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Ramadan controversy continues

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

As the University grabs headlines in his defense and the Kroc Institute for Peace Studies grapples with his loss, Tariq Ramadan still doesn't know why a revoked visa stands between his family and Notre Dame.

"It's very difficult for the kids. We are here in Geneva [Switzerland] waiting for a decision, without knowing why we were denied the right of entering the United States," said Ramadan, in comments provided by Julie Titone, director of communications at the Institute.

Ramadan, an eminent Muslim scholar who had

been scheduled to teach at the Kroc this fall, unexpectedly lost his work visa July 28 when the State Department banned him under immigration restrictions mandated by the Patriot Act. The Department of Homeland Security, which requested the State Department's action, cited parts of the legislation that

suggested Ramadan could be a national security risk.

Notre Dame immediately rebuffed all allegations against Ramadan, who contested any extremist associations.

"I don't understand why this decision was taken," he said. "I have been trying to

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ND tops anti-gay Review ranking



Observer File Photo

Students distribute "Gay? Fine By Me" shirts in March.

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Though its actual impact on student mentality is impossible to measure, last spring's "Gay? Fine by Me" campaign apparently did little to sway Notre Dame's national reputation for homophobia, as the University topped the Princeton Review's "Alternative Lifestyles Not An Alternative" category for the second straight year.

Despite two demonstrations and 2,000 orange T-shirts specifically targeting that category last spring, the 300 Notre Dame students asked to participate in the annual survey still revealed the highest anti-gay sentiment among the 357 ranked colleges, according to the Review's evaluation methods.

The ranking is based on a single multiple-choice question in the survey, said Erik Olsen, senior editor of the Princeton Review's Best 357 Colleges book. The question

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Ticketing system criticized

By TERESA FRALISH
Associate News Editor

As if purchasing football tickets wasn't already confusing enough, several students standing in line this week at Notre Dame Stadium said officials largely failed to follow the policies established for the ticket lottery and sales.

"It seems kind of random. The whole lottery is just a sham," said senior Katie Draycott, whose lottery number was in the 1,200s. "We got there at 8 o'clock, and they gave us tickets."

The undergraduate lottery number drawn Monday night was 199. Draycott said her group of about 45 was originally placed in the sophomore section. After realizing the error, Draycott said her group headed back to the stadium at 1:30 p.m. to get new tickets. Ultimately, her friends ended up with seats in section 30, row 26.

Senior Rachel Kelley, whose group of 55 stu-

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CAMPAIGN 2004

Taking sides



Photo courtesy of Nicola Bunick

Notre Dame students Nicola Bunick, left, Helen Adeosun and Colin Taylor attend the College Democrats of America convention.

ND Democrats back Kerry in Boston

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

After traveling to Boston in August to attend the College

Democrats of America convention, the College Democrats are ready to boost their presence on campus.

Nicola Bunick and Colin Taylor, co-presidents of the College Democrats, and member Helen Adeosun represented Notre Dame at the

ND Republicans gear up for election

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

This summer, while incumbent President Bush and Democratic challenger John Kerry were hot on their respective campaign trails, several of Notre Dame's College Republicans were arming themselves with political experience for their upcoming campus campaign.

Tom Rippinger, co-president of the College Republicans, spent his summer volunteering for U.S. Rep. Chris Chocola.

"What we do is basic, old-fashioned 'grassroots' organizing," he said.

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convention, honing their campaign strategies and gaining inspiration from a wide array of distinguished speakers.

They joined 1,000 other collegiate delegates for four days, attending political

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The Show features artists Kweli, Mraz

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

In a major collaboration of student organizations, the Notre Dame Office of Student Affairs and Student Activities presents The Show 3.0 tonight at the JACC, featuring the music of Jason Mraz and Talib Kweli.

Mraz has consistently

graced the Top 40 pop charts since releasing his debut single "The Remedy" in 2002.

A San Diego coffee-house performer turned national pop star, Mraz released his second album Tuesday. Mraz will continue touring for another month and a half after his South Bend performance.

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SMC revises student parking

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

If students thought class schedules and homework were going to be the biggest challenges when coming back to Saint Mary's, unfortunately they were wrong.

Students returned to campus last week-end only to find major changes to their parking options.

Even though Saint Mary's Security sent a letter home over the summer informing them of the new setup, many were still surprised to see that the LeMans parking lot, used for student parking after business



JOANNA PAXTON/The Observer

In the foreground, the new green space grows as students pass the Faculty, Staff and Special Events parking lot.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Intolerance must perish

A year after the terrorist attacks on September 11, I was sitting in a college classroom where a discussion about the aftermath was taking place. Sitting in a circle, many students were sharing their thoughts and ideas about terrorism. Although I was listening and adding my opinion, I mostly remained quiet. Finally, one girl spoke up.



Angela Saoud

Saint Mary's
Editor

"I think we should send all the Arabic people back to where they came from," she said without blinking.

I was stunned. I am Arabic.

This was the first time in my life that I had ever been discriminated against because of my ethnicity. I am a white woman with brown hair and light skin. Up to this point, I had avoided being stereotyped by such things as blonde jokes or dumb men jokes. I lived a quiet existence where discrimination had never touched my life.

I had no idea what to say. In fact, I didn't say anything for the rest of the class period. Someone had just made me feel something that I had never felt before. When I got home, I called my mother and shared my upsetting news with her. She assured me that the student had not meant it as a personal attack on me.

But that is what it felt like. Like someone had judged me before knowing me, or even realizing I am Arabic. Without any knowledge of doing so, this student had put me down because of my ethnicity. Suddenly, I found myself victim to a stereotype. And I hated it.

How many times a day do we hear someone use a stereotype? How many times have we heard friends or family refer to an entire ethnicity as lazy or stupid? How many times have we listened to someone complain about how a certain race has come here to steal all of our jobs and send us to the unemployment lines? One time is one too many.

It is unjust to blame an entire ethnicity or race for something a few people have done. Blaming a whole group of people for a terrorist attack is like blaming an entire nation for a problem like pollution or poverty. It is unfair to hold an entire group of innocent people accountable for the actions of a guilty few.

If the United States is going to survive as a country striving for freedom and liberty, we must learn to be accepting and understanding of all people, regardless of race, shape or ethnicity. There must be a conscious effort made to be fair to all people no matter who they are, or what their origins may be.

This change has to start in each one of us. Future generations should not have to deal with the prejudices of others. By simply being more careful about the terms used in daily conversation, and making more of an effort to treat others equally, we can start to foster an environment where love and acceptance replace bigotry and intolerance.

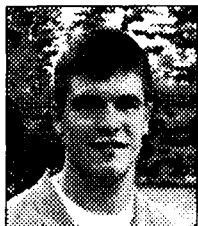
Isn't that what we all really want?

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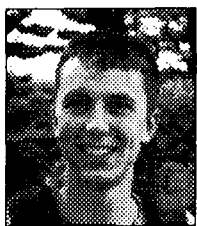
Due to a reporting error, the "ND cancels Taco Bell Contract" article in Thursday's edition of The Observer did not make clear the details of Taco Bell's remaining privileges with the athletic department. Taco Bell is free to purchase advertising in any advertising option, including radio air time and game programs the athletic department offers. However, it is no longer an official partner of Notre Dame athletics. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: ARE YOU GOING TO THE SCRIMMAGE OR THE SHOW?



Kurt Knoblauch
Freshman
Keough

"The Show. We have Dis-O beforehand, then I think I'm going to try to go to Rally afterwards."



Scott Deeney
Freshman
Keough

"The Show. I actually won my ticket from a drawing at LaFortune."



Anne Spyhaskl
Sophomore
LeMans

"What Show?"



Ben Giffillan
Grad Student
Off Campus

"Going to the scrimmage to watch my boys [Brian] Beidatsch and [Corey] Mays."



Tae Andrews
Freshman
Stanford

"I plan on attending both. I anticipate a strong football season, and I eagerly await performances by Talib Kweli and Jason Mraz."



Chrissy Maher
Grad Student
Off Campus

"Neither. \$10 for who?"



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

A crowd gathers for the opening showing of "The Control Room" at Browning Cinema in the Debartolo Performing Arts Center. Over 40 moviegoers were turned away once the 7 p.m. show sold out.

OFFBEAT

Housing Crunch Finds Unique Solution

HANNIBAL, Mo. — The president of Hannibal-LaGrange College has turned his home over to a dozen female students due to a housing crunch.

Woodrow Burt and his wife, have opted for temporary housing, and said they will look soon for something more permanent.

Burt said the school is blessed with strong residential enrollment this year.

"After exploring numerous avenues to meet the growing need, we have offered to make our house available," Burt wrote to faculty in an e-mail.

The students living in the

president's house are seniors.

"I think it's neat how Dr. Burt puts the needs of the students above his own," said senior resident Nicole Phillips.

About 470 students are expected to live on campus, up from 440 residential students at the college last year.

Teens set TV Record

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — A pair of teenagers who spent more than two straight days publicly glued to a television set say they have set a new world record for uninterrupted TV viewing.

Chris Dean, 16, and Mike

Dudek, 17, both of Grand Rapids, logged 52 consecutive hours of viewing time by the time they ended their feat at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The teens, who are incoming high school seniors, surpassed the Guinness World Records mark of 50 hours and seven minutes by nearly two hours giving new meaning to must-see TV.

Confirmation of the record could take anywhere from a few weeks to several months because accurate documentation must be sent directly to Guinness, Dean said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Reserve your place for "Twilight in the Press Box," a limited-seating event to benefit the Fischhoff National Chamber Music Association. Open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross faculty, tonight's schedule includes a cash bar at 6:00 p.m., dinner at sunset, and a jazz performance by Triplicity. For reservations, call (574) 631-0984.

Get ready for the first-ever football scrimmage, to be held in the Stadium from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. tonight. The scrimmage will be free and open to all students, faculty and staff members of the Notre Dame community.

Talib Kweli and Jason Mraz will perform tonight at The Show 3.0, taking place at the Joyce Center. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and the performers take the stage at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are available at LaFortune or at Joyce Center Gate 10. The Show is open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students and you must have a valid student ID to enter.

Come see Lucky Boys Confusion, a Chicago-based, self-described "ground-running, unapologetic melodic rock" band in concert at Legends Saturday night at 10 p.m. Admission is free.

President Mooney invites all members of the Saint Mary's community to the All Campus Mass Sunday at 4:15 p.m. at the Church of Loretto.

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

LOCAL WEATHER

	TODAY	TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
HIGH	87	73	78	75	75	78
LOW	68	68	60	55	57	61

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Board votes for Boat Club sanction

Observer Staff Report

A local alcohol board has recommended that the state of Indiana revoke the liquor license of The Boat Club, where 213 patrons were cited for underage drinking in Jan. 2003, according to an Aug. 26 report by The South Bend Tribune.

The Alcoholic Beverage Board of St. Joseph County voted 2-1 Wednesday to deny the annual renewal of its liquor license to the bar. A final decision on the matter will come in early September when the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission votes on the recommendation. Typically, the state agency follows the local board's recommendation, IATC chairman Bart Harriman told The Tribune.

In making its recommendation, the board said that The Boat Club had a reputation for catering to underage drinkers and must have known minors were entering on a regular basis.

This summer The Boat Club finalized a settlement with ATC prosecutor Fred Bauer. The agreement requires the bar pay a \$5,000 fine and serve a one-week license suspension. Bauer will waive the suspension if the bar goes one year without further violations.

U.S. News keeps Saint Mary's No. 1

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

Saint Mary's found itself in familiar territory this week topping the rankings of the annual U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best Colleges" in the category of Midwest comprehensive colleges. It is the 10th time in 11 years Saint Mary's has finished first.

The guidebook organizes colleges based on size, location and courses of study. The schools are then judged in a variety of categories such as admission selectivity and teacher to student ratios.

The Midwest comprehensive category consists of institutions focused on undergraduate education and those that

offer a wide range of liberal arts and professional degrees.

In a competitive field of 108 schools, Saint Mary's was awarded an overall rating of 100, the highest score possible. The college ranked first for faculty resources, second for freshman retention rate and third for financial resources.

Director of marketing communications Nick Farmer said he is proud Saint Mary's was again ranked No. 1.

"The ranking helps validate the excellence the College strives for every year," Farmer said. "Given the College's track record with the survey and its continued performance, we were hopeful that we would continue the streak."

College President Carol

Mooney also described her satisfaction in a statement on the College web site.

"In my first year as president of Saint Mary's, I am proud to look back on the College's consistent recognition as one of America's best," Mooney said. "I am excited to work with the faculty to achieve even greater success in educating young women."

However, the ranking is more than just a mark of prestige. It can also be a valuable tool for the school. The success streak Saint Mary's has enjoyed in the U.S. News and World Report rankings is included as an endorsement in recruiting materials.

"We realize that parents and prospective students use the U.S. News rankings as a tool in their college search, so a

strong ranking can be helpful in getting recognition, especially for smaller schools like Saint Mary's," Farmer said.

Despite the welcomed attention and affirmation the top ranking brings to the College, Farmer said it describes only a part of the experience of Saint Mary's. With a new president and a renewed focus on academic excellence, the College has no intention of growing complacent with its position.

"While the U.S. News rankings are well-recognized by parents and prospective students, the College ultimately measures its success based on the academic, professional and personal success of its graduates," Farmer said.

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Scrimmage evokes mixed response

By KATE GALES
News Writer

With all the on- and off-campus social options this weekend, many students are left wondering whether or not they will attend tonight's full-team football scrimmage scheduled for 7:35 p.m. in Notre Dame Stadium.

Aside from the Blue-Gold Game, which takes place each spring, the football team has never had an open scrimmage at the beginning of the season.

A sneak preview of the team is an incentive for freshman Eric Himmelsbach.

"I think I'd probably go,"

Himmelsbach said. "I guess [I'm interested in] just seeing how the team looks. I'm hoping they'll get back to being as good as they were a couple years ago rather than how they were last year."

April's Blue-Gold Game featured the Irish offense scrimmaging the defense, a well-attended contest that is always a major campus event.

Sophomore Kevin Braun thinks this scrimmage will far surpass the Blue-Gold Game in April.

"I think it will be better [than the Blue-Gold Game] because you get to see the improvement and adjustments that [the team] made over the summer," Braun

said. "Everyone's had three more months of playing time together."

The scrimmage did not receive much attention around campus this week, as students bought tickets for the Student Union Board's Jason Mraz/Talib Kweli concert or made other social plans for tonight.

"I was unaware that there was a football scrimmage," sophomore Megan Davenport said. "If I had known, I might have changed plans so I could have gone out and supported the team."

Although professing an interest in football, sophomore Andy Astuno did not plan on attending the game.

"I don't plan on going," he said. "I suppose Friday night might not be ideal, given Rally."

Freshman Bridget Keating hoped to be able to see both events tonight.

"[The game is] a preview and a great look at this football season," she said. "It should be fun and a great opportunity to show support this year in the season."

Keating mentioned that she is a fan of Jason Mraz and looked forward to seeing him in concert as well.

"I love music. I would never pass up the chance to see a live show," she said.

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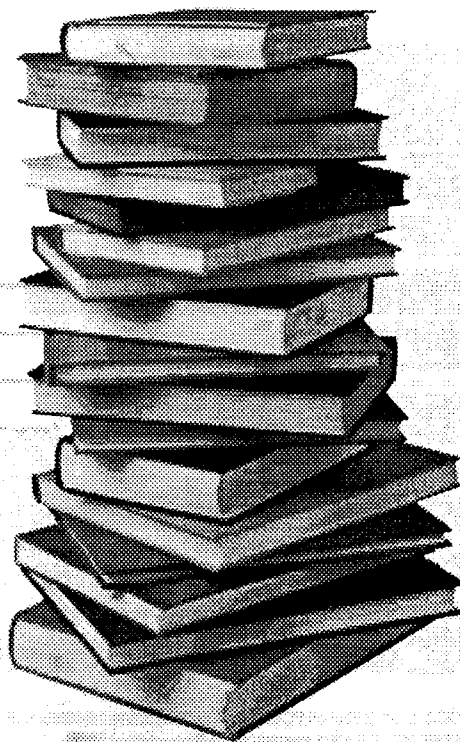
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Tuesday, August 31st ... 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM ... JOYCE CENTER FIELDHOUSE

GENERAL CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Academic Competition Club
Accounting Association, Notre Dame
Actuarial Science Club
Adworks Advertising Agency
American Cancer Society Club
American Chemical Society
American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics
American Institute of Chemical Engineers
American Society of Civil Engineers
American Society of Mechanical Engineers
Amnesty International
Anime Club, Notre Dame
Arnold Air Society
Asian American Association
Asian International Society
Association of Art History Students
Bagpipe Band, Notre Dame
Ballet Folklorico Azul Y Oro
Ballroom Dance Club
Baptist Collegiate Ministry
Best Buddies
Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Biology Club
Black Cultural Arts Council
Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination
Campus Fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Campus Girl Scouts, Notre Dame/Saint Mary's
Caribbean Student Organization
Celebration Choir
Children of Mary
Children's Defense Fund
Chinese Culture Society
Chorale, Notre Dame
Circle K
Class of 2005
Class of 2006
Class of 2007
College Democrats
College Republicans
Community Alliance to Serve Hispanics
Computer Club, Notre Dame
Coro Primavera De Nuestra Senora
Dance Company
Debate Team
Detachment 225 Flyin' Irish (AFROTC)
Dome Designs
Dome Yearbook
Economics Club
Entrepreneur Club
Farley Hall Players
Feminist Voice
Filipino American Student Organization
Financial Management Board
First Aid Services Team
First Class Steppers
Flip Side
Fly-Fishing Club, Notre Dame
Folk Choir, Notre Dame
Foodshare
Forum on Biomedical Ethics
Free Burma Coalition
Gaelic Society, Notre Dame
German Club
Guitar Players' Association
Habitat for Humanity
Handbell Choir, Notre Dame
Harmonia
Hawaii Club
Health Occupations Students of America
Helpful Undergraduate Students
Hispanic Business Student Association
History Club
Hugh O'Brien Youth Foundation Alumni Association
Humor Artists of Notre Dame
Indian Association of Notre Dame
Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers
Investment Club
Irish Dance Club
Irish Fighting for St. Jude Kids
Iron Sharpens Iron
Italian Club
Japan Club
Jewish Club of Notre Dame
Joint Engineering Council
Juggler, The
Juggling Club, Notre Dame
Junior Parents Weekend
Knights of Columbus
Knights of the Immaculata
Korean Student Association
La Alianza
Le Circle Francais
LEAD-nd
Leprechaun Legion
Life Uncommon, A
Liturgical Choir, Women's
Logan Recreation Club
Management Club
Marketing Club, Notre Dame
Mexican-American Engineers and Scientists
Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
Minority Pre-med Society
Mock Trial Association
Ms. Wizard Day
Mu Alpha Theta
Muslim Student Association
Mystery Science Theater 3000 Club
NAACP
National Society of Black Engineers
Native American Student Association of Notre Dame
ND for Animals
Neighborhood Study Help Program
Operation Smile
Orestes Brownson Council
Orthodox Christian Fellowship
Pakistan Student Association
Pasquerilla East Musical Company
Peace Fellowship, Notre Dame
Philosophy Club, Notre Dame
Polish Club
Pre-Dental Society
Pre-Law Society
Pre-Professional Society
Pre-Vet Club
Progressive Student Alliance
Project Fresh
Psychology Club
Ranger Challenge Team (AROTC)
Real Estate Club
Right to Life
Scholastic Magazine
Science-Business Club
Shades of Ebony
Shirt Project, The
Silver Wing Society
Society of Automotive Engineers
Society of Physics Students
Society of Women Engineers
Sociology Club
Sorin Rifle Team
Spanish Club
Special Friends Club of Notre Dame
St. Edward's Hall Players
Student Alumni Relations Group
Student Broadcasting - NDTV
Student Government
Student International Business Council
Student Players, Notre Dame
Student Union Board
Students for Environmental Action
Super Sibs
Swing Club
Teamwork for Tomorrow
Texas Club
Toastmasters International
Trident Naval Society
Troop Notre Dame
Unchained Melodies
Undergraduate Women in Business
Vietnamese Student Organization
Voices of Faith Gospel Choir
Women's Resource Center
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AIDS Ministries/AIDS Assist
American Red Cross
Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Joseph County
Center for Basic Learning
Center for the Homeless
Children's Dispensary
Dismas House
Food Bank of Northern Indiana
I Believe I Can, Inc.
Indiana Legal Services
La Casa de Amistad
LaSalle Council Boy Scouts of America
Life Treatment Centers
Logan Center
Reins of Life
Robinson Community Learning Center
Salvation Army of St. Joseph County
Youth Programs
S-O-S of Madison Center
South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility
Southern Care Hospice
St Vincent de Paul Society
Tolson Center
Twenty-first Century Scholars
West Side Neighborhood Partnership Center
Women's Care Center

CLUB SPORTS TEAMS

Bowling Club, Notre Dame
Boxing Club, Men's
Boxing Club, Women's
Climbing Club
Cycling Club, Notre Dame
Equestrian Club
Field Hockey Club
Figure Skating Club, Notre Dame
Gymnastics Club, ND/SMC
Hurling and Camogie Club
Ice Hockey, Women's
Japanese Martial Arts Club
Martial Arts Institute, Notre Dame
Pom Pon Squad
Rodeo Team, Notre Dame
Rowing Club, Notre Dame
Running Club, Men's
Running Club, Women's
Sailing Club
Ski Team
Squash Club
Swimming Club
Ultimate Club
Volleyball Club, Men's
Water Polo Club, Men's
Water Polo Club, Women's
World Taekwondo Federation Club

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RecSports
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Standing Committee on Gay
and Lesbian Student Needs
Student Activities Office

GET INVOLVED GET ACTIVE

All current Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students are invited to join us for our annual Notre Dame Activities Night. Hundreds of clubs and organizations will be represented to meet and sign-up new members, distribute information and share their plans for the year. Don't miss it.

NOTRE DAME STUDENT CLUB OFFICERS:

If your club does not appear on this list and you would like to participate in Activities Night, please contact the Student Activities Office as soon as possible at 631.7308

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Al-Sistani brings peace to Najaf

NAJAF, IRAQ — Rebel cleric Muqtada al-Sadr agreed Thursday to a peace deal presented by Iraq's top Shiite cleric, who brought his enormous authority to bear in an attempt to end three weeks of fighting in the holy city of Najaf, a top al-Sistani aide said.

Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, the most influential cleric among Iraq's Shiite majority, reached the deal in direct talks with al-Sadr in the evening, only hours after making a dramatic return to Najaf.

Aides have said that al-Sistani's peace plan calls for Najaf and Kufa to be declared weapons-free cities, for all foreign forces to withdraw from Najaf and leave security to the police, and for the government to compensate those harmed by the fighting.

'Mr. Muqtada al-Sadr agreed to the initiative of his eminence al-Sistani,' said Hamed al-Khafaf, a top al-Sistani aide. "You will hear good news soon from the government and Mr. Muqtada al-Sadr."

Italian journalist killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD — An Arab television station said Friday it received a video showing the killing of Italian journalist Enzo Baldoni, who was kidnapped by militants who threatened to execute him if Italy did not withdraw troops from Iraq.

The video received by Al-Jazeera appeared to show Baldoni's killing, but the station declined to broadcast the footage out of sensitivity to its viewers, said station spokesman Jihad Ballout.

"To the best of our knowledge, it indicates that the hostage-takers carried out their threat," Ballout said. He declined to say how the journalist was killed.

NATIONAL NEWS

Firefighters tame flames in Nevada

RENO, Nev. — Gusting wind that whipped a small wildfire into an inferno that consumed six homes let up on Thursday, helping hundreds of firefighters beat back the flames.

The nearly 2,700-acre blaze, unstoppable in Wednesday's erratic wind south of Reno, was 75 percent contained in a light breeze Thursday.

"Cooler temperatures and higher humidity really helped us out last night," fire spokesman Franklin Pemberton said. "It let us lay down more [containment] line. We're making some good progress."

More than 500 firefighters, 14 tankers and seven helicopters were fighting the blaze.

Airport screening tightened

WASHINGTON — The government announced Thursday it is taking over the task of checking the names of airline passengers against terrorism watch lists, saying it can do a more comprehensive and secure job than carriers.

The new system is intended to verify the identity of domestic travelers by amassing information that passengers have given airlines and comparing it with records in government databases. The goal is to better screen travelers by using a larger pool of suspected terrorists than airlines had access to.

LOCAL NEWS

No charges filed against Randolph

ANDERSON — No formal charges were filed Thursday against Portland Trail Blazers forward Zach Randolph or his brother in the shooting of three men on a nightclub dance floor, a court administrator said.

Madison County Prosecutor Rodney Cummings said Tuesday that he would file formal charges on Thursday against Roger Randolph, 22, in the shooting last Sunday at an Anderson night club.

Russia releases details of plane crashes

Official announces Russian double plane crash likely the work of terrorists

Associated Press

MOSCOW — A top Russian official acknowledged Thursday what many citizens already suspected — that terrorism was the most likely cause of two jetliners crashing minutes apart, a feeling reflected in a newspaper headline warning that "Russia now has a Sept. 11."

A day after officials stressed there were many possibilities besides terrorism, presidential envoy Vladimir Yakovlev told Russia's ITAR-Tass news agency that the main theory "all the same remains terrorism."

Yakovlev said the planes' flight recorders provide no clues to the disaster. He said both boxes had shut off abruptly without any indication of trouble, a sign U.S. aviation experts said was strong evidence of explosions.

Also, Transport Minister Igor Levitin confirmed Sibir airlines' report that its crew activated an emergency signal shortly before the plane disappeared from radar. Visiting the crash site, however, he said that details were slim because "no verbal confirmation from the crew was received" saying what the problem was.

Officials previously said there was no indication of trouble from a Volga-Aviaexpress airliner that also crashed late Tuesday, although people on the ground reported hearing a series of explosions.

Russian media also raised questions about a possible link between the crashes and an explosion a few hours earlier at a bus stop on a road leading to Domodedovo airport, where the two doomed planes took off. Without citing evidence, the reports suggested the blast, which wounded four people, might have been an effort to distract attention.

Suspicions of terrorism came after warnings from officials that separatists might plan attacks before an election this Sunday in



Investigators removed the flight recorder, an object which may be helpful in confirming suspicions of terrorist involvement, from the crash site of a Russian Tu-134 plane.

Chechnya to replace the war-torn region's assassinated pro-Kremlin president. The rebels have made attacks in Moscow and other cities, hijacked planes outside Russia and allegedly staged suicide bombings.

"I am inclined to think that it is a terrorist act, because there are too many coincidences," said Ruben Suryaninov, an elderly retiree. "What needs to happen so that two planes going from the same airport would bang at the same moment?"

"It's too suspicious," agreed Natalia Kozhelupova, a physicist who was out on a national day of mourning for the 89 people killed in the crashes. Russia's tricolor flag flew at half-staff and television canceled entertainment programs.

Despite Yakovlev's statement about terrorism, the government was still officially investigating all possibilities — bombs, hijackers, mechanical failure, bad fuel and human error. Officials said no evidence had been found pointing to terrorism, and no one has claimed to have caused the crashes.

The government had hoped the jetliners' flight data recorders would shed some light, but Yakovlev told state-run First Channel that experts found the boxes in both planes shut off before indicating any problems.

Yakovlev, the president's envoy for southern Russia, where one of the planes crashed, said the recorders "turned off immediately" — an indication "that something happened very fast."

Bill Waldock, aviation safety professor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Arizona, said a sudden stoppage of a plane's two recorders indicates that its electrical system was cut. "An explosion could interrupt electrical power," he said, adding that it was extremely unlikely that another problem would cause four boxes in two planes to quit abruptly.

If something went wrong with a plane's mechanical or electrical systems, "more protracted data would show up," Waldock said. The cockpit voice recorder would pick up pilots' conversations as they dealt with the problem, while the flight data recorder would note such information as altitude, air speed, heading and vertical acceleration.

Texas death row inmate executed

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — A death row inmate whose case attracted the attention of celebrity capital punishment opponent Susan Sarandon was executed Thursday evening for killing a convenience store clerk.

Speaking slowly and quietly, his voice halting at times, James Allridge thanked his family and friends for loving him and expressed remorse.

"I am sorry, I really am," he said in a brief final statement. "I am sorry I destroyed y'all's life," he said looking at the family of his vic-

tim. "Thank you for forgiving me. To the moon and back, I love you all. I leave you all as I came-in love." Nine minutes after the lethal injection, he was pronounced dead.

Allridge, 41, was the 12th Texas inmate executed this year and the second in as many nights. He was convicted of killing Fort Worth store clerk Brian Clendennen, 21, who was robbed of \$300.

Also Thursday, Oklahoma death row inmate Windel Ray Workman was executed by injection for the 1987 beating death of his live-in girlfriend's 2-year-old daughter. He was the sixth person executed in Oklahoma this year.

Sarandon visited Allridge last month, has purchased some of his prison-made artwork and for years corresponded with him. The 57-year-old actress won an Academy Award in 1996 for her portrayal of death penalty opponent Helen Prejean in the movie version of the New Orleans-based nun's book "Dead Man Walking." Prejean was among those who witnessed the execution.

Allridge's brother, Ronald, was also put to death, in 1995, for killing a woman during the robbery of a fast-food restaurant. Two other brothers were at Thursday's execution.

Show

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Though not yet a headline artist, Talib Kweli is slowly but surely making his way into national prominence in the music industry.

He has recorded and toured with big name rap and R&B artists Mary J. Blige and Kanye West, and his music has been likened to that of The Roots and

Jurassic 5.

The concert's committee found the two artists to be a logical choice for the student body, said Jimmy Flaherty, chairman of The Show 3.0. An electronic survey was offered to all students this past spring in order to gauge student interests. Pop, rap

and hip-hop genres all fared well.

"Both [Mraz and Kweli] are unbelievable major market artists."

Jimmy Flaherty
The Show chairman

"Both [Mraz and Kweli] are unbelievable major market artists," Flaherty said. "They are a great compliment to each other."

Besides, said Flaherty, for only \$10, "It's the best deal going."

The committee hopes to

build upon the success of last year's event. The performance of the Black Eyed Peas and Guster attracted a record 4,000 people in attendance.

The 35-person committee has been working since February to bring a major, top-quality production to the student community.

This year's committee made a concerted effort to reach out to the Saint Mary's and Holy Cross student bodies, and increased publicity through the Notre Dame

class councils.

To encourage participation, the committee members teamed up with the Athletic Department to create a campus wide campaign advertising both the football scrimmage and concert.

"It has been an eye-opening experience because it is a campus-wide collaboration," Flaherty said. "It is symbolic of what Notre Dame student activities are."

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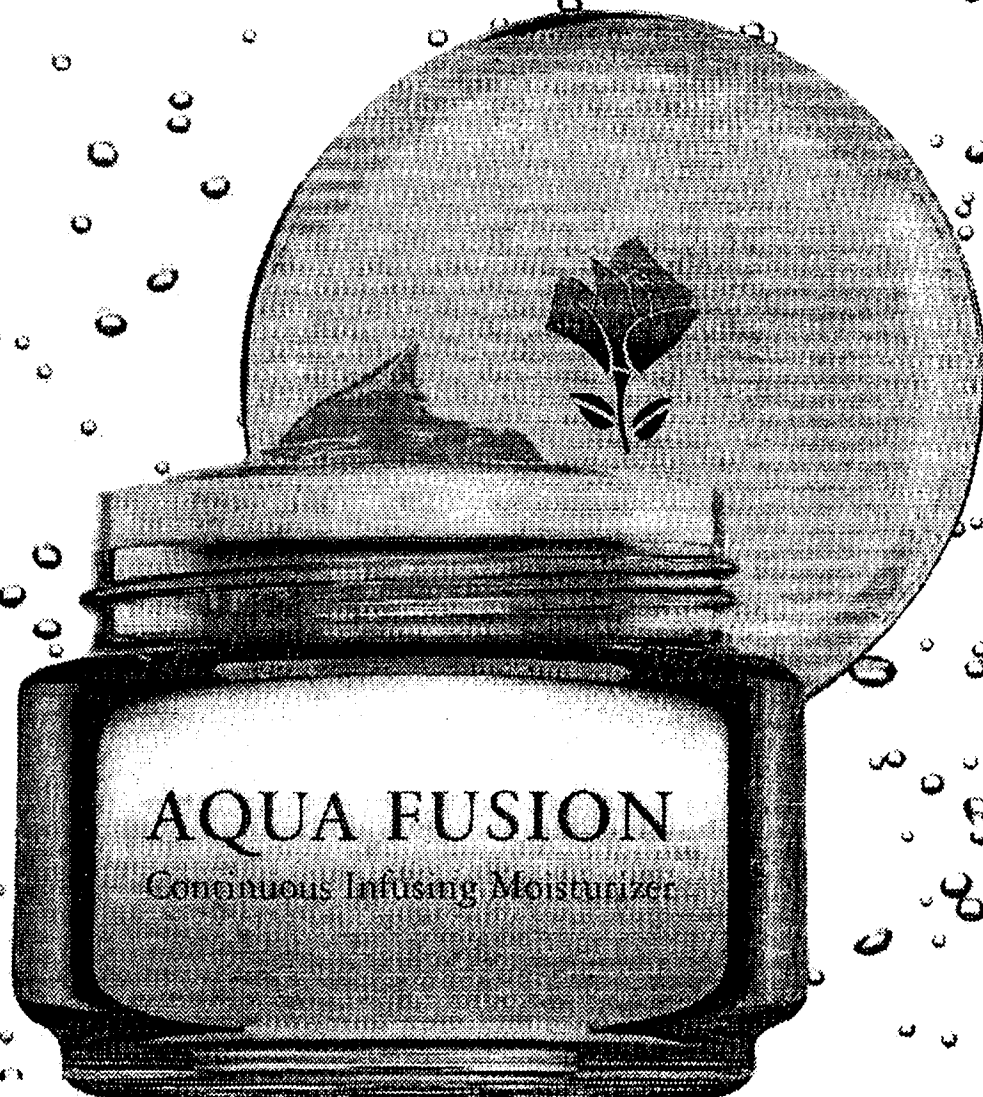
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NASDAQ	1,852.92	-7.80
NYSE	6,439.80	+8.01
S&P 500	1,105.09	+0.13
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,129.33	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,453.90	+4.10

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
INTEL CORP (INTC)	-0.82	-0.18	21.77
ADCTELECOMM (ADCT)	-1.78	-0.04	2.21
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.40	-0.11	27.44
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-0.78	-0.15	19.17
APPLIED MATL (AMAT)	-1.72	-0.28	15.98

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	-0.57	-0.29	50.21
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.80	-0.34	42.27
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.87	-0.30	34.22
3-MONTH BILL	+0.26	+0.04	15.16

Commodities			
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Exchange Rates			
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POUND			0.5569

IN BRIEF

Anthem Inc. wants suit dismissed

INDIANAPOLIS — California's insurance commissioner has asked a judge to throw out the Anthem Inc. lawsuit seeking to overturn his blockage of the company's merger with WellPoint Health Networks Inc. John Garamendi filed the dismissal request Wednesday with Judge Dzintra Janavs of Los Angeles County Superior Court. A hearing is scheduled for Oct. 5.

Indianapolis-based Anthem has sued Garamendi, saying he exceeded his authority under California's Insurance Code by disapproving the deal on July 23.

The proposed \$16.4 billion deal, which would create the nation's largest health benefits company, is on hold until the impasse in California is resolved.

Garamendi, the only insurance regulator in 10 states to withhold approval of the merger, has said it would hurt WellPoint policyholders.

Bridgestone replaces faulty tires

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Bridgestone Firestone offered Thursday to replace 27,000 tires sold in North America over concerns that a belt in the tires may detach, possibly causing wrecks.

The company said less than 15 injuries have been substantiated that involved vehicles equipped with the tires.

The offer involves Bridgestone's Dueler A/T tires in size LT285/75R16 LR D that were manufactured in Japan between 1998 and 2002 and sold in the United States and Canada.

The Nashville-based company said internal data suggest "that a small percentage of these tires may experience belt detachment," especially if the tires were inflated above or below recommended pressures.

Such a problem could cause loss of vehicle control and possibly a crash, the company said.

The voluntary replacement campaign comes six months after Bridgestone Firestone recalled about 490,000 Steeltex tires linked to sports utility vehicle crashes that killed five people.

Tech stocks fall as trading remains thin

New York Stock Exchange lacks conviction during end of summer slump

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A brokerage firm's negative outlook for the semiconductor industry pressured tech shares Thursday, while the broader market was little changed as a jump in jobless claims offset investors' relief over declining oil prices.

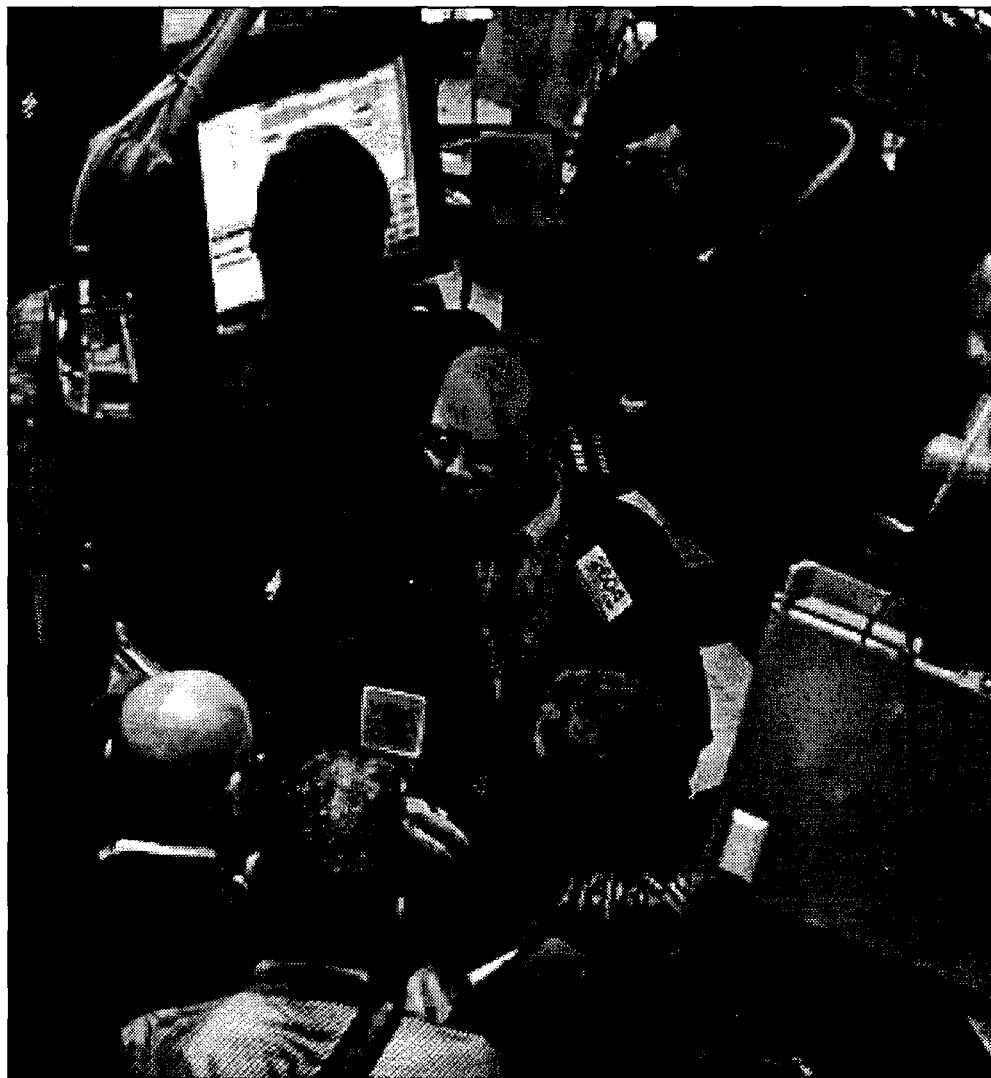
Late summer trading is known for being thin, but with the Republican National Convention set for New York next week, Wall Street is even less crowded than usual for late August. And as many traders prepared to take the week off and some money managers planned to reduce staff levels, the market's lack of conviction was reflected in low trading volumes. The drop in oil prices was a bright spot, however, even though analysts weren't sure it would hold.

"A week ago, people were asking where the top in crude is and now they're asking where the bottom is," said Todd Clark, head of listed equity trading at Wells Fargo Securities. "It's a sea change that's welcome for equities, but against the backdrop of a big event next week that will keep players away from the market, it's tough to get too excited."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 8.33, or 0.1 percent, at 10,173.41.

The broader gauges were mixed. The Nasdaq composite index shed 7.80, or 0.4 percent, to 1,852.92. The Standard & Poor's 500 index wiggled up 0.13, or 0.01 percent, to 1,105.09.

In economic news, the number of people who signed up for jobless benefits rose last week by a seasonally adjusted 10,000 to 343,000; economists had expected an increase of just 4,000. At least half of those filing new claims were out of work because



The floor of the New York Stock Exchange was uncharacteristically quiet as tech stocks struggled and oil prices continued to rise.

of Hurricane Charley, the Labor Department said.

Oil prices, which set a new record by topping \$49 per barrel last week, have declined over the last five sessions as anxieties about global supply have eased. On Thursday, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries indicated it would discuss ways to push prices down faster, perhaps through increased production, at its meeting next month. Light crude for October delivery settled 37 cents lower at \$43.10 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

While the market has been fixated on energy costs lately, there were other concerns influencing

trading. Investors were awaiting revisions to the government's second quarter gross domestic product report, due Friday, and remarks from Federal Reserve chief Alan Greenspan at a banking conference in Jackson Hole, Wyo. The Republican convention, which starts Monday, also loomed large.

"The fear index might begin to rise over the next one or two trading days as the convention begins in New York," said Peter Cardillo, chief strategist at S.W. Bach & Co. "Unless the price of oil moves dramatically either way, I kind of think Greenspan, the GDP revision and the Republican convention will

take the spotlight. And that will cause us to stay in a very tight, narrow trading range."

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Inc. sank 10 percent, or \$1.59, to \$13.77, after its earnings missed expectations by a wide margin. The company said it expects slower sales for the remainder of the year, and cut the number of new stores it plans to open next year.

Brown-Forman Corp., the maker of Jack Daniel's and Finlandia vodka, gained 38 cents to \$46.75 after its quarterly earnings beat expectations on robust growth in its liquor business, offsetting weaker sales in its Lenox china division.

GlaxoSmithKline to release findings

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — GlaxoSmithKline agreed Thursday to release all findings about its drugs to settle a lawsuit that accused the pharmaceutical giant of hiding negative studies on Paxil, an antidepressant suspected of causing suicidal tendencies in children.

GlaxoSmithKline will put summaries on its Web site of all its studies since December 2000. The London-based company is the first major drug maker to make such a move.

New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer sued the company in June, accusing it of misrepresenting data on Paxil. The lawsuit came amid wide-

spread suspicions that drug companies suppress negative information about their products.

The company also will pay \$2.5 million to the state as part of the settlement.

GlaxoSmithKline spokeswoman Nancy Pekarek said that the company still believes Spitzer's civil charge of fraud is unfounded and that the company was developing its new disclosure policy even before he sued.

She said the data Spitzer accused the company of withholding had already been released in various forms. In addition, after Spitzer sued in June, Glaxo posted on its Web site the Paxil studies that Spitzer had accused the company of hiding.

"We're actually pleased they seem to think it will provide useful information to the medical community," Pekarek said. "We are choosing to settle this basically to avoid the high cost and time of protracted litigation."

Pekarek said the company will try to post data by Dec. 31, 2005, on clinical trials conducted since December 2000.

Spitzer said GlaxoSmithKline's new standard will affect the entire industry.

"The immediate impact is sending a signal to the other pharmaceutical manufacturers that this is the new standard with regard to disclosure of clinical studies," said Joe Baker, Spitzer's health care bureau chief.

Dems

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training workshops led by several high-profile politicians, such as Al Sharpton, Senator Joseph Biden, and former Democratic presidential candidate and Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis.

"The campaign training seminars showed us how to improve our club's strategies," Bunick said. "There is a lot of opportunity for us to restructure the club, make the College Democrats more prominent on campus and get more students involved."

Enthusied by her fellow delegates, she said the best advice they received was from other clubs.

While the speakers and workshops were their primary reason for attending the event, the most exciting part was being part of the environment Bunick said.

"For me it was really amazing to see people so energized about the issues that I care about," she said.

Because the student convention was held concurrently with the Democratic National Convention, they were able to acquire tickets for the first night and saw President Carter, President Clinton and Vice President Gore speak.

"The speeches, especially Clinton's, were obviously very good and extremely well received by the delegates," Taylor said.

Taylor and Bunick felt the convention's warm reception for Kerry's speech was well-deserved.

"I thought it was as good as it could have been," Taylor said. "He showed a lot of emotion, which some people think is rare for him, and showed the audience how much passion he has for America."

Andrew Yi will be running the John Kerry for President campaign for the College Democrats this semester. In collaboration with the National Kerry Headquarters, he has set up three weekend voter registration campaigns in Ohio, where members of the club will run voter registration drives and phone banks.

Yi also plans to organize debates with the College Republicans and several informal colloquia with faculty members from the political science department.

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Reps

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Rippinger participated in weekly phone banks to recruit party support across the district, distributing free promotional materials and soliciting volunteers.

In addition to canvassing Notre Dame's campus and registering Republican students for absentee ballots this semester, the club will also focus on the battleground state of Michigan, which is divided between a strong union labor force and a rural conservative base Rippinger said.

"Our club will follow the [Republican National Convention] closely, and use it as a springboard to launch republican grassroots support to keep our Congressional majority and the White House," he said. "We come to the table with Washington experience, dedication and the will to fight this battle to the last punch."

Jaimie Feltault, vice president of College Republicans, worked for the Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert in his con-

gressional office in Washington, D.C.

While there, she attended speeches and gatherings on Capitol Hill with prominent members of congress, committee chairmen and officials in the Bush administration.

"One of my best memories was seeing President Bush address a gathering of thousands at a fundraiser put on by the National Republican Congressional Committee at the Washington Convention Center," she said.

Her various duties for the speaker included conducting research, attending committee hearings and drafting letters detailing the speaker's views or actions on various policy issues.

"The next 10 weeks will be a crucial time in our nation's history, with much riding on the outcome of November's election," she said. "Political activism, whether it's in local contests, national campaigns, or with senators and congressmen in D.C., will be a turning point in this milestone election year."

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Jaimie Feltault
VP of College
Republicans

Parking

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hours and on weekends, replaced with an area of green space.

Dave Chapman, director of security, said the administration based the decision to remove the parking lot on a variety of factors.

"We decided it would be nice to have green space for students to gather," he said. "Plus, we have students who live in Regina [Hall] who walked across the parking lot, so it was really a safety issue."

In addition to the removal of the LeMans lot, other parking changes occurred. The area formerly known as the Dining Hall lot was expanded and is now called the Staff, Faculty and Special Events parking lot. Students are no longer allowed to park there at any time, and after the third ticket in this lot, students will be towed.

The Bertrand parking lot, once open to students and visitors from 5:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., is now off-limits after 5:30 p.m. because of a policy shift by the convent that owns it. Unauthorized cars parked in this lot will be towed immediately.

The newly created Opus Apartments parking lot is for Opus residents only. If Opus residents have visitors, the visitor will need to pick up a free parking pass from security, and park in the Angela parking lot.

Chapman said the biggest change this year is the decision to tow vehicles, when past policy had been to put a boot on the vehicles. The towing fee will be \$75, plus a \$15 a day storage fee — amounts which can add up quickly.

"We don't want to tow vehicles, but it's unfair for some students to follow the rules, and not others,"

Chapman said. "This will hopefully make everything equal. This is a learning experience for us all. Things may change if we find that this isn't working."

But some are concerned there will not be enough student parking, especially on the weekends.

LeMans Hall resident Erica Rangel said she believes the changes are an unnecessary hassle.

"I just think it's an inconvenience because parking in various spots of campus is scarce as it is," she said. "We depended on that lot for unloading groceries and things from our cars and for visitor parking on the weekend, and now it's not an option."

Others are in favor of the new green space.

"I like that we have a place where we can sit outside now," senior Michelle Cooper said.

Chapman said there will be enough parking, and emphasized that the security escort from the Angela parking lot to the residence halls will still be in effect seven nights a week.

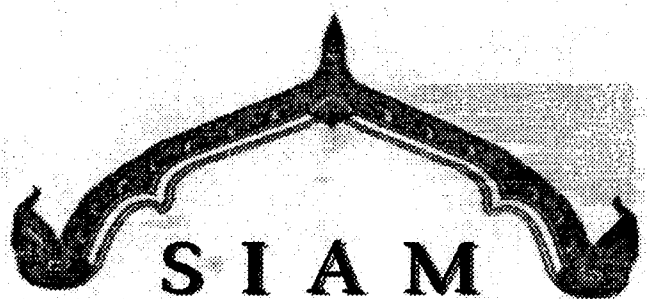
Although the new parking rules seem to be causing some controversy on campus, Chapman said he has not gotten negative feedback.

"We haven't received complaints yet, just a lot of questions," he said. "A lot of students and parents just wanted to make sure they knew where to park, what the procedure was."

He added that towing is a last resort.

"I don't want to cost people money, and really it's only 5 to 10 percent of people who don't follow the rules," Chapman said. "But if 90 to 95 percent do, everyone should be able to."

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Tickets

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dents started with lottery number 1870, said she had a similar experience to Draycott's.

"We went at 9 and got through at 9:30," Kelley said.

According to official rules established by the Notre Dame ticketing office, one student can purchase tickets for a maximum of six student IDs. But Kelley said the ushers did not seem concerned about that standard and allowed her group to pass through without counting IDs.

For their part, the ushers in charge of selling tickets said they aimed to oversee a process that would best benefit students.

"We're just trying to accom-

modate students," said Josh Berlo, director of ticketing.

The lottery ticket system was implemented in the fall of 2001 at the direction of the Student Activities Office, where the lottery idea originated, said Berlo. Previously, students camped outside the stadium to get the best tickets.

Head usher Cappy Gagnon, who is in charge of running the sales, said he was largely pleased with the results of this week.

"We do it by feel, really, so everyone can get tickets with people who want to. It's not an exact science," Gagnon said. "We want it go smoothly, quickly, efficiently, and have a heart to it too."

As for whether officials adhered to the six tickets per person rule, Gagnon said the rule served only as a general guideline this year.

"I've ignored the six if I thought there was a good reason to ignore it," he said.

In regard to the rule itself, Gagnon said it would likely not even be used next year.

Berlo said ultimately the University says it will implement an online system for both student ticketing and the alumni ticket lottery. This will save students the two trips out to the stadium.

However, both Gagnon and Berlo said it would be one to three years before such a system is in place, and the University will wait until both student and alumni systems are in place before making the change.

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Rankings

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asks students to use a sliding scale to rank their agreement with the statement, "Students, faculty and administrators treat all persons equally regardless of sexual orientation."

While the survey also provides a chance for students to expand on their opinions through open-ended questions, these written responses are solely for the guide's description purposes and are not taken into account in the rankings, Olsen said.

He stressed there is no difference between how the Review calculates a seemingly straightforward ranking such as "Everyone Plays Intramural Sports" — in which Notre Dame also ranked first — and a more ambiguous one like "Alternative."

"There's no opinion of ours that affects the rankings," Olsen said. "We just report what is essential to the guide, which is student opinion."

Reforming these opinions is therefore the only way a campaign like "Gay? Fine by Me" can affect the rankings, he said.

"I think it's great to see student activism take up an issue

in favor of or in opposition to a policy," said Olsen, adding that he is familiar with the ideas behind the T-shirt demonstrations. "But unless it's changing widely held opinion on campus, it won't affect our survey."

Even when student opinion does change, the University's reputation does not necessarily change with it, said Father David Burrell, a professor of philosophy and theology who sits on the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs.

"I think the Princeton [Review] category may have applied to us once, and probably not now," he said. "But there is a pretty formidable time lag between the reputation an institution gets and the time it takes to change it."

Burrell said he has observed genuine strides towards acceptance during the Standing Committee's eight-year existence. He credited parents of gay and lesbian students with providing an example of how easily long-harbored stereotypes can be reversed.

"They have no ideological axes to grind," he said. "They just want to learn to love their children."

However, no amount of welcome can change what Burrell calls "the thing that rankles

people the most" — the University's legal non-discrimination clause, which does not include sexual orientation.

"Rhetorically, that's going to be one of the things that puts us behind the eight ball," he said. "But how that actually affects gay and lesbian students, I don't know."

Notre Dame's homophobic reputation actually has a double effect, said senior Day Zimlich, another member of the Standing Committee.

"It is part of the Catholic perception that the Church just doesn't give much of an option on this issue, which is not true but it is definitely seen that way," Zimlich said. "It's not so much discouraging as disappointing, because it's based on student perception of the University ... but it is definitely more motivation to continue to reach out to Notre Dame students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender, and to reach out to straight students who might have questions."

In addition to "Alternative" and "Intramural Sports," Notre Dame also ranked first in "Students Pack the Stadiums." It earned fourth in "Jock Schools" and sixth in "Students Pray on a Regular Basis."

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Ramadan

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promote freedom and more democracy. All of my work has involved writing and speaking out against all kinds of violence, extremism and literalism.

"We applied for a visa three months ago," he continued. "Everything was transparent. We were preparing ourselves to come to the States and to settle."

Instead, Ramadan and the University find their plans on hold, their defenses up and their names in the news as speculation continues about the scholar, whose controversial writings and lectures — as well as his grandfather's alleged terrorist ties — have led to charges of anti-Semitism and militant Islam.

The Kroc Institute remained firmly planted behind its hire, praising Ramadan as a luminary intellectual and a distinct, essential voice.

"It's a real pity for the United States to be afraid of alternative voices," said Cynthia Mahmood, director of graduate studies at the Kroc. "Unless we engage in discussion with them, it becomes an echo chamber where we talk to each other constantly. ... Places like the Kroc Institute have to push the envelope a bit."

Although the Institute experienced a lesser uproar immediately after Ramadan was hired, Mahmood and Titone agreed that the irate phone calls and questioning e-mails were outweighed by the anticipation of such a prominent arrival.

"He's a star in that way," Mahmood said.

Titone also offered "a special note of praise" for Rashied Omar, Ramadan's

temporary replacement in his Islamic ethics course.

Omar, who was unavailable for comment due to travel in Florida, has already promised his students he will "keep the spirit of Ramadan alive," said Anne Kroeger, a sophomore in the course who learned her professor's fate Tuesday when Kroc director Scott Appleby spoke to the class.

Kroger said her classmates were surprised and upset by the news, but understood that "it's not the University's fault."

"I really wish the government would let us know what's going on," she said.

The government hasn't told the University either,

"It's a real pity for the United States to be afraid of alternative voices."

Cynthia Mahmood
Kroc Institute

according to Notre Dame spokesman Matt Storin. After speaking Thursday with Carol Kaesebier, the University's General Counsel who has handled communication with Washington, Storin could

provide no updates for Ramadan's status.

While they waited for the specifics, members of the campus community voiced their concerns about the implications.

"Parts of the Patriot Act passed up quickly that were suspicious with regards to human rights made it much more difficult for lots of immigration issues," said Terriss Conterato, former co-president of the Notre Dame chapter of Amnesty International. "The fact that [the visa] was revoked so late creates much more suspicion."

The Notre Dame chapter plans to contact the regional office of the organization for its official position before taking any action on behalf of Ramadan, Conterato said, but added the group "would like to do something to help out."

Disappointment circulated in the classics department, which — in addition to his chaired, tenured position at the Kroc — had also given Ramadan a partial appointment.

Classics chair Keith Bradley said the Arabic branch of the department particularly questioned the government's actions.

"It's generally been regarded as an unfortunate and unexpected development," he said, adding that his department fully supported the Kroc's initial efforts to pursue and hire Ramadan. "As far as we know, everything was above the board and uncontroversial."

When ambiguity and controversy arrived, however, the Kroc made its stance — and its sympathy — clear.

"It's a major point of concern," Titone said. "We're sending support to the Ramadan family and hoping that this will be resolved very soon."

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Group encourages women to fight

Associated Press

DUBAI — An Islamist women's group has launched an Internet magazine aimed at recruiting Arab women to fight holy wars against non-Muslims.

The Al-Khansaa magazine, launched about a week ago and expected to appear monthly, also provides fitness tips for female "jihadis," or holy warriors, information on treating injuries and advice on raising children to fight nonbelievers.

The magazine, appearing on several extremist Islamic Web sites, claims to have been started "at the initiative" of two slain al-Qaida militants in Saudi Arabia, Abdulaziz al-Moqrin and Issa Saad Mohammed bin Oushan.

In June, security forces killed al-Moqrin, who was believed to be al-Qaida's chief in the Arab peninsula. Oushan, who was killed in July, and al-Moqrin were among Saudi Arabia's 26 most-wanted militants.

The magazine said it was produced by the "women's media center" in Saudi Arabia, an Islamic nation where al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden was born and Islam's two holiest shrines are located.

Cairo-based Islamic expert Mohamed Salah poured scorn on the 22-page magazine, describing it as a "media stunt (by militants) to show their enemies that they can mobilize everyone, including women, against them."

"What is new here is the use of the medium of the Internet to recruit women," he added.

Al-Khansaa, the periodical's title, was the name of a revered Arab poet who converted to Islam during the time of the 7th century Prophet Muhammad.

She later became associated with Muhammad's close acquaintances and was known for eulogies written for her brother, a sturdy fighter in pre-Islamic days. Al-Khansaa also encouraged her four sons to take part in jihad to spread Islam. Her sons died in battle.

An unsigned magazine editorial says female Islamists "have set our lines next to our men to support them ... raise their children and be prepared. May God elevate us to martyrs."

"We will stand covered in our veils and abayas [ankle-length cloaks], with our weapons in our hands and our children in our arms," it added. "The blood of our husbands and the limbs of our children are an offering

to God."

Women raising children, it says, must understand their "main mission is to present lions to the battlefield."

Saudi journalist Saeed al-Sereihy condemned the magazine in an article published in the daily Okaz, saying its "rhetoric takes a very dangerous turn when it addresses women in light of their educational role and capacity to influence children's upbringing."

Evan Kohlmann, a Washington-based counterterrorism expert, said the magazine appeared linked to Islamic extremists who "know about religion and fighting, but [they are] not necessarily people who have an effect over al-Qaida."

Its first issue includes tales of famous women fighters and criticism of calls for improved women's rights in Saudi Arabia, a conservative kingdom where women enjoy far fewer freedoms and rights than men.

The magazine says even though jihad, in terms of actual fighting, is primarily a man's duty, "women can fight without the permission of their husband or guardian since it would be a duty, and duties do not require consent."

The notion is shocking in hard-line Saudi Arabia, where women are obliged to be accompanied by a male guardian at most times, particularly in public.

"Theoretically this sounds so interesting, but on the ground it is unrealistic" for female militants to be able to endure the same rigors as males, said Salah, the Egyptian expert.

Women did take part in the Egyptian Islamic Group's 1990s anti-government insurgency, Salah noted, and at least four were tried for involvement in violence. Palestinian, Uzbek and Chechen women also have carried out militant acts, including suicide bombings.

The Tamil Tigers group fighting for independence in Sri Lanka used a woman, who detonated explosives strapped to her body, to assassinate former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi during a 1991 campaign rally.

Kohlmann, the U.S. expert, did not rule out the effectiveness of female militants, who he believes can benefit from an element of surprise, as many people don't expect women to carry out terror attacks.

"Using women does not really fit the [militant] model ... which makes carrying out operations easier for them," he said.

PANAMA

Cuba severs ties with Panama



Students from the University of Panama threw molotov cocktails at police during a street protest against Panamanian President Mireya Moscoso's decision to pardon four Cuban exiles Thursday.

Associated Press

PANAMA CITY — Cuba severed diplomatic ties with Panama on Thursday, retaliating within hours for the president's pardoning four Cuban migrants accused of trying to assassinate Cuban President Fidel Castro.

Announcing the pardons just days before she was to leave office, President Mireya Moscoso said she wanted to prevent a future government from extraditing the four when they finish their terms. She pardoned Luis Posada Carriles, Gaspar Jimenez, Guillermo Novo and Pedro Remon.

Cuban officials say Posada led a plan to kill Castro at a summit in Panama in November 2000.

"We know that if they stay, they would face the possibility of being extradited to Venezuela or Cuba where I am sure they would have been killed," she told a news conference. Posada, a 76-year-old former CIA operative, faces criminal charges in Venezuela as well as Cuba.

Almost immediately Havana made good on its threat to cut diplomatic relations with Panama, calling the pardons a violation of Panamanian and international law that made

Moscoso "an accomplice and protector of terrorism."

"The Revolutionary Government announces that as of this minute, 4:15 p.m., diplomatic relations between the Republic of Cuba and the Republic of Panama are broken for an indefinite time," Cuba said in an official statement delivered to international journalists.

"The president of Panama ... will carry the historic responsibility of this repugnant and treacherous action, and will also be responsible for the new crimes these assassins could commit in the future," the statement said.

Cuba had threatened Sunday to immediately break off relations with Panama if Moscoso pardoned the four exiles. Expressing anger at the tone of the Cuban complaints, Moscoso withdrew her country's ambassador from the island this week and ordered the Cuban ambassador here to leave.

Cuba's state-run television announced Thursday that a special program would air later about Posada — whom Castro has called "the worst terrorist in the hemisphere."

The diplomatic clash erupted just days before Moscoso was to hand over the presidency on Sept. 1 to Martin Torrijos.

Panama and Cuba have had relatively friendly relations since restoring ties in the early 1970s. The incoming president is son of populist military strongman Omar Torrijos, who had friendly relations with Castro. Cuba also has used Panama's Colon free zone as a transit point to skirt the U.S. economic embargo of the island.

The four exiles were taken to the city's airport earlier, Moscoso said, but she did not reveal where they were going.

In the alleged plot against Castro, Panamanian courts sentenced Posada and Jimenez to eight years for endangering public safety and falsifying documents, while Novo and Remon got seven years for endangering public safety.

Cuba had protested the sentences, saying they were not tough enough. But Panamanian courts ruled there was not enough evidence to accuse the men of attempted murder or other serious charges such as possession of explosives, which were found near Panama City's airport on the day the men were arrested.

The defendants maintained they were in Panama to help a Cuban general who supposedly had planned to seek political asylum.

Judge seconds abortion act ruling

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal judge declared the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act unconstitutional because it does not contain an exception to protect a woman's health, something the Supreme Court said is required in laws prohibiting types of abortion.

U.S. District Judge Richard C. Casey issued his ruling Thursday — the second such ruling in three months — even as he called the procedure "gruesome, brutal, barbaric and uncivilized."

The law, signed last November, banned a procedure known to doctors as intact dilation and extraction and called partial-birth abortion by abortion foes. The fetus is partially removed from the womb, and the skull is punctured or

crushed.

Louise Melling, director of the ACLU's Reproductive Freedom Project, said her group was thrilled by the ruling.

"We can only hope as we have decision after decision after decision striking these bans, saying they endanger women's health, that the legislatures will finally stop," she said.

On June 1, U.S. District Judge Phyllis Hamilton in San Francisco also found the law unconstitutional, saying it violates a woman's right to choose an abortion. A judge in Lincoln, Neb., has yet to rule. The three judges suspended the ban while they held the trials.

The three verdicts are almost certain to be appealed to the Supreme Court.

"We are in the process of the

appeal of these issues now," Attorney General John Ashcroft said Thursday.

The government has already appealed the San Francisco ruling, said Monica Goodling, a Justice Department spokeswoman.

The ban, which President Clinton twice vetoed, was seen by abortion rights activists as a fundamental departure from the Supreme Court's 1973 precedent in Roe v. Wade. But the Bush administration has argued that the procedure is cruel and unnecessary and causes pain to the fetus.

At trials earlier this year, doctors testified that of 1.3 million abortions performed annually, the law would affect about 130,000, almost all in the second trimester. Some observers suggest the number would be much lower — 2,200 to 5,000.

SMC welcomes new directors



Kirsten Mannion, left, Nicole Clery and Sarah Allard are the three new residence hall directors at Saint Mary's. They lead LeMans, Holy Cross and McCandless Halls, respectively.

By APRIL THOMAS
News Writer

After all but one of the Saint Mary's hall directors left the College at the end of last year, three new faces were on hand to greet students as they settled into their dorms.

Kirsten Mannion, Nicole Clery and Sarah Allard took on the positions left vacant by women with years of experience at the helm of the residence halls.

Mannion, now at the helm of LeMans Hall, is a New York native and a 2001 graduate of Trinity College, a small women's school in Vermont. Mannion fell in love with Saint Mary's after she posted her resume on the resident life website and began corresponding with Saint Mary's ResLife director Michelle Russell.

Ready for the new year, Mannion said she hopes to get to know her residents, promote greater hall spirit and instill a sense of community among the women of LeMans Hall.

"Move-in weekend was excit-

ing. I could put names to faces," she said. "The Saint Mary's women have been open and eager to help and made me feel right at home."

Clery's journey was a mere puddle-jump, as she shifted from a veteran resident advisor in LeMans Hall to the director of Holy Cross.

"It was a natural progression," Clery said.

The 2004 Saint Mary's graduate and current Florida resident served as a resident assistant in LeMans for three years while she pursued a bachelor's degree in communications. After toying with the idea of becoming an admissions counselor, Clery decided the hall director position more her calling. Clery enters this school year with optimism and plans to inspire hall spirit.

"I want Holy Cross residents to get involved in their hall and college," she said.

This year, along with the usual dozens of freshmen McCandless Hall welcomed its new director Allard.

A Northern Illinois University graduate from outside Peoria,

Ill., Allard stumbled upon the position over the Internet.

"I chose Saint Mary's because it was so different than NIU," she said. "I wanted a different experience."

Allard said she found the summer-to-school year transition surprisingly smooth because the resident move-ins were sporadic and manageable. She added that she wants the women of McCandless to enjoy their time at Saint Mary's and take advantage of all the opportunities the College offers.

"I hope they will have fun but maintain focus on their studies," she said.

Hall director duties include supporting and directing the resident advisors of each hall, coordinating hall programs and events, distributing Residence Life-issued information and overseeing the front desk workers of the hall.

The women are replacing former hall directors Christine Artz, Melissa Peters and Natissa Kultan.

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Kissinger comments green light abuses

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — While Argentina's military junta was suppressing dissidents in 1976, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger told the country's foreign minister, "If there are things that have to be done, you should do them quickly," according to a newly declassified document.

The conversation left Argentine generals with the belief that Kissinger gave them "a carte blanche for the dirty war," said Carlos Osorio of the National Security Archives. The foreign policy research center obtained the documents that were being released Friday.

But a former State Department official who attended Kissinger's meeting in June 1976 with Argentina's foreign minister, Adm. Cesar Augusto Guzzetti, said that view was "a distortion of history."

"It's a canard," said William D. Rogers, vice chair of Kissinger's lobbying firm, Kissinger Associates. "The idea that he would tell another country to violate human rights quickly or slowly or under any circumstances is preposterous."

Kissinger's office did not respond to a request for comment. He has denied condoning abuses.

The documents revive the debate about Kissinger's relationship with military dictators in Latin America when he was secretary of state in the Nixon and Ford administrations. It was an era when military officers frequently toppled elected governments and brutalized dissidents, but were accepted by U.S. leaders as anti-communist allies.

Argentina's military rulers seized power in a March 1976, beginning six years of rule in which they kidnapped, tortured and killed dissidents. The government says 8,900 people disappeared over that period; human rights groups put the figure around 30,000.

Three months after the coup, Kissinger met Guzzetti while in Santiago, Chile, to attend an Organization of American States meeting. Detailed notes of the meeting were taken by Luigi

Einaudi, a member of the State Department policy planning staff. Einaudi now is assistant secretary-general at the OAS.

In an interview, Einaudi said his recollections of the meeting are vague after 28 years, but he doubts Kissinger would have said anything to condone abuses. Because of congressional pressure and public opinion, "the political reality was the United States could not put up with those kinds of abuses," he said.

Kissinger told Guzzetti he wished his government well. "We wish it will succeed. We will do what we can to help it succeed," Kissinger said, according to Einaudi's account.

Kissinger spoke of Argentina's problem in which "political, criminal and terrorist activities tend to merge without any clear separation." He said he understood the government's need to establish authority, "but it is also clear that the absence of normal procedures will be used against you."

Kissinger said the United States could not help Argentina fight terrorism, but may be able to help economically.

Guzzetti spoke of the need to "create disincentives to potential terrorist activities" and complained that outsiders did not understand Argentina's problems, Einaudi's notes show. Kissinger responded "as a friend," that "military governments are not the most effective in dealing with these problems." He noted problems in Chile, then led by Gen. Augusto Pinochet.

"You will have to make an international effort to have your problems understood," Kissinger said. "Otherwise you too will come under increasing attack. If there are things that have to be done, you should do them quickly. But you must get back quickly to normal procedures."

Previously declassified documents suggest that Argentine leaders took heart from the exchange. President Jorge Videla told U.S. Ambassador Robert Hill in that September that "Kissinger understood their problem and had said he hoped they could get terrorism under control as quickly as possible."

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Prove ranking wrong

Rankings carry great weight at a school like Notre Dame. Students, administrators and faculty are rightfully proud of the University's consistent status as a top school in academics, sports, spirituality and other distinctions that make the school famous.

Now we're No. 1 — again — as the most homophobic university in America, as thousands of high school seniors will learn when they scour the Princeton Review rankings in search of the perfect college fit. But how much stock should they, and the University, place in the Review's choice?

Of course, these seniors also know that Notre Dame is one of the premier Catholic universities in the country, where many students follow the Church's teachings to the letter of the law. But that Catholic identity should never give the impression that the University actively discriminates against any individuals — regardless of what doctrine says about their sexual orientation — who choose to enter the Notre Dame community.

It is clear the Notre Dame student body doesn't want to be on the most homophobic list, much less atop it. Last year, the "Gay? Fine By Me" campaign blanketed campus on two separate occasions, when nearly 2,000 people donned the bright orange shirts.

While this kind of demonstration is intended to prove the Review's rankings are inaccurate, it cannot affect change when the evaluation procedure itself is skewed.

To compile its homophobic rankings, the Review simply asked

300 students at random to agree or disagree with one statement: "Students, faculty and administrators treat all persons equally regardless of sexual orientation." The answers, based on a one-to-five sliding scale, were then compiled and posted in the publication.

The Princeton Review's generalizations about colleges across the country based on such an unreliable method of research are simply irresponsible. To stereotype any school for any issue — from the biggest party school to the worst food to the most homophobic — on such limited questioning is unfair.

But this does not excuse the fact that Notre Dame is still on the list. Rather, it should remind students that prejudice against homosexuals is still a very real issue on this campus. Even though the survey sought opinions from a very small constituent of Notre Dame students, the results have teeth. Three hundred students who perceive such a large problem on this campus are 300 too many.

The student body should take offense at how outsiders — especially those thousands of high school seniors — perceive its attitudes. The Princeton Review's assessment of Notre Dame should motivate all students, faculty and administrators to act in a manner fair to all individuals, regardless of differences in race, gender or sexual orientation. Changing just 300 minds could change far more.

The Observer Editorial

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Revocation of visa a bad omen

I was very disturbed to read in the Aug. 25 Observer that the Department of Homeland Security has withdrawn the visa of Professor Tariq Ramadan, a distinguished Muslim scholar scheduled to begin teaching at Notre Dame this fall.

In a recent story in the Chicago Tribune, Professor Scott Appleby was reported as saying that anyone who has evidence that Professor Ramadan has links to terrorist groups or activities should produce it; otherwise, it looks very much as if Professor Ramadan is being kept out of the country because his views are challenging and may be

unpopular. If so, the government's decision is bad news — bad for democracy and bad for the ideals of open inquiry that Notre Dame cherishes.

I am sure I join many of my colleagues in supporting the University in its efforts to obtain an explanation, and hopefully a reversal of this troubling decision.

Jean Porter

O'Brien Professor of Theological Ethics
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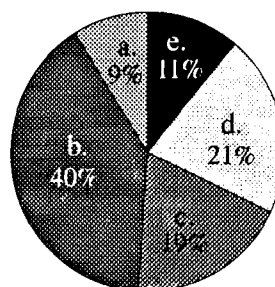
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| d. Two of the above | 21% |
| e. All of the above | 11% |



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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Don't ask for a light load, but rather ask for a strong back."

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OLYMPICS

Hamm, Fouady and Fawcett end with gold

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — When the final whistle blew, an exhausted Mia Hamm was quickly swarmed by 17 thrilled teammates.

A few minutes later, an Olympic gold medal was hanging around her neck, too.

Hamm and the rest of the Fab Five had just enough left in their thirtysomething legs for one more title, beating Brazil 2-1 Thursday in overtime in their final tournament together.

"I can't think of a better group of players that I'd want to stand out there and compete with," Hamm said. "They carried me tonight, that's for sure."

Abby Wambach, the player who might break Hamm's records one day, scored in the 112th minute with a powerful 10-yard header off a corner kick from Kristine Lilly. It was Wambach's fourth goal of the Athens Games and 18th in her last 20 games.

The game marked the final competitive appearance together for the remaining players from the first World Cup championship team in 1991. The five helped bring their sport to national prominence and captured the country's imagination by winning the World Cup in 1999, and together they have played in 1,230 international

matches.

Hamm, Julie Fouady and Joy Fawcett are retiring from the national team — although they might play in some farewell exhibitions this fall — leaving Lilly and Brandi Chastain as the last of the old guard. Hamm plans to start a family with her husband, Chicago Cubs short-stop Nomar Garciaparra.

"I talked about feeling good about where I was in my life, and this is a great way to end it," Hamm said.

The retiring players left happy with the final result, but they might not want to watch a replay of a game that showed it was perhaps time for them to hang it up.

Maybe they were trying too hard, but the Americans were slower, less organized, less creative and lost the chase to most of the loose balls against the young Brazilians, who weren't afraid to shove the U.S. stars around.

Pretinha scored for Brazil in the 73rd off of a rebound, and the Brazilians twice hit the post later in regulation, coming within inches of what would have been the winning goal.

"We were bending, but we weren't breaking," goalkeeper Briana Scurry said. "They were throwing the kitchen sink at us, but I knew we had the heart to win it."

Hamm especially was a non-factor, unable to find space to make the kind of runs that made her famous. She had no legs left in the overtime of the 266th game of a 17-year career that included a world-record 153 goals.

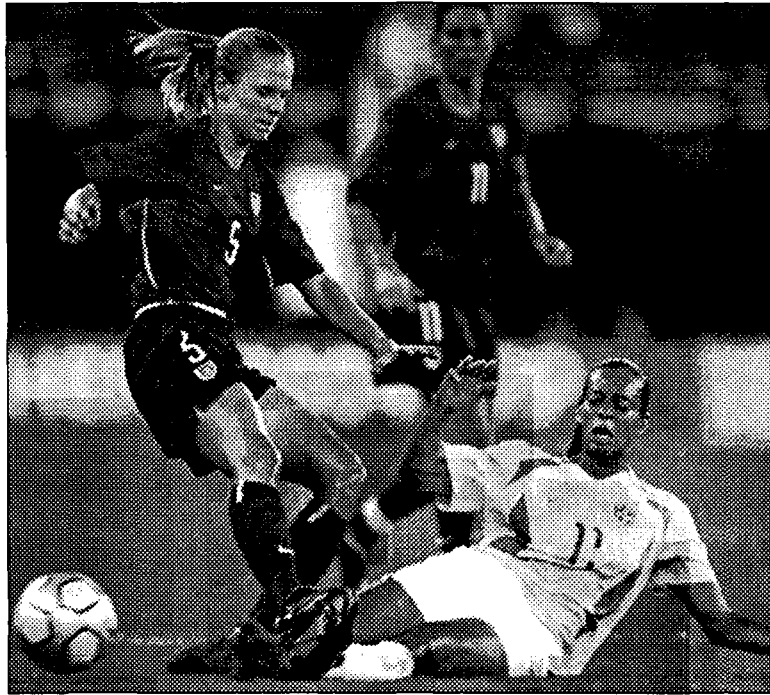
The U.S. team was rescued by Wambach, some great saves from Scurry and a goal from Lindsay Tarpley, one of two college players on the team, in the 39th minute.

"Tarp and I, it's the least we can do for the women who have meant so much to us," Wambach said.

After the game, the team took a victory lap, waving flags to the crowd of 10,416 at Karaiki Stadium.

Hamm clenched her fists under her chin and looked to the sky with teary eyes after arriving behind the podium for the medal ceremony. Fouady, Fawcett, Hamm, Lilly and Chastain stood together at the far left — making them first on their team to receive medals. Hamm blew a kiss to the crowd when her name was announced. Fouady smiled and helped lead the fans in a chant of "U-S-A."

Brazil received its first women's soccer medal after finishing fourth at the last two Olympics. Germany, which beat Sweden 1-0 in the third-place



Brazil's Rosana slide tackles USA's Lindsay Tarpley in the gold medal game Thursday. The U.S. won 2-1 in overtime.

game, took the bronze.

The win helped erase the sting of the loss to Norway in the gold-medal game in Sydney four years ago and a third-place finish at last year's World Cup. In the 1990s, the United States ruled women's soccer, but the other teams have caught up over the last five years.

The victory also offers a

measure of vindication for coach April Heinrichs, who took over after the 1999 World Cup triumph and failed to win the top prize in 2000 or 2003.

The team was captained for the last time by Fouady, who played the entire 120 minutes just three days after spraining her right ankle in the semifinal victory over Germany.

Marbury's 31 points leads U.S. past Spain

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Written off after their opener and branded failures back home, Stephon Marbury and the Americans are showing signs that they just might be the team to beat after all.

For a change, the face of frustration belonged to someone other than an American after Marbury's performance. He set a U.S. men's Olympic record with 31 points and broke the team mark with six 3-pointers, leading the suddenly accurate Americans into the semifinals with a 102-94 victory over Spain on Thursday.

In a game that ended with the opposing coaches swearing and pointing at one another, the United States finally started hitting jump shots — just as Larry Brown predicted.

"They were very good on 3s. That was something new in this tournament," Spain's Pau Gasol said. "They looked motivated, and it'll be hard to beat them if they keep playing like that."

After spending 90 minutes practicing jumpers in an empty gym on a day off, Marbury made half of his team's 12 3-pointers and was a big reason why the previously undefeated Spaniards are now out of medal contention.

As the teams left the court, Spanish coach Mario Pesquera and Brown had to be separated by their assistants in an argument over a timeout Brown took with 23 seconds left and his team up by 11 points.

"I had — and I stress the word 'had' — a lot of respect for Larry Brown," said Pesquera, who smirked and shook his head when he heard Brown explain

that he tried to rescind the timeout. "Dean Smith would have never done anything like that."

Marbury scored just 21 points in his team's first five games, missing 24 of 30 shots. The Americans lost two of them, to Puerto Rico and Lithuania.

But those struggles are in the past, and the Americans now have a chance to win the gold medal. Next up is a semifinal Friday against Argentina, which in 2002 became the first team to defeat a U.S. squad comprised of NBA players.

Argentina defeated Greece 69-64 in Thursday's final quarterfinal. The other semifinal pits Lithuania, which defeated China 95-75, against Italy, which downed Puerto Rico 83-70.

Marbury's six 3s broke the record of five set by Reggie Miller against China in 1996, and his

scoring total passed the mark of 30 points shared by Charles Barkley (1992 vs. Brazil) and Adrian Dantley (1976 vs. Yugoslavia). The Olympic record is 55 points by Oscar Schmidt of Brazil against Spain in 1988. The record for any U.S. player is 35 by Lisa Leslie against Japan in 1996.

Allen Iverson added 16 points, making three 3-pointers, and the Americans finally resembled U.S. teams from the past three Olympics. They didn't get rattled by a large disparity in fouls (27-18), they knocked down their free throws to maintain the lead in the final two minutes, and they topped 100 points for the first time in the tournament.

The Americans finished 12-for-22 on 3-pointers after shooting a tournament-low 24 percent in their first five games.

"We've been playing against so much zone, it doesn't really matter anymore," Marbury said. "We're starting to like playing against zones."

Marbury had struggled the most in the team's first five games, uncomfortable with Brown's insistence that a point guard should run the offense rather than score. Historically a shoot-first, pass-second player, Marbury's mind-set was fundamentally at odds with his coach's.

"Playing under coach Brown is not easy," Marbury said. "It's tough because he demands so much from you — to try to play your game and try to do what he wants, and have that all combine in one has been a challenge to me. But it's been a great challenge."

Gasol led Spain with 29 points but was held to just four in the fourth quarter by a tenacious American defensive effort which quieted a crowd of 14,500 that included Spain's King Juan Carlos.

"It was said that the public supports the weaker team. I think in this case the public was solidly behind the stronger team because we were the stronger team," said Pesquera, who also complained that the officials allowed the Americans to get away with traveling violations.

"I think this game was played under NBA rules, not FIBA rules," he said.

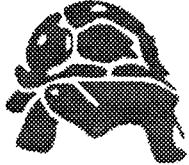
Several Spanish players threw their hands up and stared at the American bench in disgust when Brown called his late timeout. Pesquera wasn't buying Brown's explanation.

"I tried to apologize, I tried to explain, and he kept saying something about the NBA. I would never try to embarrass anybody," Brown said.

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GOLF

Pavin leads way at Buick Championship



Matt Weibring chips out of the sand at the Buick Championship Thursday in Cromwell, Conn.

Associated Press

CROMWELL, Conn. — Corey Pavin started strong and finished with a flourish for one of the best rounds of his career and a three-stroke lead at the inaugural Buick Championship on Thursday.

Pavin matched his career low with an 8-under-par 62 at TPC at River Highlands. It was also a season low for 44-year-old Pavin and the best round in his 12 appearances at the tournament formerly called the Greater Hartford Open.

Pavin has contended in this event several times, especially in the mid-1990s when he finished with a second and third.

"I've had good success in the past and for some reason, I play OK," Pavin said. "Anytime you get to a golf course you feel comfortable on, you just feel good that you might shoot a good score or things are going to come together. And today was a day that everything seemed to come together."

Bob Burns and Matt Weibring are second at 5-under 65. Bunched together four strokes behind the leader with 66s were Fred Funk, David Peoples, Jerry Kelly, Jason Dufner and Craig Bowden.

Pavin's round was one stroke off the tournament record of 61 held by three players — two-time champ Phil Mickelson, Scott Verplank and Kirk Triplett. It also matched the event's best first-round score, set in 2001 by Jonathan Kaye. Pavin's only other 62 came in the 1990 Texas Open, where he finished third.

He took advantage of ideal scoring conditions in his morning round after heavy fog lifted and softened the greens at TPC at River Highlands. Pavin holed

a 120-yard wedge shot on the 341-yard second hole for an eagle. His seven-birdie round included a 45-foot chip-in at No. 18 that brought a roar from the gallery.

His only stumble was a bogey at No. 12, when he missed a 10-footer for par.

The 24-year-old Weibring is playing on a sponsor's exemption and is competing in just his third PGA Tour event. His father, D.A. Weibring, won this event in 1996 with his then 16-year-old son in the gallery.

Matt Weibring is making his first return to Hartford since that win, but remembers vividly his father's shotmaking in the final round and his one-stroke win over Tom Kite.

"I've got real good memories of my dad hitting those shots, so kind of in my head, I had an idea what to do and what kind of shots to play," the younger Weibring said. "If I can stay and not get caught up in what is actually happening, I think I'll be able to be all right."

Burns has made just nine cuts in 21 events this season and has one top-10 finish. His only win on tour came at the Disney Classic in 2002.

Pavin, the 1995 U.S. Open champ, has just one top-10 finish this season and is looking for his first win since 1996. He's been working with swing coach Butch Harmon the past year and likes the direction his game is heading.

"Certainly it's important where I end up on Sunday, but right now the journey is really important for me and what I go through and how I get to that point where I'm playing to the best of my ability," Pavin said. "If I happen to win great ... But as long as I'm going in the right direction, that's all I'm after right now."

MLB

Royals' Berroa struggles at plate

2003 AL Rookie of the Year falters after solid season

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — At this point in a lost season, the Kansas City Royals can only hope that Angel Berroa turns out better than "The Hammer."

Bob Hamelin was the AL Rookie of the Year in 1994 with the Royals, a big slugger with a colorful nickname. Five years later, he was out of the big leagues.

The Royals believe Berroa can avoid that fate.

Berroa was the AL's top rookie last year, winning the award and sparking the Royals into a playoff race.

But this year, the 26-year-old shortstop stumbled so badly at the plate and in the field that he wound up at Double-A Wichita earlier this month.

"He knows why we sent him down," Kansas City manager Tony Pena said Monday after Berroa was recalled from his two-week stint in the minors.

"This ballclub had not played well the whole year and he wanted to do more than what he was capable of doing. He started pressing and tried to carry the ballclub all by himself, so we sent him down just to get him to relax and come back playing the way he's capable of playing," he said.

Berroa was hitting under .250 as the weekend approached and striking out four times as much as he walked. He also was among

the league leaders in errors.

It's a far cry from last season, when he hit .287 with 17 homers and 73 RBIs. After finishing with their first winning season in almost a decade, the Royals rewarded him in May with a four-year, \$11 million contract extension.

Berroa is not the only Kansas City player struggling this summer. The Royals already are out of playoff contention, a disappointing performance for a young team that hoped to build on its 2003 surge.

Whatever Berroa is going through — and whether he's still bothered by the migraine headaches that put him on the 15-day disabled list in April — he's keeping it to himself.

There's no chance even to ask.

"I don't want to talk," Berroa said last week in Wichita after the Wranglers beat San Antonio 4-3 in 10 innings. "Nothing to say."

While the Royals are not giving up on Berroa by any means, there's certainly a worry around town that he could end up like others stellar rookies, such as Hamelin, whose careers tailed off sharply.

Joe Charboneau was the AL's top rookie in 1980 with the Cleveland Indians. He played only two more seasons. Pat Listach, the AL Rookie of the Year for the Milwaukee Brewers 1992, lasted only six years in the majors before retiring with a career .251 average.

Wichita manager Frank White, who played 18 years at second base with the Royals and won eight Gold Gloves over that span, recently said Berroa seemed to be learning from his demotion.

"Basically what you're trying to do is just keep him focused," White said. "When you have the kind of success he had last year — and then this year he's not making the routine plays — then basically, you have to go back and ask, 'Is he ready for them?' Is he going out there before every pitch and saying, 'I want the ball hit to me?'"

"I don't want to talk. Nothing to say."

**Angel Berroa
Royals shortstop**

In one game at Wichita, Berroa showed off his skills in the field with six assists.

"When you watch him play shortstop, things just come so easily for him."

White said. "He's got a quick arm, and he's got a lot of strength in that arm. Every night, he's made two or three outstanding plays."

But on the basepaths, Berroa showed a lapse in concentration that could have cost Wichita the game.

With the score tied at 3 in the bottom of the ninth, he led off with a single and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt.

Then he took off for third — on his own, White said — and was thrown out. The next batter up singled.

"The good thing is, he was hustling and being aggressive," White said. "You don't ever want to take that away from a guy — you just want to explain the situation."

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Is living in South Bend dangerous?

Do your allergies or asthma get worse when you return to South Bend in the fall? The problem may be more serious than pollens.

Industry-reported Toxic Release Inventories (TRIs), required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, show that St. Joseph County's cancer risk, from air releases of known carcinogens, makes it dirtier than 90 percent of all counties in the United States. Living in an air pollution "non-attainment area," South Bend residents face a cancer risk 100 times higher than that mandated by the U.S. Clean Air Act. The county's emissions of volatile organic compounds, for example, place it among the dirtiest counties in the entire United States.

And things are getting worse. During the last reported year (2002), toxic chemical releases in South Bend increased 84 percent, while toxic releases for the whole state increased only 4.7 percent.

Indiana ranks third, behind Texas and Pennsylvania, in volumes of carcinogens released annually. Most of those releases are here in northwest Indiana.

Yet the South Bend situation is worse in at least seven respects than these TRI data indicate.

For one thing, TRIs are based only on what local polluting industries claim they release. Most TRIs are never audited. When they are, they show companies greatly underreport toxic releases. After all, would every industry report its illegal releases, if doing so might bring fines and lawsuits?

Second, the South-Bend situation is worse than TRI data indicate because TRI county reports cover only releases in a single county. South Bend's real (aggregate) pollution, including both local and upwind sources, is much higher than TRI data show. South Bend is downwind of heavy polluters Gary and East Chicago (in Lake and Porter Counties). Lake County is in the worst 10 percent of all U.S. counties

for land releases of hazardous wastes, for example. Porter County is in the worst 10 percent of all U.S. counties for air releases of reproductive toxicants. These two counties, between Chicago and South Bend, release at least as many carcinogens as does South Bend. And although South Bend residents face pollution from all three counties, our TRIs include only the St. Joseph County contributions to South-Bend pollution. They ignore the toxins we receive downwind from the other two counties. As a result, we South Bend residents often breathe air that is worse than that in the poorest South Chicago slums.

Third, industry-reported TRI data are likely under-reports of pollution because they are company estimates. They are not based on measured releases.

Fourth, the EPA requires only the largest industries to report TRI data. Other releases are ignored.

Fifth, TRIs cover only about 650 of more than 80,000 U.S. industrial chemicals. Ninety-eight percent of these chemicals have never been sys-

tematically tested.

Sixth, companies are required to report neither the quantities of toxic chemicals they use, nor the amounts remaining in products — both of which might provide clues for estimating actual toxic releases.

Finally, TRI data underestimate local pollution, especially carcinogens, because they do not provide information about residents or total toxic chemical exposures, in addition to doses from selected local industries.

What are the main locally-released pollutants? TRI data for 2001, the latest year for which individual data are available, show the top 12 pollutants, in pounds per year released in St. Joseph County, are styrene

(263,945), toluene (68,718), methyl isobutyl ketone (50,688), xylene (49,049), n-hexane (20,998), chlorine (14,800), hydrochloric acid (11,869), ethylene (10,472), manganese (9,013), Glycol ethers (5,364), aluminum (4,895) and zinc compounds (3,697). Who are some of the local companies, like AM General, releasing these chemicals?

TRI data show major styrene and

zinc-compound polluters include Interplastic Corporation. Major benzene, toluene, ethylene and methylisobutyl-ketone polluters include Honeywell. Toro Products and Lock Joint Tube are among those releasing xylene and hydrochloric acid. Major hydrochloric acid polluters include Kokoku Wire Industries. Federal Mogul is a major lead, manganese, aluminum, nickel, copper and zinc-compound polluter. Major methyl ethyl ketone and sulfuric acid polluters include Nimet. Koontz-Wagner Electric is a major 1,1,1-Trichloroethane polluter. And among other chemicals, Steel Warehouse releases nickel, chromium, manganese and hydrochloric acid.

All these TRI chemicals are extremely hazardous. Most are both carcinogenic and developmental or reproductive toxicants that affect children and women disproportionately. Styrene, toluene, xylene and benzene, for example, also are suspected neurotoxins, cardiovascular toxicants, liver toxicants, gastrointestinal toxicants, immunotoxicants, kidney toxicants, respiratory toxicants and skin toxicants.

But South Bend companies, like Interplastic and Nimet, have more in common than industry-reported TRI data. They also are major polluters who receive annual city-tax breaks. South Bend literally pays these industries, even though they make some of us sick.

Do the added jobs created by polluting companies ethically justify their tax breaks? And do these local polluters actually create jobs? Should the most vulnerable among us, our children and members of minority groups, bear the heaviest burdens for South Bend economic development?

See later columns. The answers may surprise you.

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U-WIRE

Kerry gets last word on Swift Boat ad

Presidential hopeful John Kerry has at least one thing going for him that Al Gore didn't: His shrewd and savvy campaign advisers.

In the last several weeks a public advocacy group calling itself Swift Boat Veterans for Truth produced and paid for a commercial accusing the presidential hopeful of lying about his military service in Vietnam. In the ad, 13 veterans who served with or near Kerry spoke out on the incidents that surrounded his five medals — including his third Purple Heart, which precipitated his transfer back to the U.S. after only four months in Vietnam.

Much to Kerry's dismay, the allegations made an impression on voters.

The University of Pennsylvania's National Annenberg Election Survey found that more than half the respondents had seen or heard of the ad and 44 percent of self-described independent voters found the ad very or somewhat believable.

Separately, a CBS poll found that since the end of the Democratic National Convention, Kerry's support among veterans has dropped sharply.

A key focus of the convention was to highlight Kerry's war record and portray him as a battle-tested veteran ready to assume command in an era of terrorism. Polls immediately following the con-

vention showed the campaign had made considerable progress towards that goal. Now, much of that progress seems to have been eroded by this single ad.

In response to the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth ad, the MoveOn.org political action committee (a liberal interest group) launched a rebuttal ad accusing President Bush of using family connections to avoid the Vietnam War. Actually, while his unit was not called up, President George W. Bush served his country as a pilot in the Texas Air National Guard during the Vietnam War, accumulating over two years of active duty service.

Many will undoubtedly view the MoveOn.org ad as a tit-for-tat response to the Swift Boat ad, an attempt to counter the damage done to Kerry by damaging President Bush on the same front. However, most will not see the true reason for the release of the MoveOn.org ad.

Shortly after the MoveOn.org ad was released, presidential hopeful John Kerry publicly condemned this ad, which criticized Bush, saying, "This should be a campaign of issues, not insults."

At first glance, Kerry is apparently taking the "high road" when it comes to negative campaigning, but his true reasoning behind denouncing the MoveOn.org ad does not stop there.

By denouncing what has so far been an ineffective ad against Bush, pressure on the President to do

the same with the Swift Boat ad has been constant and heavy. For weeks, the White House has declined to do so, yet finally yielded recently. During the prolonged silence from the White House, John Kerry stepped up his calls for the President to have the courage to "stand up and stop" the attacks on his combat record. In doing so, he deflected some of the criticism leveled at him toward Bush's refusal to stop the personal attacks for so long.

From a campaign standpoint, this is nothing short of sheer genius. John Kerry's campaign advisers have taken a damaging situation and spun it in their favor. By placing Kerry as the first to denounce what they've defined as personal attacks on the other candidate, Kerry's advisers have positioned their man as the candidate who wishes to walk the "high road" and simultaneously forced President Bush to slam what many have seen as the most effective ad of his campaign.

If the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth gave Kerry some lemons, right now he must be drinking some mighty sweet lemonade.

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Daily Cougar

Albums
from
Talib KweliTrain of Thought/
Reflection Eternal

"Tap into your chi
Utilize your memory
To help you see clearly, then get back to me
Actually, nothing's new under the sun
So when life be stressing me
My remedy is 'bringing back sweet memories'
Like the faces that are woven in the fabric of my
consciousness"
-from "Memories Live"

Mos Def and
Talib Kweli
are
Black Star



"Consider me the entity within the industry without
a history of spittin' the epitome,
of stupidity -- livin' my life
expressin' my liberty, it gotta be done properly
My name is in the middle of e-Kweli-ty
People follow me and other cats they hear him flow
And assume I'm the real one with lyrics like I'm
Cyrano"

-from "Definition"

Quality



"My heart go out to everybody at Ground Zero
Red, black, yellow, white and brown heroes
It's more complicated than black and white
To give your own life is the greatest sacrifice
But it's hard for me to walk down the block
Seeing rats and roaches, crack viles and 40 ounce posters
People broken down from years of oppression
Become patriots when they way of life is threatened
It's a hard conversation to have
We lost kids, moms and dads, people ready to fight for the flag."
-from "The Proud"

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*Emcee continues to stand tall
for his beliefs in new album*

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

Anyone who thinks hip-hop is all about cars, money and using women has obviously never heard Talib Kweli.

Since "Black Star," his first album with Mos Def was released in 1998, the emcee has gained a reputation for conscientious rap about real life and real problems. In contrast to many popular hip-hop artists, Kweli talks about politics, poverty and family intelligently and poetically.

Kweli may not have earned the radio time and bigger contracts of some of his more famous peers, but the difference is hardly due to a difference in quality of music. Like much of the best music of any genre, Kweli's tracks have gained more respect than radio play.

The artist hardly shuns the work of more popular rappers. "Get By," one of his most famous tracks, uses a beat from Kanye West, a producer who has also worked with big name artists like Ludacris, Jay-Z and Alicia Keys. Besides his album produced with Mos Def, Kweli has also worked with Jay-Z and Busta Rhymes. But for Kweli himself, saying what he wants to say seems to come a long way before making it onto 99.1 FM.

In anticipation of tonight's visit to the Notre Dame campus, Kweli spoke about his new release, coming out on Sept. 28, his past work and his opinion on current popular music.

What made you want to perform at a place like Notre Dame?

They offered me money to come. I do colleges all the time, usually two or three a month.

How does your new album compare with what you've done in the past?

This album is a lot more focused on where the music took me. In the past I was more focused on making a complete album, and this time I was more focused on complete production.

What are some of your favorite tracks from your past albums?

"Memories Live" off of "Reflection Eternal" is one of them ... "Get By" off "Quality" is one of my favorites. I like it because the same energy I put into making an album in the past, I put into making that song, and I've put into songs in the future.

What are some of your favorites to watch for on your new album?

"I Try" with Mary J. Blige, it's produced by Kanye West. There's another track called "Broken Glass" that I really like. "Beautiful Struggle" is the title track of the album. Those are my favorites.

How do the themes on your new album compare with your old work?

The themes are pretty much the same. The album is called "Beautiful Struggle," and I stick pretty much to that. I mention my kids specifically on a song called "Black Pain." I focus on people's struggles instead of criticism. I'm trying to tell a story.

A lot of hip-hop fans are part of a younger fan base, and hip-hop sometimes gets a bad rap for the kinds of messages some artists convey. Do you feel like some emcees cross the line in the kinds

of things they say?

I feel like an artist's responsibility is to be honest with themselves, and if you're doing that there is no line to cross. Sometimes your responsibility as a human being and as an artists cross, in that case we have to make sure that adults listen to something and [give it some context]. That's the responsibility of the parents and educators, not the artists. We live in a society that is very vulgar, and hip-hop talks about these things.

So as your own kids get older, will you feel like you need to limit what they listen to?

If it's something that's relevant to them, I'll let them listen to it, even if it's violent or vulgar. But I'll give them a context for how to listen to it, not just drop it on them cold.

What do you want to do through the kind of music you produce?

I'm just trying to be myself and show that hip-hop is beautiful. You don't have to try to be someone else. You can just be yourself and contribute to it.

Who are some of the artists out there recording now who you like to listen to?

Jill Scott has a new album out that's beautiful, and Jadakis. ... As far as what I've been listening to lately, some Anthony Hamilton and Ghostface. Ceelo just put out an incredible album.

Are there any other projects you're planning for the near future?

I'm getting ready to do something with the Beastie Boys, and after that I'll be working with Mos Def.

Will this be another Black Star album?

Eventually, yes.

Talib Kweli will perform tonight as co-headliner of The Show version 3.0. Tickets are available for \$10 to Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students only.

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Emcee Talib Kweli has earned respect throughout the hip-hop community for his politically conscious lyrics.

nts Talib Kweli on Mraz

Coffeeshop rocker brings his San Diego sound to the JACC

By SARAH VABULAS and MOLLY GRIFFIN
Scene Writers

Another school year has begun, and yet again, students must contemplate how to spend their precious first weekend hours.

If you're a music fan, The Show version 3.0, sponsored by the Student Union Board, scheduled for tonight is an event not to be missed. This year's concert will bring co-headliner Jason Mraz, one of the biggest up-and-coming artists on the popular music scene, to the Joyce Center for a price that is impossible to beat. His album "Waiting for My Rocket to Come" debuted in November 2002 and rose quickly in the charts. You'll most likely remember Mraz for his song, "The Remedy," which constantly played on top 40 radio stations across the country during the summer of 2003.

Mraz grew up in Mechanicsville, Va. listening to the Dave Matthews Band and local roots musicians. He began his career with an interest and participation in musical theatre. After graduating high school he moved to New York to attend the American Musical and Dramatic Academy, but dropped out after only a year to take up the guitar and focus on songwriting.

After living and working in New York, Mraz returned to Virginia, but only for a short time. In 1999 he headed west to San Diego, known across the country for its coffeehouse scene and large support of upcoming singers and songwriters. One of the most famous artists to emerge from this unique music scene prior to Mraz is Jewel. Mraz began playing local shops and found a weekly gig at a popular, local coffee shop called Java Joe's. Around the same time, Mraz met drummer Toca Rivera. Soon afterward, the two were playing together with Mraz on acoustic guitar and Rivera on djembe. They cre-

ated a live performance that showcased as much comedy between the two as it did music.

Mraz's popularity traveled to Los Angeles over the course of the next two years, earning the attention of record labels. In early 2002, Mraz signed a contract with Elektra Records. He returned to Virginia, where he wrote and recorded his debut album. Mraz worked with producer John Alagia, famous for producing for the Dave Matthews Band, John Mayer and OAR. He was backed by another Alagia-produced band, the Agents of Good Roots.

Since his move to California, Mraz has shared venues with wide range of artists including Bob Dylan, Paula Cole, Jewel and David Gray.

The fruits of their labors came to be "Waiting for My Rocket to Come," an album which hit the top 40 charts thanks in a large part to the success of the single "The Remedy." The heavy radio rotation of the single, coupled with word-of-mouth buzz, helped the album find its way into the CD collections of music fans across the country.

"Waiting for My Rocket to Come" blends Mraz's early influences and coming-of-age by combining country and roots rock with the poeticism of coffeehouse folk, elements of jazz and the rhythmic charge of hip-hop. His wide-ranging and unusual blend of musical influences reveals itself in it in his singles like the upbeat hit "The Remedy," the romantic ballad "You and I Both" and the hip-hop tinged "Curbside Prophet."

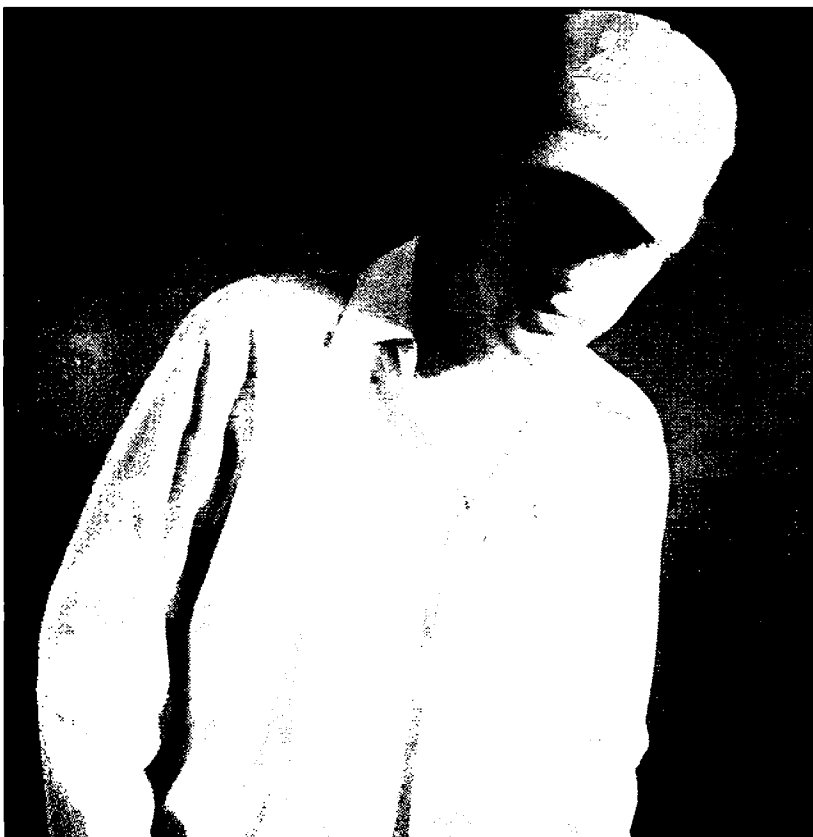
Like many coffeehouse artists, Mraz writes emotional songs about a variety of subjects, but relationships, both good and bad, remain the central focus of much of his music.

Mraz's training as a vocalist shows itself on his debut album, which is marked by the pure clarity and range of his vocals. True to the hip-hop style he admires, Mraz also scats and raps on some of his songs, which adds a different spin to the usual acoustic singer/songwriter sound.

On Tuesday, Mraz released a live CD/DVD combination set. "Tonight, Not Again: Jason Mraz Live at the Eagles Ballroom" was recorded and filmed last October at Milwaukee's Eagles Ballroom. Jason is joined onstage by his band and a number of special guests, including Blues Traveler's John Popper. The set list includes four new Mraz-penned songs. In addition to the full-length concert, the DVD includes an array of bonus footage, including exclusive behind-the-scenes segments.

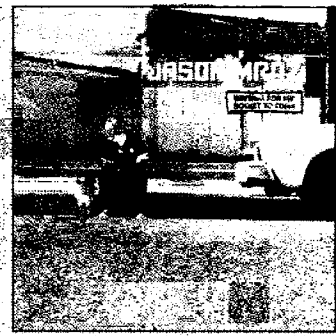
Jason Mraz is not simply just another coffeehouse singer/songwriter. The artist has great potential for longevity. His creative lyrics, inspired delivery and ability to write high-energy music will keep fans looking for more as his career continues to grow.

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Singer/songwriter Jason Mraz mixes a variety of styles, from acoustic pop to hip-hop, on "Waiting for My Rocket to Come." Photo courtesy of www.free-albums.net

Albums from Jason Mraz



Waiting for My Rocket to Come

"The remedy is the experience. It is a dangerous liaison
I say the comedy is that it's serious. Which is a strange enough new play on words
I say the tragedy is how you're gonna spend the rest of your nights with the light on
So shine the light on all of your friends because it all amounts to nothing in the end."

-from "The Remedy (I Won't Worry)"



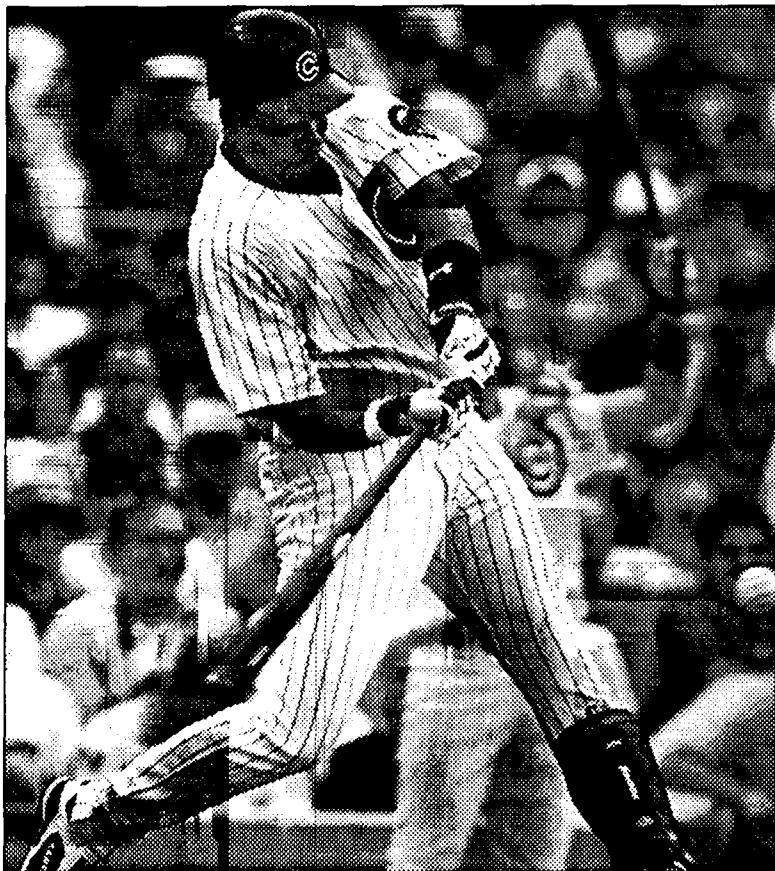
Tonight, Not Again: Jason Mraz Live at the Eagles Ballroom

"See I'm all about them words
Over numbers, unencumbered
numbered words
Hundreds of pages, pages, pages forwards
More words then I had ever heard and I feel so alive"

-from "You and I Both"

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Sosa, Ramirez go long to power Cubs past Astros



Cubs third baseman Aramis Ramirez hits a home run against the Astros Thursday in an 8-3 Cubs win.

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Sammy Sosa and Aramis Ramirez hit consecutive homers in a five-run third inning, and the Chicago Cubs beat the Houston Astros 8-3 for their fifth straight win.

Mark Prior (4-3) needed 116 pitches to get through six innings, but got his first win in three weeks. He gave up seven hits, including Jeff Bagwell's 19th homer, and escaped a second-and-third, no-outs jam in the sixth.

Leading the NL wild-card race, the Cubs won for the ninth time in 12 games. The loss was just the third in 11 games for the Astros, who fell seven games behind the Cubs.

Nomar Garciaparra went 2-for-5 with an RBI while wife Mia Hamm played for the U.S. women's soccer team in its 2-1 win over Brazil in the gold-medal game of the Athens Olympics.

"Nomar, we have one for the family," Hamm said on the live telecast after the game.

Carlos Beltran homered for the fourth straight game, a solo shot off Jon Leicester in

the seventh. Beltran has 33 homers, 18 since the Astros acquired him from Kansas City on June 24.

Brandon Backe (1-2), who five days earlier shut out the Cubs for seven innings in his first major league start, gave up seven runs and nine hits in three-plus innings.

Sosa's 568th career homer was a three-run shot that landed just inside the right-field foul pole to give the Cubs a 4-2 lead. Sosa was in a 14-for-75 slump when he connected. He needs one homer to reach 30 for a 10th straight season.

Ramirez followed with a home run and added a sacrifice fly in the seventh.

Bagwell's two-run homer in the first put the Astros ahead before Backe got in trouble in the third. After loading the bases with one out, Backe surrendered a sacrifice fly to Moises Alou, then gave up home runs to Sosa and Ramirez.

Michael Barrett's double, a single by Prior and an RBI single by Corey Patterson made it 6-2 in the fourth and chased Backe. Garciaparra's RBI single off Chad Harville increased

the lead to five.

Braves 6, Rockies 4

ATLANTA — Mike Hampton helped himself with an RBI single and the Atlanta Braves pushed their NL East lead to a season-high 9 1/2 games Thursday night with a 6-4 win over the Colorado Rockies.

The Braves completed a three-game sweep and won their fourth in a row overall. Colorado has lost four straight.

Rookie Charles Thomas drove in two runs, and every Atlanta starter collected at least one hit. The Braves finished with 11 hits — they've reached double digits in hits in six straight games.

In 56 games since June 23, when the Braves were six games under .500 at 32-38, Atlanta is 41-15. Now 20 games over .500, they continued to expand their lead over Florida.

Hampton (10-9) moved to 9-3 in his career against Colorado, where he played in 2001-02. He allowed six hits and four walks in six innings, but gave up only two runs.

John Smoltz pitched the ninth for his 34th save in 37 chances.

Reds 1, Cardinals 0

CINCINNATI — A computer glitch left Aaron Harang slightly disoriented. He had the St. Louis Cardinals baffled, too.

Harang threw a three-hitter for his first career complete game and Sean Casey homered to lead the Cincinnati Reds over St. Louis.

A computer virus prevented scoreboard displays of rosters, linescores and individual statistics at Great American Ball Park.

"Without the scoreboard on, I didn't even realize what inning we were in," Harang said. "Maybe I'll have them turn it off next time."

Chris Carpenter (13-5) also pitched a three-hitter and struck out 11 for the Cardinals, but he wound up with a tough loss. Casey hit the first pitch from Carpenter into the right-field bullpen with two outs in the sixth inning for his 21st homer.

"He pitched just as good a game as Harang," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "He'd like to have that one pitch back."

Cincinnati took two of three from the Cardinals, who had

won eight straight series since dropping two of three games July 23-25 at home against San Francisco. It was only the second series they've lost since June.

Harang (8-6) had lost three straight starts, including a 10-5 defeat at St. Louis on Aug. 16. He struck out six and walked one.

Dodgers 10, Expos 3

MONTREAL — Eric Gagne got a farewell from Montreal baseball fans, who might soon be bidding adieu to their Expos.

Adrian Beltre hit his major league-high 41st homer and Gagne was cheered wildly in what was likely his final game in his hometown, a rout by the Los Angeles Dodgers of the Expos.

Despite a seven-run lead, the Dodgers used their closer in the ninth inning. The Montreal native, pitching at home for the first time since winning last year's NL Cy Young Award, drew attention when he started warming up and the crowd of 18,520, the Expos' third-highest at home this season, gave him a standing ovation when he pitched. He retired three in a row after a leadoff walk.

"It's real special to get a warm ovation like that," Gagne said. "I wanted to get in, because it means a win for us, and a little bit for the fans. It might be the last chance, so I was trying to give a good show out there. It's a big family here, and they're really proud of their athletes, and they showed it tonight."

The Expos, who joined the major leagues in 1969, are expected to move next year.

"This might be the last time and we didn't see him for the last three games, and he hadn't pitched in a while so it was time for them to give him some work on the mound," said Expos roving coach Claude Raymond, a Quebec native who got a similar rousing ovation when he made his Jarry Park debut with Atlanta during Montreal's inaugural season.

"I know way down deep he must have had some butterflies, even if it was 10-3," he added. "He's a heck of a pitcher and I'm sure he appreciated this tonight."

Jeff Weaver (12-10) improved to 5-0 in his last six

starts, allowing three runs and five hits in six innings and hitting a two-run single in a seven-run sixth. He is 9-2 in 16 starts since June 1.

Steve Finley had three hits and four RBIs for the Dodgers, who split the four-game series, the start of a season-high 13-game trip.

Beltre, who homered three times in the series, connected on a 3-2 pitch from Livan Hernandez (9-12) lead off the second inning and singled in the seventh.

Giants 5, Marlins 0

MIAMI — Most of the San Francisco Giants have bad memories about playing in Florida.

Not Brett Tomko. He likes the muggy weather, and he likes pitching against the Marlins.

Tomko threw a four-hitter for his first career shutout to help San Francisco to a 5-0 victory.

Wrapping up their first visit to South Florida since being eliminated in the playoffs last October, the Giants took the finale of the three-game series.

Tomko, acquired last off-season, improved to 5-0 in seven career starts against the Marlins with a 2.65 ERA.

"I've always done well against them," he said. "I like it when it's sticky and nasty out there. I like the heat."

On an 87-degree night, Tomko (7-6) threw 120 pitches for his first complete game this season and the eighth of his career.

"Too bad we didn't have him in the playoffs last year," manager Felipe Alou said.

San Francisco remained one game behind NL wild-card leader Chicago and four games behind NL West leader Los Angeles.

The defending World Series champion Marlins fell seven back and show no sign of mounting another late-season surge.

"We're in an almost must-win situation from here on out," center fielder Juan Pierre said. "If you don't win, there's no way you can make up ground."

Tomko gave the crowd of 29,638 little to cheer about, and the Marlins were blanked for the fourth time in their past 23 games. They managed just four singles and never reached third base.

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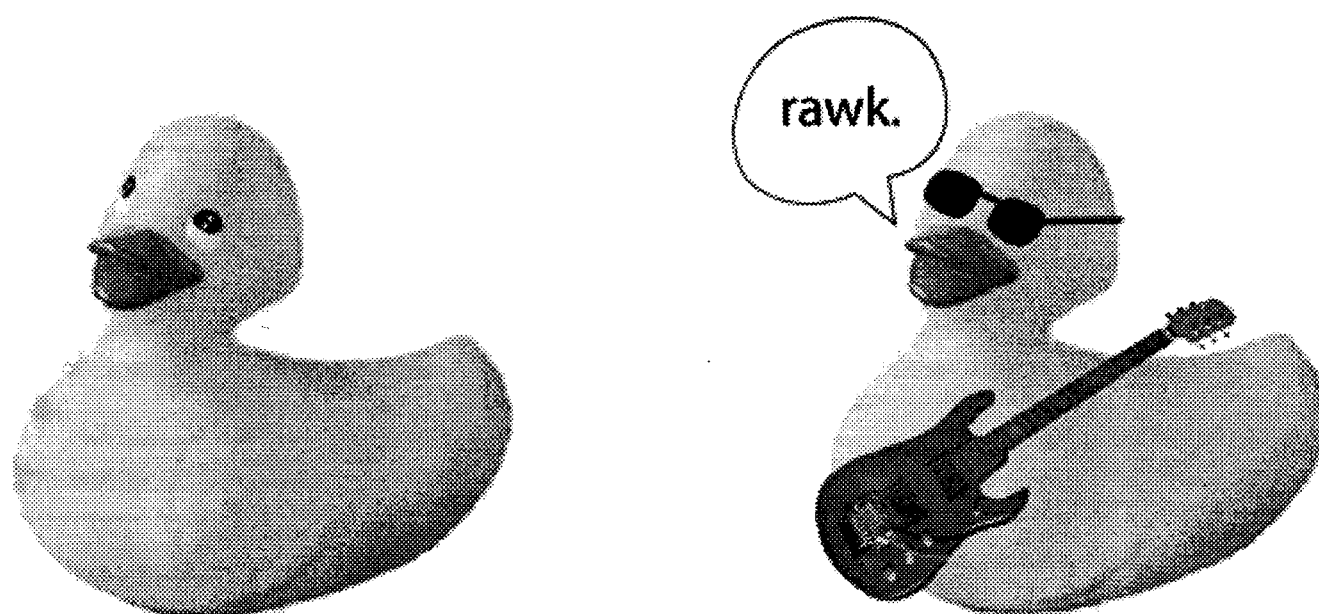
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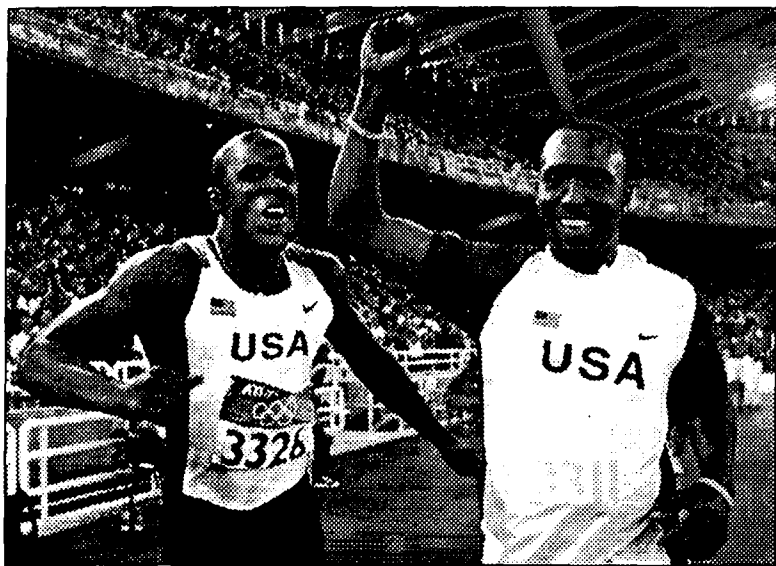
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OLYMPICS

U.S. takes gold and silver in long jump



United States' Dwight Phillips, left, and John Moffitt celebrate their respective gold and silver medals won in the long jump.

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The biggest smile in track and field got a little bigger Thursday night, and the long jump is solidly back in American hands.

Dwight Phillips — the world's best jumper by leaps and bounds, and maybe the happiest guy in the sport — lived up to his billing with a 28-foot, 2 1/4-inch effort to win the gold medal.

The United States made it an unexpected 1-2 finish when John Moffitt, the NCAA champion at LSU this year, went a personal-best 27-9 1/2 for the silver.

It was a comeback for the Americans, who four years ago in Sydney failed to medal in the event for the first time since the boycotted games in Moscow in 1980.

"The long jump is back," Moffitt said. "Watch out."

Phillips put the competition away with his first jump, falling just a half-inch shy of the personal best he set three weeks ago in Linz, Austria. Not bad for a guy who doctors said might not walk again when he was hit by a motorcycle and broke both legs as a 14-year-old.

"But my parents and myself, we always believed that I would," said Phillips, 26. "I mean, I didn't think that story was that big of a deal. I overcame that. Now I'm Olympic champion and happy and filled with joy."

His two big jumps this month are the best in the event since 2000. His winning mark Friday night was the Olympic best since Carl Lewis went 28-5 1/2 in 1992 for the third of his four long jump golds.

The event has been in the doldrums for years, and Phillips aims to bring it back, not just in the United States but everywhere.

"It feels good to go beyond the limits I dreamed of as a kid," he said. "Now I have new goals."

Phillips attended the University of Kentucky, then transferred after his sophomore year to Arizona State and began long jumping. He still lives and trains in Tempe, Ariz.

He said he was thinking world record when he fouled on his second and third jumps. An awkward landing on the second foul was a bit embarrassing.

"I fell flat on my face," Phillips said. "I think more than anything my pride was hurt."

But it was quickly restored when the victory was assured and he realized a fellow American had taken second. Phillips grabbed Moffitt in a bear hug, then the two paraded the American flag around the track in celebration, just before the United States completed its big night with a sweep in the 200.

The United States has now won the long jump gold medal in all but four Olympic Games.

"To go 1-2 in the Olympic Games, and follow in the footsteps of those great jumpers — such as Mike Powell, Carl Lewis, Bob Beamon, Ralph Boston — now you've got Dwight Phillips and John Moffitt," Phillips said.

"I would like to be known as a patriotic guy," Phillips said, "a guy that was raised well by my mom and dad, a guy who's always smiling, and a guy who's always going to give his all, in everything he does, not only in track and field but in every part of my life."

Field dominated by U.S.

Crawford, Williams and Gatling go 1-2-3 in the 200 meters

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Shawn Crawford stood silently amid the Greek chorus of whistles and boos delaying his race. For four minutes, he fought to stay composed while rowdy fans chanted the name of their country and their disgraced sprinting star.

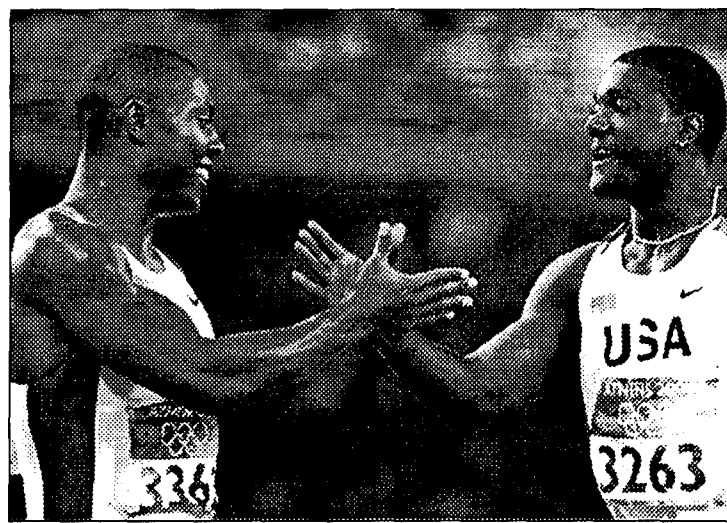
It made little difference to Crawford and his teammates. They finished 1-2-3 in the 200 meters Thursday in a big night for U.S. athletes before a restive crowd that wanted to see defending champion Kostas Kenteris and got an American sweep instead.

Crawford took the lead off the turn and finished in 19.79 seconds, the fastest time in the world this year and a personal best. Bernard Williams tied his personal best of 20.01 seconds for silver. Justin Gatlin, the 100 champion, won bronze in 20.03.

"We're here at the birthplace of the Olympics, the defending Olympic champion is from Greece and there were certain situations that didn't allow him to compete," Crawford said. "I can understand their feelings, I know they're disappointed, I know they're upset."

The crowd still cheered at the finish. It was the sixth time the United States has taken all three 200 medals — the last sweep was led by Carl Lewis in 1984.

And it gave the United



Silver medallist Bernard Williams, left, and bronze medallist Justin Gatlin congratulate each other after the 200 meters.

States a total of 18 track and field medals, just two behind the total from Sydney, with the relays and several other events still to come. Russia is next with nine medals.

Crawford was asked whether he felt cheated because his victory lap was cut short.

"I didn't worry about that," he said. "I got a full gold medal."

Olympic Stadium was packed, largely because Greeks thought they would be watching Kenteris, who withdrew from the Athens Games after missing a drug test.

The start of the 200 was delayed four minutes while spectators whistled in derision

and chanted "Kenteris" and "Hellas, Hellas" — the Greek word for Greece. They booed loudest when the Americans were introduced.

Crawford, a flamboyant personality who had showboated mercilessly in earlier heats, was unusually subdued after the finish.

His victory gave controversial coach Trevor Graham a sweep of the men's short sprints. Crawford and Gatlin are training partners under Graham, who acknowledged on the night of Gatlin's 100-meter victory that he was the coach who sent a syringe of a mystery steroid to authorities last year — fueling the drug scandal that has swept the sport.

"I didn't worry about [being cheated out of a victory lap]. I got a full gold medal."

Shawn Crawford
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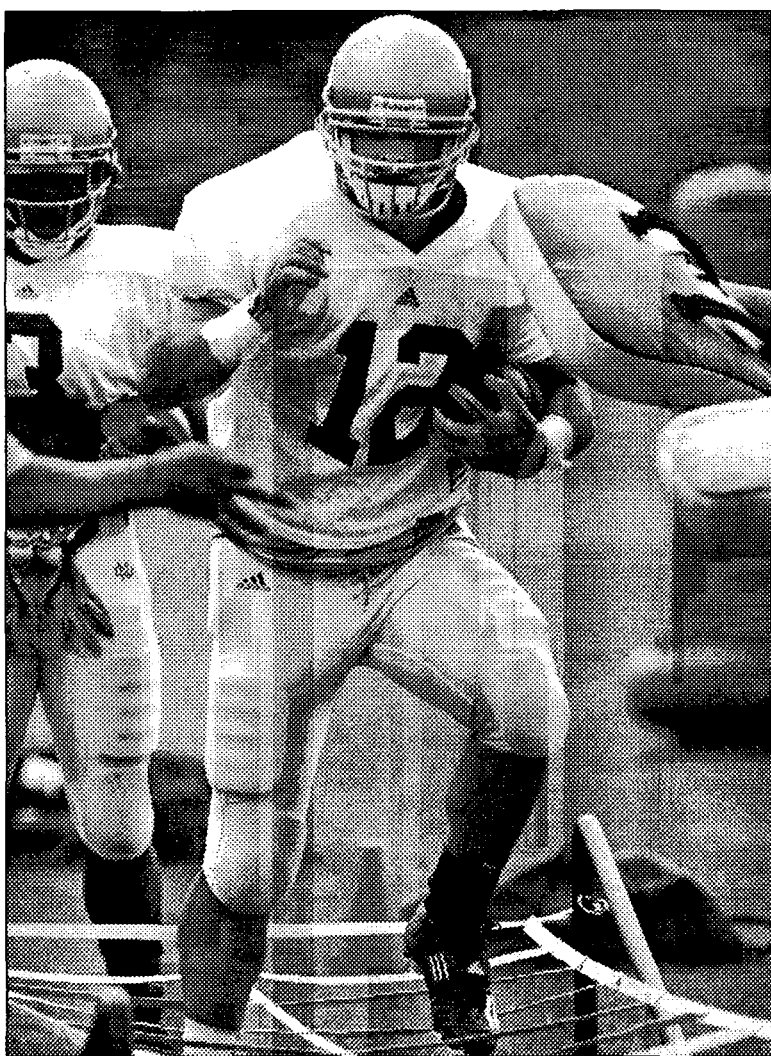
Fitzpatrick, Gioia and Schmidt receive scholarships for 2004

Special to The Observer

Senior placekicker/punter D.J. Fitzpatrick, sophomore placekicker/punter Carl Gioia and senior fullback Josh Schmidt all have been awarded scholarships for the 2004-05 school year at Notre Dame after serving the team as non-scholarship players, Irish head football coach Tyrone Willingham announced Thursday.

Fitzpatrick enters the 2004 season battling for the starting position at both placekicker and punter after serving in both roles in 2003. The senior played in all 11 games last season, starting eight as the placekicker and punter, and made 12 of 17 field-goal attempts (70.6 percent), including a long of 50 yards against Navy. Also against the Midshipmen, Fitzpatrick kicked the game-winning field goal on the game's final play in a 27-24 Notre Dame victory. Fitzpatrick also averaged 36.8 yards per punt on 44 attempts, downing seven punts inside the opponent's 20-yard line and posting a season-long punt of 50 yards.

Gioia is competing for a role in placements and as a punter this fall. He did not see game action as a freshman in 2003 after choosing to attend Notre Dame following an outstanding prep career in which he was a three-time all-state selection by the Indiana Football Coaches Association at Valparaiso High School.



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Fullback Josh Schmidt runs through a drill at practice. Schmidt, along with two other walk-ons, earned a scholarship this year.

Schmidt is a veteran fullback who emerged as a receiving threat out of the backfield in 2003. The recipient of the 2003 Knute Rockne Student-Athlete Award as the team's top academic performer, Schmidt caught 13 passes for

125 yards last season while playing in all 12 games, including a starting assignment against Brigham Young. In addition to his duties at fullback, Schmidt has been a special-teams stalwart the last two seasons.

Phillips named new AD at NIU

Special to The Observer

Jim Phillips, senior associate athletic director at Notre Dame for the past year and a member of the athletic department staff for the last four years, Monday was named the director of intercollegiate athletics at Northern Illinois University. He succeeds Cary Roth who left the NIU in the spring to become the athletic director at the University of Nevada.

Phillips served as the senior associate athletic director for external affairs during the 2003-04 school year after a three-year stint as the associate athletic director for community relations. His duties included the creation, coordination, management and implementation of all annual, endowment and capital development activities on behalf of the athletics department in alignment with the Central Development Office.

During 2002-03, Phillips, along with Central Development, helped launch the Rockne Heritage Fund — the first-ever athletics annual fund — that directly benefits student-athlete grant-in-aid scholarships.

Additionally, Phillips was an integral part of the campaign to underwrite the building of a new 96,000-square foot athletics facility. This complex, currently under construction, will house all facets of the football program, as well as offer strength and conditioning areas and a sports medicine and rehabilitation center for the University's 26 varsity sports programs.

Phillips also directed all phases of the planning, implementation and execution of the entire athletics community relations program. This includes VIP events and recognition programs. His responsibilities also included development of new institutional and departmental advancement programs as identified by university relations and athletics.

Phillips also oversaw all aspects of the athletics ticket office including ticketing, parking, staffing, systems, and customer relations. He

also coordinated corporate sponsorship for the Kevin White Radio Show, and was the liaison between these sponsors and the radio network.

His sport administration duties included providing supervision for the men's soccer, women's rowing and women's golf program, as well as assisting White with men's basketball. He played an organizational role in the plans for football bowl attendance and serves as the contact person for bowl representatives as they visit the Notre Dame campus.

Prior to arriving at Notre Dame, Phillips served as assistant athletic director at the University of Tennessee from 1998-2000. Phillips oversaw a \$12.4 million athletic annual giving program and was directly responsible for identifying, cultivating and soliciting all major gifts and donations for the Tennessee athletic department. In addition, he assisted in starting the first-ever capital campaign for athletics at Tennessee that raised over \$50 million for endowments, facilities and programs.

Before arriving at Tennessee, he worked with Athletic Director Kevin White at Arizona State as an athletic development officer in 1997-98, assisting with the annual giving program, as well as its \$35 million capital campaign for facilities.

Phillips' career in athletic administration began at the University of Illinois where he served as an administrative assistant in the athletic department from 1988-90.

A native of Chicago, he is a 1990 graduate of Illinois with a bachelors of science degree in kinesiology. He received a master's of education degree in administration from Arizona State in 1992 and is currently pursuing a doctorate in educational administration and policy studies from Tennessee.

"Jim will bring a lot of 'juice' to NIU's program," White said. "He's highly energetic, always enthusiastic, and terribly passionate. Without question, Jim will exceed expectations and seriously overachieve."



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	team	record	points
1	USC (48)	0-0	1,603
2	Oklahoma (11)	0-0	1,529
3	Georgia (5)	0-0	1,480
4	LSU (1)	0-0	1,446
5	Florida State	0-0	1,291
6	Miami	0-0	1,287
7	Texas	0-0	1,236
8	Michigan	0-0	1,223
9	Ohio State	0-0	1,005
10	West Virginia	0-0	937
11	Florida	0-0	836
12	Kansas State	0-0	763
13	California	0-0	744
14	Tennessee	0-0	658
15	Clemson	0-0	638
16	Virginia	0-0	627
17	Auburn	0-0	540
18	Missouri	0-0	525
19	Iowa	0-0	518
20	Utah	0-0	446
21	Wisconsin	0-0	328
22	Maryland	0-0	310
23	Oregon	0-0	200
24	Purdue	0-0	153
25	Minnesota	0-0	142

Men's Soccer Top 25

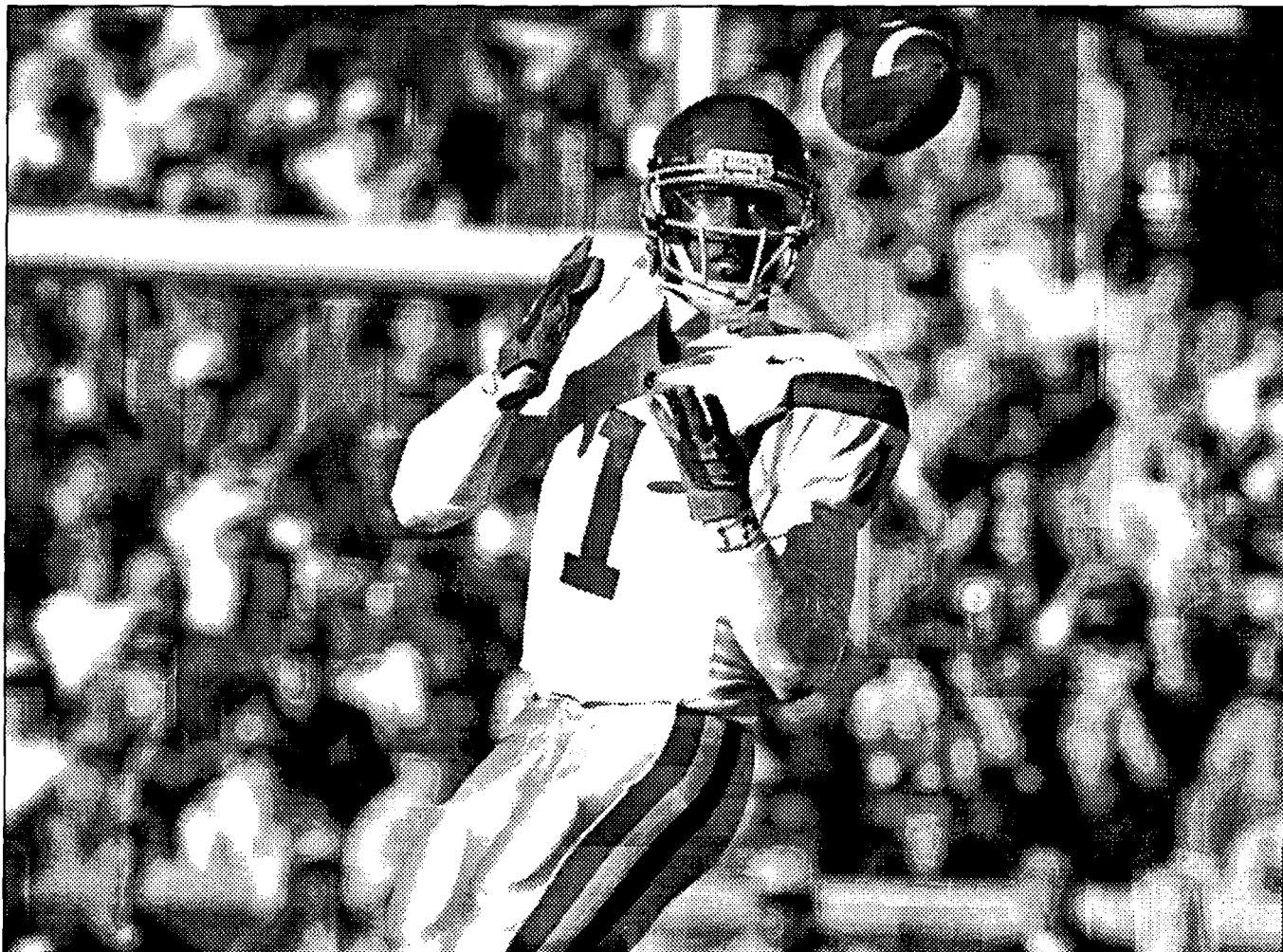
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7	UCLA	0-0
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Eye on Irish Opponents

Saturday, August 28, 2004

USC (0-0) vs. Va. Tech (0-0) @ Landover, Maryland

NCAA



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Mike Williams catches a pass against Notre Dame last season. The NCAA ruled Thursday to deny him eligibility for the upcoming season.

NCAA bars Williams from USC team

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The NCAA refused to reinstate Southern California All-American Mike Williams on Thursday, leaving the star wide receiver unable to rejoin the top-ranked Trojans after being shut out of the NFL draft by the courts.

"I'm glad it's over. Now the team can move forward and I can move forward," Williams said in a telephone interview. "I'm disappointed. I did everything asked of me. I don't know yet what I'm going to do. I'll just relax for the weekend and watch the game and root for my team."

The ruling came down shortly before the Trojans boarded an airplane for Baltimore. They open defense of their national championship Saturday night against Virginia Tech at FedEx Field in Landover, Md.

USC vice president and legal counsel Todd Dickey said while the ruling could be appealed, the matter was closed.

"At this point, we don't believe it would be useful to go through those processes," he said. "We think the NCAA has firmly made up its mind."

Williams agreed, saying: "I'm kind of done with it right now."

USC coach Pete Carroll reacted angrily to the ruling and its timing.

"It's very cold and insensitive for them to deny him this opportunity," Carroll said. "I'm not surprised by it, but I'm disappointed for Mike and his family. You'll have to go and ask the NCAA for answers, how they can turn someone down who is otherwise academically eligible."

The school had applied to the NCAA for a progress-toward-degree waiver and reinstatement of Williams' eligibility.

Williams caught 95 passes for 1,314 yards and a

school-record 16 touchdowns as a sophomore last season to help the Trojans (12-1) win the national championship. The 20-year-old Williams, a sure-handed 6-foot-5, 230-pounder, finished eighth in the Heisman Trophy balloting.

After a court ruled that last winter that Ohio State's Maurice Clarett was eligible to play in the NFL, Williams left USC, hired an agent and said he was turning pro. That made him ineligible to play for the Trojans.

Williams was projected as a high first-round draft pick.

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Patriots at Panthers 7 p.m. Sat., CBS

MLB

White Sox at Indians 6 p.m., FSN
Giants at Braves 6 p.m., TBS
Cardinals at Pirates noon Sat., FOX
Astros at Cubs 4 p.m., WGN

IN BRIEF

Judge chastises Bryant's prosecutors

EAGLE, Colo. — On the eve of Kobe Bryant's rape trial, a frustrated judge chastised prosecutors Thursday for waiting until the last minute to challenge DNA evidence the defense says shows the accuser had sex with someone else hours after her encounter with the NBA star.

In an often-testy exchange, Judge Terry Ruckriegle told prosecutors he should deny their request for a hearing because it was likely to delay the trial, which begins Friday with jury selection. But he gave them until Tuesday to provide more information to help him make his decision.

Later Thursday, the judge held a closed-door session with prosecutors and defense attorneys to discuss the 82-item questionnaire that prospective jurors will fill out. About 500 prospective jurors are expected to arrive at the Eagle County court-

house Friday; opening statements are not expected before Sept. 7.

Bryant has pleaded not guilty to felony sexual assault, saying he had consensual sex with the then-19-year-old employee of a Vail-area resort where he stayed last summer. If convicted, the Los Angeles Lakers star faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation.

Hewitt crushes Llodra

COMMACK, N.Y. — Former Wimbledon and U.S. Open winner Lleyton Hewitt cruised to a 6-1, 6-4 victory over Michael Llodra on Thursday to advance to the quarterfinals of the TD Waterhouse Cup.

The win was the 13th in the last 14 matches for the 23-year old Australian, who is now 50-13 this year. He has recorded 50 or more wins in three of the last four years.

Llodra, who reached the fourth round at Roland Garros in June, trailed 0-1 and held a 30-15 advantage in the second set when a linesman called his serve out. Replays

showed the ball was in.

Raymond moves to semis

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Wild card Lisa Raymond powered into the semifinals of the Pilot Pen tournament, beating Daniela Hantuchova 6-4, 6-3 Thursday.

Russians Elena Bovina and Elena Dementieva also advanced. Thursday night's match between Jennifer Capriati and Nathalie Dechy will complete the semifinal pairings.

Bovina, seeded seventh, defeated wild card Mashona Washington 6-3, 6-2, and Dementieva, seeded second, ousted Jelena Jankovic 6-1, 6-4.

The 31-year-old Raymond lost just two points in her service game in the second set, and broke the 21-year-old Hantuchova to win the match.

"Age is just a state of mind," Raymond said. "It's like you turn 30 ... and your career is over. As long as I'm fit, healthy, and still enjoying this, why not?"

Preseason

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appearance, the Irish kicked off their 2004 campaign in impressive fashion Monday night, shutting out a visiting Northwestern squad, 2-0.

Forward Justin McGeeney drew first blood for Notre Dame at the 10:52 mark, tapping home a cross from midfielder Greg Dalby and staking the Irish to an early 1-0 lead.

Less than 10 minutes later, the Irish found the back of the net

once again.

Beating several Wildcat defenders, midfielder Nate Norman pushed into the right corner of the box and fed forward Tony Megna in front of the goal.

Controlling the pass, Megna turned and fired past the outstretched right hand of Northwestern goal-

keeper Justin Pines, extending the Irish advantage to 2-0.

The vaunted Notre Dame defense, home to a pair of 2004 Hermann Trophy Watch List members in goalkeeper Chris Sawyer and defender Jack Stewart, protected the 2-0 lead with relative ease, yielding nine shots, only three of which were on net and all of which were smothered by Sawyer.

After shutting out the Wildcats in front of a large, lively home crowd Monday night, the Irish will attempt to duplicate the feat away from the friendly confines of Alumni Field.

"I always try to get both a home game and a road game during these exhibitions," Clark

said. "It's nice to get a game on your home turf, but it's also good to take the team on the road before you actually play a league game."

As the young season progresses, Clark, entering his fourth season on the Notre Dame sidelines, expects the Irish to continue to elevate their play.

"You just hope that every game you play the team starts to grow and get a little bit stronger," Clark said. "We try to take something from every game and add a little bit to the next game."

Following Saturday's contest, the Irish venture south to Bloomington to open the regular season at Indiana's Adidas/IU Credit Union Classic.

After taking on Oregon State Sept. 3, the Irish kick off against Boston University Sept. 5 before heading home to host Evansville Sept. 10.

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"Massachusetts is a very solid team."

Bobby Clark
Irish coach

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer
Junior midfielder John Stephens goes for a header against Northwestern Monday.



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer
Junior Tony Megna dribbles the ball during practice. Megna scored a goal against Northwestern Monday.



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer
Sophomore midfielder Kim Lorenzen dribbles the ball up the field during a match against Oklahoma last season.

Opener

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"It has been two years since we have won the Big East and we want to reclaim that title," Waldrum said. "But we cannot afford to look past Baylor considering it is the season opener."

Although the team is highly ranked in preseason polls, Waldrum does not want these great expectations to influence the way the team performs throughout the season.

"We have been at this long enough, and it is nice to have the recognition this early," Waldrum said. "But we understand that the team that wins the national title is the team that gets it done at the end of the day."

Waldrum looks to the seasoned veterans to get the job done. By adding several new players, the Irish have added depth to the team and hope to best their 2003 record of 20-3-1.

Among those veterans is fifth-year All-American defender Melissa Tancredi and defender Candace Chapman.

Tancredi and Chapman recently received honors of being named to the Soccer Buzz preseason All-American squad, and are among the 25 players

named to the preseason watch list for the Hermann Trophy national player-of-the-year award.

This marks the first time since 1997 the Irish will be returning two All-American defenders.

In addition to these players, there are several new freshmen who contributed to the team during preseason play in Brazil. Jannica Tjeder, Ashley Jones, Lauren Karas and Amanda Cinalli add a newfound energy to the Irish roster.

The key to success this season will be in adjusting team dynamics, Waldrum said. "Integrating the new players will contribute to the team's rhythm and will help us against the tremendously difficult schedule that we have," Waldrum said.

"It must be made quickly." The Irish have been working to put those words into action at practice, quickly trying to find a balance in the midst of a fast paced and often hectic season.

The game against Baylor offers the team an opportunity to find that balance.

"We tend to play so much better uninhibited," Waldrum said. "This is when our kids show what they have to offer."

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Randy Waldrum
Irish coach

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giving me an organized mind and enthusiastic heart.
May the Lord strengthen me each day
with focus and perseverance.
May the Lord bless my classes,
making me hungry to learn
and eager to understand and remember.
May the Lord calm me each evening
with peace and gentleness,
blessing my studies with renewed motivation,
my activities with joy and friendship,
my conversations and relationships with untiring love.
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May my semester be fruitful,
with my efforts bringing glory to the Lord,
and may I always know the joy and love of the Lord.
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HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

by Fr. Richard V. Warner, C.S.C.
Director of Campus Ministry

Our new academic year is underway! With the return of the students, the Notre Dame campus is once again what it has always meant to be - a place where talented young people have once again returned "home" and are delighted to be with each other. Whenever I am away from campus for any period of time, as soon as I see the steeple of the Basilica with its glimmering cross, the Golden Dome with the Lady of the House exactly where she belongs, the Grotto just a few yards from the lake shore, and the Notre Dame students - it is almost as if I have never been away. It is home. And it will always be home.

If you are a first year student, you probably have realized a life long dream (or, at least, the life long dream of one or both of your parents and countless other relatives). You are now a Domer. Your life long dream will be with you all the days of your life. This is where you will always be at home.

If this is your last year here, you already know that the thrill of driving down Notre Dame Avenue will always bring goose bumps to your arms and a catch to your throat.

For all of us, a new year holds new and old experiences that, in fact, never grow old. The beauty of the Campus no matter what season; the way the tones of the Victory March is ever so old and ever so new; the way singing at least the last four words of our Alma Mater, "love thee Notre Dame," locked arm in arm and shoulder to shoulder while gently swaying; the honor of studying at a Catholic University where "Catholic" is not just an adjective and "University" heralds an outstanding academic institution with a world-class faculty with time for students who are smarter than anyone should possibly be; disciplined and dedicated young men and women in ROTC units preparing to serve their country as commissioned officers after graduation; worshipping in the Basilica and in the residence halls; friendships in and outside our residence halls, that we know will last a lifetime; talented varsity and interhall athletes; young men and women who, through their service, will never permit the poor to take second place in their view of our society; and a place where Church takes on the flesh and blood of the One whose Body and Blood we can share as often as we wish.

This is Notre Dame.

This is the home where our hearts are.

Every new year is another opportunity for personal growth which will exceed our expectations. After all, as Paul reminds us, God sees and loves in us what he sees and loves in His Son, Jesus Christ!

Develop as fully as you can who you are or can be intellectually, spiritually, and as individual people personally loved by a God who will always be faithful to you regardless of the circumstances.

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In the name of my brother priests in the Congregation of Holy Cross, welcome home!

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Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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Rev. Peter A. Jarret, csc

Sunday
10:00 a.m.
Rev. Peter A. Jarret, csc
11:45 p.m.
Rev. Paul F. Doyle, csc

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NHL

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because of his draft status, though.

"It's still going to come down to the way that he performs during the regular season."

There were some surprises in the order that the three players were taken. O'Neill, who played on the top pairing of defense on last year's team, was widely predicted to be taken in one of the early rounds, and it was a bit of a shock when the defenseman was not selected until the 115th pick overall, by the New York Islanders.

Central Scouting, a private organization that ranks prospects in each year's draft, ranked O'Neill as the ninth-best North American defenseman in the draft this year, and the third-best collegiate defenseman behind Grant Lewis of Dartmouth and A.J. Thelen of Michigan State.

Poulin was among those who would have predicted O'Neill would be selected in the earlier rounds of the draft.

"It's still going to come down to the way that he performs during the regular season."

Dave Poulin
Irish coach

"It's such an inexact science," he said. "[Representatives from] a number of teams told me even on the day of the draft that Wes would go in the first or second round.

"He's handled it extremely well because he knows that [a college career] is a long journey."

Brown's selection was also perhaps a bit surprising, but collegiate goalies have long had to overcome the stigma of being seen as inferior to their European and North American counterparts who play in professional leagues, and this year was no exception.

After Michigan's Alvaro Montoya was selected No. 10 overall, not a single additional collegiate goalie was selected until Brown, who went with the 228th pick to the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Brown was a big part of Notre Dame's success last year, as the team advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in the program's history. Along with senior Morgan Cey, Brown helped the Irish have one of the best defenses in the nation.

The sophomore finished the

year with a 14-7-3 record with a .925 save percentage and a 2.42 GAA while playing what was considered one of the most difficult schedules in the nation.

"I'm familiar with a lot of the goalies who were taken ahead of David this year," Poulin said. "And frankly, I wouldn't take any of them over David."

Oreskovich was a bit of a surprise as well, but in a different way. The forward, who turned 18 on Aug. 15, was one of the youngest overall players in the draft this year and came in ranked as the 72nd overall North American skater.

Oreskovich's low ranking on Central Scouting's list didn't dissuade the Avalanche from making him just the second Irish player to be selected in the second round — recently-graduated Rob Globke was the first.

"I think that Central Scouting is sometimes looked at as more than what it really is," Poulin said. "When you get down to it, it's just a guy who scouts — it's just that guy's opinion."

"Someone within the Avs' system saw something he really liked in Victor, and when a player fits into your system that's often more important than how they're ranked."

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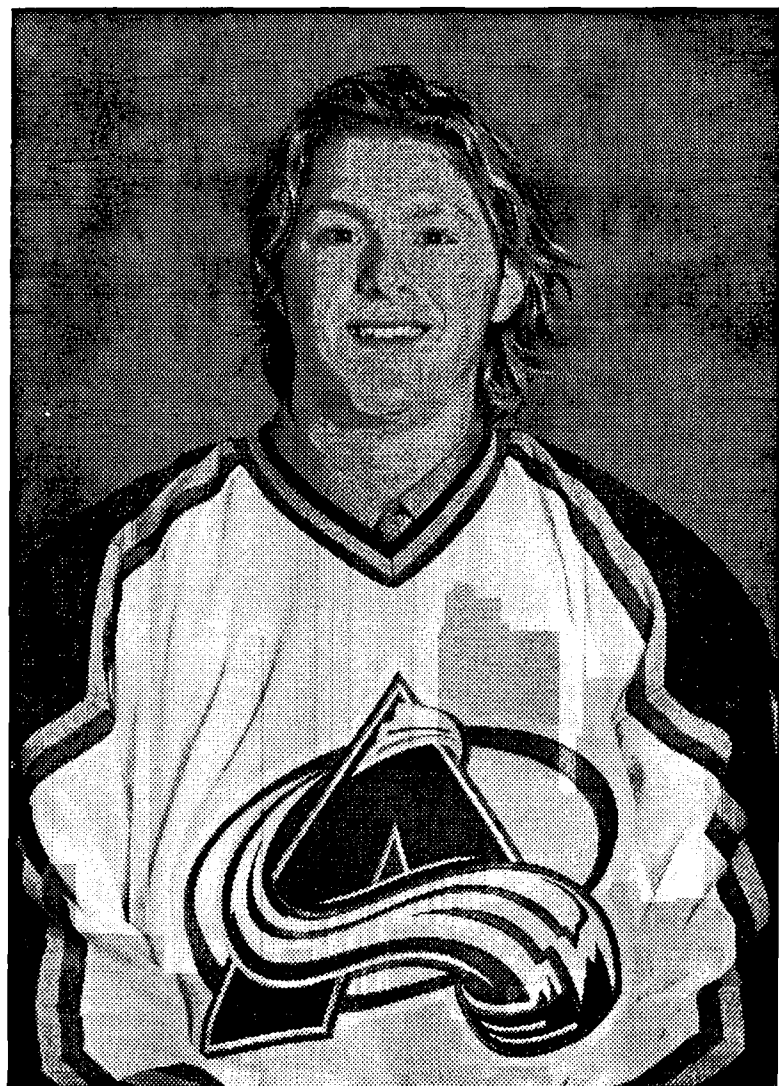


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Victor Oreskovich was drafted by the Avalanche in the early NHL Draft. He was one of three Irish players selected this year.

BCS

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a calculation of how many points a team receives in the poll divided by the total number of possible points. For example in the AP poll last year, a team receiving 1,500 points — out of a possible 1,625 — would have an AP score of .923.

Six computer rankings are being used in 2004. The highest and lowest computer rankings for each team are thrown out in determining a team's computer average. 25 points will be given to a team ranked No. 1 in each computer poll, 24 for second and so on. The sum of the four computer rankings will be divided by 100 — the largest possible

computer ranking total — to get a team's computer average.

The two poll scores along with the computer score will be averaged to get a team's BCS average. Another way to understand the percentage system is to look at a school's polls and computer scores as batting averages.

"The purpose of the BCS is to match the nation's top two college football teams in an end-of-season bowl game for the national championship," Weiberg said. "This formula goes a long way to eliminate some of the controversy surrounding previous matchups as we continue to improve the system."

Under the revised system, co-national champions USC and LSU would have played in last season's BCS champi-

onship game. Both the AP and coaches' polls ranked the Trojans No. 1 at the end of the regular season, but the BCS standings had the Trojans ranked No. 3.

In 2000 and 2001, the human polls had Miami and Oregon ranked No. 2 but other components in the BCS formula kept those two teams from playing for the national

title. That's what this simplified formula is designed to prevent.

"We want to have as much consensus around the teams participating in the national championship game as we possibly can," Weiberg said. "But, you know, our intent here was not to try to produce a formula that somehow would continue to have a con-

troversial outcome. We're trying to use the tools that we have available to us to get the best possible outcome."

The first BCS rankings will be announced Oct. 18 with the top two teams in the BCS standings playing Jan. 4 in the Orange Bowl.

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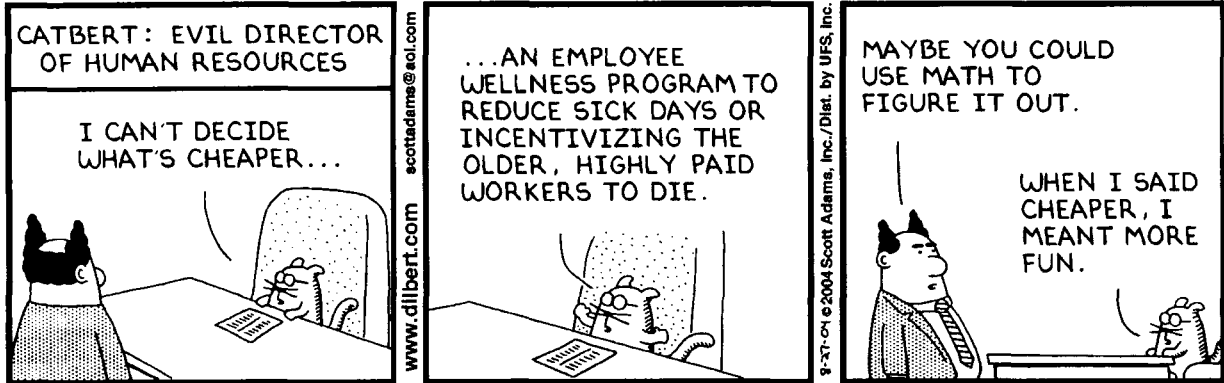
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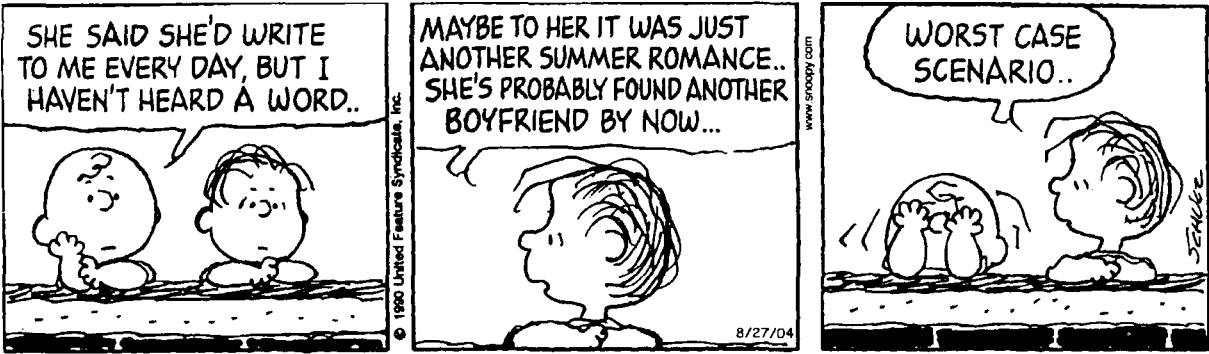
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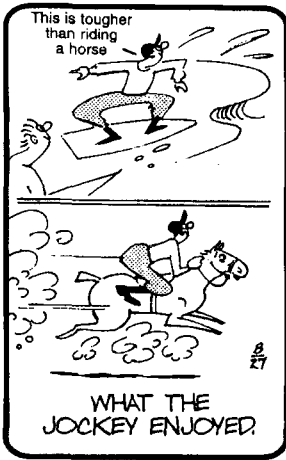
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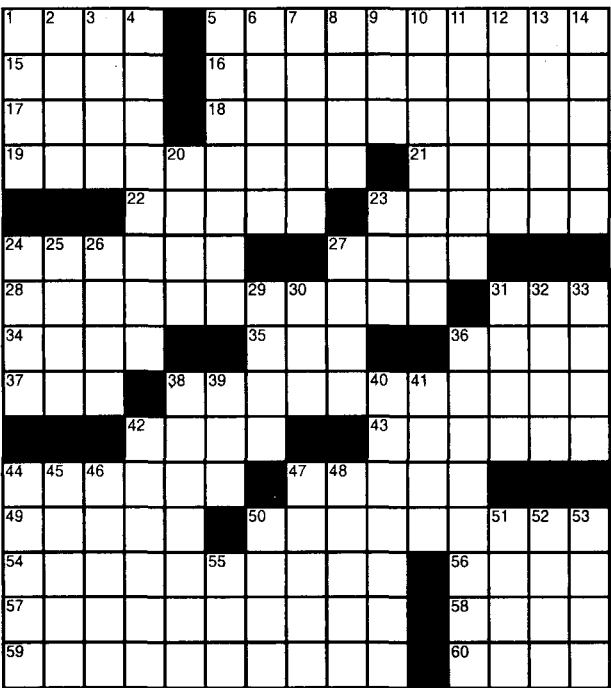
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Even though everything is going a bit nuts now because of Mercury retrograde, keep in mind that the area you will continually be able to improve on an ongoing basis (are you watching my lips?) is your job and your employment scene.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Because of this heavy concentration of planets in Virgo right now, you have a wonderful opportunity for love, romance, flirtations, fun sex, financial speculation, and success in the entertainment world and the hospitality industry. You can also make great strides educating children.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your real estate scene has never looked better. At least, not for over a decade. You can really clean up now. Similarly, you commit lovely improvements to home, family and your domestic scene. Mend broken fences either naturally or metaphorically between family members.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): If you really want to get existential about it, our world is our mind. Mind you, in one way we share one big mind, and in another way, there's a limitless number of minds. (Television, however, can change this.) The bottom line is you have a happy mind now.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Increased earnings, assets and perhaps even debts come to you now. That's because you're swinging in the world in a big way. Unfortunately, since you're attracting so much to you, many of you have gained weight, as well. Except for those rare beanpoles who gobble hamburgers.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It's important that you call them as you see them. You're so on top of your game. Sure, life is crazy because retrograde Mercury is in your sign. (That's why you're running into ex-partners and people from your past, to say nothing of the confusion you suffer on an ongoing basis.) But aside from that -- cheers!
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Nobody can party all the time. Nobody can work all the time. Nobody can even eat ice cream all the time. We all need a break from whatever we do. Sometimes a change is as good as a rest. (Or a semiquaver, if you're so inclined.) You need solitude, peace and quiet, and rest now.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It's been over a decade since partnerships and friendships have helped you so much. Don't go it alone. Work in conjunction with others. The supportive give-and-take you encounter will help boost you toward your imminent career success.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): One reason you can promote your good name so well now is important people (bosses, parents and VIPs) are in your corner. Why else do you think you can't get a seat? Accept their help. Let others boost you and brag about your accomplishments. (You can look falsely modest.)
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Even though you like to play it safe (it's the cautious side of you), lately you're willing to take a chance. In fact, you're surprisingly bold. This is because you're keen to expand your world through education, and travel. (The best way to learn a foreign language is to take a lover.)
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It's been said it's harder to receive than to give. And until you're on the receiving end of something, you might not fully appreciate this. Actually, since many of you are on the receiving end of the universe right now, you know what I'm talking about. Swallow your pride.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your people skills have really jumped in a major way this year. Have you noticed? Your ability to do with friends, partners and members of the general public is very smooth and schmoozey. Naturally, you have an edge because you are empathetic and perceptive. (Plus you're cute.)
IF AUG. 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Saxophonist Branford Marsalis (1960) shares your birthday. You work behind the scenes, sometimes alone. You're modest and cooperative because you see the value of getting along with others. Many of you have an unusually significant partnership in your life. This year, you must work very hard for changes and rewards in 2005-06.

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FOOTBALL

Revised BCS format simplifies ranking system

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

After a split national championship in 2003, the Bowl Championship Series formula was due for a major change. In past years after controversial BCS championship game participants, more components were added to the formula like strength of schedule, quality wins and

team losses. This time the BCS is going back to the basics. The revised formula announced July 15 for the 2004 season will have only three parts — the Associated Press poll, the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll and a computer average.

CHANGES IN BCS FORMAT
BELOW IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE NEW BCS RANKING FORMULA:

TEAM	AP POLL 1625 POSSIBLE POINTS	COACHES 1525 POSSIBLE POINTS	COMPUTERS 100 POSSIBLE POINTS	BCS AVG.
X	1564 .962	1440 .944	94 .940	.949
Y	1593 .980	1386 .909	91 .910	.933
Z	1482 .912	1413 .926	89 .890	.909

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Each portion will bear equal weight counting for one-third of a team's overall BCS ranking.

"As opposed to past years where we tried to go in and take a look at previous years' results and make minor adjustments, this was really a complete re-evaluation of the formula," Big 12 commissioner

and BCS coordinator Kevin Weiberg said in a July 15 teleconference. "In analyzing the BCS standings, we wanted to develop a ranking formula that would be simpler and more precise." The precise part of the formula comes from how the results from the polls and computers are calculated. Each team's poll score will be

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Kicking things off

Led by All-American Tancredi, the No. 3 Irish open the season against Baylor

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The No. 3 Irish are led by a fifth-year All-American, a coach with one of the best career winning percentages in the NCAA and explosive new talent craving a national title. They are the envy of soccer programs around the nation. "Our kids realize that being Notre Dame makes you a target on the field especially because of the success that we have had with this program,"

coach Randy Waldrum said. "We are that big game on everybody's schedule." Ironically, the first challenge of the season will come from national rival Baylor, a program formerly led by Notre Dame's own Waldrum. Baylor enters the season with a 2-0 record in exhibition play, and its preseason efforts have made them serious contenders in the Big 12. Needless to say, Baylor's team has all the incentive it needs for a win tonight. "They are going to have a lot of motivation to win because I

used to coach there," Waldrum said. "But we are more concerned with what we are trying to prepare with what we want to." Notre Dame is not rattled, however Waldrum says his players are hoping to get off to a relaxed start, focusing on their season goals. Among the feats on the Irish wish list is a Big East Tournament Championship. In order to attain this goal, Waldrum knows the team desperately needs to focus on the present. Concentrating on one game at a time makes a Big East Championship seem all the more doable. First up is Baylor.



Senior Katie Thorlakson dribbles the ball past two defenders last season in the NCAA Tournament.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Minutemen will be final preseason test



Senior Kevin Goldthwaite gets his shirt pulled battling for the ball against Northwestern Monday.

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The No. 9 Irish look to iron out any remaining wrinkles when they travel to Chicopee, Mass. Saturday to challenge the Minutemen in their preseason final tune-up. "[Massachusetts] is a very solid team," coach Bobby Clark said. "It's a fundraiser for them so we know it's going to be a good atmosphere and that there will be a lot of people there." Eager to match, if not better, last season's Sweet 16

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HOCKEY

Three Irish players chosen in NHL Draft

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Though they've only recently started fall semester classes, some Notre Dame hockey players already have their plans set for professional careers. Three members of the 2004-05 Irish were selected in the NHL Entry Draft this summer in Raleigh, N.C. Sophomores Wes O'Neill and David Brown were selected in the fourth and eight rounds, respectively,

while freshman Victor Oreskovich was selected in the second round by the Colorado Avalanche — a ringing endorsement for a player who hasn't even skated a single shift yet for the Irish. "We've always liked Victor as a player," said Irish head coach Dave Poulin, who successfully recruited Oreskovich away from such big-name programs as Boston College. "He doesn't come to the team with any more expectations

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Why Ty's Third Year Will Be Pivotal In Deciding Where He Stands As Notre Dame's Head Football Coach



Photo Illustration by MARK HARKINS

Potential is there for 9-3 or 4-7 record this year

The alumni have griped with another losing season fresh in memory, the student body has complained about the flurry of losses and the critics have left the Notre Dame football program for dead.

It's safe to say, in the historically-pivotal third year for Notre Dame football coaches, Tyrone Willingham has his work cut out for him.

But, as any college football follower will tell you, in August, everyone is undefeated and optimism is at its pinnacle.

So, with a 5-7 record in 2003 in mind, exactly what can Notre Dame fans expect from Willingham's third team?

On paper, nine wins is attainable. So are another seven losses.

The 2004 opponents are less daunting than those in 2003, when Notre Dame played a schedule that would make the Arizona Cardinals shiver. Three top five teams, including the co-national champion USC, eight bowl teams and "easy" games against Boston College and Purdue.

Ask a team to win with that schedule and an 18-year-old first-year quarterback, along with an inexperienced offensive line, and it's understandable why Notre Dame struggled to a 5-7 mark.

But this year's schedule, it appears, gives Notre Dame a chance to win many more than five games. There are only three games Notre Dame shouldn't win — on paper, that is.

Besides Michigan, Tennessee and USC, the Irish have as much talent if not more than the other eight opponents.

You could even argue the Irish have a reasonable shot at knocking off the Wolverines and Volunteers.

Michigan has the best receiving corps



Joe Hettler

Sports Writer

in the country and a huge offensive line. But remember, the Wolverines are replacing their starting quarterback and running back from last season. Matt Gutierrez was 37-0 at De La Salle High School, but never played in front of a crowd like the one he will experience at Notre Dame Stadium Sept. 11. A rookie quarterback's first road start and Notre Dame's home opener is a definite advantage for the Irish. The key for Notre Dame will be pressuring Gutierrez and not allowing him time to find all those outstanding receivers.

Tennessee also has an inexperienced quarterback at the helm this season. They do return Cedric Houston, who led the Volunteers in rushing during the last two seasons. Notre Dame has the advantage of a bye week to prepare for that road game, while Tennessee faces South Carolina the week before.

As for USC, Irish fans should worry about that game when it arrives near Thanksgiving.

But realistically, Notre Dame has the talent to win eight regular season games and a bowl, not only because of the schedule, but also because the 2004 Irish are vastly different than the 2003 version.

Quarterback Brady Quinn has bulked up and returns with some very valuable experience he gained last season. The offensive line, which received the most criticism a year ago, should be an asset now and give Quinn and the running game more time and room to make plays.

The running backs are underrated. People are quick to forget Ryan Grant rushed for over 1,000 yards as a sophomore, becoming just the seventh player in school history to do so. Redshirt freshman Travis Thomas looks good in preseason drills and should get his share of touches. Those two should see the bulk of the carries, with Marcus Wilson spelling them.

Rhema McKnight was the most consistent receiver last season. The Irish will



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Irish receiver Rhema McKnight breaks a tackle during the Stanford game last year. McKnight will be expected to be the leader of this year's receiving corps.

need players like Maurice Stovall and Jeff Samaradzija to step up in 2004.

The tight ends are talented and aplenty.

The defense may not be quite the same without Courtney Watson and Vontez Duff, but the unit will still be formidable.

The defensive line will be led by a downright nasty duo of ends in Justin Tuck and Victor Abiamiri. Tuck may be the best defensive end in the nation and Abiamiri could be the same in another year or two.

The linebackers get Mike Goolsby back after an injury-filled 2003. Corey Mays has also stepped up in preseason practice and should see more playing time.

Then there are the defensive backs, a unit that has many Notre Dame fans nervous to say the least. New defensive backs coach Steven Wilks has his hands full, but he does have talented, albeit

young, players to work with.

The kicking game could be iffy, especially on punts. But D.J. Fitzpatrick showed improvement filling in for the injured Nicholas Setta during the second part of last season.

All in all, this team is significantly better than last year's. Does that mean Notre Dame fans can bank on eight or nine wins and a respectable bowl appearance? No.

As Willingham will tell you, lining teams up on paper is only worth so much. It's the execution during games which matters the most.

But one certainty is that the team Willingham and the coaching staff puts on the field this year will have much more potential than the 2003 squad.

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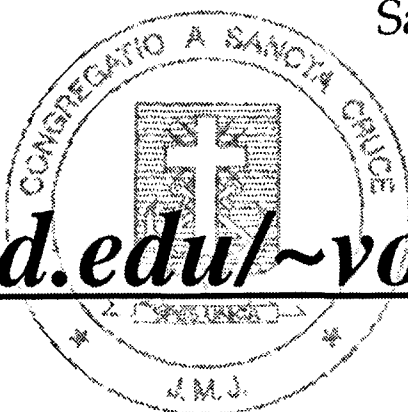
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Questions galore

Rebounding from a disappointing 2003 hinges on these nine factors

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

After the Return to Glory in 2002 and a disappointing 2003, Tyrone Willingham is standing at a very important crossroads.

The third year in South Bend has been legendary for many with Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian, Dan Devine and Lou Holtz all winning consensus national titles in their third year and Knute Rockne's 1920 team tying for the top ranking in one of the many lesser polls at that time.

The seven other coaches in Irish history went a combined 35-33-2 in their third years, with no national titles and three losing seasons.

Needless to say, this year should set the tone for Willingham's tenure at Notre Dame. The following nine factors will have a major bearing on the direction of this program.

Brady Quinn's progression

Thrown into the fire as a true freshman, Brady Quinn made 59 pass attempts in his first start, just four games into his collegiate career. With Carlyle Holiday proving unsuccessful in Willingham's pro-style offense, the coaching staff decided to go with Quinn. In many critics' eyes, Quinn became the future quarterback of the program from the day he committed.

After making nine starts in 2003, Quinn enters this season much more acclimated to the speed of the college game. He has had a whole year to work with his receivers on timing, and the offensive line returns with an invaluable year of experience.

Quinn needs that experience to carry over from the practice field to actual game conditions. Last season, Holiday looked especially sharp in a two-minute drill open to the media during fall practice. By the end of the Michigan State game, he was watching from the sidelines and making a position change.

If Quinn gets hurt, the season could go downhill in a hurry with Pat Dillingham as the primary backup. Two true freshmen — Darren Bragg and David Wolke — are behind Dillingham and those freshmen aren't at the same point Quinn was last year at this time.

Ryan Grant finding his 2002 form

In 2002, Ryan Grant became the seventh player in Notre Dame history to record a 1,000-yard season, but he had a difficult 2003 and rededicated himself in the off-season. Grant looked faster and quicker in the Blue-Gold game, making cuts and finding holes he didn't find in 2003.

A rejuvenated Julius Jones eventually earned the starting job last season and went on to record three 200-yard games en route to amassing 1,268 yards on the year. Grant became the second-string running back, but this

year he needs to regain his 2002 form for the Irish offense to be balanced.

Of the four running backs behind Grant, only Marcus Wilson has seen the playing field, and he hasn't been very successful — averaging just 2.6 yards per carry. Travis Thomas has raised some eyebrows in fall camp, and Darius Walker has all the expectations of being nothing less than a star.

Receivers reaching their potential

Rhema McKnight is looked at as the playmaker of the receiving corps. He has the speed to make a big play and, most importantly, wants to be the playmaker on offense.

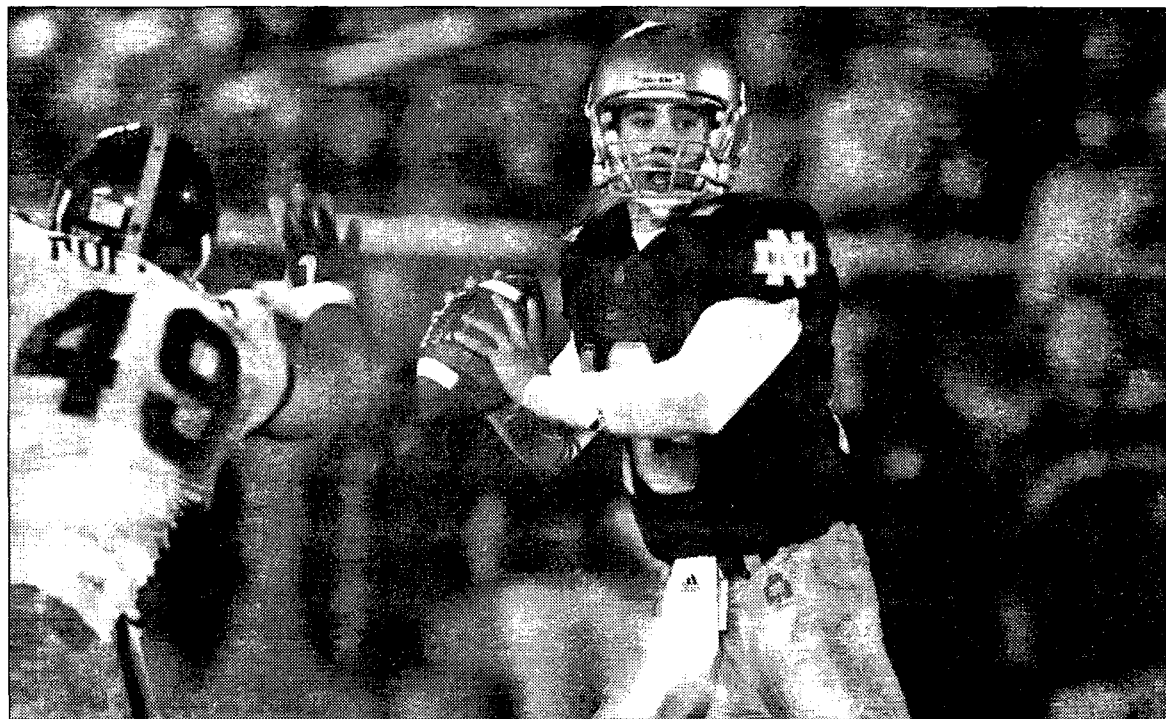
There is a lot of additional talent at receiver. Fellow junior Maurice Stovall has the physical gifts to become a star but has had major problems catching passes consistently. Sophomore Jeff Samardzija had a good camp and is as versatile as anyone on this team. Former quarterback Holiday had an entire off-season to learn the receiver position after making the switch mid-season in 2003. If he can find his role in the offense as the No. 3 or 4 receiver option, the receiving corps will be deep and dangerous.

Offensive line's experience

When Sean Milligan went down with an early-season injury, the offensive line basically had five different starters from the prior season. That inexperience showed in inconsistent play.

The quarterbacks had to move around in the pocket to avoid the never-ending blitzes, something Quinn did better than Holiday, which partially explains why he replaced him so early in the season.

This year, the offensive line only graduated one starter. John Sullivan looks like he is going to be the starting cen-



Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn scans the field for an open receiver during the BYU game last season. With a season now under his belt, Quinn will be asked to be a leader for the Irish in 2004.

ter after red-shirting last season. Bob Morton will move from center to left guard. Ryan Harris changes sides from right tackle to protecting Quinn's blind side at left tackle. On the right side, Mark Levoir is at right tackle and a slimmed-down Dan Stevenson is at right guard.

The most exciting aspect of this year's line might not even be this season. All five of those projected starters have eligibility to return in 2005.

Justin Tuck and Kyle Budinscak returning from ACL injuries

If these two defensive line players can get back to being as healthy as one could hope less than a year removed from ACL surgery, the Irish defensive line will fall into place. Tuck set the school record for sacks in 2003 and has his eyes on the NCAA record in 2004. Budinscak is a solid and consistent player.

Along with Tuck and Budinscak on the outside is the continued rise to stardom

of Victor Abiamiri.

The sophomore flashed an unending wealth of potential as a true freshman and should be ready to take the next step toward being one of the best defensive ends in the country this year.

Fifth-year senior Greg Pauly has never attained the expectations coming with being a USA Today first-team All-American. Pauly is projected as a starter along with Trevor Laws, who should receive a push from Derek Landri. The depth at defensive tackle isn't overwhelming, so this position remains a question mark.

Health of linebackers

The preseason injury that appears to be the scariest for the Irish is seeing Brandon Hoyte in a sling.

Linebacker probably has the least depth of any position on the team and with Hoyte's return unknown.

Corey Mays slides into the starting lineup. After Mays, only one of the four backup linebackers saw the field in 2003.

Mike Goolsby returns to middle linebacker after missing last season due to a Bookstore Basketball injury. Derek Curry always seems to be around the ball and looking to make a big play.

Any other injuries would be devastating to this position.

Finding playmakers in the secondary

Over the past two seasons, the secondary has lost four starters to the NFL and the depth hasn't been in place to replace that loss of talent. Cornerback Dwight Ellick probably has the firmest grip on a starting position but he hasn't used his speed to make big plays yet.

Safety Quentin Burrell has been injured through camp and is being challenged by Tom Zbikowski for a starting spot.

Mike Richardson is listed opposite Ellick at cornerback and Preston Jackson will probably be the nickel back. And Lionel Bolen is currently listed at the other safety spot.

None of those names jump out and that is a major con-

cern especially with the wide receivers from Michigan in week two. If the Irish can't get a pass rush, the secondary needs people to step up or results like the Florida State game in 2003, where Crapponso Thorpe set a record for most receiving yards by a single player against Notre Dame, could happen again.

Managing the schedule

It's tough, but not as brutal as last year.

The Irish still face eight teams that reached bowls last season and have two top-10 teams in USC and Michigan, along with a difficult road game at Tennessee.

This team has to take advantage of winning at home. The only game at home where the Irish shouldn't be favored is Michigan. The road games at BYU and Navy are winnable while the night game at Michigan State looms as a dangerous trap.

Willingham and the players know the schedule isn't getting any easier in the near future, so just about every week the Irish are facing a big-time opponent. It's hard for them to take a week off when a "down" opponent is someone like Washington or Boston College.

Getting the swagger back

Willingham started to mention this toward the end of last year, but from the 2002 team the one thing that was missing was the swagger of a team that believes they cannot be beaten. The Irish lost that swagger when Shane Walton graduated. With the rough end to 2002 and four blowout losses in 2003, this team was beaten physically and mentally.

That's where someone needs to step up.

Winning in the early season and not getting blown out will give this team confidence to have a chance in every game this season.

After 2003, that's about all fans can realistically ask.



Irish running back Julius Jones runs for a touchdown against Pittsburgh last season. Replacing Jones' offensive output will be one of Notre Dame's biggest questions to answer this season.

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SCOUTING

FREE SAFETY

Quentin Burrell - Sr.

Burrell finished fourth on the 2003 Irish with 58 tackles, including 39 solo tackles. After intercepting four passes and causing two fumbles on last year's team, Burrell is expected to be one of the team's defensive leaders this season.



CORNERBACK

Dwight Ellick - Sr.

A veteran cornerback who was also an all-Big East runner on Notre Dame's track and field team in 2003, Ellick is one of the fastest players on the team and should be able to use his speed to make some plays. Ellick will probably also see time returning kickoffs.



INTERIOR LINEBACKER

Mike Goolsby - Sr.

Goolsby missed all of 2003 with an injury, and will return to the inside linebacker position he manned in 2002. On that team, Goolsby finished third in tackles with 75 and also collected four sacks.



INTERIOR LINEBACKER

Corey Mays - Sr.

Mays played in all 12 games for the Irish last year, primarily on special teams, but saw action at linebacker in the Washington State game. Mays will likely start this year against BYU, after 2003 starter Brandon Hoyte injured his right arm.



RIGHT END

Kyle Budinscak - Sr.

Budinscak started the first eight games of 2003, before missing the remainder of the season with an injury. Last year, he made 17 tackles (10 solo) and picked up three sacks for 16 yards.



NOSE GUARD

Greg Pauly - Sr.

Pauly is a fifth-year defensive lineman who played in 11 games in 2003, starting against Pittsburgh and Boston College. He rotated playing time with Cedric Hilliard and Darrell Campbell, but both those players have graduated.



DEFENSIVE TACKLE

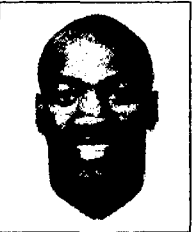
Trevor Laws - Soph.

Laws was injured last year and did not see any action on the field, but he is loaded with potential for 2004. As a prep star at Apple Valley (Minn.) Laws was named a USA Today All-America defensive liner.

WIDE RECEIVER

Maurice Stovall - Jr.

As a speedy wideout in 2003, Stovall battled problems with consistency. He enters 2004 as a potential big-play guy and his height (6-5) should make him difficult to defend. Stovall made 22 catches for 421 yards and three touchdowns in 2003.



LEFT TACKLE

Ryan Harris - Soph.

Harris made an immediate impact in 2003, starting eight games as a freshman. He could become one of the nation's best.



LEFT GUARD

Bob Morton - Jr.

The emergence of John Sullivan at center moves Morton one position over to start this season.



CENTER

John Sullivan - Soph.

Sullivan has emerged as one of the stars of this year's line after an impressive performance in 2004 spring practice.



RIGHT GUARD

Dan Stevenson - Sr.

Stevenson started 2003 at right guard, but missed the Navy and BYU games with an injury. He collected an interception last



QUARTERBACK

Brady Quinn - Soph.

Quinn stepped in as a starter in 2003 against Purdue and hasn't looked back since. He attempted 59 passes in that game, the second-most pass attempts in Irish history, including an 85-yard touchdown to Maurice Stovall. He fought inconsistency all year as a freshman, finishing the year with 15 interceptions and nine touchdowns.

FULLBACK

Rashon Powers-Neal - Sr.

Powers-Neal caught a 59-yard touchdown in the 2004 Blue-Gold game and figures to be a versatile offensive option at the fullback position this year. As a converted tailback, he proved difficult to tackle and should provide the Irish with depth in the backfield this season. He did not score a touchdown in 2003, but scored two as a sophomore in 2002.

RUNNING BACK

Ryan Grant - Sr.

After rushing for over 1,000 yards in 2002, Grant was relegated to a backup role to Julius Jones in 2003. With Jones in the NFL, the starting job this year should return to Grant, who proved key part of Notre Dame's 10-3 season in 2002. Last year, he collected 510 yards on 143 attempts and scored three touchdowns.

IRISH 2004 OPPONENTS

SEPTEMBER 4



Head coach: Gary Crowton

Last year's record: 4-8

Last game vs. ND:
Nov. 15, 2003
Notre Dame 33, BYU 14

SEPTEMBER 11



Head coach: Lloyd Carr

Last year's record: 10-3

Last game vs. ND:
Sept. 13, 2003
Michigan 38, Notre Dame 0

SEPTEMBER 18



Head coach: John L. Smith

Last year's record: 8-5

Last game vs. ND:
Sept. 20, 2003
Michigan St. 22, Notre Dame 16

SEPTEMBER 25



Head coach: Keith Gilbertson

Last year's record: 6-6

Last game vs. ND:
Oct. 12, 1996
Notre Dame 54, Washington 20

OCTOBER 2



Head coach: Joe Tiller

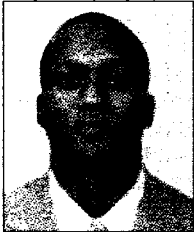
Last year's record: 9-4

Last game vs. ND:
Sept. 27, 2003
Purdue 23, Notre Dame 10

THE IRISH

STRONG SAFETY

Lionel Bolen - Sr.
Bolen was used primarily as a reserve in the past two seasons, but is expected to be used in a much larger role this year. He had one start last season, against Florida State, and saw action in 10 other games during 2003, collecting 12 tackles.



SIDE LINEBACKER

Mark Curry - Sr.
Curry is expected to be one of the team's leaders this year, after starting 24 of 25 games in his last two seasons. He collected 66 tackles and 4.5 sacks last year, while also collecting two interceptions.



LEFT END

Justin Tuck - Sr.
After sitting out 2004 spring practice with an injury, Tuck is ready to once again contribute on the Notre Dame pass rush. His 13.5 sacks last season was a new Irish single-season sack record, and he also led the team in tackles for a loss with 19.



High School, day first-team man.

RIGHT TACKLE

Mark LeVoi - Sr.
LeVoi has the most experience of the 2004 linemen, and started all 12 games of 2003 at left guard.



TIGHT END

Billy Palmer - Sr.
Served as the primary starter at tight end in 2003, rotating time with fellow senior Jared Clark and sophomore Anthony Fasano.



CORNERBACK

Mike Richardson - Jr.
After playing most of 2003 at special teams and as a back-up to starters Dwight Ellick and Jason Beckstrom, Richardson is expected to compete for a start at cornerback this season. He finished the 2003 season with 16 tackles, including 10 solo tackles.



WIDE RECEIVER

Rhema McKnight - Jr.
McKnight was the top receiver for the Irish in 2003, leading the team in catches (47), yards (600) and tied with Stovall for the most receiving touchdowns (three). He enters the season as Quinn's number-one receiver and should be poised for a breakout year.



Predictions

The third year makes or breaks you at Notre Dame, and it's the same for Tyrone Willingham. This team has as much talent as almost anyone in the country, the schedule is manageable and the hunger should be there. Gone are the days of expecting a 10-1 or 11-0 season every year — at least for right now. But 2004 will be a step in the right direction.



Matt Lozar
Editor in Chief

Prediction: 9-3 with a bowl win

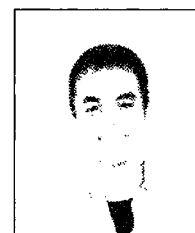


Heather Van Hoegarden
Sports Editor

This year's team has the talent and potential to do good things. Brady Quinn has a year under his belt. The offensive line is back with more experience as well. The Irish offense can put points on the board if everyone stays healthy. This team has a lot to prove, and in Tyrone Willingham's third season, there is no better time to start.

Prediction: 8-4 with a bowl win

Notre Dame has the talent to improve over a dismal 2003 campaign. The offense is better, the defense has potential and the schedule is somewhat easier. But, like any year, Notre Dame must execute to win and do so consistently. By season's end, this team should do enough to quiet critics for at least another year.



Joe Hettler
Sports Writer

Prediction: 8-4 with a bowl loss

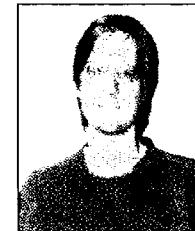


Pat Leonard
Associate Sports Editor

A lighter schedule means more wins. The loss of Julius Jones means more losses. But the record of this team depends on how the Irish fare in their biggest games: Michigan, Tennessee and USC. Victories against the Wolverines and Trojans could cause a quick turnaround. The secondary is a huge question mark, and teams will throw against them with relentless air attacks.

Prediction: 7-4, no bowl

It's probably safe to say that Notre Dame was better than a 5-7 team last year. Poor execution in the Michigan State and Boston College games cost Notre Dame potential victories, and it would have been interesting to see what would have happened if Julius Jones had been used earlier and more often. The team should be better this year.



Justin Schuver
Associate Sports Editor

Prediction: 8-4 with a bowl loss

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Coach: Buddy Teevens
Last year's record: 4-7
Last game vs. ND:
Nov. 29, 2003
vs. Stanford 7

OCTOBER 16



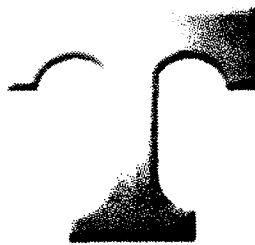
Head coach: Paul Johnson
Last year's record: 8-5
Last game vs. ND:
Nov. 8, 2003
Notre Dame 27, Navy 24

OCTOBER 23



Head coach: Tom O'Brien
Last year's record: 8-5
Last game vs. ND:
Oct. 25, 2003
Boston Coll. 27, Notre Dame 25

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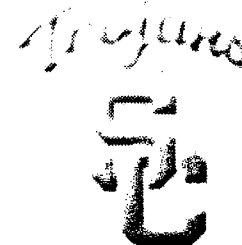
Head coach: Phillip Fulmer
Last year's record: 10-3
Last game vs. ND:
Nov. 3, 2001
Tennessee 28, Notre Dame 18

NOVEMBER 13



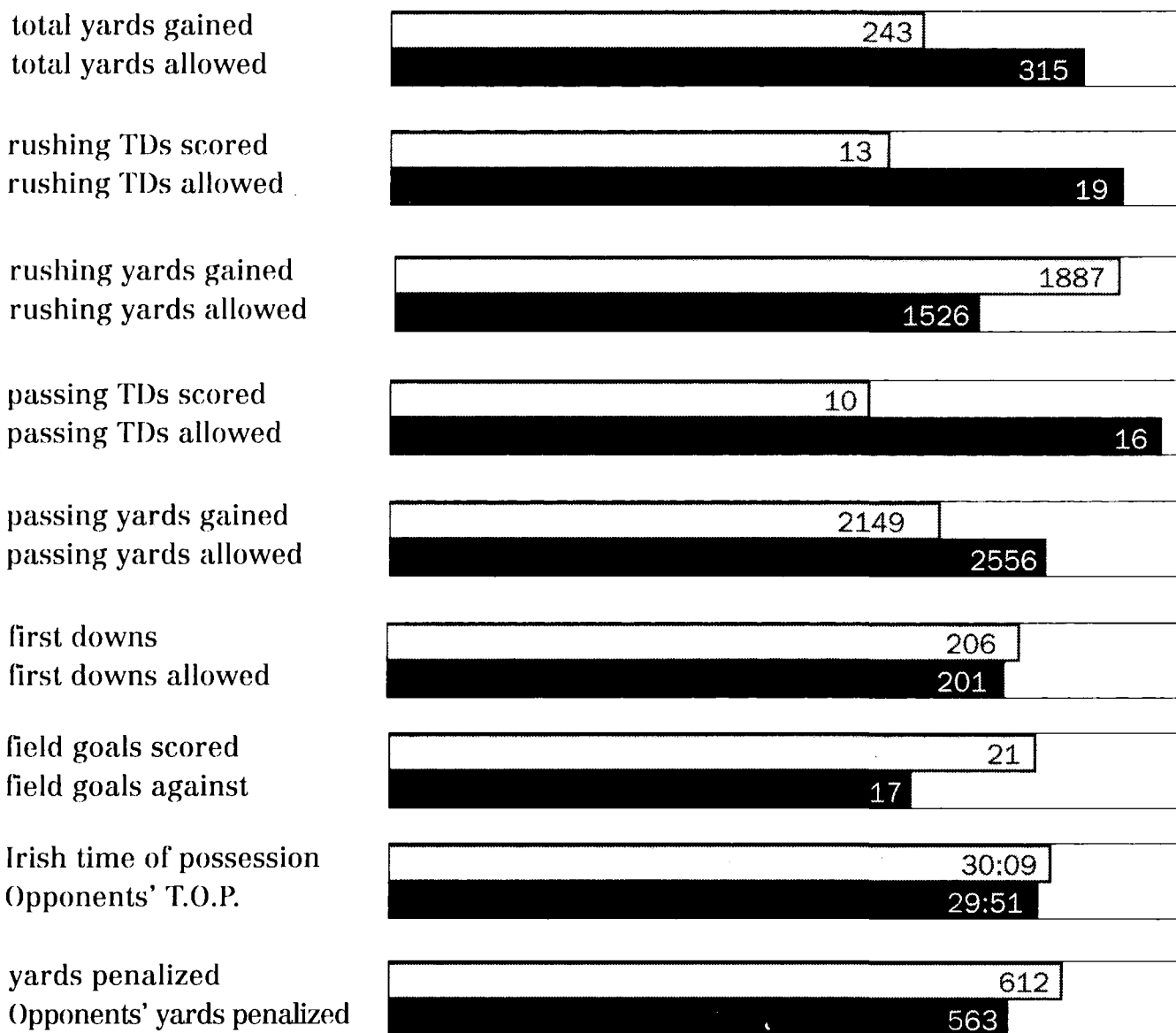
Head coach: Walt Harris
Last year's record: 8-5
Last game vs. ND:
Oct. 11, 2003
Notre Dame 20, Pittsburgh 14

NOVEMBER 27



Head coach: Pete Carroll
Last year's record: 12-1
Last game vs. ND:
Oct. 18, 2003
USC 45, Notre Dame 14

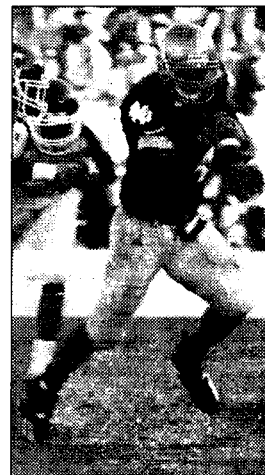
Sizing up last year's performance



PLAYERS TO WATCH

RYAN GRANT
RUNNING BACK

VICTOR ABIAMIRI
DEFENSIVE END



In 2002, Grant became just the seventh player in Notre Dame history to rush for over 1,000 yards. After being pushed to the backup role last year during the re-emergence of Julius Jones, Grant will need to return to 2002 form if Notre Dame is to have a balanced offense.

As a true freshman, Abiamiri stepped in and proved a force on the Irish pass rush. Although he only recorded one sack in 2003, he helped cause chaos in the opponent's backfield all year.

by the numbers

Brady Quinn's completion percentage last year (157 completions in 332 attempts). He will look to be more consistent this year. **47.3**

8 number of teams that Notre Dame plays this season who participated in a bowl game in 2003.

Notre Dame's wins in its last 14 games. Those losses included a 45-14 loss to USC and a 38-0 shutout by Michigan in 2003. **5**



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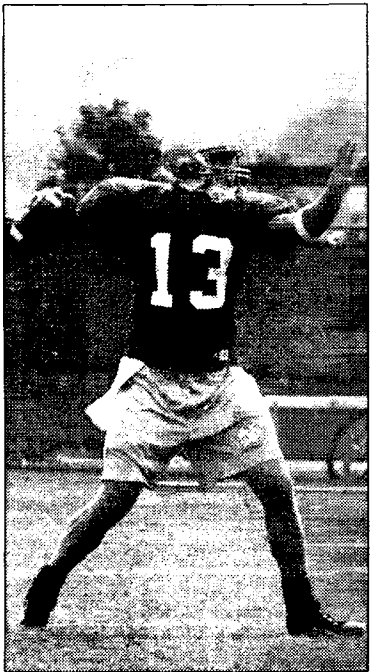
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Dillingham ready to step up as backup QB

Former walk-on and MSU 2002 game hero will be second-string signalcaller

By PAT LEONARD
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He threw 59 passes in his first start. He took his blows against the likes of USC, Florida State and even Syracuse. And he's back on his feet. Now, all indications point to a healthy Brady Quinn leading the charge of a resurrected offense with a



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True freshman David Wolke participates in a fall practice drill earlier this year.

year of experience.

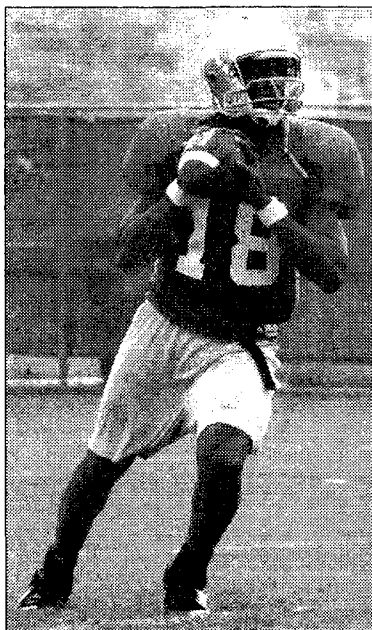
"Probably the biggest thing is you've got a quarterback that has got a year under his belt, understands the system, and I think that helps tremendously in your overall production and execution," offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. "[Brady has] stepped up and become more of a leader and that's something that we really lacked quite a bit last year."

Senior running back Ryan Grant has more experience on the offensive side of the ball, but Quinn receives the major responsibility of leadership because of his position. And so do the backup quarterbacks.

Senior Pat Dillingham, the most likely to backup Quinn to start the season, has his name sealed in Notre Dame football history after completing a simple slant pattern to Arnaz Battle in 2002 that turned into a game-winning, 60-yard touchdown against Michigan State.

Dillingham, however, has never received the call to consistently contribute to the Irish offense. Since even Quinn is not invincible at the targeted quarterback position, Dillingham has had to prepare as if he were the starter.

"I'm preparing like I'm going to back up [Quinn],"



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Darren Bragg is one of two freshman quarterbacks on the Irish squad this season.

Dillingham said. "There hasn't been any official announcement. [But] I'm getting most of the backup reps and preparing like I'm going to play, and that's the only way you can be ready."

Coaches are pleased with Dillingham's progress, since the next backup after Dillingham would be one of two true freshmen, Darren Bragg and David Wolke.

"I issued a challenge to Pat at the end of spring ball that

if he was going continue to improve, there were things that he had to do," Diedrick said. "And I think that Pat did a great job over the summer, prepared himself both physically and mentally ... we're quite pleased with where he has come from spring ball."

The freshmen have begun learning the offensive system. Still, much like young running back Darius Walker has spoken of adjusting to a more complicated offense, Bragg and Wolke have unofficially become secondary to Dillingham in the backup role of Quinn.

"I think that both [freshmen] have progressed in camp, probably not as far as I would like," Diedrick said. "I think the combination of sore arms and mental overload kind of hit them at a number of spots. But I think they've both worked through it, and they're still getting reps."

Dillingham has been in the system for three years and said he understands the offense enough to be a serviceable backup.

"It's just a matter of going out there and executing," Dillingham said.

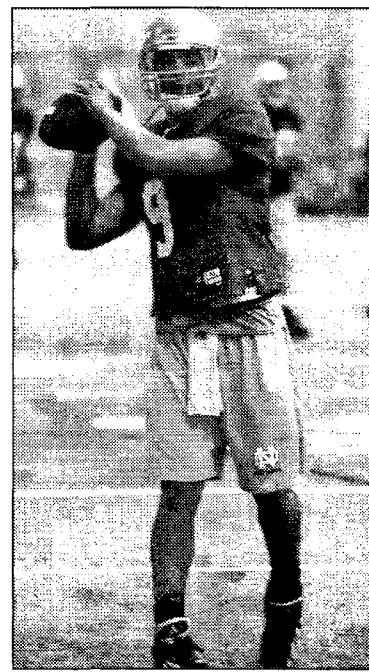
The offense under Quinn has progressed throughout the fall.

"You're probably never as consistent as you'd like to be [on offense] and that's the

thing we coaches harp on," Willingham said. "That's the thing you're always striving for."

Dillingham hopes he has improved to that point, to where if Quinn cannot play for one reason or another, the offense will not miss a beat.

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Pat Dillingham is expected to be the backup quarterback this year.

Fitzpatrick leads the way for special teams

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After a game-winning field goal by a walk-on place kicker with a walk-on holder beat Navy in 2003, this year's kicking game should be improved.

Leading the way will be walk-on place kicker and punter D.J. Fitzpatrick. In 2003, he took over the starting jobs after Nicholas Setta went down against Pittsburgh with an injury. Fitzpatrick started the final eight games of the season and converted 12-of-17 field goal attempts, including the game-winner against Navy. But this year will be different for the senior, as he knows he is the starting place kicker, and maybe punter.

"Last year I was just kind of thrown into the mix, so this year I got that good year under my belt, I'm a lot more comfortable, and I don't have to worry about fighting off the nerves," Fitzpatrick said. "I can just go in there and do what I know how to do and relax."

Fitzpatrick said he is more prepared this year for the expectations.

"Last year, I didn't even have time to think about it, I was just kind of thrown into the mix and whatever happened, happened," he said. "This year, the expectations are higher from others and

from myself. So I'm definitely more confident, and want to get out there and see what I can do and help the team as much as I can."

At the punting position, the battle is still underway for the starting spot. Redshirt freshman Geoffrey Price is competing with Fitzpatrick, despite having no collegiate experience. Price shined in the spring Blue-Gold game, booting six punts for an average of 45.8 yards, including punts of 64 and 55 yards. He handled the kicking duties throughout that game.

"The spring game was good," Price said. "I enjoyed that. The beginning of camp, I think I was doing pretty well. I've had a couple of off days lately. Now I just have to get focused and get back on track, hopefully."

Coach Tyrone Willingham said he is still waiting to see who will emerge as the team's punter.

"We're still very much in a competition there with Geoff Price and D.J. Fitzpatrick, so we don't know how that one is going to shake out or when it will shake out," Willingham said. "But hopefully we'll know something by the time we start this ballgame [against BYU]."

Willingham also said he is looking for consistency, but would prefer a kicker who can be "spectacular."

"When you start to work your way backwards, I say, that's the issue of being con-

sistent," Willingham said. "What you would love to have is spectacular. If we get spectacular now, I'll probably be very happy. But if you can't get spectacular, then what you want is consistency."

Fitzpatrick worked on his punting game over the summer after averaging 36.8 yards per punt in 2003.

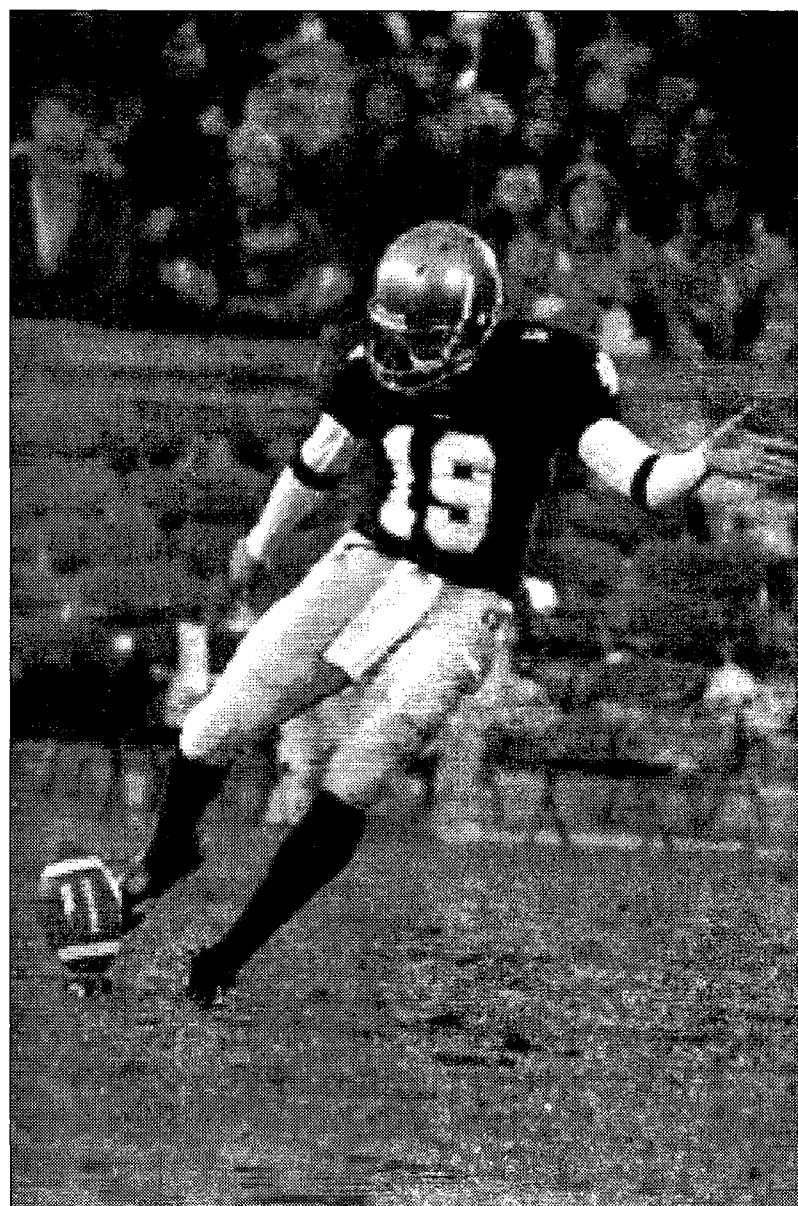
"I worked all spring, summer, earlier this fall," the senior said. "I really worked hard on my punting game because that was the downside of my experience last year. My kicking's coming along great, so I'm excited to get this year going."

"It's great having a guy like Geoff pushing me, knowing that someone is nipping right at your heels wanting your job, so everything's up in the air. These positions are 'What-have-you-done-for-me-lately' type positions, so I'm just trying to do the best I can. So whatever coach decides, whoever ends up out there is going to do a good job."

Although the kicking game is not set in stone, the return game has the potential to be exciting.

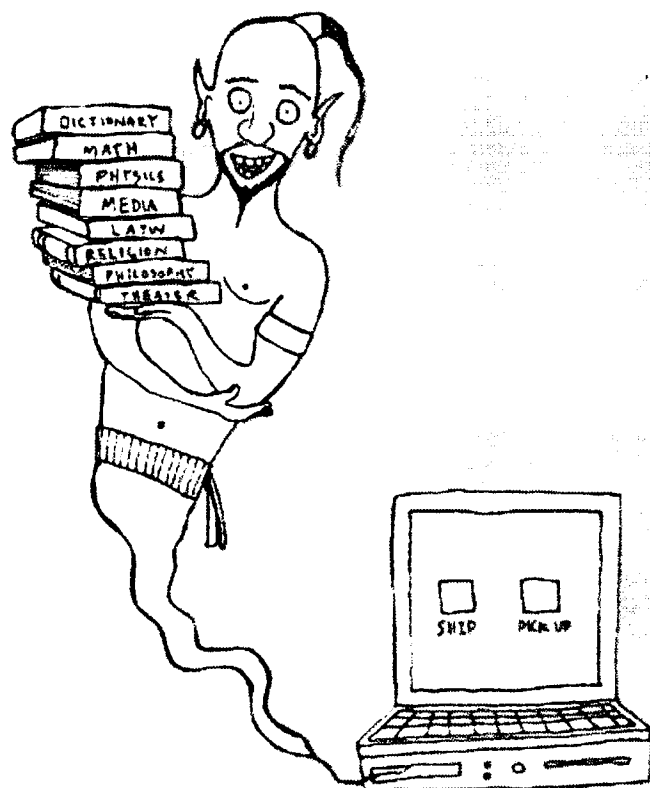
Junior Rhema McKnight will be the primary return man, and senior Carlyle Holiday could also see action.

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Irish kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick kicks off against BYU last year. Fitzpatrick, a walk-on, will be the starting place kicker this season.

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