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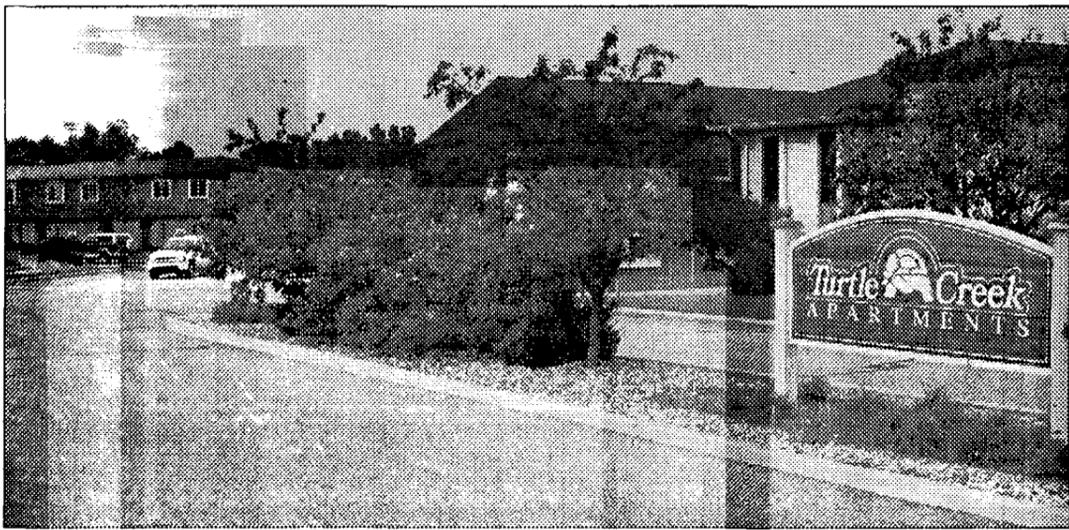
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Bust breaks up Turtle Creek tailgate



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Turtle Creek, a popular residence for off-campus students, is often the location for tailgate parties before football games. Saturday morning, tailgates were busted by Indiana State Excise Police.

By KEVIN ALLEN
News Writer

A large assembly of police officers descended upon Turtle

Creek Saturday morning, handing out citations to minors, arresting unruly parties and shutting down some gatherings.

The 10 a.m. crackdown, motivated by the Indiana State Excise

Police, was an attempt to cut down on large parties at Turtle Creek that might spill over into public areas. Officers from the Indiana State Excise Police, South Bend Police Department and the

Notre Dame Security Police collaborated in the effort.

Capt. John Williams, community relations officer for the South Bend Police Department, said he did not have final numbers regarding how many people received citations on Saturday, but he said there were at least five arrests.

Mike Russell, a junior in Zahn Hall, witnessed the bust, which he said included 15 to 20 police cars and two to three paddy wagons. Russell said law enforcement officials patrolled the complex, going from apartment to apartment, breaking up some parties and letting others continue. He also said he saw six to seven excise police working undercover.

Eric Tarnowski, also a Zahn Hall junior, said he saw police officers tackling students and even stunning one student with a tazer as they attempted to flee the scene.

"I was in the back alley and everyone was tailgating as usual," Tarnowski said. "Then, all

of a sudden, a bunch of cop cars rolled up. It really kind of killed the atmosphere there."

Tarnowski said several students — mostly minors — were lined up and handcuffed by police officers.

Police did not bother those over 21 years of age, Tarnowski said. He said he saw tailgaters of legal drinking age taunting the police, who did not react.

Tarnowski, who has been to Turtle Creek on football weekends in past seasons, added that the apartment complex seemed to have a much more intense party atmosphere this year than in years past.

He said he thinks the new University alcohol policy and tailgating rules have contributed to the bigger off-campus party scene.

"They drove most of the students off [campus] and now [with the bust] they're trying to drive us back on," he said.

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Athletes win NCAA graduation rate award

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Writer

Not only can they kick a field goal, serve an ace and win a race — they can graduate, too.

After finishing second last year, Notre Dame student-athletes earned top honors in the 2003 USA Today/NCAA Academic Achievement Awards, a distinction announced Sept. 2.

Ninety-two percent of Notre Dame student-athletes who enrolled in 1996 graduated from the University, constituting the highest overall graduation rate among NCAA Division I-A universities. For student-athletes who completed all four years of athletic eligibility, the rate was even higher, at 99 percent.

Tulsa University came in second by three percentage points, followed by Wisconsin and Duke at 88 percent each, Northwestern at 87 and Boston College at 86. Rice won in 2002 with 91 percent.

NCAA compilations of graduation rates are determined by the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered a university and graduated within six years. Non-graduates include student athletes who transfer, join a professional organization or leave the university for various other reasons.

Academic Achievement

Awards are also granted to the universities that show the most improvement from the previous year, as well as to those who have the best student-athlete graduation rates in comparison to the entire undergraduate student body. This year, the University of Oklahoma won the first category with a 40 percent rate of improvement. Boise State University won the second with a 33 percent advantage for student-athletes as compared to the overall student body average.

A \$2.9 million grant from USA Today first made the prizes possible three years ago. The grant was the largest in NCAA history, and the top institution in each category receives \$20,000. The prize money can be used for any purpose; past awards have been used to fund additional scholarships, to support existing programs and to finance new ones.

A reception will be held at the USA Today headquarters in McLean, Va. to recognize the winners, which also include schools from Division I-AA, Division I-AAA, Division II and Division III. The ceremony will take place Nov. 7 and will feature presentations from NCAA president Myles Brand and USA Today publisher Craig Moon.

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Legends meets expectations

By WILL PUCKETT
News Writer

With the arrival of football season, one of the newest establishments on campus, Legends of Notre Dame, held its doors wide open to the Irish faithful, providing a concert/dance club on Friday night and a game watch Saturday afternoon.

When asked how the restaurant/club did over the weekend, manager Larry Briggs said that expectations were met but declined to provide specific figures.

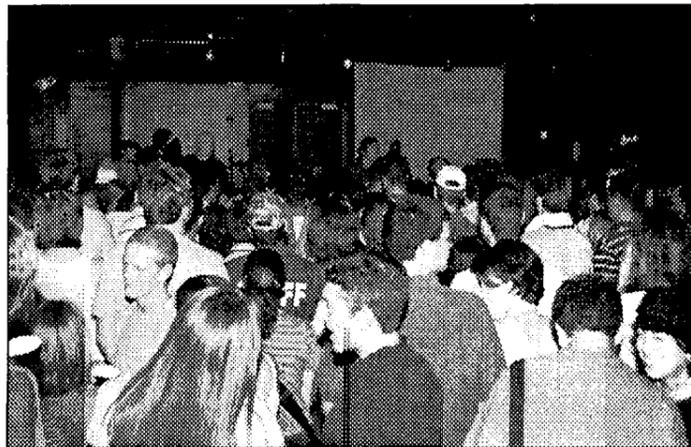
"I would say that it met our expectations, although we are certainly looking at evolving over the course of the year, football weekends and [non-football weekends]," Briggs said.

According to Briggs, Legends will have to make sure that it can change and keep improving itself to meet the market, rather than relying merely on its prime location near the Stadium and advertising targeted at Notre Dame students and fans.

"It was extremely busy, but we're evolving every day and kind of running it as we go," Briggs said. "We'll see what works in the market and go from there."

Briggs also said the restaurant would grow into its own over time. The restaurant was doing a lot of business, but there are still areas that staff and management need to look at for continued improvement.

"There's ... a big learning curve, but with having the staff better trained, being able to better handle crowds and the



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Students dance at Legends, the new club on campus. Legends met revenue expectations for the first football weekend.

like, we will continue to improve," Briggs said.

Program coordinator Jonathan Jorissen expressed many of the same views, while at the same time noting the large numbers that came to Legends for various reasons.

"We had a lot of people come through — a lot of alumni wanting to check out the new place — and were very busy all day Friday," Jorissen said. "We had a great turnout, as well, to watch the game."

Jorissen did leave room for improvement, however, noting at least one event that was not as well-attended as organizers might have hoped.

Changes will happen in the programming, as well as in the restaurant, on the planning level, Jorissen said.

"We weren't at max capacity for the band Friday night, and we're working on the logistics of programming on football

weekends. We're looking at some different options," Jorissen said. "One of those is having a classic Notre Dame football game watch on Friday afternoons."

Despite having, to some extent, less-than-perfect results, the staff of Legends is happy with the way things are going and hope to continue to improve. In fact, evolving and improving to become even better is one of the central ideas of the restaurant/club right now, the staff said.

"We're excited. Everything went very smoothly, and we were very pleased. Hopefully, over time, more people will become aware that Legends exists, [and we will] improve our programming, and Legends will be even better," Jorissen said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

The bells disturb sleep

Exhausted from the jubilation that was Saturday's football victory, I returned to my bed in Sorin in order to reenergize for the night that lay ahead.

Erik Powers

But my nap intruded upon my visions of a vibrant nightlife. My eyelids miscounted my hour or two of slumber. Instead of awaking to the sounds of witty inebriated banter from the hall, I was stirred by the bells of the Basillica. Bells that rang four minutes before nine on a Sunday morning.

Sports Writer

Realizing that I had unintentionally stumbled into transition Sunday, I attempted to roll over and take refuge in sleep. But the bells would not end. Chimes rung at every quarter hour with varying ambition. At 9:15 there were but four strikes upon the bell. At 9:30 there was a humble concerto featuring subdued syncopation. At 9:45, a subdued rendition of the alma mater praised thee Notre Dame. And at 10:00 a full-fledged dual hour opus erupted from the bowels of the Basillica, 1,842 bells of percussion banging brutal bedlam out of the tower and thrusting it upon the unwilling audience of Sorin Hall.

Last year, I heard not one of the Basillica's bells. I lived on the opposite side of the dorm under the Quint. Social lubricants trickled down from above, sophomores dropped weights from their couch at 3 a.m. and drywall fell as a type of periodic precipitation, yet none of these activities inhibited my slumber. Now, I am bombarded by music at all hours. The hall choir practices in the chapel directly above. So do a number of aspiring piano players. I was awoken yesterday by an industrious hallmate playing Gershwin at nine in the morning. He (or another member of his liturgical legion) returned at four to perfect Piano Man during my nap. He likely lurks in the chapel now, plotting for a midnight moonlight sonata.

But how does one resolve this conflict? From a utilitarian standpoint, all would be best served if I quieted my qualms and accepted the life of an insomniac. However, there is still hope. The wise and sympathetic leaders of the University may realize that our campus does not need inaccurate and gratuitously melodic time. Or perhaps this rambling letter of discontent might facilitate a trade of clocks between the Basillica and O'Shag. 11:25 is my favorite time of the day, day or night, and the clock always reminds me of the clocktower from Back to the Future, and how Marty McFly's girlfriend was so much hotter in the first movie than the second and third, and how I can't believe anyone could make such a casting oversight. Otherwise, we could always give the bells to Saint Mary's. They deserve reparations for something by now.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Erik Powers at powers.44@nd.edu.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE FORMER FOOTBALL PLAYERS' RAPE TRIALS?



Cole Barker

*Junior
O'Neill Hall*

"It's an embarrassment to Notre Dame, and I wish it would go away."



Keith Harwood

*Junior
O'Neill Hall*

"I wish they hadn't put themselves in this situation. It hurts both the University and the team."



Emmett Kearney

*Sophomore
O'Neill Hall*

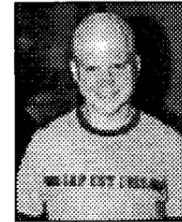
"It's a disgrace to the University."



Alex Frank

*Sophomore
O'Neill Hall*

"It's bad."



Christian Mucha

*Freshman
O'Neill Hall*

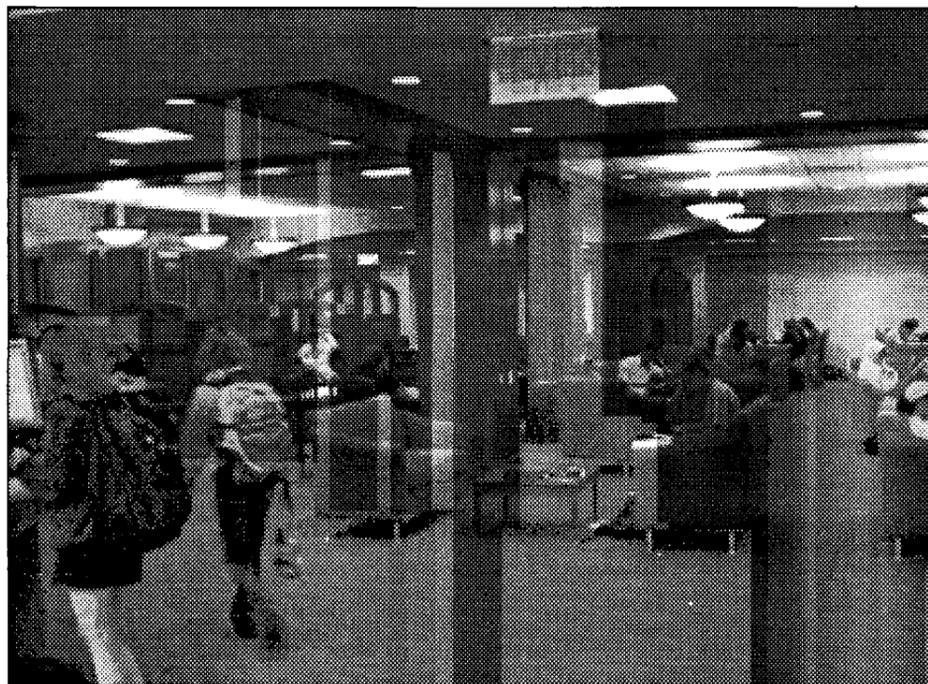
"I shaved my head in protest."



Nick Mastronardi

*5th year
O'Neill Hall*

"For one evening shrouded in so much skepticism, it has caused Notre Dame a lot of bad publicity."



ANDREW KENNA/The Observer

Students populate the newly-remodeled basement of the Hesburgh Library. The library basement had been under renovation for over a year, and it now provides attractive study space as opposed to the old design.

IN BRIEF

International Student Services and Activities will sponsor a showing of a Russian movie today at 7:00 in the Montgomery Theater in the LaFortune Student Center.

The women's volleyball team takes on Valparaiso today at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena.

The Clayton Miller Blues Band will perform at St. Mary's College today at 5:30 p.m. on the Library Green. The concert is sponsored by the Student Activities Board.

Mothers: Founders of the Environmental Justice Movement will sponsor a lecture featuring Hazel Johnson, a lifetime resident of Chicago Public Housing. The lecture takes place Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

A meeting will be held Wednesday for anyone interested in the **Latin American Studies** minor, as well as anyone enrolled in the program. The meeting will take place in the Hesburgh Center at 5:30 p.m.

A **Tri-Military** service will be held in honor of those who lost their lives in the attacks of September 11, 2001. The service will take place at 7 a.m. Thursday at the Pasquerilla Center.

Enjoy campus musicians at the Student Union Board's **AcousticCafe** Thursday night at 9 p.m. in LaFortune Student Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

OFFBEAT

Ecuador President promises to be punctual

QUITO, Ecuador — President Lucio Gutierrez will set a national example and start showing up on time for meetings and appointments in an effort to combat a national lack of punctuality, a government spokesman said Monday.

"The president has made the decision that punctuality will be the government's rule," spokesman Marcelo Cevallos said in an interview with Teleamazonas television.

It was unclear when the

initiative would begin, however, as Cevallos apologized to the audience for showing up late for the interview.

Dope-seeking teens call cop by mistake

AUSTIN, Minn. — Two teens accused of searching for a marijuana dealer dialed the ultimate wrong number — they called the Mower County Sheriff's cell phone.

Sheriff Terese Amazi's cell phone rang around noon on Friday. The caller said she wanted a bag of marijuana. After Amazi said she was the sheriff,

the caller said, "I'm sorry," and hung up.

A few minutes later, the phone rang again. This time, Amazi let a deputy answer.

The caller again asked for a bag of marijuana, and the deputy — who called himself "Dupe" on the phone — arranged for a meeting at a convenience store an hour later.

"Apparently, they didn't know the meaning of 'Dupe' as in 'duped' either," Amazi said. "It's incredible."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 81 LOW 61	HIGH 66 LOW 55	HIGH 80 LOW 60	HIGH 79 LOW 61	HIGH 80 LOW 61	HIGH 40 LOW 58

Atlanta 84 / 66 Boston 68 / 52 Chicago 83 / 63 Denver 72 / 53 Houston 89 / 69 Los Angeles 79 / 62 Minneapolis 87 / 65 New York 76 / 57 Philadelphia 79 / 56 Phoenix 93 / 76 Seattle 65 / 53 St. Louis 87 / 62 Tampa 89 / 72 Washington 82 / 61

CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

CLC debates RA orientation policies

By MIKE CHAMBLISS
News Writer

The Campus Life Council (CLC), a Board of Trustees-mandated committee that advises the Office of Student Affairs, met Monday for an unofficial, preliminary meeting.

The 18-member council of students, faculty and administrators discussed various issues that it may take up as the foci of the three task forces that will work toward specific goals over the course of the year.

These issues include privileges for on-campus seniors, decreasing the cost of SYR's, the status of leadership on campus, gender relations, campus safety, exploration of dining hall options and decreasing the costs associated with the student-used vehicles at the Center for Social Concerns.

With recent controversial RA dismissals in mind, Student Body President Pat Hallahan introduced the idea of investigating current policies and attempting to increase flexibility in the RA training program. A heated debate ensued when

a number of council members objected to spending council time on an employee-employer issue that is traditionally beyond the scope of the CLC's concern.

"As an employer, I have certain expectations of my employees, and no one is going to tell me how to hire people. I just think it's a waste of our time to pursue this issue," said George Moss, assistant vice president of Student Affairs.

It was also pointed out numerous times that the council could not discuss the specifics of any individual dismissal case because federal law prohibits the University from divulging related information.

Some of the council members grew frustrated when a proposal to investigate a seemingly important issue failed to generate unanimous support.

"As soon as we get a hot issue that students care about, we get put down. We get our agenda dictated by a minority of people," said Hallahan.

The issue of deciding task force goals will be settled during the Sept. 22 meeting.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Board prepares improvements

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance held its first official meeting of the new school year on Monday. President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl reviewed improvements they plan to implement.

The meeting was opened with a discussion on the revised Saint Mary's mission statement. Vice President for Mission Sr. Rose Anne Schultz distributed copies of the mission statement printed on bookmarks to board members.

Schultz emphasized that there is a renewed commitment to the college mission statement this year. It was also noted that the mission statement will be an important tool in the search for a new college President.

BOG members also discussed efforts to improve communication and involvement between the student body and the governing board. One of the keys, Public Relations Commissioner Stephanie Patka said, is to refine the information given to students.

"We are trying to consolidate everything into one stall news because it is much more

effective," Patka said in reference to a BOG bulletin posted in campus bathrooms.

Board members also intend to reward those students who hang the BOG monthly calendar in their rooms with a prize. The board hopes the incentive will increase awareness and participation in campus activities.

In addition to the BOG bulletin and Web site, students will now be able to access times, places and dates of events by calling the Activities line at 284-4809. Board members have been promoting this resource by posting door decorations with the number on students' doors.

Furthermore, BOG intends to improve its relationship with The Observer to clearly communicate with students.

"We are working on our relationship with The Observer so we can get information to them in a timely manner," said Patka.

In other BOG News ♦ Saint Mary's is launching

a shadowing program in which current upperclassmen will have the opportunity to shadow a Saint Mary's alumna while on the job. The first information meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday in the Noble Family Dining Hall.

♦ The "Busy Person's Retreat" will begin this Sunday prior to the regular 9 p.m. campus mass. The retreat is designed for those who are unable to attend a weekend-long event. Participants will give up one hour of their day for reflection and prayer.

♦ Due to a lack of demand, the Cushwa-Leighton library hours have been experimentally cutback.

Library staff noted that there were few or no students in the library on Friday or Saturday evenings, as well as on Sunday mornings. Students are encouraged to express their opinions on the new hours.

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"We are trying to consolidate everything into one stall news because it is much more effective."

Stephanie Patka
public relations commissioner

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Auto club goes to trial for negligence

Associated Press

BOSTON — In the summer of 1999, AAA got a call about a young woman whose car had broken down in a parking lot on Cape Cod. The auto club told the woman's stepfather it would send help.

Melissa Gosule never made it home that night.

Her body was found in a shallow grave eight days later. She had been raped and stabbed to death.

Gosule's family sued AAA for unspecified damages, claiming that if the auto club had done its job that night, she would be alive today. Jury selection began Monday in state court in Plymouth, south of Boston, in the negligence and wrongful-death case.

The case is being watched closely because it is the first time AAA has been sued in the death of a motorist who was killed after seeking assistance from the auto club, legal experts said.

Every year, the American Automobile Association, with a dues-paying membership of more than 46 million in the United States and Canada, gets about 30 million calls from motorists who need help with dead batteries, flat tires and other roadside problems.

In their lawsuit, Gosule's parents, Leslie Gosule and Sandra Glaser, and her stepfather, Peter Glaser, claim AAA left Gosule stranded and forced to turn to a stranger for help. That stranger, Michael Gentile, killed her.

"AAA is not who they say they are," Leslie Gosule said recently in a statement. "Had AAA done what they tell the world they do and what they said they were going to do — provide reliable and reasonable emergency roadside assistance that night — Melissa would still be with us."

Gosule's parents note that AAA, in its marketing materials, touts the peace of mind it provides to motorists in trouble. "One call to AAA and your worries are over," reads one brochure. AAA also refers to itself as "family" and warns against depending on strangers: "In today's world, relying on strangers has become a scary [and sometimes dangerous] thing to do."

The lawsuit names national AAA; its local affiliate, AAA Southern New England; and the tow truck driver.

AAA disputes the family's claims that it did not offer Gosule help, and says it should not be held responsible for her death. Gentile, a newspaper delivery man with a long criminal record, was convicted of her murder and is now serving a life sentence.

On July 11, 1999, Gosule, a 27-year-old elementary school teacher, had returned at 5:30 p.m. from a bike ride at a park in Bourne to find that her 1986 Pontiac would not start.

It was about that time that she met Gentile, according to testimony during Gentile's trial in 2000.

Gosule used Gentile's cell phone to call her mother and stepfather, who told her he would call AAA for help. Gosule was not a member of AAA, but her stepfather was, and it is routine for the auto club to help out relatives of AAA members.

In their lawsuit, Gosule's fami-

ly says her stepfather immediately called the AAA's 24-hour emergency roadside assistance number and asked that the car and Gosule be taken to a garage in Boston. John Cubellis, a tow truck driver whose company is an agent for AAA, arrived at the parking lot about 90 minutes later.

According to both sides, Cubellis told Gosule he was busy and it would be three to four hours before he could take her or her car to Boston, about 60 miles away. The Gosule family says Cubellis did not try to start the young woman's car, make sure she was taken to a safe location or call another AAA driver to help.

Gosule then accepted a ride from Gentile.

In court papers, AAA says Cubellis had no reason to believe Gosule was in danger. She was in a busy parking lot at the Sagamore Rotary with restaurants, a gas station and a fire station nearby. When he pulled into the parking lot, he saw Gosule talking and sharing a cell phone with two men — Gentile and a mechanic friend Gentile had called to look at the woman's car.

AAA says Gosule could have taken a taxi or had a family member come pick her up.

In a statement, a spokesman for AAA Southern New England called Gosule's death a "terrible tragedy."

"Our hearts go out to Melissa Gosule's family and friends," said Robert Murray. "In our history, we have never seen a case like this. We believe the auto club will be properly and completely exonerated."

Paul Martinek, editor in chief of Lawyers Weekly USA, a national legal newspaper, said the lawsuit was initially considered a long shot, but some of the claims could resonate with a jury.

"Proving that this was a foreseeable danger is a huge challenge — that AAA could have foreseen that a motorist would have accepted a ride from a total stranger and then be killed by that total stranger," Martinek said.

Bust

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Turtle Creek residents received a notice Sept. 5 that told them to "expect increased police presence in and around the property" during football season. Williams said Turtle Creek management was not involved in the bust in any manner. However, he said that the property's management does hire off-duty police officers as security for busy party weekends, like football weekends and "Rally in the Alley."

Williams lived at Turtle Creek as a security officer for nine years and just moved out a few

months ago.

"In nine years, there has never been a bust like that," he said. He also told of recent developments that may have given Turtle Creek new motivation to enforce a new party policy.

"There were complaints [about Turtle Creek] coming in through the city attorney's office," said Williams. "They can get fined if they don't comply."

According to Williams, two to three officers used to be considered enough security for Turtle Creek on a busy weekend.

"There were always a lot of kids out there on football weekends," said Williams, who would hire one or two officers for football weekends and other big events, like "Rally," when he

lived at Turtle Creek.

He also added that part of the motivation for the bust came from the University, but he does not think their actions will cut down on partying before football games.

"There's always been tailgating at football games, whether it's college or professional, and there's always going to be tailgating," Williams said. "They can only do so much."

"I understand their position, as far as liability is concerned," he said. "I think the biggest fear of the University's is someone getting hurt and that bringing on a lawsuit."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Arab League grants Council seat

CAIRO, Egypt — The Arab League unanimously granted the U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council the Baghdad seat on the pan-Arab body early Tuesday — delivering a major boost to the Bush administration's post-war occupation.

The decision ended weeks of debate within the 22-member League over whether to recognize Iraq's interim authority, with opponents fearing that acceptance of the interim Iraqi authority could be seen as a sign of support for the American invasion.

The council was appointed July 13 after U.S. forces deposed Saddam Hussein's regime as an authority able to represent Iraq on the regional stage.

Arab League foreign ministers issued a communique after their debate, saying the Governing Council had been granted Iraq's seat until a legitimate Iraqi government is formed and a new constitution drawn up.

WW II-era bombs found in China

BEIJING — Construction workers digging a drainage ditch have unearthed dozens of World War II-era Japanese bombs in an eastern Chinese city, authorities said Monday, the latest development in a saga of old enmities that still resonate today.

The 80 bombs turned up last Wednesday at the construction site in Heze, a city in the eastern Chinese province of Shandong. They "have been left by Japanese invaders during World War II," the official Xinhua News Agency concluded, citing Japanese writing still visible on the explosives.

The rusty explosives are apparently conventional, not chemical, weapons, authorities said. But they are conducting tests to make sure.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bombing accomplices suspected

ERIE, Pa. — Investigators said Monday that they were confident a pizza deliveryman did not act alone when he robbed a bank with a bomb locked to his neck and was killed when the device went off moments later.

Brian Wells, 46, was stopped in his car, arrested and handcuffed Aug. 28 following a PNC Bank robbery near Erie, but was killed when the bomb attached to a collar locked around his neck exploded while he and police waited for the bomb squad.

Authorities continued to search for two men seen nearby running through traffic about 45 minutes after Wells died. The FBI released sketches of the two men, saying it was not known if they had anything to do with the case.

Finance reform law before Court

WASHINGTON — In a rare and lengthy special session, the Supreme Court considered Monday whether a vast rewrite of the nation's laws governing money in politics unconstitutionally muzzles politicians, their supporters and opponents.

Among other things, the law bans unlimited "soft money" donations to political parties and tightens controls on political advertising in the weeks before an election.

The Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act is in force while the Supreme Court weighs its future. A ruling is expected in time for the first presidential primaries next year.

LOCAL NEWS

Flood victims receive federal aid

INDIANAPOLIS — Federal authorities said Monday they have begun taking disaster aid applications from central Indiana residents who suffered property damage from Labor Day weekend flooding.

"Our goal is to make sure everyone knows how to apply and receives every dollar they're entitled to," FEMA spokesman Gene Romano said.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency also said Tuesday will be the final day it will accept aid applications.

Gov. O'Bannon in coma after stroke

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Indiana Gov. Frank O'Bannon suffered a massive stroke in his Chicago hotel room Monday and was in critical condition following surgery.

The doctor who operated on the governor refused to speculate on O'Bannon's chances for recovery.

"We're hoping he's going to recover function. How much, we don't know," said neurosurgeon Wesley Yapor.

O'Bannon, a Democrat in his second term, was found Monday morning after a staff member called hotel security to say the governor had missed a morning meeting and was not answering his phone, said Northwestern Memorial Hospital spokeswoman Kelly Sullivan.

Yapor said surgeons removed blood from both sides of O'Bannon's brain. The doctor said some of the blood probably came from an injury, suggesting that the governor fell after becoming ill.

Yapor said O'Bannon, 73, was in a drug-induced coma and on a ventilator.

Strokes are the leading cause of disability in the United States and the No. 3 killer.

Most are ischemic strokes, caused when arteries feeding the brain are blocked, but some are caused by bleeding in the brain.

The outcome depends on how much bleeding occurs, how much of the brain is affected, and how long the patient goes without treatment.

Survivors can suffer brain damage and often suffer permanent disability, including paralysis, loss of speech and vision, and weakness.

"I think we're all just hoping and praying at this point for a quick recovery for the governor, hoping this situation is not as serious as is currently indicated," said state House GOP Leader Brian Bosma.

O'Bannon spokeswoman Mary Dieter said the gov-



Indiana governor Frank O'Bannon speaks at a Dec. 12, 2001 press briefing. O'Bannon suffered a stroke Monday and remains in a coma after surgery.

ernor had a physical three months earlier and was given "a clean bill of health."

O'Bannon had been staying at the Palmer House Hilton to attend a conference of the Midwest U.S.-Japan Association.

His wife, Judy, arrived from Indiana at the hospital along with their daughter Jennifer. Their other adult children were en route, Sullivan said.

Indiana Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan, who was also at the Chicago conference, returned to Indianapolis, where officials researched succession procedures.

In his seven years as governor, O'Bannon, a moderate known for his grandfatherly charm, has forged alliances to reform education and to try to improve the state's economy.

He coasted to re-election in 2000, but his popularity began to slide in his second term as the economy faltered.

He is barred by term limits from running again next year.

The Indiana Constitution allows for a transfer of power from the governor to lieutenant governor if the governor is incapacitated. However, that requires a petition to be filed by the president pro tem of the Senate and the Speaker of the House and a ruling by the Indiana Supreme Court.

House Speaker Patrick Bauer said he and Sen. President Pro Tem Robert Garton were prepared to draft the necessary paperwork. The Supreme Court justices were being assembled.

After consulting with leg-

islative leaders, Kernan said he would assume the governor's duties, but formal steps to transfer power would not be taken immediately.

"I would just ask all Hoosiers to join hands and say a prayer," Kernan said.

The governor's chief of staff Tim Joyce met with O'Bannon staff members Monday. "He implored each of us to do the state's business as usual, because that's what the governor would want," Dieter said.

Former Illinois Gov. James Thompson said he had seen O'Bannon at two events Sunday night, and saw no indication that anything was wrong.

"He was right on. He was affable, he was engaged, active, alert, talked. We talked about mutual problems of Indiana and Illinois," Thompson said.

Annan plans meeting on future of Iraq

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary-General Kofi Annan launched a high-level diplomatic offensive Monday to get feuding nations to unite behind a plan to stabilize Iraq, and said the United Nations is prepared to play a major political role to quickly restore its sovereignty.

Annan met late Monday with ambassadors from the Security Council and planned to meet Saturday in Geneva with foreign ministers from the five veto-wielding council nations — the United States, Russia, China, Britain and France.

He said he also has been talking

to officials in many countries and plans to engage Mideast leaders and Iraq's neighbors.

"The discussions are at early stages yet," he said, "But my own sense is that Iraq is of such importance that all of us will have to find a way of working together to stabilize Iraq."

The Security Council is starting to debate a U.S.-proposed draft resolution to get more peacekeeping troops and money into Iraq, but it faces tough opposition led by France and Germany.

It would authorize a multinational force to replace the current U.S.-led force, but the United States would command the force and continue to

run the civilian administration. France and Germany, which opposed the war on Iraq, are leading demands for the quick restoration of Iraq's sovereignty and a larger U.N. role.

U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte, who confirmed that Secretary of State Colin Powell would attend Saturday's meeting in Geneva, said the United States is waiting for suggested changes — particularly from the four other permanent members.

The United States incorporated "a lot of ideas that have been given to us by other countries," he stressed, and "we think it's a constructive and important resolution."

AFGHANISTAN

Attacks leave five Afghan troops dead

Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan—Suspected Taliban insurgents killed five Afghan government soldiers and wounded two U.S. soldiers in attacks in the south and east of Afghanistan, Afghan and U.S. military officials said Monday.

The attacks in three provinces highlighted the security challenge in America's other war. The top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Lt. Gen. John Vines, warned Sunday that Taliban fighters, paid and trained by al-Qaida, were pouring into the country from neighboring Pakistan — a key U.S. ally in the war on terror.

In Afghanistan's southern Kandahar province, the heartland of the hardline Taliban regime before its ouster by U.S.-led forces in late 2001, insurgents late Sunday ambushed a pickup truck carrying Afghan soldiers through a mountain gorge.

Five soldiers were killed and five wounded, said Haji Granai, a military commander in the provincial capital, which lies about 25 miles south of where the attack happened in Shah Wali Kot district.

No group claimed responsibility, but Granai blamed the Taliban and said authorities arrested and were questioning 13 men with suspected links to the group.

Three weeks ago, hundreds of Afghan government troops

were sent to the same area, looking for Taliban remnants, he said. "This is a mountainous area. Taliban are hiding there."

Shah Wali Kot is 85 miles southwest of the Dai Chupan mountains, the scene of intense fighting this month between U.S.-led coalition forces and Taliban. More than 100 Taliban were reported killed in about nine days of ground fighting and bombing in the rugged region of Zabul province. One U.S. special operations soldier and an unknown number of Afghan soldiers also died.

Meanwhile, two American soldiers were wounded Sunday as the coalition pressed the hunt for Taliban and al-Qaida fighters in eastern Afghanistan. Both soldiers were evacuated to Bagram Air Base, coalition headquarters north of Kabul, for treatment. Neither was identified.

One of the soldiers suffered a gunshot wound to his right leg during a firefight with five insurgents near a coalition base at Shkin in Paktika province, said Col. Rodney Davis, the U.S. military spokesman in Afghanistan. The insurgents retreated with no reported casualties, he said in a statement.

The other soldier was shot in the right forearm in a clash near the coalition base at Bari Kowt in Kunar province, Davis said, adding there was no damage to coalition equipment or report of enemy casualties.

Approval likely for Bush's plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans and Democrats predicted Monday that Congress will approve the \$87 billion President Bush wants for Iraq and Afghanistan, but many said they would demand more details on administration policy in both countries.

With relentless American casualties, a paucity of allied support and a realization that the administration underestimated the operation's price tag, lawmakers seem emboldened to play a stronger role in shaping the measure than they did when they quickly approved an initial \$79 billion package in April.

Democrats juxtaposed the proposal with Bush's opposition to added funds for American schools and other domestic programs. They also voiced doubt that even \$87 billion — nearly triple the Homeland Security Department's total budget — would be enough.

"Already facing a nearly half-trillion-dollar deficit, American taxpayers deserve to know how this spending will affect our ability to address the unmet needs in our own country," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

"This may not be Vietnam, but boy it sure smells like it," Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, said on the Senate floor. "And every time I see these bills coming down for the money, it's costing like Vietnam, too."

Other Democrats, such as Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, were preparing to demand that, as a condition for the money, Bush would have to tell Congress his assessment of the size of the

U.S. military commitment to Iraq and schedules for removing American forces.

An amendment seeking such conditions seemed unlikely to pass the Senate. But a debate over it could give Democrats an opportunity to spend time criticizing Bush's Iraq policy a year before the presidential election.

Democrats were not alone in seeking answers.

Republican Rep. Zach Wamp of Tennessee said, "It's a huge number, and Congress needs to step up to its constitutional responsibility to vet the request and put as many questions to the president as we can."

Wamp said he wanted ways to measure progress in rebuilding Iraq and would push for U.S. investment there to be partly repaid by revenue raised by Iraq's oil industry.

The entire proposal would be paid for out of federal deficits already expected to shatter previous records. In a briefing for reporters, senior

administration officials said they expected \$50 billion to \$60 billion of their plan to be spent next year — which would bring the projected 2004 deficit to \$525 billion to \$535 billion.

In that same briefing, one official acknowledged that "the level of decay and underinvestment in the Iraqi infrastructure was worse than ... almost anyone on the outside anticipated earlier this year."

Republican leaders, hoping to lay the groundwork for speedy work by the GOP-run Congress, expressed support for the president's plan.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., who spent much of the day in his home state with Bush, said the proposal "warrants the support of Congress." And House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla., whose panel will help write Congress' version, said he would "aggressively expedite the president's request" through the committee.

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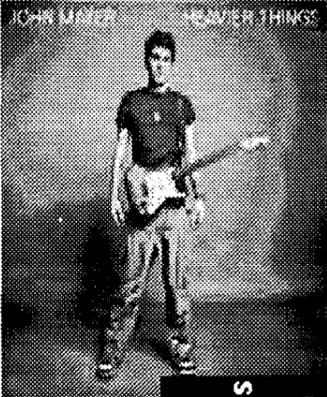
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IN BRIEF

WorldCom close to settlement

NEW YORK — MCI was close to settling Monday with two groups of creditors that opposed a deal to repay just a fraction of the company's \$41 billion debt, prompting a surprise adjournment as hearings began on a plan to emerge from bankruptcy.

A settlement could remove the last major obstacle that the company formerly known as WorldCom faces in persuading a bankruptcy court to approve the long-distance carrier's financial reorganization after a ruinous accounting scandal.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Arthur Gonzalez said the talks between MCI and two groups holding close to \$1 billion in combined claims against the company appeared to be showing enough progress to allow the parties another day to negotiate.

Probe denied in Stewart case

NEW YORK — A federal judge said Monday she saw no indication of a breach of grand jury secrecy in the Martha Stewart case, rejecting defense demands that the government investigate the source of pre-indictment leaks.

U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum said she found it difficult to understand how lawyers for the home decorating maven believed their client might have been prejudiced if someone had leaked the fact that the indictment would not include a charge of insider trading.

The lawyers said the leaks violated federal rules that make grand jury proceedings confidential, and might have influenced grand jurors before they handed up the indictment against Stewart and her ex-stockbroker, Peter Bacanovic.

TV Guide revamped to boost sales

LOS ANGELES — A redesigned TV Guide magazine hit the stands Monday as the publisher of the 50-year-old title struggles to revive the neglected brand.

The magazine carries a new logo, an expanded movie guide on salmon-colored paper, shorter articles, more viewing recommendations and easier to read prime-time channel listing grids.

The magazine also has a new slogan: "We see everything."

The circulation of TV Guide has fallen dramatically, from more than 19 million in the 1970s to about 9 million today.

The company will spend \$10 million to market TV Guide with the goal of adding 750,000 new subscribers by the end of the year.

Media merger wins FCC approval

WASHINGTON — The government will allow Univision Communications Inc., the nation's largest Spanish-language media conglomerate, to expand its reach in the growing Hispanic community by purchasing Hispanic Broadcasting Corp. for \$3.5 billion, Federal Communications Commission officials said Monday.

An official announcement of the FCC vote had been expected late Monday but was delayed for unknown reasons.

Lawsuits filed against music sharers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The music industry's largest trade group filed 261 copyright lawsuits across the country Monday against Internet users who trade songs online, an aggressive campaign to discourage piracy through fears of expensive civil penalties or settlements.

The Recording Industry Association of America warned it ultimately may file thousands of cases. Its first round was aimed at what it described as "major offenders" illegally distributing on average more than 1,000 copyrighted music files each.

"Some of my grandkids got in there," said Durwood Pickle, 71, of Richardson, Texas, who said his son had explained the situation in an e-mail to the recording industry association. "I didn't do it, and I don't feel like I'm responsible. It's been stopped now, I guarantee you that."

Pickle said his teen-aged grandchildren used his computer during visits to his home.

"I'm not a computer-type person," Pickle said. "They come in and get on the computer. How do I get out of this? Dadgum it, got to get a lawyer on this."

Another defendant, Lisa Schamis of New York, said her Internet provider warned her two months ago that record industry lawyers had asked for her name and address, but she said she had no idea she might be sued. She acknowledged downloading "lots" of music over file-sharing networks.

"This is ridiculous," said Schamis, 26. "People like me who did this, I didn't understand it was illegal."

"I can understand why the music industry is upset about this, but the fact that we had access to this as the public, I don't think gives them the right to sue us. It's wrong on their part," said Schamis,



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A man listens to new releases at a music store in New York City. Blaming the slump in record sales on file-sharing software, the Recording Industry Association of America began filing lawsuits against individuals illegally downloading music.

who added she is unemployed and would be unable to pay any large fine or settlement.

An estimated 60 million Americans participate in file-sharing networks, using software that makes it simple for computer users to locate and retrieve for free virtually any song by any artist within moments.

Internet users broadly acknowledge music-trading is illegal, but the practice has flourished in recent years since copyright statutes are among the most popularly flouted laws online.

"Nobody likes playing the heavy," said RIAA President Cary Sherman, who compared illegal music downloads to shoplifting. "There comes

a time when you have to stand up and take appropriate action."

Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., has already promised congressional hearings into how the music industry has identified and tracked the Internet users it's suing.

"They have a legitimate interest that needs to be protected, but are they protecting it in a way that's too broad and over-reaching?" Coleman said. "I don't want to make criminals out of 60 million kids, even though kids and grandkids are doing things they shouldn't be doing."

The RIAA did not identify for reporters which Internet users it was suing or where they live. Federal courthouses in

New York, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco, Dallas and elsewhere reported receiving some lawsuits; court officials were assigning them to judges.

"Get a lawyer," advised Fred von Lohmann, a lawyer for the San Francisco-based Electronic Frontier Foundation. "There's no simpler advice than that, whether you intend to fight this or not. You'll need someone to advise you."

With estimates that half of file-sharers are teenagers, all sides braced for the inevitable legal debate surrounding the financial damage to parents or grandparents, who the RIAA plans to hold responsible.

Foreign workers keep U.S. competitive

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Curtailing immigration of skilled foreign professionals to the United States will hurt U.S. global competitiveness, inhibit innovation and job growth and send high technology and research jobs to other countries, according to a study released Monday.

The study says that while U.S. security must be protected, immigration policies should encourage and ease the legal flow of high- and low-skilled workers to keep the country competitive in recruiting talented workers.

The study was conducted by the American Immigration Law Foundation's Immigration Policy Center, a nonprofit organization that

supports immigration.

"America's strength lies in its openness," said Stuart Anderson, the study's author who recently left the now defunct Immigration and Naturalization Service policy planner.

Anderson said despite complaints that foreign workers are taking American jobs, statistics show that U.S. employers have not been rampantly hiring foreign workers who enter on H1-B visas for temporary workers with specialty occupations.

Anderson's study found that H1-B hiring rises and falls with economic times, numbering 164,000 in 2001 and dropping to 79,100 in fiscal year 2002.

The national H1-B worker cap of 195,000 a year is scheduled to be

reduced to 65,000 a year on Oct. 1.

Employer abuse of the program to find cheap labor also is not widespread, he said.

In 2002, the Department of Labor found only seven willful violations or required removal from the program, even though the agency has increased investigations, Anderson said.

The workers also help provide money for training Americans for high tech or engineering jobs.

A critic of guest worker programs said rather than import foreign workers, job wages, benefits and conditions should be improved so more American workers are interested in filling those jobs or researching in the fields currently filled by H1-B workers.

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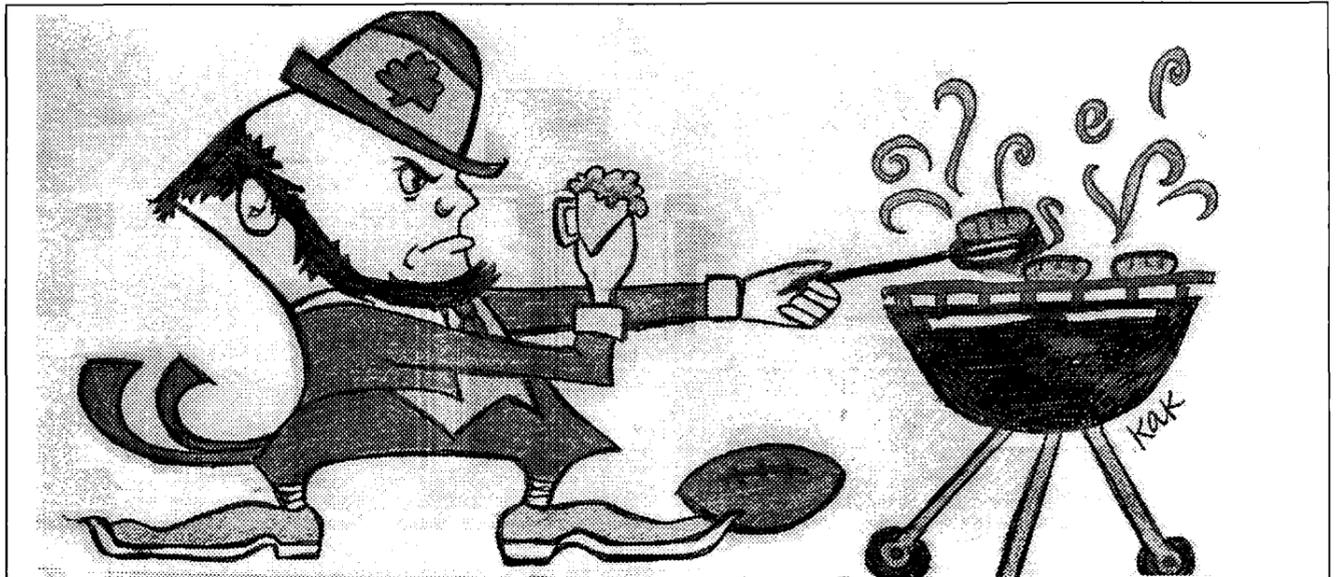
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Enjoying the non-traditional football traditions

As I take time out of my busy senior schedule to reflect on this past weekend, and the banquet of Boca burgers and beer to which I was privy, it's easy to feel like I'm the luckiest man alive. Not to mention the

David Barrett

manliest. Of course, the hourly aloe treatment makes me feel a little less rugged, but not when I remember that it is the only way to ensure an expeditious recovery from multiple burns to the forearms.

Jigga Geoff

It was a grill accident resulting from a manual match-lighting at our Saturday morning tailgate. The ignition-auto-gauge-button-meter-thing wouldn't play nice, so we had to improvise. Or maybe it did in fact work, and we just prefer to do things manually instead. Manually and manly are pretty much one and the same. Either way, there is a penalty to pay for such rash, disorderly behavior. It's singed forearm hair, a terrible smelling downstairs to your apartment and eternal notoriety for being so dang manly.

That wasn't all that went wrong on Saturday. The long dreamt-of tug o' war duel in our backyard never materialized. Perhaps it was a result of poor party planning, or more probable, because Lowes doesn't carry ropes that thick.

Visions of long ago Field Days flashed before our eyes. We relived great tug o' war triumphs and lamented the equally great tug o' war defeats. Perhaps no other game, in the history of manly men, captured the masculine identity quite the way tug o' war did. We considered both the shotput and the pommelhorse, yet both lacked the simple appeal and practicality that thoughts of one rope

and dozens of grunting men conjured up.

Unable to locate an adequate rope, however, we settled for a somewhat tamer Saturday tailgate.

There is something special about masses of people beating down your door at 8 a.m. demanding nourishment. There is even something kind of special about losing half of your glassware to thirsty freshmen who show little regard for personal property and feel no need to return family heirlooms that they pilfered from your kitchen cabinetry. Even if they are plastic, we want them back.

Our living room was a certified sea of green by 10 a.m., as was every other apartment at Turtle Creek. It was nice to see police officers sending kids long rather than taking them captive in their cruisers. Order was restored, so to say, in the alleys of Turtle Creek.

In addition, the football team relived past glories on the sacred sod, squeaking one out against the overmatched Cougars. The September sun proved plenty hot for most at the game, turning us from the sea of green into the Red Sea. At the end of the game, only three questions remained:

Would the fans once again bumrush the field?

Would the field be able to withstand such a bumrush?

Would the design for "The Shirt" ever change, and if it didn't, would people still continue to buy a new one each year?

Ye of little faith who might have questioned the tenacity of the Fighting Irish, your concerns have now been answered. We are still tenacious, we are still magical, and we will relive the glory. We are living it, baby.

The concessions once again were

also magical. The Notre Dame hot dogs are still good, maybe even better than they were last year. The condiment udders are still the coolest things any of us have ever seen and might ever hope to see. The half dollar pieces are still apparently in circulation, contrary to popular opinion. They might provide a shade of facility for the overwhelmed concession cashiers, but we still hate them.

These are the little things that don't make it into the volumes dedicated to Notre Dame football, but they are the things I will personally miss most when I graduate in May.

Did you know that thousands of RVs gather in a giant field beyond Stepan Center and the Credit Union to celebrate each and every

Irish win? Not only are the people friendly and the food free, but unlike the BMW-dominated Legends parking lot, the RVs are permitted to tailgate well into the

night.

It took me until senior year to realize how many viable alternatives there are to simply going home and passing out on a couch. On football Saturdays, the impossible becomes possible. You can play beanbag toss, Bocce ball or tug o' war without drawing unwanted attention. You can pinball from RV to RV, to that little bus with a full deck on its roof, to celebrate with people who really know how to celebrate. All it takes is a little initiative, a little bit of aloe (just in case) and a lot of rope.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is man that makes truth great,
not truth that makes man great."

Confucius
Chinese philosopher

Make your education mean something

"And when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and hamlet, from every state and city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children — black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Catholics and Protestants — will be able to join hands and to sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last, free at last; thank God Almighty, we are free at last.'"

Peter Quaranto

A Call to Action

Some 40 years ago, Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke these words of hope to an embittered and poor yet committed audience in front of our country's great Lincoln memorial. Today, though we may be unaware and untouched, these same words resound throughout the whole of our campus, through every dorm and every classroom. Our very education is soaked with the legacy of the many great social prophets, activists and leaders of our past.

While the temptation is surely to retreat into the bubble that can be Notre Dame, we are called to a greater awareness and action in tune with the legacy of those who came before us. We are called to awareness and action.

First of all, there is awareness. Notre Dame can easily be a Catholic Disneyland, where the intense football frenzy, blazing sea nuggets at South Dining Hall, bouncin' SYR dances and good times at Core class stifle the desire to interact with the rest of the world. That is not to say that these things are bad in themselves, but that if they serve as a distraction from engaging the rest of humanity and the harsh realities faced, they can be harmful.

So let's talk about engaging the rest of the world. Did you know that Aung Sang Suu Kyi, the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, is currently in a prison in Myanmar (formerly Burma) and reported to be engaging in a hunger strike, similar to the tactics of the great Mahatma Gandhi in the 1930s and 1940s?

Or did you know that President Bush just asked Congress for \$87 billion in emergency spending for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan?

Or that the current U.S. census shows that the ranks of the poor rose by 1.3 million in the last year?

If you are a New York Times reader, these realities are obvious to you, but if not, you are out of touch. Reading the newspaper can be a quick road to awareness.

On a level closer to home, did you know that Desmond Tutu, the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize laureate and archbishop emeritus of South Africa, is going to be here on campus speaking this Thursday? A man who very much changed the course of history through his

actions is speaking this Thursday at McKenna Hall at 7:30 p.m. at part of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies conference entitled "Peacebuilding After Peace Accords."

For that matter, most people probably do not even know that Notre Dame has the Kroc Institute, which is located in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies building, offers a supplementary major or minor for undergraduates and is home to some very amazing professors who have done work all over the world. Awareness is the key, and we all have to work on it, myself most definitely included.

The second step and the result of such awareness must be action. Just as King wrote in his famous "Letter from Birmingham City Jail" some 40 years ago, "We must come to see that human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability. It comes through tireless efforts and persistent work of men willing to be co-workers with God."

So, what does it mean to be a co-worker with God? My experience is that this means a lot more than simply going to classes. For me, this means using my privileges, gifts and education to take action for a more just and humane world. For you, it may mean something different, but the key is that it means something; the key is that you take this call seriously.

Here at Notre Dame, we have so many opportunities to be co-workers with God, whether it be being a Big Brother or Big Sister to an underprivileged kid, working at the Center for the Homeless, going on a trip to Appalachia over fall break, working for a social cause or even just being a good listener to the person down the hall who is homesick.

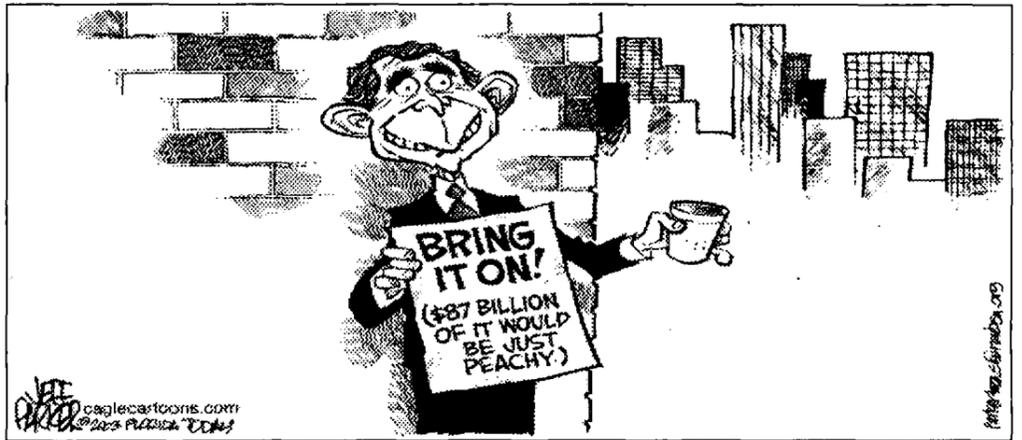
And the beauty that goes with such opportunities is that so many people at Notre Dame take advantage of them and do so much good with the world. If you want to get involved, visit the Center for Social Concerns. It is in this way that we are co-workers with God and conscious of those who came before us.

As we move forward in this semester, I intend to use this column as a way of bringing up different social issues and concerns that call us to a greater awareness and action. We have a special duty as both a Catholic university and a privileged academic institution to use our resources, energies and gifts to act for peace and justice. I pray that we live up to such a great and challenging duty in the days ahead. I pray that we make our education meaningful.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



Honor Code responsibilities neglected

Notre Dame is quite properly proud of its Academic Code of Honor. Yet our honor code is not in the best of health. Many, many faculty are ignoring their responsibilities under the code. Many, many students are cheating and getting away with it. We need to face up to these facts and to consider what, if anything, we ought to do about them.

Thomas Flint

Guest Columnist

These are some of the conclusions I have reached after one year as Faculty Honor Code Officer. The recent shift in honor code procedures has made it possible for us to attain a University-wide picture of how the honor code is being implemented. And that picture is rather disturbing.

Research on college cheating suggests that a university such as Notre Dame would have hundreds if not thousands of honor code violations each year. Professor Donald McCabe of Rutgers University, the best-known contemporary researcher on academic integrity, conducted an extensive survey in 1999. Among students at private schools with an honor code (i.e., schools like Notre Dame), 23 percent admitted to cheating at least once on tests, while 45 percent said they had cheated at least once on written work.

If the numbers at Notre Dame are comparable to those found by McCabe, more than 1,800 Notre Dame students cheat on tests, while more than 3,600 cheat on written work. This means that at least 5,400 violations of the honor code have been committed by current undergraduates, with approximately 1,000 being committed in any given year.

How many honesty committee hearings actually took place last year? Forty. Yes, 40: 29 in Arts and Letters, six in Business, five in Science and none in Engineering. Unless Notre Dame students are far more honest than their colleagues at comparable institutions, honor code violations are leading to hearings only about 4 percent of the time.

It would be foolish, of course, to suggest that this figure is anything more than a reasonable estimate. But the general point seems to me undeniable: Only a tiny fraction of honor code violations are resulting in honor code hearings.

Why are so few infractions leading to hearings? Two explanations seem most plausible. First, many students are cheating without getting caught. And second, many faculty who do become aware of academic dishonesty are choosing to handle things on their own.

If these two factors do explain the low number of honesty hearings, should we be concerned? Yes. Widespread academic dishonesty, whether or not such dishonesty is caught by faculty, is a blemish upon the character of our University. If "successful" cheating at Notre Dame is as prevalent as I have speculated, it should be a significant source of shame for the student body.

Similarly disturbing is the behavior of the

faculty. It's easy to understand why professors are tempted to act unilaterally when they suspect academic dishonesty. Some may be ignorant of their responsibilities under the honor code; some may believe they can "protect" the student by settling the matter privately.

Other less honorable motives may also be present. At a university where terms such as "faculty governance" elicit sardonic smiles, the classroom is one of the few places where the power of the instructor is genuine and unchallenged. Hence, many professors resist surrendering control over the grade of a student suspected of cheating.

Furthermore, honesty hearings take more time and energy than simply confronting the student in question and deciding on the spot what penalty to impose. And faculty are hardly immune to the lure of cutting corners.

Whatever the motives for faculty non-compliance, there are strong reasons for thinking that this failure to abide by the responsibilities of the job is having deleterious consequences.

First, history and common sense suggest that justice is best served when judgment is rendered communally rather than individually. Though faculty will surely strive to be fair, an instructor who (in most cases) feels that his or her trust has been betrayed by an act of apparent dishonesty is hardly in the ideal position to judge fairly and dispassionately.

Furthermore, faculty who fashion private penalties are opening the door to the possibility of serial offenders. If the honor code is followed, students who commit a second violation will be identified and (usually) suspended or dismissed from the University.

Where private "deals" are made, this safeguard against recidivism disappears. Indeed, the door to a further inequity is opened. An "unlucky" student whose teachers abide by the honor code can be dismissed after two offenses; a "lucky" one whose teachers ignore the code can commit any number of offenses without further disciplinary action.

Finally, most faculty who engage in such acts of non-compliance ironically exhibit a kind of dishonesty themselves. They know (or should know) that the code requires them to act in a certain way. Yet they are failing to act in that way. And, of course, most of them are making their deals secretly, since they know that they have an obligation to act otherwise. One can only wonder what moral lessons are really being taught by faculty who act in this manner.

None of us, then, should be complacent about the current situation. Students and faculty alike have reason to look for ways to rectify matters. In the second part of this column, I will discuss one semi-radical change we might want to consider.

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VIDEO GAME REVIEW

When ND football once a week isn't enough

By TROY ANDROLI
Scene Writer

If you can't make it through the week without your fix of blocked punts, safeties and mascots, or if you're frustrated that you can never see the Fighting Irish play the Golden Gophers of Minnesota, EA Sports just may have your solution.

NCAA Football 2004 was released over the summer and is a must-have for any video game library.

The game-play is about the same as any other football game produced in recent memory, so if you've ever played a Madden game, you can pretty much handle the controls. One of the many novelties of this game is the obvious one that you can play as Notre Dame, which means that you can sack the quarterback with the guy who

used to borrow your toothpaste or score a touchdown with that guy who's in front of you in class. Once you get past that, this game has so much more to offer.

There's dynasty mode that lets you take the role of the head coach and Athletic Director. Players need to be recruited, schedules made and National Championships won. You're put in the driver's seat and you have to build your program up to challenge year after year for the national championship, while at the same time losing players to graduation and recruiting more to fill the ranks.

Even regular exhibition games are fun to play. You have a huge selection of 1-A and 1-AA teams and, as an extra bonus, there are a slew of playable classic teams. If you're ever in a sadistic mood, you can pit the 1924 Notre Dame team against Middle Tennessee State and watch the carnage that ensues.

Yet another fun feature is the college classic option. This one is personally my favorite. You're given a real historical situation, one of the best games played in the past 25 years or so, and you either have to match a historic comeback

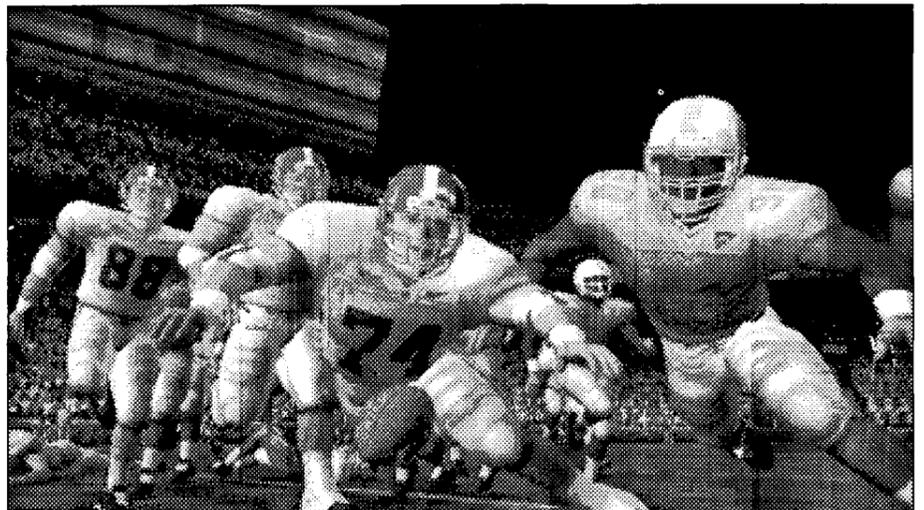


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NCAA Football 2004 has many fun features, one being that players can choose to be Notre Dame.

or change history and win the game as the team that lost it. The game puts you in at the end of the game in a critical situation and you have to finish it out. After you do, the teams are unlocked as classic teams for regular game-play. This is a great feature, because not only can you play the great games that you remember watching when you were little, but they're short enough that you can play during your lunch break or between classes and not have to worry about being late. The only frustrating part about this mode is overtime. Many of the classic games were actually played before

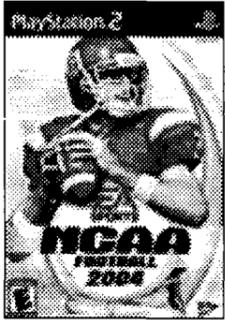
the NCAA overtime rule, and yet if you tie at the end of regulation, you play overtime as if the game were played today.

Beyond that, the limit of my frustrations has to do more with the NCAA than the game itself. Players' names are not allowed to appear in the game — only their numbers. This can prove to be a little annoying but only detracts a little from the game. Overall, this game is definitely worth both your time and money.

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VIDEO GAME REVIEW

Newest Madden is the best yet

By VINCENT MCKINNEY
Scene Writer

For more than a decade, the Madden series of football video games has been turning out quality games and has become the clear-cut leader of the genre. While it would be easy for EA Sports to take this into account and offer little to no innovation each year, they have instead outdone themselves once again with their latest edition of Madden, Madden NFL 2004. Playmaker controls and owner's mode, the two major additions to this year's game, are the most revolutionary ideas to be implemented in many years.

Playmaker mode incorporates the rarely-used right analog stick into the game in order to perform a variety of

functions. While learning the new controls can seem overwhelming at first, it is both fun and extremely effective once mastered. With playmaker mode, you can use the right analog stick to change defensive coverage, the primary receiver's route or the direction of a running play before the snap.

The most important application of the new controls presents itself when you are running downfield with one defender and one lead blocker between you and the goal line. In the past, you may have been dismayed to watch your lead blocker ineptly run the other way as you got flattened, preventing what would have been a sure touchdown. Now, simply point the right analog stick in the direction of the defender, watch your runner point at him and call for help, and watch your lead blocker flatten him with a

bone-crushing block as you high-step into the end zone.

Owner mode is Madden's newest improvement upon the ever-popular franchise mode. Before, franchise mode gave you the power to sign draft picks and free agents, negotiate contracts

with your current players, negotiate trades with other teams and cut those who just couldn't hack it in the NFL. Owner mode provides us with a multitude of features we never even noticed were missing.

After spending the pre-season setting ticket prices, concession prices, parking prices and merchandise prices,

I couldn't help but wonder how I ever played without owner mode. As the owner, the levels at which you set prices and the success of your team directly affects the bottom line. Set prices too high or lose too many games and watch attendance plummet as you struggle to find enough cash to pay your players. Lower ticket prices to below the league average and win the Super Bowl, and you're on easy street for the next year or two.

If that sounds too detailed and mundane for you football fanatics out there,



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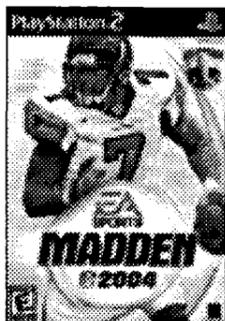
Fans of the Madden series of football video games will not be disappointed with the latest game.

owner's mode can be turned off to avoid the extra work. If it sounds great to the rest of you, I agree. The number of features and surprises contained in the game cannot nearly be described in one small review and, without a doubt, EA Sports' latest offering is a must-have. Once you experience everything there is to do in Madden NFL 2004, you will wonder how you ever got along without the new features.

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**Madden
2004**

EA Sports

ESPN's 'The Season' features Irish

Weekly show will follow the Notre Dame football season both on and off the field

By SCOTT FONFERKO
Scene Writer

Last year, the Notre Dame football team entered the season with a new coach, a new spirit and a burning desire to return to glory.

This year, the Fighting Irish take the field with the same coach, the same spirit, the same goal — and an ESPN camera crew recording their every step along the way.

Due to the success and renewed reputation of the Notre Dame football program, ESPN decided to feature the Irish for its show "The Season." Every Tuesday night, the sports network will air a 60-minute episode following Notre Dame and the team, both on and off the field.

"The Season," which started a few years ago, has followed such teams as St. John's college basketball program and the Oklahoma Sooners college football program. The show followed both the successes and failures in the lives of coaches and players.

"The Season" was created when producers decided to film a different South Eastern Conference (SEC) school each week during football season, following them through preparations for the games, the games themselves and the happenings of a collegiate sports program.

On their filming adventures of SEC schools, ESPN featured the Louisiana State University Tigers, the University of South Carolina Gamecocks and the University of Georgia Bulldogs, along with a few other schools also included in the SEC.

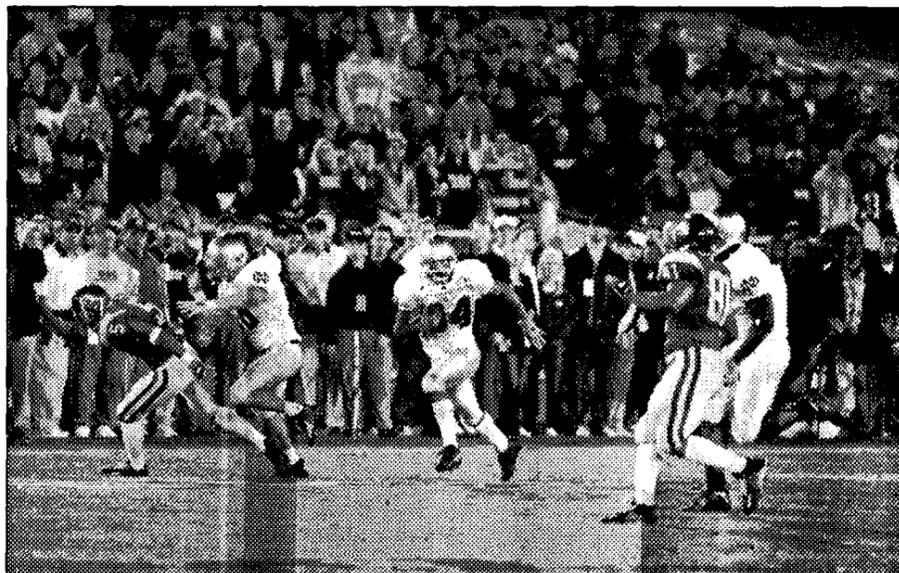
"The Season's" crew films the week-long preparations for each upcoming game. "The Season" taped the numerous practices, whether physical or mental, such as when the team sat down to watch film footage from the opposition to prepare themselves for their tactics. The show also revealed numerous other traditions that the specified school participated in to prepare themselves for the game on Saturday. "The Season" gives an in-depth view of each school's athletic program by going behind the scenes into the locker room and through the rigorous training.

"The Season" approached former Irish

head football coach Bob Davie two years ago but was forced unexpectedly to conclude filming their season before the first episode even aired. Complications arose and upset Davie; the crew for "The Season" overstepped its allotted guidelines, forcing Davie to remove the ESPN crew from the locker room.

This year, the producers of "The Season" approached Coach Tyrone Willingham to follow the Irish as they progress through the 2003 football season. Willingham agreed, as long as they follow his guidelines. He set forth strict rules and regulations for the crew; they are not allowed inside the Irish locker room or at Irish staff meetings. Willingham does not want the influence of ESPN to get in the way of their focus on finding success in their football season. He has informed ESPN that, if "The Season" crew interrupts or affects the team in any negative manner, they are to leave.

ESPN began its coverage of the Notre Dame program with the start of training in early August. It plans to show how the coaching staff prepares each and every player for the upcoming season.



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Vontez Duff, who is sure to be a standout on ESPN's "The Season," returns the ball for the Irish.

schools. "The Season" reveals a glimpse of what goes on behind closed doors, showing a Notre Dame that most people,

They represent prestige that has culminated in years of success. It is only expected that such a storied program as Notre Dame will finally be recognized for the heritage and tradition it has promoted for decades.

Part of the heritage includes The Four Horsemen and Knute Rockne, but from there, the list goes on. Eleven national championships have graced the walls of the house that Rockne built.

Fitting as it is, the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame will finally have their story told. They will no longer simply appear on NBC Saturday afternoon during the football season. For one hour a week, people can look in on this hallowed Notre Dame football program — "The Season: Inside Notre Dame."

This look into Notre Dame football premieres tonight at 7 p.m. South Bend time. It will air

for the next 10 weeks on the same night and time, giving Irish fans all over the country an opportunity to take a deeper look into a developing program, which many fans hope will bring even more glory and honor to Notre Dame football.

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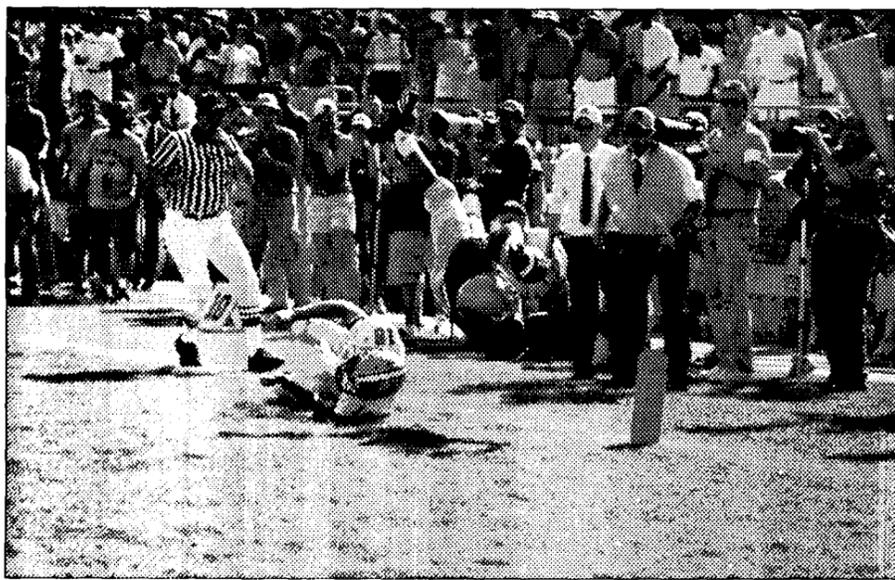
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Although Notre Dame has been nationally televised every Saturday for the last decade, "The Season" provides a unique view into the heart of the tradition that Irish fans consider to be Notre Dame. From student manager's painting the football helmets each week to the famed student section that has turned into a "Sea of Green," there is more tradition in Notre Dame football than in most

even students and fans, never see.

This season, with "The Shirt" reading "Here Come The Irish," Notre Dame intends to be known as a terror in the eyes of their opponents. The Irish are already revered as one of the teams to beat for the 2003 season.

Whether the Irish play well or not, Notre Dame has, and always will be, a team that colleges will want to play.



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Irish fans can now watch touchdowns each Saturday and behind the scenes action each Tuesday.



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After an aborted attempt to film the football team under Coach Bob Davie, "The Season" is back to tape Coach Tyrone Willingham's team.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Braves' Ortiz settles down to win career-high 19th

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Russ Ortiz bounced back from another shaky start for his career-high 19th win and the Atlanta Braves rallied for a 6-4 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies, who dropped into a tie with Florida for the NL wild card Monday.

Ortiz (19-6) gave up four runs in the top of the first, then pitched five scoreless innings while the Braves mounted a comeback against one of their former pitchers, Kevin Millwood.

Mark DeRosa hit a two-run homer in the bottom half of the first and scored the go-ahead run in the fifth, scoring from third when Andruw Jones hit into a double play with the bases loaded.

The Marlins pulled even in the wild-card race with a 5-0 victory over the New York Mets. Florida and Philadelphia are 12 games behind Atlanta in the NL East.

The game drew only 17,543, the smallest crowd in Turner Field's seven-year history.

Ortiz, who has four more wins than anyone in the NL, was 18-9 with San Francisco in 1999. He'll get three or four more starts this season, needing just one more victory for the first 20-win season of his career.

Mike Lieberthal hit a three-run homer off Ortiz in the first, which wasn't anything new. The Atlanta ace has given up 26 of his 94 runs in the opening inning.

Ortiz was constantly behind in the count, throwing just 51 of 110 pitches for strikes. He walked four to take over the NL lead in that category from Chicago's Kerry Wood with 93 for the season.

But Ortiz allowed only three

hits and cruised after the Phillies left the bases loaded in the second. Philadelphia had only two baserunners from the third through sixth innings — one on a hit batter, the other on Ortiz's final walk.

Ray King pitched 1 1-3 scoreless innings, Jaret Wright got the final two outs in the eighth, and Will Cunnane pitched the ninth for the second save of his career — and the last two days.

The 29-year-old journeyman, who got out of a jam with runners on first and third with two outs in the ninth, is filling in as the closer for John Smoltz, expected to be on the disabled list for another week with a sore elbow.

Astros 8, Brewers 4

Roy Oswalt returned from the disabled list and Jeff Bagwell and Lance Berkman each had three RBIs as the Houston Astros beat the Milwaukee Brewers Monday night.

The victory, Houston's fourth in five games, put the Astros in a first-place tie with the idle Chicago Cubs.

Oswalt (7-5), sidelined since July 30 with a strained right groin, was activated from the 15-day disabled list Monday. The right-hander allowed four earned runs on five hits in five innings to win for the first time since July 18.

Berkman gave Houston a 3-0 lead in the top of the first with a three-run double on a 3-2 pitch from Wayne Franklin (10-12).

Franklin, who leads the majors in home runs allowed, served up a two-run shot to Bagwell in the fourth to make it 5-0 lead.

Wes Helms cut the deficit to 5-3 with a three-run shot with two outs in the fourth, but Houston pulled away with single runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

Richard Hidalgo hit a solo homer, his 23rd of the season, to give Houston a 6-3 lead in the fifth.

After Bill Hall hit a run-scoring single in the fifth, Bagwell got the run back with an RBI double in the sixth.

Milwaukee lost its fourth game in a row and five of seven overall.

Pirates 9, Reds 1

Josh Fogg and the Pittsburgh Pirates like facing the Reds — especially in Cincinnati.

Fogg threw his first major league complete game, and Craig Wilson homered twice and tied his career high with four RBIs as the Pirates beat the Reds on Monday night.

Fogg (9-8) gave up 10 hits and no walks while striking out nine — one shy of his career high — to improve to 3-0 in his career — all this season — against the Reds.

The Pirates improved to 6-0 this season at Great American Ball Park and, dating to last season, have won seven in a row in Cincinnati for the first time since May 31-Sept. 26, 1937.

The complete game was the second in a row for Pittsburgh. Kip Wells went the distance in a 2-1 loss at Atlanta on Sunday. Fogg threw 113 pitches, 80 of them strikes.

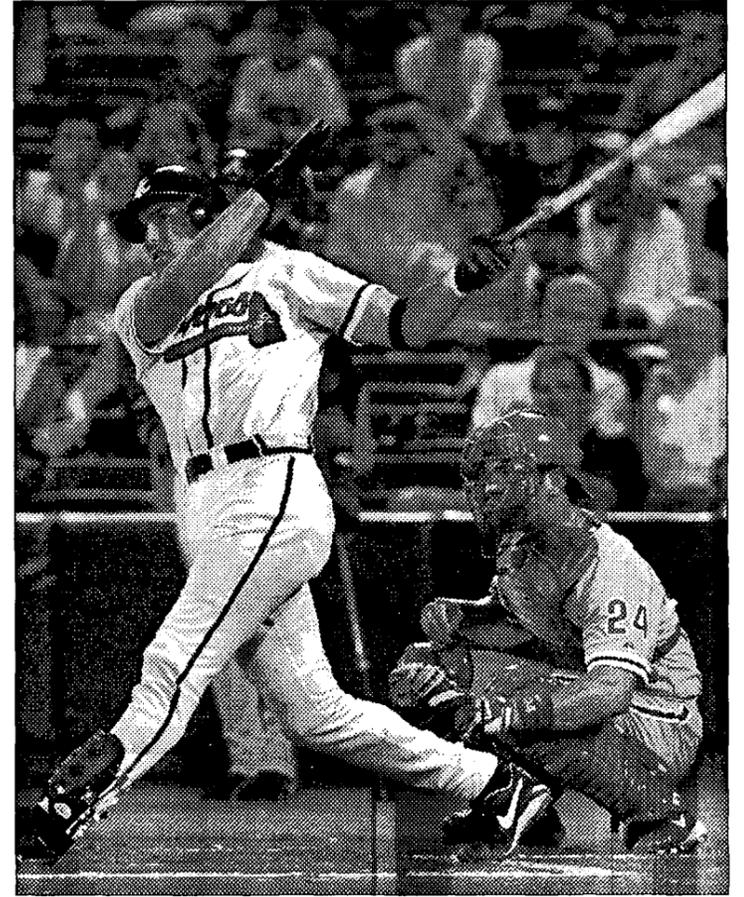
Wilson had three hits as the Pirates scored nine runs, which matched their highest scoring output in any of their last 18 games.

John Bale (1-2) allowed six hits, but three were home runs. He walked one and struck out three.

Marlins 5, Mets 0

Josh Beckett knew what it was all about for the Florida Marlins.

Beckett held New York to four hits over six innings as the Marlins beat the Mets Monday



Atlanta infielder Mark DeRosa hits a 2-run home run in the first inning in the Braves 6-4 victory Monday night.

night and moved into a tie for the NL wild card.

Until the Marlins scored four times in the ninth, it appeared that Alex Gonzalez's third-inning homer was going to be it for the Marlins offense. But Beckett and three relievers combined on a six-hit shutout.

Florida manager Jack McKeon lifted Beckett for a pinch hitter in the seventh inning. Beckett (8-7) struck out six and walked two.

Relievers Nate Bump, Ugueth

Urbina and Braden Loper followed with three scoreless innings, handing the Mets their fifth straight loss.

Florida moved into a tie with the Phillies for the NL Wild Card playoff spot when Philadelphia lost 6-4 at Atlanta.

Florida scored four runs in the ninth off reliever Orber Moreno when pinch-hitter Todd Hollandsworth had an RBI single, Juan Pierre tripled in two runs, and Luis Castillo doubled in Pierre.

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Orioles get four in seventh and eighth to beat Red Sox

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Deivi Cruz drove in four runs and Jerry Hairston scored the tiebreaking run in the eighth inning as the Baltimore Orioles rallied to beat the Boston Red Sox 13-10 Monday night.

The Orioles trailed 8-5 before

scoring four runs in the seventh and four more in the eighth. Baltimore took advantage of four Boston errors to improve to 8-5 against the Red Sox this season.

Johnny Damon hit his 100th career homer and drove in four runs, and Manny Ramirez and Nomar Garciaparra also home-

red for Boston. Catcher Jason Varitek and pitcher Derek Lowe, who wasn't playing in the game, were ejected in a wild seventh inning.

Bill Mueller had four hits, including a ninth-inning homer, and Ramirez, David Ortiz, and Todd Walker had three hits apiece. The Red Sox fell 3 1/2

games behind the New York Yankees in the AL East and their wild-card lead over idle Seattle shaved to one game.

Yankees 9, Blue Jays 3

Mike Mussina and Joe Torre enjoyed a quiet day at the ballpark — especially because their team won.

With only 8,848 fans at Yankee Stadium for a makeup date, New York made plenty of noise with its bats Monday and beat the Toronto Blue Jays.

The manager had an easy day, watching Hideki Matsui drive in three runs and Mike Mussina pitch seven effective innings for the AL East leaders.

The Yankees lead the majors with an average home attendance of nearly 44,000, and the stadium was filled with three straight sellout crowds over the weekend to see Boston. But on a work day and school day, few fans showed up to see a game that was scheduled for July 22 but rained out.

This was the smallest crowd at Yankee Stadium since 8,112 saw the Chicago White Sox on Oct. 1, 2001 — a makeup for a game originally set for Sept. 11.

The Yankees extended their division lead to three games over the Red Sox, who played later at Baltimore. New York ended the Blue Jays' three-game winning streak and stopped their 22-inning scoreless streak.

Mussina (16-7) was given a three-run lead in the first inning and kept the Yankees ahead before leaving after the seventh. He earned his 198th career victory, a day after teammate David Wells also won No. 198.

Mussina struck out eight and took over the AL lead with 183, passing Boston's Pedro Martinez at 175. He fanned league RBIs leader Carlos Delgado three times, and has certainly seen him enough — Mussina went 3-2 in six starts against Toronto this year.

Matsui hit his 40th double and a pair of singles, and slumping Jason Giambi went 2-

for-3 with two walks. Derek Jeter and Alfonso Soriano also each had three of the Yankees' 16 hits — the same total they had in the whole series against the Red Sox.

Kelvim Escobar (10-9) was tagged for eight runs and 10 hits in just 3 1-3 innings. Two of the runs were unearned, one because of his own throwing error on Giambi's bases-loaded tapper in the opening inning.

White Sox 5, Twins 2

The Chicago White Sox wasted little time warming up for their first-place showdown with the Minnesota Twins.

Jose Valentin and Miguel Olivo had two RBIs each in a five-run first inning Monday night as Bartolo Colon and the White Sox beat the Twins 5-2 in the opener of a key four-game series.

With the victory, Chicago took a one-game lead in the AL Central at the start of what promises to be a frenetic final three weeks of the season. The teams also play three times next week at the Metrodome.

Minnesota had its five-game winning streak snapped and also lost manager Ron Gardenhire, who was ejected in the fourth inning after an argument with plate umpire Gerry Davis.

Colon (13-12) allowed 10 hits and made one of the game's best defensive plays, snaring Denny Hocking's line drive up the middle with runners at second and third and no outs in the seventh.

He then fanned Doug Mientkiewicz and got Matthew LeCroy to fly out to end the threat. Colon walked one and struck out four in his seventh complete game of the season.

The White Sox, responding to a loud crowd of 32,807 on a half-price ticket night, got all five of their first-inning runs with two outs against Kyle Lohse (12-11).

Carlos Lee doubled with one out in the first, Frank Thomas walked and after Magglio Ordonez popped out, Carl Everett hit an RBI single.

Paul Konerko walked to load the bases before Valentin blooped a two-run single to center to make it 3-0. Joe Crede followed with a single and then Olivo hit a sinking liner to left center that a diving Shannon Stewart couldn't hold, turning it into a two-run double.

Lohse, 6-1 in his seven previous starts, settled down thereafter and allowed just two hits in his final five innings.

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NCAA

McCaw hired as new Baylor athletic director

Associated Press

WACO, Texas — Ian McCaw was hired Monday as athletic director at Baylor, a school shaken by scandal and the slaying of one of its basketball players.

McCaw left the same job at Massachusetts and earlier ran the athletic departments at Northeastern and Tulane.

"Baylor represents a pinnacle personal and professional position for me," he said at a news conference at Floyd Casey Stadium.

He replaces Tom Stanton, who resigned exactly one month earlier as the fallout began from the death of Patrick Dennehy. Basketball coach Dave Bliss resigned the

same day and has since been replaced by Scott Drew, formerly of Valparaiso.

Former Baylor player Carlton Dotson has been indicted on a murder charge in Dennehy's death.

Violations ranging from scholarship payments to poorly handled drug tests have been revealed in Bliss' program. An internal investigative committee has yet to file a full report. Then, the NCAA will weigh in, possibly with heavy sanctions.

"This is the culmination of a very thorough national search that yielded outstanding candidates," Baylor president Robert Sloan said. "Ian is a proven leader with experience in athletics administration."

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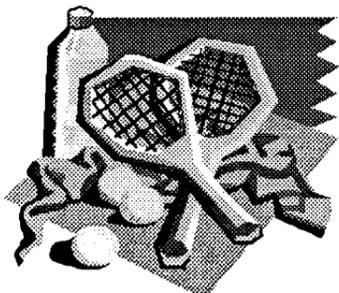
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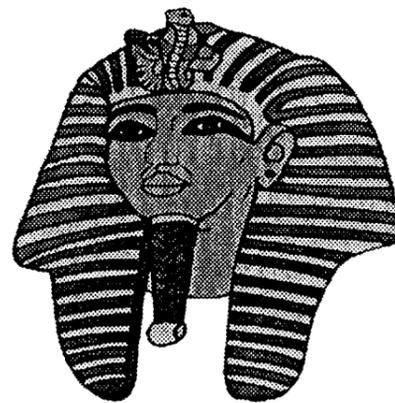
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TENNIS

U.S. Open title brings Roddick into spotlight

Associated Press

NEW YORK — His hair spiked and jeans ripped, Andy Roddick strode through Times Square with pop star girlfriend Mandy Moore on Monday.

Passers-by slapped Roddick on the shoulder (he smiled). Or asked him to stop and pose for a photo (he obliged). Or offered congratulations (MTV's Carson Daly rode by, lowered his car's tinted window and shouted: "Way to go, Andy!").

Morning interviews with "Today" and "Regis & Kelly" were behind him. Appearances on ESPN, CNN and David Letterman's "Late Show" awaited.

It was a whirlwind start to

Roddick's new life as a Grand Slam champion, a day after he beat new No. 1 Juan Carlos Ferrero 6-3, 7-6 (2), 6-3 in the U.S. Open final.

"It's craziness. I would have never imagined what it was like to win a Slam, and I never imagined the aftermath of it, either," Roddick said.

"Reality's coming back tomorrow."

That might not quite be the case. After all, there already were plenty of expectations and eyes on him. Now that will be ratcheted up, which is how it has to be if tennis is going to increase its popularity in the United States.

Pete Sampras is gone, Andre Agassi is 33, and so far none of the young non-American stars

(French Open champion Ferrero, Wimbledon champion Roger Federer, 2001 U.S. Open champion Lleyton Hewitt) has shown the combination of charm and charisma that helped Bjorn Borg or Boris Becker draw fans.

This U.S. Open final produced the event's lowest TV rating in five years. Is that because people don't know who Roddick is? There are more likely explanations: A week of rain made for a disjointed event, plus the previous four finals involved Sampras or Agassi or both.

By winning, Roddick quickly began to fulfill what's been predicted for him. His first major title came in his 12th Grand Slam tournament; Agassi, for example, needed 18.

"In America, we have such a long line and tradition of Grand Slam champions, that it's almost expected. It definitely is a monkey off my back," Roddick said. "I got sick of hearing it. I'm not going to lie. It was there before I deserved it. ... I've always had — fair or not fair — attention paid to me. A lot of it was undeserved."

Roddick is now a career-best No. 2 in the rankings and said Monday his objective is to finish the year at No. 1.

"I'm not at the top yet," he said. "This is awesome for me. I'm so happy. But it doesn't make me any less hungry. I definitely want to get out there and keep working hard and keep trying to improve."

If anyone is set up to handle what's ahead, it's Roddick.

He's a natural entertainer who, like Jimmy Connors, slapped high-fives with spectators after one spectacular point at last year's Open.

He's comfortable speaking his mind, something Sampras never quite mastered, but Agassi, Connors and John McEnroe all did.

And, most importantly, he has a strong support system in place, one that's carried him this far and will help him in the future.

His parents and brothers keep him grounded. His sister-in-law Ginger handles PR. And coach Brad Gilbert, who used to work with Agassi, has guided Roddick to a 37-2 record since June.

NFL

Patriots insist loss of Milloy didn't lead to blowout loss

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — How much does it hurt a team to lose its defensive signal caller, locker room leader and one of the hardest hitters on the roster?

And how much more does it hurt when that player winds up, five days later, lined up against you, with full knowledge of your playbook?

If you ask the New England Patriots: A whole lot less than 31 points.

"One man? I don't care if you

go get a Hall of Famer out of the Hall of Fame, he's not going to be the difference in that football game," Patriots defensive lineman Richard Seymour said Monday, a day after Bills safety Lawyer Milloy led his new team to a 31-0 victory over his old one.

"He could have been on our side of the field and we still would have lost that game."

But he wasn't.

After months trying to renegotiate Milloy's contract, the Patriots released him last Tuesday, and he signed with

Buffalo a day later. In the end, the difference between the two sides was reportedly \$600,000.

Although the move shocked Milloy's New England teammates, they insist they had put the distraction behind them by Sunday.

"That was Tuesday," coach Bill Belichick said. "I don't think we were talking about it in the succeeding days."

But their performance in the opener against a key AFC East rival suggests otherwise. With all summer to prepare — everyone except for Milloy's

replacement, Antwan Harris, that is — New England fell behind 21-0 early in the second quarter and never mounted any kind of comeback.

Harris was the primary replacement for Milloy, and though he wasn't the problem for New England, he wasn't the solution, either. He had three tackles in the game; Milloy had a sack and five tackles, and he broke up a pass that resulted in an interception for Buffalo.

Law had words with Harris on the field after Law got no

help on Eric Moulds' 49-yard reception on the Bills' second possession.

Asked to assess Harris' performance, Belichick said, "I don't think anybody on defense, offense or on special teams played as well as they can play."

"You can put any name you want in there and I would say that about every player who participated in the game without exception," he said. "I would say the same thing for the coaches too, myself included."

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NFL

Texans look to build on upset of Dolphins

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Miami Dolphins, traditionally strong in September, learned an important lesson: Nobody beats the Texans on opening day.

Houston became the first expansion team to start 1-0 in its first two seasons, and will now focus on putting together the first winning streak in franchise history.

"The challenge will be to see how much we've matured as a football team," coach Dom Capers said Monday as Houston basked in its 21-20 victory over heavily favored Miami.

"There were phases of our football team that played extremely well after a win last year, but we didn't play well and put it all together as a team."

The Texans had four chances to build a winning streak last year, but lost each time, by a combined score of 99-35.

Houston's fifth chance to string together two victories comes in New Orleans on Sunday. The Saints are coming off a 27-10 loss at Seattle.

Capers' task will be to get the Texans used to success and prepared for a winning encore.

"It's hard for me to believe that we were ever an overconfident football team last year," Capers said. "We just weren't consistent enough. One of our points of emphasis coming into this season was we wanted to be a smarter, more physical,

more consistent football team. I think we made some strides in those areas."

While no one is ready to predict the Texans will play a home game Feb. 1 when the Super Bowl comes to Houston, there were signs the team has vastly improved from 2002.

David Carr, sacked an NFL-record 76 times last season, avoided Miami's rush, which was led by 2002 sack leader Jason Taylor. Carr relied on quick drops, coupled with an offensive line retooled with three new starters.

Houston did not fumble or throw an interception, something it did not accomplish in any game last season.

The Texans maintained their steady defense from last year, when they ranked 16th in the league. Virtually the same starting cast returned from 2002, though there's not much depth, making it important for playmakers like cornerbacks Marcus Coleman and Aaron Glenn to stay healthy.

Offensive coordinator Chris Palmer balanced the attack with 34 rushes and 32 passes for a team-record 393 yards. New running back Stacey Mack gained 89 tough yards despite an average of 3.3 per carry, opening up passing lanes.

With protection, a running game and No. 3 overall draft pick Andre Johnson, Carr showed why he was the top pick in 2002, going 17-of-31 for 266 yards and a touchdown.

BOXING

Byrd finally gets a fight

Associated Press

Chris Byrd is the IBF heavyweight champion.

He holds a real belt. It used to belong to Lennox Lewis, and Byrd had to beat Evander Holyfield to get it.

Byrd also has an Olympic silver medal, a 35-2 record and two of the fastest hands in boxing, but he's spent the last nine months trying to lure everybody — anybody — into the ring.

"I'm the test in the heavyweight division," the 33-year-old southpaw said. "Nobody wants to take the test. Nobody wants to study for something so hard."

The knock on Byrd is his style, which is so herky jerky that some fighters don't want to get into the ring with him. He doesn't throw a nasty power punch or slug his way through his fights, but he is elusive and wily. And, unlike some in the heavyweight division, he's a nice guy.

"In this era of craziness, if I were an ex-criminal or if I beat my wife, I'd be really easy to promote," he said.

Byrd is fighting No. 2 IBF contender Fres Oquendo on Sept. 20 at the Mohegan Sun Casino in Uncasville, Conn.

Oquendo, another nice guy, has a 30-1 record and more speed and agility than name recognition.

"We need to clean up boxing's image," said the 30-year-old Oquendo of Puerto Rico. "We have an opportunity to show the boxing world there

are some class-act fighters out there. We're the new generation."

Boxing's heavyweight division doesn't put a premium on such bouts. Toe-to-toe slugfests draw big crowds, and pre-fight antics make headlines.

"I don't fit in at all," Byrd said from Las Vegas, where he trains. "You see me at any fight, I've got my wife with me. That's my best friend."

Byrd and Oquendo see a void atop the heavyweight division, where Lennox Lewis, Holyfield and Mike Tyson have dominated the headlines for so long.

Lewis is on the sidelines, pondering retirement. He surrendered the IBF belt rather than face Byrd, who then perplexed an aging Holyfield to seize the vacant title.

Tyson, who hasn't fought since stopping Clifford Etienne in February, is mired in legal and financial problems.

Byrd is in a perfect position to take advantage. His bout is being carried by HBO, immediately after the replay of the Sept. 13 fight between Oscar De La Hoya and Shane Mosley.

Byrd hopes people tuning in to that bout will stick around for a different kind of heavyweight boxing.

"For those who understand

the sport, who like to interpret a fight plan strategy, this is going to be an interesting fight," said Kevin Barry, who trained David Tua in his win over Oquendo and his loss to Byrd. "But we're talking about your average Joe Blow, who sits on a bar stool with a can of beer."

Oquendo believes this title fight can win over casual fans without news conference charades, especially coming on the heels of the De La Hoya fight.

"We're both artistic fighters. This is an art. It's like Monet, Van Gogh."

**Fres Oquendo
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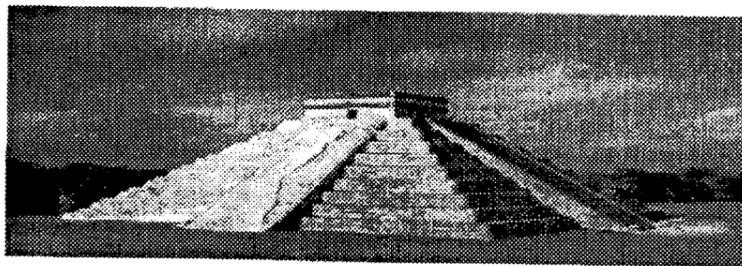
They painted beautiful paintings. We make beautiful, precise moves."

Byrd has been installed as the favorite by Las Vegas oddsmakers, and he said he's hoping a dominating win will get him the recognition he seeks.

Whether it will give him a big-money fight remains to be seen.

"Nobody is putting their hand up to fight Chris Byrd," Barry said. "The guy is extremely quick. He's the most awkward fighter in the heavyweight division. He takes a punch very, very well, and he has the fastest hand speed.

"Who wants to fight him?"



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NFL



EPA Photo

Kurt Warner loses the ball on one of his six fumbles. After a game-ending concussion and visit to a New York hospital, he has lost his hold on a starting job as well. Marc Bulger will start in his place on Sunday.

Bulger returns to Rams starting lineup

ST. LOUIS — One week into the season, the St. Louis Rams have a quarterback controversy.

Kurt Warner's comeback got off to a rocky start when he played through a concussion in the season-opening loss to the New York Giants.

Healthy or not, he won't start Sunday against the San Francisco 49ers, Marc Bulger will.

The two-time MVP said he felt fine Monday, a day after his fog-induced, error-filled performance in the 23-13 loss. After being released from a New York hospital earlier Monday, Warner ran and worked

out in St. Louis, and he wants to play on Sunday.

Doctors in New York told Warner he probably could practice Wednesday, although team medical personnel will be more cautious.

"I think I should play," Warner said in a conference call with reporters. "As long as the doctors clear me, I'll be ready to go."

Not so fast. Coach Mike Martz blames himself for allowing Warner to slowly clear his head while fumbling six times and getting sacked six times, and said he'll take a safety-first

approach on Sunday. So Bulger, the backup who was 6-1 as the Rams' starter last year, will get the call.

"This week I'm going to play Marc," Martz said. "I think we can go one week, and make sure. He's upset about probably going with Marc but I think it's probably the best thing at this point."

Martz said it's way too soon to talk about whether it's still Warner's job to lose.

"I don't want to get into all of that right now," Martz said. "Let's just take it one week at a time at this point."

"I don't know what the medical staff will say at the end of the week and I don't know how he's going to be at the end of the week, so if that ever becomes an issue we'll address it."

Warner, the MVP in 1999 and 2001, was 0-6 with three touchdown passes and 11 interceptions last year while missing time with a broken pinkie and hand. He doesn't appear worried about the competition.

"This isn't about me and Marc, this is about the team," Warner said. "This is about doing what's best for our team."

IN BRIEF

Knight's saga continues

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana University fulfilled its obligation to former basketball coach Bob Knight by continuing to pay him after he was fired, an attorney for the university said Monday.

Attorney Dave Mattingly asked Monroe Circuit Judge Kenneth Todd for an order that would effectively dismiss Knight's lawsuit without a trial. Todd did not indicate when he would make a ruling in the lawsuit against the university.

Mattingly said Knight's contract allowed the university to end his employment, for any reason, as long as the school continued paying him through the rest of the contract. If the university had fired Knight for cause, he said, the compensation would have stopped immediately.

Knight was fired in 2000 for violating a "zero tolerance" behavior policy by grabbing the arm of a student who he said greeted him by his last name. Knight sued two years later,

claiming the university violated his employment contract. He now is the basketball coach at Texas Tech.

Russell Yates, a Denver lawyer who represents Knight, said Knight effectively was fired for cause.

"The president of the university goes on national TV in front of 40 million people and says, 'Bob Knight's personal conduct is bad, and therefore I'm going to fire him,'" Yates said in arguments to the judge. "Everyone in the world, with the exception of the people at Indiana University, knows this man was terminated for cause."

He said IU had to pay Knight until his contract expired regardless of whether he was fired for cause.

While Knight's lawsuit claimed the firing cost him more than \$2 million in media and clothing contracts as well as endorsements and camps, Yates said the case isn't about money but Knight's "honor, reputation and integrity."

"He had a right to go away with his

integrity intact by answering these charges that the president threw out in front of 40 million people," he said.

Leetch out with ankle injury

NEW YORK — New York Rangers defenseman Brian Leetch is out indefinitely with a similar injury to his left ankle that caused him to miss nearly half of last season.

Leetch, 35, was practicing at the team's facility in Greenburgh, N.Y., last Friday when he was struck by a slap shot, the Rangers said Monday.

X-rays were negative but Leetch is unlikely to be able to participate in New York's training camp that begins Thursday in Burlington, Vt.

Last season, Leetch's 16th with the Rangers, he severely bruised his left ankle when he blocked a shot against Columbus on Dec. 3. New York went 10-16-3-2 in his absence.

Leetch signed a two-year contract in July to stay with the Rangers after becoming an unrestricted free agent.

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feel the pressure, Holiday lost the ball three times, recovering it once. The two lost fumbles led to 10 Washington State points.

Seeing the game slip away due to the relentless attack on his quarterback, Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham and the rest of his offensive staff went to work on how to protect their signal-caller.

"We had to make some [changes] in our protection because they were giving us some strong side pressure that we tried to have [Holiday] recognize and they did a good job, sometimes slipping a guy by," Willingham said. "We tried to do some things as coaches and the coaches did a good job of adjusting and putting our team in a better position to make our protection a little more solid where we could give [Holiday] time to do some things."

Given more time in the second half, Holiday was able to make some things happen. He scrambled for long gains when he couldn't find any of his receivers. Facing a Cougar blitz on second and goal in the fourth quarter, Holiday hit wide receiver Rhema McKnight on a slant over the middle for an 11-yard touchdown that brought the Irish within three.

But Holiday wasn't the only one who benefited from the improved offensive line play from the first to second half.

While the running backs saw marginal improvement in the third quarter (13 net rushing yards), the real difference

was seen in the fourth quarter.

The ground game led by Ryan Grant and Julius Jones rushed more effectively, including five runs over 10 yards by Grant and Jones. Attribute that production to two things — the Cougars' defense wearing down and the overall size and strength of the two Irish running backs.

"I felt especially in the second half things started to go our way a little bit better and I could sense they were getting a little frustrated, a little tired," tackle Dan Stevenson said. "That's when we try to just keep pounding."

"If you give anybody in the backfield the ball, you don't have to worry as an offensive lineman about a one-arm tackle or tripping up these backs," Morton said. "You are talking about some amazing athletes who do things with the ball that normally can't be done. It's a pleasure to block for any of them."

When the breaks weren't going their way in the first half, the inexperienced line could have mailed it in for the rest of the game. What that second half performance showed was the attitude this line wants to illustrate each and every time it steps on the field.

"We fight hard. A lot of things about today were ugly, but we fight hard," Morton said. "We fought hard for 60 minutes. The fourth quarter was the toughest part of our fight."

"If that's something that we can say to other people, that will win us some games."

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"All you really need is to get your nose bloodied a little bit and then you'll be ready to go."

Sean Milligan
Irish guard

SMC VOLLEYBALL

'Underdog' Belles ready for Calvin

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

After their match Tuesday night, the Saint Mary's volleyball team might be able to show an MIAA opponent what the Belles already know — they are a much improved volleyball team from last season.

The Belles travel to Grand Rapids, Mich., Tuesday night to face traditional power Calvin College in a key MIAA matchup.

Saint Mary's (4-2, 0-1 MIAA) comes into the contest on a roll, having won four of five games at the Kilt Classic in Ohio last weekend. The four wins already place Saint Mary's well ahead of its pace from last year, when the team went 7-21 during the regular season.

The Belles are also anxious to avenge a narrow five-set loss to Albion last week to open their conference schedule.

"We're real excited and [the girls are] hungry for an MIAA win," coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "We're the real underdog, but we've got wonderful team

chemistry and this is going to be a good game."

The Knights have had the Belles' number lately. Last season, Saint Mary's faced Calvin and lost in straight sets each time. Perhaps the most difficult loss was a 20-30, 15-30, 13-30 match which knocked the Belles out of the first round of the 2002-03 MIAA playoffs.

"They're always just a real good solid team," Schroeder-Biek said.

Calvin (5-0, 1-0 MIAA) is a talented team on both offense and defense. The Knights so far have amassed 259 kills this season, while their opponents have only collected 32 kills. The Knights have also hit at a .338 percentage for the season.

Defensively, Calvin has 45 total blocks compared to nine for its opponents.

Junior middle hitter Kara Kuipers leads the team with 86 kills and 27 blocks. Her performance has not gone unnoticed by the conference, as Kuipers has been named MIAA player of the week the past two weeks.

Middle hitter Christine Hendricks and outside hitter Kristen Kalb follow Kuipers in kills, with 54 and 49, respectively. The fact that two middle hitters have collected the vast majority of Calvin's kills is no surprise to the Saint Mary's coach.

"They run really strong out of the middle," Schroeder-Biek said. "We practiced today against net aggression and defending the middle attack, because we know that's what Calvin wants to do."

The Belles played in over fifteen games this weekend, a fact that did not get past their coach. She insists that the team is well-rested and ready to take on what could be their most talented MIAA opponent this year.

"I think [the girls] have recovered and are building back up," Schroeder-Biek said. "I think they're rested and ready to go."

The Belles return home Thursday to face non-conference opponent Rochester College.

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season. Saint Mary's prefers to focus on its play instead.

"We're starting off our conference schedule and it's our first home game," Haring said. "With the start that we've had, we want to keep the same mentality

without distractions.

"Our girls are playing a very consistent brand of defense and limiting the opportunities of our opponents' offensive side. If there are shots on goal, we want them to be a low percentage." Execution of these goals depends upon defensemen Carrie Orr, Katie Taylor and Shannon Culbertson. And the Belles will need another strong

game from freshman goalkeeper Laura Heline as well. "[Heline] has been able to read the game really well and not give any easy goals away to opponents," Haring said. "The defense has been playing really strong. We want to keep our balance and our mindset."

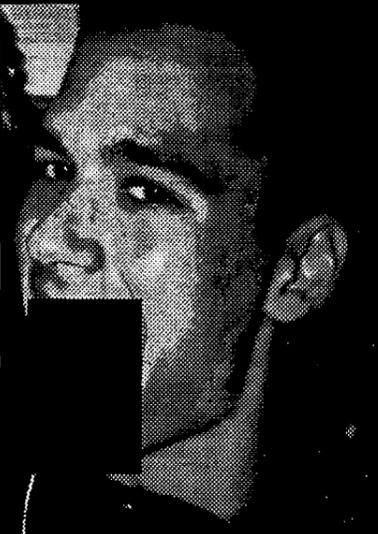
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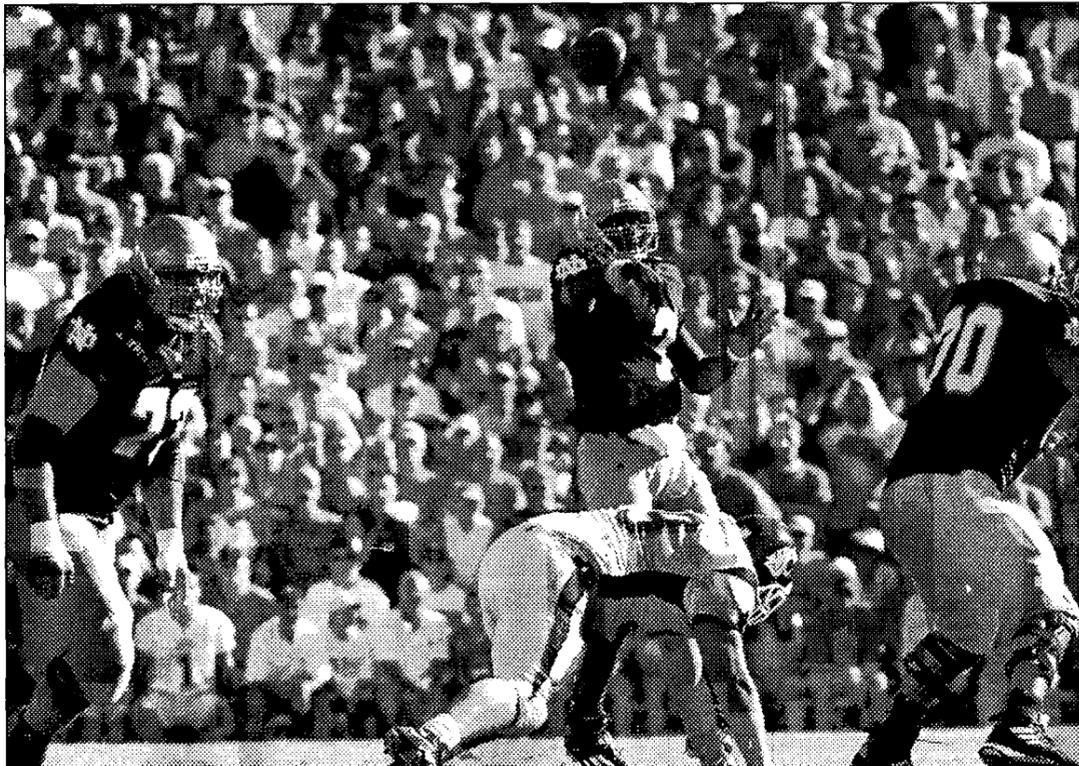
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FOOTBALL

Baptism by fire

Four new offensive line starters learn in the first half, find success in second half



Notre Dame left guard Mark Levoir (left) and left tackle Jim Mollnaro (right) open a passing lane for quarterback Carlyle Holiday Saturday against Washington State.

By MATT LOZAR
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For two quarters Saturday afternoon, the Notre Dame offensive line looked like a unit that lost four starters to the National Football League.

The offense had gained 8 net rushing yards. Facing blitzes from Washington State on nearly every play, quarterback Carlyle Holiday had trouble staying upright, fumbled four times (losing three) and experienced trouble on numerous snaps with the exchange and tripping over the line. Each time the offense got into the red zone, the offensive line committed a costly penalty, pushing the Irish back and relegating them to a field goal.

At halftime, the coaching staff made some adjustments in the protection schemes but it took some time for those changes to become effective. In the fourth quarter, the coaches also moved starting center Bob Morton to right guard, inserted Zach Giles to center and took right guard Sean Milligan from the game.

Whether it was the change in protection, change in the lineup or just becoming used to actual game tempo, the Irish kept Holiday upright in the fourth quarter and amassed 119 yards rushing. Not coincidentally, the Irish scored 20 points.

"One of the great things about our offensive line this year is that we are so versatile," Morton said. "In the second half, they put Zach Giles in at center and bumped me to right guard. That's something we knew would happen at some point during the season."

"I definitely think it was settling in and getting used to game speed," Milligan said. "All you really need is to get your nose bloodied a little bit and then you'll be ready to go."

The Cougars tested the youthful Irish offensive line, bringing blitz after blitz.

In the first half, it worked. Holiday was crushed by blind-side hits where a Washington State defender went untouched before putting a lick on the Irish quarterback. Not being able to

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SMC SOCCER

Belles home schedule starts against Calvin

By ERIK POWERS
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Saint Mary's opens its home season and conference schedule today against Calvin College. The schools enter today's game at opposite ends of the rebuilding process.

Calvin is 0-2 after a pair of losses last week, but the team finished 9-3-2 in conference last year (12-6-2 overall), including a 1-1 tie and 1-0 win over Saint Mary's. Calvin graduated three all-conference seniors from that team, including Tricia Dyk. Dyk was all-MIAA each year at Calvin and was the league MVP in 2002.

Saint Mary's is off to a school-best 3-0 start. Junior midfielder Jen Concannon was named the first MIAA player of the week over the weekend. Concannon scored two goals versus both SUNY-Brockport and Taylor.

She leads the Belles with five goals on the season. Coach Peter Haring expects conference opponents to take note of

Concannon's torrid play. "I think that as the year goes on, especially in the conference season, opponents will know to look for her," Haring said. "That will open up opportunities for the rest of the offense. But if she can keep this pace up, she will have one of those golden seasons."

Saint Mary's is well-rested. The Belles last played on Sept. 3 and should have fresh legs.

Haring hopes that Saint Mary's will exploit its home field advantage.

"Our field is one of the nicer ones in the conference," Haring said. "We keep it well maintained during the season and off-season. We have a regular sized playing surface with the maximum length and width."

"At Taylor [last Wednesday] it was a much shorter game because they had a smaller stadium. We should benefit because with our offense we use the width of the field a lot."

There won't be any grandiose speeches to commemorate the beginning of the Belles' home

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Home schedule kicks off

No. 15 Irish return home to play Valpo

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame may be in Indiana, not Kansas, but the Irish agree that there is no place like home.

They are ecstatic to play on their home court after a five-game road swing to start the season.

"We are so excited to be on our home court," sophomore middle blocker Lauren Kelbley said. "It's going to be great to be back in the JACC."

Notre Dame (4-1) will face the undefeated Valparaiso Crusaders (8-0) in their home debut Tuesday evening.

"We don't take anybody lightly, because in college volleyball, anything can happen," Kelbley said.

No. 15 Notre Dame looks to maintain its ranking, led by Kelbley and junior hitter Emily Loomis. The Irish moved up six spots in this week's polls, jumping from No. 21.

"It is very exciting to be ranked," Kelbley said. "We know our potential, and it's great to finally see us get in the polls."

Kelbley is coming off an outstanding weekend at the Longhorn Classic, where she was named tournament MVP. Friday's match against Houston saw her slam 22 kills, and she hit .446 on the weekend. This was good enough to earn her Big East Player of the Week.

Meanwhile, Loomis has also been playing well lately, earning Big East Player of the Week last week and all-tournament last weekend.

But this dynamic duo has not been alone in their efforts. Senior setter Kristen Kinder and sophomore setter Kelly Burrell have been instrumen-

tal in leading the Irish offense. With the new 6-2 rotation, the Irish have been able to put up a dominant block on the opposition's outside hitters, helping them to become an even better blocking team.

Senior outside hitter Jessica Kinder, senior hitter Katie Neff and sophomore middle blocker Lauren Brewster have also been strong at the net for the Irish.

"We are dominating at the nets," Kelbley said. "We have a huge block on the right side for all rotations, and that is big."

For now, the Irish are just focused on handing the Crusaders their first loss of the season.

"We are just going to go out there and play our best match on our side of the court, and see what we can do," Kelbley said.

The Irish and Crusaders square off today at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center, the first of seven straight home games for the Irish.

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