. 4.



Atlanta	70	45	Las Vegas	50	36	Portland	43	36
Baltimore	61	36	Memphis	72	52	Sacramento	50	37
Boston	54	39	Milwaukee	52	45	St. Louis	68	54
Chicago	57	46	New York	61	43	Tampa	81	63
Houston	77	61	Philadelphia	61	39	Washington DC	63	43

Bush warns public to stay alert during war

Associated Press

WASHINGTON President Bush urged Americans on Monday to return to a high state of alert for holiday season terrorist strikes after U.S. intelligence officials reported an increase in credible

threats.

Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge, standing in for Bush to announce the third government alert since the Sept. 11 suicide hijackings, said the information does not point to a specific target or type of attack, either in the United States or

abroad.

"The convergence of information suggests, ladies and gentlemen of America, you know, we're at war, be on alert," Ridge told reporters in the White House briefing room.

"Now is not the time to back off," Ridge said, echoing a warn-

ing he issued the nation's governors in a conference call Monday.

The FBI put 18,000 law enforcement agencies "on the highest alert" because of threats culled from intelligence sources across the globe, he said.

The Bush administration issued its first alert Oct. 11, followed by a one-week advisory Oct. 29. Ever since, Ridge, the president and Attorney General John Ashcroft have warned Americans to remain vigilant.

In the last several days, intelligence and law enforcement officials reported increased threats. A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the threat comes from people with links to al-Qaida, the terrorist network headed by Osama bin Laden and suspected in the Sept. 11 attacks that killed almost 3,500.

The threat is not tied to the weekend attacks and retaliation in Israel and may not be a direct response to events in Afghanistan, as al-Qaida is known to plan attacks far in advance, the official said.

"The sources are more credible and, let me just say, the decibel level is higher as they talk about potential

attacks," Ridge said.

White House officials said the level of concern Monday was not any greater than for the two previous alerts.

They said Ridge pushed for the alert because of the new information and out of the apprehension that public, politicians and police were getting complacent.

"The further removed we get from Sept. 11, I think the natural tendency is to let down our guard," Ridge said. "Unfortunately, we cannot do that."

Americans can help by reporting suspicious activity to police, Ridge said.

The action comes in the middle of the holiday shopping season, an important time for recession-weary retailers.

"A terrorism alert is not a signal to stop life. It is a call to be vigilant, to know that your government is on high alert and to add your eyes and ears to our efforts to find and stop those who want to harm us," Ridge said.

He said the alert was intended to "remind our citizens, no matter where you live — it can be a big state with a dense population, or you can be a smaller state with a lot of rural communities — we have no way of assuring or guaranteeing or pinpointing where the terrorists will attack," he said.

Ridge made the announcement because Attorney General John Ashcroft was out of town. Bush has distanced himself from the alerts, which have been criticized for unduly alarming Americans.



Bush

HELP!

Notre Dame's student art & literary magazine THE JUGGLER

is looking for the most creative work on campus for its spring 2002 issue.

Submit short stories, poetry and essays to the box outside the Scholastic Office in the basement of SOUTH DINING HALL by FRIDAY, JANUARY 18th
(poetry written in Spanish, French or Italian is encouraged)

Artwork and design submissions to 212 RILEY HALL by FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1st
(please submit any large or three-dimensional work in slide form)

Questions to: juggler@nd.edu

Winterace

Holiday Customs: How Do You Choose?

Please join us on
December 5, 2001 @ 5:30pm in the CSC
Dinner Provided RSVP: MSPS 631-6841

Ramadan

Holiday Cheer

FBI reorganizes to fight terror

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

FBI Director Robert Mueller said Monday the bureau is being restructured to strengthen its ability to fight terrorism and cybercrime and to improve internal security and intelligence gathering.

Responding to terror attacks and congressional misgivings about the bureau's management, Mueller reorganized the FBI to respond more quickly to threats against national security including possible terror attacks and threats against the nation's computer infrastructure.

More agents will be added to new counterterrorism and cybercrime divisions in Washington.

"We will be expanding under the counterterrorism

division our resources, in particular to address intelligence and prevention," Mueller said in a briefing with reporters.

Investigations into the Sept. 11 and anthrax attacks will not be affected by the restructuring, he said.

Approved by Congress last Friday, the plan takes effect immediately. The next phase of the restructuring will involve field offices backing away from certain investigations, such as bank robberies and drug crimes. Mueller said he first wants to assess whether local law enforcement or other federal agencies can take over those duties.

Mueller added four new assistant directors who will act as his top deputies, in addition to new intelligence, cybercrime, technology and security divisions. He also added a section to work with local law enforcement.

Many of the changes address problems with technology, document handling, internal security and intelligence sharing that have dogged the FBI in recent years.

He stressed the case of Robert Hanssen, a veteran FBI agent who pleaded guilty to a decade and a half of spying for Moscow, exposed serious flaws in the FBI's internal security.

Patagonia

exclusively

at

5 minutes from Campus

OUTPOST

sports

Cold Weather Experts

Call 259-1000 for more details

Degrees

continued from page 1

a core of 30 students in order to test the new program. These students would be enrolled in 1 or 18 hours per semester. The current program outline requires students to take a career planning class, fulfill community service hours, participate in a foreign travel program and complete an internship through the college. The emphasis is on service and to gain an understanding of all aspects of the employer-employee relationship.

Established in 1966 by the Brothers of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, the College's

mission has been to provide a liberal arts education with the intention of transferring to a four-year college program. The College is being conscious about remaining within the original mission of the school.

The general consensus of the administration, faculty, and staff, according to both Mangan and Marcum, is that the addition of the bachelor degree program would be beneficial to Holy Cross.

Mangan said, "The faculty has said we can educate in four years within the liberal arts program. We think we can do it and do it well."

**Contact Meghanne Downes at
downes.1@nd.edu.**

Branches debate Reich nomination

◆ Top Latin American post becomes new political tug of war

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The White House and the Senate are deadlocked over the State Department's top Latin American position, nine months after President Bush first proposed Otto Reich for the post.

Senate Democrats, led by Christopher Dodd of Connecticut, refuse to hold a confirmation hearing for Reich, whom they consider unqualified. The White House won't withdraw his name, saying he is the victim of a smear campaign.

Any attempt to pull back Reich's nomination probably would upset Cuban-American leaders in Florida — an important base of support to both President Bush and his brother, Jeb Bush, who will seek re-election as Florida governor next year.

Reich's supporters have urged Bush to bypass the Senate and give Reich a one-year appointment during Congress' recess. But Bush advisers say that is not being considered seriously.

A recess appointment would be seen as an affront to Senate Democrats at a time the administration is stressing bipartisanship against terrorism.

Moreover, a recess appointment may not be an option. Lawmakers are considering skipping the recess planned for this month because of the war on terrorism. Some Republicans say Democrats may be trying to prevent the possibility of recess appointments — including Reich's.

Without a recess appointment, Reich's nomination as assistant secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs is stuck. It's up to Dodd, chairman of Foreign Relations' Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, to schedule a hearing.

Dodd has said that Reich's nomination is dead.

"Mr. Reich clearly lacks bipartisan support and I would hope that the administration would select another nominee quickly so that the Senate could act before going out for the year," he said in a statement Monday.

But Secretary of State Colin Powell has continued to push for a hearing. He has called Reich the most important among State's unconfirmed nominees.

"He has done nothing — nothing at all — in his career in government that should be seen as disqualifying for this job," Powell said recently. "He has been looked at, he has been investigated, we've been over all of those investigations, and Otto Reich is an honorable man."

Dodd and other opponents of Reich have criticized his work in the 1980s as a State Department official heading an office accused of putting out illegal domestic propaganda against Nicaragua's Sandinista government.

They also suggest that Reich, as ambassador to Venezuela in the Reagan administration, tried to help a Cuban exile suspected of bombing a Cuban plane enter the United States.

And they question whether his work as a lobbyist for companies involved in Latin America presents conflicts of interest.

The Bush administration and Reich's other supporters strongly reject accusations of wrongdoing and say he should be given a hearing to defend himself. They say Reich, a Cuban-American, is being punished for his political views, particularly his strong criticism of Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

Dennis Hays, executive vice president of the anti-Castro Cuban-American National Foundation, said he doesn't expect White House support to waver.

"We've never heard anything other than a firm commitment to Ambassador Reich," he said.

Dan Fisk of the conservative Heritage Foundation said the White House "should be willing to support him to the extent that he wants to hang in there."

Reich has declined interviews since the White House announced plans to nominate him in March. He has left his lobbying firm and is working without salary at the State Department.

Bernard Aronson, the State Department's top Latin American affairs official in the first Bush administration, said U.S. relations with the region are hurt by the lack of an assistant secretary backed by both the president and the Senate, someone who can keep Latin America high on the political agenda.

"Historically, the United States has failed to pay important sustained attention to the region on a regular basis and that is usually when we've gotten in trouble in the region," he said.

OH CHRISTMAS TREE



JENNIE BUEHLER/The Observer

Saint Mary's students sing and pray in front of the Christmas tree as a symbol of the holiday season in McCandless Hall during a blessing ceremony Monday evening.

**INVESTMENT STRATEGIES
THAT ARE CLEAR
AND CONCISE.
EVEN IF OUR NAME ISN'T.**

Aside from our name, we've always been in favor of making things simple.
So contact us for smart, easy investment techniques to help you reach your financial goals.

TIAA-CREF.org or call 1.800.842.2888



Managing money for people
with other things to think about.

RETIREMENT | INSURANCE | MUTUAL FUNDS | COLLEGE SAVINGS | TRUSTS | INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

© 2001 by John Wiley & Sons, Inc. All rights reserved. This publication is intended to provide accurate and authoritative information in regard to the subject matter covered. It is sold with the understanding that the publisher is not engaged in rendering legal, accounting, or other professional service. If legal advice or other expert assistance is required, the services of a competent professional person should be sought.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Pakistan fights extremists: With a new anti-terrorism law and international support, Pakistan plans to crack down on Islamic and ethnic extremists responsible for killing hundreds of people every year, a senior official said Monday. Pakistan enacted the tough anti-terrorism law in August following a spate of religious and politically motivated killings.

Afghan talks continue despite rift: Afghanistan's Northern Alliance said it was prepared to release names of its candidates for an interim administration Monday night, after U.S. envoy James Dobbins accused the alliance of obstructing talks on the Asian nation's future. For the last several days, the Northern Alliance delegation in Germany and leaders back in Kabul have been giving conflicting statements on what they would find acceptable.

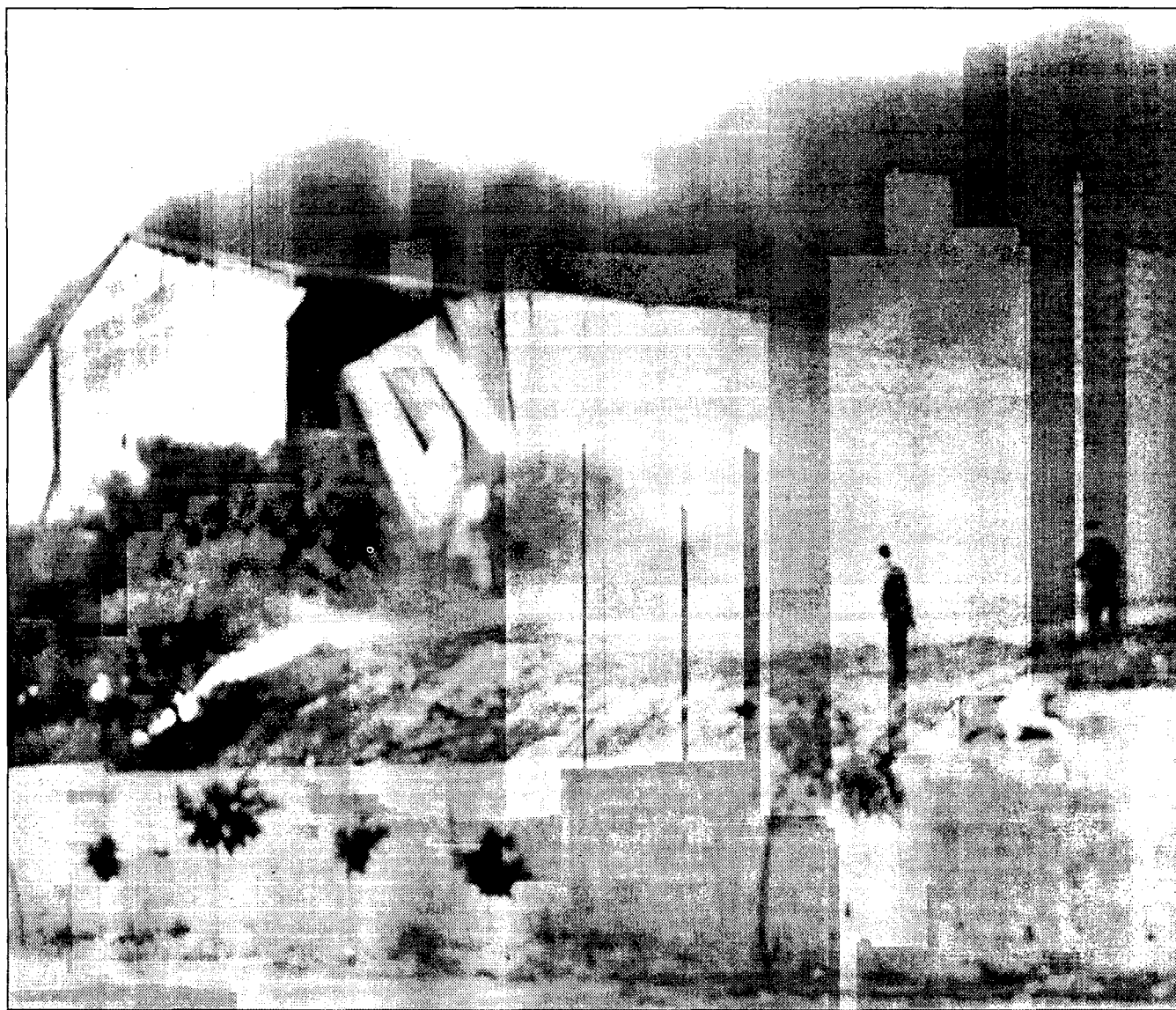
NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Philadelphia mob boss sentenced: In another blow to Philadelphia's already crippled Mafia family, former boss Joseph "Skinny Joey" Merlino was sentenced to 14 years in prison Monday for racketeering. Merlino's lawyer said that with good behavior and time already served, his client could be out in about nine years. Going back more than two decades, every Philadelphia mob boss since Angelo Bruno has either been murdered or sent to prison.

Cosmonauts repair ISS dock: Two spacewalking cosmonauts removed an old rubber seal stuck to the international space station, clearing the way for space shuttle Endeavour to lift off Tuesday on a flight to the orbiting outpost. Launch is set for just after sunset amid unprecedented security to guard against terrorist attacks. Endeavour will deliver a new crew to the space station.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

State targets deer poachers: Indiana conservation officers are cracking down on poachers who employ a host of illegal methods — including spotlights that temporarily mesmerize deer — so they can bag an animal. Since firearm deer hunting season began Nov. 17, conservation officers have done four sweeps in eastern Clark County and parts of Scott, Washington and Jefferson counties to look for people who are spotlighting. More extreme cases can result in the seizure of a hunter's gun or a judge's ruling preventing them from hunting in a certain area.



Flames billow from the heliport of Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat after an attack from Israeli helicopters. Arafat was unable to stop suicide bombers from killing Israelis, which prompted the attack.

White House presses Arafat

◆ Former exile unable to stop suicide bombers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Yasser Arafat has come back from exile and from U.S. rebuke as a terrorist to gain American recognition and a Nobel Peace Prize.

His failure to stop suicide bombers from killing Israelis, however, is causing the Bush administration to question his credentials as ultimate leader of the Palestinians.

He could be losing his grip, in the view of top American officials, as he approaches a last chance to crush Hamas and other

Palestinian-based terror groups.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's declaration of war against terrorism Thursday, and missile attacks on the West Bank and Gaza, are seen within the U.S. administration as a warning, not the start of all-out war with Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

Arafat still has a chance to rein in the terror groups, but it could be his last chance, a senior U.S. official told The Associated Press on Monday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Engaged in its own struggle against international terror, the Bush administration decided after at least 26 Israelis were slain and hundreds injured by suicide bombers over the weekend

that Palestinian terrorism will not get a free ride.

"Terrorism has got to stop," Philip Reeker, a State Department spokesman, said. "You can't pick and choose. And that's the message we are giving the Palestinians."

Similarly, Bush and his aides are endorsing Israel's right to defend itself, with limited qualifications. Targeted assassinations of suspected terrorists, the latest of which occurred last Friday, still is considered beyond the pale.

Once the bombers struck in Jerusalem and Haifa, the United States abandoned its traditional evenhanded call for restraint and stopped imploring Israel not to provoke the Palestinians.

What has changed, the

senior U.S. official said, was the depth of the violence committed against Israel and the U.S. commitment to punish terrorists and their supporters grounded in the Sept. 11 attacks in New York and Washington.

The big unanswered question as U.S. policy shifts is what the United States would do if Arafat fails to shut down Hamas and the Islamic Jihad, the two main terror groups in territory controlled by Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

Robert Satloff, executive director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, said, "What is lacking from U.S. policy right now is consequences for Arafat's refusal to fight terror."

3 Taliban militiamen claim to be American

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Three people who claim to be American citizens and who fought on the side of the Taliban militia are now under the control of U.S. forces or allied opposition forces in northern Afghanistan, senior defense officials said Monday.

A man identified as John Walker is receiving medical care from U.S. forces after being discovered among captured Taliban troops and al-Qaida fighters who had holed up in a fortress in Mazar-e-Sharif. CNN

reported that Walker, a convert to Islam, had suffered grenade and bullet wounds.

In an interview posted on Newsweek magazine's Web site, his parents identified him from photos as John Walker Lindh, 20, of Fairfax, Calif.

Two other people who claim to be Americans are under the control of the northern alliance, a defense official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The official knew few details about these two, whose identities have not been established and whose physical condition could not be

determined.

Asked about Walker, Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem, the deputy director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he could not say whether Walker is considered a prisoner of war or whether he would be returned to the United States.

Stufflebeem said Walker's status has "not yet been defined."

"The only thing that I can say about this individual is that this is somebody who claims to be an American citizen," he said. "That claim is being respected for the moment, until facts can be established."

Market Watch December 3

Dow Jones	9,763.96	-87.60
Up: 1,272	Same: 185	Down: 1,872
Composite	Volume: 1,189,684,992	
AMEX:	818.10	+2.10
NASDAQ:	1,904.90	-25.68
NYSE:	575.29	-3.98
S&P 500:	1,129.90	-9.55

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY/SECURITY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
ENRON CORP (ENE)	+53.85	+0.14	0.40
SUN MICROSYSTEM (SUNW)	-1.72	-0.68	38.97
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-2.84	-0.58	19.86
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-5.20	-0.74	13.50
NASDAQ-100 INDE (QQQ)	-1.90	-0.62	32.04

CANADA

U.S. strengthens border security

Associated Press

MONTREAL
The United States and Canada signed far-reaching agreements Monday to increase border security and coordinate immigration policies to secure the world's largest trade relationship.

Attorney General John Ashcroft and Canadian officials, including Solicitor General Lawrence MacAulay and Immigration Minister Elinor Caplan, signed agreements that move the North American neighbors a step closer to the perimeter security concept of preventing terrorists and other undesirables from entering either country from abroad.

The two measures — one on border security and immigration issues and the other on shared fingerprint technology — include posting about 600

National Guard troops at U.S. border posts to assist beleaguered customs and immigration officials and allowing Canada to be the first foreign country to share information from the FBI's fingerprint image system, Ashcroft said.

Joint investigative teams comprising U.S. and Canadian forces will be expanded, and the number of immigration officers deployed overseas by both countries would increase, he said.

"The United States and Canada have chosen to work together against terrorism, and North America is safer ... as a result," Ashcroft said.

In appearances at the border between Detroit and Windsor, Ontario, and then at the bill-signing in Ottawa, Ashcroft and the Canadian officials emphasized the agreements were required to combat terrorism after the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States.

Enron lays off 4,000 employees

Associated Press

HOUSTON
Employees carrying boxes, plants, Enron Corp. mugs and other personal items filed out of the company's headquarters in a steady stream Monday, after the bankrupt energy trader told 4,000 workers they were out of a job.

The job cuts, which represent nearly 20 percent of Enron's work force, come a day after the former energy trading giant and 13 subsidiaries filed for bankruptcy protection in one of the largest corporate bankruptcies in U.S. history.

Most of the layoffs were at Enron's Houston headquarters. The remaining 3,500 or so employees in the 50-story mirrored glass tower were sent home. Spokeswoman Karen Denne said later those employees would return to work Tuesday.

The cuts amounted to nearly 3 percent of downtown Houston's work force of about 150,000.

Employees were informed during four large meetings Monday morning.

Their reaction ranged from anger and frustration directed at Enron's management to fear and uncertainty about how they would be able to support their families while looking for new jobs in a soft economy.

Senate plans terror bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Senate Democrats prepared a \$35 billion anti-terrorism package Monday that ignores a veto threat by President Bush, and could force Republicans to vote against a wartime Pentagon spending bill.

The anti-terror plan, which the Senate Appropriations Committee planned to vote on Tuesday, exceeds the amount Bush wants by \$15 billion. It

would add billions for food inspections, state and local preparation for bioterrorism attacks, border security, protection for airports and nuclear facilities, and aid to New York and other areas hit by the Sept. 11 attacks.

"It's a great gamble if he gambles and wins," committee Chairman Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said of Bush's call to postpone additional spending until next year. "But God help us all if the gamble loses."

Byrd, the chief author of the proposal, plans to try adding it

to a \$318 billion defense bill when his committee votes Tuesday on that measure.

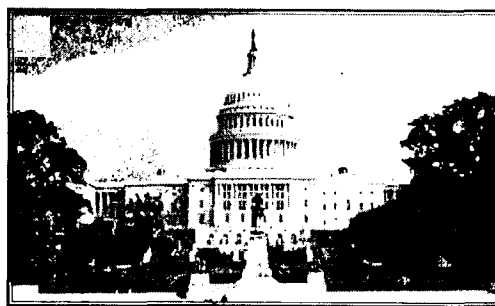
The panel is expected to approve Byrd's package, which would bring the overall measure to the floor of the Democratic-controlled Senate, probably on Thursday.

A master of the Senate's parliamentary rules, Byrd has structured his proposal such that minority Republicans supporting Bush might have to block the entire defense package to kill the additional spending.

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME WASHINGTON PROGRAM

- Study in the nation's capitol
- Work in an internship
- Fulfill philosophy, theology, and fine arts requirements
- Study public affairs
- Live in an exciting city
- Applications for Fall 2002 & Spring 2003 are now being accepted online
- Open to Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors from all colleges

John Eriksen, Director
346 O'Shaughnessy
Eriksen.1@nd.edu



www.nd.edu/~semester

Ever Dream of Being Student Body President?

Would You Like To Lead Your Class To Glory?

Then Come to Candidate Information Night!!!

If You Are Interested In Running For A Student Government Office For the 2002-2003 School Year...

There Will Be A Brief Informational Meeting On Wednesday, December 5, at 7:30 p.m.

Outside the Student Government Office On the 2nd Floor of LaFortune Student Center

Sponsored by Notre Dame Judicial Council

Columbia Sportswear

largest selection at

5 minutes from **OUTPOST sports** Cold Weather Experts

Call 259-1000 for more details



Center for Social Concerns

Happenings



Social Concern Seminars/SSPIs/ISSLPs



Summer Service Project Internships : Summer Service Project Internships are eight-week service-learning experiences sponsored by Notre Dame alumni clubs across the country. Room and board is provided while students work with agencies serving disadvantaged populations.

ACCION

ACCION Internships: For Junior Business majors only. 10 - 12 weeks working with ACCION offices that are microlending organizations. \$2500.00 Scholarship. Room and board stipend provided.

From Field to Table Sociology 468, Immersion in Immokalee, Florida, March 9-17, 2002

Description:

Building upon the richness of the Migrant Seminar, this semester long course examines changing food production in America and the impact on the people involved in the food system. The course will introduce students to the cultural and social issues surrounding migrant farm labor through both classroom and experiential learning. Those who participate in this seminar commit themselves during spring break to working with migrant farm workers in Southern Florida.

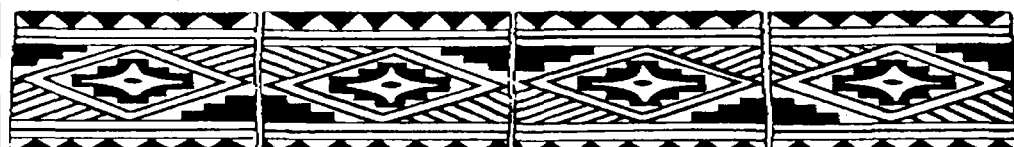


Instructor permission required. Maximum enrollment – 15 students.

This seminar is a **three credit Sociology course** (with a variable credit option.)

Applications available at the **Sociology Department** (810 Flanner) and the **Center for Social Concerns**;

Contact Professor Lincoln Johnson, Johnson.4@nd.edu, 631-7615, or Carl Loesch, Loesch.4@nd.edu, 631-3175



INTERESTED IN SPENDING TWO WEEKS IN MEXICO?

** APPLY FOR THE MEXICO SEMINAR **

The Mexico Seminar is a one credit experiential learning course offered through the CSC and takes place in Mexico City and Oaxaca.

Tentative dates: May 20 - June 3, 2002

The Seminar provides students the opportunity to be immersed in and learn about the social, cultural, and international forces operative in the country.

Requirements for the Seminar include weekly preparatory sessions, readings, fundraising, journal, final paper, follow-up sessions/presentations.

Applications available at the CSC. **Due date: Friday, Dec. 14, 5:00 PM**

Information Session: Tuesday, Dec. 4, 8:00 - 9:00 PM, at the CSC

For further information, please contact:

Brian Noon, Noon.1@nd.edu, 243-2647

Colleen Moore, Moore.43@nd.edu, 1-7600

Rachel Tomas Morgan, TomasMorgan.@nd.edu, 1-9404

MARCH FOR LIFE 2002

January 18-22, 2002

Two Package deals which include
Hotel Accommodations and bus fare.

SIGN UP:

December 3, 4, and 5 in the dining halls:

North Hours: 12-2, 5-7 **South Hours:** 12-2, 5-8

OR

Online after November 26th at

www.nd.edu/~prolife

Post-Graduate Service:

Marist Volunteers, Information Sessions

Wednesday, December 5, 4 p.m. & 6 p.m. at the CSC

CAP Corps, Midwest, Information Session

Thursday, December 6, 5:30 p.m. at the CSC

Holy Cross Associates

Holy Cross Associates Satellite Office Hours in the Coleman-Morris Campus Ministry Building: Every Wednesday from 12 p.m.-2 p.m. Stop by with questions or just to talk with **Anne Moriarty** or **Rebekah Go** about the HCA post-graduate service program! Additional hours possible if requested by calling: **1-5521**

Current Volunteer Needs

Logan Center Opportunity

Logan Center Dance

Marissa Runkle 289-4831

Dance the night away on December 7th from 7-10 p.m. with Logan Center adults who have developmental disabilities. **Pickups:** 6:30 p.m. at LeMans, 6:45 p.m. at PW Circle, 6:50 p.m. at O'Neill

Tutoring

Mentors

Melanie Williams 234-6985

She is looking for role models/mentors to spend some time with her daughters, aged 10-12. They enjoy games, puzzles, crafts and outdoor activities. Transportation to Notre Dame can be provided.

Jefferson Elementary – Learn.Fun Program

Tamika Jones 283-8720

They are looking for some tutors to help with homework during their Learn.Fun program. It serves children K-6th grade, Monday-Thursday from 2:40-3:30. They would be happy to have volunteers for even just one-two days a week.

Washington High School

Mrs. Roberts 283-7200

Washington H.S. is a diverse urban school, serving mostly African American and Hispanic students. They are interested in starting an after school program and looking for some students to serve as tutors.

If you have any questions about these volunteer projects feel free to email cscvols@nd.edu.

Faculty!

HELP US IDENTIFY COURSES FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE GONE ON THE URBAN PLUNGE!!!

In January, 200 students will be traveling to every major urban center in the U.S. to take part in a 48-hour investigation of urban social issues, with agencies, parishes, and others working on problems of poor children, unemployment, homelessness, racism, and many more. After such experiences, our students are excited to pursue new academic questions. What policies should be used to address the poverty in our cities? What does my faith tell me about the social problems I have witnessed? What is the "living wage"? If you will be offering a course, either this coming spring or next fall, in which students could explore these types of questions, please contact Mary Beckman at the CSC.

VIEWPOINT

page 8

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

THE OBSERVER

*The Independent, Daily Newspaper Serving Notre Dame and Saint Mary's*P.O. Box Q, Notre Dame, IN 46556
024 South Dining Hall, Notre Dame, IN 46556EDITOR IN CHIEF
Mike ConnollyMANAGING EDITOR: Noreen Gillespie
BUSINESS MANAGER: Bob WoodsASST. MANAGING EDITOR: Kerry Smith
OPERATIONS MANAGER: Pat PetersNEWS EDITOR: Jason McFarley
VIEWPOINT EDITOR: Lauren Beck
SPORTS EDITOR: Noah Amstadter
SCENE EDITOR: C. Spencer Beggs
SAINT MARY'S EDITOR: Myra McGriff
PHOTO EDITOR: Peter RichardsonADVERTISING MANAGER: Kimberly Springer
AD DESIGN MANAGER: Alex Menze
SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR: Pahvel Chin
WEB ADMINISTRATOR: Adam Turner
CONTROLLER: Kevin Ryan
GRAPHICS EDITOR: Katie McKenna

CONTACT US

OFFICE MANAGER/GENERAL INFO.....631-7471
FAX.....631-6927
ADVERTISING.....631-6900/8840
observad@nd.eduEDITOR IN CHIEF.....631-4542
MANAGING EDITOR/ASST. ME.....631-4541
BUSINESS OFFICE.....631-5313
NEWS.....631-5323
observer.obsnews.1@nd.edu
VIEWPOINT.....631-5303
observer.viewpoint.1@nd.edu
SPORTS.....631-4543
observer.sports.1@nd.edu
SCENE.....631-4540
observer.scene.1@nd.edu
SAINT MARY'S.....631-4324
observer.smc.1@nd.edu
PHOTO.....631-8767
SYSTEMS/WEB ADMINISTRATORS.....631-8839

THE OBSERVER ONLINE

Visit our Web site at <http://observer.nd.edu> for daily updates of campus news, sports, features and opinion columns, as well as cartoons, reviews and breaking news from the Associated Press.

SURF TO:

weather for up-to-the minute forecasts

movies/music for weekly student reviews

advertise for policies and rates of print ads

online features for special campus coverage

archives to search for articles published after August 1999

about The Observer to meet the editors and staff

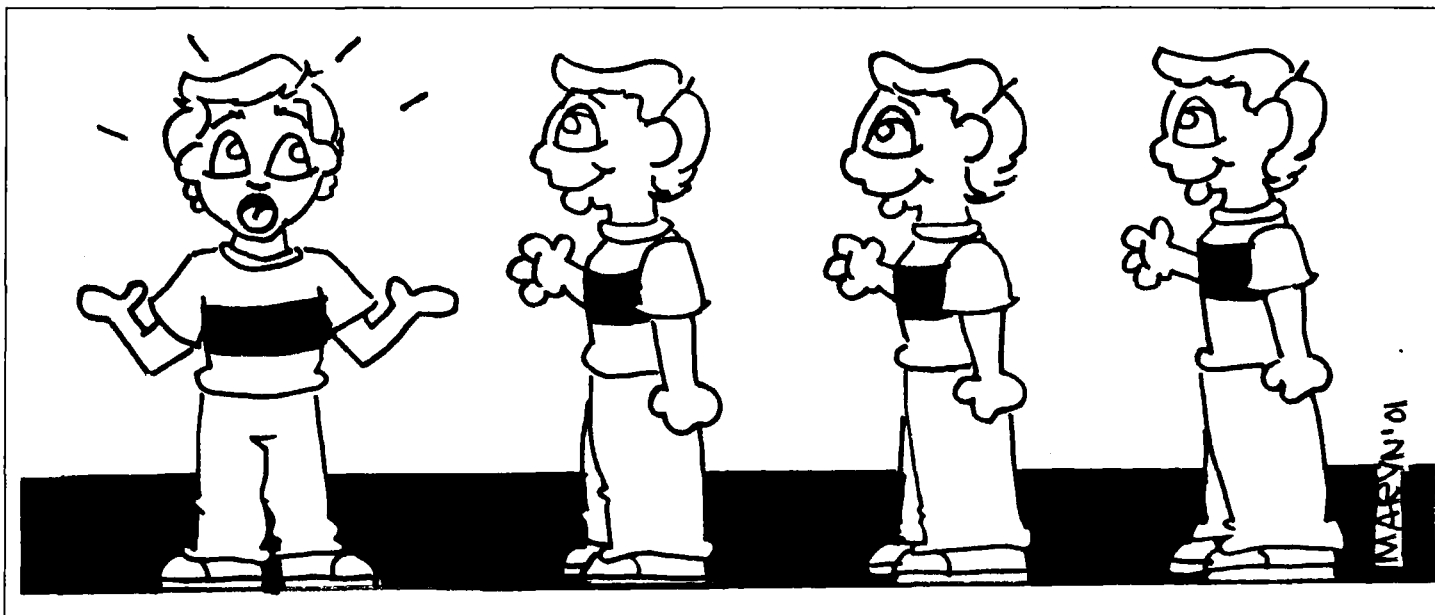
POLICIES

The Observer is the independent, daily newspaper published in print and online by the students of the University of Notre Dame du Lac and Saint Mary's College. Editorial content, including advertisements, is not governed by policies of the administration of either institution. The Observer reserves the right to refuse advertisements based on content.

The news is reported as accurately and objectively as possible. Unsigned editorials represent the opinion of the majority of the Editor in Chief, Managing Editor, Assistant Managing Editor and department editors. Commentaries, letters and columns present the views of the authors and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Viewpoint space is available to all readers. The free expression of all opinions through letters is encouraged. Letters to the Editor must be signed and must include contact information.

Questions regarding Observer policies should be directed to Editor in Chief Mike Connolly.



Cloning is no way to operate a civilized society

"We should not as a society grow life to destroy it." In these words President Bush summed up the only civilized response to the cloning of a human embryo by scientists in Worcester, Mass.

Charles Rice

"Biologically, the entities we're creating are only cellular life. They're not a human life," said Dr. Michael West, president of Advanced Cell Technology, Inc. (ACT). He is, of course, wrong. Each human embryo is a human being. What else could it be?

Cloning is either therapeutic or reproductive. The ACT cloning was therapeutic in that the embryos were created for the purpose of extracting their stem cells for possible use in treating Parkinson's and other diseases. Embryos are killed when stem cells are removed. In reproductive cloning, the cloned embryo would be implanted in a woman's womb and carried by her to birth.

Various technical problems remain to be solved before efficient human cloning of either type becomes a practical possibility. Nevertheless, as Lori B. Andrews, director of the Chicago-Kent Institute for Science, Law and Technology commented: "What they're doing is taking us one step closer to the human reproductive cloning ... The next step — implanting embryos into women — is not experimental at all. We do it ... with *in vitro* fertilization. So if these scientists show us a way to create cloned human embryos — ostensibly for therapeutic purposes — what they're also doing is showing us a technique to clone human beings."

Cloning is not illegal, although federal law forbids the use of federal funds for human cloning. ACT receives no federal funds. Last summer the House of

Representatives voted to ban all human cloning; the bill is pending in the Senate.

What is the relation between cloning and embryonic stem cell research? Advances in research on stem cells derived from adults may render the use of embryonic stem cells unnecessary. Last Aug. 9, President Bush announced his support for federal funding of research only on embryonic stem cells which had already been harvested at that time. However, use of embryonic stem cells, or stem cells derived from other adults, for transplant into a patient involves possible rejection of those cells by the patient's immune system. The rejection problem would be avoided by use of stem cells taken from an embryonic clone of the patient himself.

This is one reason why therapeutic embryonic cloning will probably not be outlawed. Another reason is that "therapeutic" cloning of human embryos is a potentially profitable enterprise. "By rushing into print preliminary experiments in creating ... embryos through cloning," noted the Wall Street Journal, "scientists at [ACT] can get ... a leg up in the effort to turn the technology into a viable business."

For a more basic reason, it is unlikely that either type of human embryonic cloning will be banned. Our culture tends to liberate technology from moral restraints. John Paul II insists that: "Science and technology require ... respect for the fundamental criteria of the moral law ... [T]hey must be at the service of the human person ... according to the design and will of God." Unfortunately, as author Kirkpatrick Sale predicted, "In a world that ... commodifies gene-splicing, amniocentesis and *in vitro* fertilization, there cannot be any lasting legal restraints on ... reproductive technology ... [W]hen the Supreme Court found in 1980 that

patenting genetically created life was legal, and thus that people could make profits from it, it opened a floodgate."

A further reason why human cloning will not be effectively prohibited is the dominance of the contraceptive ethic. In contraception, like cloning and *in vitro* fertilization, couples deliberately separate the unitive and procreative aspects of sex and, as John Paul put it, they "act as arbiters of the divine plan." They "claim a power which belongs solely to God: the power to decide, in a final analysis, the coming into existence of a human person. They [act not as] cooperators in God's creative power, but [as] the ultimate depositaries of the source of human life. In this perspective, contraception is ... so profoundly unlawful as never to be, for any reason, justified ... [T]o say the contrary is equal to maintaining that ... it is lawful not to recognize God as God."

It is futile to try to put the brakes on human cloning, or abortion or euthanasia, without restoring the conviction that God, and not man, is the arbiter of when and how life begins and ends. This requires a reassessment and rejection of contraception.

Sometimes we can learn even from politicians. "Therapeutic cloning," said Sen. Sam Brownback (R. - Kan.), "is the process by which an embryo is ... created for the ... purpose of subsequently killing it for its stem cells ... It turns a child into property. The child's sole purpose in creation is to be destroyed for someone else's benefit. This is no way to operate in a civil society."

Professor Emeritus Rice is on the Law School faculty. His column appears every other Tuesday. He can be reached at plawecki.1@nd.edu.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

TODAY'S STAFF

News
Courtney Boyle
Helena Payne
Elizabeth Lee
Sports
Bryan Kronk
Viewpoint
Kristin YemmScene
Sam Derheimer
Chris Scott
Graphics
Andy Devoto
Production
Noah Amstadter
Lab Tech
Amanda Greco

POLL QUESTION

Who do you want to be the new head football coach?

Vote at NDToday.com by Thursday at 5 p.m.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"A great civilization is not conquered from without until it has destroyed itself within."*Will Durant
historian

VIEWPOINT

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

page 9

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students appreciate Davie's character

Remember Davie as a good role model

I am simply writing to thank The Observer and Mike Connolly for their positive articles on Bob Davie and his dismissal. We all know his record and, yes, Notre Dame football has seen better days. Davie, however, is a good guy and I think that this started to get lost these past few weeks. People all over campus began judging Davie as a person based on his coaching skills.

I personally will not remember Davie as the only Notre Dame football coach to be officially fired from the University. I won't just remember the losing record of my senior year. In the big scheme of things, those are trivial.

Instead, I will remember the advice that he shared with Mike Connolly at one of the most difficult times of his career. I will remember the Davie who admitted when he was at fault even though the easy thing would be to blame it on the team, the refs, the weather, anything. I will remember the Davie who would not resign because he had signed a contract and wanted to show the world, the University and his own family that he would honor what he put his name to. I will remember the coach who had his priorities straight and who left a pep rally early to go support his daughter as she found out whether or not would win her high school Homecoming crown.

Thank you to The Observer for recognizing a great role model and a great man.

Elizabeth Emerson
senior
Lyons Hall
Dec. 3, 2001

Press conference showed Davie's class

I will start out by saying I know most people will disagree with what I have to say. I like Davie. I agree he has had a bad stint as head coach. I will concede that he quite possibly should have been fired for his performance in recent years. I will even go so far as to say he should have probably never been given the head position. But I am really sick of the Davie bashing that has gone on.

When Davie was hired he was told what he had to take care of — academics. That was what he had to do. He did it with flying colors. To those who kept saying how that didn't relate at all because "Academics don't equal football" ... you're wrong. Plain and simple. It was a valid defense by Davie. Again, I agree it should also be back up by winning games, but he has done what he was hired to do.

As for the apparent classlessness of Davie not resigning:

1. No coach has ever been fired before because specific contracts were not used.

2. Again, Davie had a valid argument that the University came to him. If you say "Hey we will pay you money to do something," you have no basis to think that person will leave because you want him too. And to block the argument I know is coming, "winning games" is not what his contract was extended for. It was expected, but not the reason. He was to coach, he coached. Boom. He isn't in breach.

A final thing. I would like to congratulate Davie on his press conference Sunday. I think it really showed the class some people don't realize he has. He could have taken the time to complain about the University (since the reporters by all means tried to bring that about), or advertise himself, but he instead responded to questions sincerely and showed the love for Notre Dame that many have questioned.

I have a lot of respect for Bob Davie and wish him the best of luck in the future.

James Hill
junior
Stanford Hall
Dec. 3, 2001

Education does not preclude activism

Many have said, however erroneously, that if, at 20, you aren't pro-revolution, you don't have a heart, but if, by 30, you're not pro-institution, you don't have a brain. Aaron Kreider, the most irrevocably liberal figure on campus would have us believe that the progression is a simple matter of choice. Choose to become educated, Kreider says, and you choose to "discard all your non-academic goals." While haphazardly interchanging the terms "science" and "education," Kreider objects to the "required neutrality" of academia.

Hmm ... Science. Anywhere else on Earth, the term demands objective study, devoid of sentiment. In Kreider's Liberal Excuse-ville, science and education somehow become conjoined in a counter-productive, sterile dissection of mankind. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Nor could Kreider's explanation of why he cannot continue his studies. Kreider himself touches upon the real reason for his escapism saying, "I do not think I am inherently lazy."

Think again, Mr. Kreider. The trade-off between study and activism is not characterized as you might suggest by a mutually exclusive relationship. Were it so, it would not follow that the most avid and accomplished activists of all history were also some of the most highly educated individuals of their time. Martin Luther King, Jr., Gandhi and such similar figures were indeed all successful activists, but, moreover, were accomplished scholars with the wisdom, obtained through study, to do good. Now, of course, Kreider's typical leftism reaction would be to remind us that such men did not attend year after year at educational institutions. I would remind Mr.

Kreider, however, of his need to think about his definition of education, question it and resist supporting the all too convenient liberal stereotype of education as the enforced conformity of the individual.

Instead, think about what it means to be educated or learned: simply that one learns, spends significant time dedicated to studying and maturing his mental, relational and productive faculties. The great activists I've mentioned correctly recognized education as an investment of time in their cause. Only after studying necessary social skills like proper communication and composition, and then specific issues were the great revolutionaries equipped to make a difference.

Education isn't necessarily that which attendance at a school provides. Plenty have graduated institutions of higher learning without gaining any real education. Nor is education necessarily restricted to one's current locale. So you don't like the level of activism and support structure for activists at Notre Dame, Aaron? Want a liberal education and a liberal environment, Mr. Kreider? Then go attend a liberal college.

Your cry: "How can I study when people are dying?" is tantamount to the pathetic sigh of a lazy soul bellowing, "I don't really want to commit time to studying, so I'll proffer education as a scapegoat." Accept your responsibilities to study or be condemned as another listless hippy, full of good intentions but without the gumption to realize them.

Chris Hoffman
junior
O'Neill Hall
Dec. 3, 2001

Band expresses gratitude

On behalf of the Notre Dame Band and Band Staff, we would like to take this opportunity to express special thanks to you, our students and fans here at Notre Dame.

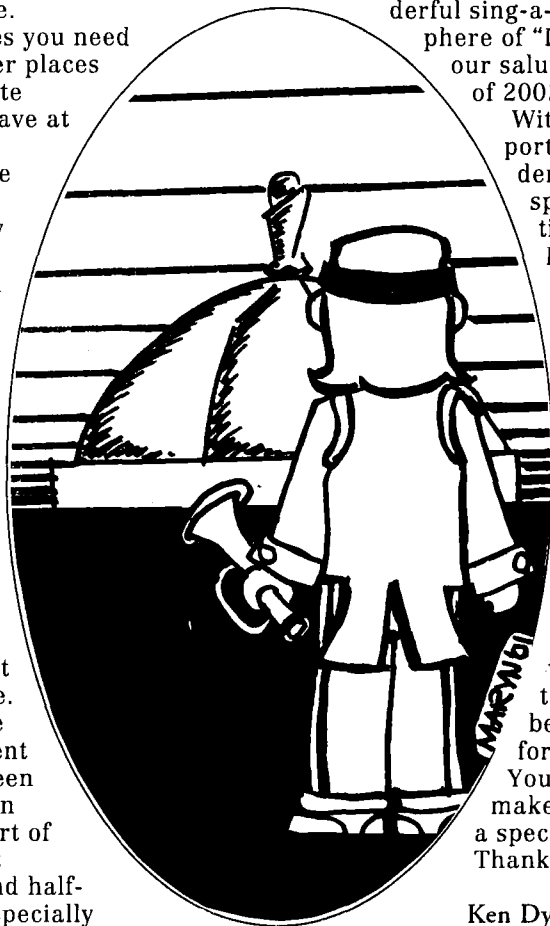
Sometimes you need to visit other places to appreciate what you have at home. Last weekend we had the opportunity to travel to Purdue and perform. It became immediately evident that the stadium, its fans and above all its students were quite different than ours at Notre Dame.

The Notre Dame student body has been wonderful in their support of the Band at pregame and halftime. We especially enjoy the fantastic response as our Band comes out of the tunnel into the greatest football stadium in the nation. In addition, we

have enjoyed the student participation in our performances at halftime — from the poignant moments on Sept. 22, during "Amazing Grace" — to the wonderful sing-a-long atmosphere of "Lean On Me" — our salute to the Class of 2002.

Without the support of our students and the special traditions at Notre Dame, we would be just another band at another game. It is you, the students and fans, that have made it a wonderful experience for 114 football seasons — and we look forward to putting together the best band ever for the 115th. You are what makes Notre Dame a special place. Thank you.

Ken Dye and the Notre Dame Band
Dec. 3, 2001



SCENE.
music

page 10

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

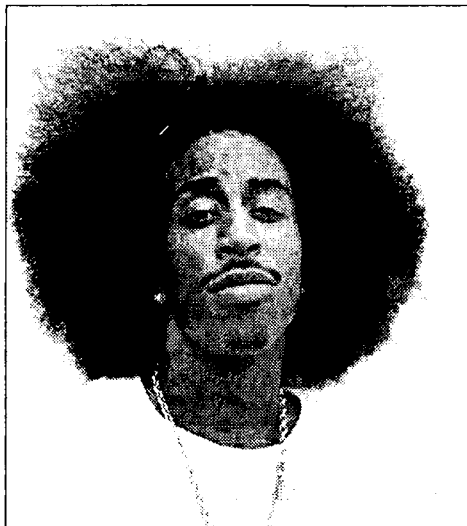
ALBUM REVIEW

Ludacris flows with style and humor on Word

By LAURA ROMPF
Scene Music Critic

Ludacris's sophomore album, *Word Of Mouf*, covers all the bases. It will make you laugh. It will make you dance. Heck, it might even make you reminisce.

The first single off the album, "Rollout (My Business)," has a catchy beat and will have crowds at Boatclub and Heartland



AFP Photo

Ludacris goes for full entertainment value with his latest, *Word Of Mouf*.

throwing their arms in the air. Ludacris flows with ease over the bouncy lyrics. He says, "Man that car doesn't come out 'til next year/ Where in the f*** 'd you get it?/ 80,000 bucks gone/ Where in the f*** did you spend it?"

The album has another single, familiar to MTV and BET viewers. "Area Codes" is a frequently played hit from the past summer. Accompanied by Nate Dogg, Ludacris sings about all his women from different areas of the country.

The song has a lively beat and the lyrics illustrate Ludacris's talent as a writer who can not only make people sing along — they'll be laughing at the same time. His humor is infectious. No doubt, people will be repeating lines off *Word of Mouf* just like they reenact scenes from *Dumb and Dumber*.

Two skits on the album are especially funny. In "Howhere," Ludacris continues a comedy skit found on the song "Ho" from his debut album *Back For the First Time*. A friend calls Ludacris and asks where he is. "At the TexaHO filling up," Ludacris answers.

The friend asks for a girls number, which Ludacris claims to have lost. "You can't check your Holodex," the friend says. Ludacris then asks if the girl is from "ChicagHO" or "OhiHO." The skit continues in this witty fashion, showing Ludacris's cleverness.

"Greatest Hits," a second skit on the album, is even funnier. It starts off saying, "Better than college girls gone wild. It's more off the chain that late night with Mrs. Cleo. Disturbing the Peace

Entertainment presents Ludacris's Greatest Hits Album, done by (a dramatic pause) Random White People."

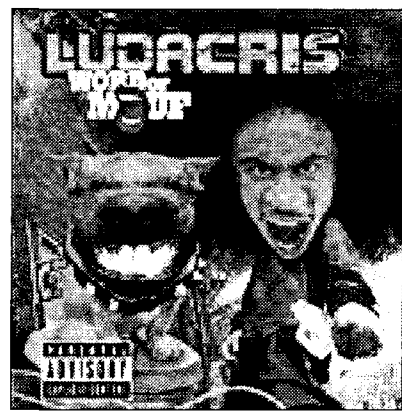
The skit then continues with "Random White People" performing the hits off of Ludacris's first album, including "Southern Hospitality," "What's Your Fantasy," and "Ho." Then the voice over repeats: "It's random white people. Uncut, uncensored — and off beat as f***."

Although he has a talent for humor, on "Growing Pains," he shows he can do serious songs too. While he raps about memories every child of the '80s would get nostalgic about — transformers, G.I. Joes, Starter Jackets and Koolaid. He also tells of the obstacles a child has growing up poor.

Word of Mouf
Ludacris

Def Jam Records

Rating



The song features Fate Wilson and Keon Bryee and the chorus says, "We were trying so hard/ Hard to survive/ Cause even though we were young/ We had to stay strong/ No matter what we went through/ It was me and my crew/ And that's how we went/ When we were kids."

Overall, the album has quite a variety of songs — a couple which will make it big as radio hits. So regardless of whether *Word of Mouf* is making you dance, laugh or reminisce, undoubtedly this latest release of Ludacris covers all the bases. Heck, it may even be a home run.

Contact Laura Rompf at lrompf@nd.edu

ALBUM REVIEW

More focused, Dilated blows up on Expansion Team

By SAM DERHEIMER
Assistant Scene Editor

Despite the name of their new album, *Expansion Team*, the Dilated Peoples aren't new to this game. They blew up in the late '90s as a leader of the L.A. hip-hop renaissance and have stamped their name down in the underground scene with a force matched only by artists like Mos Def and Jurassic 5.

Though *Expansion Team* may only be DJ Babu and MCs Evidence and Rakaa's sophomore release, Dilated have learned a lot in the time since their debut album, *The Platform*, came out back in 2000. Unlike *The Platform*, which came together over a number of years, *Expansion Team* was put together at once, with a focus and organization the group never quite attained on their first album.

"This album was recorded as a complete piece, so it will show more continuity and flow," said Rakaa.

And for once, we can actually take a rapper at his word. *Expansion Team* flows with the sharp, spliced cuts, thick beats and "battle rhyme skills" that brought this underground team into the sunlight in the first place. And with song titles like "Hard Hitters," "Pay Attention" and "War," the Dilated Peoples aren't making any fronts, they came to play this time around.

Joining the team, Dilated recruited a who's who

list of heavy hitters from the underground scene. Tha Liks, Blackthought (the Roots), Phil Da Agony and Defari all make guest appearances lyrically, and the Alchemist, DJ Premier, JuJu (of Beatnuts fame) and the Beat Junkies are among those to take turns producing tracks. What results is a masterful explosion of pure hip-hop in a scene still dominated by flash and a "bling, bling" mentality.

Tracks like "Live on Stage," "Worst Comes To Worst" and "Hard Hitters" blaze with sophisticated backdrops and smooth, clever rhymes. "Pay Attention" funks the flow up as it jams

with a slow, lush jazz beat. "Dilated Junkies" is a showcase of Babu's chunky "ill-turntablism."

One track after another, the songs on *Expansion Team* continue to build the strength of the album as a whole. And perhaps more importantly, they continue the messages of inner strength, resolve and growth Dilated strive to present. This is one hip-hop group that has its priorities straight, "When worst comes to worst/ my peoples comes first."



Photo courtesy of Capital Records

The Dilated Peoples continue to flow with an energy and skill few contemporary hip-hop artists can match. *Expansion Team* is pure hip-hop brought to its full potential.

Babu summed up the album, "I feel like this is our first album. It's an album of all three minds on the same path. The growth is tremendous. I think it's going to open new ears, while still being true to original base."

"An expansion team is a new team in the league," Evidence explains. "We're coming into the game. We've been doing this for a while, but this is our major league run."

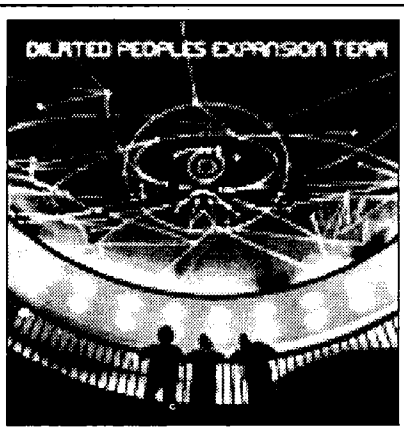
Contact Sam Derheimer at sderheim@nd.edu

Expansion Team

Dilated
Peoples

Capital Records

Rating



SCENE. music

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

page 11

MUSIC COLUMN

Still His Guitar Gently Weeps

In memory of George Harrison (1943 - 2001)

"Sunrise doesn't last all morning/ A cloudburst doesn't last all day/ Seems my love is up and has let you with no warning/ It's not always going to be this grey/ All things must pass/ All things must pass away..."

Lyrics like these expose George Harrison's amazing understanding of the beauty of life, as well

Julie Bender

Scene Music
Critic

as its ritual passing in death. With Harrison's passing last Friday after a long struggle with cancer, his words seem particularly poignant. They come not only as a source of comfort to his many fans, but also as an indication of the genius Harrison possessed, despite his years living in the shadows.

As a child, Harrison caught the rock and roll bug early. He would tune into Radio Luxembourg and struggle to hear the strains of Elvis Presley and Buddy Holly through the static. At the age of 12, Harrison tried to craft his own box-string guitar, but when he tightened the strings, the instrument fell to pieces.

Harrison did not let early failure discourage his love for music, however, and within a few years he was recruited by his friend Paul McCartney to join the band known as the Beatles. As the youngest member of the group, Harrison was barely out of his teens when he was engulfed in the fury soon to be known as

"Beatlemania."

Due to his rather serious demeanor and his sideman position on stage, Harrison became labeled as "the quiet Beatle," a reputation that would last him a lifetime. His song-writing ability was downplayed both by the public and by his band mates, as the "Lennon-McCartney" tag became a staple in households throughout the world.

Harrison though, was a driving force in the Beatles. His electric guitar work can be heard on the earliest of Beatle albums, only to mature to an art form on later works. It was Harrison who wrote some of the most classic Beatle songs, such as "While My Guitar Gently Weeps," "Here Comes the Sun," and "Something." It was Harrison who brought the Indian influence into the Beatles' music with the use of the sitar on songs like "Norwegian Wood" and "Love You To." And it was Harrison who encouraged the Beatles to go to India to study transcendental meditation under the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi.

In his solo years, Harrison stepped out of his role as sideman and stepped into the spotlight. He released a triple album in 1970 entitled All Things Must Pass, which is regarded by some as the best solo work of any ex-Beatle. Harrison

also played a major role in the 1971 concert for Bangladesh in New York City, a Hare Krishna sponsored event. As a loyal devotee to the Hare Krishna Society, Harrison gave the Krishnas much publicity by speaking publicly about the group and donating large sums of money.

In his later years, Harrison helped found the band The Travelling Wilburys with the likes of Bob Dylan, Tom Petty and Roy Orbison among others. He later went on to win a Grammy for the album released by the band.

"George himself is no mystery. But the mystery of George inside is immense."

John Lennon
the Beatles

collections of Beatle music, as well as an anthology book documenting their lives.

Most recently, Harrison made



AFP Photo

the headlines for a near fatal attack by a crazed fan in his own home in Oxfordshire, England.

A reflection on Harrison's life reveals a man whose many talents are still not realized. He lived as an enigma, a sort of "dark horse," as his former record company was so aptly named. As John Lennon once said, "George himself is no mystery. But the mystery of George inside is immense."

Harrison has proven himself to be more than just a quiet sideman. With a guitar (or in some cases a sitar) strapped to his shoulder, music could pour forth from his fingers with ease, creating what is the backdrop of so many lives. Beyond everything

that Harrison was... the kid out of Liverpool, the Beatle, the mystic, the solo performer, the Krishna, there is one thing that stands out. Harrison say it best in his own words, "You can have my love, you can have my smiles. Forget the bad parts, you don't need them. Just take the music, the goodness, because it's the very best and it's the part I give most willingly."

Good-bye, George. We'll miss you.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Julie Bender can be contacted at Bender.10@nd.edu.

NEW RELEASES

Today

De La Soul - Aol: Bionix
Cypress Hill - Stoned Raiders
Low - Last Night I Dreamed that Somebody Loved me
Outkast - Greatest Hits
Mariah Carey - Greatest Hits

December 11

Nate Dogg - Music + Me
Basement Jaxx - Where's Your Head At?
Warren G - Return of the Regulator
Mobb Deep - Infamy

December 18

Mystikal - Tarantula
Master P - Game Face
Nas - Stillmatic

Courtesy of icemagazine.com

UPCOMING CONCERTS

Indianapolis

Guided By Voices	Birdys	Dec. 8
Blu Cantrell	Murat Theater	Dec. 8
Blues Traveler	Murat Egyptian	Dec. 10
Umphrey's McGee	Vogue Theater	Dec. 13

Chicago

Dilated Peoples	House of Blues	Dec. 5
Tony Orlando	Paramount	Dec. 7
Lifeshouse	VIC Theatre	Dec. 9
Redman	House of Blues	Dec. 12
Flickerstick	Metro	Dec. 12
Q101 Twisted 8 Ball	United Center	Dec. 13
Big Jam II	United Center	Dec. 14
Cracker	Metro	Dec. 16
O.A.R.	House of Blues	Jan. 16
Stereophonics	Metro	Jan. 29
Tangerine Dream	House of Blues	Feb. 9
NoFX	House of Blues	March 23

Courtesy of ticketmaster.com

NCAA FOOTBALL

Nebraska on verge of BCS comeback

Associated Press

Nebraska is perhaps on the verge of its greatest comeback ever thanks to the Bowl Championship Series standings.

The Cornhuskers, all but out of the national title chase after a 62-36 loss to Colorado on Nov. 23, would play No. 1 Miami in the BCS championship game if LSU beats Tennessee on Saturday.

The BCS standings confirmed as much Monday, ranking Miami first, Tennessee second and Nebraska third — ahead of fourth-place Colorado, the team it lost to by 26 points — and fifth-place Oregon.

Expect Huskers fans everywhere to learn the words to "Tiger Rag" and tune in when LSU plays Tennessee for the Southeastern Conference title on the final night of the regular season.

The Vols, favored by seven points, can prevent what is certain to create a huge controversy by winning and moving on to play the Hurricanes at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.

Miami has 2.50 points in the BCS rankings, Tennessee 4.79 points, Nebraska 8.39 points, Colorado 9.88 points, and Pac-10 champion Oregon has 10.44 points.

Nebraska coach Frank Solich said his team deserves to be third in the standings, adding that unlike Miami, Tennessee and Oregon, his team didn't have any close-call victories.

"All of the games we won, we won by at least 10 points. We did not have to win a game by having a lucky bounce or a field goal at the end," Solich said. "None of them came down to a 2-point conversion or went into overtime. The games were really decided either before or the middle of the fourth quarter."

And what about the loss to the Buffaloes? "We should have and could have played better," he said. "Colorado is an excellent football team and that is playing outstanding right now."

BCS officials must be hoping for a Vols victory to avoid explaining how a team can play for a national title even though it couldn't even win its own division of the Big 12 Conference.

An LSU win also creates the possibility of split national champions. If Oregon wins its BCS game and Nebraska beats Miami in the Rose Bowl, the Ducks could be voted No. 1 in the final AP poll.

"It's very difficult to see how a two-loss team (Colorado) can be ranked ahead of a one-loss team, especially since at one time the Pac-10 represent-

ed almost one-third of all teams ranked in the BCS standings," Oregon coach Mike Bellotti said. "There still exists a bias when it comes to college football on the West Coast. I know the computers that make up the BCS were supposed to eliminate that, but you still have people inputting the data into the computers."

The AP voters cast their final Top 25 ballots following the Rose Bowl, and all I-A teams are eligible to finish No. 1.

Not so in the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll, which automatically crowns the Rose Bowl winner its national champion.

The BCS standings, set up to determine which teams play in a title game, use a formula that incorporates the AP media and coaches' polls, eight computers, strength of schedule, won-loss record and bonus points for big wins.

The BCS aligns six major conference champions with four big bowl games, the Rose, Sugar, Fiesta and Orange. Two at-large teams are then selected to fill out the field.

Nebraska moved into contention following a series of upsets on Saturday. Florida and Texas, second and third in last week's BCS standings, fell out of contention with losses. That allowed the Huskers to improve from fourth to third and the Vols from sixth to second.

Miami's 2.50-point breakdown was: 1 point for poll average, 1 point for computer average, .60 for strength of schedule, 0 for won-loss record and a .1 bonus point deduction for a 65-7 win over Washington on Nov. 24. The Hurricanes clinched a Rose Bowl spot with a 26-24 win over Virginia Tech on Saturday.

The bonus award — new this season — is based on a sliding scale from 1.5 points for beating a first-place team down to .1 for a win over the 15th-place team. The bonus is awarded after the other elements are calculated.

Tennessee (4.79) had 2 points for poll average, 2.83 points for computer average, .16 for strength of schedule, 1 for won-loss record and a 1.2 point bonus deduction for beating sixth-place Florida 34-32 on Saturday.

Nebraska (8.39) had 4.5 points for poll average, 2.67 for computer average, 0.72 for strength of schedule, 1 for won-loss record and a .5 bonus deduction for beating 11th-place Oklahoma 20-10 on Oct. 27.

The final BCS standings will be released Dec. 9.

NFL

Favre leads Pack back

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.

Facing a tie game with two minutes left Monday night, the Green Bay Packers weren't worried.

Not with Brett Favre on their side. And not with the Jacksonville Jaguars on the other.

Favre threw three touchdown passes, and ran 6 yards for the game-winner with 1:30 left to rally the Packers from 14 points down for a 28-21 victory over the Jaguars — the masters of the late-game collapse.

Favre rolled around left end on a bootleg, then just squeezed into the corner of the end zone for the go-ahead score. It was his first rushing touchdown since Oct. 25, 1998, and ended the longest drought of his career.

Mark Brunell led the Jaguars (3-8) to midfield on their late desperation drive, but he was sacked on second-and-short, and two plays later lost a fumble to end yet another close loss.

Favre threw for 362 yards to help the Packers (8-3) stay one game behind Chicago for the NFC Central lead with the teams set to meet next Sunday.

The Jaguars blew a late lead for the fourth time in six games, and threw yet another distraction onto a pile that includes Jimmy Smith's recent positive test for cocaine and Tom Coughlin's potential candidacy for the Notre Dame job.

They looked bad doing it, committing 111 yards in penalties, enough to nullify Smith's 116-yard receiving night.

With the game tied at 21, Mike Hollis had a chance to give the Jaguars the lead, but his 42-yard field goal hit the left upright — somehow fitting for Jacksonville's star-crossed season.

Before that, Favre rallied the Packers from a 21-7 deficit.

Most of the damage came at the expense of cornerback Fernando Bryant, who has made himself one of Jacksonville's numerous distractions this season,

as the most outspoken critic of the soft-zone defenses the Jaguars have used to blow all those leads.

Given the chance to play in the man-to-man he likes, Bryant surrendered a 45-yard touchdown to Bill Schroeder to make the score 21-14. The Jaguars lost a fumble on the ensuing kick-off, and Favre looked Bryant's way again, hooking up with Antonio Freeman for a 29-yard gain to set up the tying touchdown.

The Jaguars went up 21-7 early in the third quarter when defensive end Tony Brackens sacked Favre and forced a fumble that Ainsley Battles scooped up for a 60-yard touchdown return.

Green Bay improved to a league-best 26-6 in December since 1994, even though this was a 60-degree night in Florida, hardly Packer weather.

Trailing 13-0, Favre scooped a left-handed shovel pass to Ahman Green for a 13-yard score to cut the deficit to seven.

NBA

Knicks top Rice, Rockets

Associated Press

NEW YORK

On a night when the Glen Rice trade looked like a steal for the Houston Rockets, the New York Knicks could at least take solace in a victory.

Allan Houston may not have been effective against Glen Rice on defense, but he got the best of Rice on a key drive late in the fourth quarter.

Allan Houston got the

better of Rice on the most important play of the game, spoiling Rice's return to Madison Square Garden for the first time since being traded as the Knicks beat the Rockets 89-86 Monday night.

Rice scored a season-high 20 points and was at his best when matched against Houston, repeatedly driving around and scoring over his former teammate.

But when Houston got the ball isolated against Rice with 18 seconds left,

he dribbled to his left and launched a quick jumper from the baseline to give New York an 87-85 lead.

"He hit a tough shot, but Allan has done that over and over and over. There wasn't really much I could do," Rice said.

From there, Houston and Latrell Sprewell each made one of two free throws and the Knicks survived an off-balance 3-point attempt by Cuttino Mobley just before the final buzzer to win for the fourth time in five games.

CLASSIFIEDS

The Observer accepts classifieds every business day from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Notre Dame office, 024 South Dining Hall. Deadline for next-day classifieds is 3 p.m. All classifieds must be prepaid. The charge is 3 cents per character per day, including all spaces. The Observer reserves the right to edit all classifieds for content without issuing refunds.

NOTICES

SEMESTER BREAK WORK 400+ LOCATIONS AROUND THE U.S. WWW.WORKFORSTUDENTS.COM

SPRING BREAK Cancun, Jamaica, S. Padre, & all Florida destinations. BEST Hotels, FREE parties, LOWEST prices!

www.breakertravel.com

(800) 985-6789.

VW 97 Jetta GL, 5spd, red/dkgray, sunroof, CD, pwrlocks, AC, immaculate, 29K, \$12,000/best, Kimberly or Rich at 631-5368

GET ORGANIZED,

NEW PALM M105, \$140, 246-9549

LOST & FOUND

FOUND: Kitten outside of Graduate residences. Call 298-1533.

Lost Silver Heart Charm with, "November 24th, 2000" inscribed on it. If found, please call Morgan at 634-2449.

WANTED

WANTED: SPRING BREAKERS! Sun Coast Vacations wants to send you on Spring Break to Cancun, the Bahamas, Jamaica, or Mazatlan FOR FREE! To find out how, call 1-888-777-4642 or email: sales@suncoastvacations.com

Looking for responsible person to housesit and take care of 2 dogs & cat, from 12/22 to 1/5. House is 7 blocks from campus. \$300. 287-3054.

SPRING BREAK PARTY! Indulge in FREE Travel, Drinks, Food and Parties with the Best DJs and celebrities in Cancun, Jamaica, Mazatlan, and the Bahamas. Go to StudentCity.com, call 1-800-293-1443 or email sales@studentcity.com to find out more.

FOOSBALL-Looking for high level players. Are you good enough? Call D 257-4441

Calling Elvis... looking for students to work as impersonators at JPW for the 1950s booth. Desperately seeking James Dean, Marilyn Monroe and the KING! Call Jocie Antonelli at 631-0106.

FOR SALE

2000 Toyota Echo 4dr, red, auto, cd/cass 19,000mi, like new, must sell 10,500 obo 631-5144/234-7741

1996 Toyota Camry XLE 75k mi Loaded Excellent Condition \$10,995 257-3429

95 Mazda 626 LX, loaded, leather & power sunroof, 69,000 miles. \$5,500. Days: 231-3930 Eves: 616-445-0922

Moving off campus? Bed, desk, chairs, shelves for sale. Call Jen 277-9661

82 Cadillac Eldorado coupe. Very good condition. Going to Rome program. \$2,800. Call 631-5663. Ask for Goncalo or email gcorneli@nd.edu

FOR RENT

HOMES FOR RENT NEAR CAMPUS mmmrentals.com email: mmmrentals@aol.com

Houses available for 3 to 6 students. Good area...ADT, washer-dryer-air. Dave 340-0106

Student Wanted! Alum owned 2 story, 5 bdr, 2 bth w/new carpet. appl, sec.roof & furnace, 3 lot yd, 1 blk.N of Club 23. 1-800-731-0043

PERSONAL

SPRING BREAK Largest selection of Spring Break Destinations, including Cruises! Rep Positions, Free Drinks and Free trips available. www.EpicuRRean.com 1-800-231-4-FUN

Spring Break with STS' Americas #1 Student Tour Operator. Promote trips on campus, earn cash and free trips. Info/Reservations. 1-800-648-4849 www.ststravel.com

EARN HOLIDAY CASH 257-8129

Advertise to your friends for just pennies a day in OBSERVER CLASSIFIEDS. Call 631-7471 for information, or stop by the Observer office in 024 South Dining Hall

SPRING BREAK INSANITY! WWW.INTER-CAMPUS.COM OR CALL 1-800-327-6013 GUARANTEED LOWEST PRICES! CANCEL, JAMAICA, FLORIDA AND BAHAMAS PARTY CRUISE! FIFTEEN YEARS EXPERIENCE! FREE TRIPS FOR CAMPUS REPS!

Are you a former Observer staffer? Come to The Observer's 35th Anniversary Reunion, April 20, 2002 at South Bend Marriott. Email obsreunion@hotmail.com to e-mail your contact information.

The Observer wishes all good luck on finals.

Take the NDToday/Observer poll at NDToday.com.

Let your voice be heard.

Want to advertise? Call The Observer advertising department at

(219) 631-6900.

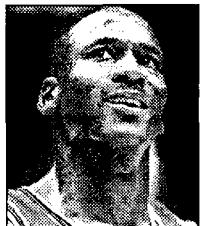
NBA

Jordan to miss tonight's game

Associated Press

More than eight years and two retirements later, Michael Jordan is finally going to miss another NBA game because of an injury.

Jordan had fluid drained from his right knee Monday and will miss the Washington Wizards' game at San Antonio on



Jordan

Tuesday, the start of a four-game road trip.

An MRI revealed no serious damage to the knee, so Jordan might return for Thursday's game at Houston.

"My body is sending me messages, and I need to be ready to play on Thursday," Jordan said. "I hope to be ready to play on Thursday."

Jordan hyperextended his knee during a preseason game, and this was the second time he

has had fluid drained from it. He has been bothered by soreness and swelling in the knee — on top of the tendinitis he has felt in both knees since he resumed workouts earlier this year.

At 38, Jordan has barely been able to practice for more than a week. When he does, he can't make it through the entire session.

Jordan is averaging 24.8 points and 38 minutes per game and is shooting just 40 percent, well below his career average. He also leads the league in shots taken and shots missed.

"We're pleased with the results of Michael's examination," Wizards general manager Wes Unseld said. "Michael will rest the knee for a few days and continue his treatment so that he can return as soon as possible."

Unseld said that "Michael wants to play every minute of every game," but that coach Doug Collins "will manage Michael's minutes in an effort to

minimize the soreness in the knee."

Jordan last missed an NBA game because of injury on March 5, 1993, also against San Antonio. It was the second of two games he missed while hospitalized with a foot infection.

The wear and tear of an NBA schedule on Jordan's body seemed the biggest obstacle in his second comeback. He was slowed by back spasms and two cracked ribs as well as the knee tendinitis in workouts to get in shape over the summer. He has also been playing with a sore right wrist.

Nevertheless, when he announced his return, he said he planned to play all 82 regular season games.

Instead, he made it through the first 16 before having to take this break. On the court, he has been obviously slower than his old self and no longer commands regular double-teams. His jump shots have often been flat and short — usually the result of tired or injured legs.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Texas, USC going to Holiday Bowl

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

The Texas Longhorns will put on their best faces and head for Southern California in late December — to San Diego, not Pasadena.

The No. 10 Longhorns (10-2), who blew a shot at playing in the Rose Bowl with their turnover-filled loss to Colorado in the Big 12 championship game, accepted an invitation Monday to play No. 20 Washington (8-3) in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 28.

It's a good matchup, even though both teams are coming off disappointing losses. Texas had its national championship hopes wrecked in its 39-37 loss to Colorado, and Washington was overwhelmed 65-7 by No. 1 Miami two weeks ago.

Texas coach Mack Brown put the best spin he could on a return trip to the Holiday Bowl, where the Longhorns lost to Oregon 35-30 last year.

"Not many teams have a chance to win 11 games and finish in the top 10, and that's something we want to do," Brown said in a statement.

Texas quarterback Chris Simms had three interceptions and lost a fumble against Colorado. In last year's Holiday Bowl, he threw four interceptions yet almost rallied the Longhorns to victory.

Simms' performance against Colorado opened an old wound for Longhorns fans and Brown: the controversy on whether to play Simms or Major Applewhite, the school's career passing leader.

Applewhite nearly rallied Texas to a win against Colorado with two touchdown passes.

Regardless of how Texas' QB controversy plays out, Holiday Bowl officials are hoping for another exciting game. After lackluster games through most of the 1990s, the Holiday Bowl returned to its adrenaline-rush reputation when it started matching the Pac-10's No. 2 team against the third pick from the Big 12 in 1998.

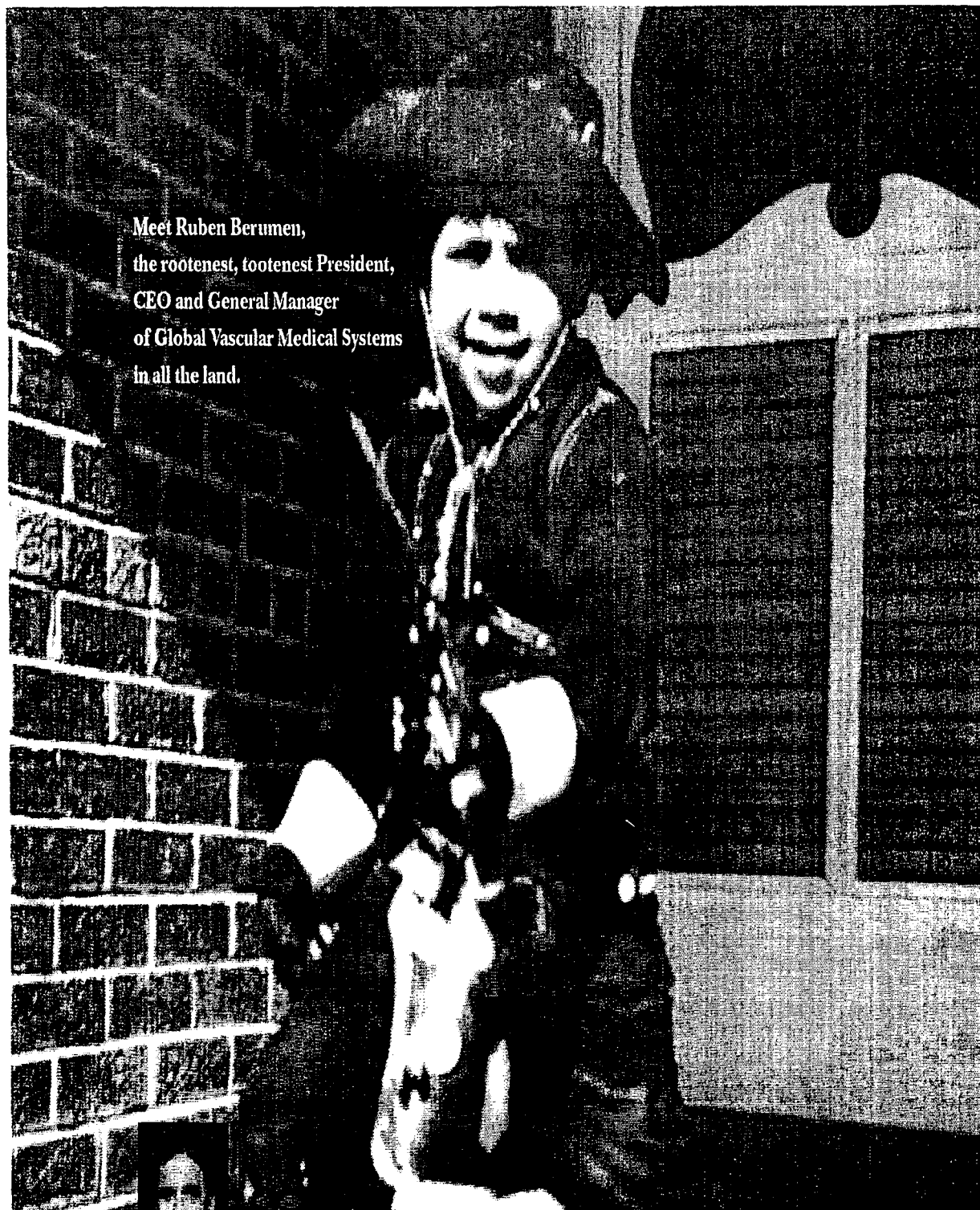
In order, Arizona beat Nebraska 23-20, Kansas State beat Washington 24-20 and Oregon beat Texas by five.

"We've got two teams with a mission," said Bruce Binkowski, the Holiday Bowl's executive director. "This could be a great game. It could be interesting. We want another last-second finish."

"Hey, 8-3 versus 10-2, you can't beat it."

Washington will play in the Holiday Bowl for the third time in six years. While the Huskies are 0-2 in the Holiday Bowl, their coach, Rick Neuheisel is 1-1. He coached Colorado to a 33-21 win over Washington in 1996.

"We're excited about facing a team the caliber of Texas," Neuheisel said. "Washington and Texas have great football traditions and it's hard to imagine they have not played each other since 1979. It should be a big-time matchup for the Holiday Bowl."



Meet Ruben Berumen,
the rootenest, tootenest President,
CEO and General Manager
of Global Vascular Medical Systems
in all the land.



Fortunately, Ruben Berumen's momma didn't let her baby grow up to be a cowboy. He's part of the group of minority and women leaders across GE responsible for over \$30B in annual revenues. By drawing on different perspectives, backgrounds and experience, GE is the place where childhood dreams come true. For more information about GE, visit us at www.ge.com.

Making dreams become reality.



We bring good things to life.

MARMOT
only at

5 minutes from Campus

OUTPOST sports
Cold Weather Experts

Call 259-1000 for more details

NORTHFACE
at

OUTPOST sports
Cold Weather Experts

5 minutes from Campus

Call 259-1000 for more details

something for everyone this week thanks to Student Union Board

an evening with nancy cartwright

come hear the voice of bart simpson,
with exclusive clips from the show
this friday, 7:00 pm, jordan auditorium
students \$5 available now at lafortune info desk

bus trip to see second city

come to chicago to shop and watch the improv group
this saturday, 2pm - 1am
\$20 includes transportation and admission to the show
available at lafortune info desk

beau sia

slam poet and comedian
this saturday 8:00 pm, lafortune ballroom
free!

cast iron filter

come hear live music, the last loft show of the semester
this friday, 10:00 pm, lafortune ballroom
free!

multicultural food fair

enjoy free chinese, mexican, indian and japanese food
this wednesday 11:00 am, - 1:00pm
lafortune ballroom
free!

acousticafe

sign up to play from 9pm - midnight on thursday
outside the SUB office, 201 lafortune

www.nd.edu/~sub
IM name: ndSUBInfo



ND SOFTBALL

Gumpf signs 5 recruits

Special to The Observer

The beginning of practice for the Notre Dame softball season is less than a month away, but the next era of Irish softball is off to a strong start after signing five standouts during the summer recruiting period. Head coach Deanna Gumpf has officially announced the incoming freshman class for the 2003 season and the first Notre Dame recruiting effort under her leadership will be measured among the top classes in the nation.

Right-handed pitcher Heather Booth, catcher/infielder Mallorie Lenn, infielder/outfielder Kellie Middleton, infielder Meagan Ruthrauff and middle infielder/outfielder Sara Schoonaert have all signed national letters of intent and will make up Notre Dame's softball class of 2006.

"It is an awesome group of players and I am excited that this is my first recruiting class because I am very proud of it," Gumpf said. "It is a very exciting time for our program. We had been watching these players for a long time and some verbally committed early, which helped us compile a great class top to bottom."

Right-handed pitching ace Heather Booth plays for Martin Luther King High School in Riverside, Calif., (the same hometown as current Irish all-star candidate Andrea Loman) and excels both in the pitching circle and on the volleyball court. The 2001 softball team MVP, Booth received the team's Coach's Award and Scholar Athlete Award last year. She posted 126 strikeouts over the course of the 2001 season with a 1.60 ERA and also batted .398.

"Heather is the whole package," Gumpf said. "She has

great mechanics and has worked with one of the best pitching coaches in the country. She also throws hard, fields her position well and is an outstanding hitter."

Mallorie Lenn hails from Pacifica High School in Garden Grove, Calif. Widely regarded as having one of the best swings in the country, Lenn backed up her reputation by smashing a home run at the 2001 summer league nationals off one of the top Division I pitchers in the nation. She was a 2000 NFCA All-American Scholar-Athlete and has earned both offensive and defensive player-of-the-year accolades during her career.

"Mallorie is one of the best hitters in the country," Gumpf said. "She has great mechanics and techniques at the plate. She works very hard and is just a phenomenal hitter."

Megan Ruthrauff is a member of the La Serna High School team in Whittier, Calif. She has hit over .300 every year of her high school career and has been a standout in ASA competition since she was nine years old. Her teams have finished no lower than fifth at each ASA national tournament in which she has competed. Last season as a infielder with La Serna, she hit .359 with 25 RBI and earned two tournament MVP awards.

"Megan is a determined and passionate person," Gumpf said.

"She is very driven and plays that way each day. Her energy and drive shows in every game that she plays. She really gets after it and will be a great player for us."

Infielder/outfielder Kellie Middleton will bring an impressive mixture of speed and power to the Irish lineup next season. She is a member

of the Marist High School softball team and owns most of the team's school records, including most homeruns, most stolen bases, most triples and most doubles. Middleton cracked nine home runs last season and is a three-sport standout (softball, basketball and track). Her speed (timed at 12.00 in the 100-meters) allowed her to steal eight bases in one game during her prep career.

"Kellie is really going to turn some heads," Gumpf said. "She has power, speed, and a great arm. She possesses all the tools of someone that is going to get better and better at the collegiate level."

The fifth member of the Irish class is infielder/outfielder Sara Schoonaert from Clear Lake High School in Houston, Texas. Also a member of the Houston Diamonds club team, she helped lead the team to a fifth-place finish at the 1999 AFA National Tournament and earned Freshman of the Year honors on the Clear Lake squad.

"Sara is Notre Dame," Gumpf said. "She is a great, great player who lives and dies with the University. She belongs here and will be a great addition to our program."

With the Irish are coming off the most successful season in school history, Gumpf and her staff (assistant coaches Charmelle Green and Kris McCleary) were able to carry over the momentum of Notre Dame's stellar 2001 campaign into the recruiting season.

"We knew we wanted to recruit some great athletes," Gumpf said. "We went out there thinking we wanted to find the best athletes we can. All five of these girls will have an immediate and lasting impact on our program."

HOCKEY

Nielsen earns defensive honor

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame hockey defenseman Evan Nielsen has been named the Central Collegiate Hockey Association's (CCHA) Defensive Player of the Week for the week ending Dec. 2.

Nielsen and his defensive teammates held Lake Superior State to just two goals on the weekend as the Irish swept the Lakers 7-0 and 5-2.

In Saturday's 7-0 win, Nielsen helped set up Connor Dunlop's eventual game-winning goal at 5:33 of the first period. He then followed that with his second goal of the season at 10:54 of the second period which gave the Irish a 6-0 lead in the game. The shutout was the first of the



Nielsen

season for Notre Dame and the first since Dec. 4, 1999.

The Irish killed all 10 Laker power play chances in the game.

The following night, Nielsen was +2 on the evening as the Irish killed off four more Lake State power play chances in the 5-2 win.

For the weekend, Nielsen was +5 and helped Irish special teams kill off 14 consecutive power play chances to give Notre Dame its first series sweep of the season.

For the season, the Irish captain has two goals and five assists for seven points and is +2 overall.

With the weekend sweep, the Irish moved into a tie for sixth place in the CCHA with a 4-4-3 record in league play. Notre Dame is 4-6-4 overall for the season and 4-2-3 in its last nine games.

The Irish return to league play this weekend when they travel to Bowling Green for a weekend series with the Falcons on Dec. 7-8.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE

Irish advance at Vandy Invite

Special to The Observer

The Ultimate frisbee club's men's and women's squads continue to improve as they advanced in the Vanderbilt Invitational this weekend. The women posted a 4-2 record,

opening with an 11-3 rout of host Vanderbilt. Meredith Shepherd scored repeatedly on diving endzone catches.

The Irish dropped a tough 6-5 decision to Tennessee in the second round despite continued the stellar defensive play of Alanna Lungren and Diona Rey. The club then handled both Wake Forest, 11-4, and Towson, 11-1 with relative ease, as the passing of Erin Fleming to Julie Schutte and Naomi Cordell accounted for much of the scoring. On Sunday, the club split a pair of rematches, defeating Vanderbilt 8-4 before dropping their final game to Towson.

The men's squad enjoyed success as well, as they ran off four straight wins on Saturday. An offense powered by Brian Carrigan and Jamie Klang protected the disc and proved very effective in defeating Rhodes College, 13-8, Indiana U, 13-9, Vanderbilt B, 13-3, and Nashville, 11-7. Sunday, the defense spearheaded by Cletus Willems shut down high powered Purdue 13-8, while Jim Donovan made some circus catches for scores. The Irish dropped the semifinal to a strong club team, Whine, 13-10.

Like words? Like sports? Need cash?
Call Observer sports at 631-4543.

Help brighten the Christmas of
underprivileged local children
with Toys and Tales!



Help bring some Christmas cheer to the children from the Center for the Homeless, La Casa de Amistad, El Buen Vecino, and Hope Rescue Mission. Please purchase a toy and a book (preferably related to one another) and deposit them (unwrapped) in the marked boxes located in your dorm before the deadline of December 9th.

For more information, email Bo Rottenborn at Rottenborn.2@nd.edu

Sponsored by Notre Dame Circle K, meetings Sundays at 5pm in the Library auditorium.



enormous
FLEECE
Selection
5 minutes
from
Campus
OUTPOST
sports
Cold Weather Experts
Call 259-1000 for more details

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

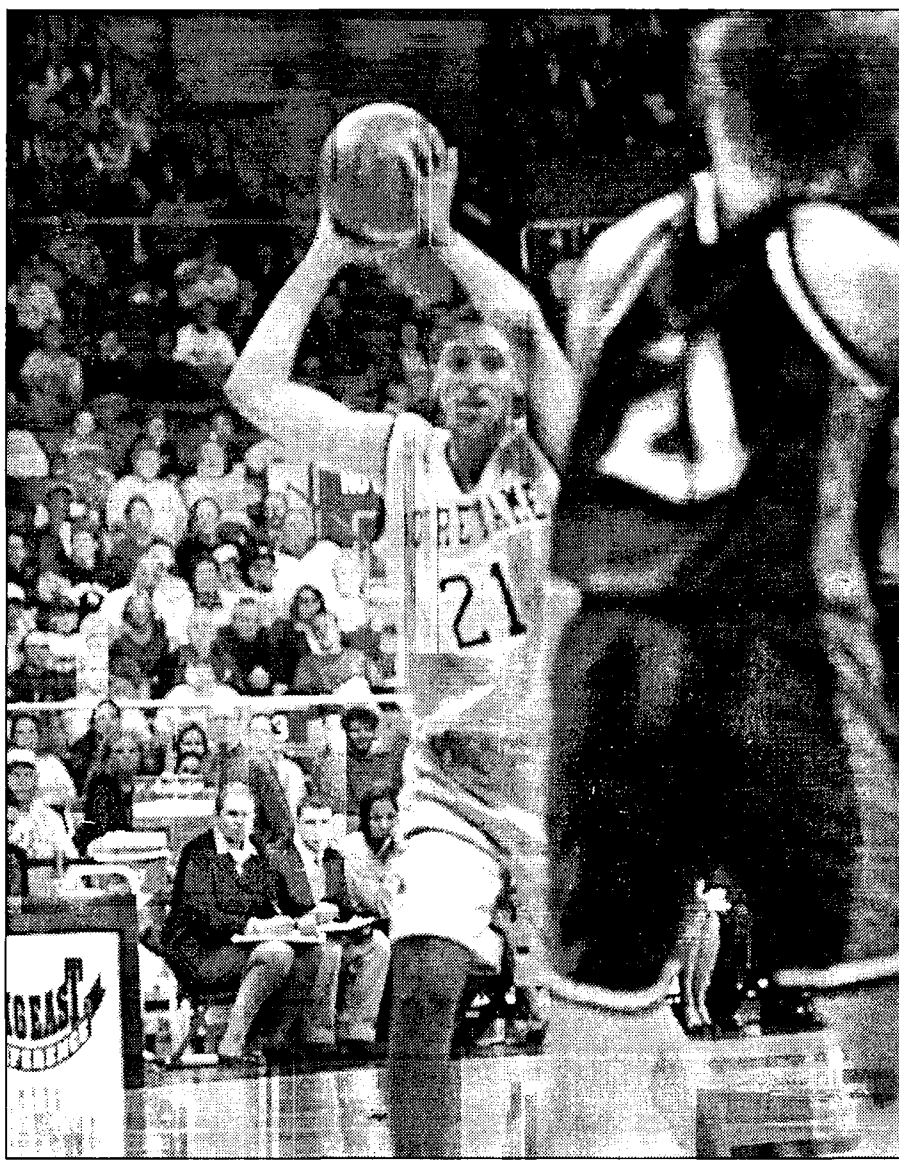
Batteast earns rookie honor

Special to The Observer

University of Notre Dame freshman forward Jacqueline Batteast has been selected as the Big East Conference Rookie of the Week, the league office announced Monday. It's the first weekly award of Batteast's career, and she is the first Irish player to earn the conference's top rookie award since Alicia Ratay garnered the honor for the sixth time on Feb. 21, 2000.

Batteast, the 2001-02 pre-season Big East Rookie of the Year, averaged 17.5 points and 10.5 rebounds per game last week as Notre Dame defeated Army, 89-57, and lost to No. 16 Michigan, 78-63. Batteast notched her second double-double of the season in the win over Army, finishing with game-high totals of 18 points, 12 rebounds and four blocked shots — the latter total tied for the most rejections by a Big East player this season. Batteast followed that performance up with 17 points and nine rebounds in Sunday's loss to Michigan.

Notre Dame returns to action Thursday at 7 p.m. when it heads to West Lafayette for a battle with No. 10 Purdue at Mackey Arena. It will be a rematch of last season's NCAA championship game which was won by the Irish, 68-66.



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Irish freshman forward Jacqueline Batteast looks to pass earlier this season. Batteast was named Big East Rookie of the Week on Monday.

Recruits

continued from page 20

"I'm very eager to see who they bring in first of all, then meet that coach and meet the staff and get a good feel for them," said Hannum, who has a 4.2 40-yard dash time. "But like I always tell people, I picked Notre Dame for more than the coaching, and I'm 99.9 percent sure that I'm going to be at Notre Dame."

Offensive lineman Scott Raridon has planned on attending Notre Dame for a while, and has no plans of changing that decision either.

"I definitely plan on staying with Notre Dame," said Raridon. "I want to play for Notre Dame. ... Unless I really don't get along with the new coach. But the three top candidates all look pretty good to me."

Even players who strongly liked Davie are still honoring their commitment to play at Notre Dame next year.

"I really like coach Davie and I thought that I had a good relationship with him and the whole staff," said Jake Carney, a safety from Lexington, Ky. "But I'm still committed to the University because I didn't just commit to the staff, I committed to the whole program."

Despite the comments from White yesterday, the football banquet planned for this weekend was canceled. The banquet was mainly used to cumulate the season, and also allowed recruits to understand more about the football program at Notre Dame. Due to this cancellation, players, like Olsen and Carney had their visits cancelled and moved to January.

"I was planning on coming up [to Notre Dame for the banquet]," said Carney. "But after talking to some of the coaches, they deferred my visit to January 17-19."

The possibility of Jon Gruden, Bob Stoops or Tom Coughlin being the next Notre Dame head coach has also played a major role in keeping the recruits from changing schools.

"I haven't met all of [the top candidates for head coach], but I'm sure whoever is hired is going to a great job [at Notre Dame]," said Carney.

Contact Joe Hettler at jhettler@nd.edu.

This Week in Campus Ministry

Coleman-Morse Center • 631-7800

12/04

today

Campus Bible Study/CBS

7:00 p.m.
114 Coleman-Morse Center
Fr. Al D'Alonzo, csc, Director

12/05

wednesday

Coffee at the Co-Mo

8:00 p.m.
Lounge, Coleman-Morse Center

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

10:00 p.m.
Morrissey Chapel

11/30

friday

807 Mass

8:00 p.m.
Lounge, Coleman-Morse Center

Freshman Retreat #38

Sacred Heart Parish Center

Marriage Preparation

Fatima Retreat Center

12/08

saturday

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

12/02

sunday

Spanish Mass

1:30 p.m.
Zahn Hall Chapel

Law School Mass

5:00 p.m.
Law School Chapel

MBA Mass

7:00 p.m.
Mendoza College of Business Chapel

Advent Lessons and Carols

7:15 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Rejoice! African American Mass

10:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Notre Dame Chapel
Coleman-Morse Center

12/03

monday

The Way

Catholic Bible Study

8:30 p.m.
331 Coleman-Morse Center

Retreats

signups

Campus Ministry Retreats • 631-6633

NDE Retreat #69

(February 1-3, 2002)

Applications available:

Monday, Dec. 3 - Friday, Dec. 7
114 Coleman-Morse Center

Freshman Retreat #39

(January 25-26, 2002)

Applications available:

Monday, Dec. 10 - Monday, Jan. 21
114 Coleman-Morse Center

Advent Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 9th
at 7:15 p.m. in the Basilica

The Notre Dame Liturgical Choir, Notre Dame Women's Liturgical Choir, Basilica Schola, Notre Dame Handbell Choir and Notre Dame Folk Choir will participate in this service of advent music and scriptures.

MEN'S TENNIS

Bayliss announces five signings

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame men's tennis coach Bob Bayliss has announced the signing of five incoming freshman for the 2002-03 school year. Patrick Buchanan, Shannon Buck, Eric Langenkamp, Sergey Leonyuk and Steve Roszak have signed national letters of intent to enroll at Notre Dame next year and join the Irish tennis team in the fall.

"I'm really excited about this new group of people who will eventually, I believe, leave their mark as one of the greatest classes in the tennis history of Notre Dame," said Bayliss. "Each of these players has a great upside in his game with potential for significant improvement. This class reminds me of the class of 1993, which when they were juniors, reached the finals of the NCAA championships."

Buchanan will join the Irish after graduation from Servite High School. A year ago, he was ranked 27th among United States junior players 16 and under.

"Patrick has the reputation of

being one of the toughest competitors in junior tennis," said Bayliss. "He makes you earn every point and has a terrific backhand. We feel very fortunate to land him."

Buck was the fifth-ranked junior player in the U.S. last year in the 16-and-under division and is currently ranked 32nd in the 18s. Buck is ranked 13th among American high school seniors.

"Shannon is very consistent and one of the best competitors in junior tennis," said Bayliss. "His game is poised for a step up as he looks to become more aggressive. His fundamentals are very sound."

Langenkamp is a senior at Scarsdale H.S. Langenkamp was ranked 34th nationally in the 16s last year and is currently No. 67 among 18-and-under players in the United States.

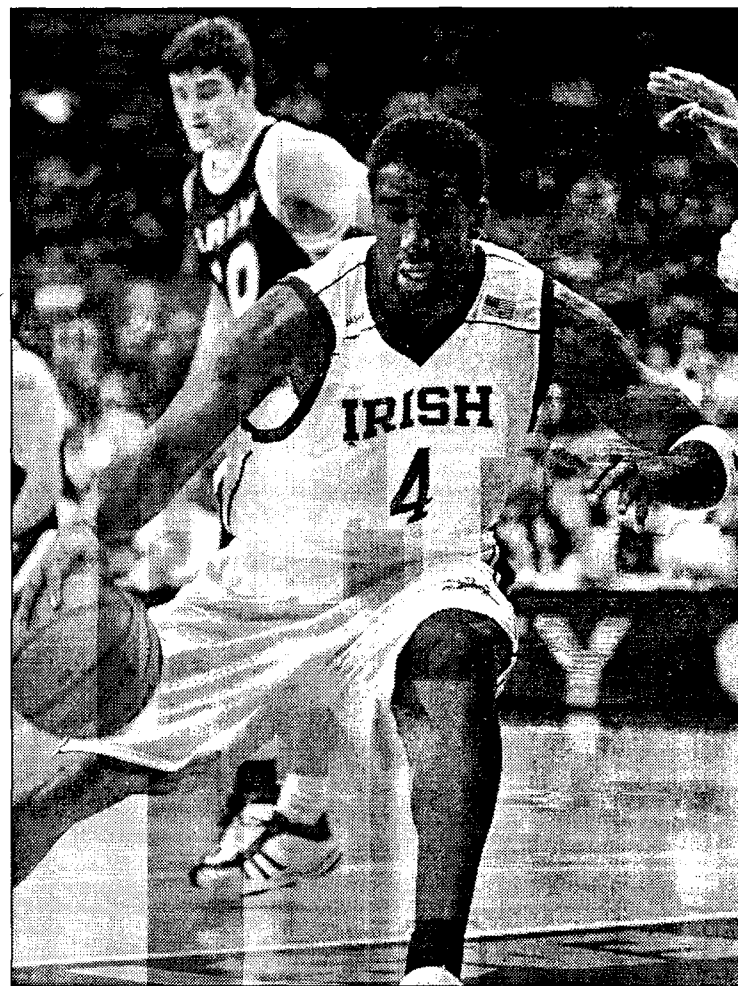
"Eric's game really grew late last summer. He had strong showings in the National Junior Davis Cup and the Nationals in Kalamazoo, Mich. He has showed signs of taking his game to the next level by playing up in the court and taking the ball on the

rise," Bayliss said.

Leonyuk is a native of Moscow, Russia, who now trains at the International Tennis Academy in Boca Raton, Fla. He has done well in International Tennis Federation junior tournaments and Bayliss expects him to play at the level of a top 10-to-20 junior in the U.S.

"Sergey has a powerful and aggressive all-court game with a big serve and dominating forehand," said Bayliss. "We hope he can be an impact player. I normally do not recruit internationally, but Sergey researched many schools and decided that Notre Dame seemed to be a great fit for him."

Roszak comes to Notre Dame from The Pembroke Hill School in Kansas City. Last year, he was ranked 84th nationally in the 16s. Roszak recently won a designated sectional tournament in the MUTA. "Steve has big weapons — a strong serve and dominant forehand," said Bayliss. "He plays an aggressive game, which should peak in college. I believe his best tennis is ahead of him."



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Irish forward Ryan Humphrey makes a move against Army last week. Notre Dame takes on Indiana tonight.

Davis

continued from page 20

running their record to 7-0 after an 82-55 point shellacking over DePaul last Saturday.

On the other hand, the Hoosiers once again find themselves in a bit of hot water with a record of 4-2 after suffering an upset loss against Southern Illinois, 72-60 last Saturday.

"Just like last year, this game is very important for us. We've lost two games to schools from mid-major conferences," said Davis. "The jury is still out on us this season. This is our first home game of the season after being on the road. Another big performance from Tom Coverdale would be nice. Jared Jeffries needs to have a big game, but I expect all of our guys to play well."

Last year, the Hoosiers out-rebounded Notre Dame 42-33, while Hoosier guard Tom Coverdale was simply unstoppable. Coverdale easily penetrated past Irish point guard Martin Ingelsby on his way to a career-high 30 points on 11-of-15 shooting.

The athleticism of sophomore swingman Jeffries could pose some problems for Notre Dame as well, but this year's Irish team is different. For starters, last year's Mr. Basketball from the state of Indiana, Chris Thomas, will now be responsible for shutting down Coverdale. The one-on-one match-up between Thomas and Coverdale could prove to be the difference in tonight's game.

Just as Thomas must play well defensively, Coverdale will have to contend with Thomas's quickness off the dribble. Thomas is averaging nearly 15 points per game, while his team-leading eight assists has been crucial to jumpstarting Notre Dame's balanced offensive attack.

No longer able to rely on the departed Troy Murphy to generate baskets, the Irish have spread the wealth offensively. Four of Notre Dame's five

starters boast double digit scoring averages.

Five of the Irish's seven wins have been by 27 points or more. Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey's squad is averaging 88.7 points per game, and has limited its opponents to just 56.4 points per contest.

Most impressive for the Irish has been their strong play inside the paint. Senior Ryan Humphrey is having an unbelievable season leading the Irish with 23.4 points per game on nearly 70 percent shooting from the field.

The Irish are much deeper this season, also. Brey now has the luxury of going nine players deep on his bench, allowing his starters to stay fresh throughout the entire game. Last season, only seven Irish players saw significant action.

Davis is keenly aware of the Irish's potent offense.

"Notre Dame will be the strongest team we have faced this year," said Davis. "Their big guys are extremely tough on the inside. They are an outstanding perimeter shooting team, also. We must play well defensively."

This will be a critical game for Notre Dame as they face their first test in a hostile environment. Notre Dame currently holds a 12-game losing streak at Assembly Hall, dating back to 1973.

Notes:

♦ This evening's game will be the second of a critical five game road trip for Notre Dame, who do not return home until Dec. 30 against Colgate.

♦ This game also marks the first time the Irish will play on national television this season. The game will be televised by ESPN.

♦ Notre Dame nearly cracked the top 25 the Associated Press poll, falling 23 points short of No. 25 Western Kentucky. The Irish ranked 27th overall.

Contact Joe Licandro at licandro.1@nd.edu.

2 MILLION INVESTORS. 80 YEARS' EXPERIENCE. 1 WEIRD NAME.

TIAA-CREF has a long history of managing portfolios for the world's sharpest minds. Contact us for ideas, strategies, and, at the very least, proper pronunciation.

TIAA-CREF.org or call 1.800.842.2888



Managing money for people
with other things to think about.™

RETIREMENT | INSURANCE | MUTUAL FUNDS | COLLEGE SAVINGS | TRUSTS | INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

Gruden

continued from page 20

coaching at Notre Dame, that he is comfortable living in the Bay Area, that he wants to stay in the NFL.

Yet he hasn't. And by not doing so, he's driving Notre Dame wild.

There are many reasons why Gruden appears to be such an attractive choice for the Irish. His father, Jim, was a position coach for the Irish under Dan Devine. Gruden grew up in the South Bend area, graduated from Clay High School, and is a huge fan of the Irish. In a diary posted on NFL.com, he said that he gets "chills" when walking around Notre Dame's campus because of the tradition and the history. And his alarm reportedly wakes up every morning with the Notre Dame Victory March.

Gruden's personality is also drastically different from Davie. Gruden is young, fiery, charismatic and energetic. He paces sidelines during games and his language on the field can only be described as colorful.

In the past, when looking for a new head football coach, administrators have usually selected someone much different than his predecessor. For example, the fiery Ara Parseghian was named coach following four dismal seasons under the disorganized Joe Kuharich.

Dan Devine was seen as someone calmer than Parseghian. Gerry Faust was supposed to rally the players that Devine couldn't. Lou Holtz was brought in to restore discipline that disappeared under Faust. And Davie was hired to ensure the academic integrity that had slowly eroded under Holtz.

But there are several things that could keep Gruden out of South Bend. Gruden also has one year left on his contract with the Raiders. It is unknown if he has a clause that allows him to leave for a college head coaching position, but if he doesn't, Raiders owner Al Davis probably wouldn't let him go.

Even if Gruden is hired, with the Raiders in the NFL playoff mix, it is unlikely he would leave Oakland until the Raiders' season is over, which could negatively affect recruiting and the smooth transition White hopes will happen.

And while the fans may think he may be the ideal coach, he has to be interviewed by White. The athletic director wouldn't say what criteria he would use to evaluate the new head coach, only that he would have to fit some institutional profile. And Gruden has never been a head coach at the college level.

White said he already has a short list of candidates to replace Davie, but would not say who was on that list.

"As soon as there's something to report, you'll hear it from me," White said. "But until you hear it from me, anything you might hear will be nothing more than speculation."

And until White says something, Gruden will remain at the top of the fans' list of potential coaching candidates.

Contact Andrew Soukup at asoukup@nd.edu.

Dear Davie: An era-ending letter

Bob Davie got fired on Sunday. I'd be lying if I said a coaching change hasn't been on my Notre Dame football wish list since sometime during my freshman year, way back in 1998.

But, by him being the head football coach and me being some sort of hack sports writer, our paths have crossed numerous times, even though it's predominantly just been on paper in my weekly ramblings.

Now at the end of Notre Dame's Bob Davie era, I want to write a letter that gives some closure to the situation. Not for him, of course, because I don't think my witty critiques have kept him up at night. However, the topic of Davie has dominated this column for more than three years, so it's only fair, given his dismissal, that we wrap it up once and for all.

Dear Coach Davie:

First of all, I hope you and your family are doing well after an obviously disappointing day for all of you.

If you've had a chance to glance through my column over the past few years, you know that I've long felt there was another coach out there better suited for the Notre Dame job. What has given me a right to say this? Nothing more than a little flare with a pen, a decent understanding of the game, and a love of Notre Dame football, three

attributes not all that unique.

Certainly, these three things don't come close to approaching your immense knowledge of the game of football, something I don't think anyone would dispute.

Still, as the general public has countless times said — and you have rightly acknowledged — football coaches are mainly judged by one stat.

"I think back," you said at your press conference on Sunday, "to what Ara [Parseghian] told me when I first took the job, and he said, 'There are a lot of things to worry about, but worry about one thing, and that's winning.'"

No one can deny the academic success and classy nature of the guys in your program, a reflection first on their great character, but also on your character as a coach. For that,

we thank you and your players — our classmates — for all your work in representing us so well.

However, as Athletic Director Kevin White said, academic and athletic achievement can coexist. Your charge to your players to start getting ready for next year now so they can have a great season shows you share this belief in their ability to win on the field.

Unfortunately, this belief did not become reality often enough during your five years as head coach, especially against college football's better teams.

That being said, I really respect the way you've handled this season, one in which every-

day, some different "expert," such as myself, was calling for you to be fired.

I admire the way you refused to resign. While I think Notre Dame made the right choice, in no way should you have been coerced from stepping down when you weren't ready. You made the university do its evaluative job and didn't give it an easy way out. Maybe White didn't want to step up to a podium and announce the firing of a Notre Dame football coach.

However, given your feelings, both on your ability to do this job and your love of football, that

was the only acceptable and responsible solution.

Your last game against Purdue on Saturday (which probably seems like 10 years ago now)

really showed everyone a couple things, too. One-hundred-sixty-two yards of total offense and an almost complete reliance on defense and special teams reemphasized why the program needs to head in a new direction.

But the fact that your team, with injuries too numerous to list and nothing to play for but a 5-6 record and pride, won 24-18, shows you never lost your guys or their commitment.

And Shane Walton saying losing you and your fellow coaches felt like a member of the team had died showed the closeness you had with many of your players.

I think the saddest thing in all of this, Coach, is that it's really easy for us as fans to forget you're just like us. Rabid criticism hurts. It hurts you. It hurts your family. It hurts your players.

You become the "Notre Dame Football Coach," more a symbol, an untouchable image, than a person, which makes you easier to attack. I know I've at times been overzealous in my criticisms, maybe partially for that reason.

Yet we all know that comes with the territory of being a public figure. You, somehow, seem to accept that better than anyone else I've ever seen.

At the end of your press conference, you actually thanked the media, saying you understood the job we had to do over the past few years and just hoped that you had earned respect for how you had conducted yourself.

Like I said, Coach, Notre Dame made a decision on Sunday that I feel was overdue.

However, the delivery of the news wasn't as exciting as I thought it would be a few years ago.

For that to have been the case, there would need to have been some lashing out, or maybe even recoiling in, on your part. We didn't see that because that isn't you.

I don't see how anyone couldn't have respected Bob Davie, the man, on your last day as coach.

Good luck.

Email Ted Fox at tfox@nd.edu. The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.



Ted Fox

Fox Sports ... Almost

You became the "Notre Dame Coach," more a symbol, an untouchable image, than a person, which makes you easier to attack. I know at times I've been overzealous in my criticisms, maybe partially for that reason.

Want to wish your special someone a happy holiday?

Use Observer classifieds!

warm hats & gloves
largest selection
only at
5 minutes from Campus
OUTPOST sports
Cold Weather Experts
Call 259-1000 for more details

Did you know...

Half of all HIV infections are young Americans under the age of 25
Every minute, 5 young people are infected with HIV
Ten million people ages 15-24 are living with HIV/AIDS
An estimated 250,000 young Americans are unaware that they are infected with HIV

By 2020, AIDS will reduce the workforce in 15 countries by 24 million people

"PLACING A FACE TO HIV/AIDS"

featuring

Debra Stanley

and

Bill Hatfield

AIDS Ministries



followed by a discussion panel

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 6:30 pm

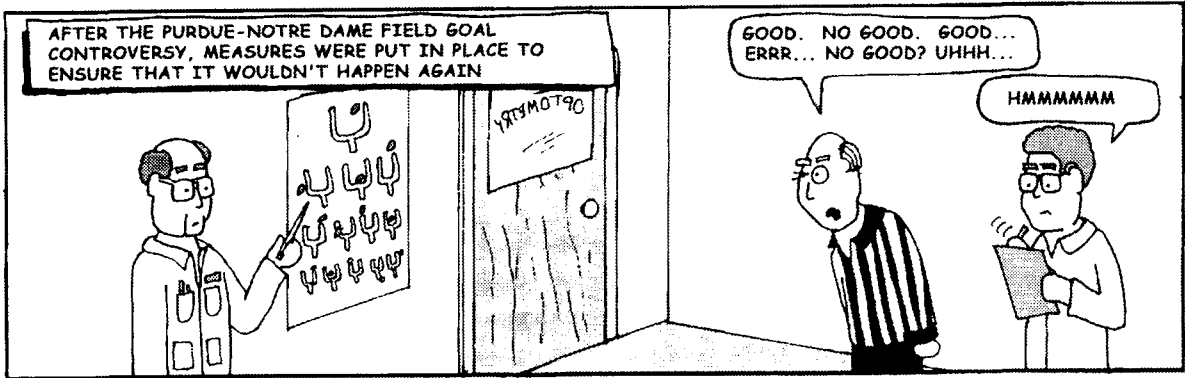
Walsh Basement

Dinner will be served

Sponsored by Student Government, AIDS Awareness Club, and Minority Pre-med Society

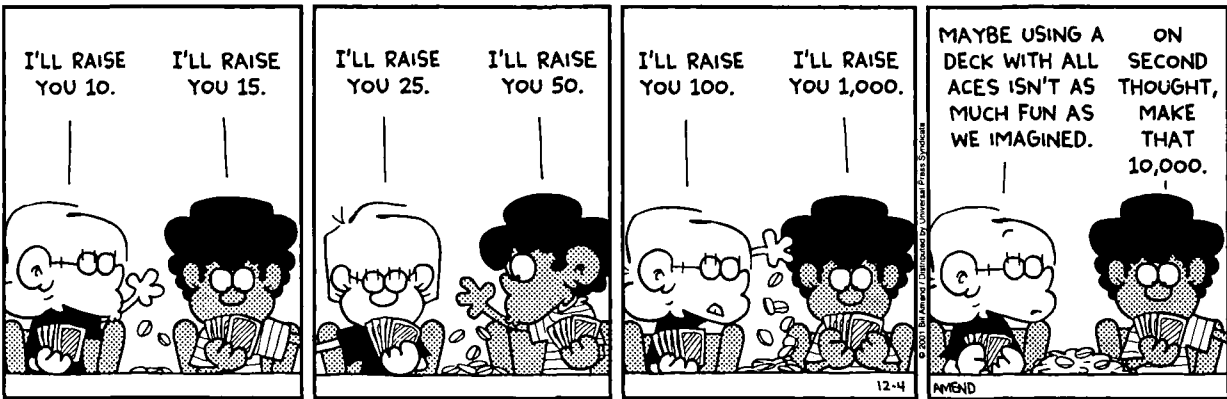
FOURTH AND INCHES

TOM KEELEY



FOX TROT

BILL AMEND



BEFUDDLED AND BEMUSED

RYAN CUNNINGHAM



CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**

1 Prefix with god

5 Start of a diary entry

9 Bona ____

14 Author Turgenev

15 French clergyman

16 Bonehead

17 Witty Bennett

18 No longer valid

19 Take in again

20 Immortality, of a sort

23 Laid, as a floor

24 Aborigine of Japan

25 Station launched in 1986

28 Treaty's aim

31 Docs united: Abbr.
- 34 People shoot it for fun

35 Parched

36 Lord's estate

38 Very

41 Flamboyance

42 Rows

43 Reply to a captain

44 What the devout have

49 Linkup of several PC's

50 Nine, in Nantes

51 Slipknot loop

54 Stamina

57 Ill will

60 Like a poor tennis player, frequently

61 Lawn mower maker
- DOWN**

1 They're spotted in casinos

2 100-meter hurdles, for one

3 ____ Gras

4 Completely

5 College near Charlotte

6 Coal-black

7 Mother of John Quincy

8 Freshwater minnow

9 Solidify, as plans

10 ____ fixe

11 Belittle, slangily

12 Help wanted abbr.

13 ____-Foy, Que.

21 Harveys

22 Filmmaker Lee

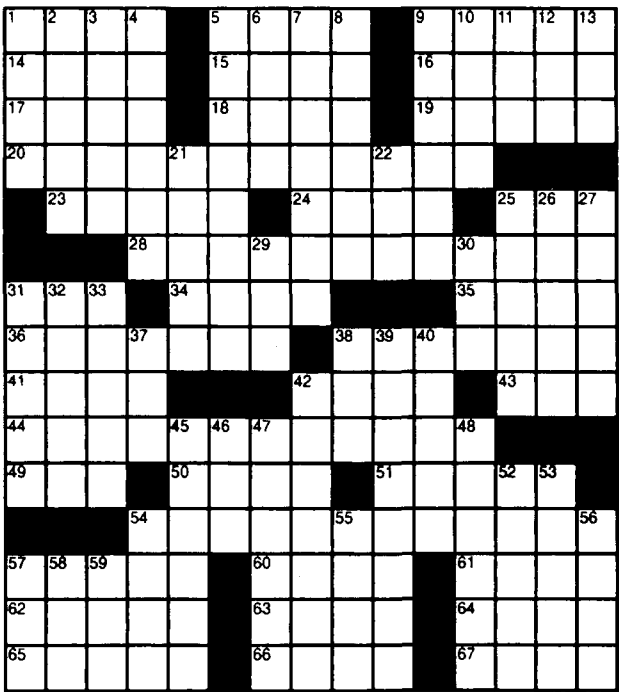
25 Actress Gibbs

26 How to respond to an affront

27 Color anew

29 Water temperature tester

30 Somme water



Puzzle by Leonard Williams

- 31 "Let's Make ____"

32 Kind of toast

33 With full force

37 Come to a halt

38 Tiny battery

39 Squeeze out, as a mop

40 Lens setting

42 Cop

45 It can be malicious

46 Teachers' org.
- 47 Venezuela neighbor

48 Owl

52 Talked impolitely

53 Weird

54 Dance instructor's call
- 55 Well-groomed

56 Sling missile

57 Jamaican music

58 Rocket launch site

59 Wrath

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (95¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

HOROSCOPE

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jeff Bridges, Wink Martindale, Marisa Tomei, Tyra Banks

Happy Birthday: Don't allow anyone to mess with your goals. If you concentrate on what you enjoy and excel in, you'll do well. If you are confident, you'll impress others. Your numbers: 3,5,17,29,32,36

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Use your willpower on daily battles. You can find your way through a minefield better than most. Concentrate, delve into necessary tasks wholeheartedly and don't falter. ☉☉

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take things in stride. You may have difficulties with a friend or relative. Don't confide in anyone today. ☉☉☉

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You're likely to spend more than anticipated if you go shopping for gifts. It's a better idea to spend a day of festive cheer with family or friends. ☉☉☉

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Patience and understanding will be required to accept changes. Talk to a trusted friend about any issues bothering you. ☉☉☉

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A good friend will give you honest answers. Short trips or visiting a distant friend will be more exciting than you imagined. Alterations to your appearance will help you feel better. ☉☉☉

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It's time to put your finances in

order. If you lend or borrow money, you will regret it. Deal with problems in a one-on-one discussion. If other people interfere, you'll never resolve anything. ☉☉☉

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Although it is important to speak your mind and defend your rights, be careful not to burn bridges. Self-deception may lead you in the wrong direction. ☉☉

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Plan your day with care and take precautions. To avoid ending up in a quandary over trivial matters, be patient and considerate of others. ☉☉☉

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Deception regarding joint finance is likely unless you stay on top of transactions. Examine closely all contracts and agreements that are offered. ☉☉☉

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your empathy and patience will help distraught people who are unable to solve their own problems and make you feel good about yourself. ☉☉☉

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make sure all your personal papers are in order. Problems with authority figures could lead to delays. Preparation and organization are the key today. ☉☉☉

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If you are too good-natured and accommodating, someone may take advantage of you. Proceed with caution as a trusted individual may be trying to undermine you. ☉☉☉

Birthday Baby: You're up at dawn and raring to go. You can keep any group hopping and entertained. You're fun-loving, generous and willing to pitch in for anyone in trouble.

Visit The Observer on the web at <http://observer.nd.edu/>

THE OBSERVER

Published Monday through Friday, The Observer is a vital source of information on people and events in the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Community.

Join the more than 13,000 readers who have found The Observer an indispensable link to the two campuses. Please complete the accompanying form and mail it today to receive The Observer in your home.

Make checks payable to:
and mail to:

The Observer
P.O. Box Q
Notre Dame, IN 46556

- ☐ Enclosed is \$95 for one academic year
- ☐ Enclosed is \$50 for one semester

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

- ◆ Fox Column, p. 18
- ◆ Men's Tennis, p. 17
- ◆ Women's Basketball, p. 16
- ◆ Hockey, p. 15

SPORTS

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

- ◆ Michael Jordan, p. 13
- ◆ Holiday Bowl, p. 13
- ◆ NFL, p. 12

FOOTBALL

Man in demand

Jon Gruden emerges as odds-on favorite to succeed Bob Davie

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

Just two days after Bob Davie was fired as the head football coach, names are being dropped left and right about who could replace him.

And no name is hotter right now than Jon Gruden.

The current head coach of the Oakland Raiders appears to be the odds-on favorite to replace Davie, at least according to the average Notre Dame student. A sign hanging on the north side of Alumni Hall read, "All I want for Xmas is Jon Gruden."

And a poll on NDToday.com said 85 percent of the people who voted would select Gruden as the next head coach. The second place candidate, Bob Stoops, had just five percent of the vote.

While some rumors claim Gruden has already been offered a contract, White said Sunday that was not the case. In fact, White said he hadn't approached anyone about the head coaching job.

"I made a commitment to Bob that I would not contact anyone about this job until he had first heard from me concerning his status, and I have honored that commitment," he said. "I've made no contacts with potential candidates or their employers before now, nor has anyone authorized by me, and I don't expect to comment on the contacts that we do make during the search."

After Oakland's 34-31 loss Sunday, Gruden said he had not been contacted by Notre Dame.

"I'm not going to sit here and speculate," Gruden told the Oakland Tribune afterward. "I've got a great job and I'm proud to be here. That's all I've ever said. Everything else is speculation and rumor — I have not had any conversations with anybody. If I did, I would tell you."

But that doesn't mean he isn't interested. Gruden has had multiple opportunities to say that he isn't interested in

see GRUDEN/page 18



AFP Photo

Oakland Raiders head coach Jon Gruden is believed to be a leading candidate for Notre Dame's coaching vacancy.

Recruits intend to stay put

◆ School official tells Olsen new coach to be named within 10 days

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

When Chris Olsen went to bed Saturday night, he was set on attending and playing football at Notre Dame. On Sunday morning, things had changed and, perhaps, so had Olsen's decision.

With the firing of head coach Bob Davie, Olsen had to rethink his college selection process and do what was best for him and his football career.

"I need to protect myself," said Olsen, who has rescheduled visits with Iowa and North Carolina State. "I don't want to get out [to Notre Dame] and meet the new head coach and have him say, 'We're only going to bring in one quarterback, and you can come here, but you're not a good fit [for the new offense].'"

But Olsen was quick to point out that Notre Dame is still his first choice.

"I still plan on going to Notre Dame as of now," said Olsen.

While Athletic Director Kevin White did not set a timetable for hiring a new coach, Olsen believes the decision will be made soon.

"I talked to an assistant athletic director [on Sunday] and he called my house and said [Notre Dame] would have a new head coach within 10 days," said Olsen.

The other recruit that was rumored to be reconsidering attending Notre Dame was linebacker Jeremy Van Alstyne of Greenwood, Ind. But Van Alstyne told the South Bend Tribune yesterday that he still wants to play for the Irish next fall.

"I'm still planning on taking my official visit up there," said Van Alstyne. "I'm disappointed, because I thought I'd be playing for coach Davie. But I still really want to go to Notre Dame. I just need to find out who the next coach will be."

Aside from Olsen and Van Alstyne, none of the other recruits showed any signs of changing schools for next year.

Defensive tackle Jamie Ryan said that there is no way he will change his decision and he is "still 100 percent committed to Notre Dame."

Wide receiver Josh Hannum, from Wallington, Pa., said that while the change does somewhat bother him, it will not change his mind about attending Notre Dame next fall.

see RECRUITS/page 16

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish run into reeling Hoosiers

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

Replacing a legend is never easy. Just ask Indiana men's head basketball coach Mike Davis. At this time a year ago, Davis and his Hoosiers were reeling with a 2-3 record as they entered a pivotal road match-up against the then No. 10-ranked Irish.

Loyal Bob Knight supporters were calling for Davis's ousting, criticizing him for not being able to effectively lead the Hoosiers the same way Knight had done for the previous three decades, but Davis refused to allow his critics get the best of him.

"The beginning of last year was difficult for the kids

because of the circumstances of Coach Knight's departure," said Davis. "I didn't look at it like I was replacing Coach Knight. I looked at it as an opportunity to put my own stamp on the program and lead Indiana back to the NCAA Tournament."

Davis and his team were in desperate need of a victory over Notre Dame to turn their season around.

"We were 2-3 entering that game. Notre Dame was ranked in the top 10," said Davis. "We knew we would be in for a battle, but our guys stepped up and played extremely well. That game was the turning point in our season."

Despite the daunting task of succeeding Hoosier icon Knight, Davis did not wilt

under the intense pressure and scrutiny associated with being the interim head coach at Indiana last year. The victory over Notre Dame was the springboard for Davis as he led his team to a second-place finish in the Big Ten Tournament and another birth in the NCAA tournament.

In the process, Davis removed the interim tag from his job description and signed a contract as Indiana's permanent head coach.

"I never compare myself to Coach Knight because I don't need to put any more pressure on myself," said Davis. "When you stop and look at Coach Knight's incredible numbers, you will overwhelm yourself. I have confidence in my ability to lead this team. I expect

myself to work as hard as I possibly can to get this team back to the NCAA tournament. I want to build upon last year's season and win the NCAA Tournament."

Last year, the Hoosiers defeated the Irish 86-78 at the Joyce Center, thanks to an incredible performance from point guard Tom Coverdale.

This year the Irish are hoping to return the favor when they square off against the Hoosiers tonight at 7 p.m. at Assembly Hall in Bloomington, Ind.

The circumstances of this year's game are very familiar. Once again, Notre Dame has looked very impressive in the early stages of the season,

see DAVIS/page 17

SPORTS
AT A GLANCE

- ◆ Men's basketball at Indiana, Tonight, 7 p.m.
- ◆ SMC basketball at Goshen, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
- ◆ Women's basketball at Purdue, Thursday, 7 p.m.
- ◆ ND Swimming, Notre Dame Invitational, Thursday

OBSERVER
online

<http://www.nd.edu/~observer>