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Disabled students flourish at Notre Dame

Despite successes, some say that resource inadequacies exist

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

Some students worry that they won't be able to find a job after graduation. Some are concerned about alcohol regulations in the dorms. Others worry that they won't be able to reach the buttons on the elevator.

For students with disabilities at Notre Dame, the college experience has brought fulfillment as well as frustration. They stress that they are not different from other students and view their disability as only part of their identity.

"Coming to Notre Dame, there were people that didn't think I could make it here. If I'd listened to those people I wouldn't be at Notre Dame," said Laura Hoffman, a senior with a partial vision impairment.

For the most part, Hoffman, a political science major who is also pursuing a theology minor, says her time at the University has been highly rewarding. After graduation, she intends to attend law school and become an

advocate for others by specializing in disability law. Her first choice for law school is Notre Dame.

"Services are one of the biggest reasons to go to Notre Dame," she said.

In her junior year, Hoffman participated in the Washington Semester Program and completed an internship at the U.S. Department of Justice.

"That was a big learning experience for me as a person with a disability preparing myself for life outside the Notre Dame bubble," she said. "I had to learn how to use the Metro [subway] system. To be able to get around a place like that is just awesome."

Hoffman normally uses special materials, such as large-print books and a modified closed circuit TV. While in Washington, D.C., the Office for Students with Disabilities mailed large-print books to her.

In general, disabled students said they have found students and professors at Notre Dame understanding, but see room for

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Laura Hoffman (third left), a senior who has a partial vision impairment, hangs out with friends.

Chinese filmmaker shows work

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

Over 300 students and faculty members attended the screening of Li Yang's controversial film "Blind Shaft" in DeBartolo Hall Wednesday night. The Chinese filmmaker, who visited campus for the event, responded to questions after the showing.

The film, which addresses several different humanitarian issues, was shot in China illegally without government approval. International viewing of the film is prohibited by China, but this marked its second screening in the United States.

"Blind Shaft" was not originally produced as a political commentary, but rather as a presentation of various humanitarian issues prevalent in modern China, Yang said.

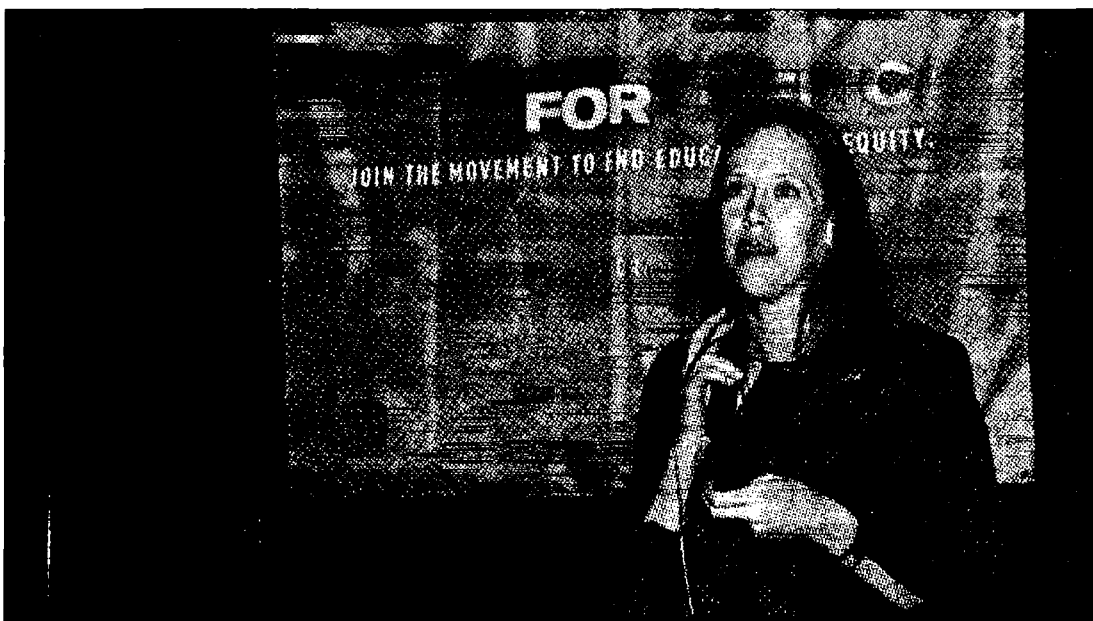
The documentary-style film portrays the destitution of rural China, a country in which 200 million people reside below the poverty line. It also depicts the squalid working conditions of Chinese coalminers, of whom more than 10,000 die each year in work-related accidents.

Yang examines the relationship between wealth and ethics in his film, juxtaposing moralistic consciousness with a drive for materialism. As wealth increases in China, this contrast becomes more and more pronounced, Yang

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Kopp discusses beginning of TFA

Teach for America founder comes to ND



Teach for America founder Wendy Kopp discusses her experiences with the educational program that attracts Notre Dame graduates.

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

Princeton senior Wendy Kopp had a dream — to end the inequity of education in America. With the goal of 500 corps members and a budget of \$2.5 million in mind, she set out to change the face of America. Fourteen years, 10,000 program alumni and \$30 million later, she has.

Hailed in 1994 as one of Time magazine's '40 Most Promising Leaders Under 40,' Kopp is the founder and president of Teach for America, a nonprofit organi-

zation that currently places 3,000 of the country's most exceptional college graduates as teachers in low-income school districts in 20 different locations.

She is chairman of the New Teacher Project, a consulting group that advises school districts how to recruit top teachers, and she is the youngest person and only female ever to receive Princeton's Woodrow Wilson award — the highest honor conferred upon undergraduate students.

Kopp spoke Wednesday at an event sponsored by the Society of Women Engineers and the Children's Defense Fund about her journey with TFA, its successes and failures and the state of education in America today.

"When I went to Princeton, I realized something that had always been hidden from me

before," said Kopp. "That was the fact that where you're born, even in this country that claims to be the land of opportunity, does so much to determine your educational prospects, and so your life prospects as well."

She came up with the idea for TFA while searching for a career path to take beyond the corporate life. Ironically, TFA's two-year teaching program is based on the same strategies used by corporate America to recruit liberal arts majors into the business world.

From conception to inception, TFA took on a life of its own. Hundreds of college seniors from elite schools were interested in a program deemed too altruistic for the "Me Generation" by institutions that Kopp had solicited for funds in

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Fan suffered heart attack

By MEGHAN MARTIN
Associate News Editor

An autopsy conducted by the St. Joseph County coroner's office Monday concluded that Roger Bailey, the fan who was found collapsed in a stadium restroom before Saturday's game, died of a heart attack, said St. Joseph County Deputy Coroner Dr. Michael O'Connell.

"It was a natural death. More than likely, it was cardiac," O'Connell said.

Bailey, who was 49, was found on the floor of an upper-level men's room in Section 123 shortly after gates officially opened.

Stadium ushers and medical crews responded quickly to the emergency, said Director of Stadium Security Cappy Gagnon.

He was transported, accompanied by a brother, from the stadium to the St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, where he died at 3:15 p.m.

Bailey was president and partner of Lumberyard Suppliers in East Peoria, Ill. and was visiting Notre Dame with some of his family from Mapleton, Ill., a small town 13 miles southwest of Peoria.

The father of four and grandfather of one had served on the board of the National and State Home Builders Association and as a junior football league coach for 17 years.

The Peoria Journal-Star contributed to this report.

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INSIDE COLUMN

My flush with destiny

I call it my flush with destiny. The day I watched my cell phone swirl down to the deep dark abyss.

I know many of you are thinking: how in the world can you flush a cell phone down the toilet?

Well, it is possible and actually a lot easier than you would think.

Allison Nichols

Photo

Last Monday I stopped by the restroom on my way to dinner. The two things I always have on me are my ID key ring and my cell phone.

But I wasn't talking on my phone in the bathroom. That is disgusting. It was in my sweater pocket, which seems to have been my fatal error.

After I pulled the handle and was unlatching the door, I suddenly heard a plunk. I turned around, and at first I didn't see a thing.

Then, amongst the thrust of water in the bowl, a quick silvery glimmer caught my eye.

Oh my God, was my cell phone actually in the toilet?

I admit I hesitated. I totally wasn't expecting that to happen.

Just as I came to the realization of what was happening, my hands skimmed the surface, and the cell phone swirled out of sight.

I stood there shocked for a few moments, waiting for the cell phone to magically reappear.

I thought, there is no way that a cell phone could go down those pipes.

Seriously, my cell phone wasn't that small. When nothing appeared after some time, there was nothing to do but laugh hysterically.

You see, the past night I had gotten some bad news and didn't sleep much at all. I begrudgingly woke up Monday morning to the bitter cold and trudged through the rest of my day contemplating why life seemed to be so awful to me.

The next evening came, and I thought, "Alright, the day is almost over."

Then the most unexpected thing happened. Just when you think nothing worse could happen to you, something else occurs to make you rethink that statement.

Instead of flying into a rage at all my misfortunes, I smiled and laughed.

I know God wanted me to take things a little more lightly, and that was what he came up with to make me laugh.

Strange, I know, but it was my destiny to flush that cell phone down the toilet. It was no mere accident; it was meant to be.

After informing the maintenance department and the front desk, I proceeded to tell my friends who also laughed hysterically.

We spent the evening conjuring up witty jokes and scenarios of where my phone might be or where it may emerge in the future.

Only I could have done something so idiotic, but, as always, there is a moral to the story.

A little laughter can go a long way, and you can think to yourself, at least I'm not stupid enough to flush my cell phone down the toilet like that girl.

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

CORRECTIONS

In yesterday's "SMC appoints security director," former Saint Mary's Interim Director of Security Rosemarie Harris was identified as Belinda Rathert's successor. Harris took over the position, instead, from Dan Woods in 2002. The Observer regrets the error.

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

QUESTION OF THE DAY: DO YOU PLAN ON DOING SERVICE AFTER GRADUATION?



John Axford
Junior
Dillon Hall

"Yeah. Service for your momma."



Chris Hoyt
Junior
Stanford Hall

"Yes ... wait. No."



John Hart
Junior
Keenan Hall

"I've given so much, after so long ... I plan to take it all back."



Chloe Bekavac
Freshman
Badin Hall

"Yes, I believe so."



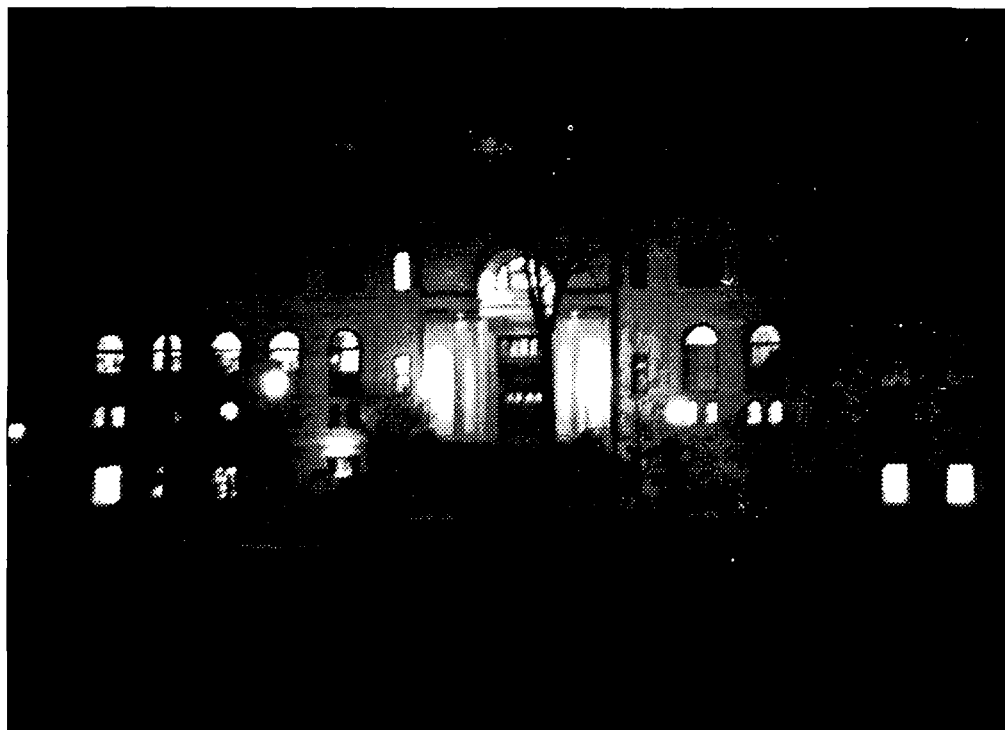
Brendan Murphy
Freshman
Stanford Hall

"No, hopefully I'll be in the MBA by then."



Dan Hickey
Sophomore
Alumni Hall

"No."



MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer

Bond Hall glows into the late hours of the night as architecture students attempt to beat the clock while putting the finishing touches on long-term projects.

IN BRIEF

A new installment of the Kroc Institute's Africa Seminar, entitled "Prospects for Islamic Peacebuilding in Sub-Saharan Africa," will be presented at 12:30 p.m. today in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. Sakah Mahmud, a political scientist, will present the lecture. Lunch will be served.

The Kellogg Institute will present a lecture entitled "The Determinants of Internal Structures of States" today at 4:15 p.m. in room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

The senior class will hold its annual press box dinner and stadium tour today at 6:30 p.m. in Notre Dame Stadium. Tickets, which must be purchased in advance, are available at the LaFortune Box Office.

The NDCinema program will present the German film "Nowhere in Africa (Nirgendwo in Afrika)" today in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library at 7 p.m. The film will be introduced by history professors Doris Bergen and Emily Osborn. The event is free and open to the public.

The week-long conference, "A Reason to Write: Two Catholic Novelists," will present the lecture "Strangers and Pilgrims: Spiritual Travels with Flannery O'Connor and Walker Percy" tonight at 7:30 p.m. in 138 DeBartolo Hall. The lecture will be followed by a book sale and signing.

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

OFFBEAT

Spam clogs Internet's arteries

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Three years ago, Adam Kalsey set up a Web log to share his thoughts about online business and the digital revolution. Like countless other 'bloggers,' he lets his readers post comments on his entries.

Recently, his site has been getting remarks like "Thanks for the information!" and "Sounds great!" They're not from supporters, but from people — or machines — who leave names like 'Generic Viagra,' 'Online Gambling' and 'Free Poker' and links to unsavory sites.

Spam has never been limited to e-mail. But now, commercial pitches are increasingly popping up in

online chats, instant messages, cell phones with text messaging and, as Kalsey found, Web log comments.

Spammers are flocking to new communications tools like moths to light, threatening to cripple these tools just as they are beginning to take off.

Howard Rheingold, a futurist who predicts always-on communication will revolutionize public discourse, is worried that all these new forms of spam could freeze the revolution in its tracks.

'Bluejacking' new cell phone craze

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — The group of lanky tourists strolling through Stockholm's old town never

knew what hit them.

As they admired Swedish handicrafts in a storefront window, one of their cell phones chirped with an anonymous note: "Try the blue sweaters. They keep you warm in the winter."

The tourist was 'blue-jacked' — surreptitiously surprised with a text message sent using a short-range wireless technology called Bluetooth.

As more people get Bluetooth-enabled cell phones — both sender and recipient need them for this to work — there is bound to be more mischievous messaging of the unsuspecting.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

LOCAL WEATHER

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HIGH	38	32	44	47	50	49
LOW	30	25	29	39	45	43

Atlanta 59/30 Boston 54/33 Chicago 42/27 Denver 44/35 Houston 65/457 Los Angeles 70/52 Minneapolis 41/27 New York 53/34 Philadelphia 52/33 Phoenix 74/53 Seattle 57/41 St. Louis 48/26 Tampa 82/51 Washington 55/34

SENATE

Group appoints two members to Council

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
News Writer

The Student Senate appointed two senators as alternates to the Council of Representatives at Wednesday's meeting.

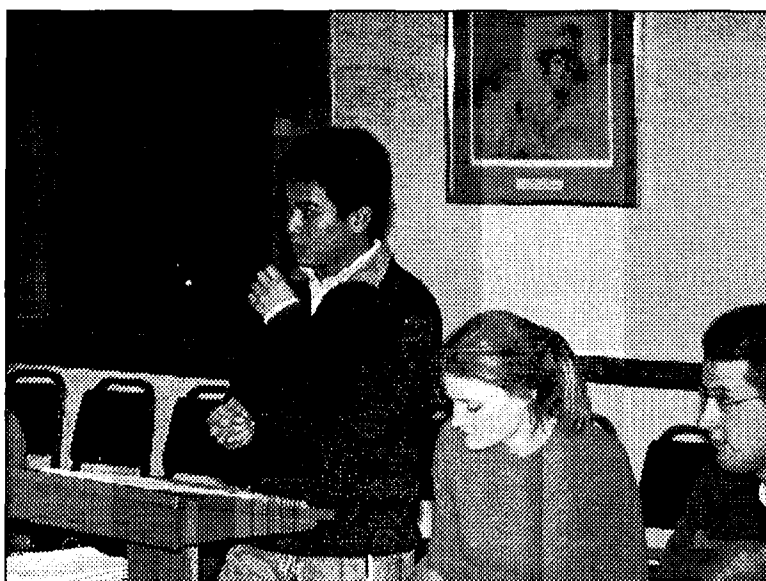
Knott senator Brian Agganis and Cavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni were unanimously approved as alternates to the Council.

The Council of Representatives passed a resolution at its meeting Monday which called for the formation of a committee to "consider attendance in ethics, including ... proper representation of the students by the members of the Council of Representatives." The resolution states that the reason for this committee stems from the fact that the Council "is yet to constitute its bylaws regarding ethics and attendance."

Until proper attendance policies for the Council are decided, the resolution provides for each organization within the Council to send an alternate in the event that their elected Council representative is unable to attend a meeting. When sent as a representative for their organization, an alternate will have full voting privileges at meetings.

Keenan Senator Dan Zenker, one of four Senate representatives on the Council, said the alternates provide for full Senate representation at Council meetings and also ensure that Senators will not be counted absent from Council meetings.

"Each member gets three unexcused absences, but now if we don't go, one of the alternates can go, and we don't get an unexcused absence," Zenker said. "They also take all of our voting



Jeremy Lao, student body vice president, addresses senators during their meeting Wednesday evening.

ANDY KENNA/The Observer

power with them to the meetings."

The Council's resolution did not mandate that alternates had to be officially appointed, but Zenker said he thought electing alternates was a good idea.

"We just wanted to make sure that the Senate had official alternates. Now, we can keep them updated on what's going on [in the Council]."

In other Senate news

◆ Pasquerilla West Senator Jana Lamplota reported to the Senate that a meeting with Bill Kirk, associate vice president for Residence Life, regarding the Senate-sponsored petition to move the ROTC Presidential Pass in Review ceremony to an outdoor location will occur Tuesday. The Senate will present its petition to Kirk in order to show the amount

of student support for the transfer of the ceremony from Loftus to a proposed South Quad location.

◆ The Senate Committee on Ethics issued new attendance rules to senators Wednesday. These rules include mandatory attendance records for all Senate committee meetings, and 24-hour notice from any Senator missing a committee meeting. The rules stipulate that Senators who reach four unexcused absences from a committee meeting or four absences from full Senate meetings will receive a written warning from the Ethics Committee. At five absences, the Ethics Committee will meet to determine a course of action to be taken in the matter.

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Teach for America influences campus

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

Fourteen years after the conception of Teach for America, hundreds of similar organizations have been chartered to help combat illiteracy and raise the level of education in the United States and around the world.

The Center for Social Concerns is a clearinghouse for many such programs, connecting students interested in dedicating their post-graduate years to service.

Programs modeled after the Alliance for Catholic Education, which decided to help others start similar organizations rather than expand its own, are among such large-scale service projects. While ACE is still the most popular teaching service organization on campus, such groups as the Pacific Alliance for Catholic Education, the Providence Alliance for Catholic Teachers and a variety of others attract as many as five graduates each year.

With 168 graduates in service, two-thirds of those ND/SMC students, ACE is by far the most popular post-grad service organization for Domers. Established by Father Tim Scully and Father Sean McGraw in 1994, ACE provides an intensive program that allows students to work toward their Masters of Education degree in the summer, while accruing hands on experience as full-time teacher during the school year.

ACE teachers receive health

insurance, a monthly stipend, travel reimbursement and an education award of \$4,725 from Americorps, said Andrea Smith Shappell, director of senior transition programs for the CSC.

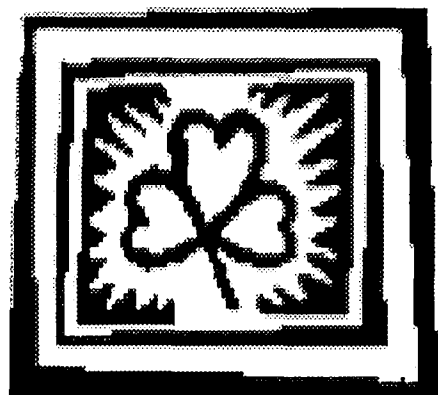
Seventy-seven percent of ACE teachers stay in education after the required two years, and 56 percent of those stay in K-12, with the rest becoming coaches or principals or taking other education-related occupations, said Christian Dallavis, associate director of ACE.

"About 10 percent of seniors apply to ACE each year," said Dallavis, "and what I think it comes down to is an interest in teaching others and the desire to do service."

The success of the ACE and Teach for America projects has spawned a number of other long-standing teaching programs, through which volunteers are able to earn credits toward a Masters degree. The Inner-City Teaching Corp in Chicago, Response-Ability in Philadelphia and other locations around the country and Teach for America are examples of such organizations.

The national movement of the Nativity Prep Academy, whose mission it is to provide tuition-free education to at-risk, impoverished children also draws graduates to one of its many locations — the most popular of which is San Diego. David Rivera, a 1999 Notre Dame graduate, founded the organization.

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Film

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said. In the face of temptation, people have different reactions, he said.

To portray this contrast, Yang presents two con artists who question the integrity of their avaricious scam after realizing the innocence of their victim.

Yang discusses the importance of education in relation to China's economic problems. His protagonist desires to attend school, but cannot afford to do so. To earn enough money to meet

his goal, he must work in the deadly coalmines.

"I was quite impressed with how deftly the immoral behavior came together in the end and karma finally delivered each character his

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**Matthew Solarski
Junior**

deserved lot," Matthew Solarski, a junior from Siegfried Hall said. "I was equally impressed by the film's ability to evoke sympathy for even the most unscrupulous characters by presenting touches of humanity in each of them, if only momentarily."

The controversial film elicited negative reviews

from a few members of the audience, who questioned Yang's depiction of criminality in conjunction with reform issues. In response to such remarks, Yang said that his intention was to showcase only some of the problems afflicting modern China.

Filming required much courage, as it went against Chinese cinematic tradition, said Yang.

The film was adapted from the novel "Sacred Wood," which won a top literary prize in China.

Yang said that he is very optimistic about the future of China, but that, like the future of the film's protagonist, is uncertain.

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Kopp

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the early days of TFA.

Mobil Corporation provided her with a seed grant of \$26,000, and after 11 letters, Ross Perot finally agreed to put up a challenge grant of \$500,000.

"I was blessed with absolute naivete and inexperience," said Kopp. "I believed that if we could show them that college students were interested in the program, everything would fall into place. If I had started this campaign knowing what I know now, Teach for America might not be here today."

Kopp said the components of the organization's five-year plan are to grow to 4,000 corps members, to do more to insure that corps members have the greatest impact possible and to keep alumni connected.

"We are focused on staying the course, and so far, we're on track," said Kopp.

However, she did address the recent stumbling block placed in front of TFA. On July 11, Kopp received a letter stating that TFA was no longer an AmeriCorps program, meaning a loss of 5 percent of their operating budget, the loss of \$15 million in educational grants and an elimination of guaranteed loan deferment used as incentives to recruit top college graduates.

"It definitely has been a challenging few months, but we were really able to weather it," said Kopp. "We're still trying to find federal and private funding to replace our loss, but we think we'll be able to defer loans, pay interest and get our teachers the money we promised them."

Kopp described the problems afflicting America's school system, especially the gap in performance that runs along socioeconomic lines. Students born in low-

income communities are as far as three to four grade levels behind by the time they finish elementary school and are seven times less likely to graduate from college, she said.

"Ultimately, more teachers going above and beyond is not going to be sufficient. We need to solve this problem as a country. We need to improve the economy and quality of life in these urban and rural areas, and improve the school system. This is going to take informed, committed leadership, and that's what we hope we're developing at Teach for America," said Kopp.

Out of the 16,000 applicants for positions in TFA last year, only 1,800 were selected. Kopp said that they look for someone with the leadership skills to take on a monumental task and to deal with the problems the corps members find themselves up against every day.

Before TFA campus representative Erica Burroughs concluded the event, Kopp posed a challenge to the students in attendance.

"We can get there, we can get to the point where kids have equal education, no matter where they're from," she said. "The question is whether the leaders, the young, well-educated, committed leaders, will step up and take charge."

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Bush approval rating rises

More Americans approve of economy handling than two months ago

Associated Press

Public approval of President Bush's handling of the economy has increased amid signs that the economy is recovering, according to a poll out Wednesday.

Half in the NBC-Wall Street Journal poll, 50 percent, approved of Bush's handling of the economy, up from 43 percent who approved two months ago.

Bush's overall job approval was at 51 percent, with 44 percent not approving. That's largely unchanged from that same poll two

months ago — when he was at 49 percent.

Recent economic reports have shown the nation's growth rate is up, while unemployment claims are down — factors which appear to have helped his strength on that measure.

Bush's overall job approval rating has ranged from 50 percent to the mid 50s in several recent polls.

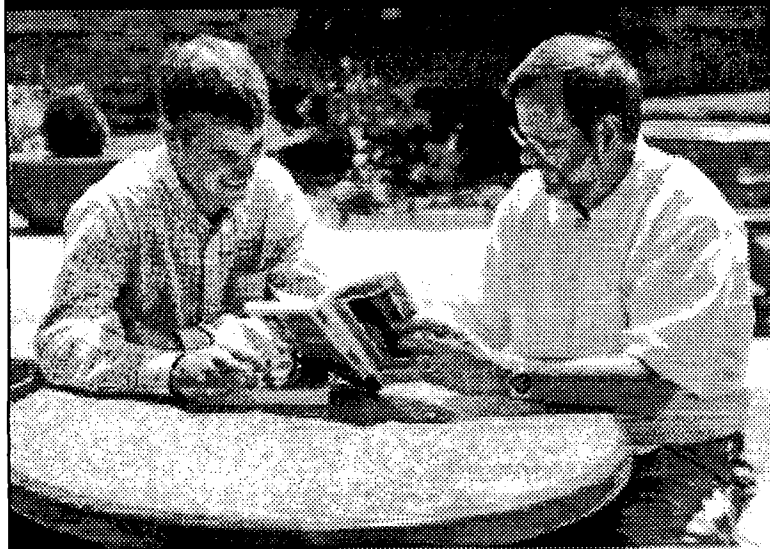
The increased optimism about his handling of the economy comes at the same time skepticism about his handling of Iraq has been rising.

Attacks against U.S. troops are increasing and a new intelligence report suggests that Iraqis are losing faith in U.S.-led occupation forces, a development that is increasing support for the resistance.

Almost two-thirds, 63 percent, still support the military action against Iraq, but when asked if that action has been worth the costs — people were evenly split.

The poll of 1,003 adults was taken Nov. 8-10 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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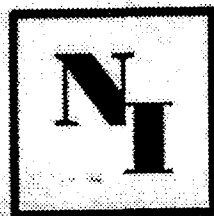
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Troop, media relations sour

BAGHDAD, Iraq — With casualties mounting in Iraq, jumpy U.S. soldiers are becoming more aggressive in their treatment of journalists covering the conflict.

Media people have been detained, news equipment has been confiscated and some journalists have suffered verbal and physical abuse while trying to report on events.

Although the number of incidents involving soldiers and journalists is difficult to gauge, anecdotal evidence suggests it has risen sharply the past two months.

The president of the Associated Press Managing Editors, an association of editors at AP's more than 1,700 newspapers in the United States and Canada, sent a protest letter to the Pentagon on Wednesday urging officials to "immediately take the steps to end such confrontations."

"The effect has been to deprive the American public of crucial images from Iraq in newspapers, broadcast stations and online news operations," wrote Stuart Wilk, managing editor of The Dallas Morning News.

Colombia's armed forces chief quits

BOGOTA, Colombia — His voice cracking with emotion, Colombia's gruff armed forces commander said Wednesday that he is quitting his post, adding his resignation letter to a growing pile on the desk of hard-line President Alvaro Uribe.

In the past week, three Cabinet ministers, the head of the Colombian National Police and four other senior police officials have resigned under pressure following the defeat of political reforms that Uribe said were needed to fight leftist rebels and crack down on corruption.

NATIONAL NEWS

Senate debates judicial nominees

WASHINGTON — With humor, anger and a show of GOP unity, the Senate on Wednesday launched 30 hours of uninterrupted debate on President Bush's political nominees not making it to the federal appeals bench, setting up cots and preparing to cast blame at each other throughout the night.

Most of Republicans marched into the Senate together just before 6 p.m., sat down and listened to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., open the debate by condemning the filibusters.

"Tonight we embark upon an extraordinary session," Frist said. "For the next 30 hours Republicans and Democrats will debate the merits of three judicial nominees. We will be considering the meaning of our constitutional responsibilities to advise and consent on nominations. We will discuss whether there is a need to enact filibuster reform so that nominations taken to the floor can get a vote."

Democrats, some appearing amused by the pomp and circumstance, were already in the Senate chamber waiting for the beginning of the debates. The Senate had just finished a vote, and many of the GOP senators had to leave the chamber just to be in the group marching back in.

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, held a sign he displayed for television cameras and passing Republican senators as they entered the chamber: "I'll be home watching 'The Bachelor.'"

LOCAL NEWS

Airport closed due to bomb scare

INDIANAPOLIS — A terminal at Indianapolis International Airport was briefly evacuated Wednesday evening after a passenger's bag tested positive for explosives at a security checkpoint.

The ticket counter and baggage-claim areas of Concourse A were evacuated as a precaution because authorities could not locate the bag's owner, airport spokesman Dennis Rosebrough said. A bomb squad inspected the bag and did not find any explosive material.

IRAQ

Truck bomb strikes Italian base

Attack is the deadliest against an American ally in Iraq, U.S. strikes back

Associated Press

NASIRIYAH — A suicide bomber blew up a truck packed with explosives at an Italian paramilitary base Wednesday, killing at least 26 people. The United States struck at the Iraqi insurgency hours later, destroying a warehouse in Baghdad and chasing attackers who were seen firing mortars.

The Nasiriyah attack was the deadliest against an American ally since the occupation began and appeared to send a message that international organizations are not safe anywhere in Iraq. It came on the same day the chief U.S. administrator for Iraq went to the White House to put forth proposals on transferring more authority to the Iraqis.

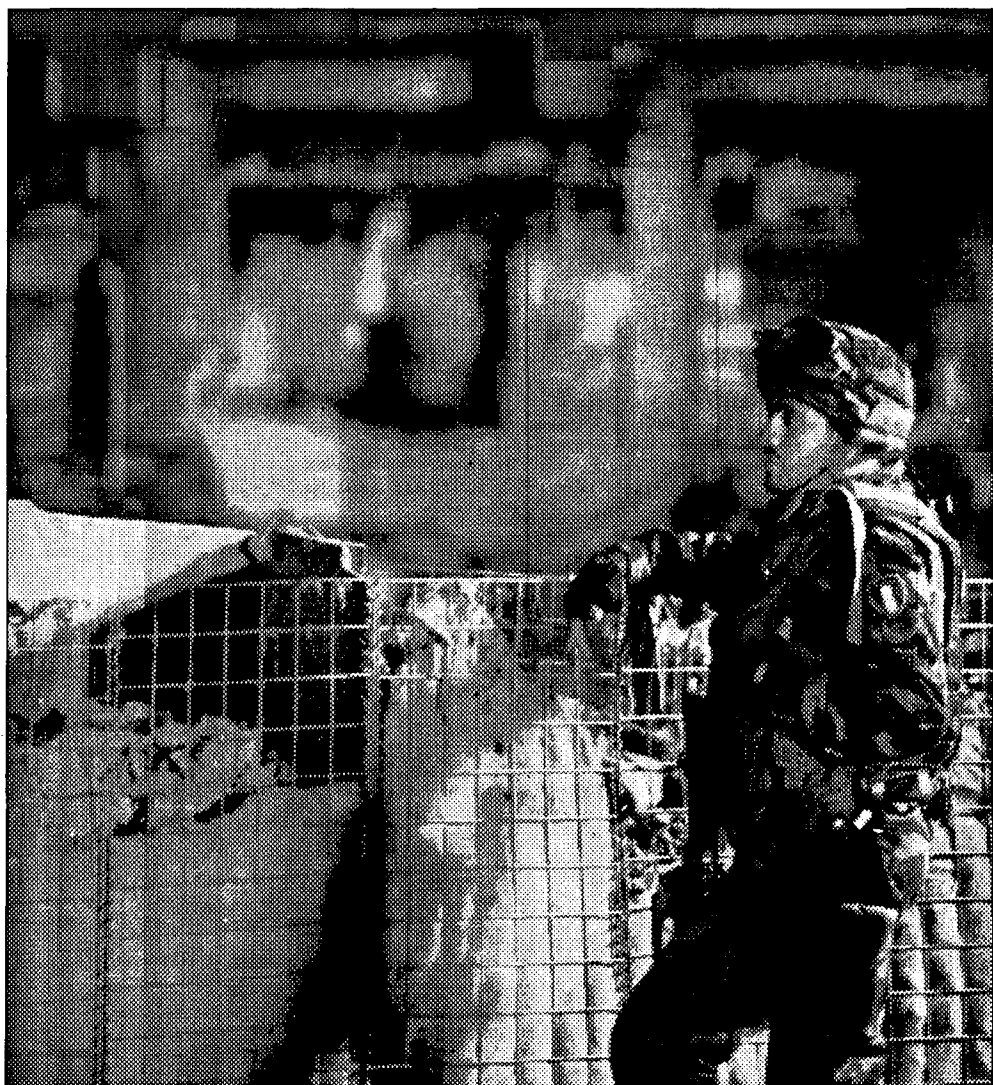
Col. Gianfranco Scalas said 18 Italians were killed: 12 Carabinieri paramilitary police, four soldiers, a civilian working at the base and a documentary filmmaker. A spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition said at least eight Iraqis also died. The bomber — whose nationality was not known — also died.

The blast wounded 79 people, 20 of them Italians, hospital sources and Italian officials said.

Italians were stunned by their nation's single worst military loss since World War II and its first in the Iraq campaign. At Rome's tomb of the unknown soldier, the green-white-and-red flag rippled at half-staff, and parliament held a minute of silence.

Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi pledged that Italy's mission in Iraq would not be derailed. Opposition leaders who opposed the deployment to postwar Iraq called on the government to withdraw the contingent.

Jalal Talabani, the head of the Governing Council, called the slain Italians "martyrs of the fight for the freedom of Iraq."



An Italian soldier guards the destroyed building that housed Italian military police in the southern Iraqi city of Nasiriyah, where suicide bombers struck Wednesday.

There were conflicting accounts of the attack, which took place about 10:40 a.m. at a three-story building used by the Carabinieri's multinational specialist unit in Nasiriyah, 180 miles southeast of Baghdad.

Witnesses said the decoy car ran a roadblock in front of a square where the Italian barracks was located. Guards opened fire but as the vehicle sped away, the fuel tanker approached from the opposite direction and rammed into the gate of the building before exploding.

Italian Defense Minister Antonio Martino said the truck, followed by an armored car, approached

the compound at high speed. Gunmen inside one of the vehicles opened fire at Italian troops guarding the entrance, he said. The guards returned fire, but the vehicle plowed through the gate, and then exploded, he added.

It was the 13th vehicle bombing in Iraq since Aug. 7, when a car exploded at the Jordanian Embassy in Baghdad, killing at least 19 people. Wednesday's blast from the estimated 650 pounds of explosives collapsed all three stories of the building, gouged a 6-foot-deep crater in front of it, and set fire to parked cars. Secondary explosions from stored ammunition shook the area.

The scorched, twisted remains of military jeeps littered the parking lot, and bulldozers cleared rubble. Chunks of concrete and wiring hung from partly destroyed walls.

"This is terrorism, pure and simple," Scalas said.

After nightfall in Baghdad, forces from the 1st Armored Division attacked a warehouse used by insurgents, setting off explosions that reverberated through the capital.

"The facility is a known meeting, planning, storage and rendezvous point for belligerent elements currently conducting attacks on coalition forces and infrastructure," the Pentagon said.

Man says feds knew he trained foreign troops

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A counterterrorism center director testified at his federal trial Wednesday that the State Department did not raise concerns about training sessions he offered to foreign soldiers before accusing him of not being licensed.

David Hudak said he never received a warning from the State Department about the type of training his company, High Energy Access Tools, or HEAT, provided to soldiers from Israel, Canada and Singapore.

The U.S. government charges that his company trained soldiers from the United Arab Emirates under a \$12.5 million contract using U.S. defense information without proper State Department licensing. Hudak, a Canadian citizen, faces 10 felony counts, including illegally possessing 2,400 warheads at the training center.

Hudak acknowledged under cross-examination that the UAE soldiers had received training equivalent to advanced training in subjects considered sensitive defense information. He had testified Monday that he had no reason to believe sessions

at his training center included classified defense information.

He also said he had been exporting small warheads to other countries for eight years, but the State Department had never issued a warning about any of his procedures. He obtained an exporting license to ship the munitions, and HEAT never sent munitions without a license, he said.

Hudak said he had entrusted Steve Mattoon, HEAT's director of operations and training, with licensing issues and was never told there was a need to suspend the training because of any legal questions.

Disabled

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improvement.

For instance, Hoffman said that during her freshman year, a math professor refused to provide her with a copy of the notes from the overhead projector, and she had to switch to another class.

Generally, Hoffman has access to large-print materials and is given extra time to complete exams, but ran into different problems when taking the LSAT this year.

"They require very extensive documentation. I'd heard they weren't very disability-friendly," she said.

Initially, Hoffman's request for extended time was denied, and then ultimately granted, just days before she was scheduled to take the test.

"It's something that a student with a disability shouldn't have to go through," she said.

Disabled students said they would like to see themselves included in the University's definition of diversity, which often focuses on racial and ethnic diversity.

"It bothered me that it wasn't included in the diversity program," said Hoffman, who is a diversity educator at Notre Dame.

"Diversity is about more than just [race and ethnicity]," said junior Becca Van Schoick, who uses a motorized mobility device to travel around campus.

Despite using a wheelchair and having a speech impairment, sophomore FTT major Katrina Gossett has enjoyed being a part of the Pasquerilla East Musical Company at Notre Dame. In PEMCO and at residence hall masses, Gossett has distinguished herself with a talented singing voice and stage presence.

"Last year I performed in the Musical Revue," she said. "I'm assistant stage manager [for PEMCO]."

Along with her theatre interest, Gossett also serves as a math teaching assistant and runs help sessions for her students.

Since the University opened its Office for Students with Disabilities in 1995, the number of students officially registered as

disabled has jumped from 35 to 170, said Scott Howland, the Office's director.

When a student identifies him or herself as having a disability, Howland's office works with the student to provide adaptations for class schedules and in the residence halls.

"Everything is very individualized. It depends not only on the disability but on how the student compensates for it," he said.

Currently, Howland runs the Office for Students with Disabilities by himself, despite the fact the number of registered students has increased about fivefold over the past eight years.

Students said they are highly impressed with Howland's dedication to their needs, but expressed concerns about the priority the University places on helping students with disabilities.

"I see him about two to three times per week," said Van Schoick. "He works so hard."

But since the University moved Howland's office from the front to the back of Badin Hall, Van Schoick said she can't even fit her wheelchair into the office.

"The hallway to get to his office is two to three feet [wide]. We can't fit into [that with our wheelchairs]," she said. "He has one testing room [designated for students who use special modifications during exams] for 165 students."

Because of the increasing strain placed on the resources for disabled students, Van Schoick said she intends to write a letter to the Office of the Provost, which oversees Howland's office.

"I don't know that I would apply to this school now," she said.

According to Howland, he cannot provide students with a wide range of services, such as social counseling and career development, but focuses mainly on procuring special materials and services for them.

"It's difficult to do some of these additional things," he said. "We probably fit somewhere in the middle [compared to Notre Dame's peer institutions]."

Although some top 20 universities maintain single-person staffs, Howland said many schools rely on three to four people to provide disability resources.

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"I don't know that I would apply to this school now."

Becca Van Schoick
Junior

Congress nears Medicare agreement

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican congressional leaders stepped to the brink of agreement Wednesday on major Medicare legislation to create a prescription drug benefit for older Americans and carve out a vast new role for private insurance companies in the government-run health care program.

"I think it's a middle-of-the-road deal," said Sen. John Breaux of Louisiana, the first Democrat to swing behind the proposal after Republicans scaled back their demand for competition between traditional Medicare and the private plans.

GOP congressional officials said the administration was ready to embrace the agreement, and President Bush was scheduled to discuss Medicare at an appearance in Florida on Thursday. GOP leaders said they also expected the backing of the politically influential AARP, with 35 million members age 50 and over.

There were critics aplenty, though, and some Democrats began an immediate effort to limit defections and defeat the measure on the Senate floor.

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota attacked it. Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., referring to the remaining requirement for direct competition, said, "We can't accept a proposal that's going to threaten the whole Medicare system."

Additionally, officials said Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., the lead House negotiator in months of arduous bargaining, objected to the terms

that Frist, Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, had blessed.

Apart from the drug benefit and new system of private health care, officials said the measure would include steps to ease the availability of lower-cost generic drugs. On another point, though, no change was expected in the ban on the importation of brand name prescription drugs from Canada and other countries where they often sell more cheaply than in the United States. Current law requires the Food and Drug Administration to certify the medicine's safety before imports are allowed.

In a gesture to conservatives, the legislation would also cre-

ate new health-related tax accounts for individuals purchasing high-deductible health insurance. It also would establish an unusual requirement for the president and Congress to review Medicare's finances if the cost of the program grows more than expected.

The breakthrough in negotiations occurred Tuesday night, when Frist met privately in his Capitol office with Breaux and Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, the two Democrats who have been permitted to participate in House-Senate negotiations dominated by Republicans.

The Tennessee Republican dropped a long-standing demand for an open-ended program of competition, and offered to limit it to selected portions of the country.

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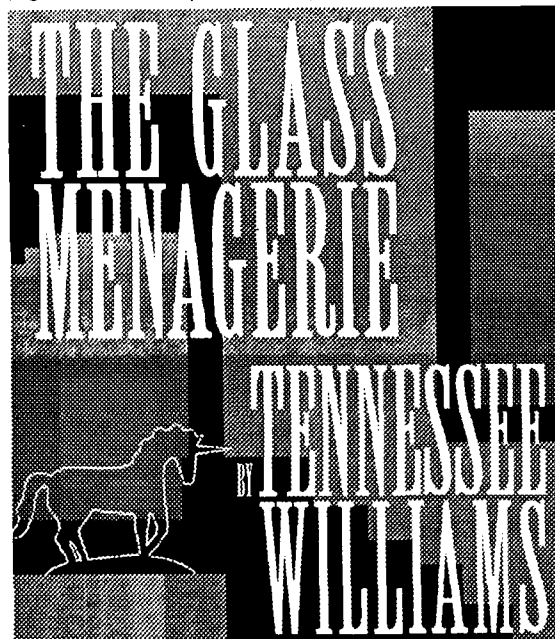
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Stocks			
Dow Jones	9,848.83	+111.04	
Up: 2,513	Same: 146	Down: 159	Composite Volume: 1,318,802,048

AMEX	1,076.15	+14.0
NASDAQ	1,973.11	+42.36
NYSE	6,018.94	+77.74
S&P 500	1,058.53	+11.9
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	10,339.05	+112.1
FTSE 100(London)	4,371.20	+26.1

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.70	+0.18	25.98
INTEL CORP (INTC)	+2.07	+0.69	34.10
SUN MICROSYSTEMS (SUNW)	+3.47	+0.14	4.20
APPLIED MATL (AMAT)	+2.17	+0.54	25.44
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+2.77	+0.62	22.97

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	-1.16	-0.61	52.17
10-YEAR NOTE	-1.08	-0.48	44.12
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.39	-0.48	34.13
3-MONTH BILL	+0.65	+0.06	9.28

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl)	-0.01		30.89
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+6.80		395.00
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.575		85.625

Exchange Rates			
YEN			108.4
EURO			0.8589
POUND			0.5968
CANADIAN \$			1.303

IN BRIEF

Dollar slides versus European majors

NEW YORK — The U.S. dollar weakened sharply against the major European currencies Wednesday as dealers turned their attention to technical factors and away from economic fundamentals.

Short-term, speculative and model-driven accounts aggressively sold the dollar down through key technical levels against the euro, which triggered waves of stop-loss selling.

The Swiss franc was the other main beneficiary as the market dumped dollars across the board, which pushed the greenback down to fresh six-year lows against the Australian and New Zealand dollars and a new 10-year low against the Canadian dollar.

Heightened tensions in Iraq, where a bomb attack killed at least 26 at an Italian police base, was the excuse some dealers used to explain the euro's strong rally.

The euro's convincing break above \$1.1550 was a crucial development, as was its subsequent break above \$1.1600 and impressive rebound from the 10-month low of 124.41 yen plumbed Tuesday.

In late New York trading, the euro was quoted at \$1.1633, up from \$1.1509 late Tuesday. The dollar was quoted at 108.75 yen, up from 108.67 yen late Tuesday. The dollar was quoted at 1.3502 Swiss francs, down from 1.3620, and 1.3025 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3122. The British pound rose to \$1.6733 from \$1.6651.

EU appeals to U.S. to drop tariffs

GENEVA — America's allies appealed to President Bush on Tuesday to back off support for the U.S. steel industry or risk billions of dollars in sanctions that could spark a global trade war.

Members of the European Union are threatening to impose retaliatory sanctions on \$2.2 billion worth of U.S. imports unless Bush removes duties on imported steel he introduced in March 2002 to give breathing space to the embattled U.S. steel industry.

"As frank and loyal friends of the United States, we hope that Washington will remove as soon as possible the steel tariffs that are considered illegal by the World Trade Organization," said Adolfo Urso, Italy's Industry Ministry undersecretary.

Judge denies freeze of ex-CEO's assets

Conseco Inc. requested freeze in attempt to recover \$218 million in loans

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A judge on Wednesday denied Conseco Inc.'s request to prohibit former CEO Stephen Hilbert from shifting assets as the insurer tries to recover \$218 million in loan debt Conseco says he owes.

Conseco attorneys contend Hilbert, who presided over the company's two-decade rise and much of its fall, has been transferring wealth, including race horses, among various family trusts, including one for his son. Some trusts are controlled by Hilbert's wife, Tomisue Hilbert.

The Hilberts in recent years "have engaged in a pattern of transferring assets among each other in an effort to reduce Mr. Hilbert's estate to an absolute minimum," attorney Reed Oslan said.

Hilbert has denied any improper transfers. In a recent statement, he said the post-bankruptcy successor to the company had employed "a veritable army of private investigators" that have harassed his family and friends.

On Wednesday, attorneys with the company that handled Conseco's recent bankruptcy asked Circuit Court Judge Judith Profitt for a restraining order. It seeks to freeze Hilbert's assets pending a ruling in a lawsuit Conseco filed Oct. 20.

Profitt denied the motion without comment in a written ruling hours after she received the request. She also denied a motion by Hilbert to keep under seal information Conseco lawyers introduced that details alleged asset transfers to his wife.

The lawsuit attempts to foreclose on the \$19.4 million mortgage Conseco holds on Hilbert's 23,000-square-foot mansion near company headquarters in the Indianapolis suburb of Carmel. The foreclosure



An employee enters the Conseco conference center in Carmel, Ind. The firm's request to freeze former CEO Stephen Hilbert's assets was denied Wednesday.

effort is part of a campaign to recover debt and interest from loans Hilbert took out in the late 1990s to buy the company's then-soaring stock.

A spokesman for Hilbert, Ernie Reno, described the request for the order as "nothing more than legal maneuvering."

Conseco is seeking a temporary order to speed the court's consideration of the asset-transfer question pending a ruling on the overall lawsuit, Oslan said.

Hilbert and more than 150 former Conseco executives, directors and key employees took loans in the late 1990s to buy Conseco stock in a company-sponsored program of a

type now prohibited.

The biggest debtors — a group known as "The Big 11" — collectively owe \$676 million, including interest, Oslan said.

Five of the top 11 debtors are in various forms of litigation as others continue talks to settle their debts.

The company puts Hilbert's balance at \$155 million for the underlying loans and \$62 million in interest. It says he has repaid \$7 million.

Hilbert argues Conseco's shift to new board management and ownership during its Sept. 10 emergence from bankruptcy triggered a "change of control" clause shielding him from repayment obli-

gations.

Hilbert, 57, now heads a business consulting company in Indianapolis.

In 1979, Hilbert helped found the company that took the name Conseco four years later. He was ousted in April 2000 along with his chief financial officer, Rollin Dick, who the company says owes nearly \$97 million in loan debt and interest.

Hilbert and others were unable to repay the loans when Conseco shares tumbled after reaching a high of \$58 in 1998. By last December, when Conseco became the third-largest U.S. company to file for bankruptcy protection, shares were trading at less than a nickel apiece.

Stocks bounce back after 3-day decline

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street broke out of its slump Wednesday, surging higher after a forecasted jump in semiconductor sales gave investors a reason buy after three days of declines. The Dow Jones industrials rose more than 110 points, while the Nasdaq composite index gained more than 2 percent.

Larger-cap stocks led the day, including technology bellwethers IBM Corp. and Intel Corp., which benefited from the Gartner Inc. forecast. Traders attributed some of the momentum to the week's slow start; the bond markets were closed Tuesday for Veterans Day. Many

investors were returning to Wall Street after a long weekend, with money to spend, said Brian Belski, fundamental market strategist at US Bancorp Piper Jaffray.

"Investors this year have conditioned themselves to buy the dip, and today they saw an opportunity," Belski said. "We're in a little bit of a news vacuum ... so right now they're going to react to any news blip at all."

The Dow ended the day up 111.04, or 1.1 percent, at 9,848.83.

The broader gauges also closed higher. The Nasdaq closed up 42.36, or 2.2 percent, at 1,973.11. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 11.96, or 1.1 percent, to close at

1,058.53.

The market appears to be in a "consolidation phase ... with shallow pullbacks met with buying" said Peter Cardillo, president of Global Partner Securities Inc.

"Once the consolidation phase is over I think the second leg of this bull run will commence," Cardillo said. "That will probably take us up to new highs by the end of the year."

Fueling Wednesday's tech rally, market research firm Gartner said it expects worldwide semiconductor sales to increase more than 20 percent next year. Chipmaker Intel rose 69 cents to close at \$34.10. IBM Corp. also made gains, rising \$1.33 to \$90.69.

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Debating religion in U.S. foreign policy

Freedom, democracy and compassion are values resonating in America that have religious roots. This can make America's efforts in the Middle East precarious. In dealing with the Arab region, understanding the America's connection between faith and politics is key. However, it is critical not to give faith a role — it doesn't belong in foreign relations.

Andrew DeBerry

ND Changing Times

America is founded on John Locke's premise that all are born with certain inalienable rights. His arguments are logical to Americans of any faith. However, it is seldom mentioned that Locke was a Christian theologian. His views and our nation were shaped accordingly. Since its inception, America has fused Judeo-Christian principles into politics in an unprecedented manner. The effort becomes complicated then when America tries to import this democracy into countries such as Iraq. Last week President Bush said, "It should be clear to all that Islam, the faith of one-fifth of humanity, is consistent with democratic rule."

The Arab world has much to gain from a political system other than autocracy, but Bush still has his work cut out for him. Unlike America, Middle Eastern countries are unable to find a basis for democracy in the primary religion of its people. Christian religious institutions such as the Vatican have developed teachings that insist on the importance of religious freedom. In contrast, the Quran provides specific guidance on relevance of Islam to all areas of life, including politics. A democracy like ours having Judeo-Christian roots will struggle to take root in the Middle Eastern sands. The very idea of democracy must radically adapt itself to flourish.

America's religious roots must be acknowledged in working with Iraq. Faith-based teachings have had a positive contribution to America. However, there are clearly areas when church and state must be completely disassociated from each other lest faith wrongly justifies political action.

Osama bin Laden presents a clear case of the misuse of faith in politics by misconstruing religion to justify an attack on a state. In his fatwah urging war against Americans, he claims to communicate "God's order to kill the Americans." In response, the American government must take the very opposite approach of bin Laden and have the state respond without citing religious motives.

Consequently, it is imperative to have a clear separation between church and state in relations with the Middle East. If the line is blurred, political conflict may be misconstrued and exacerbated as a religious conflict.

This is a fine line that President Bush treads. He has often described counter-terrorist efforts as a war against evil. But much to his credit, he has also made exceedingly clear that the enemy is not the religion of Islam in noting that terrorists "who commit evil in the name of Allah blaspheme the name of Allah." Within days of the Sept. 11 attacks, he made speeches to tell America, "Islam is peace." This has tempered the risk of Arabs seeing American troops in the Middle East as part of a Christian effort.

One official who grossly blurred the line between politics and faith was Army Lieutenant General William Boykin. General Boykin is the deputy undersecretary of defense for intelligence. He's responsible for overseeing the search for Saddam Hussein, Osama bin Laden and Mullah Omar. He has recently come under fire for equating the war on terror to a religious battle against Satan. When speaking to a fundamentalist Christian church in uniform, Boykin said that Islamic extremists hate the United States

"because we're a Christian nation, because our foundation and our roots are Judeo-Christian." This is a wrong and lethal message that has been communicated throughout the Arab region.

Such ignorance can lead to a deadly backlash for our American troops. It is of key importance to note that the primary motive for terrorism is not hatred of Christianity but frustration resulting from social injustices.

The primary demographic promulgating terrorism is the poor, rural Arab who desires a system of revolution. Groups such as the Muslim Brotherhood blame the Western influence in their government and propose a return to Islam. To the oppressed farmer, this call sounds logical and enticing. Bin Laden cites injustices as the motivation for his attacks. The Wall Street Journal quotes him on Oct. 7, 2001 as saying that in his nation "sons are killed, its blood is shed, its sanctuaries are attacked and no one hears and no one heads."

His complaint may be justified, but he then wrongly hijacks the Islamic faith to justify an attack. American leaders must not fall into his trap and polarize America's effort in religious terms.

If America is to succeed in the Middle East, it must demonstrate a high regard for the Arab culture. While our state leaders should not act in the name of religion, we can act on values of compassion shared by Americans and Arabs alike to follow Bush's State of the Union commitment to "encourage development and education and opportunity in the Islamic world."

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Real American heroes

At approximately 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 8, groups of Notre Dame fans of all ages huddled about their parked vehicles, enjoying good company, good food and maybe a drink or two before cheering on the Irish. Unbeknownst to them, nearby there was a young woman, just 20 years of age, crouched next to a grill, flipping hamburgers with one hand and holding a Bud Light in the other. This perilous situation continued for a time as countless families and students, blissfully ignorant, continued to enjoy the cool fall morning.

At exactly 11:36 a.m. a NDSP officer spotted this reprobate holding her beer and suspected immediately that she may have been a minor in possession. Moving swiftly, the efficient team surrounded the criminal, seizing her identification and verifying that she was, indeed, just twenty years old. As the innocent bystanders who witnessed this remained frozen in awe, these true heroes were amazingly able to write the criminal a citation without causing any injury to the many surrounding innocents.

After the chaos of this arrest abated, the parents of this deviant looked on in horror as they realized their daughter's terrible crime. The relieved crowd erupted in cheers as the heroes proceeded onward, continuing to defend the parking lots from the persistent threat posed by minors in possession,

intoxicated adults, and, worst of all, adults serving to minors.

Do you find this anecdote particularly improbable and amazing? This is but one example of how these real American heroes risk life and limb each Notre Dame home football Saturday to ensure that peace and justice prevails throughout. Speak to anyone who traverses the tailgating battlefields each Saturday and you will hear accounts even more inspiring than my own: tales of officers able to restrain and cite an entire circle of students shotgunning beers; courageous officers tackling minors who had just cracked open their first beers; selfless heroes who would literally throw themselves in front of can of beer to keep its contents from touching the lips of an underage student.

In these chaotic times, we can rest easy knowing that, regardless of what transpires in this violent world, we will always be protected by those heroes whose patrol and protection of the tailgating lots never really ends.

Steve Mattingly
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We have just enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another."

Jonathan Swift
Irish writer

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Any major can be successful

If David Barrett is a philosophy major, then he has not been paying attention in class. His failure to present sound reasons for the surplus of business major greatly discredits his entire argument in his Nov. 11 column. Although he is an economics major and has covered his "business bases," he seems to know very little about being a business major. He implies that studying business maintains one's "intellectual integrity" more poorly than reading an 800-page book. One of these two authors has read *The Brothers Karamazov* for class and one for pleasure; we'll let the readers figure out who is who.

Barrett says that "college is a time for essays rather than scantrons. It should teach us to think critically and write fluidly." He assumes much regarding the business education. Rarely does a scantron test pass through the College of Business, and if he thinks that analyzing, designing and implementing an entire computer system does not require critical thinking, he is grossly mistaken. Barrett can judge for himself the fluidity of this essay, co-authored by a business major. A wise philosopher told us once that the only thing we can truly know is that we know nothing, and Barrett has disregarded this in passing judgment on business majors.

Barrett fails to take into account that the one-third of Notre Dame students enrolled in the business school may be studying business because they actually enjoy studying it. College is a time for young men and women to find out who they really are and find out what challenges them to become better versions of themselves. Some students like to read *The Republic*, others want to build them. Business majors are not any more or less complete because they know the intricacies of finance and may not have read *Moby-Dick*.

We would like to ask Barrett how his father accrued his philanthropic capital. Was he sitting on the banks of Walden painting landscapes? We would bet that the Harvard law hopeful mentioned by Barrett's father is grateful that his benefactors were doing something more practical with their time than spending it with Plato in his cave.

There are students underwhelmed and unchallenged in every college at this University. There are students who do not try and get by on barely passing grades, and there are students who wake up every morning excited about the challenges they will face in "Political Liberalism" or "Systems Analysis Design." Students in all majors can go out and achieve, no matter what they studied as an undergraduate. Plenty of business majors go on to top law schools while Arts and Letters students are preparing to get their MBAs.

John Stuart Mill defined "liberalism" as being tolerant of the ideas and behaviors of others. For Barrett to say that there are too many business majors at Notre Dame is evidence that he has not benefited from his liberal education.

Erin Fitzpatrick
senior
Farley Hall
Michael Steedle
senior
off-campus
Nov. 12

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Make us laugh

Like approximately 80 percent of Viewpoint letters, this one discusses diversity. However, the issue of diversity we discuss is one of far greater importance than those of culture and race. That's right, we are talking about diversity in Viewpoint topics. We represent the vast majority of Viewpoint readers who are too lazy to actually write a letter. However, we have been so moved by the appalling lack of variety that we have decided to sit down, in Australia, on a beautiful sunny day in order to bring to light an important issue we feel is vastly undervalued.

Through extensive statistical research, we have found that over 76.323 percent of Viewpoint pages contain at least one letter on one of the following topics: diversity, Catholicism (including, but not limited to abortion, pre-marital sex, homosexuality and parietals), the war in Iraq and human rights. Now, we have attended Notre Dame for two and a half years, which is about 400 school days, and with three to four letters published in the Viewpoint daily, that's around 300 letters on one of these topics.

Therefore, there is no possible way that anyone can contribute anything new to the discussion of any of the aforementioned issues. Please stop trying. The next time you sit down to write an article on any of these topics, think about the poor students who have to sit through another rambling discussion on the lack of diversity on Notre Dame's campus or how unfair parietals and the war in Iraq are. Honestly, no one cares.

Now we know some of you out there are thinking, who are these idiots and why do they continue to read Viewpoint articles if they're so disgusted with their content? We are the students at Notre Dame who frequently skip classes regardless of what time they start. We are the students who go out in spite of homework assignments and use study days for strictly recreational activities.

We are the students who give Notre Dame life outside the classroom. We are also the students who have hope that Viewpoint can be a vehicle for the discussion of new and interesting topics. Let us be clear, however, that we do not read Viewpoint to expand our cultural and spiritual horizons; we read Viewpoint to laugh. As such, we have a few topic suggestions we feel would be worthwhile: yogurt machine regulation, why Zahm sucks, cab drivers that rock, the most effective techniques to steal food from Grab 'N Go, why the sprinkling system waters the sidewalk more than the grass, the banning of sweat pants on campus, etc.

In closing, we can be nothing but optimistic that more authors like Joe Muto and Tom Raaf will step forward and lift us out of the stagnation that has become Viewpoint with articles that not only address relevant issues, but more importantly, make us laugh.

Bill Benear
Greg Kuhl
juniors
Fremantle, Australia
Nov. 11

Don't criticize Revue

Upon reading the article concerning the reactions of Saint Mary's students to the Keenan Revue, I couldn't help but think of the following quote from Jonathan Swift: "Satire is a sort of glass, wherein beholders do generally discover everybody's face but their own."

In addition to not seeing any part of themselves reflected in this satirical show, those Saint Mary's students protesting the Revue apparently have missed the fact that it is satire in the first place.

The Revue presents its topic in outrageous, farcical and ironic ways, and its skits are therefore to be taken in jest. These Saint Mary's students would cease to be offended if they took a step back and observed the satirical nature of the Revue. Then again, good satire is always misinterpreted by some.

Brendan Hanehan
freshman
Keenan Hall
Nov. 11

EDITORIAL CARTOON



Legends says 'hello' to hot new band this weekend

Hello Dave shows off its musical style of classic rock and pop, mixed with a bit of country this Friday night at Legends

By SARAH VABULAS
Scene Editor

On Friday night, students can say hello to Hello Dave when they play at Legends of Notre Dame. Described as "The Eagles of the new millennium" and one of Chicago's best-kept secrets, Hello Dave has been rockin' audiences for over a decade and is showing no signs of mercy with their newest studio album.

"Perfect Day" is set for release in January by Mountain Records. Recorded at Vortex Studio in Burbank, Calif., "Perfect Day" is the band's most accomplished album to date and explodes with 11 tracks of big radio rock & roll. Sure to land a permanent place in the CD changer, fans will love sprightly new tunes "Broken" and "Come Right Away," and the rich harmonious texture of "Medicine Boy." New remixes of grand hits "Golden" and "Sweetness" have never sounded better at the hands of legendary producer, Don Gehman. The album has already generated radio airplay and the band's fiercely loyal fan base further guarantees the album's success.

The band's unique mix of classic rock and bold pop served up with a side of country is enough to satisfy even the toughest critic. Known for their uproarious live shows, Hello Dave gives music fans exactly what they deserve: commanding rock & roll with merciless energy and staggering talent. Hello Dave is a guaranteed party in every performance.

After the success of their live album *Wicked Revelry*, the band was excited to get back in the studio, this time with producer Don Gehman. With a reputation for only working with bands whose music he likes, Gehman is one of the most respected producers in the industry. His rich heartland sound is most familiar to audiences through his collaborations with John Cougar Mellencamp and Hootie & the Blowfish, and was a perfect match for the melodic sounds of Hello Dave. This three-time Grammy nominated producer has also worked with the likes of Blues Traveler, Stephen Stills, REM, Tracy Chapman, Barbara Streisand and many more.

Completing the artistic trinity of Perfect Day is art director Gary Burden. Known for creating many famous album covers for legendary classic rock & roll bands of the 1960s and '70s, including The Eagles' *Desperados*, The Doors' *Morrison Hotel* and Joni Mitchell's *Blue*, he happily designed the album cover for Perfect Day. Also a three-time Grammy nominee, Burden hit the top after hooking up with photographer Henry Diltz, who documented many of the scenarios dreamed up by Burden.

The driving force behind Hello Dave has always been lead vocalist, songwriter and rhythm-guitarist Mike Himebaugh. While growing up in Michigan, Himebaugh traveled with his mother and stepfather who were heavily involved in Barber shopping, or singing in four-part harmony. This laid the seed for Himebaugh's love of music. He remembers spending many hours behind his closed bedroom door singing along to his tape recorder. This continued until college, where he began to write his own songs and take up music seriously. Since then he hasn't looked back. Now he says he is lucky enough to travel around most of the country and half the world singing his songs.

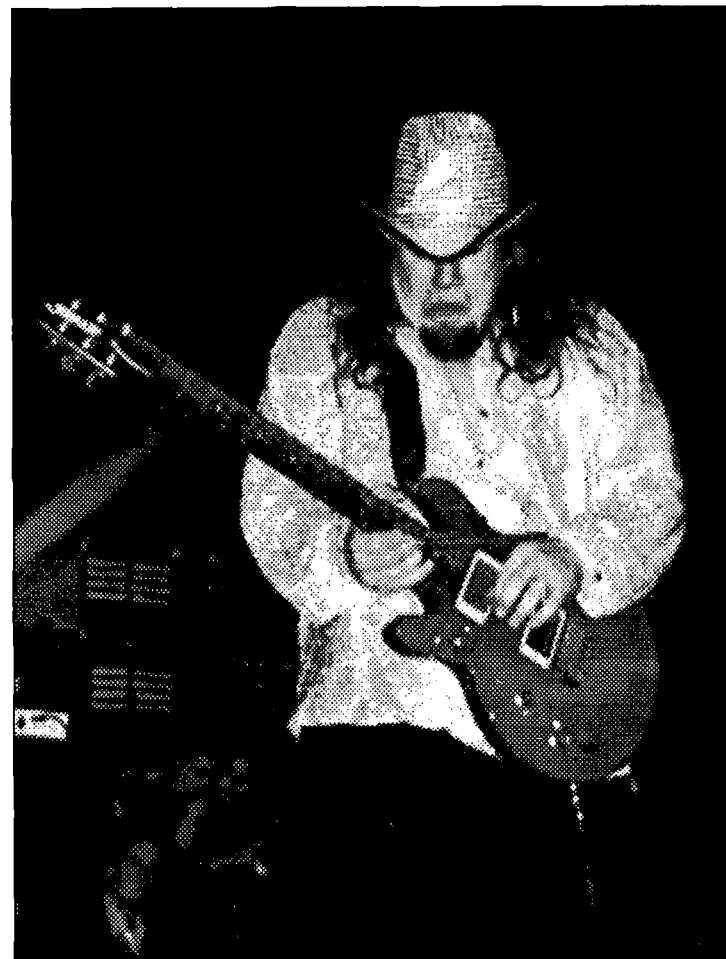
Also growing up in a musical family, bassist Allen Wetzel learned to play guitar at an early age. Music became such a large part of his life that after majoring in music in college he moved to Hollywood to pursue his dream. After a couple years of partying and starvation, Wetzel became disenchanted with the industry and moved back to Chicago. Since joining Hello Dave, Wetzel says he has had some of the best years of his life.

Lead guitarist Mike "Magoo" McGohan joined Hello Dave after playing an acoustic set with Wetzel at an all night party. He was later asked to join Hello Dave and has been with the band for five years. McGohan had been playing guitar since college and was no stranger to music as he had been in several bands, worked making amplifiers and as a DJ all before joining the ranks of Hello Dave. McGohan brings an infectious energy to the band and his blues-influenced style is something that the audience can really get behind.

When percussionist Bryan Resendiz joined Hello Dave just after returning from Drummers Collective in Manhattan in 1995, his solid yet versatile drumming style and dedication added a talent that helped to elevate the band's playing quality to the next level. Answering an ad Hello Dave had placed for a new drummer, Resendiz was quickly added as a member to the band. With his personal musical influences being wide-ranging he introduced several new and different elements to Hello Dave's own unique rock & roll sound while confidently moving the band forward.

The fifth member of Hello Dave, keyboardist Tony Orant has brought a finishing touch to the already rich blend of sounds. Orant was addicted to music early and prides himself on probably being the only kid in America that actually asked for piano lessons. Throughout high school and college he developed his talent and his ability to play in many different genres. While playing in a band called Gertrude that opened for Hello Dave, Orant began sitting in with them as a guest and has just never left. Now as a full member of the band, Orant helps to pull it all together into the fun and original sound that Hello Dave has become known for.

Hello Dave played at Heartland a few years ago, attracting a large crowd, who



Courtesy of www.hellodave.com

Michael "Magoo" McGohan, the lead guitarist of Hello Dave, sings backup and plays the harmonica.

seemed to enjoy the band's music.

"We haven't played for a couple weeks, since we took some time off after recording the new album, so we are excited to play again," said Himebaugh.

Hello Dave will play their show beginning at 9 p.m. Friday night at Legends. Admission is free and requires a Notre Dame, Saint Mary's or Holy Cross ID.

For more information about Hello Dave, visit the band's official website at www.hellodave.com, or to sample some of their music at www.freshtracksmusic.com.

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Courtesy of www.hellodave.com

Hello Dave shared its talents around the country on the Fresh Tracks Bands Across America Tour 2000 on April 1, seen here at the Vic Theatre in Chicago.



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Hello Dave, featuring a mix of classic rock and bold pop and served with a side of country, is featured this week as one of the many hot new bands at Legends.

Offering a fresh approach to music file sharing

FreshTracksMusic.com is a convenient, cheap and legal source of MP3s as well as a great place to be introduced to the latest names in music

By SARAH VABULAS
Scene Editor

Chicago-based FreshTracksMusic might have stumbled upon the answer for a music industry looking for a way to truly reconnect with the file-sharing generation of new music fans.

By combining a legal, powerful music download alternative to file-sharing programs such as Kazaa with a decade of experience and enduring relationships across the national music landscape, FreshTracksMusic is poised to capture what co-founders John Wanzung and Kip Schaumloffel saw as the most valuable segment of today's music industry.

"FreshTracksMusic is about building a community on- and off-line where music fans feel that they will always be able to find something cool to listen to and/or download," Wanzung said.

And that's what they have done. Launched in July 2003, FTM has been steadily getting the word out through grassroots channels to build a credible foundation of new members that appears to be picking up steam as they head into the upcoming holiday season.

FreshTracksMusic started seven years ago. Wanzung received a business degree from Vanderbilt University and was the social chair at his fraternity, booking many bands. After taking a few years off to ski in Colorado, Wanzung became the Manager of FreshTracks band, Hello Dave, and then hooked up with Schaumloffel, becoming partners.

During the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Wanzung decided to start exposing great, new music to fans everywhere. And so FreshTracksMusic began.

"It started as an 'of the month' type of deal," Wanzung said. "We sent two CDs in the mail each month. Creed was the first band we sent out. We stopped doing mail order and went digital when the market turned that way. It used to be free music, but we had to go to subscription."

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At the heart of their early success, a number of factors have come into play. First, FTM believes that downloading should be an "all-you-can-eat" type of experience. So, for about 10 cents a day, members of FreshTracksMusic can download unrestricted MP3s of anything in the FTM catalog. And unlike Kazaa, FreshTracksMusic is fully licensed and legal. So there will be no lawsuits from organizations like the RIAA, or the Recording Industry Association of America.

There are no per-track fees like those on iTunes or BuyMusic and the catalog includes entire CDs, live shows and exclusive recordings from a rapidly growing list of today's coolest new bands. And unlike the new Napster, once you download the tracks, they are yours, even if you decide not to renew your membership.

FreshTracksMusic features entire CDs, live shows and other exclusive recordings from today's coolest new bands from across the country.

The second major factor, and certainly

just as important is quality. The music has to be excellent. FreshTracksMusic is like a Top 40 of independent bands.

And don't worry. The new music junkies at FreshTracksMusic have demonstrated their uncanny ability to find bands that end up becoming the mainstream.

Having worked for over the last 7 years with who are now some of today's



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John Wanzung
co-founder

biggest names, including Creed, O.A.R., Dispatch, Jack Johnson, String Cheese Incident and many others, before their mainstream debuts, FreshTracksMusic has demonstrated its ability to stay ahead of the curve by finding music

early that is destined for greatness. FreshTracksMusic is always ready to tell you what's about to be huge.

"With recent additions to the FTM Hub like Brian Vander Ark (lead singer of The Verve Pipe), Slightly Stoopid, Craig Honeycutt (lead singer of Everything), Ari Hest, Pomeroy and over 50 more incredible new artists," Schaumloffel said, "we feel like there is already a ridiculous catalog of music that will quickly win over even the most discriminating music fan ... FTM spends the majority of its time finding and featuring only what is worthy of its members' ears. In other words, it's like a fully downloadable Top 50 catalog of independent bands without the cheesey, pop overtones."

And to ensure that FTM's quality of music is

firmly upheld, Schaumloffel adds, "We have handpicked a team of diverse ears that all share a common identity growing up as 'that one friend' who always knows about cool new bands before the rest of the class."

"This is not your average digital download service," said Wanzung. "FTM offers everyone from high school students to the person who was at Woodstock a unique and totally legal listening and downloading experience."

Memberships come chock full of incentives too. At \$36 for a year of unlimited MP3 downloads makes FreshTracksMusic one of the coolest, most affordable new music download gifts available.

It is no secret that one of the biggest gifts for this holiday season will be MP3 players like Apple's iPod digital music device. But with what music and how are people going to fill their iPods?

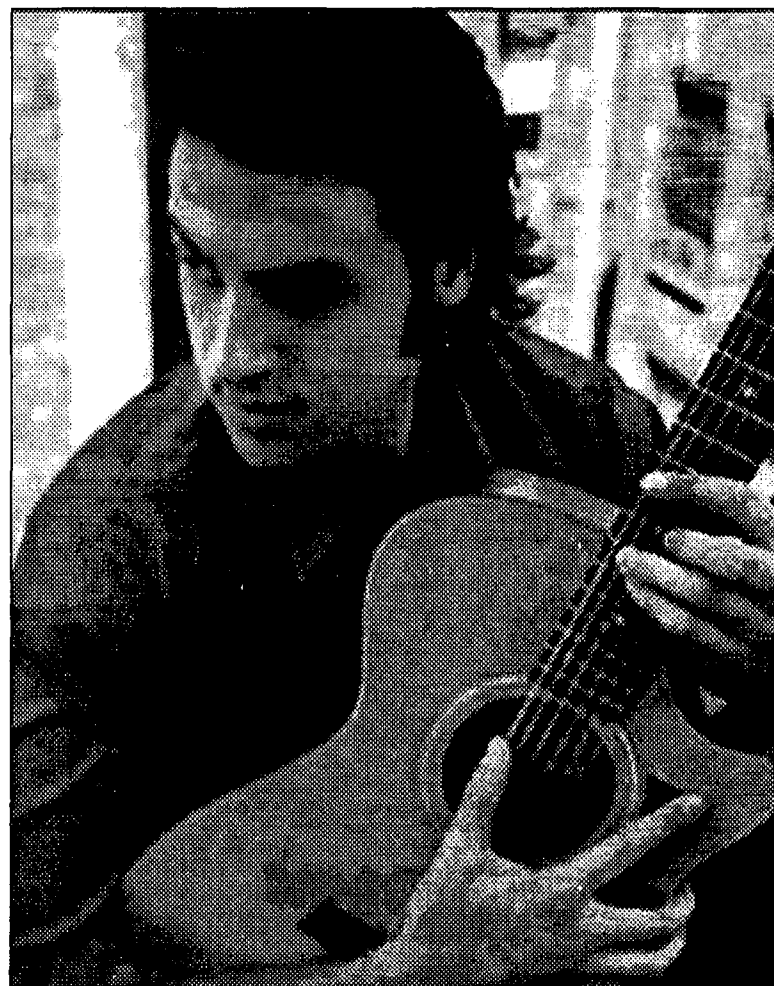
"It's a great gift for people to give for the holiday season," Wanzung said. "For 36 bucks for the year, and we're always adding killer, new bands, you can give someone a gift they will use. If you're looking for the perfect gift, think about FreshTracks. We will send them a card and a free CD so they will have something to open, too."

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Ari Hest is one of the many rising names that FreshTracksMusic features on its "Singer/Songwriter" section.

NBA

Spurs dominate over Nets in Finals rematch

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Much like the NBA Finals, the New Jersey Nets had no answer for Tim Duncan — even with Jason Kidd producing a triple-double.

Duncan had a season-high 31 points and 12 rebounds and the defending champion San Antonio Spurs defeated the Nets 85-71 Wednesday night in the first meeting between the teams since the championship round.

Tony Parker added 17 points in just his second game of the season and Manu Ginobili had 12 points and eight rebounds as the Spurs won their second straight game since Duncan and Parker returned to the lineup.

Kidd, who spurned a free agent offer from the Spurs in the offseason, had 14 points, 13 assists and 12 rebounds for his second triple-double of the season and the 52nd of his career.

Kenyon Martin added 14 points and 10 rebounds in his first game since spraining his left ankle Oct. 31.

The Nets also couldn't overcome long stretches of cold shooting — another reminder of what happened in the finals when New Jersey allowed San Antonio to go on a series-deciding 19-0 run in Game 6.

A 3-for-14 slump at the end of the second quarter came during a 21-5 spurt that gave the Spurs a 49-33 halftime lead.

Parker started the run with four straight points, Duncan added six and Malik Rose had five, including a tip just before the halftime buzzer.

The disappointingly small crowd of 13,286 was starting to grumble when the game turned on a spectacular block by Martin early in the third quarter.

Duncan got the rebound in the lane and went up for a jump hook with his arm fully extended. Martin came from the baseline and blocked the shot well above the rim, swatting the ball into the stands.

The block got the Nets and the fans back in the game. New Jersey closed the quarter with a

17-4 run to pull to 63-56. The deficit was reduced to three points in the fourth quarter, the last time at 67-64 on a jumper by Martin in the lane.

Miami 88, Cleveland 83

Eddie Jones scored 25 points and Lamar Odom added 14 points and 10 assists, helping Miami become the final NBA team to break into the victory column with an 88-83 win over Cleveland on Wednesday night.

LeBron James had 18 points on 6-of-15 shooting for Cleveland, which lost its 26th straight road game since February and failed in its bid for the franchise's first three-game winning streak since April 2002.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 20 points for the Cavaliers and Carlos Boozer had a game-high 16 rebounds.

The Heat lost their first seven games, the franchise's worst start since going 0-17 to open its inaugural season, 1988-89. They missed their last five field goal attempts against Cleveland, giving the Cavaliers plenty of chances to pull off a late rally.

But James was stifled on three key possessions, first committing an offensive foul while driving with 2:08 left, then getting a shot blocked by Udonis Haslem with 1:30 remaining.

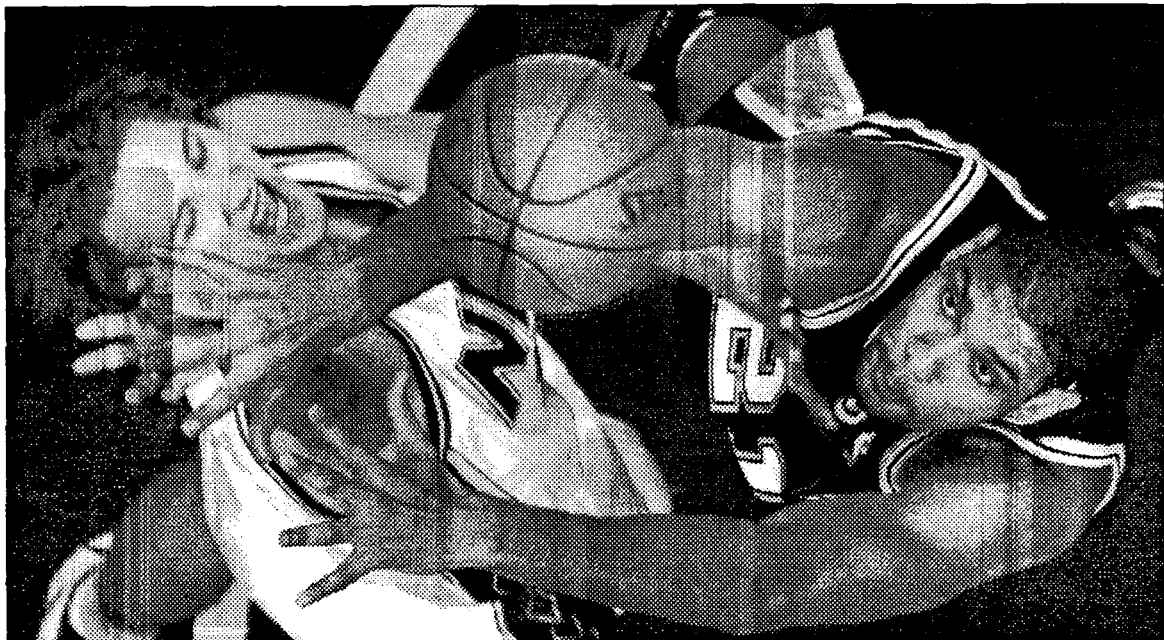
James also failed to handle a quick pass from Ilgauskas with 18.5 seconds left, committing Cleveland's eighth turnover of the final quarter.

Cleveland further hurt itself by making only 17 of 30 free throws.

Miami held Cleveland to one field goal in the final 6:52 of the third quarter, turning a 61-60 deficit into a 72-65 lead entering the final period.

Dwyane Wade made two big plays to fuel the quarter-ending burst. He rose well above the rim to block James' layup attempt with 5:15 left in the third, sparking a fast-break basket by Haslem for a 66-61 edge.

With 1:09 left in the quarter, Wade rebounded his own missed baseline jumper and put down a two-handed dunk to give Miami a 72-64 lead — its biggest



Reuters

Duncan reaches to block the ball during the game Wednesday. Duncan was a key asset to the Spurs, including reacing a season high 31 points and 12 rebounds.

of the game at that point.

In the fourth, any chance Cleveland had to rally was taken away by turnovers. James was wide open from 18 feet with 4:35 remaining, but never got the chance to shoot after the Cavaliers were whistled for a three-second violation.

Chicago 89, Boston 82

Jalen Rose scored 20 points and Eddy Curry added 16 points and 14 rebounds Wednesday night as the Chicago Bulls defeated the Celtics 89-82 for their third road victory, matching their total from last season.

Chicago's third straight road win improved the Bulls to 3-1 on the road. They finished 3-38 away from the home in 2002-03.

The Bulls never led by more than seven points in the second half until Jamal Crawford capped an 11-2 run with a jumper and a 3-pointer that gave the Bulls a 76-65 lead with 9:31 left.

The Celtics responded with a 13-4 spurt, and Mike James made his sixth 3-pointer of the night with 4:12 left to pull Boston to 80-78. But Paul Pierce missed a fadeaway jumper, and the Bulls pulled away by going

9-of-12 on free throws down the stretch.

Rose started in place of Eddie Robinson after coming off the bench in Chicago's previous two contests.

Chicago led 23-21 after the first period led by 12 points from Kendall Gill, who was 5-of-6 from the floor in the opening period.

The Celtics took their final lead of the night, 44-42, on a 3-pointer by James with 1:18 left in the second period. Rose responded with a 3-pointer on Chicago's next possession, and the Bulls led 47-44 at the break.

James had 18 points and Pierce 14 for the Celtics, whose modest two-gamewinning streak was snapped.

Memphis 107, Orlando 97

Memphis Grizzlies withstood a season-high 36 points from Tracy McGrady and handed the Orlando Magic their seventh consecutive loss, 107-97 Wednesday night.

Forwards Pau Gasol and James Posey had 28 and 24 points, respectively, in leading the Grizzlies to their second road win of the season.

The Grizzlies, who beat the Lakers on Monday night, used

their superior front court to dominate the game and closed it out with a 15-0 run featuring two 3-pointers by Posey and one by Jay Williams.

McGrady scored with 6:42 remaining, giving the Magic their last lead, 89-87. It was his only basket of the fourth period, and McGrady limped off in the final seconds with a strained tendon in his left ankle.

The Magic held a 47-37 rebounding edge, but their lack of balance cost them. Orlando is off to the worst home start (0-6) in franchise history.

Mike Miller, who was traded from Orlando to Memphis last season, fouled out in just 12 minutes after scoring eight points.

Memphis led 55-49 at intermission despite a 25-point first half by McGrady.

McGrady gave the crowd a scare in the second period when he crashed to the floor holding his left knee. After being helped off the court, he returned.

The Magic, much like they have throughout their losing streak, struggled badly at the start by missing their first 11 shots. Memphis led 10-0 before McGrady hit a pair of free throws.

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MLB

McKeon, Pena earn Manager of the Year honors in 2003



Florida manager Jack McKeon celebrates his team's World Series win. McKeon and Kansas City's Tony Pena were both named top managers in their respective leagues Wednesday.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jack McKeon calls himself an "old goat." He can add "wise."

The 72-year-old manager of the Florida Marlins was voted NL Manager of the Year for the second time after transforming a last-place team into a World Series champion.

"This is something that topped off all the good things that happened to us this year," he said Wednesday after the voting was announced.

Kansas City's Tony Pena won the AL honor after the Royals rebounded from their first 100-loss season to stay in contention until the final week.

McKeon received 19 of 32 first-place votes and 116 points in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, becoming the first manager to win the award after taking over a team during the season.

He is the third-oldest in major league history, trailing Hall of Famers Connie Mack (88) and Casey Stengel (75). He thanked the Marlins for hiring him.

"They had the courage to go out and hire an old goat like me," he said in Miami. "I wanted one more crack."

Florida was 16-22 when McKeon replaced Jeff Torborg on May 11. The Marlins dropped to 10 games under .500 on May 22, falling into the NL East cellar, then rebounded to finish 91-71 and win the NL wild card.

"When I came in here, I didn't think they were having any fun," McKeon said. His solution was to tell his team to "play it like a kids' game."

Voting took place before the postseason, when Florida upset San Francisco in the first round, overcame a 3-1 deficit to beat the Cubs in the NL championship series, then rebounded from a 2-1 deficit to beat the

New York Yankees in the World Series. It was McKeon's first time in the postseason.

He started in professional baseball as a player in 1949 and became a manager six years later. His major league managing career began in 1973 with Kansas City, and he went on to manage Oakland, San Diego and Cincinnati.

"The biggest thing I think I've learned is patience and understanding today's young players and realizing these guys are looking for someone to guide them," McKeon said. "They're looking for instruction and they're looking for motivation."

Dusty Baker, a three-time winner of the award, finished second with 62 points after leading the Cubs to the NL Central title in his first season as Chicago's manager.

"I like Jack. He earned it," Baker said, saying Syracuse basketball coach Jim Boheim put things in perspective during an interview a few days ago.

"He was saying it took him 27 years to win a championship. I'm on No. 12 now. Jack is on what? Fifty-something?" Baker said. "Whoa! Lord have mercy. I don't have nothing to be sad about. Nothing."

McKeon is not thinking about retirement any time soon.

"I'm not going to go home and sit in the rocking chair and drive that tractor," he said. "I hope to do it as long as I'm healthy enough and feel it's still enjoyable."

Pena was an overwhelming choice for the AL award, getting 24 first-place votes and 130 points. Minnesota's Ron Gardenhire was second with four firsts and 44 points.

"When they told me, I got on my knees to thank God. Then I cried with my family," Pena said in a telephone interview from his home in Santiago, Dominican Republic. "There are no words to describe what I feel."

After the unexpected success this season, Pena thinks more will be expected from Kansas City next year.

"Everybody believes we have a good chance to win," he said.

Pena, 46, took over the Royals in May 2002 and Kansas City finished 62-100. The Royals won their first nine games this year, got off to a 16-3 start and were 51-41 at the All-Star break, leading the AL Central by seven games.

But they slumped in the second half and wound up 83-79, their first winning season since 1994. Kansas City used 29 pitchers, including an AL-high 15 starters, and set a team record by using 53 players.

"We did not run out of bullets, we just ran out of time," Pena said.

He is only the second Dominican to win manager of the year. Felipe Alou, who replaced Baker in San Francisco after the 2002 season, was NL Manager of the Year in 1994, when he was with Montreal.

"Felipe was the one that opened the gate for us," he said. "Dominicans, and all Latinos, are showing that we can take on large responsibilities in baseball. We know how to do more than throw hard or hit well."



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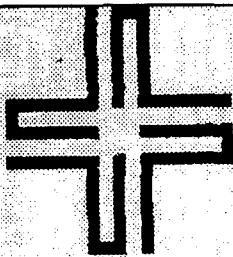
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Can You Hear Me Now?

by Chandra Johnson

Assistant Director, Cross Cultural Ministry

Just about everyone these days has a cell phone clipped to their waist or nestled in their backpack. Even I have one. Although I must admit I'm still a novice user. It took me three months to figure out that by pressing the little button on the side of the phone, I could hear better. I wasn't losing my hearing after all! And I continue to be amazed when each time I flip up the pad protector, a voice always asks, "Who would you like to call?" Compact, practical, and indispensable, the cell phone keeps our family, friends and the entire world at our fingertips twenty-four hours a day. What a blessing. Or is it?

When I drive around campus, I can't help but notice students walking with one hand over their ear and head pointed toward the ground. You're in deep conversation with someone who, at that moment, has your undivided attention. Instant access is a modern marvel indeed, however, I often wonder if its utilization has ushered out the age of contemplation and ushered in an age of modern self-segregation?

I raised the cell phone craze with a group of students last week and somehow we got on the subject of intuition and wisdom, and how you get it. We began to evaluate the many layers of our lives and how it is becoming harder and harder to settle down to pray. How does one shut out the BlackBerry world to hear the voice of reason when making decisions? How do we know when the edge is closer than we think? How do we feel God and not the pressured anxiety of the next meeting or class?

I reminded them that the word "cell" did not always mean "cellular telephone". Once upon a time it referred to a cave, a prayer space where one could be still to hear the voice and subtle wisdom of God. In fact, monasticism, as we know it today, began almost two thousand years ago in the cave cells of Egypt. First-century Christian men and women left the cities to contemplate what it meant to be a follower of Jesus Christ, and much of what they gleaned from the solitude provided the rubric for later ascetic and mystical writings. Their cave experience was the place where wisdom spoke.

The first reading for today's Mass is taken from the Book of Wisdom: "In wisdom is a spirit intelligent, holy, unique, clear, unhampered, beneficent, kindly, firm, secure, tranquil, all powerful, all-seeing...[f]or [w]isdom is mobile beyond all motion, and she penetrates and pervades all things by reason of her purity. (7:22b-8:1) Wisdom's fluidity points to the question in today's gospel where Jesus is asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God will come. Jesus answers, "The coming of the Kingdom of God cannot be observed, and no one will announce [it]. For behold, the Kingdom of God is among you." (Luke 17:20-25) Among whom? Where? How will we know it and what does it look like? In today's Mass, we are comforted in knowing that wisdom is everywhere, we just have to stop long enough to listen for and recognize her counsel. The Kingdom of which Jesus speaks is right before our eyes. It is among us. It is in us. It is mobile, flawless and travels with us everywhere. It is all we know God to be. It is the peace of Jesus Christ. It is the power of the Spirit.

As we prepare for the Advent Season, let us engage in a renewed rite of communication. Let us use our unlimited minutes to call up God, contemplate Christ, and embrace the Spirit within. There is an entire library of wisdom inside of you just waiting to reveal itself as your life in motion. Go to it and trust that all you desire to be is within reach. The measure of your hard work will be revealed when you least expect.

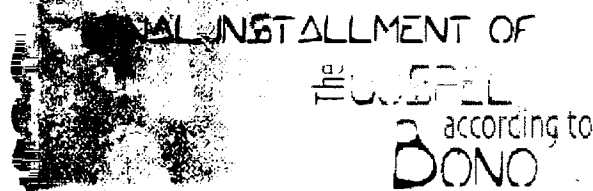
So now...who would you like to call? Take a moment to have a conversation with God. Go to the Grotto, your dorm chapel, the Basilica, the silence of your room—anywhere you can find peace and quiet. And sit. Be silent. Be still. Go within and listen quietly. "Can you hear me now? Good."

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Rev. Rev. Thomas E. Blantz, c.s.c.
10:00 a.m.
Most Rev. John M. D'Arcy
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend

11:45 p.m.
Most Rev. Robert N. Lynch
Bishop of St. Petersburg, FL

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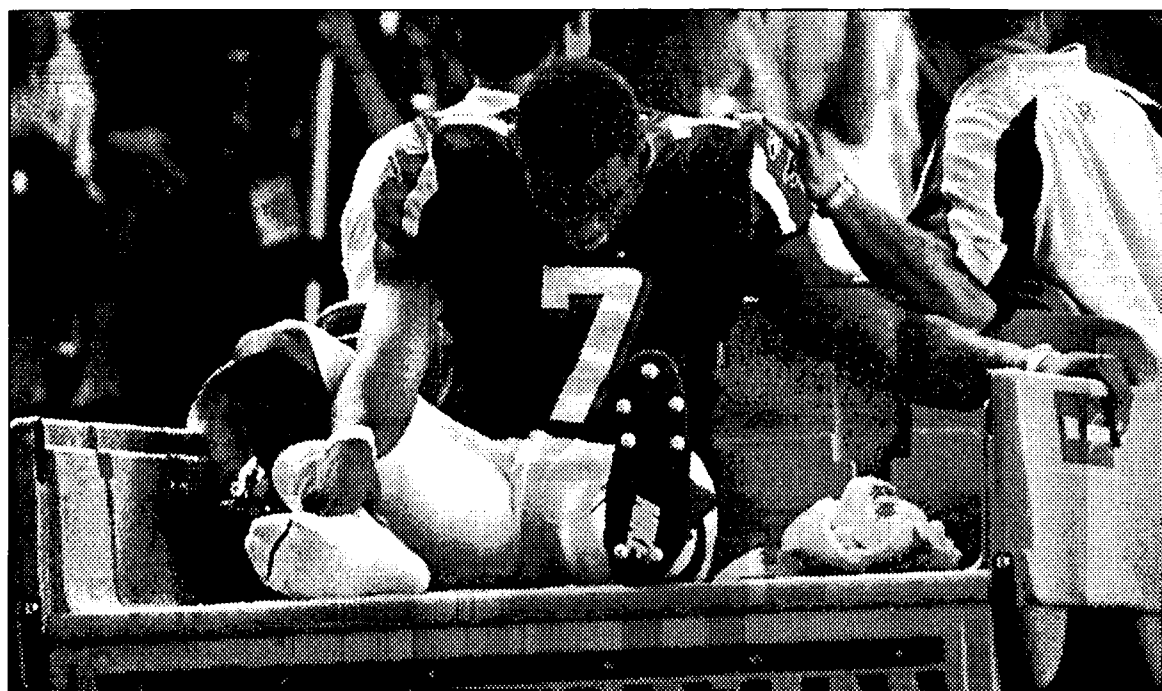
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Spanish Mass
St. Edward's Hall Chapel
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Law School Mass
Law School Chapel
7:00 p.m.
MBA Mass
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Faculty Lounge

Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st: Daniel 12:1-3 2nd: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

NFL

Vick practices for first time since leg injury



Michael Vick is taken off the field after breaking his right leg in an exhibition game against the Baltimore Ravens. Vick returned to practice Wednesday for the first time since the injury.

Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — He worked with the scout team. He kept his running in low gear. There were no dazzling moves, no 70-yard passes.

Still, this was a significant breakthrough.

Michael Vick was back.

The Atlanta Falcons quarterback practiced Wednesday for the first time since breaking his right leg in a preseason game, raising hopes that he'll soon be ready to play. He has set Nov. 30 in Houston as his target.

"I think I handled it pretty well," Vick said after the two-hour practice. "Toward the end, it got kind of sore on me. But that's what I expected. That's a good thing."

The rest of the team was already on the field when Vick trotted out from the locker room, wearing his No. 7 jersey and carrying his shoulder pads. At least a dozen cameramen and photographers documented every step.

Practice was uneventful. Vick served as the third-team quarterback behind Kurt Kittner and Doug Johnson, which meant working with the scout team and backups.

At times, Vick appeared to be favoring his leg, and he didn't show off any of his celebrated running skills. Still, the Falcons were glad to have him back in uniform.

"I didn't have any expectations because I really didn't know how much he could do," coach Dan Reeves said. "I was definitely pleased that he did as much as he did."

No one was more pumped up than Vick.

"I asked him how he felt," Reeves said. "He said, 'Coach, I couldn't sleep last night. I was so excited to come out and start practicing.' That's what showed up — the excitement he had all day long."

Wright to start Sunday for Ravens

Anthony Wright will start at quarterback for the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday, jumping from third string to replace the

injured Kyle Boller.

Wright's start against the Miami Dolphins will be his first since October 2001, when he played in four games with the Dallas Cowboys before a knee injury landed him on injured reserve.

Ravens coach Brian Billick said Wednesday that Wright's mobility in the pocket earned him the job over Chris Redman, who was sacked five times and fumbled twice in relief of Boller in a 33-22 loss to St. Louis on Sunday night.

"That's a tough situation for Chris, but the reason we're going with Anthony Wright is that right now Anthony's physical attributes fit better with what we're doing," Billick said. "That's not Chris' fault; it's just a matter of Anthony's athleticism. That's the primary thing. He fits more with what we do in both our running and passing game."

Wright or Redman, it makes no difference to the Dolphins, who are preparing for a clash with the NFL's leading rusher, Jamal Lewis, and the league's top-ranked running game.

"It's not going to change our preparation a bit," Miami linebacker Junior Seau said. "They have a great running back in Jamal, and he's going to be our focal point."

Jacksonville picks up Johnson off walvers

When top-line receiver Kevin Johnson became available Wednesday, the Jacksonville Jaguars had a few questions.

First among them: How soon could Johnson get to town?

Continuing their nonstop search for receiving help, the Jaguars signed Johnson, the fifth-year veteran who led Cleveland in receptions this season, but was surprisingly released by the Browns on Tuesday.

To make room, Jacksonville released J.J. Stokes, once viewed as a possible answer to their problems, but who had only 13 catches this year and spent a good portion of the season on the inactive list.

Browns coach Butch Davis wasn't happy with Johnson's performance of late, but the Jaguars weren't too concerned.

"Like we do with all players, we researched it, and we feel pretty satisfied with the player changing scenery," player personnel director James Harris said. "He's getting an opportunity to get a fresh start."

Johnson arrives Thursday, and soon after, coach Jack Del Rio will decide whether to activate him for Sunday's game against Tennessee.

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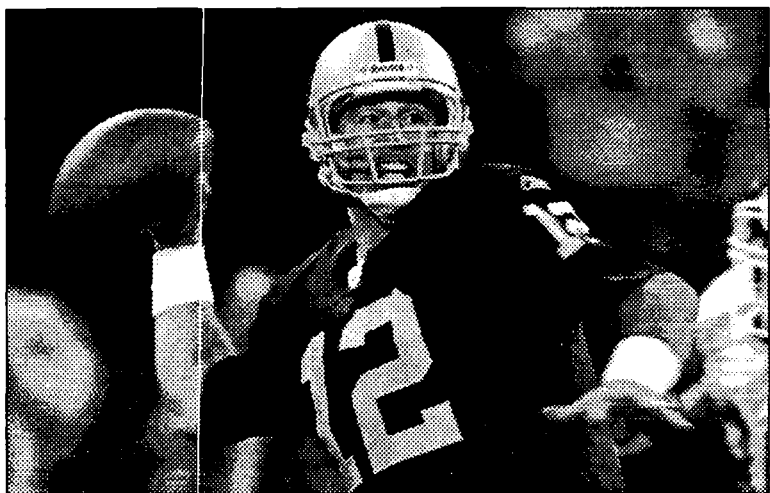
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NFL



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Gannon goes to pass during a game with the Kansas City Chiefs. It was later in that game that he injured his shoulder.

Gannon gone for season with injury

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Rich Gannon, last year's NFL MVP, will miss the rest of the season and have surgery on his throwing shoulder.

The Oakland Raiders placed the quarterback on injured reserve Wednesday.

The 37-year-old Gannon attempted to throw with his right shoulder Tuesday for the first time since getting knocked out of Oakland's 17-10 loss to Kansas City on Oct. 20. He was able to raise his arm to throw, but couldn't release the ball, coach Bill Callahan said.

Gannon, a 16-year veteran, flew home to Minnesota on Wednesday to be examined by the same doctor who performed his shoulder surgery after his 1993 season with the Redskins. He missed all of the 1994 season and then was released by the Redskins.

Callahan wouldn't go as far as saying the torn labrum is a career-ending injury and expects Gannon to play in 2004 for the Raiders, who are 2-7 and off to their worst start since 1964.

"It's extremely tough to lose a player of this caliber," Callahan said. "What he provides this team not only with his play, but his leadership and preparation, to have the MVP of the league miss almost half the season is disappointing. He feels bad. If there's anybody who wants to get back on the field, it's Rich Gannon."

Gannon was hurt in the first half against the Chiefs following two sacks by linebacker Shawn Barber and several other hard hits.

With backup Marques Tuiasosopo also out for the year with a knee injury, Rick Mirer will be the starter for the last seven games.

"It's kind of the tale of our season," said Pro Bowl right tackle Lincoln Kennedy, one of the Raiders' team leaders. "It's just the way things have gone. A lot of people we kind of counted on and had high expectations for the season are no longer with us. ... Right now, the team is fighting for survival."

Gannon was 125-of-225 for 1,274 yards, six touchdowns and a completion percentage of 55.6 this season. He threw four

interceptions and was sacked 17 times for a subpar 73.5 quarterback rating.

He struggled this season coming off his MVP year in 2002, when he led the league's top offense as the Raiders won their third straight AFC West title and reached the Super Bowl for the first time in 20 years.

Last season, Gannon broke the NFL completions record with 418. He led the league with 4,689 yards passing, nearly becoming just the second quarterback to go over 5,000 in a season. Dan Marino threw for 5,084 yards in 1984.

Gannon completed 67.6 percent of his attempts, had 26 touchdowns passes and only 10

"It's extremely tough to lose a player of this caliber."

Bill Callahan
Raiders Head Coach

interceptions. His 97.3 rating was second in the NFL to the Jets' Chad Pennington. He also threw for more than 300 yards in 10 games,

another record.

"To lose a leader like that is really hard," Kennedy said. "I know it's harder on him. I've seen him the last couple days and it was hard for him to come to this decision."

"I'm not surprised. I kind of expected it — not only when it happened, but the fact he was unable to come back the last couple weeks."

Callahan is holding out hope that Gannon would be ready by spring minicamps. If not, his future with this franchise could be uncertain, because he's scheduled to make \$7 million next season.

"I feel terrible for him," Callahan said. "If there's anybody capable of coming back from injury and fighting through it and getting back on the field,

MLB

Clemens retirement to go forward

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With thoughts of an Olympic medal now gone, Roger Clemens insisted his retirement will go forward as planned.

"No scenario," Clemens said Wednesday when asked what might entice him to pitch next season. "I'm retired."

"I'll come back and be a really expensive batting practice pitcher and then, if somebody goes down, then they can work on me."

The future Hall of Famer acknowledged that he had thoughts of pitching for the U.S. Olympic baseball team before the defending gold-medal champions were eliminated from a qualifying tournament in Panama last week.

"I'm shaking my head just

like everyone else that they're going to have an Olympics and we, the United States, is not going to be represented there," Clemens said. "That's kind of a shame."

An Olympic medal is about the only thing missing from Clemens' resume. He is baseball's only six-time Cy Young Award winner, 17th on the all-time list with 310 victories and third with 4,099 strikeouts. He also has two World Series rings.

Clemens said that his agents wanted to make him available as a free agent — his name was officially filed last week — but the plan didn't get far.

"I heard that and immediately my four boys picked up my option and said 'You're staying here,'" Clemens said.

Another person expecting

to be home when next season rolls around is Don Zimmer, the fiery former bench coach who famously rushed Boston pitcher Pedro Martinez on the field, and left the Yankees after saying he felt unappreciated by owner George Steinbrenner.

Calling speculation that he may end up with Tampa Bay "propaganda," Zimmer said, "I'll probably be at home sitting on the boat dock" next year.

Still uncertain is the future of pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre. Yankees manager Joe Torre said he expects to hear by the end of this week if Stottlemyre plans to be back for next season or not.

"I don't have a gut feeling," Torre said about what he believes Stottlemyre's decision will be.

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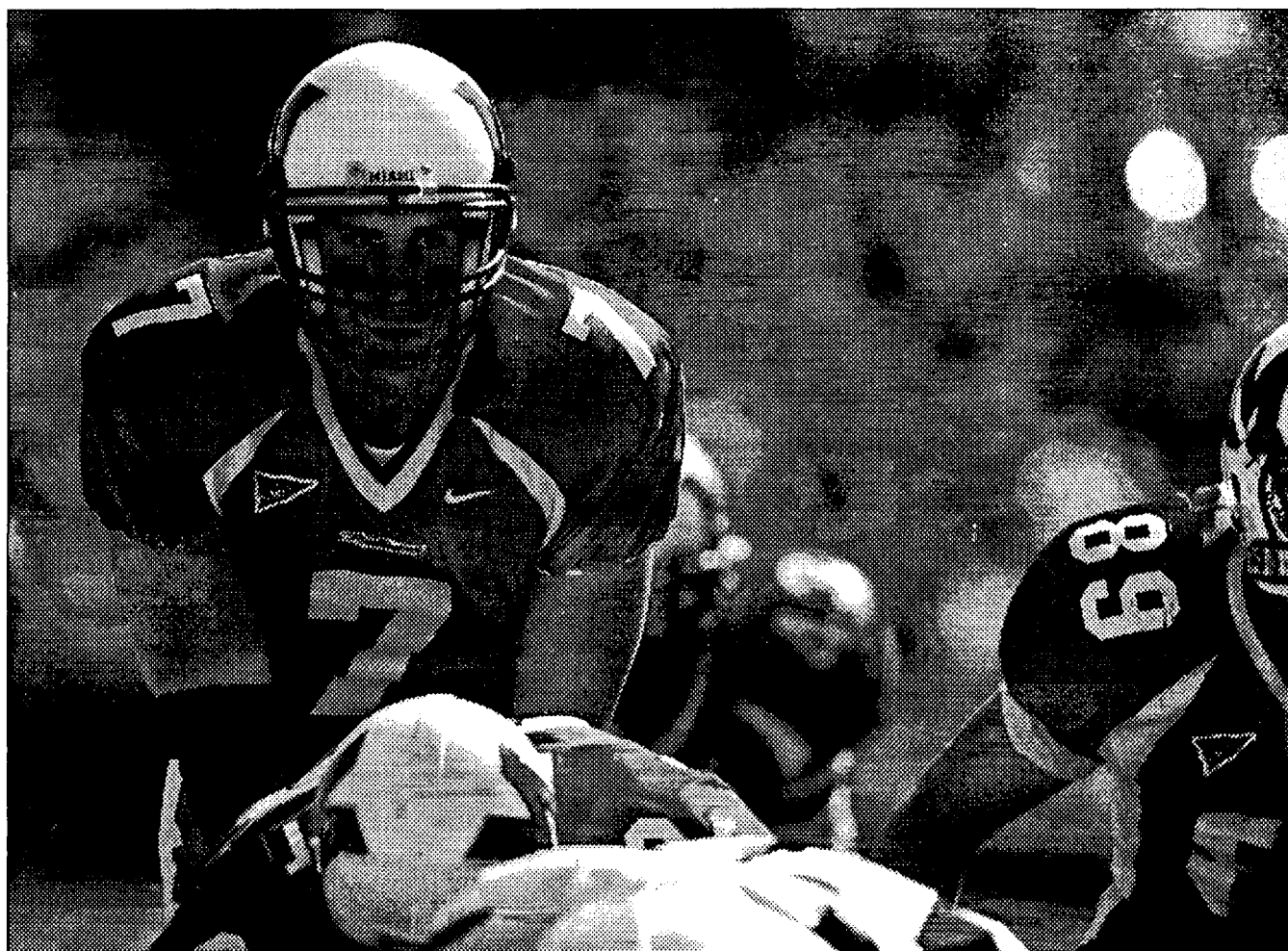
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3 Texas	LSU 3
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16 NOTRE DAME	South Carolina 16
16 Rutgers	Minnesota 17
18 Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara 18
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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Icon Sports

Miami of Ohio's Ben Roethlisberger waits for the snap during a win over Cincinnati earlier this fall. Roethlisberger led his team in their 45-6 win over Marshall Wednesday, earning Miami the MAC East title.

Miami beats Marshall for MAC title

Associated Press

OXFORD, Ohio — Ben Roethlisberger passed for 282 yards and two touchdowns through a howling wind Wednesday night, leading No. 23 Miami of Ohio to a 45-6 victory that ended Marshall's dominance of the Mid-American Conference.

Playing with their first national ranking since 1976, the RedHawks (9-1, 6-0) got their ninth straight victory and their most meaningful one yet.

Marshall (6-4, 4-2) had won all six MAC East titles since the league split into two divisions in 1997.

Miami's win clinched the title and a berth in the conference's championship game.

There were no clashes during a wind-blown game that had bitter undertones from last year, when quarterback Stan Hill's 1-yard run with 5 seconds left gave the Thundering Herd a 36-34 victory in Huntington, West Virginia.

Fans stormed the field and Miami defensive coordinator Jon Wauford was led away in handcuffs, accused of knocking down a fan. Wauford resigned after the season, and a charge of misdemeanor battery later was dropped.

Linebackers coach Taver Johnson also was disciplined for damaging the visiting coaches' box at the end of the game.

Three security officers stood watch over Marshall coach Bob Pruett on the field Wednesday. Most of the crowd of 26,286 had left by game's end.

Roethlisberger had no problems throwing in a gusting wind that whistled through the end zone bleachers, making the goalpost uprights sway by more than a foot.

He put Miami ahead to stay with a 14-yard touchdown pass to Matt Brandt on a game-opening drive

into the wind and finished it off with a 10-yard TD pass in the fourth quarter.

The junior quarterback joined Marshall's Chad Pennington and Byron Leftwich as the only MAC players to throw for 3,000 yards in three seasons.

Roethlisberger, who completed 18 of 29 passes, also made the game's signature play, putting his head down and running over linebacker Gladstone Coke for a 14-yard gain that kept the opening drive going.

By contrast, Marshall's Graham Gochneaur had problems with the wind and the defensive pressure.

around the dial

NBA

Bulls at Celtics 1 p.m., FOXCH 22
Rockets at Mavericks 7:30 p.m., TNT
Kings at Trail Blazers 10 p.m., TNT

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Memphis at Wake Forest 7 p.m., ESPN2
Marquette at St. John's 9 p.m., ESPN2

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Virginia at Maryland 7:30 p.m., ESPN

GOLF

WGC World Cup 2 p.m., ESPN

MOTORCYCLE RACING

AMA Red Bull Supermoto 10 p.m., OUTL

TENNIS

Masters Cup 3 p.m., ESPN2

IN BRIEF

Agassi wins over Ferrero for chance at semifinals

Andre Agassi righted himself quickly enough to beat Juan Carlos Ferrero and give Andy Roddick the year-end No. 1 ranking.

After a miserable 1 1/2 sets, Agassi suddenly began finding his strokes and came back to stun Ferrero 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 Wednesday night at the Tennis Masters Cup.

Ferrero fell to 0-2 in the round-robin portion of the \$3.65 million tournament and can't possibly qualify for the semifinals, which means he won't accumulate enough points in the last event of 2003 to pass Roddick.

Agassi (1-1) can reach the semifinals by beating No. 8 David Nalbandian next.

Roddick, meanwhile, didn't have to set foot on court Wednesday. He replaced Ferrero — the man he beat in the U.S. Open final — at No. 1 in the ATP Tour computer rankings last week and, at 21, will be the

third-youngest player to close a season there.

Roddick (1-0) faces No. 6 Rainer Schuettler on Thursday.

In Wednesday's other match, Wimbledon champion Roger Federer defeated Nalbandian for the first time in six pro meetings, 6-3, 6-0. Agassi's win over Ferrero allowed Federer (2-0) to claim a semifinal berth.

Through the first 15 games, Agassi had 24 unforced errors to Ferrero's nine. Agassi was slow afoot and just kept missing shots he usually at least keeps in play.

Yankees to keep Rodriguez, won't yet consider Schilling

PHOENIX — Alex Rodriguez is not on the trading block. And any deal to send Curt Schilling to New York probably won't happen this week — even after the Arizona ace agreed to speak directly to the Yankees.

But the Milwaukee Brewers could be close to trading star first base-

man Richie Sexson, with the Arizona Diamondbacks the likely destination.

Those were the developments of Day 3 of baseball's general managers' meeting on Wednesday.

Discussions did not involve Rodriguez, said Texas Rangers general manager John Hart, who did his best to shoot down trade rumors involving his superstar shortstop.

"I think we've got the best player in the game. We love him. We have no interest in dealing Alex Rodriguez," Hart said. "We're not having any conversations with any team about Alex Rodriguez. If anybody were to call, of course we'd listen, but we're not interested in any way, shape or form in trading Alex Rodriguez."

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said he did not expect his team to make any deals this week — for Schilling or anyone else.

Next month's meetings in New Orleans would be "more realistic time" for any trade, Cashman said.

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Saturday rolls around.

"Other than that you're curious as to how they can get themselves back up to game speed in that length of time," Willingham said.

The game will mark the Cougars first appearance back in South Bend since 1994 when BYU upset the Irish 21-14 for its only win in the series.

Injury bug still biting

As the season rolls on for the Irish, the grind of playing from day to day continues to take its toll as the injuries have start-

ed to pile up.

On the defensive side of the ball, two senior starters — safety Glenn Earl and defensive end Kyle Budinscak — will be out for the season, according to Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham.

Earl injured his knee in the Southern Cal game and had surgery last week to repair the injury, leaving him sidelined for the season. Budinscak, who has another year of eligibility remaining with Notre Dame, was injured in the Florida State game.

On the other side of the ball, tight end Anthony Fasano and right guard Dan Stevenson were both listed as questionable for Saturday's game with BYU. Both Fasano and Stevenson were

injured during the Florida State game. Sophomore Jamie Ryan started at the right guard position in place of Stevenson.

Kicker Nicholas Setta also appears to be out for the BYU game, as Willingham said he was not optimistic about the senior's return this week. Willingham did say, however, that if Setta were to return healthy, he would be the starter again at kicker and punter. Willingham still refused to comment on the nature of Setta's injury.

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ming] team Saint Mary's has ever had," Petcoff said.

The Belles have been off to a strong start as the season began during the first weekend of October at the Notre Dame Relays meet. As the dual meets began Nov. 1, Fitzpatrick was able to showcase her dominance in the 200 backstroke with a school record time of 2:18.40. Last weekend, another school record was broken by the 200 medley relay Fitzpatrick was a part of with a time of 1:55:78.

On a relay team dominated by seniors, it is easy to imagine the difficulties involved in transitioning from a high school team captain to a college freshman competing with upperclassmen.

But the transition has actually been anything but strenuous.

"All the upperclassman tell us what Greg's [Petcoff's] expecta-

tions are and what he expects," Fitzpatrick said. "All the upperclassmen are extremely supportive and I'm enjoying [swimming] a lot more. A big part of that is the team."

This mindset is a significant change to the mentality Fitzpatrick suffered from earlier this year.

"After swimming year round and competing in high school, I reached a plateau. I became unmotivated," Fitzpatrick said.

But once reaching college, Fitzpatrick experienced a different type of training as Petcoff focused more upon the "dry" aspects of swimming, such as weightlifting.

Despite her success, Fitzpatrick has set higher goals for the rest of the season.

"I want to become a leader for the team in different parts of the team, not just in the pool," she said.

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the right guy that they are blocking, but if you are not at the right level you will allow penetration and therefore you give an opportunity for a sack," he said. "So it's little things of that nature that as they become more experienced, they get better and better at performing run blocking and also pass protection."

Along the way, they have also

helped tailback Julius Jones to a couple of 200-yard performances against Pittsburgh and Navy. Against the Panthers, Jones set a Notre Dame record for rushing yards in a single game with 262.

But the Irish face a new task this week in a Cougar defense that likes to give quarterbacks and offensive lines many different looks and brings a lot of pressure on the signal caller. It is a defense that could be similar to the one the Irish faced at Purdue — where Quinn, in his first game as a starter, was heavily pres-

sured all afternoon and knocked down nearly 20 times.

"We have to play a team this week that's going to blitz and stunt unbelievably," Willingham said of the BYU defense. "I almost call it one of those maniac defenses that we're going to face that you really don't know where they are coming from or what alignment they are really in."

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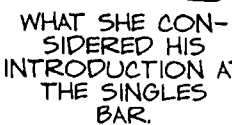
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FOOTBALL

Coming together

After a rocky start of the year, the offensive line has allowed no sacks in last 3 games

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

It's been a real trial by fire for the Notre Dame offensive line through the first nine games of the 2003 season.

The Irish began the year with a near completely rebuilt offensive line as only one true starter returned — senior guard Sean Milligan. Things got off to a rocky start for the inexperienced squad as it allowed seven quarterback sacks in the home opener against Washington State.

A season-ending injury to Milligan in the Michigan game, an injury to right guard Dan Stevenson in the Florida State game and the flip-flopping of Zach Giles and Bobby Morton at center have caused nine different players to start along the Irish offensive line this year.

But the Irish have overcome this rash of injuries and position changes along the line and settled into their roles in the second half of the season, as in the last three games, they have not

allowed a single sack on rookie quarterback Brady Quinn.

Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham attributes the improvement along the offensive line to the increased amount of experience and playing time they have seen this year.

"As the guys continue to get more time on the field, I believe they develop what I call a library of football information, which

really is more experience," Willingham said. "And the more experienced you become, the more accustomed you are to gain speed, the more accustomed you are to changes and adjustments that take place."

Willingham has noted that it has been the finer points of the game that the offensive line has picked up most as

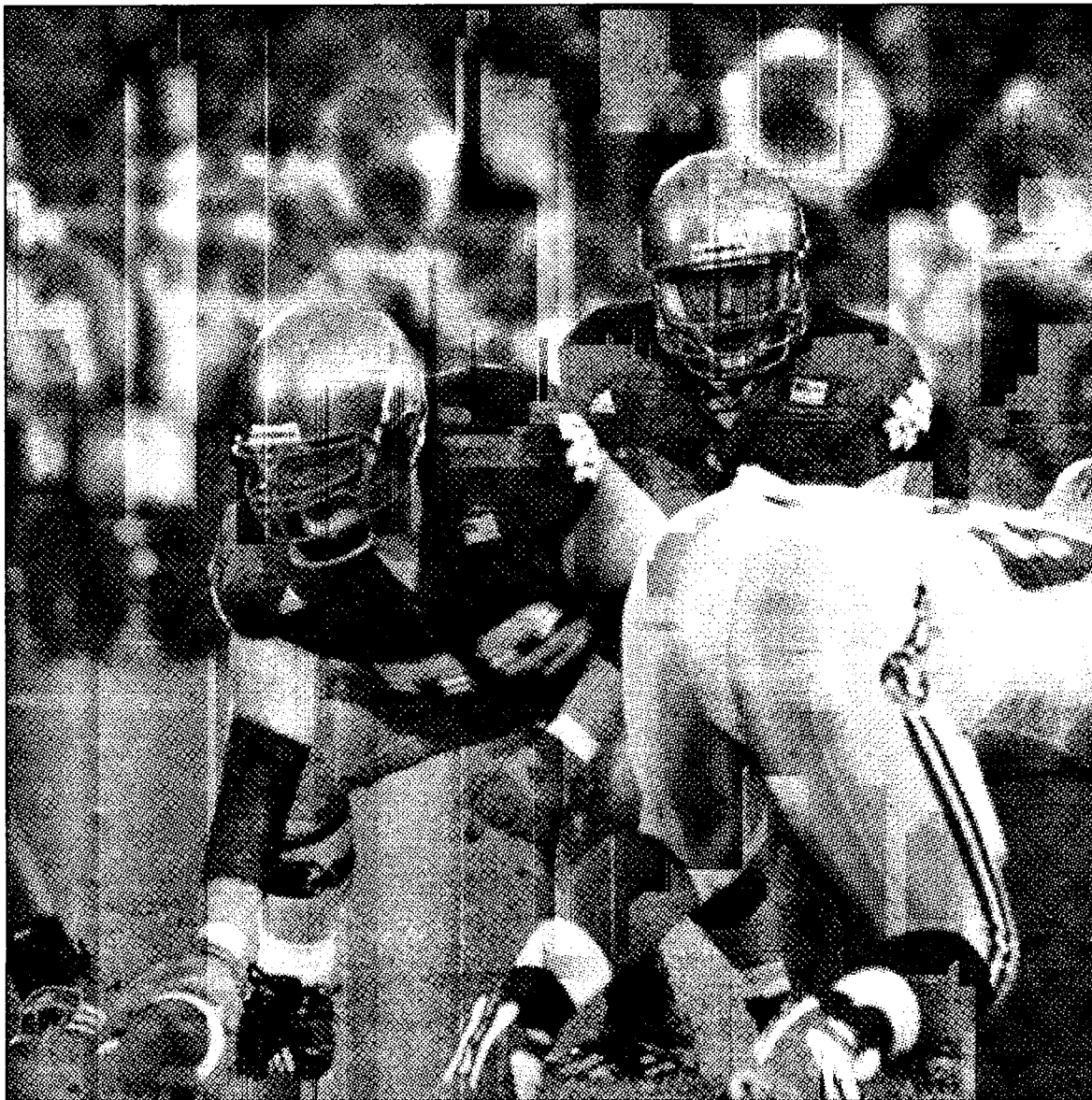
the players along that position have gained more experience and time on the field.

"[It's the] little things, just like getting set at the right — at the same level; which when you face a stunt, everybody can still have

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Tyrone Willingham
Irish coach



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Notre Dame center Bobby Morton prepares to snap the ball to quarterback Brady Quinn during the Florida State game this season. The offensive line has significantly improved this year.

FOOTBALL

Montana to speak at banquet

By CHRIS FEDERICO
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Former Notre Dame quarterback Joe Montana will speak at the 83rd annual Notre Dame Football Banquet on Dec. 12.

Montana played an instrumental role in leading the Irish to a national championship in 1977, starting the final nine games of the season that year. Montana's best moment may have come the following season in the Cotton Bowl, helping the Irish overcome a 34-12 deficit to top Houston 35-34 as time expired.

"Anytime that you have a player of the stature of Joe Montana, it's just great to have him around," Willingham said of the banquet's guest speaker. "If he were to just pass us on the street, it would be a great thing.

But when we have an opportunity to have him come speak to our banquet, and I know he will say something inspirational to our young men that will be a stepping stone for them to improve and be better in the future — and not just from a football standpoint, but from a life standpoint — you have to treasure it."

Montana went on to win four Super Bowl titles with the San Francisco 49ers in the National Football League. He was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame in 2000.

The Notre Dame Football Banquet serves as an opportunity for the program to recognize outstanding Irish players of the year, as several awards are handed out. It also serves as a chance for Notre Dame to introduce high school football recruits to the program.

BYU back to the field

The Irish will be catching a very well rested and prepared Brigham Young squad, as the Cougars have not played a game since a 50-12 trouncing at the hands of Boise State on Oct. 30. That means the Cougars have not seen the field in a game for over two weeks.

"It [worries me] from the standpoint that there's always something new that they will put into their system that we may not have seen or that might be a little different than we anticipate," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said of his opponent's extended layoff.

The flip side of the coin is that the Cougars may be a little rusty; having not played an actual game for 16 days by the time

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SMC SWIMMING

Freshman starts year out strong

By DAN TAPETILLO
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Caitlin Fitzpatrick is a go-getter. Just ask her coach, Gregg Petcoff.

"[Fitzpatrick] is an exceptionally hard worker who understands the goals of the team," Saint Mary's Women's Swimming coach Petcoff said.

Suffering from the lack of depth in the backstroke the past couple years, Saint Mary's needed someone who could make a difference and that was exactly what attracted Fitzpatrick to the Belles.

She wanted to contribute to

the team individually and as a part of a relay squad, so choosing Saint Mary's just made sense.

"I was aware the type of swimmers on the team and knew I could contribute with my events," Fitzpatrick said.

Already performing strong in the first two dual meets of the season, Fitzpatrick has broken school records both individually and as apart of a relay. Leading a strong pack of freshman swimmers which includes teammate Bridget Green, Petcoff is already aware of the team's talent.

"This could be the best [swim-

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