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Trustees to determine Malloy's future

Board expected to name Executive Vice President at next week's meeting

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Writer

University President Father Edward Malloy said he has entrusted his future at Notre Dame to the Board of Trustees, which is currently reviewing his tenure at the University's highest position.



Malloy

According to Malloy, he asked the Board to evaluate the University's performance after his 17th

year as president, believing it was the ideal time for a review to determine what Notre Dame needed and in what direction it should be headed.

"I have no idea myself how it'll go," Malloy said. "I'm happy with whatever the outcome is because I asked them to do it. ... I'm not seeking to say on, because I think that should be the decision of the Board — but I will do whatever the Board wants in terms of what the future has in store."

The Board of Trustees elected Malloy as president in November 1986, and he has served in that role since June 1, 1987.

However, Malloy said he would remain as president past 2005 if that were the Board's request.

"At the Trustees meeting they'll say, 'Monk, we've decided that it's time to begin the search process,'" Malloy said. "Or they could say, 'We'd like you to stay for some additional period of time.'"

If the Board decides to begin the presidential search process following next week's meeting, Malloy said the trustees could announce his successor in November. The chosen candidate would then take over the helm of the University the following June.

While Malloy believes the

decision will be announced in upcoming weeks, he said he was uncertain whether the Board would deliver its decision at the April 29-30 trustee meeting.

Malloy does, however, expect the Board to name a new Executive Vice President at the next meeting. The third highest-ranking position at the University has been vacant for nearly a year, after Father Tim Scully resigned prior to the Board's Spring 2003 meeting.

Though previous Executive Vice Presidents have been priests from the Congregation of the Holy Cross, University spokesman Matt Storin said

there are no prerequisites for the position.

"They look for an aptitude for business and administration in choosing someone for that job," Storin said.

The Executive Vice President oversees approximately 3,000 employees and is responsible for overseeing Notre Dame's financial affairs, WNDU, the endowment and the campus plan, among other responsibilities, Storin said.

Since Scully's resignation, Malloy has taken over the responsibilities of the Executive Vice President position.

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ND grad Roemer serves on 9/11 panel

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Forgive Tim Roemer for disliking the blame game.

As one of 10 commissioners on the National Commission on Terrorist Acts Upon the United States, he has seen recent bursts of partisan politics steal the limelight and personal agendas dominate the national press. But amid the September 11 commission's uglier moments, Roemer — who holds an M.A. and Ph.D. from Notre Dame and represented South Bend for 12 years in the U.S. House of Representatives — has not lost sight of its true purpose.

"There's been a lot of finger-pointing and pin-the-tail-on-the-donkey," the 47-year old said. "But the goal of the panel needs to be tough, penetrating, bipartisan questions to target the threat and to move forward."

Moving forward, however,

first requires the painful process of looking back. And as Roemer has emphasized since the panel's creation — which came about largely due to legislation he, along with Senators Joe Lieberman and John McCain, authored and helped push through Congress — a deep and comprehensive examination of the attacks is not only what the families of September 11 victims deserve.

It's what they demand.

"[Family members] could say, 'I'm tired, I've lost a husband or a wife,'" he said. "But when they have every excuse to walk away from the system, they've demanded a change. They've fought tenaciously, aggressively and sometimes successfully to make this system accountable in the future."

Prying that accountability from the top levels of the American government has been a grueling process, Roemer said. From forcing

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September 11 commission member Tim Roemer questions CIA Director George Tenet during a hearing Wednesday.

Frosh to read new book

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

In a change of pace from last year's *The Heart of Islam*, the University Committee for the First Year of Studies has selected Thomas Patterson's *The Vanishing Voter* as the central reading for next fall's First Year Convocation.

Similar to last fall's inaugural program, the convocation will allow students to explore a pertinent topic through a set of readings culminating in a panel discussion of the issue. Though this year's theme has yet to be specified, its focus will be on the role of citizenship in democracy and the state of voter participation in the country.

"Last year, the Middle East

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The 2002-03 Shirt, shown here, is still fresh in the memories of many students. The 2004-05 Shirt will be unveiled today.

Shirt 2004 design unveiled today

By ANNA GELHAUS
News Writer

Will the tide of the "Sea of Green" rise again? That question will be answered this afternoon as *The Shirt* 2004 is unveiled.

Designer Brittany Becker said she cannot comment on the color or design of this year's Shirt, but she said, "It has a little more of a vintage feel than before. The main facet [of the design] is the role students play in the Notre Dame tradition and

the atmosphere in the stadium."

Kate Crossin, 2004 president of *The Shirt* Committee, said the shirt is aimed with students in mind.

"I really wanted to focus more on the students. We say we are selling more than a shirt," she said. We wanted a color the students liked, a design the students liked. From my talks with coach [Tyrone] Willingham, we decided we wanted to bring the football populace together."

Becker added that she hopes

it creates unity.

Crossin said there is a big emphasis on this year's unveiling as it is the 15th anniversary of the project. Brennan Harvath, the original president of *The Shirt*, will be present and wearing the original 1990 design. Various hall presidents and Courtney Schuster, the 2002 Shirt President, will be modeling the other Shirts from the past.

Chuck Lennon, executive director for the Alumni

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INSIDE COLUMN

Funny friends

Seeing as I'm not a very funny person myself, I love to be around people who are. And one thing that concerned me about matriculating at Notre Dame was that there might not be a lot of, well, amusing people.

It's not something you can ask for on the application. It probably doesn't come through on college essays too often. And you certainly can't make a type of comedian SAT's. Affirmative action for funny people? I don't see the admissions office making a statement on that anytime soon.

Luckily, the Dillon Pep Rally at the beginning of the school year partially assuaged my fears. I knew there were humorous people out there, I would just have to find them. I was also moderately familiar with the Keenan Revue, as my best friend's older brother lives in Keenan, and we would amuse ourselves by watching the 2002 Keenan Revue.

However, I didn't know many people participating in these activities. Failed attempts at jokes in my chemistry lab also disheartened me. Where were these elusive jokesters? I kept looking, and fortunately found Kirsten, who lives across the hall from me and is renowned, at least among our group of friends, for her rather unique sense of humor. At least her roommate always laughs at her jokes. Still more fortunately, we made the acquaintance of several outlandishly funny guys, who will remain nameless for obvious reasons.

So the not-very-funny Kate was able to keep laughing through the innate hilarity of these people. But I remained saddened that more events did not showcase the funniness of my fellow students

And then came Bookstore Basketball. I ended up writing the article previewing the tournament and began flipping through a book of names. I honestly could not stop laughing. Participants — you are great. You are funny. You are my collective heroes. Who comes up with this stuff? You do.

As I head out to cover the Sweet 16, I'm a little disappointed that my favorite teams have all been eliminated. I love the names — I already wrote an article featuring some of my favorites. Oh, and the “---? Fine by me” will probably never get old for me.

In other notes, Bubba's Sparks, the single funniest team I saw in all of the bookstore games I watched (note — I watched a lot of games) was a heart-breaking loss. Even if they hadn't broken out the Frisbee to play, they would have been my hands-down favorite team for their costumes (or provisions) alone.

I also looked forward to seeing our formidable opponents, Team Thiz, take on my friends' team Curb Your Enthusiasm. Team Thiz played my team, and managed to let us score a probably unprecedented number of pity points, despite my friend Tyng pleading with me “Kate, don't take that shot!” Scheduling problems forced both teams into an early exit from the tournament — both undefeated.


Thanks for being so funny. You make up for me, and I appreciate that — a lot.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kate Gales at kgales@nd.edu.

Kate Gales

Sports Production


QUESTION OF THE DAY: ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT THE BLUE-GOLD GAME?



Meghan Lawess

Junior Cavanaugh

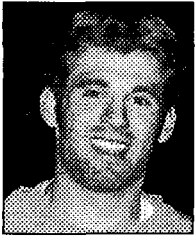
"With Bookstore almost over, I think basketball will finally be more important than football."



Morgan Dill

Freshman Pasquerilla East


"Go yellow ... I mean gold ... I'm awesome."



Patrick Downey

Junior Keenan


"It's a win-win situation."



Ashley Bentezlin-Smith

Junior, Pasquerilla West


"Of course! It's the only time I get to see my two favorite-colored uniforms in one game."



Mack Russell

Freshman Fisher

"Go Blue!"



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Graphic design student Jonathan Sluys, right, helps a student at South Bend's St. John the Baptist elementary school design a poster for a famous musician. Students in Robert Sedlack's senior graphic design class visited the school Thursday to guide the students through graphic design projects.

OFFBEAT

Man passes off murder suspect's ID as own

LAFAYETTE, Ind. — A man made a mistake by using a fake driver's license with the name of a person wanted for attempted murder.

Theodord Partida Ceja, 36, spent several hours in jail after he gave a state trooper who stopped him for speeding south of Lafayette an Indiana driver's license with the name Jose Fabela. A check of the license found that Fabela, 39, was wanted in Texas for attempted murder, police said.

Investigators suspected

Ceja might not be the wanted man and had officials in Hidalgo County, Texas, where Fabela is wanted, fax them a photograph of Fabela.

"Right away, when we saw the photo, we knew it wasn't our guy," Trooper Troy Fischer said.

Ceja later gave investigators an Indiana state identification card and Mexican credentials in his own name.

Man designs underwear for dogs

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — Dogs may no longer be the butt of their owners' jokes,

thanks to Frank Morosky. Morosky, owner of Flat-D Innovations, has developed a product to reduce the odor of flatulence in dogs.

Just two years ago, Morosky, who runs the business with his partner, Brian Conant in Hawaii, developed a similar product for people. He said he could only laugh when people first asked if he could make it work for dogs.

"For a year, we said, 'No, that's stupid. Nobody would buy that for a dog,'" Morosky said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Pangborn Hall is sponsoring a Top Gun themed five-on-five beach volleyball tournament today. Participants may sign up in the South Dining Hall, and the tournament will take place on the McGlinn volleyball courts.

AnTostal continues today with a performance by Jason Lavasser from 5:30 – 6 p.m. at Fieldhouse Mall and a carnival with food and entertainment from 2 to 6 p.m.

The Voices of Faith Gospel Choir is performing its Spring Concert tonight at Mount Carmel Missionary Baptist Church from 7 to 9 p.m. Transportation will be provided from Main Circle at 6:15 p.m.

Performances of Shaw's "Arms and the Man" run today and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Student tickets are \$7 and may be purchased at the door or at the LaFortune Box Office.

FASO and the AAA will sponsor an island formal tonight from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$3 per person or \$5 per couple.

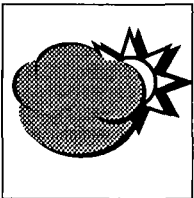
SUB will show the critically-acclaimed drama "Mystic River" tonight at 10:30 p.m. and tomorrow evening at 8 and 10:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased for \$3.

Students can hone their dance skills with Swing Night tonight at Legends from 10 to midnight.

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

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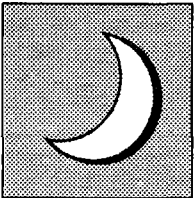
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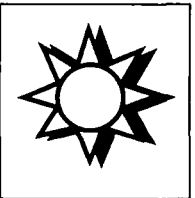
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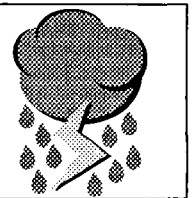
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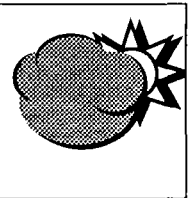
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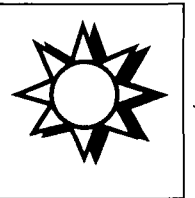
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SMC, ND students plan neighborhood cleanup

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

Though the farm at Saint Mary's no longer exists, the love for the land and the environment is still present.

Many years ago, a farm was run by members of the Saint Mary's community, and the products from it were used not only to feed the college, but the community as well. But with changing times come changes to the land.

Members of the Saint Mary's Student Environmental Action Coalition and Notre Dame's Students for Environmental Action will combine efforts this weekend to plant trees in the South Bend community to celebrate the end of Earth Awareness Week.

Notre Dame senior Virginia Kelly is co-president of SEA. Kelly said with Earth Day being yesterday, and Arbor Day in the near future, now is a great time to hold this event. She said the groups plan to plant trees and perform a neighborhood cleanup offer.

"SEA purchased five trees from the city of South Bend," Kelly said. "Trees are really expensive [up to] \$200 each. We'll be collaborating with the Near Northwest Neighborhood Inc. We'll be planting these trees and also helping the NNN with a neighborhood cleanup."

Saint Mary's SEAC will also be joining the tree planting effort. Earlier in the week, the group held a vegetarian dinner, sponsored a film viewing and led a series of nature walks through Saint Mary's nature trail.

"We wanted to make this a week of celebration," said SEAC members. "Often times looking at

earth issues can become a negative thing, but we wanted to make it something positive."

Besides holding events to promote dialogue among students interested in environmental issues, SEA and SEAC said they also wanted to promote the environment as a whole.

"I think a lot of people are aware of a lot of environmental issues, but there are plenty of others that students are not aware of," Kelly said. "I think that a lot of the local South Bend issues are largely unknown to the student[s] since there isn't very much interaction between the community and students."

Members of Saint Mary's SEAC agree with Kelly. They feel that in order to grow big, people must start small.

"Recycling is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to earth issues, but at least it's a start," said SEAC members. "We believe you have to start in your own backyard, that being the South Bend community. We want to raise awareness because we have a lot of room to grow."

And now, the future of earth issues is looking bright at Saint Mary's, according to group members.

"We have a strong history of earth awareness at Saint Mary's," said SEAC members. "We have over 130 different plant and tree species on our nature trails alone. We're working hard to retain the nature area we have currently, and there is even a project in the works by COLT to set up an earth studies major and minor. And we're hoping that history will move into the future."

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WRC award ceremony held

Women's Resource Center honors four Notre Dame women

By SHEILA FLYNN
Senior Staff Writer

The Women's Resource Center held its fifth annual awards ceremony Thursday night, honoring four Notre Dame women for their dedication and improvements to the University community.

The Distinguished Notre Dame Woman Awards were presented this year to Kathleen Brannock, Howard hall rector; Ruthann Johansen, professional specialist for arts and letters core; Catherine Perry, associate professor of French; and Catherine Pieronek, director of women's programs for the College of Engineering.

"When you put them together, how lucky we are to have them in our midst," said assistant to the president Chandra Johnson, the guest speaker at the awards ceremony. Stressing the importance of the "intra-generational reality of passing on the wisdom," Johnson said the award recipients and the female community, in general, play an integral role in the teaching and improvement of future generations.

"As we do what we do with our lives, those who come after us watch what we do, and they listen to what we say, and they examine the nature of our personal relationships," Johnson said.

"They are different people — they are better people — because of you."

Senior Meredith Foley, president of the Women's Resource Center, described the accomplishments of the

four honored women and read various excerpts from their film series and has been integral in establishing close ties with the French Consulate in Chicago.

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Chandra Johnson
assistant to the
president

Brannock is currently the rector of Howard Hall and also works in the General Counsel Office. A double Domer, she earned both her undergraduate and law degrees at Notre Dame.

Johansen, an associate professor of American Studies, is the associate director of the College of Arts and Letters Core Course and a faculty fellow of the Kroc

Institute for International Peace Studies. She is a scholar of the literature of Flannery O'Connor and has recently published a book about the experience of brain trauma.

Perry is a professor in the department of Romance Languages and Literatures and is a member of the Nanovic Institute's Steering Committee. She

Foley and Johnson lauded each woman's efforts to better the Notre Dame community, her dedication to students and her ability to inspire and motivate others within the community to strive for excellence both at the University, in the professional realm, and in life, in general.

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The Women's Resource Center, located on the third floor of LaFortune, exists as an information clearing house and referral center dedicated to increasing awareness about issues affecting women on campus and around the world.

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Kevin Bacon at Notre Dame? Well, sort of.

Notre Dame's
6 Degrees of Kevin Bacon



Knute Rockne

Was in *This is in America: Sports' Golden Age* with Dwight West

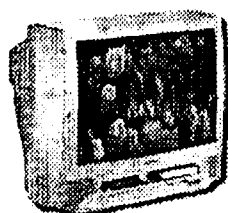
Who was in *Zelig* with John Rothman

Who was in *Picture Perfect* with Kevin Bacon



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Husband of ND employee wins lotto

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

After spending several exhausting days in Alabama on a field trip with 31 high school students, University employee Stephanie Bridges was looking forward to coming home two weekends ago. What awaited her was not quite the relaxation she expected.

Her husband presented her with a winning lottery ticket worth \$3.7 million.

Kevin Bridges had won the Hoosier Lotto several days earlier, but waited until his wife returned home to break the news.

"The past days have been pretty hectic; [I've] not [been] able to sleep well," said Bridges, a South Bend native, and a graduate of Clay High School and Oral Roberts University. She has been an advisor for the University's Educational Talent Search program for 11 years.

"Right now we're happy, but it is really overwhelming. We're just trying to get back to the regular routine," she said.

During the whirlwind that has been the past two weeks, they have changed their home phone number and held a press conference in Indianapolis. The state suggests that lotto winners hold a press conference to preclude the media onslaught, avoiding a "long, drawn out process," she explained.

Stephanie Bridges said that she and her husband have not had the chance to make many

concrete decisions. They have been meeting with financial planners to determine the best way to manage their money, and they also plan on spending some time away to discuss the details of their future.

The couple does not plan on changing its lifestyle in any drastic way. Bridges said that she will continue working at her current position, and that her husband will return to school full-time. Kevin Bridges is a purchaser for Mohawk Flush Doors, Inc. of South Bend.

Kevin Bridges played the lottery frequently, and like many Americans, he and his wife often imagined what it would be like to win. But when it actually comes true, your plans become "totally different" Stephanie Bridges said.

"When you get it, the responsibility sets in, and you want to be more reasonable," Stephanie Bridges said.

Stephanie and Kevin Bridges, who are very close to both of their families, said their families will support them in any way they can. Though, they are trying to be "extremely conscious" about how they spend their money. Their first priority is "securing the future" for their three children, a 16-year old son and two-year old twin daughters.

Despite the stressful past weeks, Stephanie Bridges said her family is very pleased.

"It's a good thing," she said.

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Lecture discusses theology

SMC talk discusses importance of women in theology formation

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Saint Mary's Center for Spirituality presented its 20th annual Madeleva Lecture Thursday night with guest lecturer Mary Ann Hinsdale, who spoke of the role women have played in modern theology.

Hinsdale has been a Sister of the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Monroe, Mich. since 1965. She has also taught theology for over 25 years and is currently an associate professor of theology at Boston College.

The Madeleva Lectures in Spirituality are named for Sister Madeleva Wolff, past president of Saint Mary's, and are intended to honor Wolff and her initiative of creating the Graduate School of Sacred Theology in 1944 — the only institute of its time to admit women into a Ph.D. program in theology.

The lecture, "Women Shaping Theology," began with an introduction by President Marilou Eldred and Sister Kathleen Dolphin, director of the Center for Spirituality. Hinsdale spoke of the influence that women have played in the formation of theology.

"I encourage all women to give a voice to the who and what that have shaped us in

theology," Hinsdale said.

Hinsdale began her lecture by encouraging the audience to join together in the singing of "Everyday God" to celebrate Earth Day, and the realization that God is present in our everyday physical and emotional life.

Hinsdale pointed out it was only 50 years ago that only men were involved in all aspects of theology. Women were rarely professors, yet alone theology professors, said Hinsdale.

Hinsdale said many factors have led to women shaping theology. One of the most notable is the influence of women's Catholic educational institutions. She commented that these institutions frequently graduate strong women, with a long legacy of graduates becoming theologians.

Involvement in volunteer organizations, such as the Peace Corps, often results in people "getting bitten by the theology bug" said Hinsdale. The increased interest in theology through volunteer work is often due to increased prayer and community living while volunteering.

In her own life, Hinsdale's interest in women shaping theology was a result of her realization that well-meaning religious practices often seemed exclusive, especially towards women. This caused her to further her education through obtaining her B.A. in theology and German from Marygrove College, M.A. in religious education from the Catholic University of America, a Licentiate in sacred theology from Regis College and a Ph.D. from the University of St. Michael's College.

The future of women in theology lies in the hands of laywomen, she said. An overwhelming 78 percent of today's women theologians are single or married laywomen. Hinsdale pointed out that this will greatly impact the future of women in

theology, for it will be less about the careers of theologians and more about "the word [of God] becoming flesh."

Hinsdale concluded her speech by encourage those in attendance — particularly women — to consider becoming theologians.

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"I encourage all women to give a voice to the who and what that have shaped us in theology."

Mary Ann Hinsdale
guest lecturer

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This Week in the Department of Music...

ND Chorale & Chamber Orchestra

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

8 pm, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Russ Gavin, euphonium

Thursday, April 22, 2004

5 pm, Carey Auditorium, Hesburgh Library

ND Collegium Musicum

Daniel Stowe, director

8 pm, Moreau Seminary Chapel

Katie Hunt & Mark Thomas, organ

Thursday, April 22, 2004

8:15 pm, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Timothy Duhr, organ

Saturday, April 24, 2004

8 pm, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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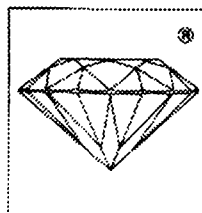
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Arafat expels fugitive militants

JERUSALEM — Yasser Arafat expelled 20 wanted militants from his compound Thursday in an apparent bid to forestall an Israeli raid, a further sign the Palestinian leader fears he might become a target himself.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, meanwhile, backed away from a promise to honor an upcoming vote by his Likud party on a proposal to withdraw from the Gaza Strip, senior government officials said. A new poll showed shrinking support for the plan.

Violence persisted Thursday, with Israeli soldiers killing a 9-year-old Palestinian girl and a 16-year-old boy in clashes in the Gaza town of Beit Lahiya. A 4-year-old Palestinian girl died of tear gas inhalation, doctors said. Three Palestinian gunmen in the West Bank town of Tulkarem were also killed.

North Korean fuel trains explode

SEOUL, South Korea — Two fuel trains collided at a North Korean railroad station near the Chinese border Thursday, igniting a deafening explosion that rained debris for more than 10 miles around, South Korean media said. As many as 3,000 people might have been killed or injured, according to the reports.

The secretive communist government in Pyongyang declared an emergency in the area while cutting off international telephone lines to prevent details of the crash from leaking out, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported. The North's official KCNA news agency still had not mentioned the disaster by Friday morning, more than 20 hours after the blast.

NATIONAL NEWS

White supremacist faces trial

CHICAGO — Jurors began deliberating Thursday in the case of a 32-year-old white supremacist accused of trying to solicit the murder of a federal judge who had ruled against him.

Matthew Hale, who has been jailed since his arrest 15 months ago, sat at the defense table in an orange prison jumpsuit as U.S. District Judge James T. Moody instructed the jury.

In a note sent out shortly after they started deliberating, jurors asked for a letter that attorneys said was inadvertently left out of the evidence. Jurors also requested transcripts of all testimony from a former follower.

Airport security still lacking

WASHINGTON — Airport security remains lax despite billions of dollars and thousands of federal employees added since the Sept. 11 attacks, lawmakers were told Thursday.

A pair of government investigations submitted to the House aviation subcommittee found dangerous objects still get past security checkpoints. And they said neither government nor privately employed screeners performed their jobs well.

The findings are "pretty scary," said Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., the panel's chairman. He plans to hold an emergency meeting with Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge and other key agency officials in the next 10 days to discuss ways to tighten airport security.

STATE NEWS

Police officers acted in self-defense

LAPORTE — Two police officers acted in self-defense when they fired on and killed a suicidal man who pointed a sawed-off rifle at them, prosecutors say. Authorities have not disclosed the names of the two deputies involved in the March 26 shooting of Keith Stratton, 40. But during a news conference Wednesday, LaPorte County Prosecutor Robert Beckman said the officers acted properly in the shooting.

"They acted within the protocol of all law enforcement to discharge their weapons in the manner and at the time they did," he said.

IRAQ

Iraqis must hand over weapons

Marines order insurgents to stop violence or face possible American attack

Associated Press

FALLUJAH — U.S. Marines warned guerrillas in this violence-racked city Thursday that they have only days to hand over their heavy weapons or face a possible American attack. So far the insurgents have turned in mainly dud rockets, rusty mortar shells and grenades labeled "inert."

Lt. Gen. James Conway said the battle could be "costly" if Marines launch a new assault to uproot insurgents from Fallujah, saying foreign fighters in the city have been reinforcing their positions and have no interest in surrendering.

The stark warning came two days after city leaders called on insurgents to hand over their heavy weapons in return for a U.S. pledge to hold back on plans to storm Fallujah and allow the return of families that fled the city.

Now Marines have halted the return of families because of the failure to disarm and the desire to have fewer civilians in the city if fighting resumes. More than a third of Fallujah's 200,000 people fled to Baghdad and elsewhere during the fighting that began April 5.

Early Thursday, Marines launched a major assault on the village of Karma, 10 miles northeast of Fallujah, in a second attempt to put down guerrillas there.

"The enemy is taking casualties; we are not," Maj. Gen. James N. Mattis said.

A battle in the village last week killed 100 insurgents, according to Marine commanders. The two days of fighting in palm groves and over canals was so intense that wounded Marines were sent out to fight.

In Baghdad, masked gunmen shot and killed a South African security contractor working for the



U.S. Marines fire mortars at insurgents in Fallujah Tuesday before a fierce firefight left nine insurgents dead and three US marines wounded.

U.S.-led occupation administration and severely wounded his translator Thursday, a U.S. spokesman said. The shooting took place near northern Baghdad's Sunni Muslim neighborhood of Azamiyah, where gunmen have been active.

The violence across Iraq has interrupted some infrastructure repairs and forced giant firms Siemens AG, Bechtel and General Electric to suspend some reconstruction projects, threatening to undermine the critical U.S. goal of rebuilding Iraq.

Even a U.S. government aid agency that oversees some reconstruction projects has been affected. Some ten percent of its

non-Iraqi employees are outside the country, either sent out of Iraq or unable to return because of the violence.

The upswing in violence has made April the bloodiest month for the American-led military since the invasion of Iraq. At least 100 soldiers and five American civilian contractors have been killed. Dozens of foreigners have been abducted in a wave of kidnappings, with about 15 still captive.

New figures for the Iraqi casualty toll from this month's fighting emerged Thursday, with the health minister saying 576 Iraqi insurgents and civilians died in fighting since April 1 — sharply lower than

earlier estimates.

A spokesman for British Forces responsible for the southern Iraqi city of Basra lowered the reported death toll to 50 from a series of suicide bombings that targeted police stations there Wednesday.

It was still too early to say who was behind the Basra attacks, Capt. Hisham Halawi said. "We can't discount al-Qaida, we can't discount former regime loyalists," he said.

Basra is overwhelmingly Shiite, and the last major suicide attack also targeted Shiites: a series of suicide bombers who struck holy shrines in Karbala and Baghdad on March 2. At least 181 people were killed.

Bush promises to restore wetlands

Associated Press

WELLS, Maine — Taking advantage of Earth Day, President Bush tried to improve his environmental image and fend off attacks from Democrat John Kerry with a promise to restore or protect as much as three million acres of wetlands in the next five years.

Bush said after touring a Maine nature reserve with his mother that the nation's wetlands are for the first time holding steady in the battle to stop their annual net loss.

"Instead of just limiting our losses, we will expand the wetlands of America," Bush said after highlighting efforts to help wetlands at the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve. The 1,600 acres of salt marshes, beaches, forests and freshwater wetlands are located a few miles from the Bush family's compound at Kennebunkport.

"For many years our nation has been working to prevent the net loss of wetlands and there is a reason why. America's wetlands are the habitat for

thousands of species of wildlife," Bush said.

"Good conservation and good stewardship will happen when people say, 'We're just not going to rely on the government to be the solution to the problem,'" he said.

Ed Hopkins, a spokesman for the Sierra Club, said that "this initiative pales in comparison with the damage the Bush administration is doing to wetlands" by not requiring more strenuous protections under the Clean Water Act.

Roemer

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intelligence agencies such as the FBI and CIA to disclose records to grilling National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice about who knew what and when, the commission has tried to thoroughly expose the government's internal workings — and internal failures and gaps — more publicly than ever before, he said. And perhaps more openly, he added, than ever again.

"This will be the most rich, penetrating and in-depth look at our government that the American people may ever get," he said. "It's a truly phenomenal, maybe once in a lifetime, once in history look at how government functions. ... Only in America could this take place."

However, not all Americans have agreed with the transparency of the commission. Critics have blasted panel members for being too public too prematurely with their opinions, and some have even called for a voluntary gag order to preserve the panel's integrity. Roemer points to one answer for the critics' complaints — the past.

"Many previous commissions with prominent members, distinctive reports — nothing has changed as a result of those commissions' hard work and valiant efforts," he said.

Recalling the Warren Commission, which investigated the Kennedy assassination chiefly behind closed doors, Roemer said that the "conspiracy theorists still poking today"

never got the answers they were looking for. This panel, he added, must be different. Americans are watching, and watching closely. Many are interested because of the political blame game. Many are in awe of just how much intelligence has come to light, he said, and many — especially those who have lost their loved ones — have a bittersweet personal stake.

Roemer, who credits his South Bend upbringing and Notre Dame experience with his "sense to use your conscience, deepest beliefs and hopefully your analytical and academic skills to ... be constructive rather than destructive in the political process," said he has always cared about the audience of victims' families the most.

"Maybe a part of their healing process is their involvement in figuring out what's going on and what cost them dearly," he said.

Roemer recalled a meeting in his office shortly before the commission's work began. A widow of a September 11 victim took off her husband's wedding ring — which had been recovered from Ground Zero with part of his finger still in it — and put it in Roemer's hand. The former Congressman still remembers her telling him, "We hope you won't lose sight of the symbolism of this ring."

Through the pressure and the partisanship, it is clear that he hasn't.

"Those kind of poignant and profound moments," he said, "stick with you."

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Malloy

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"I think the Board looked at several models about how this job should be fashioned," Storin added, "but with the possibility of some tweaking here and there, the job will remain as is."

When he does step down as president, Malloy said he will look back on his tenure as an exciting point in Notre Dame's history, adding that he is proud to be part of an era distinguished by the work

of great people and a "tremendous amount of support."

In his remaining time at the University, Malloy hopes to work on the completion of the next strategic plan — "Notre Dame 2010: Fulfilling the Promise" — and to prepare the community for its implementation, joking that this was "enough to keep anyone busy."

"That's what we're about right now," Malloy said. "In my remaining days as president, that's what I hope to be able to do. And when I pass on the mantle to the next

president, I hope to leave the University in good shape."

"Fulfilling the Promise," which Malloy said builds off previous strategic plans, focuses on the reaffirmation of great teaching, graduate research and scholarship, promotion of Catholic intellectual life and internationalization and diversity.

Storin said he expects the Board to approve "Notre Dame 2010: Fulfilling the Promise" at next week's meeting.

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Shirt

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Association, will kick off the event at 4:45 p.m. outside the Hammes Bookstore with "a mini pep rally" said Crossin. The official unveiling and press conference will begin inside at 5 p.m. with various members of the Notre Dame community, including athletic director Kevin White, Lennon, Harvath and Sister Jean Lenz. Lenz encouraged students to buy The Shirt in 1990 to cover the medical expenses of Notre Dame graduate student, Zheng de Wang, a victim of a hit-and-run on Notre Dame Avenue.

The proceeds from the shirt are evenly split between a fund to help with student medical expenses and The Shirt Charity Fund. Thirty-five percent of the charity fund goes to the Rector Fund, and the rest supplements Student Activities

fees.

The Rector Fund allows dorms to provide students, who have financial concerns, with extra money to cover events like football tickets that they might otherwise be unable to participate in.

"They [rectors] can allocate how [the fund] they see fit," said Crossin. "It's really a great resource for the dorms."

Becker says she's "a little nervous, but excited" about the unveiling.

"I hope everyone wears it, likes it and raises money for the cause," she said. "Because that's what it is really about."

The Shirt will be available for a student discount of \$11 today, Saturday and Sunday. There is a limit of one shirt per student with valid student ID.

Crossin said there will be roughly 9,000 shirts in the first shipment, which will come in four sizes: small, medium, large and extra large.

"We will be getting a more sufficient amount than in the past," she said.

Performances by the band The Undertones, Irish dancers, the Notre Dame cheerleaders, the marching band and clowns will entertain those in attendance. Marco's Pizza and Coca-Cola will be providing food and drinks.

There will be an opportunity to win one of two \$500 shopping sprees at the bookstore and a set of football tickets for the 2004 season.

Other events this week have also commemorated The Shirt's 15th anniversary. Five hundred white shirts promoting the unveiling were given to dorms and passed out at DeBartolo Hall.

"I wanted to see walking billboards," said Crossin. "We wanted to make the 15th anniversary big."

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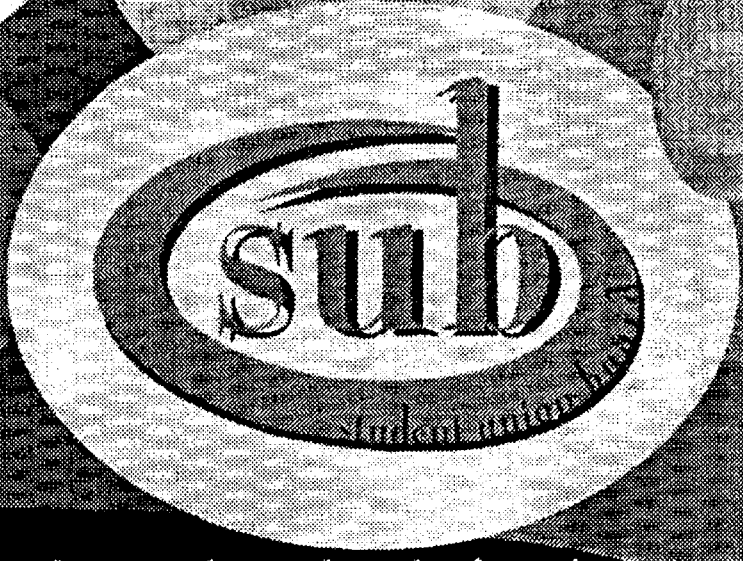
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CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+3.49	+0.78	23.15
INTEL CORP (INTC)	+0.93	+0.2455	26.52
APPLIED MATL (AMAT)	-2.47	-0.50	19.73
SIRIUS SAT RADI (SIRI)	+4.32	+0.15	3.62

Treasuries

30-YEAR BOND	-0.78	-0.41	51.90
10-YEAR NOTE	-1.18	-0.52	43.71
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.68	-0.59	34.47
3-MONTH BILL	-3.10	-0.30	9.37

Commodities

LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+0.98	36.71
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+2.50	393.80
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.325	106.525

Exchange Rates

YEN	109.5
EURO	0.8398
POUND	0.563
CANADIAN \$	1.356

IN BRIEF**Gasoline futures hit record high**

NEW YORK — Gasoline futures hit a new record trading high of \$1.1930 a gallon Thursday in New York as stories ranging from threats to crude supply to a refinery outage fueled traders' fears of insufficient inventories during the peak U.S. summer driving season.

"It looks to me that we will be testing \$1.20 eventually," said Phil Flynn, an analyst who trades with Alaron Trading Corp. in Chicago. "We're going into the weekend tomorrow, and with concerns about terrorism, I'd have to say that the bull market's still on."

Tyco subsidiary to pay \$10M fine

HARTFORD, Conn. — A Tyco International subsidiary will pay \$10 million in fines and admit covering up the illegal release of wastewater into a sewer system, The Associated Press has learned.

Tyco Electronics Printed Circuit Group has been the subject of a long federal investigation. Three former employees have pleaded guilty to covering up the release of wastewater containing high levels of lead and copper into sewers near its now-closed plant in Manchester, in violation of the federal Clean Water Act.

The plea agreement will be completed in federal court next week, said two sources close to the case. They spoke on condition of anonymity.

California may escape blackouts

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — It looks like California residents might escape a summer of rolling blackouts, and enjoy a period of calm after the energy crisis that plunged millions of people into the dark and sent the state's largest utility into bankruptcy.

But Randy Rowse, owner of the Paradise Cafe in Santa Barbara, said he can only cut back on labor costs and personnel when rates are so high. "It's one of the few things you can do."

WALL STREET**Stocks surge on earnings news**

Market enthusiasm abounds as investors ignore signs of impending rate hike

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street roared back to life Thursday as investors refocused on earnings news, shaking off concerns about rising interest rates that have dogged the market for almost two weeks. Upbeat reports from Caterpillar Inc. and United Parcel Service Inc. offered fresh evidence that the economy is growing.

The surge in stocks — the Dow Jones industrial average added more than 140 points and the Nasdaq composite index was up nearly 2 percent — was accompanied by a spike in volume as investors returned to the market in large numbers following two days of congressional testimony from Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan.

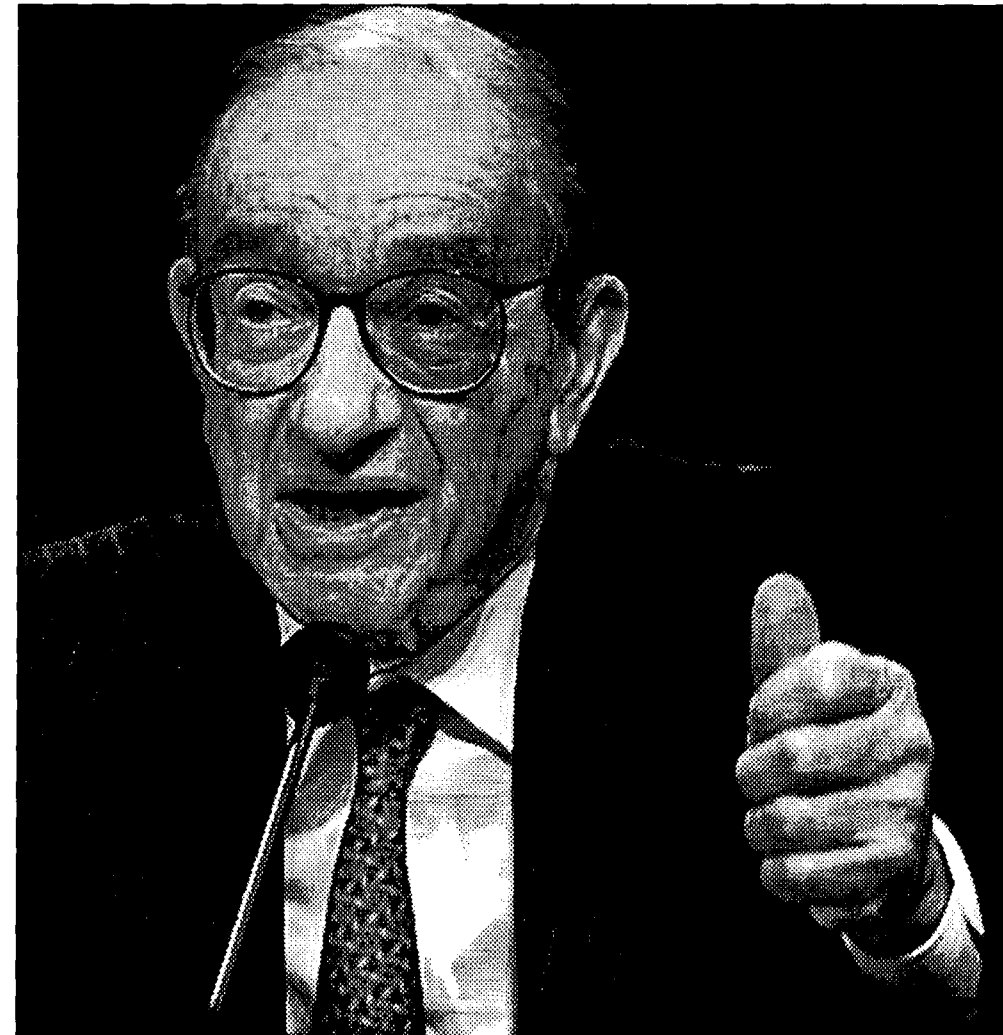
Nervousness about when the Fed will raise rates has overshadowed good results throughout the current reporting period. Analysts say those worries may be overblown, however, as most doubt that lifting rates from their current 45-year lows would significantly dent future corporate profits.

"I don't think we're at the point where interest rates are going to curtail the market's advance, but the market has to go through a digestive phase," said Steven Goldman, chief strategist at Weeden & Co. in Greenwich, Conn. "In general, the market has really held up quite well."

The Dow closed up 143.93, or 1.4 percent, at 10,461.20.

The broader gauges were also markedly higher. The Nasdaq gained 37.28 or 1.9 percent, to 2,032.91. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 15.84, or 1.4 percent, to 1,139.93.

Greenspan's message to Congress — that the economic recovery is stable and the expansion will likely continue — sounded positive but carried a painful implication for the market, where many investors interpreted it as confirmation that rates will likely rise before the year is out.



Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan speaks during his two days of Congressional testimony. Greenspan's warning of a rate hike did not deter investors.

For those who understood months ago that a rate hike was inevitable, the recent choppiness could have been a buying opportunity, said John P. Waterman, chief investment officer at Rittenhouse Asset Management. His firm repositioned itself months ago, lightening up on rate-sensitive financial stocks and cyclical names in favor of more defensive areas, such as health care.

Waterman is optimistic about the market's momentum this year. But uncertainty over the pace of economic growth, the presidential election, fluctuations in the dollar and violence in Iraq could make for uneven trading in the months ahead.

Reports from dozens of companies, including more than 70 listed on the S&P 500 and five Dow components, made Thursday one

of the busiest days of the earnings season.

Among the best gainers on the Dow, Caterpillar soared \$3.39, or 4.2 percent, to \$84.10, after more than tripling its earnings and surpassing analysts' estimates. The world's largest manufacturer of construction equipment also raised its outlook for the year.

American International Group Inc., just added to the Dow this month, rose 50 cents to \$73.70 after beating expectations, despite concerns that rising rates might hurt the financial sector. AIG's profits jumped 36 percent over the year-ago period on strong performance at its life insurance and retirement services operations.

The dollar was quoted at 1.3089 Swiss francs, down from 1.3123, and 1.3558 Canadian dollars, down from 1.3589. The British pound fell to \$1.7712 from \$1.7743.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE**Data slows down dollar's advance**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Benign U.S. economic data took the steam out of the dollar's recent advance Thursday, pushing it lower against the euro.

In a mixed session for the currency, the dollar initially strengthened against the euro, the Swiss franc and the yen early in the day — before slipping back a bit following the release of a smaller-than-expected decline in weekly jobless claims.

Alex Beuzelin, currency analyst at Ruesch International in

Washington, said that while the dollar is clearly drawing support from the likelihood of the Federal Reserve raising interest rates soon, the road to that point isn't necessarily a straight one.

Thursday's data "hit home the point that monetary policy officials can remain 'patient,'" as to when they start the tightening cycle, Beuzelin said, repeating the key word for Fed-watchers. "There was nothing [in the numbers] to bring forward that timeline."

The latest weekly jobless claims fell by 9,000 but economists were expecting a fall of 20,000. The

euro, which had fallen to a five-month low of \$1.1781, rebounded on the claims report, while the dollar came off its five-month high against the Swiss franc of 1.3190 francs.

In late New York trading, the euro was quoted at \$1.1899, up from \$1.1848 late Wednesday. The dollar was quoted at 109.49 yen, up from 109.35 yen late Wednesday.

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was certainly in everyone's mind, and everything we did was good background for the things happening today," said Eileen Kolman, dean of the First Year of Studies. "This fall, the November elections will be a top concern, and we hope to be part of the buzz on campus over them."

Incoming freshmen will be required to read Patterson's book over the summer, along with an interview with Robert Putnam regarding the theories in his book, *Bowling Alone: America's Declining Social Capital*. Due to concerns voiced by current freshmen, this workload is decreased from last year's, when students were asked to read four articles and three Web sites in addition to the *Heart of Islam*, which is 300 pages.

"In retrospect, [last year's requirements] were too heavy for the first exposure to college reading. It just wasn't a compelling enough read," Kolman said. "We also asked students to read too much. This year, we chose something that was a little more accessible."

In another change to original protocol, Patterson's book will be sent to each freshman student, free of charge. Last year, first-year students had to find and purchase the \$23 book on their own accord, which led to complaints about cost and convenience.

The format of the panel discussion will also change slightly to address issues brought to the Committee, which is made up of

both student and faculty members.

"Having three panels of three speakers was too much, so there will be a change made to that," Kolman said. "There also was not enough opportunity for student interaction, so we'll probably have a shorter formal section with less planted questions."

The convocation is also being held earlier in September so the subject matter will be fresher in the students' minds, and more class time will be devoted to working with the book and topic, specifically in First Year Composition courses where it has already been worked into the syllabus.

Despite all the changes made, Kolman said she still considers the original program a success.

"As a first endeavor, it had a definite impact on a number of students," she said. "It was a success, and very educational."

Some current freshman questioned the feasibility of the convocation in any format, as many chose not to read the book or articles, and students showed poor attendance at the panel discussion.

"A whole book is a lot to read in our last summer of total apathy," said Fisher freshman Dan Martin. "It's our last chance not to do work."

Kolman said the more involving and functional subject matter will draw more students to the convocation, as voter registration is applicable to almost all freshmen.

"This year is more practical than the last," she said. "And I believe this is the beginning of great tradition."

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Jackson defense plans new strategy

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Michael Jackson's secret indictment on child molestation charges sets the stage for a unique defense challenge on grounds that extraordinary security measures may have intimidated witnesses and grand jurors.

Authorities blocked sidewalks, hid witnesses and delivered grand jurors to secret locations in buses with blacked-out windows to keep the proceedings secret. In one case, a photographer outside the building where grand jurors were meeting was ordered to delete photos from his digital camera because they revealed too much of the people entering the building.

Jackson attorney Mark Geragos, unable to comment directly because of a gag order, suggested grounds for a challenge as he protested the secrecy before a Santa Barbara judge last week.

"If you believe what is reported, we've got people covered up, wrapped in blankets, put into vans driven around like they're Osama bin Laden's lieutenants and put into a training facility, then admonished in the procedure and then spirited out into the afternoon sun," Geragos told Superior Court Judge Clifford Anderson.

"That has had an enormously chilling effect on the defense in terms of all of the witnesses," said Geragos,

who was seeking approval to interview witnesses. He won that approval but little else.

An indictment was returned Wednesday. Authorities would not confirm that had happened even after major news organizations reported it. The document remained sealed and its details unknown.

Sources told The Associated Press on Thursday that 25 witnesses testified.

The indictment was to remain under wraps until April 30 when Jackson is scheduled to be in court in Santa Maria for a pretrial hearing. He could be arraigned on the indictment that day.

The defense has said Jackson will plead innocent as he did to previous charges lodged by the district attorney. The defense could then launch an effort to quash the indictment.

Criminal defense attorney Steve Cron said Geragos' plan of attack is unusual but could draw the attention of an appeals court, if not the trial judge.

Cron said that District Attorney Tom Sneddon would likely argue that the secrecy was designed to protect grand jurors and witnesses from the media.

"It may have been taken a bit too far," said Cron. "They

were probably made to believe they were evaluating someone particularly dangerous."

Loyola University law professor Laurie Levenson said a challenge because of secrecy would be "novel" but she said unusual motions seem to go hand-in-hand with high-profile cases.

"It's not a standard motion. And Geragos is going to be pushing the envelope here," she said. "But I've never before heard of a hide-and-seek grand jury."

"I've never seen anything go off the charts like this."

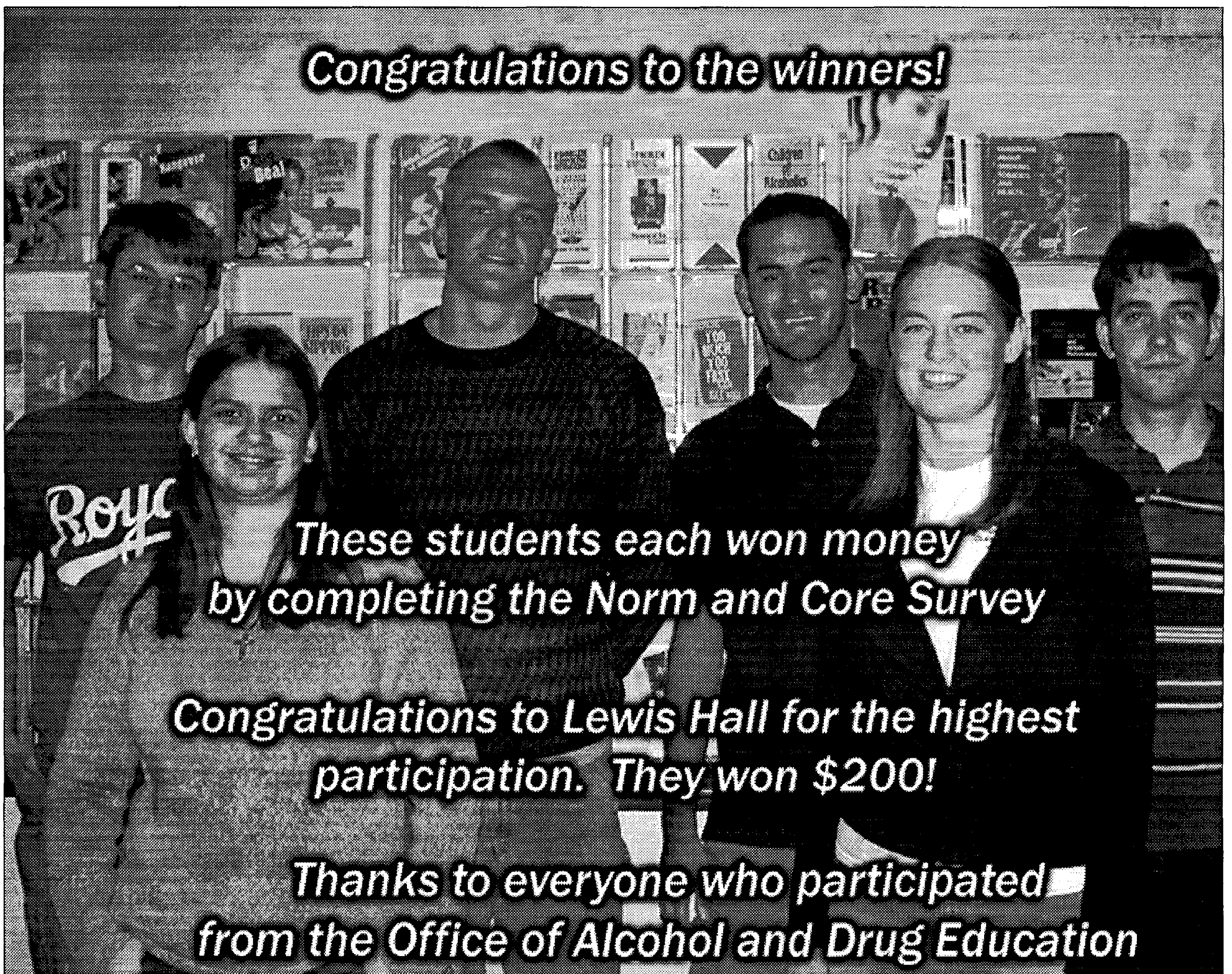
Laurie Levenson
law professor

"We've had grand jury hearings for a United States president in the Monica Lewinsky case," she said, "hearings in the Rodney

King cases, but I've never seen anything go off the charts like this. And even with such secrecy you have a leaked indictment."

Attorney Theodore Boutros, who represents media companies challenging secrecy in the case, said authorities' tactics infringed on the press' First Amendment rights to report on the case for the public.

"It forces reporters into back-alley reporting and that is not good for the public," said Boutros. "It closes a window on the public's ability to serve as a check on the system."



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China, Libya improve U.S. relations

Meanwhile, relations with other countries, United Nations sour

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Across the world, it seems that U.S. diplomacy is breaking down.

America's ties with Europe and the United Nations are frayed. The Arab world is furious over U.S. support for Israel on West Bank settlements. Pleas for help in stabilizing Iraq have found few takers. Troops from Spain, Honduras and the Dominican Republic leaving. And coalition leaders still standing with President Bush face rising political dissent at home.

On the other hand, relations are clearly improving with China and Libya. The U.S. overtures to these old totalitarian foes might have startled administration foreign policy hawks just a few years ago, but the Sept. 11 terror attacks and wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have produced some seismic shifts in global dynamics.

Libya is Bush's poster child of a rogue regime that saw the

light. The administration is poised to lift some sanctions to reward Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi for abandoning weapons of mass destruction and accepting responsibility for the 1988 Pan Am 103 bombing.

And forging closer ties with China is a courtship of convenience. The United States is looking to Beijing to help defuse the North Korean nuclear standoff and to open more of China's markets to U.S. companies. It has also helped on the global war on terror.

Given the turmoil in Iraq and the rest of the Middle East, the last thing the Bush administration needs is confrontation with Beijing or a flare up in North Korea. The administration also is under political attacks for not doing enough to narrow America's soaring trade deficit with China.

"This really is an amazing relationship. It's gone from almost nothing to one of the

most significant bilateral relationships anyplace in the world today," Vice President Dick Cheney said on a recent trip to China.

China, now America's third-largest trading partner, agreed during high-level talks in Washington last week to a series of agreements to open more markets to U.S. goods and to crack down on piracy of copyrighted CDs, movies and computer software. Commerce Secretary Don Evans called it "a landmark day."

Meanwhile, China's leaders apparently went along with a direct appeal by Cheney to exert more pressure on North Korean leader Kim Jong Il to dismantle his nuclear program.

Visiting Beijing last week just days after Cheney, Kim told Chinese officials he is committed to continuing six-nation talks and ending the nuclear dispute through dialogue, China's official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Witnesses testify in Nichols trial

Associated Press

MCLESTER, Okla. — Jurors in the state murder trial of Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols heard the recorded "Boom!" of the explosion Thursday and the panicked screams of people caught in it.

One juror shielded her face as prosecutors played the audiotape that captured the sound of the 4,000-pound homemade bomb that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, killing 168 people.

Prosecutors have charged Nichols with 161 counts of first-degree murder for his role in the bombing, and are seeking the death penalty.

Cynthia Lou Klaver, an attorney for the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, said the tape was turned on at 9 a.m. on April 19, 1995, for an administrative hearing at the agency's office across the street from the federal building.

Klaver is heard on the tape about two minutes later:

"Basically there are four elements I have to receive information regarding ..." — and she is cut off by a deafening roar lasting several seconds, followed by the sound of falling debris and the screams of people trying to evacuate.

"Everybody get out of here! Now!" someone yells. Another person screams: "What's going on? What's going on?"

Once Klaver made her way outside, she was stunned by what she saw.

"It looked like a war zone," she testified. "There were people on the curb sitting there bleeding."

Prosecutors showed photographs of the aftermath of the bombing in which Klaver is seen searching for co-workers.

The sky was black with smoke and bits of paper fell like confetti, she said.

"Tin metal things were falling out of the air," Klaver said. "It smelled really bad — fertilizer, acrid."

The bomb was made of ammonium nitrate fertilizer and racing fuel, according to authorities.

In other testimony Thursday, defense attorneys questioned Michael Fortier for a third straight day, drawing parallels between Nichols' and Fortier's relationships with executed bomber Timothy McVeigh and their involvement in the bomb plot.

Nichols already is serving a life sentence on federal convictions for the deaths of eight federal law enforcement officers in the bombing.

Fortier, serving 12 years in prison for not telling authorities

about the bomb plot, has said McVeigh told him Nichols was deeply involved and helped gather bomb components. Fortier said he was not directly involved.

Under cross-examination, Fortier said he received stolen weapons allegedly sold to finance the bombing, shared money from their sale with McVeigh, handled blasting caps and other explosives and had the same anti-government literature that McVeigh gave Nichols.

Fortier accompanied McVeigh on a trip where they cased the federal building four months before the bombing. Defense attorney Brian Hermanson asked Fortier if his activities were enough to make authorities suspicious.

"Yes, I would agree to that," Fortier said.

But when questioned by prosecutor Sandra Elliott, Fortier said he didn't acquire any of the bomb's components or help make the bomb and tried to talk McVeigh out of the bombing.

"I asked him about the people," Fortier said.

"It looked like a war zone. There were people on the curb sitting there bleeding."

Cynthia Lou Klaver
witness

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Moussaoui case allowed to proceed

Harsh penalty lifted that would have weakened government's case

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A federal appeals court on Thursday allowed the government's case against terrorism suspect Zacarias Moussaoui to proceed and threw out a penalty that would have eliminated the heart of the government's only Sept. 11 case.

The three-judge panel backed Moussaoui on the key issue, granting him access to three al-Qaida prisoners who have made statements that potentially could exonerate him.

The judges of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., ordered the trial judge to work out a compromise that would give Moussaoui access to written accounts of the witness statements.

Moussaoui's constitutional right to a fair trial demanded such access, even trumping the government's need to protect national security by denying an accused terrorist access to his former al-Qaida colleagues, the court said.

However, the judges said the trial judge — Leonie Brinkema in Alexandria, Va. — went too far in punishing the government for disobeying her orders to allow Moussaoui and his lawyers to question the captives by a remote

video hookup.

The appeals court threw out Brinkema's two-pronged penalty, which consisted of banning any government evidence related to the Sept. 11 attacks and barring the death penalty — a punishment the government vowed to seek if Moussaoui is convicted.

"No punitive sanction is warranted here because the government has rightfully exercised its prerogative to protect national security interests by refusing to produce the witnesses," the court said.

Moussaoui, who was arrested a month before the attacks while arousing suspicions at a flight school, is the only U.S. defendant charged as a conspirator with the 19 Sept. 11 hijackers. He has admitted belonging to Osama bin Laden's terrorist network but denied he was part of the plot, indicating instead that he was to have participated in a subsequent al-Qaida operation.

The FBI in Minneapolis had sought to search Moussaoui's computer after the French citizen's arrest for immigration violations but was turned down by bureau headquarters. Members of a commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks have questioned whether the plot would have been discovered if the Minneapolis

request had been granted.

On the key issue of access to witnesses, the appeals court said that from at least one witness, "a jury might reasonably infer ... that Moussaoui was not involved in Sept. 11. We therefore conclude that Moussaoui has made a plausible showing" that the witness would be favorable to him.

Chief Judge William W. Wilkins wrote the opinion. Judges Karen J. Williams and Roger L. Gregory concurred with portions but dissented from other parts.

The appeals court rejected Brinkema's view that it was not possible to craft a compromise to give Moussaoui access to the witnesses — saying that written statements from the prisoners could substitute for direct questioning.

Gregory said in his dissent that the instructions for drafting the witness statements for the jury put Brinkema "in a thoroughly untenable position."

The court instructed Brinkema to work with the government, Moussaoui and his court-appointed attorneys to draft the language of the statements that will be presented to the jury. The judges said the statements should use the exact language from the witness interrogations "to the greatest extent possible."

Holocaust papers given to museum

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum has acquired the diaries and papers of James McDonald, who raised early concerns about Nazi persecution of Jews and resigned his diplomatic post to protest the world's failure to intervene.

McDonald, who became the first U.S. ambassador to Israel, was appointed in 1933 to be the League of Nations' high commissioner for refugees who came from Germany and other countries. He met Adolf Hitler and others then to discuss the plight of Jews in Germany.

But frustrated by failure to address the mistreatment of Jews, he quit in 1935.

"In many parts of the country there is a systematic attempt at the starvation of the Jewish population," he wrote in his letter of resignation.

Two years before, he had heard from George Messersmith, then U.S. consul general in Berlin, about a conversation with Hermann Goering, Hitler's

top deputy. According to McDonald's diary, Goering told Messersmith he regretted that so few of the regime's opponents had been killed.

"Now whenever an individual is hurt, there is an international sensation," McDonald recorded Messersmith as quoting Goering. "Had we let the blood run for a few days during the revolution, that would have been finished and the world would soon have forgotten it."

McDonald himself had heard something similar not long before from Ernst "Putzi" Hanfstaengel, a close

friend of Hitler whom McDonald had known when he and Hanfstaengel were students at Harvard.

Hanfstaengel said then, according to McDonald's account, that a storm trooper had been assigned to each Jew in Germany and that "in a single night it could be finished."

"He did not explain," McDonald wrote, "but I assume he meant nothing more than wholesale arrests and imprisonments."

McDonald also reflected on his 1933 meeting with Hitler in his diary, and wrote that the Nazi leader had looked at him half-suspiciously.

Hitler said he was fighting on behalf of the world.

"We are not primarily attacking the Jews," Hitler told him, "rather the Socialists and Communists. The United States has shut out such people. We did not do so. Therefore, we cannot be blamed if we now take measures against them."

McDonald described his impression of Hitler: "The man does

have... the eyes of a fanatic, but he has in addition, I think, much more reserve and control and intelligence than most fanatics."

A month later, McDonald reported to President Franklin Roosevelt, who told him of a plan to appeal to the German people over Hitler's head. But this was never done.

McDonald became U.S. ambassador to Israel in 1948. He died in 1964.

Over 10,000 pages of his writings were given to the museum by his daughters, Barbara Ann McDonald Stewart and Janet McDonald Barrett.

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Second top editor steps down at USA Today

Resignations follow in the wake of a scandal involving plagiarism by one of the paper's star reporters

Associated Press

MCLEAN, Va. — A second top editor stepped down from USA Today on Thursday as the fallout from a fraud scandal involving a former star reporter spread. A third told staffers he would be departing soon.

Iral Ritter, the newspaper's managing editor of news, submitted his resignation to publisher Craig Moon on Thursday. He had been in his current role since 1995 and had worked at the paper since it was founded in 1982.

Ritter's departure came on the same day the newspaper revealed the scathing conclusions of an investigation by three veteran journalists into the work of former star reporter Jack Kelley.

The panel determined that editors should have looked into concerns about Kelley's work long ago and that poor editorial oversight and a "virus" of fear helped Kelley continue his improprieties for years. The newspaper's top editor, Karen Jurgensen, retired abruptly in the wake of the scandal on Tuesday.

Also, Brian Gallagher, the newspaper's executive editor, told his colleagues at a meeting Thursday that he would stay in his current role long enough to make a transition to the next editor, but would not remain in that job for the long term.

In a note that Moon distributed to the paper's staff, Ritter said

his departure will "make it easier for my colleagues in News to continue the job of making the newspaper even greater."

The panel's review found that Kelley committed many acts of fraudulent reporting for more than a decade, including fabricating parts of at least 20 stories and stealing at least 100 passages from other news organizations.

The scandal has deeply embarrassed USA Today, the nation's largest-selling newspaper, and paralleled a debacle last year at The New York Times involving former reporter Jayson Blair.

The panel's findings, which were delivered to Moon last week, were detailed in a full page of articles in USA Today's Thursday editions, and a good portion of the report was posted on its Web site.

The panel said USA Today's policies as well as routine editing procedures "should have raised dark shadows of doubt about Kelley's work, had his editors been vigilant and diligent. They were not."

Prior to Ritter's resignation, Moon said in an interview that he anticipated making other personnel changes, but had declined to be more specific. He also said he expected to keep Kelley's wife, Jacki, in her current position as the newspaper's top advertising executive.

As for addressing the panel's concerns about a fearful culture in the newsroom, Moon said: "I

think new leadership fixes that."

Unlike Blair, who was a young reporter trying to make a name for himself, Kelley was a well-established star at USA Today. His work was held up to others as an example, he was given plum foreign assignments and asked to speak to various groups on behalf of the newspaper. He also co-authored two books with USA Today's founder, Al Neuharth.

Kelley, who is 43, resigned in January after admitting to trying to deceive a team of editors examining the veracity of his work. A subsequent review by the outside experts found that Kelley had engaged in extensive fakery and plagiarism dating back as early as 1991.

Until now Kelley had stood by his work, admitting only to attempting to deceive the initial investigation. But in a statement issued to the paper through his lawyers, Kelley acknowledged making "a number of serious mistakes that violate the values that are most important to me as a person and as a journalist," he said.

"I recognize that I cannot make amends for the harm I have caused to my family, friends and colleagues. Nor can I make it up to readers who depend upon good journalism to understand a chaotic and confusing world. I can only offer my sincere apology to those I have let down," Kelley said.

A lawyer for Kelley, Lisa J.

Banks, declined to make any further comment.

The outside panel of experts — John Seigenthaler, Bill Kovach and Bill Hilliard — sharply criticized USA Today's management in their 28-page report. Among their conclusions were that the newspaper failed to act on early warnings of problems with Kelley's work.

The editors spent more than 10 weeks interviewing current and former USA Today staffers in their investigation, which was also aided by several reporters at the paper.

They also found that an earlier investigation into Kelley's work, conducted by USA Today editors last year, failed to turn up most of Kelley's misdeeds because the investigators "set out to prove that he had been guilty of nothing."

The panel also found that a fearful atmosphere in the newsroom inhibited staffers from complaining about Kelley. Some were scolded when they expressed concerns about Kelley, who was considered a "Golden Boy" with close ties to the paper's top managers.

The report found that the newspaper's structure and top-down management tended to

"silence" the editorial staff, discourage give-and-take among reporters and editors and "separate responsibility from accountability."

Lines of communications running both vertically and horizontally among the newspaper's divisions were "palpably defective," the review found, adding that "communications deficiencies promote turf problems among departments."

They also found that Kelley was able to "routinely abuse" rules governing anonymous sources, exploiting the confidence his editors had in him.

Kelley also billed the paper for thousands of dollars in cash that was purportedly paid to translators or drivers who said they

never received the money. Accountants for the newspaper plan to investigate.

Seigenthaler, the head of the panel, is a former editor and publisher of The Tennessean in Nashville and the founding editorial director of USA Today. Kovach is chairman of the Committee of Concerned Journalists and former chief of the Washington bureau for The New York Times. Hilliard is a former editor of The Oregonian in Portland.

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The best of both worlds

The Notre Dame name has not always been synonymous with football. It has not always been synonymous with academics. Now — in an era when it is finally synonymous with both — the University's two pillars of pride have been set at odds.

When Father Edward Sorin founded the University in 1842, he had visions of it being one of the greatest Catholic institutions in America. Yet it remained relatively unknown until the 1920s, when with the help of Knute Rockne and the Irish football team, this vision began to take form.

Rockne put Notre Dame on the map, taking his teams from New York to Los Angeles to face the best football competition in the country. During Rockne's time, the University was not just introduced to the nation, but began to draw a following of fans that loved the combination of Catholicism, athletics and academics that Notre Dame stood for.

Football also kept the University from shutting down during World War II. At that time, the Naval Academy bailed Notre Dame out of financial struggles in return for one thing — an annual football game between the two schools that continues as a tradition today.

As Notre Dame continued its growth throughout the 20th century, Father Theodore Hesburgh, President Emeritus, was the principal figure in building the University into a place known for more than its football team. Hesburgh's vision mold-

ed Notre Dame into an outstanding academic institution that also frequently succeeded on the gridiron — and neither came first or second.

Today, Notre Dame is ranked in the top 20 institutions by the U.S. News and World Report. The University has developed into one of the most academically elite in the country, as it was called one of the "New Ivies" by the Wall Street Journal. The allure of Notre Dame has also made it the No. 8 "Dream School," according to The Princeton Review.

However, with these higher academic standards — but not necessarily because of them — the football program has declined from its domination in earlier years, winning one national title

in the past 30 years. Alumni have complained, students have been disappointed and Notre Dame followers across the country have grown increasingly frustrated.

But this frustration is exactly what people should expect from Notre Dame and its fans. The Notre Dame "family" is a unique body, always expecting the best of everything — which means great football and great academics.

Though many call for the University to choose between them, such a choice would undermine the University's unique identity.

Notre Dame is no longer just a football school. It is a great academic institution with a storied football history.

The Observer Editorial

Bidding farewell to the senior class

Some say that life is all about advantages. Many agree that a college degree adds ten times more earning power over those without such an educational benefit. Most would concur that our ultimate advantage might be knowing the meaning of life.

Gary Caruso

In a few weeks the Notre Dame Class of 2004 will mark its four-year educational anniversary with commencement exercises. While the graduating seniors are celebrating the receipt of their hard-earned degrees, I hope they will take a moment to pay tribute to a fellow Domer who is currently quite disadvantaged.

Notre Dame Professor Emeritus Gil Loescher is the sole survivor of the Baghdad blast of the United Nations headquarters. In late May, Loescher, who gave 25 years of his life teaching at Notre Dame, will mark his nine-month anniversary as a double amputee. His is a remarkable story of survival featured in this spring's Notre Dame Alumni Magazine.

The U.S. Army has billed Professor Loescher for medical treatment amounting \$190,000, which is almost three times what his annual salary was before he retired from Notre Dame. It is estimated that within the next five years when he must fit new prosthetic limbs and make handicapped accessible modifications to his home in Great Britain, his expenses will top \$800,000. His travel insurance will not cover terrorist-related expenses, but I am hopeful that Notre Dame will sponsor a special collection for him.

As the world's foremost authority on refugees, displaced persons and forced migration due to famine and war, Loescher has asked the Notre Dame administration for another full professorship teaching position at the ND London program along with preliminary

use of the faculty flats at Trafalgar Square. It will be interesting to see how the University bureaucracy addresses his request either through a fast track approach or typical red tape.

The point of the "Legs for Loescher to put him on his feet" campaign is that each of us, regardless of whether or not we asked, gained a further sense of community for having attended Notre Dame. While some of us are more conservative and fundamental with the teachings of scripture than others, each of us can instantaneously recognize the worthiest of causes. Jesus would not heal just one eye of the blind man. He made him whole. Notre Dame should do the same for its faithful son, Gil.

For me, after thirty years away from college, I finally settled into a thought of what is the meaning of our existence here on earth. At one time, I was like one of those guys in the Domino's commercial who runs blindly in a herd to the door at the sound of the doorbell then asks in unison, "Domino's Philly Cheese Steak pizza?"

Now, life to me can partly be described by Judge Judy who once said in her courtroom, "Try to be nice to each other. That's what the world is all about."

It can also be partly explained by physic John Edward, star of "Crossing Over," who announces, "Communicate, appreciate and validate those around you, and along the way enjoy life's journey."

I personally like to think that we exist here on earth only as long as our souls need to help others and grow. Anyone who has lost a loved one is forever changed with a new perspective from within. It strikes me that if we open ourselves to our surroundings, we gain so many subtle insights into life, especially

if we have ever owned a pet dog.

God has shown us through the eyes of a canine what heaven's love must be. Those animals are vessels of pure unconditional love. Last November I lost Miss Beavis, a 13-year-old black Chow who looked like a small black bear. She was neglected and confined twice at the humane society's shelter before I entered her life. Her love and loyalty taught me much about myself, and her example strengthened my faith.

This year the world is not a pleasant place into which students may graduate. War rages abroad, our government

scares the hell out of us about terror at home, the economy is sluggish, and it all reminds me of my graduation in 1973. With such a dismal outlook this year, I can say with all honesty that Notre Dame graduates are attracted to a higher call of community, public and family service. The trick is to think of others more often than of yourself.

Therefore, members of the Class of 2004, tuck the unconditional love of Miss Beavis in your pocket and remember the words of Judge Judy and John Edward.

Life is not as complicated as our Internet-soaked society portrays. If you can keep a watchful eye on those like Professor Gil Loescher, if you can make time for others less fortunate than you, the meaning of life will be yours on the day of your graduation — which is a thirty-year advantage over me.

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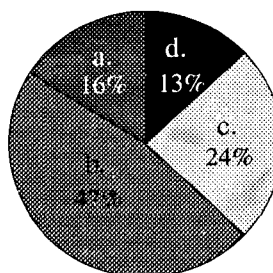
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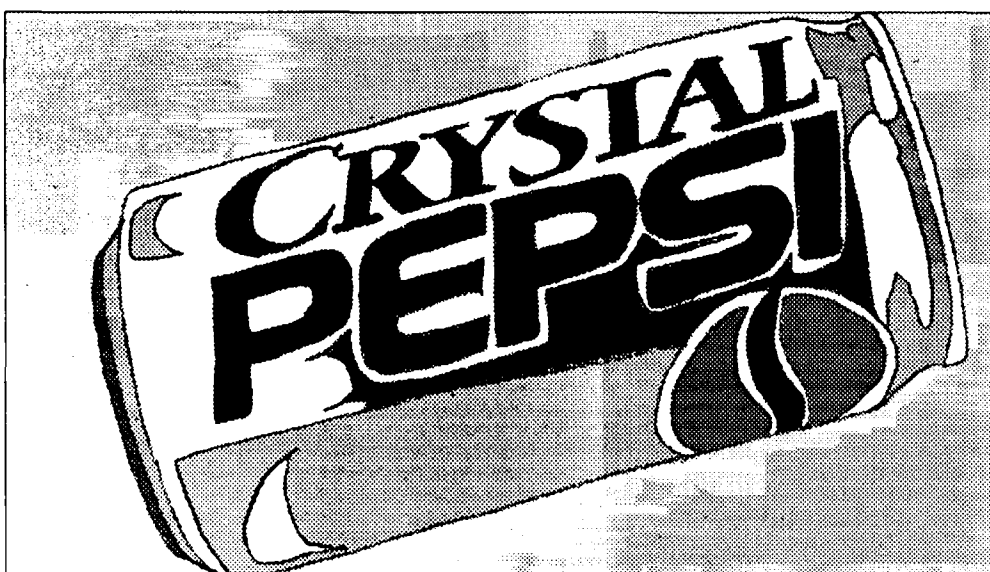
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent."

John Donne
English poet



My hunger strike for ... Crystal Pepsi

Those few lovable members of PSA can rest assured that word of their courageous hunger strike has spread overseas and has inspired someone 3,000 miles away to follow their lead. Yes, I, William Joseph Ulysses Rinner, have decided to go on my own hunger strike...for Crystal Pepsi.

Bill Rinner

*A Voice
of Reason*

We all remember that tasty treat which only lives on as a hallmark reminder of our youthful days of innocence. The ad wizards had struck gold: take the name and general flavor of Pepsi and mix it with the decaffeinated goodness of 7-Up! Sadly, consumer demand struck a heavy blow against one of the few true loves of my youth, and its production was discontinued. Only when the heartless executives in charge find it in their hearts to provide this sad, lonely soul the simple request of one tasty sip of Crystal Pepsi shall my hunger strike end.

Call it the plight of an upper-middle class white male; in fact, one of my friends informs me that this hunger strike might be construed as insincere and offensive. After all, should not legitimate hunger strikes be reserved for massive social injustices matching the likes of the American civil rights movement or Gandhi's nonviolent protests against the repressive British Empire? No longer, as my dear friends in PSA have already proved with a noble display of solidarity with a few tomato pickers who are paid the market value of their labors. But, at the risk of being deemed short-sighted about injustices in our world, I shall add a few more points to fuel my hunger.

First, I hate the Yankees. Yes, I know they're good, they've made wise management and scouting decisions, and no salary cap exists in Major League Baseball. All the while, my beloved Colorado Rockies exist as baseball's small market bottom-feeders with only one wild card berth as the pinnacle of their ten year existence. Thus, I shall not have another bite of food until the dastardly Yankees willfully send Alex Rodriguez to Colorado to play for free. Steinbrenner can foot the bill, and the Rockies will be one step closer to playoff success.

Next, I demand a two-fold concession from the federal government. We need a fair living wage, so every American worker can comfortably provide for his or her family, depending on its size. As a footnote to this demand, I shall also hunger strike in solidarity with any worker who feels outrage at this American Living Wage Act because his coworker, married with two small children, earns twice the salary for the same production output. If John Kerry can speak on all sides of an issue, then so can my one-man hunger strike.

Though I am bracing for a long wait before I can taste the sweet juices of a T-bone steak once more, I must add more demands. Too many individuals and groups have suffered from the poor policy decisions of our government. In fact, several American corporations are so oppressed by the American tax structure that they would rather send jobs overseas than employ hard-working, God-fearing, flag-waving patriots. That's right, I shall hunger strike for increased corporate tax breaks so more jobs will stay in America, and I hope to dine at the celebration feast of the Ralph Nader Muzzle Act.

Now that I'm riled up about international issues, my list must grow longer. After several conversations with my friends from the European Union, many are amazed by tales of America's amazingly prompt medical coverage that results from our free market system. When I say that two month waiting lines do not exist for major surgical procedures, and we're still perfecting the system, they cannot contain their envy for our country's efficiency and compassion. So stand back, Europe, I'll starve before your socialist, post-modern dystopia allows more to suffer! Only when medical privatization sweeps across the continent shall my stomach be filled!

One more, just one more request shall inspire me to persevere through this hunger strike: all nations must come together and create a massive fund devoted entirely to providing economics classes for anti-globalization protestors, the Earth Liberation Front, Greenpeace and the Notre Dame Progressive Student Alliance. Even academic intellectuals who oppose globalization, from Joseph Stiglitz to Richard Sennett, can be placed in charge of educating these masses with sound principles of supply and demand and comparative advantage. If they persist in their protests, then I will rest assured knowing my ideological opponents have a better semblance of reason.

As I mentally prepare myself for the upcoming weeks and months of hunger, I ask that someone please contact the proper authorities at CNN, the New York Times, Le Monde and Notre Dame's social action e-mail list to spread the word of my noble self-sacrifice. While I am far more likely to headline next year's Darwin Awards, I take comfort in knowing that my campaign for a sip from the elusive cup of Crystal Pepsi shall inspire more to pursue quixotic self-delusion.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taco Bell strike is a leverage tactic

I am writing to dispel some myths which have been following the nationwide boycott against Taco Bell, with particular attention to Bucky Schafer's Viewpoint article from April 21.

First, I would like to apologize for any misinformation that Schafer or others may have received concerning the boycott. I would hope that such misinformation is not being disseminated by Notre Dame students, such as the student quoted by Schafer: "if Taco Bell just raised the price of each taco just two cents the extra money would more than raise the pickers' salary to above a living wage." The actual argument is: If Taco Bell would pay one penny more per one pound of tomatoes it bought, and institute a clause that it be passed directly to the farmworker who picks the tomatoes, it could almost double his or her wages. Right now pickers are paid 40 to 45 cents per 32 pound bucket they pick. If Taco Bell defrayed this cost to the consumer it would result in an increase of no more than of a penny in the price of one chalupa. This is vastly different from the misconstrued example of Schafer's article, which would mean that

each taco contains two pounds of tomatoes — we all know Taco Bell's not that generous, even to its clients. To learn more about the boycott, please go to: www.ciw-online.org.

The Taco Bell Boycott is founded in the ideal that the consumer ultimately has the power to demand justice in the production of our food. We are not out to close down Taco Bell, as Schafer's article claims. Rather, our boycott is a leverage tactic, used to give voice to the consumers and farmworkers of our country. It is a call for corporations like Taco Bell — part of the largest restaurant conglomerate — to wake up. I encourage all to reconsider the potential of the word "boycott." Addressing the Montgomery bus boycotts, Martin Luther King Jr. said, "Our concern would not be to put the bus company out of business, but to put justice in business." Our concern is not to put Taco Bell out of business, but to put justice in business.

Dana Stovall
junior
Breen-Phillips Hall
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Volunteering in the midst of war

I am a resident of South Bend, Ind., and Notre Dame alumna currently working with Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) in Baghdad, Iraq. These are frightening days for the Iraqi people as well as for the Coalition soldiers.

A young friend of ours just came back from a harrowing trip to Fallujah. Jo Wilding, 29, sat on the couch in our Baghdad apartment, and, over the occasional roar of helicopters, told what she saw in the streets of that besieged city. She saw a hospital bombed by the U.S. Marines. She sat in a make-shift clinic (in a converted garage) and watched as an old man and two children were brought in with bullet wounds they received from snipers in the American-controlled part of the city. The children died. She tried to rescue a woman going into premature labor, until American soldiers fired, shattered the windshield of the ambulance and continued firing until the vehicle was disabled.

As of this writing, the hospitals report more than 600 deaths, two-thirds of which are women and children. One hundred forty-six are children under the age of 12. Forty-six of those children were under the age of five. One thousand, two hundred people have been injured. A newspaper article I read quoted that "700 insurgents have been killed." How many of the 700 were women and

children?

Terrorism and violence are frightening. But what is most frightening to me here in Iraq is that the good young men and women of the armed services — who come here out of a noble desire to serve their country — end up instead ordered to use tactics that both escalate the violence and compromise their own humanity.

This excessive and indiscriminate violence is creating a culture of hatred and revenge, and putting the entire country in much greater danger. I see it before my eyes — overwhelming force only makes matters worse. Please, please, urge our government leaders to exercise restraint in Iraq.

Last week, a CPA official and former Marine told me that a soldier has to become somewhat dehumanized so that he or she can actually kill another human being. Why do we accept this damage to the hearts, minds, and souls of our young men and women in the armed services? We are all responsible to respond to violence in ways that encourage transformation and dialogue, not dehumanization and escalation. Please, work for a new way, before it is too late.

Sheila Provencher
Christian Peacemaker Teams
Baghdad, Iraq
April 22



Spring picnic delights

COLUMN BY MAUREEN MALLOY

What better way to compliment a lazy day on the quad than to bring out a spread of great picnic food? Skip the dining hall, lay out a blanket, and share some of these homemade favorites with your friends. The BLT wraps are quick and simple to make, and are easily transported outside. French Fried Potato Salad is a great spin on the original, and for dessert, lemon bars are a delicious way to end the meal.

French Fried Potato Salad

3 cups of crisp, hot French fries, roughly chopped-preferably homemade, but fast food take out fries or frozen baked in your oven will do
3 hard boiled eggs, chopped
1 cup finely chopped celery
1/2 cup chopped chilled bread and butter (sweet) pickle chips
1/2 cup minced fresh chives
1/2 cup fat free mayonnaise
1 tbsp Dijon mustard
1 tsp. garlic powder
_ tsp cayenne pepper

Set French fries aside; keep warm. In a large bowl, combine all remaining ingredients until well blended. Add French fries to mixture in bowl; blend in with spatula, using folding motion, being careful not to break fries. Serve immediately. Serves four.

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Lemon Bars

1 cup (2 sticks) butter
1 cup sugar
2 cups flour
1 1/4 cup oatmeal (not instant)
Juice of 3 lemons
Zest of 2 lemons, chopped fine
Zest of 1 orange, chopped fine
1 (14-ounce) can sweetened condensed milk

Cream butter and sugar, then add the flour and oatmeal to make the dough (it will be a little crumbly). Set aside. Stir juice and zest into milk. Set aside. Butter (or spray) a 9x13 inch pan. Press two-thirds to three-quarters of the dough into the pan. Spread lemon/milk mixture evenly over the top of the dough. Sprinkle the remaining dough (kind of like streusel) over the top. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 to 35 minutes until golden. When cool, slice into 1-inch squares.

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BLT Wrap

A good variation is to substitute taco meat and grilled onions for the bacon
1 pound thick sliced bacon, cut into 1 inch pieces
4 (12 inch) flour tortillas
1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
_ head iceberg lettuce, shredded
1 tomato, diced

Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium-high heat until evenly brown. Drain, and set aside.

Place 1 tortilla on a microwave-safe plate. Sprinkle tortilla with 1/4 cup cheese. Cook in microwave for 1 to 2 minutes, or until cheese is melted. Immediately top with 1/4 of the bacon, lettuce, and tomato. Fold sides of tortilla over, then roll up. Repeat with remaining ingredients. Cut each wrap in half before serving. Makes four wraps.

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Bleach to headl

Faith-based student group hopes just as talented

By PATRICK VASSEL
Scene Writer

It isn't much of a secret that Christian rock music generally has a bad rap. For many college students it's just "not cool enough." If there's any college campus that can make Christianity cool, it's Notre Dame, and the group behind that work is Iron Sharpens Iron, the students responsible for this year's third annual Faith Rocks Concert.

The Web site for the event states that the purpose is "to show college students that it's OK to be public about your faith and that Christianity, and Christian music as well, are not dull or boring, but exciting and full of passion and joy."

Iron Sharpens Iron is a faith-based group of students designed to allow people to come together in Christ and share their experiences and deepen their spirituality and commitment to their faith. It is a Christian based group that welcomes and reaches out to all Catholic and non-Catholic faiths.

The inaugural event was held in the Coleman-Morse Center in 2002 due to bad weather. The concert was moved to South Quad in front of Dillon Hall in 2003 and is scheduled to be set up there again this year. While the venue changed, the idea hasn't.

This year's headlining band is Bleach, a young rock band touring hot off its new album release,



Photos courtesy of www.faithrocks.com

Along with three bands, Faith Rocks will feature plenty of food and Brady Quinn and Derek Curry as guest speakers.

Smooth sailing for

Fisher's Regatta is a fun tradition unlike any

By MEEG CONROY
Scene Writer

Saturday will mark the 18th year of Fisher Hall's Signature event, the Fisher Regatta. What began as one New Jersey student's suggestion, has flourished to become one of the most well-known campus-wide events. Nearly 3,000 students participated last year. This year, co-commissioners Russell Morton and Joe Caruso plan on making it the biggest Notre Dame has ever seen.

From 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, all students, faculty and staff are invited to enjoy the Fisher Regatta. The grill will be fired up at twelve while crews get organized for the race. As in past Regattas, the race will be held on St. Mary's Lake. The course follows a line of buoys approximately 1,000 feet long. Crews of two or more are welcome to participate, as long as their boat is homemade and man-powered.

The rules are pretty basic. Morton said the boats can't have a motor or

sails, be longer than 20 feet or have less than two people in the boat.

While male and female crews are alternated for races, music and food will be available for all those at the event, including Subway, Pizza and the traditional hamburgers and hotdogs. At the end of the races, the traveling trophies will be presented to the male and female crew winners. In addition to the trophy, gift certificates and T-shirts will also be given.

Last year Badin and Carroll won the women's and men's divisions respectively. Badin had an impressive run in their new wooden canoe, and Carroll continued their winning streak from the previous three years.

"Carroll's always been strong. They have a great design as well as rowers," said Caruso.

The win last year was especially impressive, considering that Carroll's boat was sabotaged the night before. Caruso and Morton admit that some of the Fisher guys sunk the Carroll boat. However, others returned to help Carroll fish it out of the lake. The boat

was dried out over night, and 'sea-worthy' the next day.

Other Regatta shenanigans Morrissey's attempt to steal boat last year.

"We caught some of them to take it away, but we went and stopped them," Morton said.

However, everything is meant for good spirits.

The general atmosphere Regatta is fun and entertaining of the crews create costumes or for their boat. Dorm crews Knott and Howard reflect the spirit through orange and yellow paint, respectively. Other crews on traditions from previous regattas. Sorin will be sure to show up "Natty-Light" boat.

Yet, one can never know what to expect from the Fisher Regatta the biggest surprises from last year the sinking of the Navy boat.

"About 90 to 95 percent of a make it across. That's why we believe that of all boats, the would sink," Caruso said.

Line Faith Rocks Concert

es to show students that Christian rock bands can be
ed as other mainstream rock bands

astronomy."
When asked about the band's live show
their Web site Milam Byers, lead gui-
rist, described it as, "Energetic and fun
ck 'n roll, tightly wrapped in a beautiful
ackage."

The group has been playing and touring
e country to promote several albums
nd has developed a devoted following.
each is considered by many to be on the
tting edge of Christian music.

Extensive sponsorship from sources
oth on and off campus, including help
om Saint Mary's, helped expand the
udget for the event from an original
\$100 to \$30,000 this year. Iron Sharpens
on is only spending about half of that
mount for this year's event.

The increased budget has allowed
rganizers to bring in as exciting a group
s Bleach, as well as to continue tradi-
ons that have been implemented the
ast two years. As has happened before,
ood will be served, and free T-shirts will
e given out to those in attendance.

Opening up for Bleach are For the Love
nd Once and For All. Featuring three
ands is quite a feat for any event, and
is should only add to the excitement.
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ear a broader range of musical talents in
hristian rock.

Beyond the concerts, Iron Sharpens Iron
as also arranged for some very special
eakers. Scheduled to speak at the event
re senior football captain Derek "DC"
urry and freshman quarterback Brady
uinn.

"Brady and D.C. go to ISI pretty regular-

ly and are two guys
who have a lot of
respect in the Notre
Dame community,"
Lee DeLeon, president
and founder of Faith
Rocks, said. "They're
going to share a little
bit about their faith,
but also challenge the
audience."

According to
DeLeon, challenging
and breaking down
stereotypes is what
the event is all about.

"A lot of people feel
like it's taboo to be
open about your faith
or that Christian
music is cheesy or
lame," DeLeon said.
"We want to allow
people to come out
and show their faith
to everyone while lis-
tening to some really
great bands that
might be better than a
lot of secular bands
that they listen to."

DeLeon and others
are hoping the event
allows people to have
a good time, enjoy
some great food and some of the best live
music available, Christian or otherwise.
There are obviously plenty of Christians
here on campus, but very few events that



Photo courtesy of www.faithrocks.com

Bleach is one of the three Christian rock bands that will be showcased Sunday on South Quad. Bleach is an energetic band that has just released a new album titled "Astronomy."

try to put faith in more exciting and ener-
getic settings than the Basilica traditional-
ly provides. Sunday's concert begins at 4
p.m. on South Quad.

"We're just trying to have fun and
praise God with our music," DeLeon said.

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Since freshman year, when Morton
and Caruso served as "apprentices" for
the Regatta, they knew they wanted to
"be apart of the best event Fisher has
to offer."

"It's something the entire campus
will appreciate," Morton said.

The traditions of the regatta also
include a myriad of events during the
week of the event, known as Fred and
Sally Week, in honor of the dorm's
patrons. The festivities began Monday
with the Roommate Game and Section
Wars. On Tuesday Fisher moved its
Spring Bling, where live music, food,
and games are available, inside due to
inclement weather. On Wednesday the
Red Mock Awards, a series of in-house
awards, were given to Fisher residents.
Thursday, or Traditions Night, usually
has a special guest speaker for the
dorm. Tonight there are a series of dif-
ferent festivities.

After the regatta, Fisher will hold its
annual dance with Pangborn.

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Shakespeare works to be performed for charity

By PATRICK VASSEL
Scene Writer

For those students who missed King Lear, this week-
end there's a group of students who will allow you to
see not only King Lear, but also the entire "Compleat
Works of Shakespeare (abridged)."

Juniors Steve Hoeplinger and Paul Sifuentes and sen-
ior David Buckley are producing the play, which they
describe as "Short, funny, and for charity."

Hoeplinger and Sifuentes spent last semester studying
abroad in London, where they saw a production of
"Compleat Works" and discussed performing the show
at Notre Dame. After returning to campus this semes-
ter, they revived the idea and brought on Buckley to
round out the trio.

"We really wanted to do it," Hoeplinger said, "but
also wanted to give back."

Though the show is free of charge, the performers
are accepting donations for San Juan de Dios, an
orphanage in Bolivia.

"We were just doing this for fun, the money isn't
important. We're suggesting a donation to help out a
place that's doing some great work and can really use
the money," Hoeplinger agreed.

Sifuentes has worked at the orphanage for the past
two summers and said, "I really want to give back to

that community."

Sifuentes said publicity has been limited because of
the cost of advertising and the performers did not want
to detract from the Department of Film Television and
Theater's production of "Arms and the Man."

"We have a lot of friends in that show, and we're hop-
ing that people can come to both, but we didn't want to
undermine them at all," Buckley said.

Buckley has had extensive theater experience at
Notre Dame. Sifuentes and Hoeplinger jokingly refer to
him as their "ringer."

"Dave was our first choice and we're thrilled to have
him on stage. He's a great actor and guaranteed to
make people laugh," said Sifuentes.

The opportunity to see all of Shakespeare's works in
such a humorous setting and to help a great cause
doesn't come along every weekend, and it should be a
great way to spend one of the last weekends of the
year.

"This isn't an average play in which the actors are in
a different world from the audience. It's fast-paced and
interactive and should be a lot of fun for everyone in
the crowd," Buckley said.

The "Compleat Works of Shakespeare (abridged)" will
be performed today and Saturday in room 102
DeBartolo.

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MLB

Diamondbacks prevail in 15th inning against Brewers

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Danny Bautista established two career highs and made sure the effort wasn't wasted.

He homered twice and singled home the go-ahead run in the 15th inning, sending the Arizona Diamondbacks over the Milwaukee Brewers 11-9.

Bautista set career highs with five hits and five RBIs. He extended his hitting streak to 14 games as Arizona stopped its losing streak at four.

Two years after shoulder surgery, Bautista leads Arizona with a .397 batting average.

"I've got a lot of confidence back," he said. "We know we're a very good team."

The Brewers rallied for three runs in the ninth, tying it at 9 on a two-run homer by pinch-hitter Brooks Kieschnick off Matt Mantei. The teams wound up playing five hours, 22 minutes, the longest game in the majors this season.

Arizona used eight pitchers, who limited the Brewers to eight hits while striking out 21.

Steve Sparks (1-1) pitched two scoreless innings for the win, snapping his personal 12-game losing skid dating to Aug. 16, 2002 while with Detroit.

Matt Kata hit a leadoff single in the 15th and was sacrificed to second by Brent Mayne.

Bautista singled with two outs.

"A guy like that picks up the offense and he did a great job today," Mantei said. "He's actually done that for the last 14 games."

"You go out there and blow a three-run lead and you kind of feel pretty bad at first, but we're most relieved with the win and we can have a nice flight home," he added.

Rookie Chad Tracy followed Bautista's hit with his own RBI single off Adrian Hernandez (0-2). Tracy had four hits in his first-ever start.

Lyle Overbay also had four hits, including three doubles. His three-base error at first base allowed two runs to score in the seventh, giving Arizona a 7-5 lead.

"I just look at it, if I get that ground ball, Kieschnick's home run is the game-winner," Overbay said.

Kieschnick connected for the fourth pinch-hit homer of his career. It was the first pinch-hit of any kind this season by Milwaukee after an 0-for-20 start.

Bautista hit a solo homer in the second and capped a four-run burst in the sixth with a two-run shot to tie the game at 5.

Arizona starter Brandon Webb departed after pitching five innings and allowing only one earned run on five hits.

Milwaukee starter Wes Obermueller pitched 5 1-3 innings, giving up five earned runs on eight hits.

"I got out of my rhythm and I started rushing," Obermueller said. "I was kind of in awe. My ball raised up on every pitch and they hit it pretty hard."

Arizona manager Bob Brenly used his entire bench and bullpen in the win.

"It took everybody on the roster to get it done today," Brenly said. "If we would had to play until midnight, we'd have played until midnight."

Cleveland 5, Kansas City 4

CLEVELAND — Omar Vizquel reached into his locker and pulled out two bottles of expensive red wine, gifts from Indians' teammate John McDonald.

A few moments earlier, Vizquel led a champagne toast in Cleveland's clubhouse in honor of his 2,000th career hit.

The wines were a fine vintage. So was the single.

Vizquel's milestone hit helped set up Cleveland's three-run rally in the eighth inning, giving the Indians a win over the Kansas City Royals.

"What made it so special was that we came from behind," said Vizquel, who started his career with Seattle. "That's something we've struggled with all year."

Vizquel then proudly showed off his Napa Valley wines from McDonald.

"Good wine," Vizquel said, "and a good win."

The win could have been a potentially costly one for the Indians.

However, the club got good news Thursday night when an MRI taken earlier in the day showed that ace C.C. Sabathia had only irritated a biceps

muscle during pregame warmups and wasn't seriously injured.

Sabathia was pulled from what would have been his 100th career start about 15 minutes before he was scheduled to make his first pitch. Jeff D'Amico filled in for the left-hander, who was immediately taken for tests.

Trainer Lonnie Soloff said the MRI revealed that Sabathia had irritated the biceps muscle while throwing. Sabathia will be re-examined on Friday in Detroit.

Soloff said the team was optimistic Sabathia will be pitching again soon.

"We're very encouraged by it," Soloff said.

The Indians are off next Monday and Thursday, which will give Sabathia more time to heal.

Pitching coach Carl Willis said Sabathia threw about 20 warmup pitches in the center-field bullpen when he felt some soreness while tossing a changeup.

"Hopefully it was a freaky, fluky thing," Willis said.

Indians general manager Mark Shapiro was reluctant to speculate on Sabathia's status before the results were back, but he most certainly feels better now.

"Bottom line, we won a game where the odds were stacked against us," Shapiro said. "A good MRI reading will make it about the best day we've had in a while."

Before the eighth, it appeared the Indians were headed for a third straight loss.

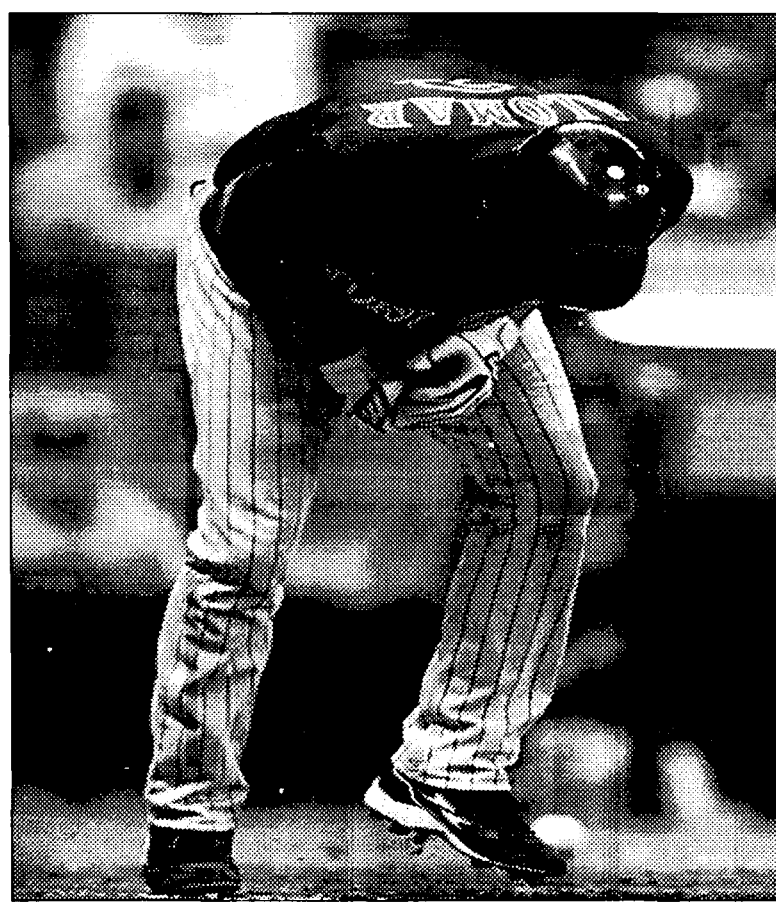
But after Ronnie Belliard walked, Vizquel became the 230th player to reach 2,000 hits when he singled off Jason Grimsley (1-1). Three batters later, Victor Martinez hit a game-winning RBI double off D.J. Carrasco and Cleveland got its first come-from-behind win this season.

"I knew he wanted to do that at home, and for our squad," Indians manager Eric Wedge said.

NY Mets 3, Montreal 2

NEW YORK — Mike Piazza's move to first base paid off for the New York Mets.

With a day game after a night game, Thursday almost



AP
Diamondbacks second baseman Roberto Alomar grabs his hand after being hit by a pitch in the Diamondbacks 15th inning win.

certainly would have been a day off for Piazza last season.

Instead, the All-Star catcher doubled twice, drove in one run and set up two others, leading the Mets over the still-slumping Montreal Expos.

For Piazza, who was not always enthusiastic about the first base experiment, it was a productive day.

"This is a game last year that Piazza doesn't play," New York manager Art Howe said. "It's good to have him in there."

Piazza's hitting was enough to help the Mets offset an Expos rally in the ninth inning.

His third-inning double led to New York's first run, and Piazza made it 2-1 in the seventh before pinch-runner Vance Wilson scored the winning run on a two-out double by Mike Cameron.

"It's a good situation personally to stay in the lineup when I'm swinging the bat well, no matter where I play," Piazza said. "It's important if I'm swinging the bat well for me to be in the lineup."

And Piazza is swinging the bat well even though he has not homered in two weeks. He remains one home run away from Carlton Fisk's record of 351 for a catcher. Piazza went 11-for-32 (.344) on the homestand and raised his season's average to .328.

After Montreal tied it in the seventh, the Mets rallied in the bottom half.

Kaz Matsui walked and raced to third when Karim Garcia singled off Chad Bentz (0-1). Fikac got Spencer to fly out, but Piazza came up with runners on the corners and one out.

"We didn't do what we were supposed to do," said Montreal manager Frank Robinson, who didn't want Jeremy Fikac to give Piazza anything to hit. Instead, the reliever put a 2-0 pitch over the plate and Piazza connected for an RBI double and 2-1 lead.

"You have to hope they're smart enough to execute in certain situations," Robinson said.

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NFL DRAFT

Mannings want to be passed up by Chargers in draft

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Eli Manning is trying to pull a John Elway on the San Diego Chargers.

The Mississippi quarterback has let the Chargers know he doesn't want them to choose him with the first pick Saturday in the NFL Draft.

He spent Thursday at an NFL luncheon with his famous relatives, father Archie and older brother Peyton, skirting around questions about the Chargers and what he would do if they draft him, anyway.

"I plan to be playing football next season," Eli said. "I've talked to New York. I've talked to Oakland. I've talked to a lot of teams, and I like a lot of teams."

Manning's maneuver is similar to the one Elway pulled in 1983, when he made it known that he didn't want to play for the Baltimore Colts, who owned the No. 1 pick.

Still, the Colts took Elway. The Stanford quarterback responded by playing minor league baseball for the New Yankees and threatened to stick with that sport if the Colts remained stubborn.

Eventually, Baltimore traded Elway to Denver, where he went on to become a Hall of Famer.

"This is a bold move on the part of our family," Archie said. "But I am not bold enough to try to manipulate this draft. I would not do that."

Chargers general manager A.J. Smith said he would do what's best for the franchise.

Archie said the decision to tell the Chargers to pass on Eli was made by his youngest son and agent Tom Condon with input from the family and others.

Archie Manning wouldn't give specific reasons why San Diego was asked to back off.

"I don't want the Chargers to be exposed in a negative way," he said.

The Mannings were surprised and disappointed that Smith went public Wednesday with Eli's request.

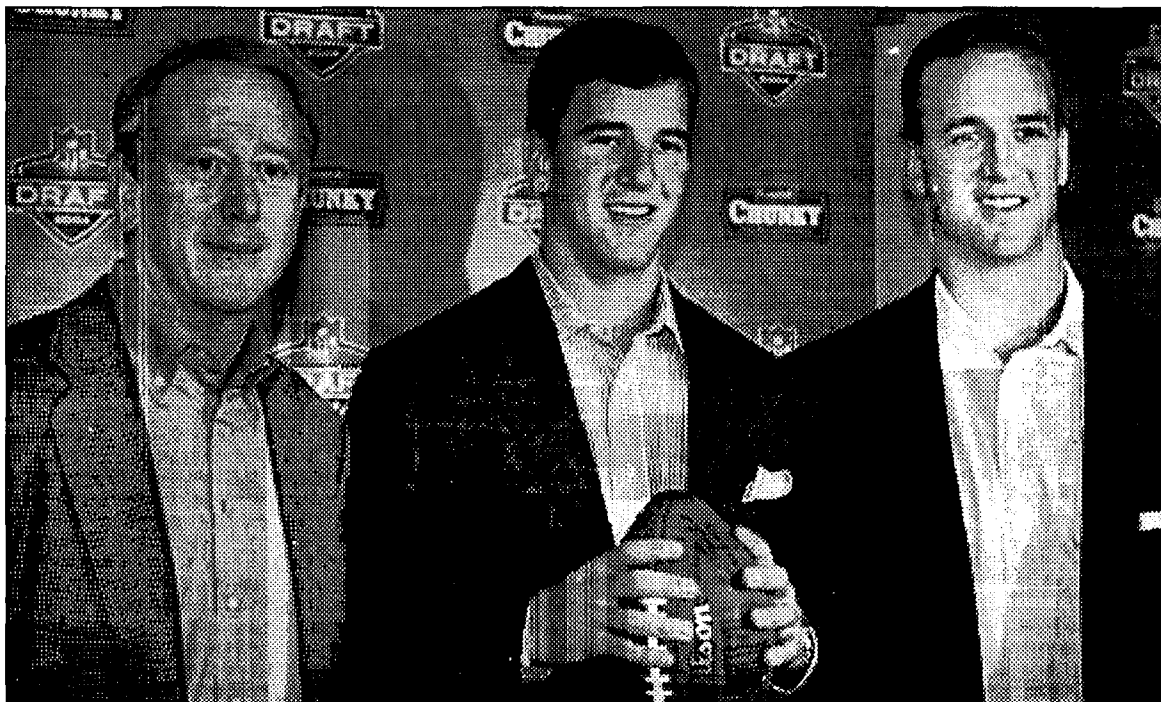
"This was not the way we planned things. We didn't want this to happen," Eli said.

Last week, the Chargers asked Condon to open negotiations with Eli in anticipation of possibly drafting him. Since then, Archie said he has spoken to NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue and has met with Chargers president Dean Spanos and coach Marty Schottenheimer.

"This is nothing personal against anyone," Archie said.

He was an outstanding player stuck on a dismal team, the New Orleans Saints, for most of his career. Peyton was taken by the Indianapolis Colts with the first overall pick in 1998. At the time, the Colts also were a struggling franchise.

"There's no rose garden out there for a quarterback starting in this league," said Archie,



Archie Manning, left, is shown with his sons Eli, former Mississippi quarterback, and Peyton, right, during a news conference. Eli is a top prospect in this weekend's NFL Draft.

acknowledging that Eli probably will end up with a struggling team no matter who drafts him.

Condon has not returned phone calls from The Associated Press.

The New York Giants, who have the fourth pick, are one of three teams who talked to the Chargers about trading for the No. 1 selection. In recent days, there was speculation Condon was trying to swing a trade between the Giants and

Chargers.

Archie said he has not expressed a desire to have Eli play for the Giants, despite what Smith said he was told by Condon.

The Chargers have missed the playoffs for the last eight seasons and are 43-85 since making their last postseason appearance in 1995. Since then, finding a quarterback has been a constant struggle.

The Chargers drafted Ryan

Leaf No. 2 overall in 1998 after Leaf turned out to be a bust.

In 2001, San Diego could have picked Michael Vick No. 1, but traded down and went with running back LaDainian Tomlinson in the first round and quarterback Drew Brees in the second.

But Brees hasn't been the solution, making Manning a possible fit for the Chargers.

Or so they thought.

MLB

Bonds' fast start has many in awe

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Hall of Famer Orlando Cepeda told everyone almost a decade ago that he'd never seen someone swing a bat as well as Barry Bonds.

"And people looked at me funny," Cepeda recalled.

Nobody's arguing now, not with Bonds batting .500 — yep, .500! — and connecting for nine home runs among his first 19 hits. He even homered in seven straight games, one shy of the major league record.

"What he's doing is pretty special," first baseman J.T. Snow said.

Bonds, a six-time NL MVP, got a much-needed day off Thursday when the Giants concluded a four-game series against the San Diego Padres. He is expected to play all three weekend games in Los Angeles against the Dodgers.

"He is really tired," manager Felipe Alou said. "You can see it in the outfield. He's been busy."

That's for sure.

Bonds' homer streak ended Wednesday, just short of tying the mark shared by Dale Long (1956), Don Mattingly (1987) and Ken Griffey Jr. (1993). With the game out of reach — the Giants lost 11-0 — Bonds asked to be taken out in the eighth inning.

Bonds, who turns 40 in July, has 667 homers, behind only Hank Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714). If he stays healthy

and keeps up his pace, Bonds could reach 700 this season.

He set the single-season home run record of 73 in 2001. This season, he's performed fantastically at the plate while dealing with questions about his personal trainer's drug distribution case and whether Bonds has used steroids.

"His weapon is his mind," said Cepeda, who hit 379 homers in 17 major league seasons. "He's brilliant. He amazes me the way he plays the game of baseball. In all his years, I've seen him look bad at the plate two times. Guys look bad at the plate five times a day."

"He has the best sight. It's incredible. People should come to the ballpark just to say, 'I saw Barry Bonds.' I played with Hank Aaron, Willie Mays and Frank Robinson. There's nobody better than Barry Bonds, and he's nearly 40 years old."

Rich Donnelly, now a third-base coach for the Brewers, was a coach for Bonds from 1986-92 when the slugger first came up with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Donnelly points out that Bonds has made his mark as more than merely a great hitter.

"The two greatest baserunners I've ever seen are Larry Walker and Barry Bonds," Donnelly said. "It's not always about stolen bases. ... Nobody makes a play down the left-field line like Barry Bonds."

He's still the best at it."

How does he keep his body going at this late stage in his career?

"Talent," Giants trainer Stan Conte said. "Talent sums up skill, genetics and psychological all in one."

His teammates can appreciate what Bonds is doing, even if the defending NL West champion Giants are having a rough April in the win column.

That seems to be wearing on Bonds, who fell six outs short of winning the World Series in 2002.

"I only take comfort in wins," Bonds said.

In his last two games, Bonds saw 29 pitches and only five strikes.

He swung once — connecting for his ninth homer of the season, a two-run shot off Brian Lawrence on Tuesday. Only 36 percent of the pitches Bonds saw last season were strikes, the lowest frequency in the majors.

He walked 148 times in 130 games.

"They have to get him in another league," shortstop Neifi Perez said. "He's not for this league. They need to make another big league for him. It's unbelievable."

Cepeda agrees.

"To me, he's one in a million," Cepeda said. "You won't see anything like that again. The things he's doing are unreal. He thrills me every day. I'm praying I can be like him in my next life."

Brian
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NHL

Danton finds himself behind bars after off ice troubles

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — NHL tough guy Mike Danton relishes his role as the mouthy player who gets under his opponents' skin, racking up 141 minutes in penalties this season with the St. Louis Blues.

But now he is behind bars, accused of trying to get someone to kill his agent, a man with a sinister reputation as a hockey-world Svengali.

The arrest last week has raised disturbing questions about both Danton and his agent, David Frost.

Frost insists Danton never wanted him dead and is in dire need of counseling. Danton's estranged father blames Frost for his son's emotional problems.

The FBI brought the charges last Friday in East St. Louis, Ill., accusing Danton, 23, of trying to hire a hit man for \$10,000 to kill someone at his suburban St. Louis apartment.

The intended victim was not identified in court papers, but news reports citing unidentified law enforcement sources have said Frost was the target.

Danton and a woman authorities say helped him were indicted by a federal grand jury Thursday of conspiring to arrange a murder for hire.

Danton wanted Frost dead because he feared Frost would ruin his career by telling the Blues front office about Danton's supposed "promiscuity and use of alcohol," according to the FBI.

Also arrested in the alleged plot was Katie Wolfmeyer, a 19-year-old who worked at a mall where the Blues have a practice rink.

Authorities said Danton went to her for help in finding a killer, and she put him in touch with another man, unaware he was working for the FBI.

Danton allegedly told the informant that he wanted the killing to take place at his home April 15 — while Danton was in California — and he wanted it to look like a burglary gone bad.

Wolfmeyer was arrested hours later as she showed up with the informant at Danton's place, where Frost was said to be inside.

Authorities caught up with Danton the next day in San Jose, Calif., where the Blues had been eliminated from the playoffs.

A federal prosecutor said Danton was being brought back to Illinois. His lawyer did not return calls for comment.

During a court appearance Monday, Wolfmeyer's attorney Donald Groshong called her "the real victim" and a "young girl smitten with a hockey player who lied to her." He did not elaborate.

Danton's involvement with Frost dates back a dozen years. Danton's father, Stephen Jefferson, introduced the boy to Frost.

By the time Danton was 15, Frost was serving as the Ontario native's agent. In 1999, Jefferson called the agent "the best thing to ever happen to my kid."

But Jefferson claims it was-

n't long before Frost took over the boy's life.

Some in Canada's hockey circles have cast Frost as a monster, a manipulator of young players, a cult leader whose disciples are often too afraid to speak out against him. John Gardner, head of the Greater Toronto Hockey League, told the Toronto Star this week that Frost "practiced mind control."

Frost used to be a coach but was suspended by two junior hockey leagues in Ontario in the mid-1990s, in one case because of his team's unruly play. In 1997, he pleaded guilty to a charge that he assaulted one of his players.

Others have said he was a positive influence when he coached, dutifully making

sure his players did their schoolwork.

"I didn't come into this business to make friends," the Toronto Sun quoted him as saying in 1999. "I've heard the brainwash stuff, that I brainwash players. You know how crazy that is? If I was that smart, I would brainwash 20 of them and we would go win the Stanley Cup."

"I know I'm a rebel and an intimidating person," he said. But he added: "I don't care who I rub the wrong way. I'm not about to change. Not for anybody."

While playing in Canada, Danton was known to teammates as a quiet sort, who did not go out much, the Toronto Star said.

"He never (went) out to the bars, never saw him with any-

one outside hockey," Ryan O'Keefe, a former Danton teammate with the Barrie Colts, told that newspaper.

"I've known himself since I was a kid and basically his whole life revolves around hockey."

His biggest liability has been his mouth: He groused about playing time as a New Jersey Devils rookie in 2002 and was suspended for failing to report to the minors.

He sat out most of the previous season, after a disagreement with the Devils management over the severity of an abdominal injury.

Between those seasons, Danton legally changed his name from Mike Jefferson, apparently to distance himself

from his family.

After Danton's arrest, his father accused Frost of ruining Danton's life and driving a wedge between father and son. Frost countered by calling Jefferson a "village idiot."

Traded to the Blues last year, Danton this season had seven goals, 12 points and 141 penalty minutes — all career highs in 68 games.

His work ethic was considered strong, his skill level moderate.

The 5-foot-9, 190-pound Danton played the role of the "agitator."

"I don't know a tougher guy than him. I don't know a guy that goes in the corner and gets killed and that will drop his gloves with a guy who's 40 pounds heavier in a flash," Blues forward Doug Weight said. "He's tough as nails."

"I didn't come into this business to make friends."

David Frost
Danton's Agent

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USILA Men's Lacrosse Top 20

	team	record	points
1	Johns Hopkins (7)	7-1	195
2	Navy (2)	8-1	188
3	Maryland (1)	8-1	180
4	Syracuse	7-1	177
5	North Carolina	6-3	155
6	Princeton	5-2	150
7	Georgetown	6-2	143
8	Ohio State	8-2	130
9	Army	8-2	118
10	Brown	7-1	107
11	Cornell	5-2	87
12	Towson	6-3	76
13	Duke	4-5	75
14	NOTRE DAME	5-4	69
15	Rutgers	6-3	64
16	Denver	6-3	44
17	Delaware	8-3	35
18	Virginia	3-6	33
19	Loyola	3-4	16
20	Villanova	8-2	14

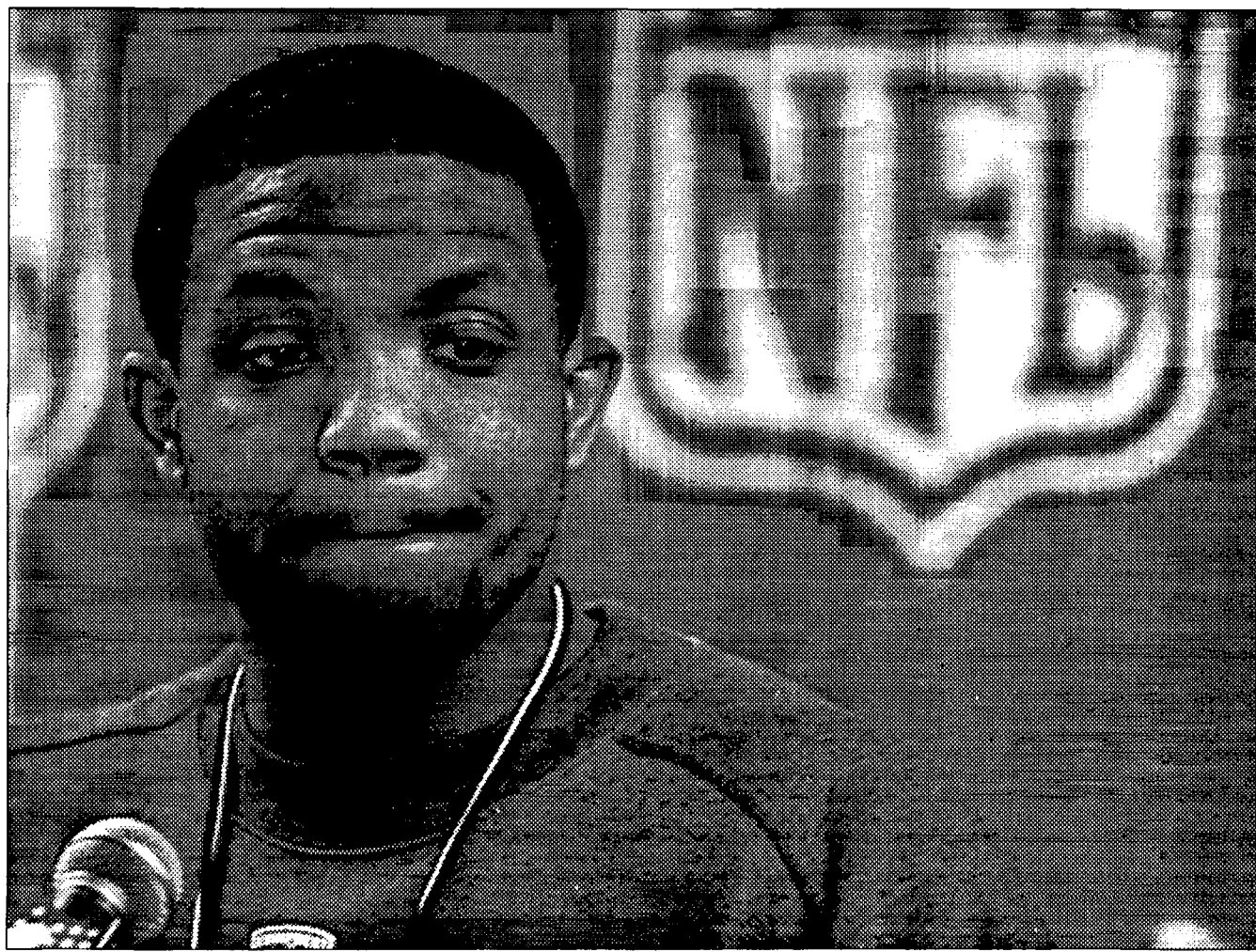
IWLCA Women's Lacrosse Top 20

	team	record	points
1	Princeton (15)	11-0	300
2	NOTRE DAME	10-1	272
3	Loyola	12-1	268
4	Maryland	11-2	256
5	Georgetown	9-2	239
6	Duke	8-4	235
7	Virginia	10-3	214
8	James Madison	8-3	196
9	Johns Hopkins	10-1	178
10	Vanderbilt	7-3	163
11	Northwestern	9-1	138
12	Dartmouth	5-2	130
13	Syracuse	7-3	111
14	Yale	7-4	107
15	North Carolina	7-5	97
16	William & Mary	7-5	79
17	Towson	9-2	66
18	Penn State	3-8	39
19	George Mason	3-5	36
20	Stanford	7-5	12

ESPN College Baseball

	team	record	points
1	Texas (33)	38-5	991
2	Stanford (6)	29-5	963
3	Rice (1)	30-7	921
4	Miami	28-8	855
5	Long Beach State	26-9	827
6	Mississippi	31-6	770
7	NOTRE DAME	30-5	743
8	LSU	28-10	737
9	South Carolina	26-10	586
10	Wichita State	23-7	551
11	Auburn	26-12	534
12	East Carolina	31-6	523
13	Southern Mississippi	29-8	458
14	Texas A&M	31-11	379
15	Tennessee	29-9	341
16	Nebraska	26-9	327
17	Virginia	32-7	303
18	Arizona State	26-12	279
19	Florida	28-11	266
20	North Carolina	27-10	256
21	Tulane	26-12	183
22	Oral Roberts	31-7	182
23	UC Irvine	31-10	162
24	Arkansas	25-13	155
25	Oklahoma	26-13	148

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Associated Press

Maurice Clarett ponders a question during an NFL press conference on Feb. 19. The Supreme Court rejected Clarett's appeal to overturn league eligibility rules, which prevents his entry into the NFL draft.

Supreme Court rejects Clarett's appeal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Maurice Clarett's bid to enter this weekend's NFL draft was turned down by the Supreme Court on Thursday, delaying for now his attempt to bypass the league's eligibility rule.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg rejected his first request, saying she saw no reason to overturn a lower court's stay preventing the former Ohio State running back from being taken in the draft.

She cited the NFL's willingness to "promptly" hold a supplemental draft if the 20-year-old Clarett, out of

high school two years, prevails in his lawsuit challenging the NFL's requirement that players wait three years after high school before turning pro.

Clarett filed a second emergency appeal with Justice John Paul Stevens, who quickly turned it down.

"Today's decision confirms the judgment of the court of appeals and allows us to turn our focus from the courtroom to the draft room," Jeff Pash, the NFL's in-house attorney, said in a statement.

Clarett's attorney, Alan Milstein, wouldn't comment on the rulings. Messages left for Clarett

and his mother weren't returned.

Milstein had argued in a filing with Ginsburg that the player would "suffer substantial irreparable injury" if he was not allowed in the draft.

The NFL had said that allowing Clarett to be drafted could be unfair to the team that picked him and to a player who loses out on a spot because Clarett was chosen.

Ginsburg's decision also keeps out wide receiver Mike Williams of Southern California, who entered the draft after the original decision allowing in Clarett.

"The NFL may have been

successful in keeping them out of Saturday's draft, but there's always the possibility of the supplemental draft," said Williams' agent, Mike Azzarelli.

Clarett has not played since the 2002 season at Ohio State, showed up out of shape at the NFL scouting combine, and had what most scouts considered a mediocre workout in Columbus earlier this month.

Neither justice ruled on the merits of Clarett's claim that the NFL's rule was arbitrary and anticompetitive, robbing young players of an opportunity to enter the multimillion-dollar marketplace.

IN BRIEF

Senators fire coach Martin

OTTAWA — Another playoff loss to Toronto cost Jacques Martin his job as Ottawa Senators coach.

Martin was fired Thursday after coaching Ottawa for 8 1/2 seasons, making him the NHL's longest-serving coach at the time.

"To be able to last that long and build, I think, a good relationship with a lot of the players, I've been a very fortunate individual," Martin said at a news conference.

The Game 7 loss in the first round Tuesday marked the fourth time in five seasons the Senators have been ousted by the Maple Leafs.

"No doubt the disappointment is not to be given the opportunity to finish what was started," Martin said. "But I understand. I appreciate what I had here for almost nine years."

"In order to take the next step, towards winning a Stanley Cup, we must select a new face, a new voice with a fresh approach and with new ideas," general manager John

Muckler said at an earlier news conference.

Randolph wins NBA Most Improved Player Award

PORTLAND, Ore. — Portland Trail Blazers forward Zach Randolph was disappointed when he didn't make the All-Star team. Winning the NBA's Most Improved Player award Thursday took some of that sting away.

Randolph, who became a starter this season and averaged double figures in points and rebounds, easily beat Cleveland Cavaliers forward Carlos Boozer in voting by sports writers and broadcasters with 59 first-place votes and 379 points.

"I wanted to be on the All-Star team but it feels good to win this award," Randolph said with a big smile. "It feels good."

Randolph averaged 20.1 points, 10.5 rebounds and 2.0 assists for the revamped Blazers, who went 41-41 to finish 10th in the Western

Conference, two spots out of the playoffs.

Sifford chosen for golf Hall of Fame

Charlie Sifford, who cracked the PGA Tour's Caucasian-only clause in 1961 and was the first black member to win on tour, is the first black chosen for the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Sifford will be inducted Nov. 15, along with 1992 U.S. Open champion Tom Kite, Japanese star Isao Aoki and Canadian amateur Marlene Stewart Streit.

Sifford was a true pioneer, along with Teddy Rhodes, Pete Brown, Lee Elder, Bill Spiller and other blacks who kept playing with hopes of getting a chance on the PGA Tour.

Tiger Woods paid tribute to them when he won the '97 Masters for his first major, and he spoke in October about the absence of blacks in golf's Hall of Fame.

"They never had a chance to play," Woods said.

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SMC GOLF

Belles set out to impress NCAA selection committee

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Call it tunnel vision.

The Belles head into Saturday's invitational at Tri-State University with one primary objective: to impress the NCAA selection committee and win a spot in the NCAA tournament May 11-14.

"It doesn't matter who's [at Tri-State], as long as we put up some good numbers," Stefanie Simmerman said. "Everyone will need to step it

up and play better."

Coach Mark Hamilton described this meet as the last opportunity the Belles have to prove themselves worthy of an NCAA tournament bid. Winning the invitational and overcoming rivals Albion and Manchester would be a notable feat, according to Hamilton.

"We've had some good rivalries in the past, but we know what to expect because we played most of them last week. Everyone knows what they have to do," Hamilton

said. "This is our last chance to sway the selection committee."

Saint Mary's had an impressive performance at last week's Hope College Invitational, claiming first place with a collective score of 343. Junior Julia Adams fired the tournament's best score at 82 and was named medalist.

Hamilton says he expects similar standout performances this weekend, especially from Liz Hanlon and Nicole Bellino. Both seem ready to shine this weekend after solid perform-

ances during practice.

"I'm expecting [Hanlon] to post her lowest score ever and [Bellino] should play very well, too. Everything seems to be clicking for them right now," Hamilton said.

Practices this past week have continued to focus on the short aspect of the Belles' games, in addition to bunker shots. The team has had a few "disasters in the sand" Hamilton said, and hopes that bunker shots will be anything but problematic during the invitational.

Simmerman anticipates good scores posted across the board, as Tri-State's course is one of the Belles' favorite places to compete.

"We love playing there just because we've been there so many times. I can go through and tell you where every tree and sand trap is. We know that course like the back of our hands," Simmerman said. "Hopefully we'll be able to make things happen."

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish put out flames in Chicago, avenge loss

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame (35-13) got its revenge and then some Thursday night shutting out the University of Illinois-Chicago 8-0.

Carissa Jaquish had her best game of the season, going for 3-for-4 at the plate while driving in four RBI all on one hit — a grand-slam home run in the seventh inning.

The win made up for Notre Dame's earlier loss this season to Illinois-Chicago (24-20), and should help the team as it moves into a weekend that features two doubleheaders against Big East opponents on the road — Villanova on Saturday and Rutgers on Sunday.

Steffany Stenglein picked up the victory, allowing just three hits over six innings while striking out eight. Carrie Wisen pitched the seventh to complete the victory for the Irish.

Notre Dame took advantage of a Flames throwing error in the third to take an early three-run lead.

Nicole deFau walked to lead off the inning, and then stole second. Her stolen base was made irrelevant, however, Megan Ciolli walked as well to put runners at first and second with nobody out. Meghan Ruthrauff made it safe to first on a fielder's choice, while Ciolli was thrown out at second.

Ruthrauff advanced to second on a wild pitch, but deFau was forced to hold up at third on the play. Mallorie Lenn hit a groundball toward Illinois-Chicago's Alycia Creese, and she picked the ball up and threw toward home.

Creese's throw sailed wide and both deFau and Ruthrauff

were able to score on the error and Lenn advanced to second on the play. After a groundout by Liz Hartmann advanced Lenn to third, Nicole Wicks singled to score the third run of the game as Lenn came home.

The Irish blew the game wide open in the seventh with Hartmann picking up an RBI double to score a run before Jaquish's grand-slam sealed the win for Notre Dame.

Notre Dame goes on the road to face Villanova Saturday in a key conference doubleheader.

The Wildcats currently lead the Big East with 18 points, while the Irish are tied for second with 16. However, those standings are misleading, because Villanova (25-16, 9-3 in the Big East) has played 12 Big East games compared to Notre Dame's (8-0 in the Big East) eight.

The Irish will finish their Big East weekend with a trip to New Jersey Sunday to face Rutgers (22-23, 5-7).

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TRACK AND FIELD

Irish look to prepare for Big East

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

It's crunch time. With the Big East Championships only one week away, the Irish are hoping to work out the kinks as they compete in this weekend's Big Ten Preview Invitational and Drake Relays.

The group headed for the Big Ten Preview, held at Purdue, is the larger of the two as only a handful of teammates are going to Drake.

"At Purdue we want to get some more people qualified for the Big East," Irish assistant coach Tim Connelly said. "There are also some kids who need a tune-up race but there are also a lot who will not be racing this weekend."

With finals also looming on the horizon, the team must balance books while trying to succeed on the track.

"Each kid has managed to get their schoolwork done all year," he said. "I think this week they're also going to find a way to do that."

Among those headed to Des Moines, Iowa for the 94th annual Drake Relays will be Napoleon Suarez and Mark Barber who will compete in the 400-meter hurdles. Two weeks ago at the Missouri Invite, they finished first and second respectively in the 400-meter hurdles. Both runners have already qualified for the Big East and would like to build on the success they have had this year.

The other Irish competitors at Drake will be Katie Duman in the javelin, Kerry Meagher



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer
Two Irish sprinters compete in the 60-meter dash Jan. 30. The Irish hope to gain experience at the Drake Relays this weekend.

in the 1,500-meters and the men's 6,400 meter relay team.

The competition at Purdue will be similar to last week's Indy Relays in that it will be made up of mostly teams from the Midwest. The meet is designed to be a tune-up for next week's Big Ten Championships yet only three teams — Illinois, Indiana and Purdue — will be representing the conference. The other squads in the field include Ball State, Indiana State, DePaul, Loyola-Chicago and Marquette.

Notre Dame pole vaulter Dave Viken has already qualified for the Big East meet but wants to use this weekend as a

warm up for the conference championships.

"This is a critical point in the season for our team," Viken said. "I want to do the best I can at Purdue so I am in a good position to help out down the stretch."

Viken is among a solid group of Irish vaulters who will be going to the meet including Stephanie Best, Laura Huarte, Jill Van Weelden and Dee Dee Bryant. The other men's pole vaulter, Justin Oppel, will not participate this weekend as he is resting a sore back before next week's meet.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles earn a spot in tourney

Belles make MIAA tournament with win over Kalamazoo

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's made a statement Thursday, sweeping Kalamazoo in a doubleheader and secured a spot in the MIAA tournament. After winning the first game 5-3, they exploded 13-1 in the second game.

The Belles are currently third in the MIAA conference with a 9-5 record and must now await the outcome of the Albion and Hope doubleheader Saturday to determine the third and fourth seeds.

The Belles scored five runs in the first game led by a Jean Downes single. Downes was followed by a hit from Angie Ellison who later scored off an infield grounder.

Kalamazoo came back strong at the top of the second, tying the score at one. After the Belles failed to score, the Hornets took the lead 2-1 in the top of the third.

However, it was not long before Saint Mary's came roaring back in the fifth inning to score three runs by Marnie Walsh, Audrey Gajor and Amy Parker.

The final run scored by Saint Mary's came from Kate Sajewich scoring on a Gajor single in the sixth. In the seventh, Kalamazoo scored one run to make the

final score 5-3.

The second game ended after just five innings as the Belles slaughtered the Hornets 13-1. Libby Wilhelmy pitched through the first four innings for the Belles, giving up only two hits and no runs. Bridget Grall replaced Wilhelmy in the fifth and helped Saint Mary's secure a playoff birth.

The Belles came out strong once again and scored three runs in the first inning.

Ellison and Laura Helene each drove in a run and a Kalamazoo error gave Saint Mary's a 3-0 advantage.

In the second inning, Saint Mary's scored three additional runs as a result of three Kalamazoo errors.

In the bottom of the fifth, Saint Mary's scored seven more runs and secured its second victory of the doubleheader. Singles by Gajor and Meghan Marenkovic began the onslaught. This was followed by Walsh's RBI single and a hit by Ellison, bringing home three more runs.

Sullivan added another run on her single and Helene's double made the score 11-0. The Belles scored their final two runs off an error and a Gajor double for the 13-1 victory.

Saint Mary's has done its job by securing a place in the upcoming MIAA tournament. Now they just have to wait to see who the opponent will be.

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FOOTBALL

Rockne honored at Ellis Island

Late Irish football coach honored at ceremony

Observer Staff Report

Late Notre Dame football coach Knute Rockne was one of six Americans honored at a ceremony Wednesday at the Statue of Liberty.

The Ellis Island Family Heritage Award was presented to members of Rockne's family, including John, his only living offspring.

This award celebrates Ellis Island as the door to America for the 17 million immigrants who set foot on U.S. soil there. At the age of five, Rockne came to the United States through Ellis Island with his mother and sisters.

Other recipients of this year's Ellis Island Family Heritage Award included film director Martin Scorsese, National Football League commissioner Paul Tagliabue, former U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and Nobel Prize winner Harold Varmus.

Besides Rockne, those recipients are the grandchildren of Ellis Island immi-

grants.

Each award included the presentation of a copy of the original ship's passenger manifest documenting the recipient's, or the recipient's ancestor's, arrival at Ellis Island.

Chinese-American architect I.M. Pei became the first recipient of the new Peopling of American Award, which is given to a United States immigrant who doesn't trace his roots to Ellis Island.

Along with Rockne's family at Wednesday's ceremony, were Notre Dame representatives John Heisler, associate director of athletics, and Matthew Storin, associate vice president for news and information.

On March 31, the 73rd anniversary of Rockne's fatal plane crash, the Kansas Turnpike Authority dedicated a memorial very close to the location where Rockne died.

Rockne was the Notre Dame football coach from 1918-30. He won three consensus national titles (1924, 1929 and 1930). His .881 winning percentage (105-12-5) is the highest winning percentage in college football history.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish hope to regain their form

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

As Notre Dame prepares to resume play this weekend following consecutive losses, the Irish (10-2) are looking back in order to move forward.

"We're playing with nothing to lose, like we did at the beginning of our season up until Northwestern," captain Meredith Simon said.

Notre Dame will have two chances this weekend to resume its old style of play, tonight with a 7 p.m. game at Moose Kraus Stadium against No. 9 Johns Hopkins and then a second game in Piscataway, N.J. for a Sunday afternoon game against Rutgers.

Though the two recent losses have come at the hands of ranked opponents (No. 5 Georgetown and No. 11 Northwestern), Irish coach Tracy Coyne feels the Irish need only look within themselves to find the winning formula.

"I want the focus to be on our own play, our own preparation, what we feel we need to execute in order to win," she said. "I don't want to focus on anything about our opponent because when we are at our best, I don't care who it is on the field we should be able to win."

But winning is something the

Irish have had trouble with in the past week. They played a very competitive game with Georgetown but lost 9-7, only to fall apart in their very next game to Northwestern. The Irish could only manage three goals up until the final minute of the game to finish 9-5.

"We just weren't there that day. We just didn't show up to play, they did and we didn't," Simon said.

One of the elements Coyne felt was missing from the Northwestern game was the team cohesion that had typified the Irish style of play, a balanced offense and a swarming team defense.

"We got where we were because we were so unified as a team and they were very unselfish," Coyne said. "It wasn't like someone was hogging the ball or anyone was complaining. It was more the opposite, they would try to take on everything themselves instead of sharing the burden."

Coyne however, did see signs of the team that started 10-0 during Wednesday's practice. "Obviously you just don't immediately put a disappointing loss like [that] behind you," Coyne said. "[But] by the end of practice we were all ready to move

forward and regain our form that had got us to a high level."

But the Irish will be challenged if they hope to stay at that high level. Notre Dame has a backloaded schedule in which three of their last four opponents have top 15 rankings. After hosting No. 9 Johns Hopkins this weekend, No. 10 Vanderbilt and No. 13 Syracuse arrive in South Bend each of the next two Saturdays for season ending showdowns. Simon understands that her team can use the lessons from the losses to help their performance in those games as they move toward the NCAA tournament.

"Now that we've had our hole in the road, I think we'll be able to handle anything now," she said.

Above all, Coyne wants her team to have the confidence of knowing they are now a force to be reckoned with in the

world of college lacrosse.

"I think we need to embrace our success more instead of trying to fight it and being afraid and thinking there [are] these lofty expectations. They didn't achieve what they achieved by a fluke," she said.

"They didn't achieve what they achieved by a fluke."

Tracy Coyne
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showing was not enough to overcome Syracuse and the Irish took second place overall.

At the 2002 Big East Challenge, No. 10 Notre Dame won the varsity four races but Syracuse once again dominated the regatta. The Orangewomen took first, leaving the Irish second again. The Notre Dame boats had an equally frustrating experience at the 2003 Big East Challenge. The No. 24 Irish won the second varsity eight and the varsity four earned a silver medal but the Irish lost to Syracuse by a mere two points in the overall competition.

Notre Dame boats have fared well this season, despite a challenging schedule consisting of races against several of the nation's best teams, including California, Washington, Tennessee, Washington State, Southern California and Michigan State.

A win this weekend could put the Irish in a good position for a much-coveted NCAA bid.

"We have lost by less than 10 points the past three years to Syracuse," Katie O'Hara said. "I think our team has grown to the point where no one will let that happen again."

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ROWING

Seniors look for first Big East title Saturday

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Senior Staff Writer

The 10 seniors that will lead the Notre Dame boats this weekend are eager to avenge Syracuse's Big East win last year.

Over the past four years, these women have witnessed the Irish rowing program garner a series of honors. They hope to add a Big East team title to the list. Though the program consists of over 60 rowers, it is led by a close group of seniors: captain Natalie Ladine, captain Katie Welsh, Alice Bartek, Danielle Protasewich, Jacqueline Hazen, Kacy McCaffrey, Kathy Long, Sarah Keefer, Katie O'Hara and Megan Sanders. Although most of the rowers were celebrated high school athletes, only Long had high school rowing experience before joining the team her freshman year.

"I knew absolutely nothing about rowing," Hazen said. "In the novice program everybody begins knowing nothing and learns together. It's amazing to move from learning to row on our little lakes to competing with the top teams in the country."

When the current seniors joined the team in the fall of 2000, the program was only entering its fourth year of varsity status. Since then, they

have witnessed the rowing program develop into one of the nation's most respected teams. They helped the Irish steadily climb up the polls and garner unprecedented honors.

In May 2001, the No. 18 Irish finished second overall at the Big East Challenge. Notre Dame won two silver and two bronze medals as the novice eight and the second varsity eight placed second. The first varsity eight and varsity four boats took third place.

In April of 2002, the No. 9 Irish achieved their highest ranking to date in the U.S. Rowing/Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association poll, breaking into the nation's top 10 for the first time. During the 2002 season, the varsity eight boat also earned its first NCAA Championship bid. The boat, which included Ladine, finished 16th in the championships behind rowing powerhouses such as Washington State, Michigan State and Cornell. In July 2002, Ashlee Warren became the first Notre Dame rower to earn All-American honors.

At the 2003 Big East Challenge, the No. 24 Irish won the second varsity eight, the varsity four and earned a silver medal in the first varsity eight, but lost to Syracuse by a mere two points in the overall competition. Though the Irish did not earn a NCAA bid last year, they are determined to qualify

this season.

"This is the year for us to win Big East," Sanders said. "For the past three years, the team has inched closer and closer to Syracuse and now is the time for us to finally take the elusive crown."

Coach Martin Stone acknowledges the seniors have played an instrumental role in this season's success and is confident that the Irish will perform well this weekend.

"I expect them to continue to focus on making the boats they are in to go as fast as possible," Stone said. "They have done a great job so far and I expect the trend to continue."

The rowers consistently credit the team's strength and dedication to the close relationships they have forged with each other and the greater Notre Dame community.

"One of my favorite memories was from Spring Break 2002 in Tennessee," Bartek said. "We were training down in Knoxville, and the Notre Dame women's basketball team

had their first round of the NCAA's down there. We all got tickets to their first game and cheered them on to victory. The next day, when we raced against Tennessee, Muffet McGraw and company came down to the boathouse to support us. It was one of the coolest things see the basketball team stand-

ing by the dock, singing the fight song for us as we launched. I felt part of something bigger that day, and will never forget that overwhelming feeling of pride to belong to the University of Notre Dame."

When reflecting back on the last four years, the team is quick to praise each member's individual talents and contributions.

"It is no coincidence that out of the 100 freshmen who went out for the team, the 10 of us remain," Ladine said. "We are all very different, but have one thing in common; we are each a little crazy in our own way. But, you'd have to be a little crazy to wake up when we do on a snowy morning, put on spandex, and go for a row."

As graduation approaches, the rowers acknowledge the noteworthy achievements the team has made in their time at Notre Dame, but also express great hope for the young program's future.

"The program has great potential, and a significant amount of work ahead of it at the same time," Welsh said. "Graduation will lead to the loss of 10 seniors, four in the varsity eight. This creates much opportunity for the underclassmen and incoming recruits to step up and fill these positions."

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point on a foul shot.

State Theatre 21, Bend It Like Bryant 10

Although it was a Thursday night, State Theatre was jumping, as well as shooting sweetly, over Bend It Like Bryant.

The game was close at the half, but State Theatre, led by Ben Nickol and Chris Murphy, pulled away for a healthy margin of victory at the end.

"We just need to keep shooting well and not have to go down low," Nickol said.

"We need to keep up [this level of play] for the next two days," Murphy added.

Jack's Shorts 21, The Redick Wannabes 14

In a come-from-behind victory, Jack's Shorts waited until the game's last minutes to blow the Redick Wannabes away.

Jack's Shorts was behind at halftime, and the teams swapped leads early in the second half until Jack's Shorts made it 16-14.

"We changed up our offense a bit, which shut them down in the second half," said Jack Short's Dan Parziale.

He attributed the victory to a technical called on The Redick Wannabes at the end of the game.

"That really turned the tide," Parziale said.

No. 2 Library Lounge 21, No. 15 Thor and the Thunderbolts 10

What at first appeared to be a close game was anything but as Library Lounge overwhelmed Thor and the Thunderbolts.

Library Lounge was ahead early 3-2 — a lead they never relinquished. Once the Library Lounge started making shots, they afforded Thor and the Thunderbolts little opportunity for scoring. Library Lounge captain Justin Funk praised teammates Greg Durm and Jim Kilroy, who were both adept at capitalizing on scoring opportunities during the game.

"We came out making wide open shots at first and then later on in the game, our shots started to drop," Funk said. "We got to halftime in a hurry after [Durm]

and [Kilroy] opened up the offense for us."

Funk said the Library Lounge "had the game in hand" at halftime, when the team led 11-2. From that point on, the team turned on its jets and played a much more offensive-minded game.

No. 8 Clericuzio 21, No. 9 Team Truth 16

There's no denying the truth — that is unless it's in reference to Team Truth.

No. 8 Clericuzio overcame a dogged No. 9 Team Truth. Marcus Boldin jumpstarted the Clericuzio effort, shooting 4-for-4 at the free throw line.

At halftime, Clericuzio lead 11-6, but Team Truth quickly surged back to narrow the lead to 13-12. It was at this point that Boldin stepped in to contribute the crucial free throw points.

Clericuzio's Irvin Jones was also essential to the team's success, according to captain Adam Senior.

"Every time we needed a basket, we looked to [Jones]," Senior said.

No. 1 KPMG 21, No. 16 Wet Hot American Ballers 13

KPMG proved why they were deserving of the No. 1 seed defeating Wet Hot American Ballers in one of the most fiercely contested games of the tournament.

Sporadic fouls interrupted this fast-paced game, controlled for the most part by KPMG. KPMG took an early lead 9-5. The Wet Hot American Ballers, however still held their ground.

"They were just a bigger and stronger team," Wet Hot American Ballers captain Seth Ufeil said. "We couldn't even foul them."

Teammate Mike Peters said he was confident a rematch would result in a different outcome, however.

"We could still play them anytime, anywhere though," Peters said. "Dinner? Literally. Anytime."

KPMG's Jeff Samardzija cited teammate Carlyle Holiday as the key to the game and Samardzija added that he was overall satisfied with the team's efforts.

"We're a fast, athletic team and they played right into our hands,"

Samardzija said.

No. 7 USB/SMG 21, No. 10 Derelict 19

The match between USB/SMG and Derelict was not a matter of basketball skills.

It was all about looking good, according to USB/SMG captain Chris Murphy.

"We were the prettiest on the court, and we just decided that we were more beautiful than the other team and deserved to win," Murphy said.

Derelict took an early lead 3-1 in a game that was characterized by perimeter passing and short-range shots. Although USB/SMG eventually went on to win 21-19, both teams remained within two points of each other the entire game.

Because the two teams were so evenly matched in height and skills, the game was one of the longest lasting ones of the night. Derelict held on to its lead 8-6 before USB/SMG rallied. Murphy said what fueled the rally was a more patient offense.

"When we got to 11-17, we tried to be more patient and work the ball. I think that's what kept us in the lead," Murphy said.

No. 4 Jordan Toyota 21, No. 13 More Cowbell 14

More Cowbell captain Matt Parsons could think of no better way to describe the game.

"It was just like John Starks in the '94 [NBA] Finals. We came up short," Parsons said.

Jordan Toyota defeated More Cowbell 21-14 Thursday night, using quick passes and increased intensity to their advantage. More Cowbell took the lead early in the game 6-5, but Jordan Toyota quickly gained control of the pace of the game to wear out their opponents.

Jordan Toyota's Rhema McKnight alluded to a foul that More Cowbell committed midway through the game as the source of their comeback and ultimate win.

"Our team didn't appreciate it, so we stepped up the game," McKnight said. "We're a pretty fast team, so we used it to our advantage."

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Draft

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the first three rounds being held Saturday and the final four rounds taking place Sunday.

Analysts are estimating that anywhere between four and seven Notre Dame players could be selected this year.

Notre Dame had seven players drafted in the 2003 draft, but only one was picked on the first day. Unlike last year,

when center Jeff Faine became the first Irish player selected in the first round since 1999, most draft analysts aren't expecting the Irish to have any players drafted in the first round.

Instead, running back Julius Jones could be the first Notre Dame player to hear his name called. Analysts have projected Jones, whose brother Thomas is a running back for the

Chicago Bears, to be chosen in either the late second round or early third round.

After Jones, though, it's anybody's guess who will be picked next.

NFL teams could pick Duff, who has impressed scouts

with his defensive ability and his return game, or linebacker Courtney Watson.

Then there are the players who hope injuries don't hurt their draft status. Take safety Glenn Earl, for example, who had surgery and missed the last six games of the 2003 season with an injury but impressed scouts with his pre-draft workouts. Or

there is defensive tackle Darrell Campbell, whose draft stock dramatically climbed after the season before a workout injury left him simply hoping to be

drafted. Among the other Irish seniors hoping to hear their names called on draft day are cornerback Jason Beckstrom, defensive tackle Cedric Hilliard, receiver Omar Jenkins, offensive tackle Jim Molinaro and kicker Nicholas Setta.

Players who aren't chosen in the NFL Draft still could sign free agent contracts with teams.

"I don't have a preference [where I go]," Duff said.

The Irish don't care when who calls their name this weekend. Just as long as it gets called.

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gry for a win.

"Our whole season has been building up to this point and everything we've done so far has been in preparation for this," Gustafson said. "Everyone on the team understands the importance of this event. We've been very focused these past two weeks at practice."

With no tournaments for the past two weeks, the Irish have had time to rest, become mentally prepared and refine their games.

"Having these two weeks off gave us a chance to practice and start playing better," Isban said.

Gustafson agreed.

"We're rested up and ready to go," he said.

Eric Deutsch played well in the qualifying rounds to earn the No. 5 spot on team. He will join Gustafson, Isban, and sopho-

mores Tommy Balderston and Mark Baldwin to round out the line-up.

Although the four and five spots have been inconsistent this season, Baldwin and Deutsch have been improving and have demonstrated glimpses of their tremendous potential in the past few tournaments.

"Now we just need a collective effort to get all of us to play well," Isban said.

The Irish will also have the home course to their advantage.

For the first time this year, the Irish will be able to depend on support from friends and family during the last stretch of the season.

The teams will tee off at 8 a.m. Saturday to begin the first 36 holes, before the final round concludes on Sunday.

"We're ready to play," Isban said. "We're ready to get a win at home."

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Photo Courtesy of Dan Carey
Scott Gustafson lines up a putt. Gustafson and Tommy Balderston will lead the Irish this weekend.

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King, the Irish have been using the week leading into the tournament to maximize their home course advantage.

"We've made our own Lady Irish yardage books, which are different than the ones sold in the golf shop," King said. "They're specific to our players, and they tell them details pertaining to how far they hit the ball, as well as the breaks of the greens."

"We've been working a lot on course management, trying to get ahead of the other team since we've played the course thousands of times," Irish golfer Karen Lotta said.

However, the team will not get a sneak preview of the exact layout of the course, including cup placement, until the official practice round today.

"We don't have any control over course setup," King said. "The Big East takes care of all that."

Despite leveling of the playing field, the Big East cannot control the weather, and the cold South Bend climate should serve as another advantage for the Irish especially against top-seeded Miami.

"I think [our advantage] comes from a combination of home court advantage and the weather," King said. "Miami is just not used to playing in the cold."

Members of the team also saw the weather as a positive.

"We know the weather here," Lotta said. "Miami is a very southern school, and it's very hot down there."

The team has improved over the course of the spring, making noticeable strides on

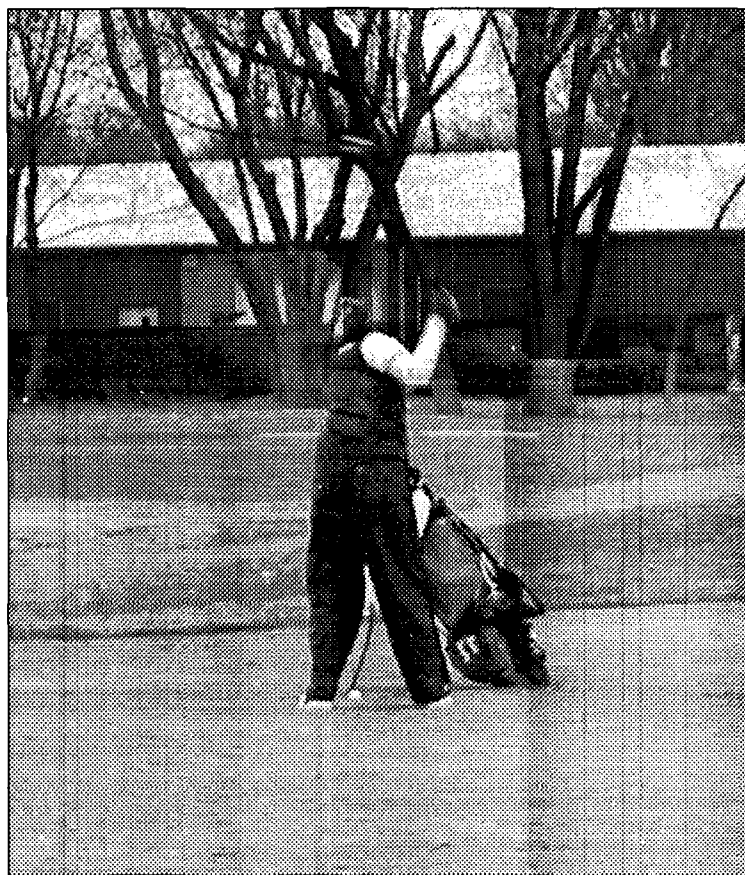


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Katie Brophy hopes to lead the Irish to a Big East Championship and possible NCAA Tournament bid.

a weekly basis. Brophy attributes this to their practices, as well as to an improved mental side of the game that comes as a result.

"We've worked real hard this year, and we're confident now," she said.

Regardless of their morale and improvement since the beginning of the spring, Notre Dame's hopes of a first-ever NCAA tournament selection rests as much on other teams' performances as its own this weekend. Since the Big East tournament winner will not receive an automatic bid, the Irish will need an at-large selection to advance to the NCAA

Regionals.

"A lot of [this] will have to do with things out of our control, how other people across the country do compared to us," King said.

King mentioned Nebraska, Kansas, Texas Tech, Purdue and Michigan as teams who could open the door for the Irish with weak performances or potentially shut them out with strong ones.

Knowing they need a good performance as well as a little help, the team's fate will rest in the hands of five Irish golfers this weekend.

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MEN'S AND ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Home at last

This weekend both teams fight for the Big East title

By ANNE BRUSKY
Sports Writer

If there was ever an incentive to play well, now is that time.

After struggling all season to compete with the best teams in the nation, the Irish are poised to make a run at the Big East Championship, held on Notre Dame's own Warren Golf Course.

"We definitely feel like we should go out there and win," Irish golfer Cole Isban said. "We've been playing pretty poorly this spring, but we're talented enough and we have an advantage because it's our home course."

Two-time defending champion Virginia Tech is the favorite once again this season and Georgetown looks to be a threat as well.

The Irish, however, are confident and excited to get out on the course.

"If we just play our game on this course, we will be fine," Irish golfer Scott Gustafson said. "We have every reason to believe that we will do pretty well."

The winning team gets an automatic bid to the NAAs, and after coming in second behind Virginia Tech last year, the Irish are hun-



Photo Courtesy of Dan Carey

Scott Gustafson hopes to lead the Irish to a Big East championship this weekend at Warren Golf Course.

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By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

For the Notre Dame women's golf team, there's no place like home.

The Irish haven't lost in South Bend for the better part of two years, winning the last two tournaments held at the Warren Golf Course, including last year's Big East championship. Notre Dame will again host the women's Big East Championships and the team feels very good about their prospects of continuing the streak.

"We feel very confident, and we have home course advantage," Katie Brophy said.

The tournament is a 54-hole event, beginning on Saturday with teams playing two rounds and then continuing on Sunday with the final 18 holes. Five golfers will compete for each team, with the lowest four individual scores counting towards the team total. Besides the Irish, the top three other Big East teams will be competing this weekend, including Miami, who is ranked ahead of the Irish in the Golfweek/Sagarin Index.

According to coach Debby

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FOOTBALL

Irish hope for best on draft day

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Senior Staff Writer

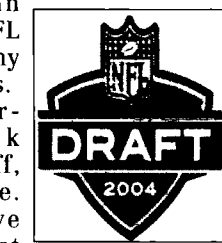
The waiting will end this weekend.

But that doesn't mean the handful of Notre Dame seniors who are expecting to be selected in the 2004 NFL Draft are any less nervous.

Take cornerback Vontez Duff, for example. Scouts have told him that he could be picked as early as the third round, but he's going to do his best to stay away from the television until his phone rings.

"I don't think I'll be that nervous until the day comes," Duff said, who plans to spend most of the weekend at his house. "Then, I'll do something to try not to think about it."

The draft's seven rounds are divided across two days, with



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ROWING

Big East title at stake for Irish

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
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The No. 17 Irish will head to Massachusetts this weekend, competing first in Saturday's regatta against Boston University and Northeastern in Boston. They will then travel to Worcester to compete in Sunday's Big East Rowing Challenge.

At the fourth annual Big East competition, Notre Dame will battle Syracuse, Boston College, Connecticut, Georgetown, Miami, Rutgers, Villanova and West Virginia on Worcester's Lake Quinsigamond. The Irish

are determined to dethrone the reigning champions, the Orangewomen of Syracuse.

"We're getting pumped up to face the competition, especially Syracuse," Alice Bartek said. "We're working on fine tuning our rowing, and improving just a little bit on every stroke. The margin of difference between teams at the top is not a lot, so even a little bit of improvement goes a long way."

The Irish have a history of falling second to Syracuse. In the 2001 Big East Challenge, the No. 18 Irish won two silver and two bronze medals as the novice eight and the second varsity eight placed second. The first varsity eight and varsity four boats took third place. However, the impressive

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXIII

Field narrows to 8 teams

By KATE GALES AND ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writers

Despite a late scoring drought, Chock Full O'Nuts was chock full of what it took to win its game Thursday night against the Platinum FUBU All-Stars, pulling out a 22-20 victory.

"If we didn't shoot 20 percent from the line, we would have won a lot sooner," Chock Full's Josh O'Farrell said. "We should have won by 10, but they were a good team. We're not trying to take anything away from them."

As play dragged on for nearly an hour and a half, one spectator said, "This is a marathon game."

Aggressive rebounding may have been key for Chock Full, who managed put-backs as well as drives.

William Bingle was an inside force for Chock Full, as



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Marques Bolden, left, of Clericuzio guards Dan Scholz of Team Truth Thursday night in the Sweet 16.

O'Farrell dominated play with his ball-handling skills. FUBU's crisp passing kept Chock Full's zone defense moving.

The game was tied at 19 as O'Farrell put Chock Full within one point of victory. The game

was tied by FUBU, and the teams missed a combined total of four foul shots in the last minute.

O'Farrell scored the winning

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

BASEBALL

Notre Dame at Seton Hall
Today, 12 p.m.

The Irish hope for a Big East sweep in this doubleheader.

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ND SOFTBALL

Notre Dame 8, Illinois-Chicago 0

The Irish got revenge after losing to the Flames at home earlier this season.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame vs. Johns Hopkins
Today, 7 p.m.

After losing two straight, the No. 6 Irish take on the No. 9 Blue Jays.

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FOOTBALL

The late Irish coach Knute Rockne was honored at an Ellis Island ceremony Wednesday.

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ND TRACK AND FIELD

Drake Relays
Today, 9 a.m.

With the Big East Championships lurking ahead, the Irish hope to perform well this weekend.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Saint Mary's 5-13, Kalamazoo 3-1

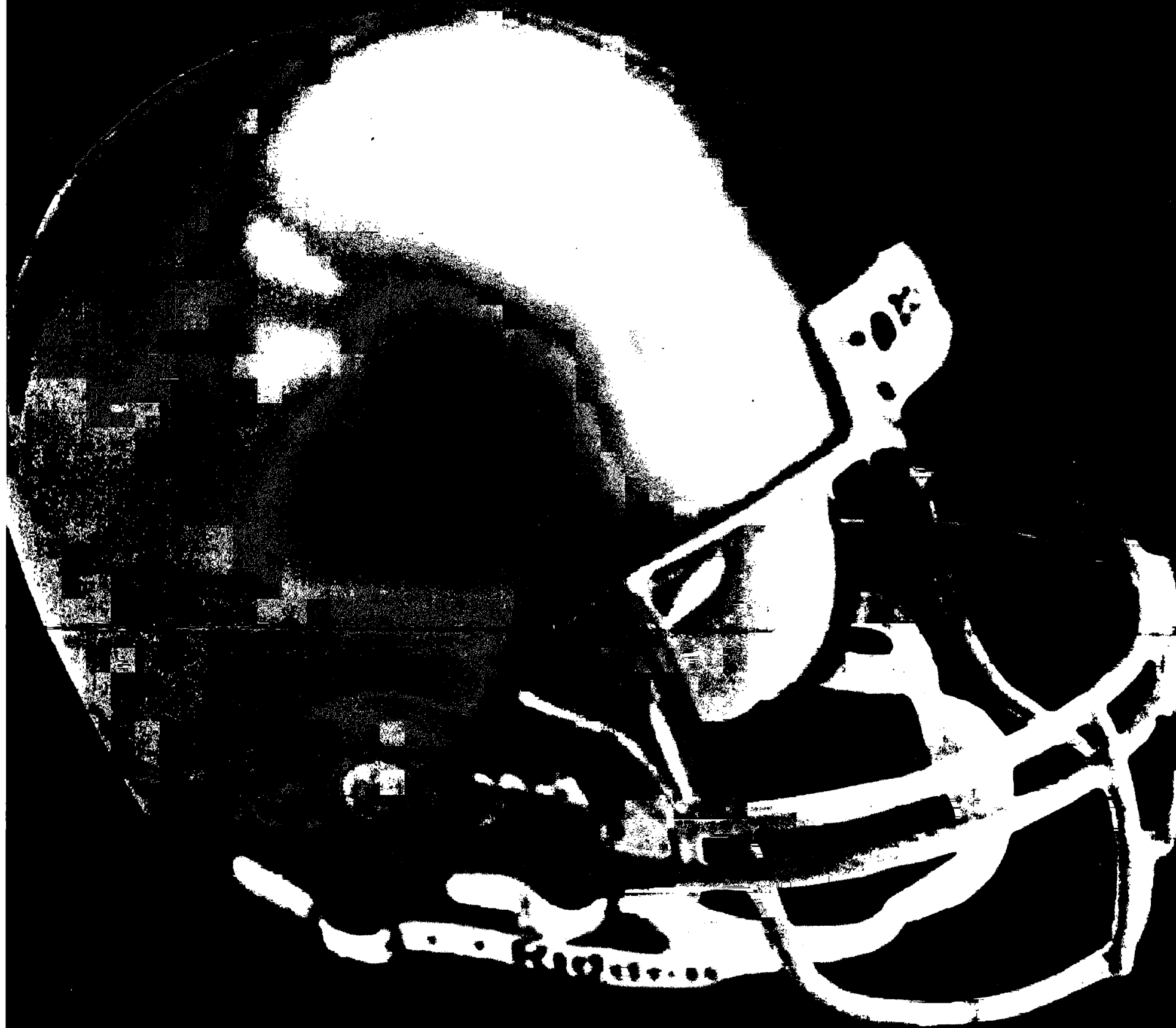
With the sweep, the Belles earn a spot in the MIAA tournament.

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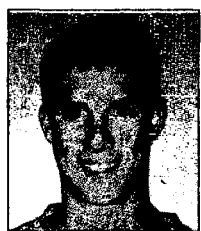
A Decade of Decline

Notre Dame remains at a loss for wins —
and everybody wants to know why.

Photo illustration by MIKE HARKINS

Only winning can unite the Irish

Let's take a moment to review what happened after a season where the Irish lost four games by more than 25 points, lost more games than it won for the third time in five years and experienced a high-water mark by kicking a game-winning field goal to beat Navy.



Andrew Soukup

Senior Staff Writer

First, a group of alumni sent a letter to the University's Board of Trustees strongly criticizing the management of the football program. This was later followed by a response from Notre Dame's Monogram Club, which essentially said that everybody should stay quiet and keep problems in the proverbial Notre Dame family.

Then, Paul Hornung infamously said that Notre Dame needs to change its admissions standards to admit "the black athlete" the Irish need to win, forgetting that the Irish have more blacks than whites on

their roster. His comments were followed by Dave Duerson, president of the Monogram Club, ignoring his own advice about keeping things in the family by saying Hornung should be fired from his radio position during Notre Dame football games.

Ah, the joys of an off-season when Notre Dame is struggling. We haven't had one of these this juicy since Notre Dame hired a guy named George O'Leary.

Yet amidst all the criticism, ducking of responsibility and ridiculous claims lies two common threads.

People want Notre Dame to win a national championship. And Notre Dame hasn't won a national championship for a long time.

The Irish are in the midst of one of their longest national-championship droughts in school history. And for a program that defines itself by the numbers seven (Heisman Trophy winners) and 11 (national titles), that's unacceptable.

But there's more. The Irish haven't won a bowl game in a decade. They've had three losing seasons in five years. They endured an embarrassing lawsuit in the Joe Moore trial, got hit with NCAA sanctions and became a punchline by hiring O'Leary.

Which brings us back to the most recent criticism of the football program — criticism noticeably absent

In the end, arguments about organizational hierarchy, admissions standards, schedule strength and coaching strategies boil down to exactly one thing.

Can Willingham and the Irish win on Saturdays?

ers, said the letter grew out of a frustration that the administration is no longer as committed to managing championship-caliber football as they have been in the past.

Then in swoop Notre Dame administrators, who say that football is and always has been the highest priority of the athletic department and that Willingham's Irish are moving in the right direction.

And in the middle, the patriarch of the Notre

Dame football family who also doubles as the head coach, stoically coaches his team while openly admitting his team's flaws and equally touting his team's success.

Perhaps it's because that, in the end, arguments about organizational hierarchy, admissions standards, schedule strength and coaching strategies boil down to exactly one thing.

Can Willingham and the Irish win on Saturdays?

After the 5-7 debacle a year ago, Willingham now understands what it feels like to be on the hot seat. He is in the middle of a pivotal year for Irish coaches — no head coach has lasted longer than five years if he failed to win a national title in his third.

When Willingham first came to Notre Dame, he vowed to chase away an Eeyore cloud that hung over disgruntled Irish fans. He did — for a year — only to have it reappear along with another divided Irish community.

Willingham is the man charged with winning. And only by winning will the divisions disappear.

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Blue-Gold Game Schedule of Events

9:30 a.m.

Brunch

10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Fan Fest

10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Autograph Session

10:45 a.m.

Blessing of Guslielmino Athletics Center

Noon - 12:45 p.m.

Alumni Flag Football Game

1:30 p.m.

*Blue-Gold Game Kickoff

*Tickets free to students

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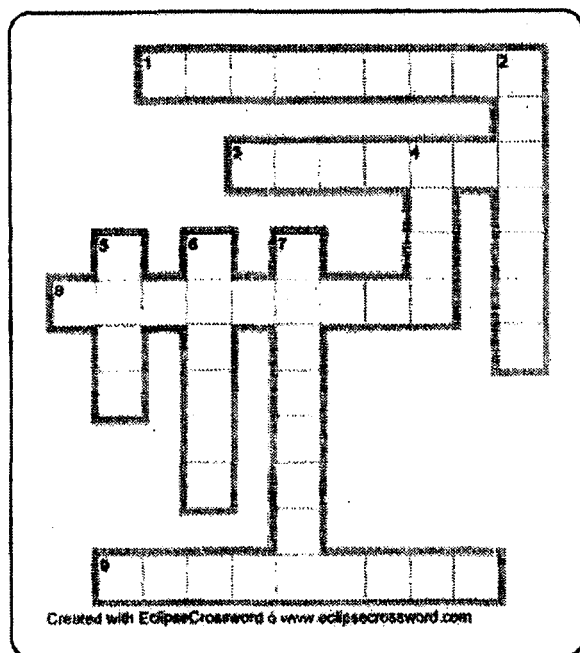
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The frustrations persist

There isn't an easy answer for the football team's decade-long struggles

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Senior Staff Writer

Mike Coffey runs a Web site Notre Dame fans of all sports visit to post on the site's message boards.

He recently had to take down a post that heavily criticized Irish basketball coach Mike Brey that Coffey said had gotten out of hand. But when the webmaster of NDNation.com confronted the poster, the offender admitted that his frustration about the football team's struggles motivated his blistering comments.

"They want to believe that good things are around the corner. They want to believe that going into a big game they have a chance to win," Coffey said. "The problem is as the evidence mounts, the fans are getting psychologically beaten down because it doesn't seem like they have any hope."

"They have nothing that they can look at and nothing to latch on to."

Since No. 2 Notre Dame beat No. 1 Florida State in 1993, the Irish football program has been in a steady state of decline. The Irish haven't won a bowl game since 1994 and have suffered through three losing seasons in five years for the first time in school history.

Worse, there have been off-the-field problems that prompted additional criticism. Notre Dame lost an age discrimination suit to Joe Moore in 1997, got hit with NCAA sanctions for the first time in program history in 1999 and endured a scandal-ridden coaching search in 2001.

It's not hard to sympathize with alumni like Tim Kelley, who grew so fed up with how the football program was managed that he helped author a letter to the Board of Trustees signed by more than 400 alumni criticizing how the football program was managed.

"What frustrates me the most is an apparent lack of acknowledgement that football is an emotional engine and the thread that binds generations of Notre Dame alumni," Kelley said. "That's the underlying problem that I see."

The response

That's an idea associate athletic director John Heisler disputes.

"I think everybody understands emotionally and culturally what football has meant," the 27-year Notre Dame employee said. "There's certainly no lack of commitment in terms of the hierarchy and priority. Can you go out and mandate you're going to win 11 games in a year? That's hard."

Instead, Heisler said athletic director Kevin White maintains a close relationship with Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham to ensure the football team has the resources it needs to be successful.

And the root of that success, he said, lies in the school's ability to attract top-quality recruits who are able to compete in the

Struggling Irish

National Championship Droughts

Seasons	Years
16	1950-1965
15	1989-present
12	1931-1942
10	1978-1987

Consecutive Bowl Game Losses since 1970

Losses	Years
6	1995-present
2	1984-1989
1	3 times

MIKE HARKINS/Observer Graphic

demanding academic and athletic environment in South Bend.

"Recruiting is the lifeblood of what you're doing," Heisler said. "What you want to do is put your program in a position where you make your institution an attractive place for a young man to come and play football, or any other sport."

To that end, the Irish are scheduled to complete the Guglielmino Family Athletics Center in 2005, a massive building that will house a new weight room, locker rooms, meeting rooms and offices for the football team.

And director of admissions Dan Saracino said a month ago that the Irish don't rely purely on hard numbers when deciding if any recruit is academically eligible for Notre Dame. The main criterion the University examines for admission, he said, is to make sure that a prospect can graduate from Notre Dame.

"I don't really know, but I am frustrated that we seem to be having less success in recruiting [top players] compared to the past," Saracino said, while acknowledging that not every top prospect is eligible to come to Notre Dame. "It could be that our current coaches just don't understand Notre Dame and its 'positives' well enough to convince these young men that Notre Dame is the place for them."

"The problem," recruiting analyst Tom Lemming said, "now is that Notre Dame isn't cashing in on the breaks it creates for recruits."

But Heisler disputes the notion that Notre Dame's 2004 recruiting class — rated low by many recruiting experts — is an indicator of football struggles. "It remains to be seen what this last year will turn out to be," said Heisler, who then praised the 2003 freshman class that saw six freshmen earn significant playing time.

Criticism persists

But that isn't enough to convince some alumni who believe Notre Dame isn't doing everything it can to ensure its foot-



ADAM MIGLORE/The Observer

Irish coach Tyrone Willingham leads the Irish onto the field before their 45-14 loss against USC. Drubbings like the ones Notre Dame suffered last year contributed to persistent fan frustration.

ball program is successful.

"The words are there," Kelley said. "But if you looked at it and you said championship football is incredibly important to Notre Dame, if you really believed that, then there would be some things that are different."

Kelley points to coaching search processes that he said limited the athletic director's ability to select a candidate independent of a search committee's oversight. And while he praises the construction of the Guglielmino center, he wonders why it wasn't built before.

"If we were truly devoted," he said, "then those things would have been done a long time ago."

Heisler said, however, that the steps being taken to ensure success in the football program are an indication that the program is on the verge of returning to the nation's elite. But he adds the process is a long one that can't suffer "knee-jerk" reactions when a team has a losing season.

"You can't just flick a switch and guarantee that you'll win games by doing that," Heisler said. "It's not that simple. It's a building process."

"We changed coaches two years ago. You didn't do that because you won 11 games for the last 10 years. There's a reason that happened."

Focus on the field

What everyone agrees is that no matter what goes on behind the scenes, all that matters is that Willingham and the Irish win on Saturday. "Just because

you do all these support things doesn't guarantee you'll beat Michigan or anything else," Heisler said.

But many alumni both want and expect the Irish to compete for a national championship annually.

"This is an area where people tend to view in extremes," Coffey said. "I think we always have the goal of the national championship. I think it's good to set standards high. Whether they are set too high is a function of the capabilities of the team."

Heisler echoes that comment by saying Lou Holtz often joked that you don't want to be successful too early. When Holtz won his only national title in his third year, fans expected the Irish to win them on a regular basis.

"That was tough," Heisler said. "We understand the mindset of people, it's what have you done for us lately. That's the way our fans are going to be, and that's the way our alumni are going to be. We obviously lost some games last year, and I don't know that there's anything people can do to change those people's impressions until you go back on the field."

Dave Duerson, a member of the University's Board of Trustees and a former Irish football player, remains optimistic. His son, Tregg, received a scholarship to play for the Irish in the fall.

"Every program has its ups and downs, but that is not indicative of the direction the

program is heading," he said, later adding, "It's time to move on [from the criticism]. Nobody is more upset about last year's finish than those student-athletes and the coaching staff."

Alumni like Coffey and Kelley are cautiously optimistic that the football program is ready to turn the corner. Besides a letter from the Monogram Club, Kelley said he still has yet to receive a response to the letter sent to the Board of Trustees. That doesn't matter, he said, as long as progress is made.

"The thing I would like to see change," Coffey said, "is the administration look less uncomfortable when talking about athletics in general and football in particular. Every time they say something about football, it's always qualified."

In the end, Heisler said the fact that everyone wants to give an opinion about the state of the football team is an indication of a shared passion for Notre Dame football.

Even if that opinion, like many Coffey sees on his Web site, is a frustrated one.

"You have to find the middle ground from an emotional standpoint," Heisler said. "If you win your first game in a given season, people want to make their reservations for a national championship. If you lose your first game, people want to jump off a building."

"Somewhere in the middle is reality."

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Notre Dame hasn't seriously contended for a national champion given for the lack of success - I

EMPHASIS ON THE NACDA CUP TAKES AWAY FROM THE FOOTBALL PROGRAM

Before Kevin White agreed to serve as Notre Dame's athletic director, he asked University President Father Edward Malloy for his primary job responsibilities.

Malloy told White that he wanted him to bring the football program back to national prominence while raising the profile of Notre Dame's non-revenue sports.

"This is a case where we're trying to say that we want to have it all," associate athletic director John Heisler said. "We don't want to say we're going to try to be competitive in this sport or that sport."

But others worry that this effort on Olympic sports to raise Notre Dame's athletic profile may take away from the attention given to the football program.

"We've done some good things there," said alumnus Tim Kelley, who

helped write a letter to the Board of Trustees criticizing the management of the football program in January. "But I think the state of affairs is that [White] has to skew his efforts toward the football program."

Other alumni, however, disagree. "That administration has the proper understanding of how important football is," NDNation.com webmaster Mike Coffey said. "Maybe they're not quite sure how to attain the success."

"But I think it is possible to maintain the excellence in football and the other sports."

Heisler points out that White maintains an almost daily contact with Irish coach Tyrone Willingham to see what can be done. And unlike most athletic directors, White watches football practice almost every day — going so far as to drive independently from the rest of a Notre Dame delegation to a Chicago dinner so he could watch more practice.

Since White was hired, Notre Dame has typically finished between 11th and 13th in the annual NACDA Director's Cup standings. And next year, he said, all sports programs will have the full NCAA compliment of scholarships.

Those who think that those other sports have been emphasized over the football program, Heisler said, are mistaken.

"I think everybody understands emotionally and culturally what football has meant," Heisler said. "There's certainly no lack of commitment and priority."

~ Andrew Soukup

WEEK IN, WEEK OUT, THE SCHEDULE IS ONE OF THE NATION'S TOUGHEST

When the final NCAA statistics revealed that Notre Dame had the toughest schedule in the nation, few were surprised.

Irish opponents finished with a 86-43 record, good for a .667 winning percentage. And this fall, the schedule looks to be of similar strength, as the Irish face the likes of Michigan, defending national champion USC and Tennessee.

"I think it's been as much as anything a long-term philosophy around here on [scheduling]," associate athletic director for media relations John Heisler said. "And that's part of what you're selling from a recruiting standpoint — that you're going to come and play in big games. One of the little catchphrases we're using on our programs is that every game is a big game, and that's something you're trying to get your players to understand."

But administrators have indicated a willingness to make Notre Dame's schedule slightly easier — even though they'll have to wait awhile to do so. Already, the Irish have written agreements (but not binding contracts) to play five teams in 2014, Heisler said. The Irish are also exploring the option of playing seven games at home.

This fall, the Irish opener is against Michigan, who was 10-3 last season. However, Notre Dame is trying to move a game earlier in the season so it wouldn't have to open against a team that has already played one game.

"We tried to figure out if we could tweak the thing and throw a game in earlier," Heisler said. "We're still making some phone calls this week; it may end up being too late."

In the fall, Notre Dame will play eight teams that went to a bowl last season. Of these eight games, five will be played at Notre Dame Stadium and televised by NBC Sports.

This contract with NBC was renewed Dec. 18 to extend the deal through 2010. It helps the Irish remain independent, as they do not need the income that would come from being a member of a conference. This means Notre Dame can schedule games of its liking far into the future.

"We expect to play a lot of the same teams down the road," Heisler said.

For Notre Dame, this means its schedule will continue to rank among the top in the country.

~ Heather Van Hoegarden

ACADEMIC STANDARDS PREVENT THE IRISH FROM RECRUIT TOP PLAYERS

Are Notre Dame's strict admissions standards deterring players from coming to South Bend?

Critics like Paul Hornung think so, and SAT scores of football players have risen 6.3 percent since 1993 while the scores of regular students have risen just four-tenths of a percent more.

Still, some disagree that academics has anything to do with this year's struggling recruiting class or the recent plight of the team.

"Notre Dame has been able to go after great players, but they're not getting them."

Tom Lemming
recruiting analyst

"Everything Hornung said about academics [affecting admissions] is wrong," recruiting analyst Tom Lemming said. "It was apropos... when they tried to run [Lou] Holtz out in the early 90s. But the problem now is Notre Dame isn't cashing in on the breaks it creates for recruits."

Skeptics believed Holtz had made concessions to get players into Notre Dame to help win a national championship and win big games like the 1993 defeat of Florida State — the benchmark for the team's success in the previous decade.

But Lemming insists that, if anything, Notre Dame has lowered its standards rather than raising them recently.

"They've lowered standards," he said. "They just haven't been able to get the kids anyway. Great players have gone to other schools. Notre Dame has been able to go after great players, but they're not getting them."

This year, coaches secured players with high qualifications on the field and in the classroom. The most notable signing was 100 running back prospect Darius Walker, who said coaches were concerned with his academic performance and that the academic emphasis at Notre Dame was a major attraction.

Rising sophomore defensive end Victor Abiamiri admits academics were a major reason for his commitment, as well.

"Academics were an amazing part [of my decision to come here]," Abiamiri said. "I know once I graduate from here the opportunities are endless. [And] I think Notre Dame has the best balance of both in the country. You won't find a university with Division I football and academics as highly regarded as Notre Dame."

~ Pat Leonard

Director's Cup Rankings		
Year	NACDA Cup Ranking	Football Record
1993-94	11	11-1
1994-95	20	6-5-1
1995-96	11	9-3
1996-97	14	8-3
1997-98	31	7-6
1998-99	25	9-3
1999-00	21	5-7
2000-01*	11	9-3
2001-02	13	5-6
2002-03	13	10-3
2003-04	?	5-7

*Kevin White hired in 2000

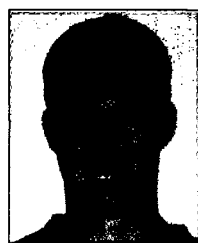
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SAT Scores at Notre Dame		
Year	Average ND Student	Average ND Football Player
2004	1370	1024
	▲ 6.7%	▲ 6.3%
1993*	1284	963

*After the re-centering of the SAT in 1996, scores of regular students increased by 64 points. To compensate, 64 points were added to the 1993 scores to compare current and past scores on the same scale.

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FINAL ANALYSIS



Andrew Soukup

Senior Staff
Writer

Say what you want about Notre Dame's last decade (and there's plenty you can say). But we haven't seen a true Tyrone Willingham Irish team. In his first year, everything that could go right did go right as the Irish won their first eight games en route to a 10-3 season. Last year, everything that could go wrong did go wrong in a

5-7 season.

Academics aren't keeping the Irish from winning. Neither is recruiting, especially since the Irish have 40 alumni in the NFL — the most of any school. Instead, the Irish are victims of an insanely tough schedule in a more equal college football environment against which any team in the

nation would be bound to lose at least once.

Those who say football doesn't matter to administrators are crazy. Beginning with the Bob Davie firing, Kevin White has devoted an incredible amount of resources to make sure Willingham has what he needs. The rest is up to the coaches and the players.



Heather Van

Sports Editor

Notre Dame football far from the dominant program that it used to be. But the fact is, the program in college football has increased immensely as the Irish played the toughest schedule in the nation last year.

The list of "problem" could go on — the Irish played with a true freshman under center, they're still learning a new

Irish Winning?

hip since 1993. Below are some of the most common reasons
t how valid are the criticisms?

THE IRISH AREN'T SIGNING THE TALENT THEY NEED TO WIN TITLES

A winning record is an accurate measure of a college football team's talent and the goal of any competitive program, but teams can't attain that goal unless they recruit the right players that fit their offensive and defensive systems.

Especially for top national prospects, like tight end/defensive end Ryan Baker of Indianapolis, Ind., the contact between high school stars and college coaches can go back as far as sophomore year. Baker signed a letter-of-intent to the school that chased him early, Purdue, even though he initially committed to Notre Dame.

"This isn't something that you just devote a little bit of time to in the summer and get going in the fall," said John Heisler, associate athletic director for media relations. "This has become a 365-day endeavor. That's how competitive it is."

The competitive nature of recruiting took its toll on the Irish this off-season. Tyrone Willingham raked in a consensus top-five recruiting class after going 10-3 in his first season, but the coach secured just three top 100 prospects this year.

Irish Insider's Mike Frank believes Notre Dame has become a hard sell, and after losing seasons, it becomes an even harder one. And director of admissions Dan Saracino even suggested problems recruiting players may go beyond academics.

"It's my guess that [coaches are] worried more about winning football games than they are about hitting the recruiting trail," Frank said. "They think if they win games, that will do more than a phone call."

Frank also believes that the job transition in the fall between previous director of personnel development Rex Hogan and present director Jimmy Gonzales slowed this year's recruiting process.

Recruiting analyst Tom Lemming believes Notre Dame coaches do not offer scholarships to top prospects early enough to compete with other schools.

"They're not winning on the field, so they need to be more aggressive and offer superstars earlier, no-brainers that should be offered now, early," he said.

Frank said the Irish are already offering scholarships to current juniors. But the team's performance on the field next season could again be the indicator of a good or bad recruiting class next year.

"You're going to need a competitive program [to recruit top players]," Frank said. "I think going 5-7 [in 2003] hurt them more than anything."

~ Pat Leonard

SCHOLARSHIP LIMITS INCREASE PARITY IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL

In 1992, the NCAA established that colleges could only have 85 football players on scholarship. Since then, the game of college football has seen more parity and balance between teams.

"The scholarship limits have just enabled a lot more teams to have a chance to compete at that highest level," Notre Dame associate athletic director John Heisler said.

At one time, the scholarship limit was 120. Then it was cut down to 110, then 95, until 1992, when it was cut to 85, where it sits today.

"You do see a little bit of an arms race out there, and even from a facility standpoint you have to make sure you fit into that."

John Heisler
associate athletic director

Carolina State. However, the Wolfpack defeated the Irish 28-6 in the 2002 Gator Bowl. North Carolina State went from being known just as a basketball school to winning a school-record 11 games in 2002. Like Notre Dame, that university is now investing in newer facilities to attract recruits.

Meanwhile, Notre Dame has found that they are behind in the "race" to build new facilities. The university is in the process of constructing the Guglielmino Family Athletics Center, a \$21.25 million, 95,840 square-foot facility that will house football locker rooms, offices and meeting rooms and is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2005.

Heisler also believes the construction of new facilities such as the one at Notre Dame is another reason for the parity in college football.

"I don't know whether it's any one thing beyond [NCAA regulations]," Heisler said. "But, you do see a little bit of an arms race out there, and even from a facility standpoint you have to make sure you fit into that. You're seeing people who are going to make that commitment to position their program to be whatever they have to be successful."

"You're seeing people who are going to make that commitment to position their program to be whatever they have to be to be successful."

John Heisler
associate athletic director

~ Heather Van Hoegarden

PLAYERS NEED TIME TO ADJUST TO A NEW COACHING SCHEME

Personnel changes, like Notre Dame's addition of secondary coach Steven Wilks to the staff this spring, can have an immediate effect at a specific position. The impact of a head coaching change three years ago, however, brought Tyrone Willingham and an entire new system into the Irish program.

Bob Davie had not won a bowl game in five seasons, and after his firing and the resume controversy of George O'Leary, Willingham brought a breath of fresh air to a beleaguered Irish offense.

He also brought the pro-style offense.

The team had to adjust, but the recruiting of pocket passer Brady Quinn not only indicated Willingham wanted to make the balanced offense work. It also proved he was willing to make it a project.

But after a 5-7 season, critics are not questioning adjustments within the team so much as the process of the coaching search itself.

"The coaching search process is one that frustrates me," said Tim Kelley, who co-authored the alumni letter to the Board of Trustees early this year. "At one deal [the University] formed some committee. They had some people who had never been in athletics. There are too many agendas."

"The same people who make the mistakes associated with football do such a good job ... for the other sports."

Mike Coffey
NDNation.com webmaster

"If you are really devoted to championship football, you make sure you have a great AD and you give him the responsibility to get the best coaches available," Kelley said. "And over a 10-year period, that hasn't happened."

Mike Coffey, webmaster for NDNation.com, said he couldn't understand why football decisions have slid downhill while Olympic sports team have seemed to work out.

"The same people who make the mistakes associated with football do such a good job when they're doing things for the other sports," Coffey said. "If you take out football and look at soccer and basketball, [Kevin White] brought in some great people. In those searches, he was allowed to do what he wanted to do, he found the coach he wanted."

Willingham was labeled the savior after his first season, going 10-3 and earning a bowl berth. The coach, however, calmly stated that the team still needed to make progress over the off-season and develop within the system.

"I understand you're going to live in the moment and everybody is focused on being 5-7," said John Heisler, associate athletic director for media relations. "Who knows what would have happened if it was flipped around, 5-7 the first year and 10-3 the next?"

"When Lou Holtz was here, we used to kid around that maybe you don't want to be too successful too early."

~ Pat Leonard

ND Recruits in the Draft

Recruiting Class	Lemming's Ranking	Players from Class Drafted*
1992	1	4
1993	3	5 (1)
1994	9	1
1995	1	7 (1)
1996	8	1
1997	10	6
1998	3	6
1999	3	7 (1)
2000	8	-
2001	13	-
2002	10	-
2003	4	-
2004	24	-

*Number in parentheses is amount of 1st round picks

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Pat Leonard
Associate Sports Editor

offense, it's hard to get players to play for Notre Dame that are smart and good at football.

So don't worry — at least not yet. The current Irish team is talented. The Class of 2007, with the likes of Brady Quinn and Victor Abiamiri, has the potential to be great. And if these players live up to expectations, Notre Dame will win under Tyrone Willingham.

If Notre Dame wins, smart, talented athletes will come. And if Notre Dame gets the talent, they will continue to win.

Athletes come to Notre Dame to win, and no one wants the program to be successful more than the guys in the blue and gold. Now is the time for the Irish to win. They have the tools and the coaching.

They just need to believe.

Watching the Irish take down No. 6 Michigan in 2002 was thrilling. Watching them lose by a combined score of 82-14 to USC and Florida State in 2003 was not.

The Irish had a mediocre season at best this past fall as players still try to grasp the offensive, and a mid-season quarterback switch and one of the most difficult schedules in the country put

the Irish backs against the wall. Still, these factors do not even begin to describe or explain what has happened to the Notre Dame football program.

The recruiting class this winter barely made the top 30 nationally. And the teams beating the Irish out — USC, Michigan, Tennessee — are all on the schedule next season.

There's nothing wrong

with playing the best and most competitive teams, but next season Tyrone Willingham will have his work cut out for him.

This spring, injuries have kept many starters out of action, but the practices have been no less intense.

Next season will be as important as any in determining the direction the Irish could be headed in, if any at all.

PLAYERS TO WATCH



VICTOR ABIAMIRI
DEFENSIVE END

Abiamiri was named honorable mention freshman All-American by Rivals.com as a true freshman last year, when he played in 12 games, starting four of them. Abiamiri recorded 22 tackles, including 16 solos. He was the first freshman to start on the defensive line since Anthony Weaver. Look for Abiamiri to be a force on the defensive side of the ball. He has improved his technique, and already has the talent. Abiamiri is a player that loves football, and loves to work hard, according to defensive coordinator Kent Baer. After one year in the program, Abiamiri knows the system and will become an impact player as early as this fall.

TOM ZBIKOWSKI
SAFETY

Zbikowski was a star in high school who had a hard time adjusting to the college game, despite winning the Gatorade Player of the Year in Illinois. After being named a first-team USA Today All-American, Zbikowski redshirted last year as a freshman. A former boxer who sat out the entire 2003 season, the Irish hope Zbikowski can hit on the field next season as hard as he does in the ring. Look for Zbikowski to be a strong presence in the secondary this season, as coaches have been impressed with his play during the spring.

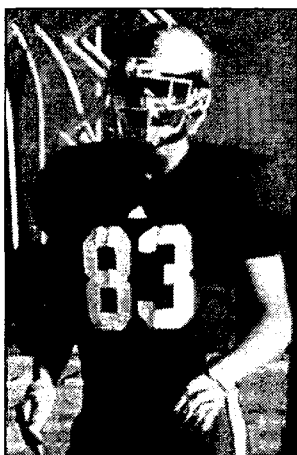


JEFF SAMARDZIJA

WIDE RECEIVER

Samardzija is a two-sport star who excels on the field as a pitcher for the Irish baseball team as well. He has had a successful spring in football practices as well. As a true freshman last season, he made seven catches for 53 yards, but this year he should have an increased role.

Already this spring, the 6-foot-5 Samardzija has made some acrobatic touchdown catches in practice. He will add depth to the experienced receiving corps that includes Maurice Stovall and Rhema



McKnight.

With his size and athleticism, Samardzija could be an impact player for the Irish in the fall.

JOHN SULLIVAN

CENTER

Sullivan could be one of the best Irish players that no one has heard of. As a freshman last season, he redshirted after a stellar high school career. Sullivan had hoped to see time on the field, but the year of experience could pay dividends this fall.

There's no doubt Sullivan has the talent to play at the Division I level. In high school, he was a second-team USA Today All-American and was named Gatorade Player of the Year in Connecticut. ESPN ranked him as the 61st



best player in the nation coming out of high school.

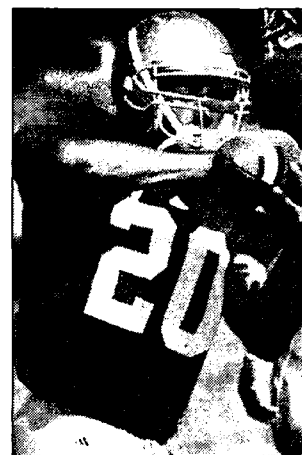
Sullivan will add depth to the Irish line this fall.

TRAVIS THOMAS

RUNNING BACK

This spring, Thomas has shown why he was such a highly-touted back coming out of high school. Coordinator Bill Diedrick often alternates between two running backs, and look for Thomas to join starter Ryan Grant in the backfield. As a freshman, Thomas redshirted, allowing him to get used to the offense and adjust to the Division I game.

In spring practice, Thomas has already broken a few runs for touchdowns, and he looks to make an impact this fall for the Irish.



With a more experienced offensive line ahead of him and explosive running ability, Thomas could be a force for Notre Dame.

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THE STARTERS

OFFENSE

RUNNING BACK

RYAN GRANT
SENIOR

Grant ran for over 1,000 yards two seasons ago, but played second fiddle to Julius Jones last year. Now, Grant appears to be the team's top returning back. And he's also one of the team's hardest workers.



QUARTERBACK

BRADY QUINN
SOPHOMORE

After a respectable freshman campaign in which Quinn started the final nine games of the season, the Irish quarterback has another year of experience learning the complicated Irish offense.



FULLBACK

RASHON POWERS-NEAL
SENIOR

Powers-Neal shifted from running back to fullback a year ago, and it appears he'll stay at that position while splitting time with Josh Schmidt. But the rising senior struggled last year catching the ball.



WIDE RECEIVER

RHEMA MCKNIGHT
JUNIOR

The top receiver, McKnight had a breakout 2003 season, where he caught 43 passes, including three for touchdowns. Despite the Irish offensive woes, he established himself as Notre Dame's go-to receiver.



TIGHT END

This is easily the deepest position on the Irish offense, as Notre Dame could legitimately have six contributors. Palmer, Clark and Fasano saw the most playing time. But they'll be pushed by newcomer Freeman, who has made strong strides in practice. And don't forget about Godsey, if the NCAA approves his appeal for a medical red-shirt, or Collins, a defender for all of his college career who switched to tight end — a position he loved playing in high school.



WIDE RECEIVER

MAURICE STOVALL
JUNIOR

The player who appeared on the cover of Sports Illustrated as a freshman was nowhere to be found as a sophomore. Stovall will be the first to say he struggled, but even he didn't expect to go five games without a reception.

TACKLE

RYAN HARRIS
SOPHOMORE



One of only a handful of freshmen in the nation to start on the offensive line, Harris' future is extremely bright.

GUARD

This position is the most uncertain out of any on the offensive line, and the Irish have many options here. If Morton, Ryan or Giles could move over to guard, that means Sullivan or Giles could step in at center. This is a question that won't be answered until the Irish are in the middle of their fall camp.

CENTER

BOB MORTON
JUNIOR



Started 11 games for Notre Dame on a unit he always said spent last year being baptized by fire.

GUARD

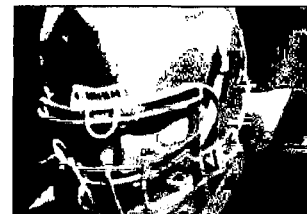
DAN STEVENSON
SENIOR



Although injuries kept him out of three games, Stevenson switched to guard in the middle of the season.

TACKLE

MARK LEVOIR
SENIOR



LeVoir has played three different positions, but the coaches seem to have finally found a home for him at tackle.

DEFENSIVE END

VICTOR ABIAMIRI
SOPHOMORE

An explosive player who earned honorable mention All-American honors for freshmen, he started the final four games of the 2003 season.



DEFENSIVE TACKLE



With Campbell and Hilliard's departure, the Irish are rich on talent but lean on experience. Pauly (No. 77), if he stays healthy, has been the first player the coaches turn to when injury strikes. But rising juniors Landri (No. 66) and Leitko made spot contributions for the Irish in 2003, and they'll be pushed by rising sophomore Laws.

DEFENSIVE END

JUSTIN TUCK
SENIOR



Although Tuck sat out the spring recovering from knee surgery, he'll definitely be a major force for the Irish defense in the fall.

INSIDE LINEBACKER

BRANDON HOYTE
SENIOR



How good is Hoyte? Before Goolsby went down with an injury, coaches figured he'd compete with him and graduate Courtney Watson for playing time. This will be Hoyte's third year playing a prominent defensive role.

INSIDE LINEBACKER

MIKE GOOLSBY
SENIOR



An injury in the 2003 Gator Bowl and another injury in Bookstore Basketball kept Goolsby on the sidelines for the entire 2003 season. But he's an intense, Dick Butkus-type linebacker who improved his discipline.

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

DEREK CURRY
SENIOR



Curry started all 12 games for the Irish in 2003 — the second straight year he was a significant starter. Few can question Curry's experience, and he's recorded more than 100 tackles in his career.

CORNERBACK

DWIGHT ELLICK
SENIOR



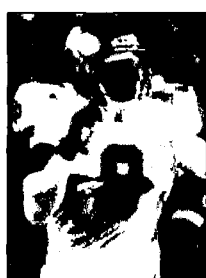
The only definite starter at cornerback, Ellick is one of the team's speediest members. But he is still searching for his first interception.

STRONG SAFETY

In trying to replace Garron Bible and Glenn Earl at safety, the Irish don't have a significant amount of experience. After sitting out his entire freshman year, Tom Zbikowski has impressed Irish coaches to the point where he is considered one of the top candidates to compete for starting time. But don't forget about Freddie Parrish, who played free safety for just three games.

FREE SAFETY

QUENTIN BURRELL
SENIOR



Coaches often called Burrell the team's center-fielder for the way he roamed the field to knock down passes. He had four interceptions in 2003.

CORNERBACK

Although Ellick seems entrenched at one corner, the Irish have a lot of competition but little experience at the other corner. Jackson is the most experienced candidate, but he's struggled at times. Richardson has also impressed Irish coaches after sitting out most of his first year. Then there is Wooden, an athletic player who also hasn't played a lot. Ndukwe and Gardner are also new to the position.

DEFENSE

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