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NDTV hits the airwaves and gets in line for club status



ANDY KENNA/The Observer
Liam Dacey, an executive producer for NDTV, works away at producing a show. NDTV is planning to feature a biweekly variety show, and continues to hope for official club status.

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

NDTV, Notre Dame students' latest media venture, continues to seek club status as it works to put out a biweekly variety show.

The organization is now more aware of just how difficult the process of obtaining formal University recognition is — a process that has recently stalled, according to NDTV executive producers Lance Johnson and Liam Dacey.

Getting Started

Johnson, Dacy, sophomore Chris Chamberland and senior Alex Grunewald first proposed the concept of a student-produced television program last semester. The four approached Film, Television and Theatre assistant professor Christine Becker with the idea and received her support.

"We sent out this e-mail to [the FTT listserv] and we put

up signs," Dacey said. "We had this big meeting and got a large turnout. We saw then the interest."

That perceived interest, Dacey said, led the group to begin formatting a potential show. They decided to organize the program into news and entertainment segments and allotted time for an interview and a "random" category as well.

With a plan in mind, the four students — now executive producers of the show — decided to apply for club status at the end of last semester. Johnson spearheaded the application process, working with Amy Geist, coordinator for student groups at Student Activities.

Becoming recognized and sponsored by the University has been a goal of the student organization since its inception, Johnson said. The producers quickly realized that club status would aid in promoting the show and University support

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◆ Clubs approved last year establish themselves

By NATASHA GRANT
News Writer

Although no new clubs have emerged this current semester, many have gained approval within the last year. For the most part, approved clubs have remained stable.

Wabruda

Meaning 'brotherhood' in Swahili, Wabruda is concerned with social awareness, professional development and brotherhood enlightenment, said club President Justin Wilson. Wilson said the club strives to promote brotherhood amongst African-Americans and strengthen gender relations through a semi-annual event, Karamu, in which each member invites an African-American woman to dinner.

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Diversity board develops harassment proposal

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
News Writer

Saint Mary's Student Diversity Board is developing a proposal to incorporate a discrimination and harassment clause into campus policy.

The decision to work on a proposal for the clause was based on student complaints about the lack of specific details regarding the current policy.

The policy highlighting harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault currently included in Saint Mary's student handbook depicts the College's stance that no incidents of any form of harassment will be tolerated. It lists examples of incidents that constitute harassment and warns that any student or employee found to have harassed another will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

The current policy further details the victim's rights, reporting procedures and suggestions for prevention.

Nila Ahmad, vice president of SDB, heads the proposal's development. She began by researching the policies of other colleges to obtain a better understanding of what is commonly included in discrimination and harassment clauses.

Ahmad then looked at the framework of Saint Mary's current policy and proposed the addition of specific factors on which discrimination cannot be based. She also proposed a common definition of harassment

and a procedure to handle violations of the clause.

"The clause is still in the beginning of its process and revising it, so it's still too early to tell much of anything about it," Ahmad said.

Last Monday, Ahmad presented the proposal to Saint Mary's Board of Governance in hopes of their endorsing the clause as student initiative. BOG responded with suggestions to improve the proposal and gave it one week for further review.

"BOG reviewed the proposal and seemed to agree that a harassment clause was necessary for Saint Mary's. However, we were unable to take a vote because we lost quorum as people left for other meetings and rehearsals," said Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, vice-president of BOG.

A vote for BOG to endorse the idea of the harassment clause will be taken Monday. The proposal will then move on to Linda Timm, vice president for Student Affairs, for further analysis before BOG places an official vote. It must then be presented to the Student Affairs Committee, the Council of Student Affairs and the Board of Trustees for final approval.

"Student Diversity Board have put a lot of work into the clause and are hoping to get it implemented as soon as possible. It is an important step in increasing diversity and awareness on this campus," said Jablonski-Diehl.

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Recruitment abroad rises

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While over 1,000 international students are currently studying at Notre Dame, only 266 of these students are undergraduates, according to the International Student Services and Activities (ISSA) office, a number which is somewhat lower than other national universities like Notre Dame.

Despite the small number, several University initiatives have attempted to increase the percentage of international undergraduates to Notre Dame's target enrollment of 5 percent.

Currently the percentage of enrolled undergraduates stands at about 4.8 percent, said Matthew Potts, undergraduate admissions counselor for international students.

Beginning in the 2000-2001 fiscal year, the University has been able to offer limited financial assistance to international undergraduates in an attempt to increase the percentage of foreign students on campus, said Sue Brandt, financial aid officer.

"It's been a priority for the University," said Potts. "[Financial aid] is one of the big attractions."

Prior to this new policy, international students were expected to provide the full cost of a Notre Dame education and were required to sign a statement on their admission application agreeing to this fact.

Over the past few years, statistics for international undergraduate students tripled, said Potts, likely due in large part to the financial aid now available.

At Georgetown University, financial aid has correlated with high numbers of international students. Georgetown currently has about 2,000 international students enrolled, a figure double that of Notre Dame's.

The newly available financial aid has allowed the University to expand its recruitment and increase options for students from third-world countries.

"As a Catholic University, our commitment is to international students overall, but especially to students from developing nations," Potts said. In particular, the University has focused recruitment efforts on students from Latin American countries

who may have previously been unable to find the necessary funds to attend Notre Dame, Potts said.

The admissions office currently employs three counselors who focus on international recruitment and travel abroad to increase awareness about Notre Dame and the experience it offers.

"We try to give them a sense of the opportunities available in the U.S.," Potts said. Admissions counselors also work with foreign alumni clubs in their international recruitment efforts, Potts said.

In another attempt to make the University more accessible to foreign students, representatives from ISSA have worked with student government in addition to developing their own programs.

"We're here to support, orient, advise and refer [students]. The interest is to provide for a culturally diverse experience for all students, whether American or international," said Connie Peterson-Miller, assistant director of ISSA.

The office works to develop a wide variety of programs and services for foreign students, including conversation circles to develop informal language, housing options during breaks and shopping trips for winter clothing.

"We're here to help them express their perspective," said Peterson-Miller.

Recently Peterson-Miller spoke at Student Senate in late October to raise awareness within student government about international students and the unique perspective they bring to campus. As a result, Libby Bishop, student body president, discussed the possibility of adding a representative for international students to the Campus Life Council at its Nov. 4 meeting. However, because of the structure of CLC, the possibility of adding a member was small and student government would instead focus on other ways to increase awareness about foreign students, Bishop said.

"The discussion went towards bridging the gap between student government and [foreign students]," she said.

Overall, international undergraduates said their experiences and transitions to the University were positive and they were excited to see the addition of financial aid

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INSIDE COLUMN

Dancing to the death

When most people think about competitive childhood sports and activities, a few stand out. They see hockey dads fighting, cheerleading moms murdering the competition and Little League baseball coaches starting mud-slinging campaigns against opposing teams.

Sheila Flynn

But there is another, less obvious cutthroat subculture which would pop into the minds of very few people: Irish step dancing.

Assistant News Editor

As members of the community of the Fighting Irish, we are all familiar with Irish dancing, as we try to do the Irish jig at home games, watch the Irish Guard perform the victory clog and attend the annual Farley Feis.

But the real world of Irish dancers is a highly-structured realm of vast ambition and unbridled competition, one which takes dancers all over the globe and embroils them in countless petty rivalries.

Irish dancing teachers must be certified by an international board of instructors in order to establish schools which will be allowed to compete in all the mainstream feis tournaments. A ridiculous number of these teachers hate each other, and they purposely foster hardened rivalries between their respective schools.

My own Irish dancing teacher (I danced until I was 13) encouraged an elitist, condescending attitude in her dancers, who were consequently hated by other schools. I couldn't stand half of them myself, and I despised Mrs. Glade (name changed to protect the guilty) most of all. Glade habitually stood in the corner of the studio, banging a black wooden stick on the floor in time to the music as she barked out criticisms and boasted that she used to lock students in the closet. She pushed her two daughters so hard that one now has severe tendinitis and the other has broken or sprained every toe and both ankles at least once.

And for some reason, the Glade Academy parents bought into her warped win-or-die, Irish-dancing-is-life attitude. They drove their children hours each weekend to every single feis and spent hundreds of dollars on intricate velvet costumes imported from Ireland. I actually know one family who converted a bedroom in their home into a practice studio for their 12-year-old daughter, complete with finished wooden floors and mirrored walls.

And all of this existed before the Riverdance phenomenon. The show had not yet hit Broadway, and Michael Flatley had not yet stunned the world with his Rambo-like headdress, baby-oiled chest and "Feet of Flames." There was really no professional outlet for Irish dancers, yet their parents and teachers still pushed them ridiculously hard. And I can only imagine how much the situation has worsened since I left and the mainstream shows appeared.

So the next time you hear a jig played or see one performed, don't just associate it with a flippant, merry dance done by leprechauns. The Irish dancing pastime is an all-encompassing subculture, and it is surprisingly structured, demanding and ruthless.

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Female athletes and sports writers participate in a forum about women and their place in the world of sports.	U.S. government challenges Iraq's response to U.N. and demands that Hussein avoid manipulation of weapons inspectors.	The trend of corporate scandal continues as ex-vice president admits involvement in securities fraud.	The Observer Editorial examines the string of scandals involving SMC security and argues that the turmoil must be stopped.	Scene reports on the SMC adaptation of Neil Simon's play "The Odd Couple," directed by Katie Sullivan.	Courtney Watson has been named a finalist for the Dick Butkus award, presented annually to the best linebacker in the country.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Lecture with Sean O'Brien "Public Aesthetics: Nineteenth Century Irish Prison Narratives." 3 p.m. in Room 424, Flanner Hall
- ◆ Concert with Notre Dame Collegium Musicum 8 p.m. in Moreau Seminary Chapel
- ◆ Play with John C. Chalberg "An Evening with G.K. Chesterton." 7:30 p.m. in Hesburgh Library Auditorium
- ◆ Concert with Notre Dame Brass Ensemble. Sunday 8 p.m. in Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- ◆ Faculty Artist Series/Concert "The Wanderer: The Song Cycle in Migration." 2 p.m., Sunday in Annenberg Auditorium, Snite Museum of Art

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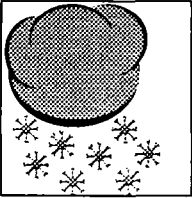
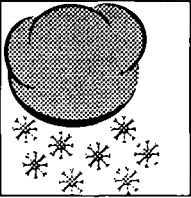
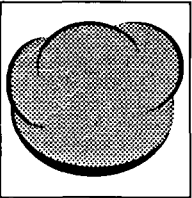
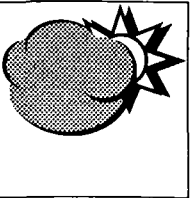
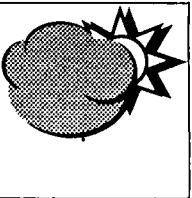
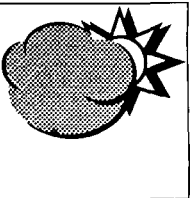
- ◆ Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple," directed by Katie Sullivan 8 p.m. in Little Theatre, Moreau Center, today and Saturday 2:30 p.m. on Sunday

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

- Parking decal stolen**
A University employee reported his parking decal was taken from his vehicle while parked in the B01 lot between 1 p.m. Monday and 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. There are no suspects.
- Driving violation cited**
NDSP issued a state citation Wednesday for disregarding an automatic signal on Juniper Road.
- Employee taken to hospital**
A University employee was transported by ambulance to Memorial Hospital Wednesday for treatment of an illness.
- Suspicious activity reported**
NDSP received a complain Wednesday about suspicious activity outside of the University football stadium.

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall	South Dining Hall	Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today Lunch: Meatless Baked Ziti, Supreme Pizza, Smoked Creole Flank Steak, Roasted Poupon Potatoes, Corn, Apple Cobbler, Pasta Primavera, Baked Swiss Spinach, Oriental Vegetables, Cream of Wheat, Sausage Links, Apple Pancakes, O'Brien Potatoes, Philly Steak Sandwich, Steakhouse Fries, Sweet & Sour Chicken, California Rancho Rice Today Dinner: Meatless Baked Ziti, Meatball Stroganoff Sauce, Supreme Pizza, Pork Loin with Apples, Hot Applesauce, Peas, Apple Cobbler, Baked Haddock Jardiniere, Seasoned Lemon Couscous, Noodles Romanoff, Hot & Spicy Sea Nuggets, Steakhouse	Today Lunch: Pasta Shells Primavera, Fettuccine, Gorgonzola Sauce, French Bread Pizza, Collard Greens, Turkey Turnovers, London Broil with Wine Marinade, Cheddar-Baked Pollock, Shrimp Creole, Potatoes au Gratin, Grilled Turkey Sandwich, Crinkle Fries, Soft Pretzel, Chicken Teriyaki, Fiesta Chicken Flatbread Today Dinner: Chicken Cacciatore, Fettuccine, Gorgonzola Sauce, French Bread Pizza, Roast Top Round, Oven-Fried Chicken, Grilled Polish Sausage, Rotini with Vegetables, Polish-Style Kluski Noodles Cabbage	No menu is available.

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Female sports professionals discuss women in athletics

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

A panel discussion held

Thursday night in McKenna Hall, entitled "Women in Sports Through the Media's Eyes," featured four prominent females in the world of sports and their opin-

ions on topics ranging from Title IX and gender equity in sports to media representation and coverage of women's athletics.

David Haugh, sports columnist

for The South Bend Tribune, moderated the forum, which included Coquese Washington, assistant Notre Dame women's basketball coach and WNBA athlete; Nancy Armour, Associated Press sports-writer; Christine Brennan, USA Today columnist; and Nan Tulchinsky, South Bend Community School Corporation director of athletics.

Panelists illustrated the opportunities available to young women now as a result of Title IX that did not exist in their childhood.

"I would have been one of those girls who would have probably played on three soccer teams a week and be fighting boys for playing time in Little League baseball," Brennan said. "I kept my [high school] letter jacket in the closet; I was personally proud [of my athletic accomplishments] but I didn't want anyone else to know it. Look how far we have come."

Tulchinsky, a Saint Mary's alumna, spoke about the opportunities that did not exist in her generation with respect to women's athletics.

"As a youngster, there were no athletics. I was never allowed to play against boys in the gymnasium or the playground — only in my driveway. I felt the same kind of desire to play [as women athletes do now] but I couldn't," she said.

Washington, a current member of the Indiana Fever WNBA team and former member of the championship-winning Houston Comets, commented on the experiences available to her because of Title IX. In addition to coaching and playing professionally, Washington is also an attorney, having earned her law degree from Notre Dame in 1997.

"Without Title IX, my adult life would be different. I'd probably be wearing pumps and a power suit to work. Instead, I get the pleasure to do something [as a career] I'd probably do anyway [for recreation]," she said.

The panelists also addressed the recent criticisms of Title IX with respect to concerns that mens college sports programs like wrestling or gymnastics have been cut as a result of the legislation.

Brennan said 80 percent of American universities are not yet in compliance with Title IX legislation. She said individuals blaming Title IX for mens program cuts are presenting a "ridiculous" argument, while Armour instead said university athletic directors are responsible for the poor allocation of resources.

"The idea [of Title IX] was to create opportunities for women, not cut them for men. Athletic directors have to take a real hard

look at how they are spending the money. Title IX has been a convenient [excuse] for people who are not balancing the budget," she said.

Brennan particularly criticized the large number of scholarships that universities provide to football players and said that most football programs cannot even cover their own expenses. She found particular problems with athletic directors who deny that Title IX regulates their football programs and she then challenged these directors to cut the number of football scholarships from 85 to 75.

"Title IX is a law for superceding sports issues," she said. "There are two genders, men and women, not men, women and football players. What if they [football] went down to 75 [scholarships]? Wouldn't that create parity anyway? Wouldn't that make college football more competitive?"

Although all four panelists stressed the far-reaching effects that Title IX has had in advancing gender equality and increasing opportunities for women athletes, each participant commented that much work remains to be done, particularly with respect to media coverage of women's sports.

Brennan described the typical sports editor of many professional newspapers as a white 50- to 60-year-old male. Because of these demographics, she said, editors either choose not to emphasize women's sports or attempt to isolate women's athletics by creating separate pages or publications specifically for women's sports.

"The reality is that we [the media] are doing a terrible job of covering women's sports. The sports section should be covering women's sports every day — don't ghettoize women's sports and make it less than the official thing," she said.

Washington stressed the importance that media coverage has on shaping public perceptions and creating a generation of young girls who want to play sports. She said young girls now have role models in female athletes that did not exist before.

"Just the fact that there is coverage, that [women's] leagues exist, has a huge impact on women's sports. With more coverage, you'll have more women who will feel empowered playing women's sports," she said.

The "Women in Sports" panel was presented by The South Bend Tribune and the Northern Indiana Center for History, which is currently showing a nationally-exclusive exhibition that highlights turning points and superstars in women's athletics. The audience included four members of the All American Girls Professional Baseball League, highlighted in the movie "A League of Their Own."

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Rickard appointed to interim position

By LAURA CORISTIN
News Writer

Saint Mary's College president Marilou Eldred appointed Marcia Rickard as interim associate dean of faculty and director of the Center for Academic Innovation at the College late last month.

Rickard's appointment came after Patrick White assumed the duties of interim vice president and dean of faculty when Karen Ristau resigned.

Rickard joined the Saint Mary's faculty in 1978 as an associate professor in the art department. As interim associate dean, it is Rickard's responsibility to advise the vice president and dean. She will serve on a number of committees, including committees for curriculum assessment, rank and tenure, and faculty grants and the general education task force.

Rickard's responsibilities as director of the Center for Academic Innovation deal not only with faculty but with students as well.

"As director of the Center for Academic Innovation I am basically trying to create a place where intellectual ideas can take shape and form for both students and faculty," Rickard said.

She referred to the Department for Academic Innovation as one of three centers of distinction at the College. The other two centers are the Women's Center for Intercultural Leadership and the Center for Spirituality, she said.

"We are trying to create a kind of intellectual 'incubator' of ideas and collaborate them in a way that enriches the whole academic community."

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International

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for international students.

Guillermo Munoz, a junior from Spain, said Notre Dame admissions counselors were one of the main factors in his decision to study at the University, adding that financial aid would significantly improve the opportunities for foreign students to attend Notre Dame.

"[The counselor] really got me intrigued with Notre Dame," Munoz said. "There would be a greater pool of applicants [with the aid]."

Senior Grace Augustina, from Indonesia, said she was excited about University initiatives to increase awareness of the school abroad.

"Notre Dame is not well-known abroad. I think financial aid would be really helpful for international students," she said. Augustina said that many Indonesian students she knows were interested in attending the University, but simply unable to consider it because financial aid was previously nonexistent. In addition, she said she would like to see Notre Dame

develop additional support programs for foreign students.

She said, "The support for international students here is not as great as other schools."

Despite limitations, current international support programs are helpful in transitioning students to the United States, said freshman Mary Catherine Magee, from Canada. "It was ... nice because they had a special orientation for international students," Magee said. "Knowing other international students [through special programs] is helpful because you can go talk to them."

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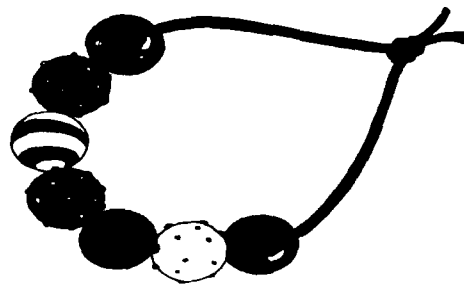
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'No more games' American officials tell Iraq

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

In another warning to Saddam Hussein, U.S. officials said Thursday that Iraq must not "play games" with U.N. weapons inspectors and they disputed Iraq's claim not to have nuclear, chemical or biological weapons.

"I'll simply say that they do have weapons of mass destruction and the purpose of the U.N. resolution, of course, is for them to agree to allow inspectors in and to allow the inspectors to make some conclusions," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said at a Pentagon news conference.

Iraq on Wednesday accepted a tough new U.N. Security Council resolution demanding it disarm and allow inspectors unfettered access anywhere in Iraq. But Iraq's acceptance letter was filled with anti-American invective and repeatedly claimed Saddam's government did not have any banned weapons or programs to make them.

"I've never tried to predict what [Saddam] might do, but one thing I know he better not do, and that is play games," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said.

Added Secretary of State Colin Powell, during a trip to Canada: "I think what we're interested in seeing is a new spirit of cooperation, if there's going to be one,

from Iraq."

Bush called Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar on Thursday and the two leaders "expressed full solidarity in demanding that the Iraqi regime disarm," McClellan said.

The weapons inspectors repeatedly said that if Iraq does not disarm, the United States would lead "a coalition of the willing" to disarm Iraq by force.

The weapons inspectors are to resume their search for illegal caches by Dec. 23 and are to report to the Security Council 60 days after they start looking. Iraq has until Dec. 8 to give a full accounting of all its banned weapons programs as well as programs to develop long-range missiles and remote-controlled aircraft to deliver them.

At any point, inspectors are to report to the Security Council in the event of failure by Iraq to comply with its obligations combined with any false statements or omissions in the list.

Administration officials have said the resolution also prohibits Iraq from firing on U.S. and British planes patrolling no-fly zones over northern and southern Iraq. The United States set up the zones after the 1991 Persian Gulf War, saying they were in support of U.N. resolutions demanding that Saddam not attack Kurds in the north and Shiite Muslims in the south.

But U.S. officials have been deliberately vague about



AFP PHphoto

President Bush and U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan sit together in the Oval Office of the White House before a private meeting, on Nov. 13. The U.S. made it clear to Iraq it believed that Iraq possessed weapons of mass destruction, which must be destroyed.

whether they would view any Iraqi firings as a breach of the latest U.N. resolution and therefore an automatic trigger for war. Powell said Iraq's reactions to enforcement of no-fly zones would be looked at "with all seriousness if they continue to

do that" and that Iraq must understand the threat of military action is real. "The United States has demonstrated considerable patience over the last two months," Powell said. That patience will continue. But at the same time, there should be

absolutely no confusion or misunderstanding.

"If the Iraqis do not comply," Powell continued, "there will be consequences. Those consequences will involve use of military force to disarm them, to change the regime."

Key nations consider oil regulations on North Korea

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Key countries met Thursday to consider a U.S.-demand to suspend oil assistance to North Korea for violating a pledge not to develop nuclear weapons, and the United States said it expects support.

There has been little support in the Bush administration or in Congress for continuing the 8-year-old oil assistance program following North Korea's acknowledgment last month that it was secretly developing a uranium-based bomb.

The fate of the shipments is in the

hands of the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization, known as KEDO, whose members are the United States, Japan, South Korea and the European Union.

U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said American diplomats have been assured the EU and Japan would back President Bush's plan at the New York meeting and that South Korea will go along with some version of it.

At the start of Thursday's meeting at KEDO's offices in midtown Manhattan, U.S. Ambassador Charles Pritchard, Ambassador Jean-Pierre Leng of the EU, Japanese Ambassador Katsunari Suzuki, and South Korean Ambassador Sun-Sup Chang, who chairs KEDO's

executive board, posed for photographers.

Pritchard told the other representatives he was "looking forward" to providing them with a firsthand account of his trip last month to the North Korean capital, Pyongyang, and his discussions last week in Tokyo "and hope that we will be able come to, as we always have in the past, a consensus decision on the best next steps to take."

KEDO officials later confirmed the meeting was under way.

Bush made the decision to suspend oil shipments during a session with his national security team Wednesday night ahead of Thursday's meeting of KEDO, which was founded after North Korea

signed an agreement with the United States in 1994 pledging to become a nuclear weapons-free state.

As part of the 1994 agreement, the United States promised to provide more than 500,000 tons of heavy oil per year. In addition, South Korea and Japan offered to pay most of the cost for two light water nuclear reactors that are of limited use for a country intent on developing nuclear weapons.

The fate of that project is up in the air.

Bush's only concession was to agree to allow a vessel already en route to North Korea to deliver what would be the last U.S. oil shipment unless Pyongyang decides to dismantle its nuclear weapons program.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

4 killed in Nigerian naval attack

The Nigerian navy raided a village in the swamps of the Niger Delta killing five people after attackers from the village robbed a ChevronTexaco oil boat, witnesses said Thursday. Two children, apparently burned to death as they hid inside their homes, were among the victims of the retaliatory raid, villagers said.

Wildlife experts decry ivory sales

Wildlife experts Wednesday condemned a decision allowing three southern African nations to sell more than 60 tons of stockpiled elephant ivory, arguing that it will increase poaching throughout the continent. On Tuesday, Botswana, Namibia and South Africa narrowly won a two-thirds majority of the votes at the U.N. Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species, or CITES, for a one-off sale of their stockpiles of elephant tusks worth about \$5 million.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Gun distributor to pay widow \$1.2 million

A jury ordered a gun distributor Thursday to pay \$1.2 million to the widow of a teacher gunned down by a 13-year-old student in a landmark case targeting inexpensive handguns. The jury, however, pinned most of the fault for the 2000 slaying of Barry Grunow on the gun's owner and school officials. Widow Pam Grunow sued distributor Valor Corp., claiming the small, cheap pistol of the kind used by the student killer often fall into the hands of juveniles and criminals. It was the first case to address both the absence of a gun lock and the flaws associated with a cheap, easily concealable weapon. But the jury said 45 percent of the fault for Grunow's death lies with the school board for allowing Nathaniel Brazill onto campus that day and 50 percent with the family friend who kept the gun unlocked in a dresser drawer, where Brazill found it. Brazill was sentenced to 28 years behind bars for killing his teacher with the .25-caliber Raven handgun.

'Bushism' makes Oxford quote dictionary

"Bushisms" in the second edition of the "Oxford Dictionary of Phrase, Saying and Quotation," include the president's declaration: "We are ready for any unforeseen event which may or may not happen." The other "Bushisms" include the president's words of wisdom at the 2001 Yale University commencement: "To those of you who received honors, awards and distinctions, I say well done. And to the 'C' students, I say you, too, can be president of the United States."

Ford to pay \$1 billion in pension payments

Ford Motor Co. said Thursday it will contribute \$1 billion to its underfunded pension plans over the next two years, expenses the company said should not hamper its ongoing restructuring. Ford vice president and treasurer Malcolm MacDonald said the company will provide \$500 million in 2003 and \$500 million in 2004 to the plans, which are expected to be underfunded by \$6.2 billion by year's end.

Health, Cultural Competence seminar to be held

By EMILY FORD
News Writer

Saint Mary's College will host a Health and Cultural Competence Community Leader's Seminar Saturday, one of 11 workshops designed to explore contemporary health issues in terms of gender and culture.

The event was organized by Marcia Good-Maust, a fellow in anthropology with The Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership. The idea for this event originated from this summer's Community Leader's Seminar, "Tapping the Wellsprings of Wisdom," in which over 100 local women participated.

"There was such interest and enthusiasm that generated out of that experience that we made a commitment to continue providing four opportunities throughout the year to continue exploring women's leadership and intercultural issues together," said Bonnie Bazata, director of community connections with CWIL. "Health and wellness was a key focus from the summer and so we continued that theme here within an intercultural focus."

Mayadene Paysoure, a community member who volunteers at Memorial Hospital's Sage-ing Center, said she is looking forward to offering insight into health as part of the aging process.

"I want to inform people about a spiritual eldering tool called life review and life repair that helps us to reframe our past experiences, to achieve a more conscious and fuller living," Paysoure said.

What will make this weekend's seminar such an innovative discussion, according to CWIL's Web site, is that it will veer away from the standard stigmas assigned to health. Often, the word "health" is associated with illness, treat-

ment and physical symptoms. But in a cultural context, "health" denotes the certain medical conditions or healing approaches of different ethnicities.

This seminar aims to take a more holistic approach to health, defining it as simply "well being."

Participants will be asked to question how they can achieve well-being in a conflict-ridden work environment, how to encourage people to tend to their inner and social energy and other health topics.

The second half of the day will deal with how these forces physically manifest themselves in terms of body language and verbal

expression.

"The morning is more talking, but lots of discussion," Bazata said. "The afternoon is really experiential with lots of movement."

Bazata said this workshop will be valuable because of the diversity of the participants, including students, staff and community members working in various fields.

Mary Lauck, CEO of Girl Scouts of Singing Sands Council, Inc., will be one of the community members participating in the workshop.

She is also currently a member of the Women's Wisdom for Community Change, a develop-

ment initiated at a previous CWIL retreat.

"The reason why I'm going to be participating is because ... I've been actively involved in many, many areas at the campus level," Lauck said. "But also because the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership has just been a wonderful new innovative program there at the college and I participated in the retreat-workshop that was held several months ago. It was a wonderful opportunity for women leaders to come together. It was a learning experience, a sharing experience."

Bazata also said that these workshops provide the community

with a chance to learn not only about health and well being, but to communicate with different cultures as well.

"One of the things that makes these experiences so dynamic is the mix of age, race, culture and experience," Bazata said. "So this is a unique and powerful opportunity for students to not only learn about a given topic, but also develop confidence, develop new relationships, learn more about the community and possibly even find a mentor."

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IN BRIEF

Lehman Brothers lays off 500 employees

Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. cut its ranks by 500 employees on Thursday, including its chief investment strategist Jeffrey Applegate, a person familiar with the matter said.

The companywide cuts at the New York-based investment bank, one of Wall Street's biggest, amounted to 4 percent of its total work force of 12,980 as of Sept. 30. "We have made small adjustments across all divisions and regions to reflect the challenging environment," said Hannah Burns, a Lehman Brothers spokeswoman. "Still, the number is not significant relative to the overall size of the firm." Burns declined to confirm specifics about Thursday's cuts, and would not comment on Applegate's status.

Since the end of 2000, more than 32,000 securities workers have lost their jobs as the bear market has severely curtailed financial deals and profits.

Dollar climbs vs. major currencies

Decreased risk aversion, rising equities, cheery economic data and reduced geopolitical tensions helped the dollar climb Thursday against most of its major rivals.

The spate of economic releases helped refocus the currency market's attention on economic fundamentals after recent domination by global interest-rate differentials. "We're in one of these moments here where everything is status quo for the moment," said Jason Bonanca, foreign exchange analyst for Credit Suisse First Boston.

Bankruptcy bill stopped in House

Legislation intended to make it harder for people to erase their debts in bankruptcy court died in the House Thursday, scuttled by a dispute over how the law would apply to fines against abortion protesters.

Conservative Republicans turned against their House leaders, President Bush and their business and banking contributors in rejecting the legislation, which they feared would curtail abortion protesting.

Ex-Adelphia executive pleads guilty

◆ Another U.S. company falls to corporate fraud

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Members of the Rigas family conspired to lie to the public and plunder the cable TV system owner Adelphia Communications Corp., a former executive said Thursday as he pleaded guilty to securities fraud.

As part of his guilty plea in Manhattan federal court, James Brown, the former vice president of finance at Adelphia, has promised to testify against the family members about the scandal which cost investors billions of dollars.

Adelphia, based in Coudersport, Pa., sought bankruptcy court protection from its creditors on June 25.

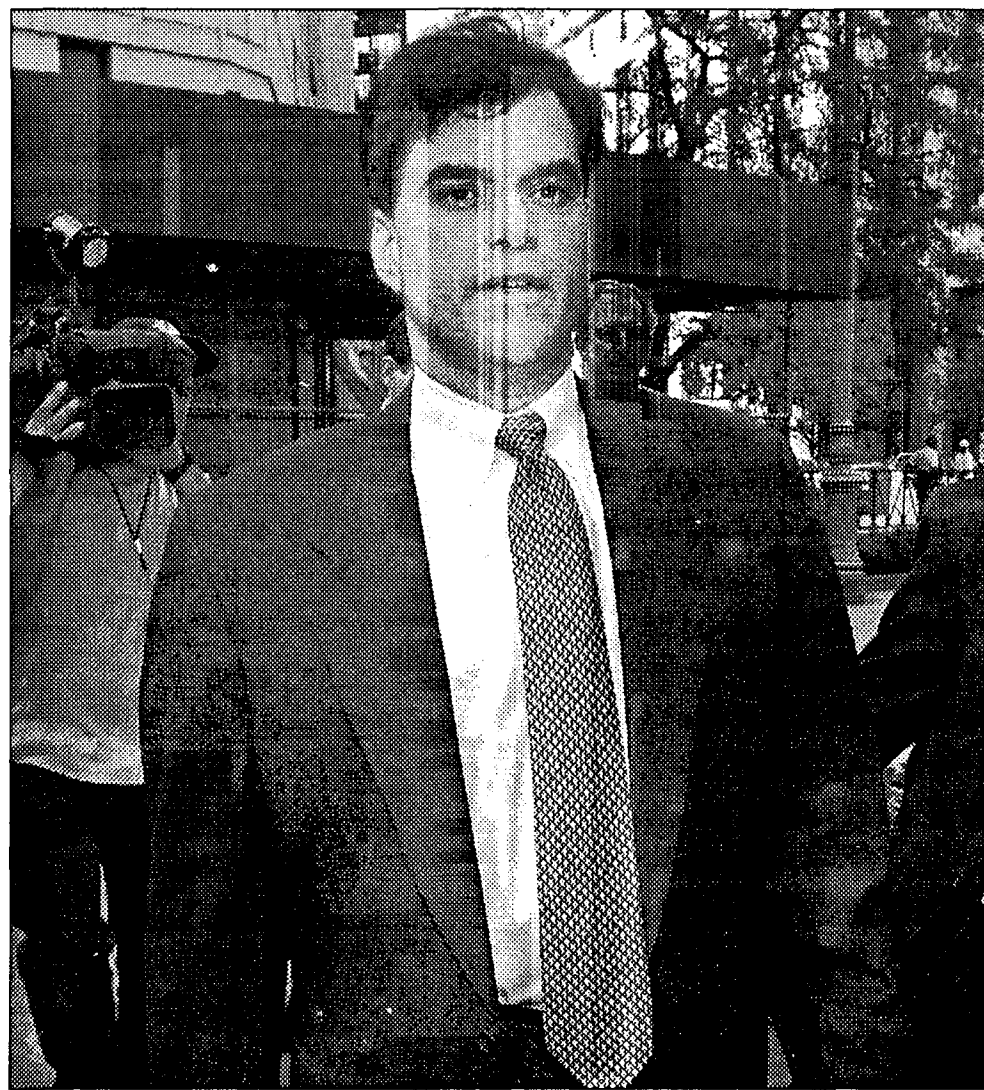
"With the assistance and agreement of others, I helped to manipulate and overstate earnings," he said during the proceeding in U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

As part of the scheme, he and other executives lied to Moody's Investors Service about the company's massive off-the-books debts during a January 2002 meeting, Brown said. The deception convinced Moody's not to downgrade Adelphia's credit rating.

The 40-year-old former executive also told Judge Leonard Sand he knew Adelphia's fabricated figures for cable subscribers "would mislead analysts who followed the cable industry and investors."

Brown added, "The others involved in the conduct and agreement I have referred to include John Rigas, Tim Rigas, Michael Rigas, and Michael Mulcahey, among others."

All of the men named



Timothy Adelphia, son of Adelphia founder John Rigas, enters court Thursday to plea not guilty to charges of conspiracy, securities, wire and bank fraud.

by Brown have been charged in the case, and all have pleaded innocent.

John Rigas' lawyer did not have an immediate comment on the plea.

The 78-year-old patriarch founded Adelphia and ran it with his sons Timothy and Michael until the accounting scandal erupted.

Mulcahey's lawyer Mark Mahoney said he and his client would "wait and see what really are the details" of Brown's statements to investigators.

Brown had a close personal and professional relationship with Tim Rigas and worked on much of the financial reporting now at issue in the criminal case, said

sources familiar with the probe.

Brown also admitted to bank fraud and conspiracy to commit securities fraud. The bank fraud charge carries up to 30 years in prison, but Brown hopes his cooperation will earn him a far more lenient sentence, which is scheduled for April 14.

The company issued a statement saying the plea proves "the Rigases and their accomplices engaged in massive self-dealing and other wrongful conduct that severely damaged Adelphia."

A 102-page indictment charges the five executives allegedly looted corporate accounts, built a golf course with com-

pany money and used corporate jets for personal business, while saddling the company with massive debts and lying to investors.

Officials believe the executives secretly transferred hundreds of millions of dollars belonging to the firm into accounts controlled by the Rigas family.

Prosecutors are seeking forfeiture from the five men of more than \$2.5 billion for the alleged fraud and corporate looting.

The Securities and Exchange Commission also announced Thursday that Brown had consented to an entry of partial judgment against him in the agency's civil lawsuit.

Hormone therapy sales plunge

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Sales of hormone replacement drugs have plunged dramatically in the four months since a study found unexpectedly high risks of heart disease and cancer in women taking the pills to block menopause symptoms and prevent age-related diseases.

Sales of Prempro, the Wyeth combination estrogen — progestin pill used in the Women's Health Initiative study announced in July, are down 52 percent from a year ago. Sales of all estrogen — progestin pills are down 40 percent, based on prescriptions dispensed in October.

Sales of Wyeth's estrogen-only pill Premarin — once one of the most widely prescribed drugs in this country — and of all estrogen-only hormones have fallen about half as much, according to IMS Health, a health-care information company. Researchers are still studying whether estrogen-only pills, only used for women who have had hysterectomies, are safe.

IMS monthly data on U.S. revenues from Prempro, Premarin and combined sales of all hormone replacement pills show the decline has been accelerating since July, after a slight increase in June.

"We had originally expected them to be down 50 percent once a full year

rolled around, and they're there already," J.P. Morgan pharmaceuticals analyst Carl Seiden said Thursday, referring to Wyeth's pills.

Seiden noted that in the two years before the study came out in July, rising concern about the pills' long-term risks and increased competition had been cutting the number of Wyeth prescriptions dispensed about 6 percent a year.

The Madison-based company's new competitors — Novartis' estrogen-only pill Vivelle, along with the estrogen-progestin pills Ativella from Pharmacia and Femhrt from Pfizer — have been selling more since July, even as the overall market shrinks.

Clubs

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"Through intellectual elevation, communal interaction, and faith in God, we will strive to achieve social awareness and personal enlightenment," he said.

Caribbean Student Organization of the University of Notre Dame (CSOUND)

CSOUND President Habibah Bell said members have plans to increase diversity on campus through the recruitment of Caribbean students.

"The purpose of this club is to educate the Notre Dame community about the many rich cultures and traditions found in the Caribbean," he said. "And [we] have a little fun at the same time." The most recent event was an "Island Jam" dance party.

All the other regions of the world have representation on campus, Bell said. She added, "It was about time [to] bring a taste of the Caribbean."

Notre Dame Fly-Fishing Club

"Our mission is to bring together people who share an interest, a passion, in a place that you wouldn't really expect to find something like this," said President Johnny Burns.

"We've set up plans for discount gear purchases, we've had private casting lessons, we have fly-tying workshops and cast demonstrations and of course we take trips out to the rivers," he said.

Notre Dame Gaelic Society

President Padraic McDermott said the club's mission is "to bring Irish and Scottish culture to the campus through music, sports, festivals and academic events." The club is soon to host a night of Irish music and dance in Coleman-Morse, as well as popularize and instruct on the field sport, hurling.

Notre Dame Green Party (ND

Green)

"Our goals are to make people aware of an alternative, to distribute information about the Green Party, to support Green Party candidates when possible," said facilitator Andrew Casad.

"What made me go ahead with the idea was the dearth of progressive activity taking place on campus," Casad said. "Students seem so concerned with other issues like football, that true progressive reform seems to elude most people," he said.

Notre Dame League of Alternate Historians (ND-LAH)

"The purpose of the ND-LAH will be to foster and conduct scholarly discussion on the subject of possible divergence where events in history might have transpired differently and their after effects," according to the club's constitution. In keeping with the spirit of the club, President Matthew Alderman said, they plan to keep students from all disciplines informed on events geared to promote both history and alternate history through discussions, movies and tours of historical sites.

Mystery Science Theater 3000 Club

The Mystery Science Theater 3000 Club is geared toward humor and relaxation, said club President Geoff Matteson.

"It's a place where one can take a break, meet new people, and learn how not to make a movie," he said. The club meets two days a week, Tuesdays and Sundays, in O'Neill Hall.

Notre Dame Anime Club

Co-Presidents Johnny Leitner and Hino Lam said the club attempts to promote interest in and access to anime, a genre of animation made in Japan. They hope to "build a strong foundation of members who share an enthusiasm for anime and

an interest in Japanese culture."

Women's Ice Hockey Club

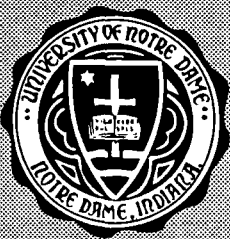
Allison Ricci heads the Women's Ice Hockey Club and also serves as an assistant captain. She said the club is concerned with putting women's hockey on the map and having fun while playing and win-

ning games.

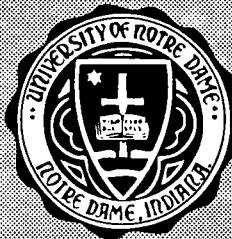
"Our long term goals would be to eventually see our sport become varsity," Ricci said.

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would likely pique the curiosity of the South Bend community.

"The biggest reason for us to seek club status is that I think Student Activities has the resources needed to promote the show," Johnson said. "They can help us get the word out. Activities night would be huge."

The group also said club status would help to relieve some of the financial burden of producing the program, a burden that has fallen mainly on the executive producers so far. Additional funding, however, was one of the reasons for pursuing University recognition, according to Johnson.

"I realized that we wouldn't get a lot of money," he said. "The funding we would be getting would be nominal compared to what it costs to run the show."

Seeking University approval

The producers began the official process of pursuing club status last April when Johnson submitted a form of intent to Student Activities. Over the summer, Johnson also drafted a club constitution and completed the additional paperwork required.

"The review process was scheduled to begin on Aug. 1," he said. "We were hoping to be approved before Student Activities night."

Meanwhile, the organization finalized plans to begin taping the show. The four producers received approval from the South Bend cable access channel to broadcast their program on Thursday afternoons and

launched a campaign to recruit two students to anchor the show. After completing tryouts, Breen Phillips junior Cheryl Turski and Keenan Hall sophomore Tony Easterlin were chosen.

The first installment of NDTV aired at the end of last month. It featured coverage on the recent elections, an interview with Notre Dame football coach Tyrone Willingham, a spotlight on a student band and a segment in which a reporter questioned tailgaters.

Executive producers said the show was a success, although

they are unsure how many people tuned in. The cable channel which airs the

program does not track ratings, and even if it did, Johnson said, the televisions on campus are not equipped to record viewer activity.

"I've had numerous people tell me they saw the show and were looking forward to seeing the next one," Johnson said. "My guess is that viewership is quite small, though."

Freshman Christina Chapman tuned into the first episode.

"I liked how it was really informal," Chapman said. "I remember watching and thinking that if they had school funding it [the show] could be 10 times better than it is and it is already interesting."

Hitting a roadblock

Club status, however, proved more elusive than the executive producers bargained for, they said.

Student activities night passed without the go-ahead from the University. The delay — which currently affects all prospective clubs involved in the application process — was due in part to restructuring within Student Activities and the Club Coordination Council (CCC), said Geist and Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities. The University also needed additional time to review NDTV's application because of the unique nature of the student organization, Coughlin said.

At the beginning of the school year, Coughlin and Student Activities challenged all student leaders to formulate strategic plans as part of a University-wide

analysis on Notre Dame's future. Student Activities and the CCC planned to hold off on approval of new clubs until after the plans were completed in order to determine how they would affect prospective clubs, according to Coughlin.

Drafting the strategic plans was a longer, more involved process than Student Activities originally anticipated, he said.

The interrelated aspects of the CCC also made it difficult to simultaneously approve new clubs and draft the strategic plans, Geist added.

"We discovered that the different pieces of the CCC are linked to each other," she said. "One impacted six others. It took us

longer than we anticipated. We want all the clubs to be successful and we want to determine what all the clubs can do to gain a better foothold."

Rolling again?

In an effort to speed up the process for student organizations already actively seeking club status, Student Activities will resume reviewing those applications that have already been submitted, Coughlin said.

Geist is already in the process of contacting all applicants to determine if they're still interested and if so, she said, complete the reviews by the end of this semester.

Geist estimates that there are currently between 15 and 20 student organizations pending club status.

All the organizations, including NDTV, will be judged on a series of criteria including uniqueness, a presence of a constitution and advisor as well as a mission that is in line with that of the University.

All prospective clubs must also fit within the five categories that divide current clubs including service and social action, diversity, athletic, academic and special interest. The process, Coughlin said, can take anywhere from two weeks to two months or more.

Making a final decision on NDTV will also take longer than

average, Coughlin said.

"NDTV is a bit unique because of the public nature of their appearance on television in the St. Joseph County region," he said. "We're working with them [the executive producers] to assure that the leadership will be as solid now as it is in the future. We need assurances that the University's good name will not be tarnished on TV. We just haven't nailed down the relationship yet."

The waiting game

For now, NDTV and the other student organizations seeking club status will have to wait.

Not having club status at this time does not bother Johnson, as the organization is currently focusing on establishing a quality program. University recognition, he believes, will come in time.

"I think we've been able to show that we can do it," he said. "I hope that the University will see that we just want to make the show. We don't want to rip on the University."

Johnson, however, said he was somewhat frustrated by the delays.

"Initially it seemed that things were going really well but come mid-September it seemed like things were going downhill," he said. "They [Student Activities] are just doing their job and I can't really complain because we're an exceptional situation."

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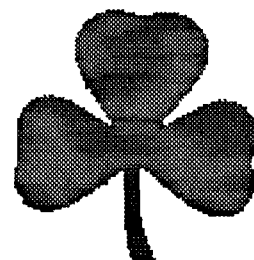
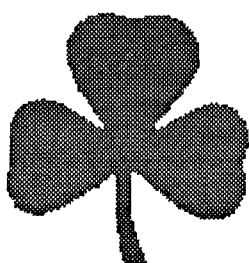
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Saint Mary's security is problematic

Rampant staff turnover this year and a federal investigation last year into misreporting of crime statistics were bad enough for Saint Mary's Security Department. The College's controversial suspension this month of a female security officer now sounds the death knell for public trust in the embattled department.

Sgt. Belinda Rathert remains suspended from her job in campus security after the College's human resources director claimed Rathert's college transcript was missing from her personnel file. Rathert was suspended Nov. 7. On Tuesday, she received a letter barring her from campus.

Both the suspension and campus ban are problematic.

Rathert claimed the suspension followed her recent request for backpay. In an Oct. 24 letter to human resources, Rathert filed for lost wages, alleging that the College paid female security officers \$.50 less per hour than male officers who performed the same duties.

Saint Mary's spokeswoman Melanie Engler said Rathert, who has worked at the College for three years, was suspended until she submitted the academic credentials.

"Officer Rathert's suspension is legal and completely appropriate," Engler said.

Officials banned Rathert from campus because of a conversation in which she allegedly made threatening remarks against the College, Rathert said. She claimed

the incident was an innocent discussion among fellow officers about workplace violence.

If Saint Mary's actions against Rathert had come at a different time, maybe the College would deserve the benefit of the doubt. But the sanctions come conveniently after Rathert alleged a disparity exists between male and female officers' pay, not when she was initially hired or at any other time during the three years she was employed by Saint Mary's.

The sanctions come at a time when public faith in the security department is already shaken. A year ago, the Department of Education investigated the way Saint Mary's reported its sexual assault statistics. The department's problems have continued this year with the appointment of three different directors since April.

Now, the controversy surrounding Rathert is strike three in a year marked by turmoil. Saint Mary's students deserve better than a security department that engages in as much, if not more, questionable action as it safeguards the public against.

Saint Mary's Security Department isn't protecting or serving anyone if it allows dubious decisions and gross injustices to occur within its own department. To restore public trust, the department would do well to resolve controversies surrounding its officers with expedience and more importantly, with fairness.

The
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Editorial

Defending same sex marriages

Some people say that marriage is something sacred between men and women. Others may say that marriage is something anyone can enter into, just as long as they truly love each other. No person can argue over the moral merits of this topic, but when many things in society depend upon a person's marital status, this is something that must be considered. Homosexuals should be allowed to enter into marriage or some other type of civil union. This will allow them to have several rights bestowed on heterosexuals who marry.

Who is to decide whether being homosexual is right or wrong? That question depends upon what you believe in. This does not mean that the government has the right to decide whether it is right or wrong.

There is even the view that marriage should stay the way it has been forever. Well let me correct some of the misconceptions. Marriage hasn't always been what you may have thought it was. Take for example the Christian church that for its first 500 to a 1,000 years considered marriage as tainted. Protestant denominations were roiled by the question of whether it was sinful to remarry divorced people whose ex-spouses were still alive.

The Bible says marriage is between one man and one woman. Churchgoers say that marriage is a religious institution. Well, to contradict this, civil marriage is a government institution that grants hundreds of state legal rights and responsibilities and over a thousand federal legal rights and responsibilities. When peo-

ple go to a county clerk's office and pay a fee for a marriage license, religion plays no role whatsoever. The country in which we reside in is not a theocracy.

The U.S. Constitution makes no mention of the Bible or any other religious text. The idea of allowing homosexuals to enter into marriage is not to make religions accept same-sex couples, but to protect homosexuals under the legislative establishments offered to others.

Many people may say that the Ten Commandments are the basis of our society. They can not relate the Ten Commandments with anything about homosexuality. If you really think about it, eight of the Ten Commandments are legal to break in America. Only the commandments against killing and stealing are backed up by law and they are backed by law all over the world. If you would like to take this concept even further, you may go to say that the first three commandments are actually unconstitutional. Now this in no way means that the Ten Commandments are wrong, but they are of no legal or constitutional standing. So how can people argue the meaning of the Ten

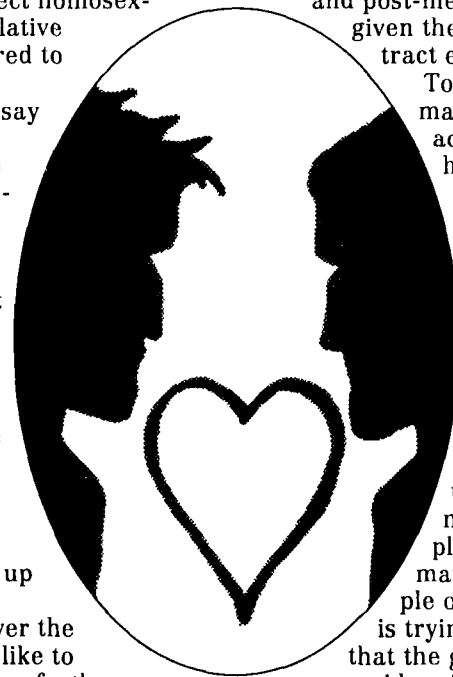
Commandments with marriage?

One remark by people against homosexual marriage is that because marriage is set up for raising children, gay people cannot have children so they don't need to get married. Well, why is it that a civil marriage contract is given to heterosexuals regardless of their ability to raise children? Sterile heterosexual couples and post-menopausal women are given the same marriage contract everyone else gets.

To take a step further, many of the rights that accompany marriage have nothing to do with children. Coining a phrase that is so often used, "It takes a village to raise a child." Then one must believe that a village believes in full equality for all of its people.

The whole issue that I am arguing is not the fact that people should accept the marriage between people of the same sex. What is trying to be reached is that the government should reconsider situations where heterosexuals who are married receive incentives over homosexual couples.

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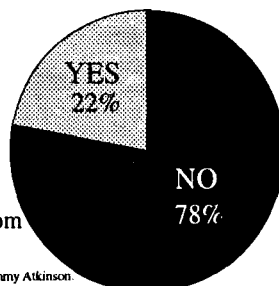


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"Quotation, n: The act of repeating erroneously the words of another."

Ambrose Bierce
writer

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Midterm election brings era of civility

Last week's midterm election finally ended the Clinton era for those who have obsessed over the former president to the degree that they misread this column and voice objections with nasty, personal e-mail messages. Now they can proudly point to President Bush who has led a successful election that was not tainted with voting snafus, one which returns Republican control to both houses of Congress.



Gary J. Caruso

Capitol Comments

Democrats should not consider the 2002 midterm election as much of a loss as the 2000 presidential election. On the other hand, Republicans should not celebrate as much as 2000 either. The 2002 midterm election was one of the most over-interpreted, yet perhaps most misinterpreted election since World War II. In 1998, Bill Clinton did not lose congressional seats because the American public opposed the highhanded efforts to impeach him. This year, Americans are not rejecting anything as much as the cohesion and civility in government.

The so-called impressive win by the president and his party translates into a net gain of two Senate seats, one of which Paul Wellstone (D-Minn.) would have retained had he not perished in a plane crash. On the other side of the coin, had Tim Hutchinson (R-Ark.) not been such a holy roller by preaching his brand of family values while divorcing his wife to marry one of his young staff assistants, he would have retained his Republican seat. Regardless, Republicans controlled the Senate after Bush entered office, lost it when Jim Jeffords left their party and now retain the chamber by just one more seat.

Presidents lose midterm elections because they usually sweep in many congressional candidates on their coattails. With Bush not garnering a majority of the popular vote, he had no coattails or weak freshmen enter office two years ago. The 2000 Census redistricting shuffled congressional districts to the extent of protecting most incumbents of both parties. Yet Bush must be given credit for maintaining a constant theme throughout the election cycle that helped him buck traditional midterm results.

This election does not historically compare to the 1974 Watergate midterm election, when Democrats gained 49 House and four Senate seats. It does not compare to 1980, when Ronald Reagan's coattails led Republicans to a sweep, netting 12 Senate seats, control of the Senate for the first time since 1955 and 34 House seats. Nor does it compare to 1982, when a recession and unemployment rate of 10 percent caused Democrats to recapture more than two-thirds of their losses in the previous election, numbering 26 of Reagan's coattail seats, and coming within 34,000 votes of capturing five Senate seats and control of the Senate. It certainly does not compare

to 1994 when Republicans took 52 House seats and control of the House for the first time in 40 years, along with eight Senate seats.

These previous elections featured a winning party that not only virtually won all of the races expected to be close, but also pulled off impressive upsets. Some of their own incumbents, who seemed destined for defeat, actually survived, while long-shot challengers and open-seat candidates, facing enormous odds in very difficult districts, won.

None of those situations happened this year. Not one House seat in the country that had been rated leaning, likely or solidly Democratic in mid-October went Republican. Republicans simply won seven out of 11 of the toss-up races. Only one Senate seat that was leaning, likely or solidly Democratic went Republican, and that was freshman Georgia Sen. Max Cleland's whose challenger, GOP Rep. Saxby Chambliss, began to surge in the final week.

Of course, our war on terror has placed an unusual circumstance that would benefit any incumbent president. This nation is completely in the Republican's hands for the next two years. Republicans should imagine what this year's election might have been like if Al Gore were the incumbent using our uncertain security, possible war with Iraq and the country's willingness to speak as one as issues throughout the campaign. Shutter as they may, he was not our sitting president, so this election serves as an end to blaming the Clinton Administration and a return to political civility.

One promising sign for the future came during the post-election appearances of candidates and party officials from both the Democrats and Republicans. They spoke with more civility and graciousness for each other than during the past decade. Democrats may need communications revisions for their next campaign messages, but the bitterness of the 2000 election and the Gingrich years has vanished. Republicans, especially Newt Gingrich on post-election interviews, explained how they interpreted their victory without the nasty tones of the past.

Perhaps this nation's political figures have finally outgrown the petty bickering that began in 1995 and returned to being the loyal opposition. Perhaps the "I am right and you are wrong" attitudes that began with Gingrich have once-and-for-all been buried in favor of demanding compromise that prevailed when Republicans Bob Dole and Bob Michel worked as minority members with a Democratic majority lead by Tip O'Neill and George Mitchell. It is now George W. Bush's government to lead. Right or wrong, the nation will have nobody other than Bush to praise or blame in the 2004 presidential election. How well his party uses political civility may determine his success or failure.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Asking for stop to chalk amendments

Some confusion exists about the anti-war messages that began to be chalked on the sidewalks around campus earlier this semester and the more recent cases of pro-war or sarcastic counter-messages we've seen.

The Notre Dame Peace Coalition launched the chalking campaign earlier this semester prior to one of the football weekends, and we've continued the tradition before each home game. Our goal has been to stir people to think about the moral, ethical, legal, logical and even economic aspects of plans to launch a preemptive attack against a perceived potential attacker.

The sidewalk messages have been our

way of reaching a wide audience with what our meager resources allow. We're exercising our free speech rights.

We encourage others to do likewise, whether they oppose the war or support it or just want to ridicule our efforts.

As far as I know, no member of our group has amended anyone else's chalk messages. If they have, or if anyone who is not a member of our group has, thinking they're helping our cause, we ask that you please show respect for others and stop.

If you'd like to learn more about the Peace Coalition and possibly join in our consciousness-raising efforts, come to a meeting.

Ed Cohen

Notre Dame Peace Coalition
Nov. 14



Republicans must stop global warming

Regarding the letter, "What would Democrats do differently?" by Ty De Long in the Nov. 12 issue of The Observer, I am astonished Mr. De Long sees no difference between the Republicans and the Democrats on global warming. The voting records on environmental issues clearly show that Republicans by and large vote against environmental protection while Democrats vote for it. You can see for yourself their respective voting records on the League of Conservation Voters' website (<http://www.lcv.org/scorecard/index.asp>).

Incredibly, Mr. De Long asserts that "It makes no difference what ... one country does." He obviously is unaware that as the consumer of some 25 percent of the earth's energy resources and as the most polluting nation, what the United States does makes a big, big difference. By refusing to be a partner in the international Kyoto Accords, which are designed to reduce emissions of the gases that cause global warming, President Bush has taken a major step backwards. During the presidential campaign, his Democratic opponent, Al Gore (author of a perceptive book titled "Earth in the Balance") made it clear he would champion the Kyoto Accords.

President Bush and many other Republicans are so busy worrying about the Accords' possible effects on our economy they cannot see the disastrous consequences that global warming will have on our climate, on our environment and probably on our economy as well. The irony is that our economy is one of the strongest in the world, yet other countries are leading the way to progress in environmental protection while we skulk on the sidelines.

Indeed, Mr. De Long, the differences are enormous.

Laura Fuderer

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Above, Maria Conticelli plays Florence, recently broken up with her husband of 14 years. To the left, Heather Muth plays Olive, who takes Florence in as a roommate. Below, Olive and the girls play trivial pursuit.

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'The Odd (The Female

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

Neil Simon's 1966 smash hit, "The Odd Couple," is one of the most recognized farces of the writer's career. In 1980, Simon reworked the show and recast the leads as women and updated a lot of the humor. The result: "The Odd Couple (The Female Version)."

It was only a matter of time until Saint Mary's Communications, Dance and Theatre Department took up the challenge.

The play follows Olive (Heather Muth), a successful television news anchor who lives in a bachelorette pad in New York. When her friend Florence (Maria Conticelli), arrives in hysterics to the weekly girls' night out Trivial Pursuit party, the girls come to calm her down as she reveals that she and her husband of 14 years have broken up. Olive takes Florence in as a roommate until she can reconcile with her husband.

Unfortunately, the brash and messy Olive and passive aggressive and anal retentively tidy Florence are not exactly a match made in heaven. Cabin fever sets in and the two are at each others' throats, culminating with a date Olive has set up with two Spanish brothers from upstairs, played by Vince DeDario and Curtis Bittle.

To get the New York accents in the show together, Director and Associate Professor of Theatre Katie Sullivan called in Modern Languages professor Nancy D'Antauno to teach the girls a Brooklyn accent. Spanish professors Jennifer Zachman and Jose Anotnio Rico-Ferrer helped the men put the lisp into word "español."

Getting the cast to perform as an ensemble in character was vital to the show. Sullivan felt that it was essential for the cast to get to the same energy level for the fast-paced banter to work.

"I have seen [Simon plays performed] where anything for a joke rules, where the actors aren't viewing this person as a real life 3-D person that they have to let come through," Sullivan said.

Simon plays can often feel like they have nothing to do with reality and yet be very poignant to audiences. Nobody is quite as witty as Olive or Florence, but Simon's script speaks to what everyone wishes they said. Sullivan sees it as a challenge for the cast to relate

such a n over-inflated sense of urgency to an audience.

"This seemed to me to require [the cast] to work boldly and broadly and yet still try to base everything in truth or believability

... it's easy to play the punch line, but I hoped that we could discover relationships and human foibles that we all share," Sullivan said.

To ward off unbelievability and prevent the cast from becoming one-liner machines, Sullivan threw two Trivial Pursuit parties for the cast. Each member of the ensemble was required to improvise in character during the 90-minute party. More importantly, they had to engage in banter with each other.

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has gotten into her character so much, in fact, that she seems to be a completely different person than her pleasant and soft-spoken real life personality. Conticelli plays a strong straight woman for Muth's sharp jibes. She expertly plays with the contrast between Florence's strict demure decorum and tempestuous rage.

Bittle and DeDario rise splendidly to match to Muth and Conticelli. The men's Spanish accents tend to rove from the Iberian Peninsula and throw in a Mexican dialect and even a bit of Italian. Though technically incorrect, it's hysterically funny on stage and entirely forgivable.

Not only are Muth and Conticelli bickering roommates Olive and Florence on stage, the pair actually lives together in Annunciata Hall. Muth pointed out that their offstage relationship was, in some part, similar to their on-stage one.

"It's sort of funny because in real life, Maria is the neater roommate and I'm the messier roommate, so it worked out perfectly. It was helpful that we were roommates in real life because we already had a good chemistry together," Muth said.

Of course, the pair actually gets along famously in real life. Muth added that the show will speak to college students who have had the experience of having a difficult roommate.

"I definitely think this is an appropriate choice in a college atmosphere, because I think we all can relate to having a roommate that we all couldn't necessarily get along with and having to put up with their bizarre quirks and tendencies," Muth said. "I think this show is a good way to look at how those little disagreements can get blown out of proportion and get out of hand."

"The Odd Couple (The Female Version)" opened Thursday in the Little Theatre. General Admission is \$16.50, \$14.50 for students and seniors, \$8.50 for members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities and \$7.50 for students. The show runs tonight and Saturday night at 8 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Call Special Events to reserve tickets at (574) 284-4626.

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Above, Florence is on a date with Jesus, the Spanish man from the apartment above. To the right, Olive complains about her increasing irritation with her roommate. Below, Olive presents dinner to Manolo and Jesus, the two Spanish brothers.

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While

the cast has worked hard on their accents, Sullivan chose to not use the Jewish New Yorker attitude for the show. Attempting to perform a Simon show without this comedy staple is usually certain death for any ensemble.

Still, Sullivan's cast manages to get big laughs without it, though there are a number of punch lines that fall flat on their faces in its absence. The cast muscles through this error marvelously, but it still feels like there's an element missing to the repartee.

The cast of this show really shines as an ensemble. Muth and Conticelli rule the show. The chemistry

between them is electric and they manage to keep making the show feel more and more urgent as their petty arguments boil over. Muth

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Oakley's 2 blocks in final seconds preserve win

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WASHINGTON

In a game that already had three players 39 or older, Washington Wizards coach Doug Collins dusted off one more fossil for the rough-and-tumble stretch run.

Charles Oakley, who hadn't played since a brief appearance in the season opener, entered the game in the fourth quarter and became a defensive enforcer right up to the final buzzer, twice disrupting DeShawn Stevenson's potential game-tying shot in the Washington Wizards' 105-102 victory over the Utah Jazz on Thursday night.

"I'm old," said Oakley, who turns 39 next month, "but I still have a feel for the game. I'm a warrior. I want to play, and I just wait for my turn."

Michael Jordan (age 39) scored 19 points, including back-to-back layups that gave the Wizards the lead for good. Jerry Stackhouse scored 25 points and went 14-for-14 from the free-throw line.

But it was Oakley who made the difference after the Wizards had blown a 21-point first-half lead. Utah led by five when Oakley got off the bench with 6:56 left — to huge cheers from the crowd.

"I wanted somebody who was going to keep Karl Malone from just laying the ball in the basket, because he was having his way," Collins said. "I knew the minute Oak stood up it would rev up the crowd. I just hoped we would get good results. Sometimes you've got to gamble as a coach, and we were going south fast."

There were two double technicals after Oakley entered. He didn't get either, but his presence had turned up the intensity. He also stole the ball from John Stockton (41 in March) to set up a layup for Jordan that put the Wizards up by five with two minutes left.

The Jazz cut it to three and had a chance to tie on their final possession, but Oakley

twice knocked the ball out of Stevenson's hands at the 3-point arc. Stevenson never got off the shot.

"He brings toughness, and he's got the quickest hands in the NBA. Still," Collins said. "Did you see the last two plays he made? Like a cat."

Jordan called Oakley his "Breakfast Club workout guy."

"He's there in the morning," Jordan said. "He's been patiently waiting his chance. Tonight we needed him."

Oakley's big finish overshadowed Bryon Russell's revenge night. Russell, who played nine seasons for the Jazz before leaving as a free agent this summer, scored 10 of his 16 points in his first game against his old team. He and Matt Harpring had one of the double technicals.

"Every time we play them, we're going to whip 'em," Russell said. "We're going to play hard. I'm going to make sure of that."

Malone (also 39) scored 26 points, and Stockton had 17 points and 11 assists before fouling out in the final minute.

"We didn't have a lot of enthusiasm," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "Just give me the ball and I'll do that instead of getting after people. ... Some guys look like they're trying to do us a favor if we ask them to run."

Jordan made just 7 of 17 shots in 34 minutes. The Wizards went 36-for-39 from the free-throw line, although Tyrone Lue's two misses with 18.1 seconds were almost costly.

The Wizards built a big lead in a turnover-filled first half, but the Jazz closed the second quarter with a 19-6 run to trail 48-40. Washington had 11 turnovers at halftime, while Utah had 12, matching the number it had for the entire game in a victory at New York on Tuesday.

Stockton and Malone scored 16 of Utah's first 18 points to start the second half, and the Jazz took their first lead, 56-55, on Stockton's pull-up jumper with 6:29 left in the third.

Philadelphia 99, San Antonio 94

With a big hand from Brian Skinner, Allen Iverson won his stretch duel with Tim Duncan.

Iverson scored 13 of his 37 points after returning from a fourth-quarter ankle injury and Skinner blocked a potential tying drive by Duncan with 25 seconds left, lifting the Philadelphia 76ers to a 99-94 victory over the San Antonio Spurs.

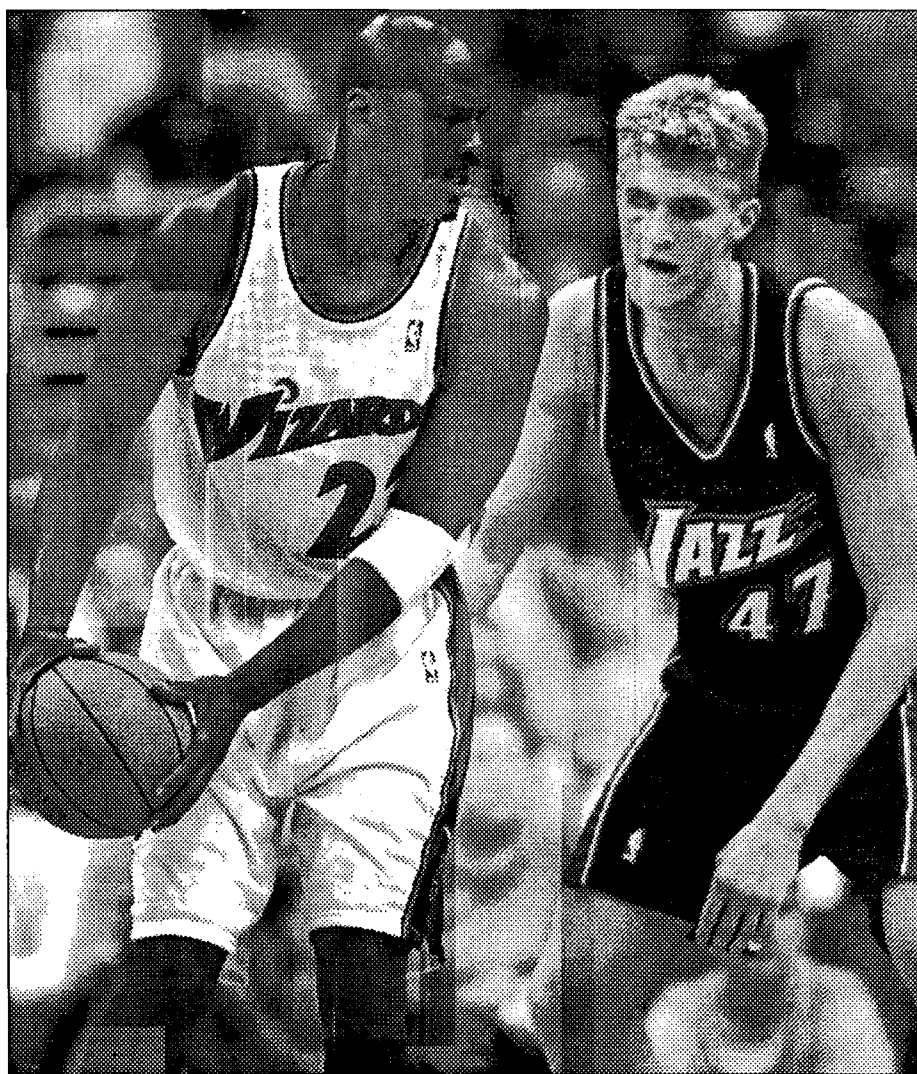
The last two NBA Most Valuable Players staged a thrilling back-and-forth battle over the last six minutes. Four times, Philadelphia snapped a tie, only to have San Antonio even things once again.

With the score tied at 93, Iverson dribbled into the lane, twisted between defenders and launched a rainbow shot that banked in with 43 seconds remaining.

The Spurs went to Duncan, who scored eight of his 29 points in the last six minutes. He drove left on Skinner, a reserve forward who was stepping for foul-plagued Keith Van Horn. Skinner blocked Duncan's shot, and the Sixers grabbed the loose ball.

Iverson was fouled and made both free throws for a 97-93 lead with 21 seconds to go. Aaron McKie added a breakthrough layup after Stephen Jackson missed a desperation 3-pointer.

Philadelphia improved to 5-0



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Wizards forward Michael Jordan posts up against the Utah Jazz Thursday night. The Wizards defeated the Jazz 105-102.

at home. San Antonio has lost consecutive regular-season games for the first time since dropping three in a row from March 27-31 of last season.

Orlando 101, Los Angeles Clippers 80

Tracy McGrady wasn't going to lose to the Los Angeles Clippers twice in a week.

McGrady scored 35 points and thoroughly dominated the game as the Orlando Magic rolled to a 101-80 victory over the Clippers in the opener of a six-game road trip.

On Sunday, McGrady scored 32 points, but the Magic stumbled down the stretch and suffered a 120-117 home loss to the Clippers. Back at home, Los Angeles was looking for its

first season sweep of Orlando since 1991-92 but didn't come close.

McGrady had a lot to do with that, making 14-of-26 shots. The NBA's scoring leader attacked the basket in the third quarter, when the Magic extended a six-point halftime lead to 78-58.

By drawing double-teams, McGrady opened the floor for teammates like Pat Garrity, who made four 3-pointers in the third period and finished with 14 points.

Grant Hill added 17 points and nine rebounds for Orlando, which snapped a two-game slide and improved to 3-1 on the road. The Magic do not return to Orlando until November 24.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

High-priced Hampton could be headed to the Marlins

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. Mike Hampton will rethink blocking a proposed six-player deal that would send him from Colorado to the Florida Marlins, the pitcher's agent said.

The Marlins and Rockies agreed to a tentative trade that would move Hampton and outfielder Juan Pierre to the Marlins for catcher Charles Johnson, outfielder Preston Wilson, left-hander Vic Darenbourg and infielder Pablo Ozuna. Hampton and Johnson both have no-trade clauses and have until midday Saturday to decide whether to waive them. Before the deal was agreed to by the teams, Hampton said he would block it.

"It was probably premature," Hampton's agent, Mark Rodgers, said Thursday. "We owe it to the Marlins to at least let them make their best sales pitch to Mike. I think they'll have that opportunity."

"Mike is not going to summarily dismiss it and say no way to the Florida Marlins. He might as well take advantage of this time to do what he needs to do to make a good, thoughtful decision."

Johnson, who signed with the Marlins to live close to his home, also is "deliberating," according to his agent, Scott Boras.

"We'll look into it. It's a big change," Boras said. "He went to Florida for a reason. He knows there's an opportunity in Colorado. It's just something he's beginning to think about."

Rockies general manager Dan O'Dowd would not speculate on whether the deal would go through, saying, "I'm in a holding pattern on that."

Florida general manager Larry Beinfest refused to comment on specifics but did say, "I'm hopeful that the work we did here can culminate in something happening."

"We'll see what happens," he said. "I'm optimistic about the work we did and the way that we moved through on a couple of different areas."

Hampton, a 30-year-old left-hander, was 7-15 with a 6.15 ERA this year — the highest in the major leagues among pitchers who qualified for the ERA title.

He is 21-28 with a 5.75 ERA since leaving the New York Mets to sign a \$121 million, eight-year contract with the Rockies in December 2000, the richest deal for a pitcher. Following a 9-2 start in 2001, he is 12-26 with a 6.62 ERA.

Johnson, a 31-year-old catcher, hit .217 this season with six homers and 36 RBIs in 244 at-bats.

The tentative trade was first reported Thursday by the Rocky Mountain News, Palm Beach Post and South Florida

Sun-Sentinel. Hampton was quoted in Thursday's editions of the Denver Post as saying he would not approve a trade to Florida.

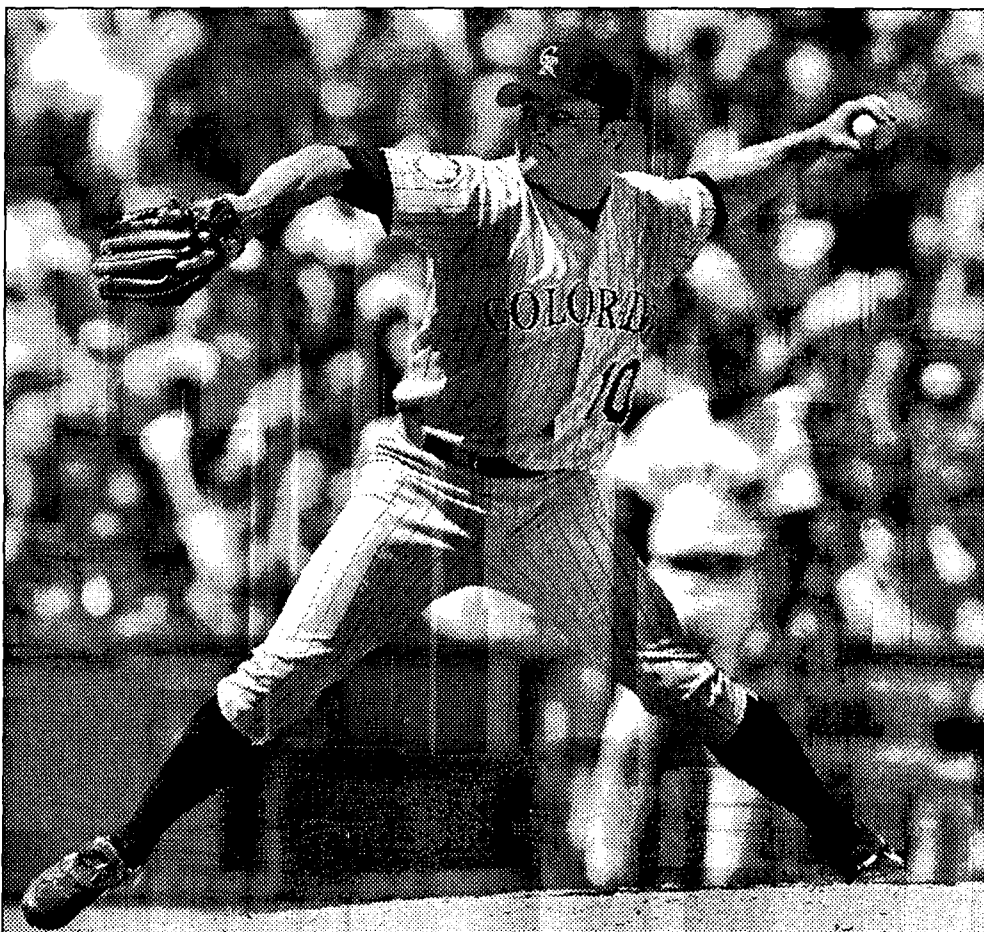
"It's not going to happen," Hampton told the paper when told a deal was possible.

"They're pretty much in the same situation we're in," Hampton said.

"They've been in a cycle where they've been trading good players and going young. If I am going to be traded, I wanted to go to a team that could win right away."

Rodgers said Hampton was open to reconsidering.

"Mike was caught off guard,"



AFP Photo

Rockies pitcher Mike Hampton pitches against the San Francisco Giants in June. Hampton is rumored to be headed to the Marlins as part of a six-player trade.

the agent said. "Mike said to me this morning that this says a lot about the Marlins. They're trying to make their team better."

Hampton is owed \$84.5 million in salary through 2009,

plus \$19 million in deferred money from his \$21 million signing bonus.

Johnson is due \$25 million over the next three years — plus \$1 million extra in 2005 if he is traded.

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TENNIS

Agassi loses twice in Masters Cup, loses grip on No. 1

Associated Press

SHANGHAI, China

Andre Agassi's second loss in the season-ending Masters Cup means Lleyton Hewitt will finish the year with the world No. 1 ranking.

Agassi double-faulted on match point, handing Juan Carlos Ferrero a 7-5, 2-6, 7-6 (6) victory. Shortly after the match, Agassi withdrew from the tournament with a hip injury. Thomas Johansson of Sweden will replace Agassi.

Agassi came into the eight-player tournament with a chance to overtake Hewitt in the rankings and finish the year No. 1. But he failed to reach the semifinals after his second straight loss.

Hewitt then celebrated his top ranking by handing Marat Safin his third straight loss, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

"I think Lleyton obviously has had a great year," Agassi said. "He's again proven himself to be the best out there, and that's not easy to do."

Agassi's second straight defeat also clinched a semifinal berth for Switzerland's Roger Federer, who ran his record to 2-0 by stopping Jiri Novak 6-0, 4-6, 6-2.

The round-robin portion of the tournament ends Friday when Carlos Moya takes on fellow Spaniard Albert Costa, Ferrero plays Novak and Federer meets Johansson.

Safin cruised through the second set, when Hewitt served a miserable 28 percent, and had an early break in the final set. Hewitt, however, broke back.

In the ninth game, Safin won the first two points before eventually losing his serve. It was the opening Hewitt needed, and he held serve in the next game to close out the victory.

Safin said Hewitt's main strength is "just dedication and consistency. Nothing else."

Now Hewitt must wait until the Moya-Costa

match to see if he plays in the semifinals or if his year is over.

"I think I've got better and better every match that I've played this week," Hewitt said. "I knew I had to get a win on the board tonight, and I did that and now it's out of my control."

Agassi battled Ferrero evenly, unlike his disappointing performance against Novak in his first match Wednesday. But mistakes once again buried any chance Agassi had to pull out a victory.

"I didn't expect to come out and play a bad match," Agassi said. "It was just a tough match. I expected it to be tough and it was tough, and I'm not sure it's any consolation when you lose it."

Ferrero, one of three Spaniards in the field, lost his serve only twice in the match — and both came in the second set when Agassi raced out to a 4-0 lead.

In the third set tiebreaker, Ferrero had triple match point at 6-3. But Agassi won the next three points before Ferrero held for a 7-6 advantage and his fifth match point.

This time, Ferrero clinched the win.

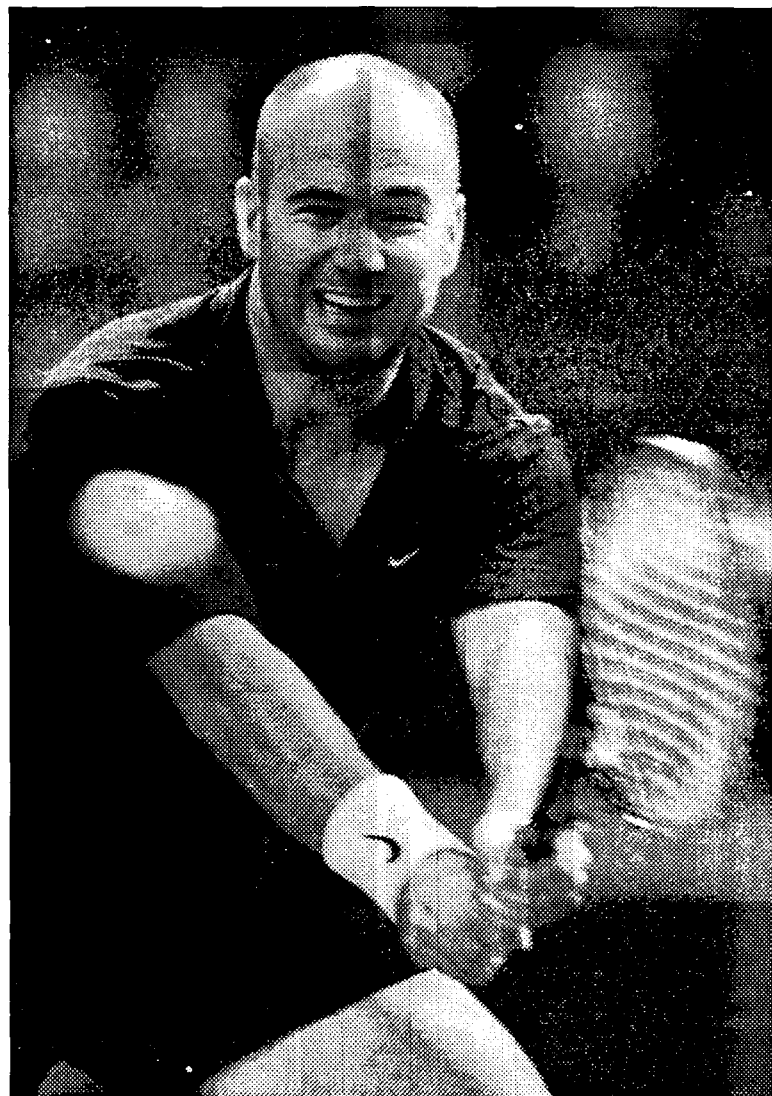
"Right now I'm playing with a lot of confidence," Ferrero said.

Federer, the first Swiss player to qualify for the season-ending championships since Jakob Hlasek in 1988, played well against Novak.

Federer took the first three games of the final set, then easily held serve the rest of the way to become the only undefeated player in his Gold Group.

Hewitt, Safin, Moya and Costa are in the Red Group. Moya, at 2-0, clinched a semifinal berth on Wednesday.

After three round-robin matches, the top two players in each group advance to Saturday's semifinals. Hewitt is trying to become the first player since Pete Sampras in 1996-97 to win this event in consecutive years.



Reuters

Andre Agassi returns against Juan Carlos Ferrero Thursday. Agassi lost the match and won't end the season ranked No. 1.

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NFL

Peppers suspended 4 games, will appeal

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Carolina Panthers rookie defensive end Julius Peppers was suspended for four games by the NFL for violating the league's substance-abuse policy, his agent said.

Agent Marvin Demoff said the league office told him that Peppers had tested positive for a banned substance in a dietary supplement. A source close to Peppers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Peppers did not test positive for steroids.

Demoff said Peppers would appeal the suspension, meaning he can play in Sunday's game against Tampa Bay.

In a statement released together with one from his agent, Peppers said he couldn't discuss the suspension until there's a ruling on his appeal.

"While I would like to provide the fans with more information due to the legal ramifications I cannot comment on the situation and I will not be able to until the appeal process is complete," he said.

Peppers practiced with the Panthers (3-6) on Thursday, but did not make himself available to reporters.

The 22-year-old player was

an All-American at North Carolina, and after he decided to leave after his junior year, the Panthers kept him in his home state and made him the No. 2 overall pick in the draft. The 6-foot-6, 283-pound player has made an immediate impact, leading the NFL with 10 sacks. He also has one interception.

Peppers can keep playing while his appeal is heard.

"My understanding is, he will be our starting left defensive end this Sunday," said coach John Fox. "And all of my focus — and his, too — is on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers."

If the suspension is not overturned, Peppers would begin serving it immediately. Normally, appeals are heard on a Tuesday, the regular day off for NFL players.

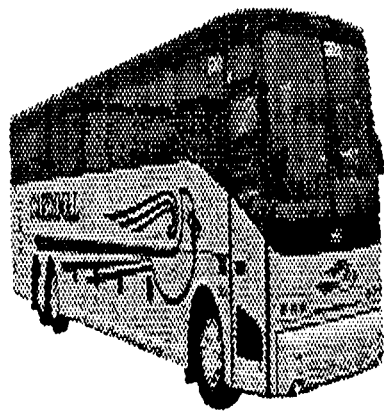
Panthers linebacker Mark Fields said the situation did not create a distraction for the team Thursday.

"It's not that serious, so we're not looking at it like it's that serious," Fields said. "We're playing Tampa Bay on Sunday, and he's playing."

If Peppers is suspended for all four games, he would lose \$235,000 in salary. He signed a seven-year, \$62 million contract in July, the richest deal in team history.

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Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Philadelphia	9-3-3-0	21	6-3-1-0
New Jersey	9-4-0-0	18	6-4-0-0
Pittsburgh	7-4-2-1	17	4-3-2-1
NY Rangers	7-9-2-0	16	5-5-0-0
N.Y. Islanders	5-11-1-0	11	2-8-0-0

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Boston	11-2-2-1	25	7-1-1-1
Montreal	6-5-4-0	16	4-3-3-0
Ottawa	7-6-1-0	15	4-5-1-0
Toronto	5-9-2-0	12	3-6-1-0
Buffalo	3-9-3-0	9	1-7-2-0

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Tampa Bay	9-4-2-1	21	5-4-0-1
Carolina	8-4-2-2	20	6-1-2-1
Florida	6-6-3-3	18	3-2-3-2
Washington	8-7-1-0	17	4-5-1-0
Atlanta	4-9-1-1	10	4-5-1-0

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
St. Louis	10-3-1-0	21	8-2-0-0
Chicago	8-5-2-0	18	6-2-2-0
Detroit	8-5-2-0	18	5-3-2-0
Columbus	7-7-1-1	16	5-4-0-1
Nashville	2-7-2-4	10	2-5-1-2

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Minnesota	10-5-2-0	22	5-4-1-0
Vancouver	7-5-4-0	18	5-3-2-0
Colorado	5-4-4-3	17	3-3-2-2
Calgary	5-5-3-3	16	3-2-2-3
Edmonton	5-7-3-1	14	4-4-1-1

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Dallas	10-4-3-1	24	6-2-1-1
Anaheim	7-6-3-1	18	5-3-1-1
Los Angeles	7-5-2-2	18	4-4-0-2
Phoenix	8-10-0-1	13	3-6-0-1
San Jose	5-8-1-2	13	3-4-1-2

Eye on Irish Opponents

Saturday, November 16, 2002

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PURDUE at Michigan State
Wisconsin at MICHIGAN
Oregon State at STANFORD
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Marquette vs. Villanova, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2
Georgia vs. Texas, 9 p.m., ESPN2

NCAA



Alabama's Mo Williams drives to the basket in a game against Temple last season. The 6'1" guard led the Crimson Tide with 25 points in Thursday night's 68-62 win over the Oklahoma Sooners.

Williams, Crimson Tide surprise Sooners

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Mo Williams scored 25 points and No. 8 Alabama beat No. 3 Oklahoma 68-62 Thursday night in the season's first matchup of Top Ten teams.

Both schools had four starters back from teams that won their conference tournaments last season and Oklahoma was coming off an appearance in the Final Four.

It looked like the season opener for both, especially Oklahoma, which didn't get its offense going until the game's final two min-

utes.

Kenny Walker added 14 points for Alabama and preseason All-America Erwin Dudley had 12 points and eight rebounds. But it was Williams, a sophomore guard, who came up big when the Sooners made their late run.

Ebi Ere had 24 points for Oklahoma, while Hollis Price had all but four of his 19 in the second half.

The Crimson Tide opened the second half with a 10-0 run that gave them a 43-25 lead with 15:24 left in the game. Oklahoma went 5:24 without scoring to start the

half, missing six shots and committing three turnovers as they fell behind by 18 points.

Price finally started to shoot — he was 1-for-2 in the first half — and the Sooners were able to chip away, getting within 60-55 with 1:30 left on a steal and layup by Jabahri Brown.

Williams then made two free throws to restore the seven-point lead and he answered the next two times Oklahoma scored as well, never letting the Sooners closer than five points.

Neither team looked smooth in the first half but

Alabama's defense let it take a 33-25 lead after 20 minutes. Price was never able to get it going on offense and Ere picked up the slack with 12 first-half points.

This was Alabama's first victory against Oklahoma in four meetings.

And it might've provided just a little measure of revenge for Crimson Tide fans — on Sept. 7, in a rare matchup of their football teams, then-No. 2 Oklahoma rallied in the fourth quarter past Alabama 37-27.

Memphis beat Syracuse 70-63 in the opening game of the two-day event.

IN BRIEF

Memphis downs Syracuse

For openers, Memphis and Syracuse put a couple of hotshot freshmen in the Madison Square Garden spotlight in the first major college basketball game of the season Thursday night, and Jeremy Hunt and Carmelo Anthony shrugged off the pressure.

Hunt and Memphis won the freshman showdown 70-63 after letting a 17-point lead melt away when Anthony put on a one-man show, scoring 15 straight first-half points.

"Once we blew the lead, we looked at each other and said 'Wow, we lost the lead,'" Hunt remembered. "We regrouped and that got us going."

Hunt and Anthony Rice were the main men in a 12-0 Memphis run that put the Tigers back in front to stay. Meanwhile, Anthony, who scored 21 points in the first half, finished with 27 and 11 rebounds. But he missed five free throws down the stretch that hurt Syracuse.

"I got a little fatigued," he said.

"I'm not used to playing 40 minutes. I've got to work on it."

John Calipari, who coached Memphis to the NIT championship at the Garden in the final game of last season, knew his team would be nervous on this floor to open the season.

"I've been beating on my guys for 25 days," he said. "I wanted them to compete at Madison Square Garden, not be afraid."

Krzyzewski leaves game

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski didn't return to the Blue Devils' bench for the second half of Thursday night's exhibition game because of pain in his right leg.

The 55-year-old Hall of Fame coach had his right hip replaced March 24, his second hip replacement operation. He was limping badly as he made his way to the locker room at halftime of his team's game against the EA Sports All-Stars.

Mike Cragg, an assistant athletic director, said Krzyzewski was taken to Duke Medical Center for X-rays. Cragg said Krzyzewski had a check-up on his hip last week, and doctors said he was doing fine.

It was unclear whether Krzyzewski would be admitted to the hospital, a school spokesman said.

The sixth-ranked Blue Devils won 102-74, with top assistant Johnny Dawkins taking over for Krzyzewski.

"I know Coach, and he's in terrific shape," Dawkins said. "I think he's going to be great, but that's just my instinct. I do know him, and he's a heck of a fighter, and if there is any chance he'll be out there, he will."

Duke opens the regular season Nov. 23 against Army.

Krzyzewski's hip appeared to lock up as he moved off the bench when point guard Chris Duhon was fouled hard and tumbled to the floor with 8:05 left in the half. Duhon sprained his left wrist on the play and missed most of the second half.

Watson

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senior linebacker. Watson missed the first two games of the season with an illness. However, when he returned to the field, he made it clear that he would be a leader on the Notre Dame defense.

"I said earlier in the year that when he stepped back into the lineup, it had a very calming effect on our football team and not just a defensive statement," Willingham said. "It was a team statement because of his discipline, because of his knowledge and because of his will to be successful."

Watson said that his will to be successful despite his illness, is just another example of the Irish football team's return

to national prominence.

"I think it just exemplifies our entire program this year, how everything has just turned around in a new direction and a new commitment by the players on the team," he said.

Although Willingham may be disappointed, the Irish coach probably won't see the award renamed anytime soon.

"Now please understand, it is very appropriate for [the award to be named] for Dick Butkus," he said. "But I feel so strongly about what Courtney has brought to our football team and just our community, that I think in a kind of loose or lighthearted manner, it would be out of great honor and respect for him to win this award."

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Runners

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considerably tougher field, and they will have to challenge No. 4 Wisconsin, No. 7 Eastern Michigan, No. 9 Central Michigan, No. 17 Ohio State and others in order to keep their national championship qualifying hopes alive.

"It's do or die," Irish junior and top runner Todd Mobley said. "There are no excuses. If we don't get it done, then our season's ended. I think everyone knows it."

Mobley will be running competitively with the team for the first time in weeks, after missing the Big East championships due to an injury. His absence at that event, held two weeks ago in Boston, considerably impaired the team's

strength, and the Irish finished in fourth place.

The team expects things to run more smoothly Saturday.

"Now I'm back to normal," Mobley said. "I don't know if I'm in top form, but I know I'll be able to contribute enough to help our team."

Having Mobley better should have a positive trickle-down effect for the other runners.

"I think their mindsets will be a little better, knowing that we're all together, all in the race, 100 percent healthy," Mobley said.

The men have finished in the top five in nine out of the past 10 years.

The Irish womens squad, led by 2001 All American Lauren King and potential 2002 All Americans Molly Huddle and Jen Handley, is experiencing the best season in the program's history.

King, a sophomore, won the Big

East individual title and Huddle, King's counterpart on the course, took second. Senior Handley has much experience leading the Irish in important races and finished 12th in the Big East Championships.

Even if they do not finish in one of the top two places, the Irish have made a strong case for an at-large bid.

Last year, the Irish finished in second place at the regional meet, their highest finish since they began running in the Great Lakes region. Having finished in the top six during the last nine out of ten years, the Irish have always been solid in the district championship, but they never before have entered the race coming off such a successful season.

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Soccer

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Tournament Selection Committee named Notre Dame a host site for first- and second-round games. Friday's action opens with Purdue facing Eastern Illinois at 4:30 p.m. The Irish will then take on the Big Ten Tournament Champion Ohio State at approximately 7 p.m. or at the conclusion of the earlier game. The winners of the opening round will square off in the second round scheduled for 1 p.m. at Alumni Field.

"To be honest, I was a little surprised," said Irish coach Randy Waldrum. "There are so many good teams in our region

this year. I really thought Purdue would host since they defeated us this year in head to head competition, but I think the committee recognized the strength of our schedule. Playing at home in the tournament is a definite advantage because it allows the kids to stay in a routine and not have to worry about traveling. We really need the home crowd to come out and support us this weekend."

Notre Dame finished the regular season ranked No. 19 in the country with a record of 11-7. After a midseason loss to Purdue, in which Notre Dame saw its record drop to a modest 7-6, the Irish rebounded emphatically at the end of the season with four wins in their

final five games.

Even more impressive, three of these wins were against top 15 teams. The Irish hope to carry their late-season momentum into this weekend's action.

"We're really playing our best at the right time of the season," said Warner. "Practice has been really good the last few weeks. Everyone's really eager to play this Friday."

Just like Notre Dame, the Buckeyes saved their best soccer for the end of the season. While Ohio State holds a record of only 10-10-1, they are coming off the heels of a surprising Big Ten Tournament Championship run. Last week, the Buckeyes claimed the Big Ten's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament after defeat-

ing both No. 12 Penn State and No. 14 Purdue in games that ended in penalty kick shootouts.

"I'm very impressed with them. They're much better than their record indicates," said Waldrum. "They're a real big, physical team like most other Big Ten teams. But where most Big Ten teams play a direct brand of soccer, Ohio State really plays an attractive style of soccer. We've always had trouble with Big Ten teams because of their size. I expect a really tough game."

"Just like us, they are really peaking at the right time," added Warner. "We're certainly not taking them lightly because of their record."

Last year, the top-10 ranked Notre Dame womens soccer

team entered the tournament with high expectation, but was upset by upstart Cincinnati in the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Even though last year's team had a more impressive regular season record, the Irish didn't seem to play to their capabilities all season.

"Coach really didn't have to say much about [last year's loss]," said Scheller. "Last year's loss is definitely still in the back of our minds. Everyone knows that we don't want that to happen again. We've already experienced so much during this season that I think this year we are prepared and ready to go."

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MENS SWIMMING

Swimming ventures southwest for meet

By JOE HETTLER
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame's men swimming team lost to Air Force earlier this season. So did Texas Christian University, the Irish opponent this weekend.

However, some members of the Notre Dame swimming team don't think that's a good comparison of the two teams.

"When we lost to Air Force, it wasn't really comparable to when [Texas Christian] lost to them," freshman Patrick Davis said. "We lost to them at Air Force, which is 7,000 feet above sea level and [Texas Christian] lost to Air Force at home. It kind of makes a difference because of the differences in sea level."

Losing to Air Force may be the only thing that the Irish and Horned Frogs have in common. The teams have opposite strengths and both will look to take advantage of these. Notre Dame should dominate the distance meets, while Texas Christian has the edge in the sprint meets.

"They are very strong in sprints, but we're strong in distance," Davis said. "We expect to get a lot of points in distance."

Davis also added that the team is very excited to make another trip this early in the season. Davis said the freshman are especially excited.

"I'm not used to making these big trips," Davis said. "It's really cool to go across the country and swim against these other teams."

Notre Dame is also hoping to gain some momentum after beating Michigan State Nov. 8 at home. The Irish have been led by strong performances from the 400-medley team of Jason Fitzpatrick, Frank Krakowski, Doug Bauman and Tim Randolph. The team's depth in the 1000-meter freestyle was noticed against Michigan State, when Notre Dame's Patrick Davis, Matt Bertke and J.R. Teddy took second, third and fourth, respectively.

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MENS BASKETBALL

Irish anxious for first real game

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Now it's for real.

After a summer spent sweating in the Joyce Center, three weeks of practice, countless scrimmages and a pair of exhibitions, Notre Dame finally takes the court Sunday for its first regular-season game.

"We can't wait," senior Matt Carroll said. "We've been working so hard to get to this point. It's time to start playing the real thing."

The Irish will square off against Belmont at 4 p.m. Sunday in the first round of the Guardians Classic. If Notre Dame wins, the Irish face the winner of the Brown-IUPUI game Monday night and automatically advance to the tournament's semifinals next week.

Notre Dame initially decided to hop into the Guardians Classic as a way to add a pair of home games early in the season before the Irish begin a rigorous non-conference schedule.

But the tournament gives the Irish a chance to start addressing a pair of problems that surfaced in their first two exhibition games - finding rotation in the post and communicating on defense.

Irish coach Mike Brey attributes the relative lack of defensive communication to his

team's general reserved attitude on the court. But in a defense where players routinely switch on screens, the Irish say they have to start being a little more vocal.

"It's just a matter of having a bunch of new faces," Dan Miller said. "We're getting used to playing with each other, and as weeks go on, we'll know where our guys are. Right now, we still have to work on it."

The Irish are also searching

"We can't wait. We've been working so hard to get to this point. It's time to start playing the real thing."

Matt Carroll
Irish guard

for an established rotation in the low-post. Brey played five big men in Notre Dame's final exhibition - Torin Francis, Tom Timmermans, Jordan Cornette, Rick Cornette and Jere Macura - a number the Irish coach said might have been a little too many.

Francis and Cornette, both of whom have played major minutes in the exhibition, will play significant roles this season. But how the other three fit in is still a mystery.

"We're still searching a little bit," Brey said. "We're going to have to do that as best we can and still go after wins early. We'll be looking at some different things and who steps forward."

While the Irish wait for their

big men to develop, the perimeter will help the Irish in the early part of the season. However, a rules change for this weekend might affect Notre Dame's long-range shooters.

The Guardians Classic is played under international rules, meaning the lanes are wider and the 3-point arc is pushed back a little further. But that won't stop the Irish from hoisting treys Sunday.

"That's something we're not going to think about," Carroll grinned. "For most of our guys, we've got deep range, we're not going to worry about it."

The eight-team Guardians Classic counts as an exempted event. Four teams - Notre Dame, Belmont, Brown and IUPUI - play at the Joyce Center while the other four - Creighton, Texas Arlington, Furman and Alabama State - compete at Creighton's gym. The four winners of Sunday's games advance to the semifinals, held next week in Kansas City. The four losers of Sunday's games play a consolation game Monday before the four winners play to determine seeding in the semifinals.

The way the bracket is designed, the Irish could potentially face Creighton, who upset Florida last season in the NCAA Tournament.

"If you run into a Creighton, it would be a good match-up for us," Brey said. "It would be like a Big East game."

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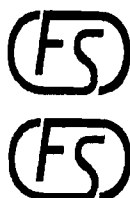
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VOLLEYBALL

Fourth straight conference title not enough for the Irish

♦ Two wins this weekend will give Irish perfect season in Big East

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

The Big East regular season title is in their possession for the fourth straight year, but that isn't enough.

The Irish want to run the table.

Facing its toughest conference road trip of the season, the Notre Dame volleyball team (21-5, 11-0 in the Big East) plays Miami (22-4, 8-3) Friday and Virginia Tech (18-

10, 8-3) Sunday.

To complete the fourth consecutive and seventh undefeated conference season in eight years, the Irish will have to defeat the second-place Hokies and first-year volleyball conference member Miami.

"It is the goal, probably one of our highest goals right now," middle blocker Lauren Kelbley said.

Virginia Tech, Miami, Connecticut and Pittsburgh each have eight conference

wins. With only the top four teams in the Big East qualifying for next weekend's postseason tournament, the Irish

recognize their opponents this weekend are playing for more than usual.

"[Miami and Virginia Tech] need to win these games to make the Big East Tournament, so it is do-or-die for them," Kelbley said. "We know that and have to play at a high level."

"It is the goal, probably one of our highest goals right now."

Lauren Kelbley
Irish middle blocker

Notre Dame and Miami have never met before tonight's match mainly because Miami's volleyball program wasn't restored until the 2000 season.

The Hurricanes lead the Big East in hitting percentage (.271), assists per game (14.89) and kills per game (16.58). Miami started the season on a 15-game winning streak.

The Irish defeated the Hokies last year in the first matchup between the teams. Outside hitter Ana Lang leads Virginia Tech, averaging 3.77 kills per game. Middle blocker Cheryl Stinson ranks fifth in the Big East with a 1.25

blocks per game average.

After falling to second in the country in blocks per game, the Irish reclaimed the top spot with 16 blocks in last weekend's sweep over Syracuse.

Freshman middle blocker Lauren Brewster led the Irish with six blocks and is ranked sixth nationally with a 1.64 blocks per game average.

Having wrapped up a berth in the postseason tournament, the Irish know they could be facing these two teams next weekend in Pittsburgh. Dropping a match to the Hurricanes or Hokies could damage the Irish's aura of invincibility.

"The road trip is not necessarily our hardest, but probably the most important. If we win, it shows that we deserve to win Big East," Kelbley said. "Nothing is more important especially going into the Big East Tournament."

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Lauren Kelbley
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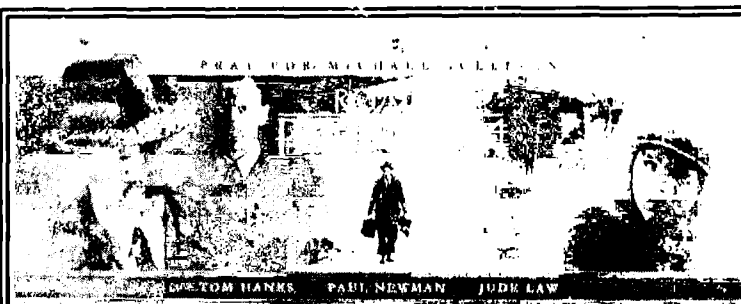
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WOMENS BASKETBALL

McGraw announces signings of top 20 recruiting class

♦ Guard and forward headline 2003 class

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

For the seventh consecutive year, the Irish announced a top 20 recruiting class. On Thursday, coach Muffet McGraw announced that Crystal Erwin and Susie Powers committed to the Irish program.

Erwin, a 6-foot-2 forward, and Powers, a 5-foot-11 guard, signed letters of intent to attend Notre Dame in the fall of 2003.

"It's good for us to continue to have top 20 recruiting classes, because that's where we want to be," McGraw said. "If we want to be in the top 20, we have to continue to recruit good players."

Erwin will be joining the Irish from St. Paul High School in Santa Fe Springs, Calif. The senior forward averaged 22.6 points per game and 14.5 rebounds last season. She holds school records in career points and rebounds.

But what McGraw likes best about Erwin is not her 14th national ranking by Blue Star Basketball nor her third national ranking by All-Star Girls Report. Instead, the Irish coach is impressed by the depth Erwin will add to the current

Irish team.

"Crystal [Erwin] brings a lot of things that we really need," McGraw said. "She's a very aggressive player, someone who doesn't back down from anyone. She's physical, she likes a physical game."

McGraw noted that Erwin's

physical style of play would add a lot to an Irish team that does not play very physical basketball. Erwin, who is expected to play right away for the Irish, could add a new dimension of aggressiveness.

"I don't consider us a physical team," McGraw said. "I think she's somebody that's going to really come down and bodies are going to be flying. That kind of physical is really a good thing."

Powers could also add some versatility to the Irish game. The Denver, Colo. native from Highlands Ranch High School is a point guard, but can also play shooting guard or small

forward.

"Susie Powers is a great passer," McGraw said. "She's going to help us at the guard spot with passing, shooting. She's very intense and she works hard. I think she gives us some versatility."

Powers attended the same high school as current Irish sopho-

more Katy Flecky. The two played together at Highlands Ranch in 2000.

McGraw is comfortable that both women will not only bring physical skill to the floor, but will fit in well with the Irish team chemistry.

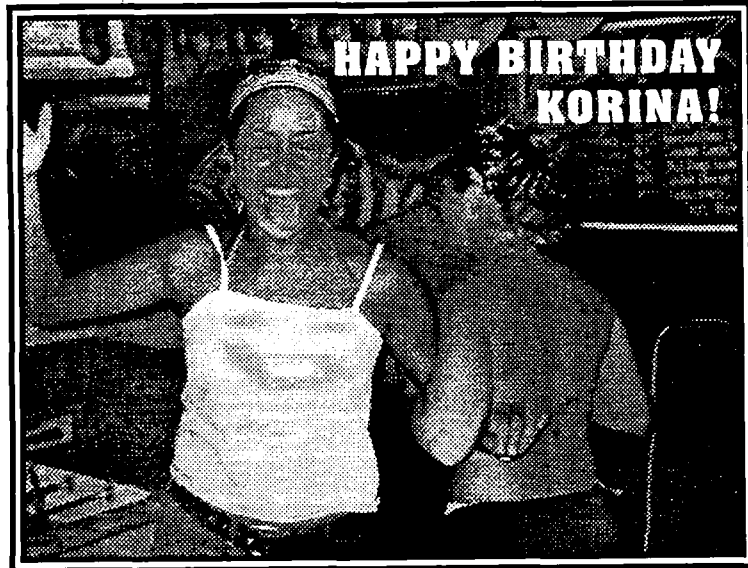
"It was just a great fit ... That makes it a lot easier

when everybody gets along so well," McGraw said, citing Erwin's successful recruiting visit. "Susie's the same kind of person. She's somebody that is unselfish and that's what it takes sometimes to be a team player. We're excited about both of them in terms of team chemistry."

Note:

♦ McGraw was named as one of seven people to be inducted into the Saint Joseph's University Athletics Hall of Fame in Philadelphia this weekend. McGraw played point guard for Saint Joseph's for four years and was team captain in her last two seasons. She set the Hawks' single-season record for steals with 102 in 1976-77.

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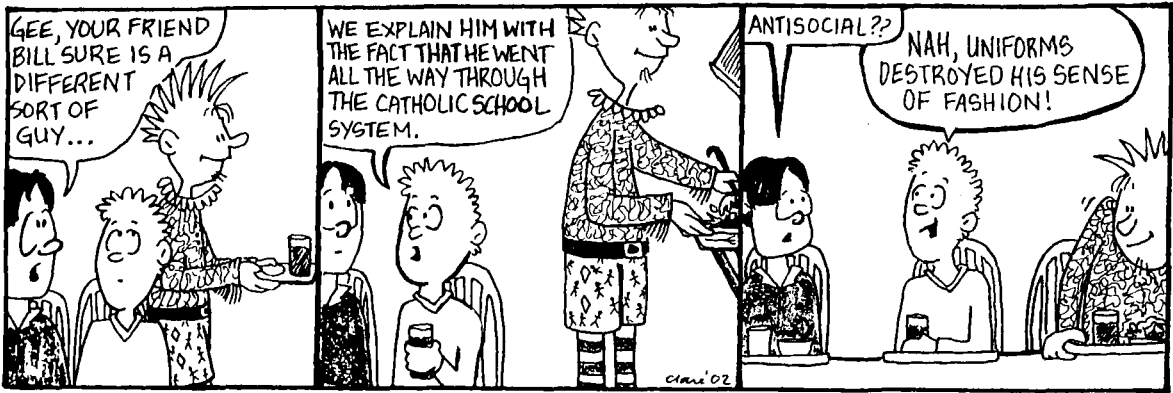
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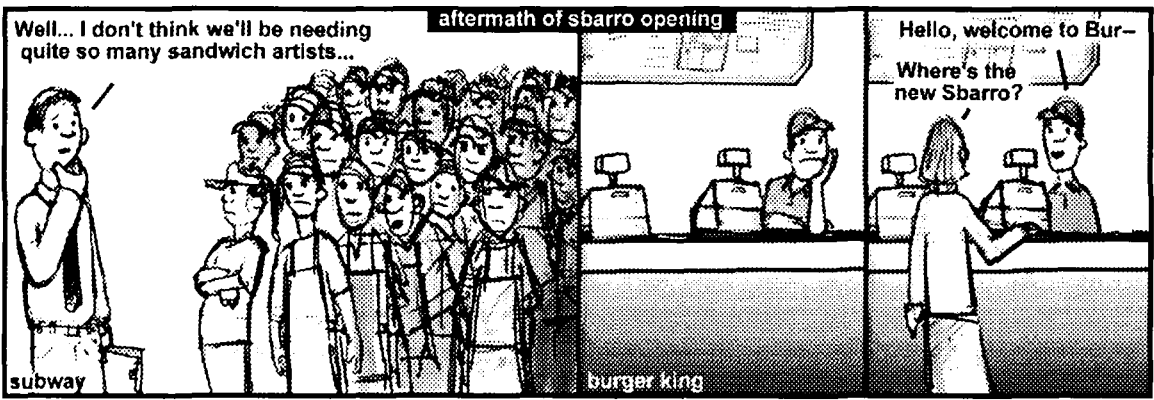
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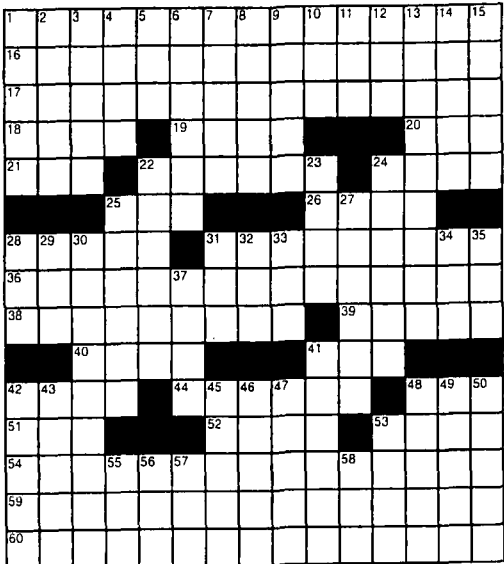
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SPORTS

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Second season begins

The Irish womens soccer team hosts the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament while the mens and womens cross country teams try to qualify for the NCAAs.



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Irish forward Amanda Guertin tries to avoid two Pittsburgh defenders in a match earlier this season. The Irish host Ohio State Friday at 7 p.m.

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

The time is now for the Notre Dame womens soccer team.

After a roller coaster, injury-plagued regular season, the Irish are eager to begin their second season against Ohio State this Friday night in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

With a three-week layoff since their last game as a result of not qualifying for the Big East tournament, the Irish

players feel the extra time off was exactly what they needed to rejuvenate themselves before the tournament.

"I think not playing in the Big East Tournament was the best thing that could have happened for us," starting forward Amy Warner said. "We've had so many injuries that it was good for us to get everyone healthy and ready to go for the NCAA Tournament."

The Irish received some great news earlier this week when the NCAA

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SARAH SCHNEIDER/The Observer

Two Irish runners race in the Big East Championships. The Irish are trying to qualify for the NCAA Championships at this weekend's Great Lakes Regional.

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

For both the Notre Dame mens and womens cross country teams, Saturday's Great Lakes Regional is the race they have been preparing for all season.

The top two teams in both the mens and womens races will automatically qualify for the NCAA Championships, which will be held in Terre Haute, Ind.

The Irish womens squad, ranked fifth nationally and coming off their first ever

victory at the Big East Championship, has a shot at automatically qualifying for the NCAA Championships.

The men, on the other hand, are hoping to finish high enough to warrant one of 13 at-large bids to the NCAA Championship, chosen by an NCAA committee.

Both squads have to contend with one of the most competitive regional fields in the nation, with teams such as No. 12 Michigan and No. 19 Michigan State in the womens race. The men will have a

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FOOTBALL

Courtney Watson named finalist for Dick Butkus award

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Tyrone Willingham made it very clear that he believed Courtney Watson deserved to be a finalist for the Dick Butkus award.

In fact, he felt so strongly about it that during a teleconference on Thursday when Watson was named one of three finalists for the prestigious award, Willingham even suggested renaming the award.

"It would be really kind of appropriate in a sense for me to make the request I'm going to make," Willingham said. "Because I think it would be in Courtney's honor to almost

name the award after him."

Watson joined Maryland's E.J. Henderson and Oklahoma's Teddy Lehman as a finalist for the award, which is presented annually to college football's best linebacker. The winner of the award will be announced Dec. 13 in Orlando.

While Willingham was busy praising Watson's talent at the linebacker position, Watson was tightly focused on giving credit where he thought credit was due.

"It's just a credit to my teammates," Watson said. "You can't be a good player without the guys around you. It's the rededication of the players and the philosophy of the coaches."

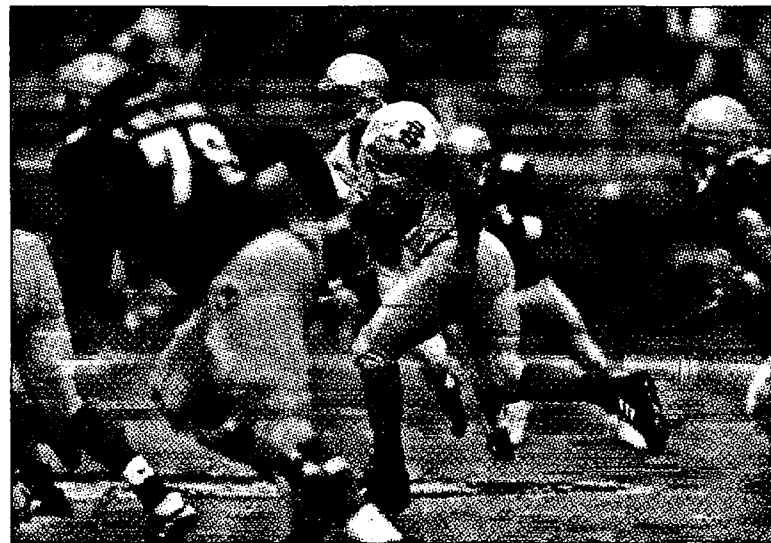
Watson has been an integral

part of a successful Irish defense that is holding its opponents to only 14.5 points per game. The Sarasota, Fla. native leads the team with 81 tackles, eight tackles for a loss and three sacks. He's also recorded three interceptions, including an interception that he returned 34 yards for a touchdown against Stanford.

"I think Courtney, first of all, has placed a great deal of respect on his teammates, but I think so much of that should be credited to him because of his leadership," Willingham said.

Being named a finalist for the Butkus award comes near the end of a season that had anything but a pleasant start for the

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BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Irish linebacker Courtney Watson returns an interception in No. 9 Notre Dame's 34-24 win over Florida State on Oct. 27.

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