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SMC responds to DOE complaint

◆ College makes changes to comply with Clery Act

By MYRA MCGRIFF
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's reporting procedure on sexual assaults is under review by the Department of Education (DOE) due to a complaint issued by the watchdog organization Security on Campus

(SOC).

The complaint filed against Saint Mary's on May 13, 2001 alleged inadequate compliance with the Jeanne Clery act, according to the text of the complaint.

In 1991, an amendment to the Jeanne Clery act stated all colleges had to report assaults under a calendar year, January to January, instead of a fiscal year, June to May. Saint Mary's did not change their reporting procedure. Consequently, two sexual assaults were filed under the

wrong years: one assault was filed under 1997 instead of 1996 and another was filed under 1998 instead of 1999.

Although the complaint is extensive, the two major points of the complaint raised rested in two areas, the way Saint Mary's reported sexual assault statistics and non-compliance with sexual assault disclosure in their Safety Security informational brochure.

"We were not reporting the way we should have been reporting," Keith Dennis, vice president of finances and

administration. "We had one sexual assault under the 1998 column when it should have been reported in the 1999 column.

The other major complaint was in regard to Saint Mary's Safety and Security informational brochure. Due to another amendment in the Jean Clery act in 1992, all colleges had to include in their security brochures the institution's judicial, reporting, and timely warning procedures. Saint Mary's did not.

Instead of listing their policy

the brochure referred people to the student handbook.

"In the old brochure we didn't have a statement on our policy on crime alerts. We have to spell it out in the security brochure," Dennis said.

To rectify the errors stated in the May 13 complaint, Saint Mary's responded July 16 with a three-page letter and pages of documents to back up their intentions. Included in the supporting document was the changed statistics for each

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KYLIE CARTER/The Observer

New Student Activities Director Brian Coughlin (center) meets Wednesday with Sophomore Class council. Coughlin left his job as Carroll Hall rector to assume his new position.

Coughlin takes SAO position

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

Although Brian Coughlin liked his job as rector of Carroll Hall, he decided he was ready for a change. So when Student Activities Director Joe Cassidy left the University in 2000, Coughlin applied for position.

"When [Cassidy] left, I thought about it long and hard because I really enjoyed being a rector. But I felt it was time to move on," Coughlin said.

Following a nation-wide search for Cassidy's replacement, the University selected Coughlin in May. On July 1, Coughlin took over the director's job from Mary

Edgington, who had served as acting director for the past year. Edgington returned to her position as an assistant director within the Student Activities office.

As Student Activities director, Coughlin will coordinate the activities of Notre Dame's student organizations, residence halls, radio stations and University-supported publications. His job also includes overseeing the operation of LaFortune Student Center, Alumni-Senior Club and Stepan Center.

According to some Carroll residents, their former rector was an excellent selection for the head of Student Activities.

"He was always really enthusiastic about Notre Dame spirit, so I think hello do a good job," said

junior Tom Alessi.

For sophomore Dan Murphy, Coughlin made a favorable impression by joining in a game of volleyball with Carroll's residence assistants during Freshmen Orientation last year.

"I think he's a really great guy," Murphy said. "He cared about everyone in the dorm. He always took everyone's view into consideration when he had to decide something."

During his three years as rector, Coughlin also had a chance to work with the Student Activities office. In fact, Joe Cassidy asked Coughlin to be an advisor to the office of the student body presi-

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Officials begin U2 ticket sales

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

A performance at the Joyce Center this fall by U2 is still not a certainty, but University officials have stepped up preparations for an appearance by the star Irish band.

In a move that seemingly assures a visit by the rock act, Notre Dame ticketing officials have offered Joyce Center loge seat holders first chance to purchase tickets for the event.

An Aug. 24 mailing from the Notre Dame Ticket Office includes a letter that tells loge, or box-seat, holders that U2 will be in concert Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena. The mailing states that tickets go on sale Sept. 15 and includes an order form to be returned to the Ticket Office by Sept. 7.

This week a University events manager in charge of concert booking for the Joyce Center confirmed that Notre Dame officials have been in discussions with promoters from Clear Channel Entertainment, the company representing U2's international Elevation tour.

The recent letter to box-seat holders is standard procedure and doesn't ensure an appearance by the

band, according to Dennis Moore, Notre Dame's director of public relations and information.

"I would assume that this is a date that must have been proposed to the promoters," Moore said Wednesday. "It's typical that [box-seat holders] get first pass on major events there [at the Joyce Center]," Moore said Wednesday.

He said a formal announcement about the tour would come from Clear Channel spokespeople after Labor Day.

"You would think, given the date they're talking about, the announcement would be sooner rather than later," Moore said.

For almost a month, local media and a fan-run Web site have fueled rumors that the Joyce Center would be a tour stop for the popular band.

If U2 decides to perform on campus, it would put tour representatives and University administrators on a tight schedule for promoting and selling tickets for the event.

If the band opts out of a performance here, box-seat holders who have already secured tickets would receive full refunds, Moore said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Don't sweat it

It's that time of year again. Everyone is sharpening their No. 2 pencils, buying overpriced folders from the bookstore and becoming increasingly overwhelmed by that looming feeling of dread that always accompanies the first week of classes.

It's not that school in general is an adverse or evil thing. It's just that when handed five or six different syllabi, realizing that you have to get up at 6 a.m. to sign up for a Cardio Box class, going to buy a course packet as big as your left arm, and then, on top of it all, discovering that you have to read a 200-page book in three days, college can be as exhausting as it is overwhelming.



Jacqueline Browder

Scene Copy Editor

The moment your parents tearfully drop you off for Freshman Orientation, it all begins. Within minutes, you are bombarded by the Four Big Questions: name, dorm, hometown, and major. Major? You just arrived, starry-eyed to begin your collegiate adventures and suddenly, you're supposed to have mapped out the next four years of your life and beyond.

Yes, it's a wonderful thing to have direction in your life and most people arrive with at least a vague idea of what they would like to study. However, having to pin-point the meaning and organization of your life's adventures when you haven't even unpacked your CDs can be a troublesome thought.

Then classes begin, and there doesn't seem to be enough time in a day to do all of the work that lies ahead of you. Looking at your syllabi, you see that you have papers, projects, tests, and portfolios — all of which are guaranteed to be due the same week. There are books to be bought and read in a week's time, course packets to highlight before next week's discussion group — and didn't you want to build a loft? It's enough to make your head spin.

Then, the extra curricular activities kick in. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's offer an astounding number of ways to spend your "free time," urging you to join a broom ball league, help your community, strengthen your faith and build your resume. With so many options, picking one — or 12 — isn't easy. After activity night, you may wonder how you ended up on the email list for the Notre Dame Rodeo Club, or realize that roller hockey just isn't for you.

Before the first-week-stress syndrome causes you to break down in tears and come to the decision that life would be better as a bartender in the Caribbean, relax. Take another look at your syllabi and discover that you have weeks to prepare for your chemistry midterm. Read on the quad or play Frisbee with your friends. Take a walk around the lakes, and realize that you — yes, you — are a bright and clever individual. You have direction in your life, even if it's only that you want to do well in whatever you eventually decide to study.

College can put an unbelievable amount of stress on a person, but it only makes you stronger. And, when your to-do list is checked off, your tests are taken and your papers are turned in, you can give yourself a high five, knowing that as overwhelmed as you felt at the beginning of the year, you did it.

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

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CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

In the Aug. 29 edition of The Observer, Chicago White Sox pitcher Rocky Biddle was incorrectly identified as the Detroit Tigers' Matt Perisho.

Also in the Aug. 29 edition, Ken Caminiti was incorrectly identified as a player for the Houston Astros. Caminiti plays for the Atlanta Braves. The Observer regrets the errors.

The Observer aims for accuracy at all times. If you have noticed a mistake, please call us at 631-4541.

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THIS WEEK AT NOTRE DAME AND SAINT MARY'S

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Monday
◆ Car wash: Coaches' car wash, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Gold Field parking lot, west of Eck Baseball Stadium	◆ Movie: "Finding Forrester," 7:30 p.m., Carroll Auditorium	◆ Comedy show: Bobby Collins, 9 p.m., Washington Hall	◆ Holiday: Labor Day, all administrative offices closed, classes in session
◆ Picnic: Graduate Student Union picnic, 5:30 to 7 p.m., Fischer-O'Hara Grace parking area	◆ Party: Graduate Student Union welcome-back party, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., Alumni Senior Club	◆ Breakfast: Midnight pancake breakfast, 12 to 1:30 a.m., North Dining Hall	◆ Documentaries: "The Inheritance," 4 p.m., Hesburgh Center Auditorium

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Report raises questions about Duke shoe deal

DURHAM, N.C.

When top basketball recruit Amare Stoudemire's mother accepted money from Nike consultant George Raveling, she might have jeopardized her son's NCAA eligibility.

But she also sparked questions about the role of big-time shoe companies in college athletics.

Those same questions surfaced in July when the Knight Foundation's Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics released a report that argued that the commercialization hurt higher education. Now, administrators, students and fans at Duke University are wondering if the Nike swoosh is mightier than the Duke shield.

Men's basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski has had a private con-

"It's bad if corporations are running the ranch here. But they're not."

Mike Krzyzewski
men's basketball head coach

tract with Nike since 1993 after switching from adidas.

Nike provides the team with shoes, uniforms and practice gear.

"Yes, we wear the Nike swoosh on our uniforms," Krzyzewski said earlier this year. "And a lot's for sale here, but with stipulations. It's bad if corporations are running the ranch here. But they're not."

"A university is also a business, but it should not sell values," he said.

Alleva said that in other sports, the University has individual contracts with equipment providers.

"Soccer has adidas," Alleva said. "Tennis has deals ... Golf has Titleist and companies like that."

There are obvious benefits for Duke.

Krzyzewski's deal supplements his income from the University, and the team receives free equipment and exposure.

Eric Oberman, a spokesperson for Nike, said the shoe company has more than 200 contracts with various schools and coaches.

Although he could not reveal the contents of a specific contract, he said Nike offers footwear at a minimum and often uniforms and other apparel.

PENN STATE UNIVERSITY

Campus reacts to student's suicide

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.

As word of Timothy Kulp's suicide slowly filtered through the second floor of Hamilton Hall at Pennsylvania State University, where the 18-year-old had lived for about a week, students reacted with sadness and shock.

But with only a few weeks of Penn State experience to his name, not many of his fellow residents knew him well, if at all.

"He was never home," said Bryan Brightbill, who lived a few rooms down the hall from Kulp. "But I can't believe that it's so close to the start of college and it's already over for him. He didn't experience anything yet and that is tragic."

Anthony Jefferson and Arun Kapil also said not many residents ever saw Kulp.

Although they were shocked that he was arrested for indecent assault Saturday, neither student believed that the charges were so severe that he would take his life.

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO

Study declares school's soil safe

AUSTIN, Texas

A study released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared elevated levels of arsenic and lead in the University of Texas at El Paso's soil are not a health threat to faculty, students and staff.

The HHS Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry and the Texas Department of Health released the findings Monday after surveying the area in July on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency. Though the lead and arsenic contents were above the EPA's acceptable levels, UTEP officials said they pose little or no risk to the university community.

A UTEP geology student analysis of the soil earlier this year found significant levels of the two substances, prompting the government to analyze the soil on campus.

"I could say that the entire campus was found to be safe," said Robert Moss, UTEP Director of Environmental Health and Safety. "The metals weren't found to impose any risk."

LOCAL WEATHER

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Houston	85	76	Philadelphia	81	67	Washington DC	81	70

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Local area code set to change

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Assistant News Editor

Because the current 219 area code serving all of northern Indiana is nearing capacity, callers will have to dial a new area code 574 to reach Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and South Bend residents as early as June 2002.

According to Notre Dame's telecommunications manager Steve Ellis, during the next four months, until Dec. 14, callers will notice no changes while telephone companies prepare their equipment for the new area code.

Starting Dec. 14, a period called permissive dialing will begin, when callers may dial either the old 219 area code or the new 574 area code. Then beginning June 14, 2002, callers must dial the new 574 area code.

The December and June deadlines were set by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, but may be moved back as a result of appeals from telephone companies.

Before the new area code takes affect, the University has to prepare for the change.

"All literature has to be changed [with the new area code]. It's very painful. Voice mail will have to be changed, but we are hoping to get some outside assistance with that," said Ellis.

Saint Mary's is also preparing for the change over.

"I've already planned to send notices to let people know that they can use the new area code

in December, and I plan to follow up closer to June, when everyone must use the 574 area code," said Saint Mary's Telecommunications Coordinator Sandy Handley.

To minimize the cost of printing new business cards, brochures and other media with the new area code, Notre Dame procurement services alerted the University community of the area code change.

Ellis said he suggests that departments use their current supply of media and change the area code when they re-order during the six-month permissive period.

"We are pleased we got the information so early and we sent an alert out well enough in advance that we have almost a year [to change the area code on current media]. We see no additional cost to the University since we have given early notice to the departments and we have asked the printing suppliers to work with each department in ordering appropriate quantities through the transition," said assistant vice president for procurement services Tim Gibney.

According to Saint Mary's director of marketing communications Nick Farmer, the College has not yet sent out instructions for ordering media with the new area code, but will do so soon.

"It came as somewhat of a sur-

prise to people over the summer [that the area code would change]. We will be sending out guidelines for the new area code very soon," said Farmer.

The telecommunications departments at both schools will continue to publicize information about the area code change as the change over date approaches and Ellis said he suggests callers begin using the 574 area code as soon as the permissive dialing period begins.

"Everybody will approach using the new area code a different way, but the quicker I forget 219, the better I'm going to be,"

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Steve Ellis
telecommunications manager

Ellis said.

Officials from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission split the region into three parts, each with its own area code: the eastern region including Fort Wayne, the central region including South Bend and the western region including Gary.

During the summer, a lottery was held to determine which region would keep the 219 area code and which would adopt two new area codes: 260 and 574. The Gary area was randomly selected to keep 219, South Bend was assigned 574 and Fort Wayne was assigned 260.

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Governor appoints SMC prof to board

By MARY CAMPE
News Writer

Saint Mary's College social work professor Jo Ann Burke has been appointed by Governor Frank O'Bannon to a two-year term on the board of Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for the Elderly and Aging (CHOICE).

The CHOICE board advises the governor in policies related to care for the elderly and disabled and works with the Indiana Bureau of Aging and In-home Services.

Dr. Burke hopes to bring ideas and solutions to move towards providing community-based services enabling people with disabilities to remain in their homes instead of solely relying on institutions, or nursing homes.



Burke

"This is a very exciting time to be on this board," says Burke. "People are living longer and we need to come up with ways for the next wave of nursing homes to be at-home care."

Burke also works with Real Services Inc., a community-based elderly care agency that covers Northwest Indiana. One member of the agency saw the motivation and time Burke devotes to the cause of elderly care and nominated her.

Rebecca Zaseck, the nominating colleague, believes strongly in Burke's depth and breadth of experience and believes those qualities will make her an effective board member for the CHOICE program.

"JoAnn is an educator but she's also a practitioner," Zaseck said.

Burke's background includes 12 years in geriatric and community health nursing and 10 years in family therapy practice, including five years as an American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy-approved supervisor.

Burke earned her master's and doctorate in social work from Bryn Mawr College. She has an undergraduate nursing degree from the University of Cincinnati. Burke has been teaching at Saint Mary's for the past four years.

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Complaint

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wrongly reported sexual assault and a draft of the new Safety and Security brochure. Now they brochure spells out the procedures of the campus alerts, as well as statistical information on assault and other crimes over the last three years.

However, even with the improvements, DOE sent Saint Mary's follow-up questions on Aug. 14 to clarify the colleges July 6 response. The interim correspondence asks Saint Mary's to further explain their reporting methods.

The letter included a list of 11 questions, over half of which pertained directly to how Saint Mary's list specific cases. Other questions dealt with the relationship Saint Mary's shares with Notre Dame in reference to reporting crime statistics.

On Wednesday, the College sent DOE a written response further explaining sexual assault reporting procedures. According to Dennis, the report explains that Notre Dame and Saint Mary's each report the incidents of crime that occur within their individual campus boundaries.

Whether or not DOE accepts

Saint Mary's most current response remains to be seen. SOC Spokesperson S. Daniel Carter thinks the problem rests in the attitude of the administration.

Carter said that the campus' knowledge of the Clery act amendments since 1991 and 1992 and not properly correcting their procedure accordingly speaks to the school's main concern.

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S. Daniel Carter
SOC spokesperson

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Coughlin

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dent.

Now that he has Cassidy's former job, Coughlin said there are some changes he would like to make, although he added that the Student Activities office is already an excellent resource for students.

"I think this office is in really good shape and the people who work here are great," Coughlin said.

However, he said he would like the office to become more "user friendly." He explained that when students plan events or fundraisers, they currently have to go through several steps of paperwork to get approval. Although Coughlin said reducing the amount of paperwork might not be possible, he hopes the Student Activities office can begin offering students more assistance in working through the event approval process.

Another important area Coughlin would like to improve is weekend programming. Student Activities has created new positions for students interested in helping to plan weekend activities. In addition, the office will offer more weekend activities, including having a comedian perform once a month.

Coughlin would also like Student Activities to work more with other University offices

that plan events for students, including the Center for Social Concerns, RecSports and the Multicultural Student Programs and Services office. Because he was a rector for three years, Coughlin said he knows people in a number of departments.

In fact, Coughlin believes his three years as Carroll's rector are perfect preparation for Student Activities director.

"I don't think anyone knows this University better than the rectors," Coughlin said.

In addition, Coughlin brings to the position of Student Activities director a number of different academic and work experiences.

After graduating from Notre Dame in 1995, Coughlin went to Bethany College in West Virginia, where he was in charge of freshman residents halls before becoming coordinator of residence life and student leadership development in 1996. While working at Bethany, Coughlin also earned a masters degree in educational leadership from West Virginia University in 1997. He left West Virginia in 1997 to become a residence hall director at Boston College before returning to his alma mater in 1998.

Coughlin is also the advisor to the Men's and women's water polo clubs.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Media gain more access in South Korea: For the first time, foreign reporters will be allowed to attend routine briefings at the Foreign Ministry that in the past have been open only to mainstream South Korean media. The decision was a rebuff to the privileges powerful domestic press clubs have enjoyed for more than 50 years.

Archbishop's wife accepts decision: The wife of a Roman Catholic archbishop said Wednesday she had accepted his decision to leave her after the two met for the first time in three weeks, ending a saga that had embarrassed the Vatican and captivated Italy. "For the great love for my husband, I'll respect his decision" to leave me, Maria Sung told reporters late Wednesday. "But that doesn't change the feeling I have for him."

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

AMA says no to drug company gifts: The American Medical Association is spending a big chunk of drug-company money to tell doctors not to accept large gifts from drug companies in a campaign that critics say smacks of hypocrisy. The AMA is contributing about \$400,000 to the \$1 million effort, but most of the balance comes from payments between \$50,000 and \$100,000 from nine major drug companies. The AMA says it makes sense to involve the industry in a campaign that's also designed to inform drug makers about what is considered unethical behavior.

Committee: 40,000 tax returns lost: At least 40,000 federal tax returns and payments involving \$810 million were either lost or destroyed at a Pittsburgh processing facility. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., said a previous estimate of 1,800 lost or destroyed payments was "only a small fraction" of the actual total.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Fire destroys Evansville factory: Fire gutted a cardboard factory on Evansville's North Side on Wednesday, forcing the evacuation of nearby homes and businesses. Five firefighters who responded to the fire at the Sisco Corp. suffered heat exhaustion and were treated at a hospital, officials said. They were released by late afternoon. Buildings within a half-mile of the fire were evacuated for a few hours because of concerns that fertilizer tanks and gasoline from a nearby farmers' cooperative could explode.

AFGHANISTAN



Andre Schaffer, a Red Cross delegate, stands near blankets he has just delivered to the Taliban guards at the gate of a juvenile detention center to be passed onto the eight foreign detainees. AFP Photo

Foreign aid workers to stand trial

◆ Eight jailed for preaching Christianity

Associated Press

KABUL
Two American women and six other foreigners jailed in Afghanistan on charges of preaching Christianity will be put on trial, the radical Islamic Taliban militia said Wednesday.

The parents of Dayna Curry and Heather Mercer said their daughters were healthy and in "good spirits." They met with them on Monday.

"We are now working with the ministry of foreign affairs to get back in to see our daughters on a more frequent basis and everything is going very well," said Heather's father, John Mercer. "They have been very gracious hosts. They have treated us very warmly. We are just working with them closely to hopefully resolve this issue."

The foreigners - two American women, four Germans and two Australians - have been held for more than three weeks. They are members of a German-based Christian organization,

Shelter Now International, and were arrested along with 16 Afghan employees. The penalty for an Afghan who converts to Christianity is death.

According to Taliban law, foreigners convicted of preaching Christianity in deeply Muslim Afghanistan face jail time and expulsion, while the penalty for an Afghan who converts to Christianity is death.

However, the final say on any punishment lies with the Taliban's reclusive leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar. The Taliban, who control about 95 percent of Afghanistan, are constantly revising their interpreta-

tion of how to carry out punishments under Islamic law.

"After the investigation is completed, the case will go to court and the court will decide according to Shariat (Islamic law)," Foreign Minister Wakil Ahmed Muttawakil told the Taliban's Bakhtar News Agency. There was no indication of when the investigation would be complete.

The announcement followed the weekly council of ministers meeting in the war-ravaged capital Kabul, where the parents of two jailed American women waited for a second visit with their daughters.

Texas 7 leader receives death sentence

Associated Press

DALLAS
The ringleader of the biggest prison breakout in Texas history was sentenced to death Wednesday after unexpectedly pleading with a jury to give him the death penalty for killing a policeman while on the run.

"I don't want to just exist anymore like an animal in prison," George Rivas, 31, said in a courtroom filled with relatives of the slain officer.

The jury took less than two hours to grant Rivas' wish.

Rivas was the first of the seven escaped convicts to be tried in the slaying of Irving Officer Aubrey Hawkins, who was shot 11 times and run over twice during a holdup Christmas Eve at a Dallas-area sporting goods store.

The slaying took place two weeks after the inmates broke out of a maximum-security prison.

Rivas' attorneys had been trying to get him a life sentence, saying he never intended to murder Hawkins. But as the penalty phase wrapped up Wednesday, Rivas, in a surprise twist, asked the jury to give him a

death sentence.

"What you call the death penalty, I call freedom," he said, speaking haltingly. "I can finally be free. I'm telling you right now I don't want another life sentence."

After the verdict was read, Hawkins' wife and mother told Rivas he had destroyed their lives and that of the officer's young son, Andrew. Both demanded he look directly at them.

"You sit there with no remorse on your face and you make me sick," said the officer's sobbing wife, Lori Hawkins. "I will never forgive you."

Market Watch August 29

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S&P 500:	1,148.60	-12.91

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Lawyers honor SMC alumna

By KATIE RAND
News Writer

Helen Burke, a Saint Mary's graduate of the class of 1990, was recently named one of Illinois 40 leading attorneys under 40.

The list is compiled annually by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company, which prints Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, a daily courts newspaper that has provided lawyers with important legal information and news of the day since 1854.

Every year, the Law Bulletin asks its Illinois based readers to nominate attorneys under 40 to join the ranks of their prestigious peers. This past July, Burke was added to the competitive list, and was one of the younger of the 40 attorneys.

"I was nominated by a member of the community. The basic qualifications are to be an Illinois lawyer under 40 who is thought to be worth watching," Burke said.

After graduating from Saint Mary's College, Burke went on to graduate school at the State University of New York at Buffalo, where she earned her Ph.D. in Political Science as well as a degree in law.

Finishing there at the end of 1994, she then moved to Florida where she practiced for a year and a half, before relocating to Illinois for a year of work. All the while Burke worked on her dissertation. Prior to her current position as

an associate in the Chicago office of Michael Best & Friedrich, Burke was an associate with Smith & Herzog and clerked for the Honorable Clifford L. Meacham in the Circuit Court of Cook County for two years.

Burke's practice focuses on all aspects of litigation including mechanics lien and commercial litigation, although her primary area of focus is construction. Working with contractors, subcontractors and owners has proven to be a tough job, but Burke has risen to the top of her field.

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In addition to working for a private practice for the last four and half years, Burke is a member of the Chicago Bar Association, National Association of Women in Construction, Chicago Women in Trades and other organizations. She has also taught Constitutional Law at DePaul University and Political Participation at Saint Mary's College.

Currently she is writing an article with Judge Meacham on construction litigation, her specialty.

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CAMBODIA

Flood victims flee to capital

Associated Press

PHNOM PENH
Authorities struggled Thursday to cope with an influx of villagers flocking to the capital after their homes and crops were wiped out by recent flooding that has left at least 35 people dead.

The government says more than 135,000 people are homeless after heavy rains flooded southeastern provinces in the past two weeks.

Up to 100 people from Prey Veng province arrived Thursday in hopes of getting food. They said they came to the capital after seeing King Norodom Sihanouk on television providing aid to flood victims.

"We don't care if the authorities chase us away, we have nothing and have no choice," said 67-year-old Lonh Khan as she squeezed in for shade under a coconut tree in front of the Royal Palace.

Some 500 more people from southeastern Cambodia took refuge in a Buddhist temple in the capital, Wat Svay Popae, after being ejected Wednesday from a prominent corner park between the National Assembly and the Royal Palace.

On Thursday, police used bullhorns to ask the villagers at the temple to return to their homes, and told some that they would be forcibly removed.

About 100 villagers packed into five vans empty-handed for the ride back to their homes in Kandal and Prey Veng provinces. The remaining stayed back in the pagoda, saying they were too poor and too hungry to return home, and would wait for help.

More than 40 policemen backed by wagons and two fire trucks stood guard outside the

Royal Palace and prevented the destitute farmers from congregating at the corner park, which has been a favorite gathering place in recent years for the downtrodden.

"Since I was born, I've never gone begging from anyone but this is the worst time for us and I have to overcome my shame to beg for my family," said Tum Phally, 35.



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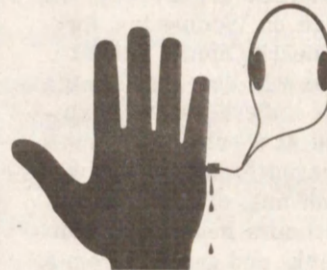
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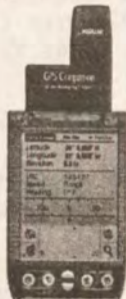
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WEST BANK

Israeli troops pull back from enemy lines

Associated Press

BEIT JALLA

Israeli forces pulled out of the Palestinian town of Beit Jalla before daybreak Thursday, witnesses said, hours after the Jewish state agreed to such a withdrawal if calm was restored.

The pullout, arranged with U.S. and European help, began two days after Israeli tanks and troops entered the village following a heavy exchange of fire between Palestinian gunmen in the city and the Jewish neighborhood of Gilo, across a valley in a disputed part of Jerusalem.

Witnesses said Israeli tanks and armored personnel carriers headed out of Beit Jalla, after exchanges of gunfire stopped around midnight, five hours before the withdrawal began.

Israel radio reported that the tanks and armored vehicles would remain near the town to ensure that the gunfire would not resume.

The move came after a late-night meeting of top Israeli Cabinet ministers in Jerusalem, including Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, Foreign Minister

Shimon Peres and Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer.

Secretary of State Colin Powell talked with leaders on both sides to try to defuse the crisis. He called Arafat on Wednesday to assure him the Bush administration was pressing Israel to withdraw from Beit Jalla, just south of Jerusalem, State Department officials said. Powell also asked Arafat to help restore calm to the region, they said. Later, Powell called Peres, said a statement from Peres' office.

Peres spent Wednesday talking to officials on all sides in an effort to stop the shooting between Palestinian gunmen and Israeli forces and to pull the Israeli troops out of the town.

An aide to European Union envoy Miguel Moratinos said European Union experts were in the region trying to help bring an end to the fighting.

During the two days Israeli forces held positions in the town, Palestinian gunners continued to target Gilo, a Jewish neighborhood built on land captured by Israel in the 1967 war and annexed to Jerusalem. For the first time, they aimed 50-caliber machine-gun fire at the Jewish houses, and they also fired

60mm mortar shells. One Palestinian policeman was killed and at least 20 people were injured, Palestinians said.

The State Department had welcomed the withdrawal agreement and held out hope that the truce could be a springboard to a wider accord. "Stopping the violence is the way of getting there," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Wednesday.

But the State Department heightened its criticism of the measures used by Israel in retaliation for terrorist attacks.

"I think we've seen incursions before," Boucher said. "There is a fundamental issue here, and that's trying to reverse agreements and understandings that have been made in the past."

The statement appeared a muted warning to Israel to reverse the Beit Jalla incursion, the longest-lasting of several into territory Israel turned over to the Palestinian Authority under the 1993 Oslo Accords.

Ben-Eliezer said Wednesday he had no plans to reoccupy Gilo. However, he said, if Palestinians resumed shooting on Gilo after an Israeli withdrawal, his troops would "absolutely" move back into Beit Jalla.

In 11 months of Israeli-Palestinian fighting, Israeli forces have repeatedly entered Palestinian territories, but stayed only a few hours. The incursion, the most extended, threatened to enflame violence to a new peak.

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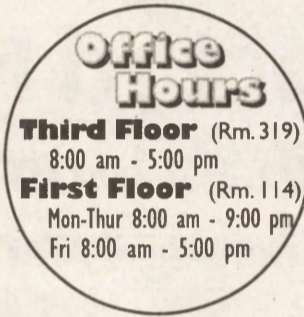


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Residents return home after fires

Associated Press

WEAVERVILLE, Calif. Residents began returning to see what was left of their homes Wednesday as firefighters continued to battle a wild-fire that forced the evacuation of more than half of this former mining town of 3,500.

The blaze burned more than 1,600 acres and destroyed at least a dozen homes. No serious injuries were reported. By Wednesday night, the fire was 65 percent contained, and damage was estimated at \$3.5 million, including destroyed structures and timber.

"We're very concerned the winds could pick up and we could be in the same situation again," said Del Walters, deputy chief of the California Department of Forestry. "Our objective is to keep the fire where it is."

Investigators believe sparks from a car started the fire in five different spots along

Highway 299, about 2 miles west of town, said Kevin Colburn, a spokesman for the California Department of Forestry.

Some residents who fled Tuesday night with armloads of belongings were allowed to check their homes Wednesday after firefighters cut down some trees and reopened a highway.

Firefighters had told Ray Proffitt that his home of more than 45 years had been lost to the blaze. But he returned to find that only his three-car garage had been destroyed.

Proffitt, 75, picked through the rubble of his garage, pulling out 50 years' worth of tools.

The night before, he had refused to leave until the last minute, spraying down his roof with a garden hose until the fire crept onto his property and trees started exploding, he said. On Wednesday, his home was the only one of five in the immediate area still

standing.

High wind gusts had fanned the fire toward the western side of the town, about 200 miles north of San Francisco.

About 100 miles to the south, a man was arraigned on murder charges Wednesday for allegedly starting a brush fire that led to the deaths of two pilots whose firefighting planes collided over the 270-acre blaze.

Prosecutors said Frank Brady, 50, was operating a methamphetamine lab in the woods that may be connected to the Hells Angels motorcycle gang.

In Northern California, about 55 miles northeast of Georgetown, a blaze burning on more than 9,000 acres in canyons was 12 percent contained Wednesday night. No structures were threatened.

Twenty-six large fires were burning on more than 200,000 acres across the West, according to the National Interagency Fire Center.

Officials: Pilot flying Aaliyah not cleared

Associated Press

MIAMI

The pilot of the ill-fated Bahamas flight carrying pop star Aaliyah and eight others did not have federal authorization to fly the plane and had been in court on a crack cocaine possession charge 12 days before the deadly crash, authorities said Wednesday.

Luis Antonio Morales Blanes, 30, had not been listed as the pilot for the twin-engine Cessna by Blackhawk International Airways, Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen said.

She said the company is cleared to fly charters under an air-taxi certificate, which authorizes a single pilot to fly the plane. Bergen said that pilot wasn't Morales.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation. U.S. and Bahamian aviation officials are investigating whether excess weight from baggage — among other possible causes — contributed to Saturday's crash.

NBC "Nightly News" on Wednesday, citing unidentified sources, said the plane was over its maximum take-off weight by 700 pounds to 1,500 pounds. Asked about

the report, Randy Butler, lead investigator from the Bahamas Civil Aviation Department, told The Associated Press, "We're not willing to speculate at this time." He said not every single item from the plane had been weighed and he would not give a partial weight.

The Cessna was bound for Opa-locka, Fla., when it went down shortly after takeoff on Abaco Island, 100 miles north of Nassau. Everyone aboard was killed in the crash or died later of their injuries.

Aaliyah, a Grammy-nominated star with a platinum-selling album and high-profile movie roles to her credit, had come to the Bahamas with the others to shoot a music video.

Bergen said the FAA was still trying to clarify the relationship between Blackhawk and the plane's registered owner, a Florida company called Skystream. The Miami Herald reported Wednesday that Blackhawk was listed on customs documents as the flight's operator.

"It is not unusual for one company to lease an aircraft to another, but that's something we have to clarify with regard to this flight," Bergen said.

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BRAZIL

Castro makes stop before heading to South Africa

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO

Fidel Castro arrived in Brazil Wednesday for an overnight stopover en route to South Africa where he will address a world conference on racism.

The Cuban president was greeted at the military section of Rio de Janeiro's Galeao airport by state governor Anthony Garotinho before heading for a hotel near the city's legendary Copacabana beach.

He was welcomed at the Othon Palace hotel by about 100 boisterous supporters, waving signs reading "Viva Fidel and the Cuban Revolution!" and flags of the Brazilian Communist Party and other leftist movements.

As Castro walked into the hotel, wearing his traditional olive-green military fatigues, eager onlookers jostled to get a



Castro

glimpse of him.

Castro had been scheduled to dine with Garotinho at the governor's palace, but hotel chef Mario Tavares said he had been asked to prepare a dinner of salmon with green salad and green corn for the Cuban guest, the same dish he had eaten last time he stayed here.

There was no word of Castro's schedule for Thursday, except that he was due to leave for Durban, South Africa for the U.N. World Conference Against Racism.

Although Latin America's largest country has a center-right, market-friendly government, Brazil and communist Cuba have warm relations.

Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso is one of the region's most outspoken supporters of involving Cuba in all regional bodies, including the U.S.-sponsored Free Trade Area of the Americas, scheduled to start in 2005.

Cuba has spoken up to support Brazil in its fight to produce generic drugs and force lower prices from multinational pharmaceutical companies.

Sharpton: Florida hostile to blacks

Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.

The Rev. Al Sharpton on Wednesday criticized the government and police in South Florida, saying he sees a pattern of racial bias causing blacks to be treated as second-class citizens.

"Everyone is not welcome, everyone is not treated the same and South Beach is looking like the Deep South," Sharpton said.

Sharpton spoke before a hearing of a State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. The panel held the informal hearing to listen to residents' complaints about discrimination and mistreatment at the hands of police.

Sharpton told the committee that his group, The National Action Network, would pressure South Florida government and law enforcement officials to fix what he called a pattern of "continued profiling, abuse and police misconduct."

"We intend to make this a national cry ... we intend to see something rectified here," Sharpton told the panel. About 150 people attended.

Bobby Doctor, regional director for the commission,

said the panel has received several complaints alleging police abuse, discrimination in Ft. Lauderdale government offices and concerns over the impact of a federal housing program.

"It is very, very clear that there are a number of problems in the South Florida area," Doctor said.

Some of those waiting to speak before the panel at the hearing occasionally chanted a refrain often heard during the presidential election recount last year: "No Justice, No Peace."

Sharpton and others have alleged that black voters were disenfranchised by institutional racism.

Among other incidents he cited: A Maryland lawmaker earlier this year entered a bar in Perry and was told to sit in a separate area for blacks, and police actions with high-profile black celebrities, such as rap mogul Sean Combs and Raymond Scott, co-owner of the hip-hop magazine The

Source.

"Florida in many ways has represented nationally some of the worst forms of abuse of civil rights in recent memory," Sharpton said. "The commission needs to know that there's a national concern."

Last week, Scott was arrested hours after The Source Hip-Hop Awards

2001 was taped on Miami Beach. Scott, 36, was charged with speeding and eight other violations. Police are investigating his alle-

gation that the arresting officer hit him.

Miami Beach Police charged Combs with driving with a suspended license in April. The State Attorney's Office was also investigating a June 9 incident in which Combs allegedly ran a red light and almost hit a pedestrian.

Telephone calls seeking comment from the Miami Beach Police Department were not immediately returned Wednesday.

"It is very, very clear that there are a number of problems in the South Florida area."

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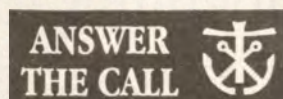
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IVORY COAST

Wade speaks against reparations

Associated Press

ABIDJAN

Descendant of generations of slave-owning African kings himself, Senegal's president on Wednesday ridiculed demands for financial reparations for the trans-Atlantic slave trade as impossible and insulting.

Almost every nation was once one of slave-owners, President Abdoulaye Wade said ahead of debate on reparations at the U.N. racism conference in Durban, South Africa.

What they owe today, he said, is lasting recognition of the wrong done.

"If one can claim reparations for slavery, the slaves of my ancestors, or their descendants, can also claim money from me," Wade said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Because slavery has been practiced by all people in the world."

Advocates of reparations for the trans-Atlantic slave trade in particular are asking the West "to give us money to forget our ancestors, and the suffering they went through," Wade said. "And I find that insulting."

The Senegalese leader, outspoken on both African involvement in the slave trade and the need for European and American acknowledgment of their role, spoke by telephone before Friday's opening of the conference.

A campaign driven by

African activists is asking the conference to endorse proposals for an apology and financial compensation from nations that benefited from the trans-Atlantic slave trade.

By the most widely accepted estimate, the trade saw 12 to 15 million Africans shipped across the ocean into slavery in the Americas and Europe.

Although many African countries have signed past statements of support for reparations and an apology, African leaders have largely been silent in the run-up to the conference.

On Wednesday, Wade joined the Vatican and South African President Thabo Mbeki in urging acknowledgment of the slave trade as an injustice.

Pope John Paul II already has asked divine forgiveness — a gesture made during the pontiff's visit to an old slave barracks on Goree Island off Senegal, and still much remembered by the people of that nation.

The Vatican's Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace said Wednesday that a calculation of compensation for slavery could be difficult.

It suggested an "apology or expression of regret to the victim state by the state responsible for the wrong."

In South Africa, Mbeki said Tuesday he hoped for "a measurable commitment within countries and among all nations that practical steps will be taken and resources allocated ... to eradicate the legacy of slavery, colonialism

and racism."

"A necessary first step in this regard is an unqualified acknowledgment of the fact that slavery, colonialism and racism represent chapters and practices in human history that cannot but be condemned unequivocally as unjust," Mbeki said.

Wade angered reparations activists in his own country by saying he would go to Durban to make the case against financial compensation.

What Wade wanted, he said Wednesday, was declaration of the slave trade as a crime against humanity.

"About reparations, ... it is not possible to evaluate the damage, the injury to Africa for 300 years," he said.

"What I want is for Europe and the Americans to recognize that their ancestors, by practicing slavery, deeply injured Africa ... to make contrition, and also to teach the new generations, the boys, the girls, at schools, universities, the reality of slavery, the slave trade — in order to preserve the memory" of slaves.

"In Europe, they were sold as goods, and that's what's important, and that's what should be considered a crime against humanity," Wade said. He cited Catholic priests who once decreed Africans have no souls, "so you can sell them like beasts."

"By teaching that in books, it doesn't mean that Africans want to take revenge against Europeans and Americans," the Senegalese leader said.

EAST TIMOR

Voters flock to polls in first free election

Associated Press

DILI

Voters in East Timor turned out in large numbers Thursday in the country's first free elections, a major step on the Asian territory's often bloody path to independence following four centuries under Portuguese and Indonesian control.

Long lines formed in front of polling stations in the morning twilight more than an hour before they opened at 7 a.m. The atmosphere was relaxed as people joked with police who were ushering women and children to the front of the line.

Voters will choose the 88-member assembly that will write the fledgling country's constitution, and there was little doubt who would win. The Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor, which led the country's independence struggle, had a comfortable lead in polls.

The United Nations, which has governed East Timor since 1999 when four-fifths of its people voted to end 24 years of Indonesian military occupation, says first results of the election will not be released before next week.

U.N. officials say they expect turnout at Thursday's vote to match that of the Aug. 30, 1999 referendum. Then, 98 percent of voters cast their ballots despite brutal intimidation by the Indonesian military.

Mari Alkartiri, who heads the Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor, has predicted that his party would win more than 80 percent of the votes.

"People who vote for peace and stability will vote with confidence for a party with a history," Alkartiri told The Associated Press.

Some of the people waiting

to vote on Thursday morning agreed.

"Fretelin fought against the Indonesians, who killed my father," said Angelino Andrade Dias, 38, an unemployed carpenter. "Of course I voted for them."

Nor was there much uncertainty about who will eventually become head of state in the new nation after the constitution is adopted.

Xanana Gusmao, the charismatic leader of the resistance guerrilla army, is so popular that he is unlikely to face serious opposition, if any.

East Timor, which has a population of 738,000, lies about 300 miles northwest of Australia in the string of islands that make up Indonesia.

Hundreds were killed by Indonesian troops and their militia allies in Sept. 1999, when the results of the independence referendum were announced. A multinational peacekeeping force arrived to restore order and oversee the Indonesian withdrawal.

Some 9,000 U.N. troops and international police have been stationed in East Timor ever since.

Indonesia, which still harbors thousands of anti-independence militiamen on its half of Timor island, closed the land border with East Timor earlier this week, citing security concerns ahead of the ballot.

Despite initial fears that the current election would be marred by bloodshed, campaigning has passed practically without incident.

On Wednesday, Gusmao, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Jose Ramos Horta, and U.N. chief administrator Sergio Vieira de Mello traveled by helicopter to remote villages to encourage supporters of rival political parties to avoid violence.

In East Timor's isolated enclave of Oecussi, people in the village of Malelat said they feared a repeat of the violent rampage unleashed by Indonesian troops two years ago.

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Don't be an idiot

This is the time of year for advice-giving. New beginnings always bring out the "wise" who are willing to offer guidance. I will prove no exception.

My advice is blunt: don't be an idiot.

Usually what is meant by these words in the Notre Dame context is that you should not commit a social faux pas like buying J. Crew (passe) rather than Abercrombie and Fitch or wearing your ball cap dirty, with the sides of the bill turned down or backwards. (Come on, guys, that's so '90s.)

There is a deeper meaning to the term "idiot." The classical Greek term *idiotes* translates "private person" as well as "ignorant person."

An idiot here is a person who knows so little about the way that society as a whole — the *polis* — functions that he or she is unable to be a truly active citizen in that society. It is possible and sometimes encouraged to spend one's time at Notre Dame doing little else but accruing technical knowledge (what the Greeks called *techne*) in some specific area and partying.

Graduates who have taken this route are often considered successes because they excel in that narrow expertise and make money. However, they are, from a classical and Catholic standpoint, profound failures.

What follows, then, is advice on how to spend your time at Notre Dame so that you do not become an idiot.

1. Take the intellectual resources of Notre Dame seriously. This University is a place of excellence in intellectual conversation on the pressing issues of the day. Your basic university requirements are not sufficient of themselves to enable you to join this conversation

with any fluency. They are only a starting point.

One excellent way to broaden out your base of knowledge is to take what is called an interdisciplinary minor. These minors focus upon a particular topic area but draw upon a variety of disciplines from physics to government to theology. Examples include peace studies, religion and literature, gender studies and science, technology and values.

It may seem like a lot to take on but there are double majors who also do an interdisciplinary minor and majors who do two interdisciplinary minors.

True, there are some majors that make it virtually impossible to do an interdisciplinary minor — engineering comes to mind, which requires more technical courses in engineering than even the accreditors demand. You may want to consider whether more narrow expertise is worth the trade-off.

2. Catholics, take your Catholicism seriously. People of religious faith need to attend not only to the earthly *polis* but to the *civitas Dei*, the city of God, and how that city relates to the earthly *polis*. Notre Dame offers masses, retreats and spiritual direction. But there is more.

Catholicism is also a rigorous intellectual tradition, and Notre Dame offers courses and programs of study that attend to this aspect of your faith. The theology and philosophy departments are among the best in the country. There are also minors in Catholic social tradition and medieval studies. If you are to be more than a "pray, pay and (sometimes) obey" Catholic, take multiple courses and even major or minor in one of these or a similar program.

3. Take South Bend seriously. South Bend is the literal earthly city in which the University resides. (Yes, I know Notre Dame has its own post office address and zip code. So what.)

Overcoming idiocy requires learning about South Bend. The city is often characterized as "dangerous" against the "safe" Notre Dame. This simplistic

depiction is a form of xenophobia that mixes racism and class snobbery.

There are a large number of Notre Dame students who take what are called service, experiential or community-based learning courses. In such courses there is both immersion in the city and other parts of the United States and due reflection on the complexity of the lives lived there. The Center for Social Concerns oversees many of these courses. Go there.

4. Take the world seriously. Catholicism is often described as a world religion. It is practiced virtually everywhere. But to take this worldliness seriously requires more than, in Pope John Paul II's words, "a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far." Rather, it requires what the Pope calls solidarity, that is, "a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good because we are all really responsible for all."

The best way to build this kind of solidarity is to go where other people live and live with them. All first-year students (and sophomores who have yet to do so) should go straight to the International Studies office and get a list of programs for study abroad. Do it now so that you can begin to prepare for this journey. For instance, learn Spanish if you wish to go to Latin America. Find a people to whom you feel drawn but who otherwise are as different from you as possible and go live with them. If you come back from that experience an idiot, I'll stop writing this column.

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"Nothing in education is so astonishing as the amount of ignorance it accumulates in the form of inert facts."

Henry Adams
author

GUEST COLUMN

Offering sympathy where it's due

COLLEGE STATION, Tex.

The Houston chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) is rallying support for Andrea Yates, the Clear Lake woman who drowned her five children on June 20.

According to the Houston Chronicle, the group is forming the Andrea Pia Yates Support Coalition to raise money for her defense. A candle-light vigil will be held the night before a competency hearing on Sept. 12 to determine if she is fit to stand trial. NOW believes that her husband, Russell Yates, also should be held accountable for the murders because he knew she was mentally unstable. Yates faces capital murder charges in the deaths of three of her children — Noah, 7, John, 5 and Mary, 6 months. She is not yet charged in the deaths of Paul, 3 and Luke, 2. She has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity.

However, it is DEMN that holds its mind. This irrelevant shell of an organization should condemn Yates just like any other murderer. Perhaps she was, as the organization contends, severely depressed as she held each child's head underwater in a bathtub. But depression is not an excuse for committing cold-blooded murder, and it is outrageous for anyone else to offer excuses for her.

The Houston chapter of NOW, as well as those who would support its efforts, do a grave disservice to justice and children everywhere. Shortly after the killings, columnist Anna Quindlen explained in the pages of "Newsweek" the reaction of some fellow feminists with whom she had discussed the murders. She wrote of their reaction, "And the look says that at some forbidden level she understands. The look says that there are two very different kinds of horror here. There is the entirely imaginable idea of the killings. And then there is the unimaginable idea of going quietly bonkers in the house with five kids under the age of seven." She goes on to write of the "insidious cult of motherhood."

Imagine the response to a man, just after beating his wife beyond recognition, who tries to offer a similar excuse or explanation. Yates' lawyers claim she had a

prolonged history of mental disease, including postpartum depression.

As a result, her supporters want her husband postpartally prosecuted. A charge against Russell Yates is not likely because there is no evidence that she or the children were abused or neglected by him.

Houston Attorney Brian Wice said in the Houston Chronicle, "He may be condemned, and rightfully so, in the court of public opinion, but there is no legal basis for him to stand trial in a court of law." He probably could have been more supporting at home. But the sad facts of Andrea Yates' actions remain and her husband had no way to look into the future. Raising several young children at the same time is not an easy task.

But every year, thousands of parents across the nation work through the stress. They also reap the rewards of selflessness that only raising children can provide. There is no evidence of mental instability, and even the severest depression should not absolve guilt. Five children are dead, and she is responsible. Andrea Yates does not deserve sympathy, and NOW only chips away at what little credibility it has left when defense funds are set up and vigils are held in her honor.

Harris County District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal has announced he is seeking the death penalty for Andrea Yates. Justice demands it; Yates deserves to die for her crimes. She held the heads of five children underwater until they drowned, methodically laying the bodies across a bed before bringing in the next child to its death.

To offer aid and comfort to Andrea Yates is far more insane than Andrea Yates ever was. Her husband, who has lost his five children and his wife, is the one who deserves a support coalition.

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Jonathan Jones

The Battalion

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Senior expects bittersweet final year

Until now, I did not realize the truth about my body. I'm pregnant. And here's the news, fellow seniors: all of you are pregnant with me.

Such a profound realization can only be the result of a long and intense period of carousing, one of which I have just enjoyed during the past seven-day weekend. Months ago I anticipated that it would eventually be Senior Week I, and it has been by all accounts. The joyful reunification of great friends in old haunts has been only tempered by the lights that eventually go up at the Linebacker. Not even seniors can stop the coming of 3 a.m.

Like an actual pregnancy, senior year will wear on the faculties of every system in the human body. It will inspire the urgency for eclectic foods at strange hours of the day. It will likely destroy any semblance of normal sleeping patterns. It will make us alternately irritable and overjoyed as we are constantly reminded of what's arriving in spite of what's ending. It will require

great emotional strength to rouse the bodies and raise the spirits of all those who might have not yet realized the miracle of life. That grand being friends, the human conductors of the energy, humor and compassion that serves as our fuel.

Sometime in the hazy, borderless segue between evening six and morning seven this weekend, it hit me that nine months are going to deliver the life altering event that will forever estrange me from the blissful absurdity of the collegiate experience.

I may one day return to grad school of course, but let's be serious. Everyone's seen the grad seminars that teach freshmen philosophy seminars or rap about the latest Linux technology in the corridors of Fitzpatrick. These guys may have been college senior rock stars once, but by now those days have faded into the kind of glossy, neatly packaged nostalgia from whence so many VH1 specials have sprung. Undergrads simply do it better.

Consciousness of time will become a compelling factor as we go through our favorite signature events for perhaps the final time. I weep for the day when I'll enjoy my favorite three-layered South Dining Hall cereal concoction for the last time. Already, I await and lament my last chance to watch my classmates box in Bengal Bouts. Also, and I'll really miss this one, the last time I'll ever attend the post-Bouts party.

For all the talk of seizing last opportunities in this final year, I'll begin taking some initiative right now with a shout out. Phil Madonia has been asking to get mentioned in something I write since he started critiquing my work at the end of freshman year. Phil's a cross between George Wallace and Ralph Macchio. He's got more pride in Auburn University and the state of Alabama than I would argue those places have reasons to be proud. Phil's also an example to every freshman (if not also to the dream of every

coed, he'd try and tell you) because he knows more people at Notre Dame than anyone I've seen. It's impossible to stand behind him anywhere on campus and not be mired in constant conversations with passersby. Thick drawl or not, I salute you, Phil.

Enrollment was the consummation that has assured we are all now pregnant with real life. Football and basketball seasons will roughly mark the first two trimesters. Then there's what promises to be a physically debilitating seven-day delivery. Call it Senior Week II. It will break us down again before Notre Dame builds us up for the last time at graduation.

Realize that we're all expecting until that final Sunday in May. Baby, it's on the way.

Paul Camarata
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Box office giants can't

Scene's movie critics offer reviews of several 2001 stud

Scene Staff Report

Moviegoers seeking enjoyable summer entertainment over the past three months were hard pressed to find it. From "Pearl Harbor" to "Planet of the Apes," audiences ate up Hollywood's cinematic product but failed to produce the positive word-of-mouth needed for the film to have, what insiders call, "legs." Week after week, the major releases opened to big office receipts but then quickly fell off the charts. With the exception of DreamWorks' "Shrek," 2001's summer movies just didn't capture audience support. And, based on what our critics have to say, most didn't deserve it.

"Planet of the Apes"

☘☘ (out of five shamrocks)

This past summer, few movies were touted with as much advertising propaganda as "Planet of the Apes." Not only is "Apes" a big-budget enterprise that features the ultra-creative Tim Burton in the director's chair, but it is also a remake of the revered 1967 sci-fi classic of the same name. And, like the original, Burton's "Apes" sports Oscar-caliber makeup and is based on Pierre Boulle's novel. Unfortunately, the similarities—most notably quality—end there.

Coined a "re-imagining, not a remake" by the 20th Century Fox hype machine, "Apes" showcases Mark Wahlberg as a human astronaut in the not-too-distant future. While investigating a spatial anomaly, Wahlberg unwittingly lands on an unknown planet that is controlled by the heretofore lesser members of the primate family. Wahlberg and Estella Warren, the requisite scantily-clad female human, are immediately swept into the center of the ape-human conflict when they are captured by the demonic General Thade (Tim Roth) on a slave-gathering expedition. Helena Bonham Carter enters the fray as a human-rights advocate chimp who alarmingly falls for Wahlberg, the Hairless Biped. Once Wahlberg convinces Carter that her beliefs should be put into practice, it is only a matter of time before the rudimentary "man-beasts" are pitted against the erudite apes in an epic battle for the planet.

"Apes" does a number of things very, very wrong. Unlike the original, the humans can speak and communicate at a level similar to the apes, waiving the distinction between human and ape and rendering Wahlberg an unwilling messiah more akin to Monty Python's title character in "Life of Brian" than the misanthropic Charlton Heston. And the search for ape-human prehistory, the scientific premise that was the foundation and modern-day parable of the '67 version, is instead replaced by a simpering animal rights agenda. Aberrations such as these and many others have left more than one moviegoer echoing Heston's immortal growl, "Get your stinking paws off me, you damn dirty 'Apes!'"

Mario Bird

"A.I.: Artificial Intelligence"

☘☘☘

Written and directed by Steven Spielberg, and based on years of input by the late Stanley Kubrick, "A.I." is a futuristic twist on the famous "Pinocchio" fairy tale. Haley Joel Osment stars as David, an 11-year-old robot who lives at a time when computers are helping humans survive. David is adopted by a family to be their 'son' and is later cast out when things go wrong. In a dark forest full of broken androids, David begins his journey towards finding the blue fairy, who he thinks will make him a real boy.

"A.I." promised to be intriguing mix of styles: Kubrick's chilliness and Spielberg's



Tim Roth, as General Thade, and Mark Wahlberg, as astronaut Leo Davidson, face off in Tim Burton's remake of the classic "Planet of the Apes."

warmth. Unfortunately, their methods aren't coherent, leaving the audience torn between a curiously chilling sci-fi flick and an uplifting fantasy film.

Osment once again delivers a powerful performance. We see him gradually absorb the emotions of humans as the movie progresses. His co-stars, Jude Law and Frances O'Connor, deliver satisfactory performances. The money that went into the production is easily seen in the great cinematography and special effects.

Despite these positive elements, "A.I." has a bleak ending and, like the social construct of his world, slowly falls apart, leaving the viewer less than satisfied.

Beth Goodhue

"Moulin Rouge"

☘☘☘☘

Baz Luhrmann's "Moulin Rouge" is an ingeniously scored, enormously splashy musical for the new millennium. As visually rich as any film in recent memory, it overwhelms his viewers with a dazzling barrage of sumptuous imagery.

Much like the director's previous effort, "William Shakespeare's Romeo + Juliet," "Moulin Rouge" is set in an alternate universe where the historical trappings of the narrative peacefully coexist with today's popular culture.

The story revolves around two lovers, Christian (Ewan McGregor), a writer who has come to Paris, and Satine (Nicole Kidman), a tantalizing courtesan at the Rouge. Through the course of the story, Satine must choose between the penniless writer, whom she loves, and the wealthy Duke, whose finances will make her a star and ensure a future for the club.

Simply put, there is no modesty to be found in this film, as Luhrmann has taken everything to the extreme. The hallucinogenic cinematography, incorporating quick edits, vibrant colors and plenty of overblown spectacle is sure to induce sensory overload.

Like the Hollywood musicals of old, the characters in "Moulin Rouge" burst out into song at the drop of a hat. However, in this case, the words they sing are culled from a who's who of pop music from the 20th Century, which are seamlessly combined in new and exciting ways.

One could go on and on about the luscious production design, the priceless costumes and the recklessly delightful digital effects that blend this whole world together, but "Moulin Rouge" is best seen for yourself. As movies shy away from emotions not rooted in The Julia Roberts School of Romantic Comedies, it's nice to know something as unconventional and potent as "Moulin Rouge" can slip through the cracks and give cinema a swift kick in the butt.

Matt Nania

"America's Sweethearts"

☘☘

"America's Sweethearts" is a light, romantic comedy about the 'real,' behind-the-scenes world of Hollywood. Julia Roberts plays Kiki, the under-appreciated sister and personal assistant to movie star Gwen (Catherine Zeta-Jones), who's married to actor and husband Eddie (John Cusack). When the "perfect couple" go through a tough break-up, Gwen's talent and fame are met with criticism from American audiences. It is up to press agent Lee Phillips (Billy Crystal) to sell their latest movie in order to keep his own job. In the midst of all the chaos, Kiki and Eddie find their friendship to be much more.

"Sweethearts" was co-written by Crystal and has a full, talented cast, yet it cannot seem to meet the standards of a good film. The story line is of course predictable and full of far-fetched, stupid comments. One new twist the movie offers, though, is a chance to see Roberts out of the spotlight and playing a lesser role.

But director Joe Roth tries to cover up his poor camerawork with fake Hollywood glamour and a bunch of beautiful actors. Also, Zeta-Jones delivers one of her worst performances as she tries a little too hard to play a conceited, spoiled actress.

"America's Sweethearts" definitely loses a few points because of its emphasis on the importance of losing weight to become sexy. Eddie doesn't even look twice at Kiki until she loses 60 pounds and buys tighter clothes. Also, the film moves slowly towards its obvious ending. With characters that are vain, greedy and insane, "Sweethearts" is best seen on video, if at all.

Beth Goodhue



Nicole Kidman plays Satine, a siren of a courtesan, in director Baz Luhrmann's modern musical.

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stave off summer heat

dio releases that arrived in theatres over this summer



Photo courtesy of 20th Century Fox

courtesan who falls in love with a poor musical "Moulin Rouge."

"Jurassic Park 3"



Everyone who worked on "Jurassic Park 3" was well aware of the fact that seeing realistic, computer-generated dinosaurs on the rampage loses its novelty by the third go-round. The original, Steven Spielberg-directed "Jurassic Park" succeeded largely because audiences had not seen such astoundingly life-like dinosaurs before. But there is still giddy, guiltless fun to be had. "JP3" wisely dispenses with the expositional build-up and gets right to the meat of things: Dinosaurs attacking humans. Within 20 minutes we're in the heart of the action, and it doesn't let up until the movie is over, after a breathless 90 minutes.

Returning from the first movie is Sam Neill as Dr. Grant. Grant allows himself to be talked into flying a wealthy couple, William H. Macy and Tea Leoni, over Isla Sorna, the B-site island featured in "The Lost World," in hopes of observing, from afar, the wild dino. However, it turns out that Leoni and Macy are a desperate divorced couple on an illegal search mission for their 13-year-old son who disappeared on the island while parasailing several weeks earlier. Unfortunately for Grant, he finds this out after their plane crash-lands on the island.

"JP3" is more playful than its predecessors, happily lurking into self-parody in order to keep its gears running. Indeed, there's nothing original to be found here—virtually every scene is a reworking of a scene from an earlier installment—but the tone is slightly twisted to allow for more comedy. Also, the speed with which the supporting characters are killed off is astounding, quickly leaving us with only a core group of characters struggling to make it off the island. Both of these elements create a concise and enjoyable narrative experience, a necessary trait for any sequel.

Matt Nania

"The Score"



"The Score" is a solid piece of old-fashioned genre work starring a brilliantly assembled cast of heavyweight American actors: Edward Norton, Robert DeNiro, and

Marlon Brando. DeNiro plays a professional safe cracker who has built a solid life for himself but is now near the point of retirement. He is drawn into "one last heist" by a heavyset crime contractor (Brando) who has been setting up these jobs for the past 25 years. This "score" entails an inside man, Jack (Norton). Pretending to be a mentally handicapped janitor, Jack has scoped out most of the site, noting the security system, the building's layout, and the routines of those who work there at night.

"The Score" relies heavily on the well-worn conventions of the heist picture, and parts of it are too familiar. Yet, there are just enough twists and surprises to keep even seasoned viewers on their toes, although not quite enough to earn the movie any true distinction.

Intricately designed criminal activity has been a movie mainstay for decades, so the film has a long ancestry of bank robberies and safe crackings to keep up with. The actual robbery sequence is well-done and suspenseful, as director Frank Oz deftly weaves multiple situations together, each of which has the potential for disaster.

The main problem with "The Score," though, is that its parts have been so well-worn over the years to such a high polish of expected excitement that you wish the filmmakers had gone for more, especially considering the stellar cast. Even though the film is reasonably entertaining, when it's over, you can't quite shake the feeling that nothing new was accomplished. But, be that as it may, "The Score" can't be faulted for doing very well what others have done before.

Matt Nania

"Shrek"

"Shrek" recounts the adventures of an ogre (voiced by Mike Myers) who lives a solitary existence in the swamp. When Lord Farquaad (voiced by John Lithgow) overruns the swamp with his prisoners, Shrek travels to the Lord's palace to plead for his land back. Farquaad barter with Shrek, promising him the land if he will rescue Princess Fiona (voiced by Cameron Diaz) from a castle protected by a fire-breathing dragon. Shrek accepts, and a donkey (voiced by Eddie Murphy, in his best

routine ever) tags along to provide companionship. Through the course of the story, Shrek is able to rescue the Princess, but complicates the situation by falling in love with her.

"Shrek's" well-written characters are its most endearing element. The diminutive Farquaad, the best of the bunch, has a Napoleonic desire for power that leads to uproarious situations. In a brilliantly written scene, the Lord interrogates a gingerbread man. After threatening to break the cookie's legs if he does not talk, the little dessert retorts, "Eat me!" The villainous Farquaad can't even threaten a three-inch treat properly.

Shrek is a character struggling with his own differences and a community that has forsaken him. The movie's message at the conclusion is "beauty is in the eye of the beholder." In a world that still scorns homosexuals and overweight women for such trivialities, Shrek's character becomes a good example for the kids.

If nothing else, DreamWorks Studio's "Shrek," with its competitive box office receipts, is a film that can keep Disney on its toes. The quality of each company's films will be on a better scale, and children (of all ages) can be the benefactors of such a nice reward.

Jude Seymour

"Pearl Harbor"



What do you get when you combine a farfetched sappy romance with the most infamous day in American History? The latest present from director Michael Bay. The 140-million-dollar budget casts Ben Affleck as flyboy Rafe McCawley. Rafe is sent away to England to help the British fight in The Battle of Britain. Meanwhile, Rafe's childhood buddy and fellow flyboy, Danny (Josh Hartnett), gets sent to Pearl Harbor and lives it up in the Tropical Paradise. When word is sent that Rafe is dead (yeah, right), Danny tries to woo Rafe's girlfriend, Evelyn (Kate Beckinsale). The two "fall in love" immediately.

After 90 minutes of this pre-teen garbage, the bombing of Pearl Harbor commences. The battle scene is well-crafted and the time Bay has spent piecing together the spectacle is apparent. Imagine if he had taken the same amount of time to focus on an intriguing story?

The other problem is that Bay tries to tackle too much: the complex romance, the Dorrie Miller (Cuba Gooding, Jr.) subplot, the Japanese, the actual bombing, the resulting Doolittle raid. The film is so disjointed that it's impossible to empathize with any of the characters.

Also, the fact that it's a Disney film, and hence PG-13, helps dilute any possible realism. If you are interested in the bombing of Pearl Harbor, rent "Tora! Tora! Tora!" and find out what really happened in half the time.

Liam Dacey

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Dinosaurs are alive and well in "Jurassic Park 3," the second sequel in the highly profitable series created by Steven Spielberg.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Contract's end causes worry on all sides

Associated Press

NEW YORK

John Franco, a veteran of two strikes and a lockout, doesn't have any advice for teammates on whether to expect another work stoppage after this season.

"Nobody's said nothin' yet," the New York Mets' reliever said. "It's been quiet — which is nice."

Baseball's labor contract expires two months from Friday — a date that makes many fans shudder. The sport has gone through eight work stoppages since 1972, and some owners want major economic changes, saying baseball has become a game where only the rich teams win.

Since the end of the last strike, a 232-day walkout that wiped out the 1994 World Series, the New York Yankees have won four World Series, including the last three. The Atlanta Braves, another big spender, won the title in 1995 and the Florida Marlins won in 1997 after boosting their payroll to among the top five.

The Major League Baseball Players Association, the strongest union in sports and perhaps in the United States, says the sport doesn't need the salary cap some owners favor and says the recent success of large-market teams is an anomaly, caused partly because the wealthier clubs recovered fastest from the strike.

But in contrast to the vitriol that was near continuous dur-

ing 1994 and 1995, players and owners have taken a low-key approach thus far.

"I don't really have a take," commissioner Bud Selig said this week. "I'm proceeding cautiously, trying to learn from the mistakes of the past, not trying to engage, frankly, in communication that becomes a problem for both sides."

At some point, the sides will start talking and they won't agree. Owners say they haven't even been told who will be at the negotiating table for their side. The expectation is Selig will send former Toronto Blue Jays president Paul Beeston, currently baseball's chief operating officer, and Rob Manfred, management's top labor lawyer.

Beeston and Manfred had informal — and cordial — talks with the union last year, but they didn't lead to an extension.

"They weren't designed to go somewhere," union head Donald Fehr said. "They were designed to discuss issues generally and set the stage for further discussions."

The current deal, agreed to in 1996, expires either on Oct. 31 or the day after the World Series, whichever is later. Owners have the right to lock out players the following day, which would put a stop to all free-agent negotiations and leave many players wondering where they'll be next year.

"I assume we'll be starting into bargaining some time next month, and we'll see where that takes us," said Fehr, who

has embarked on a series of team meetings to give players updates.

Several owners, all speaking on the condition they not be identified, said Selig has not made any effort to solicit votes for a lockout. Teams expect business as usual this winter.

"I'm planning on next season as if there's no change," Atlanta Braves president Stan Kasten said. "I think that's the safest for me. If anything else goes on, we'll adjust. You always plan to be aggressive. If there are changes, we'll adapt."

Money, as always, is the key issue. The average salary was \$1.17 million when the 1994 strike started. It is expected to be about \$2.17 million when final figures for this year are compiled — a hike of 85 percent in seven years, a 12 percent annual rise.

To help pay for those paychecks, owners have raised the average ticket price from \$10.45 in 1994 to \$18.86 this year, according to the Team Marketing Report. That's an 80 percent hike, or 11 percent annually.

Revenue, which would have been about \$2 billion in 1994 had the season not been interrupted, is expected to top \$3.3 billion this year.

In contrast, the Consumer Price Index has risen 20 percent over the corresponding period, or 2.8 percent a year.

As the dollars have risen, so have the stakes.

"For a lockout, it's a heavy risk on the part of ownership. For a strike, it's a heavy risk on

the part of players," said agent Scott Boras, who raised salaries to a new level last December when he negotiated Alex Rodriguez's \$252 million, 10-year contract with Texas. "It's certainly a much weightier economic decision and a much riskier economic decision to use stoppage of play as a vehicle to negotiate."

Selig told owners in January that he doesn't want them speaking publicly about collective bargaining and threatened them with fines.

Still, it's clear a faction supports change that would slow the increase in salaries, according to several owners speaking on the condition on anonymity. That group at the very least includes Kansas City owner David Glass, Minnesota owner Carl Pohlad, Houston owner Drayton McLane and Pittsburgh owner Kevin McClatchy.

Glass said in February that Texas was "nuts" to give Rodriguez a contract averaging \$25.2 million.

"What we're beginning to see is, the high-revenue teams are starting to understand they need a good competitive balance," Glass said. "If they win all their games, then their television revenue will dry up and people will no longer be interested. As ardent a baseball fan as I am, I would no longer be interested if I knew that every year most teams went to spring training knowing they didn't have any chance to win."

The luxury tax in place from 1997-99 did little to hold down

salaries, costing teams a total of \$30 million, including \$10.6 million for Baltimore and \$9.9 million for the Yankees.

Some owners have proposed contraction — eliminating the two or four teams in the worst economic trouble. While the Montreal Expos are a natural target because their attendance averages under 8,300 at Olympic Stadium, eliminating a U.S. club is difficult because of the political fallout.

But the sport's legal position may be weakest in that state: In October 1994, the Florida State Supreme Court struck down nearly all of the sport's antitrust exemption.

The next step for owners will take place Sept. 11-12, when they meet in Milwaukee.

Revenue sharing, which began following the last strike, will be a key issue. The Yankees expect to contribute \$25 million to the revenue-sharing fund this season from a gross expected to be \$200 million-\$210 million. The revenue-sharing money is redistributed to the teams with the lowest revenue.

Fehr doesn't want to get into details now. He'll just wait, as his players do, to see what unfolds. There doesn't seem to be an extra emphasis on saving money for a work stoppage, but Fehr said players will be ready.

"Players have been through this before," he said. "The Major League Baseball Players Association has been through bargaining repeatedly for the last 35 years. There is a strong institutional memory."

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Public records expert looks into Almonte conflict

Associated Press

MOCA, Dominican Republic
A public records expert trekked to this remote farming town Wednesday to determine once and for all whether star Little League pitcher Danny Almonte is 12 or 14.



Almonte

Conflict-ing documents about Almonte's age have surfaced this week, even as he and his teammates were honored with a parade through the Bronx and a celebration at Yankee Stadium for their play at the Little League World Series.

"Danny! Danny!" chanted thousands of people waving Dominican flags as the Rolando Paulino All-Stars Little League team paraded through the Bronx.

"12 or 14 — so what," said a sign along the parade route. "Why investigate only us ... Why, because we are from the Bronx," said another.

At Yankee Stadium, the Little Leaguers posed on the field with Toronto catcher Alberto Castillo and New York pitcher Orlando "El Duque" Hernandez — whose birth certificate in Cuba says he was born in 1965, four years earlier than he claims.

Derek Jeter, Tino Martinez and Yankees manager Joe Torre mingled with them in front of the New York dugout and the Little Leaguers went on

the field and stood alongside the Yankees' starters during the national anthems. The team was invited to spend three nights at Universal Studios in Florida.

The search by the Dominican Republic government official in Moca, about 90 miles north of Santo Domingo, entails thumbing through books of birth records, verifying the identity numbers of the witnesses who signed the documents, and perhaps finding and interviewing those who notarized them years ago.

"We will evaluate who registered the documents to determine which of the two is false," said Ramon Reyes, a spokesman for the national public records office. An announcement wasn't expected until late Thursday.

Along with her son's gold-plated baseball trophies and newspaper clippings, Sonia Rojas Breton has a handwritten, photocopied birth certificate that says he was born April 7, 1989.

Ten blocks away, the town's official records office has another birth certificate that says Danny was born April 7, 1987.

Still another handwritten document obtained by the New York Daily News from Dr. Toribio Bencosme Hospital in Moca states that Rojas gave birth to a boy on April 7, 1987.

Rojas, who says she gave birth to Danny at home with the help of a midwife in the nearby town of Jamao, insists all documents but hers are false.

"I don't know why those people are lying," Rojas told The Associated Press Tuesday at her cement home. "They must envy Danny."

She is baffled by the lack of records at the school she said both Danny and his older brother Juan attended.

"Danny never went to school here but his brother 'Cheito' did," Ermenia de la Rosa, director of the Escuela Evangelica Alianza in Moca, said Wednesday. She did not know his exact age.

"We don't know where these documents are coming from," Rojas told the AP on Wednesday in Moca. "I know where I gave birth to my son and it wasn't in a hospital."

The handwritten hospital record, seen by an AP reporter on Wednesday, is in a tattered school notebook and lists the names of 30 other women who gave birth the same day. It is not notarized, nor is it signed by a hospital official.

The AP reporter also was shown a birth certificate for Danny's older brother.

Danny's mother says he is 14, but the birth certificate says he was born Dec. 15, 1985, making him nearly 16.

The government official who was sent to investigate the records, Victor Romero, spent much of Wednesday copying the records and sending them back to the main office in Santo Domingo.

Danny lived in Moca until last year when he moved to New York with his father. Danny threw the first perfect game in the Little League World Series since 1957 before his team was

defeated Saturday by Apopka, Fla., for the U.S. championship.

Danny finished the tournament in South Williamsport, Pa., on Sunday, with 46 strikeouts, giving up only three hits in three starts. A run scored in the last inning of his final game was the only run scored on Danny all summer.

Rumors about Danny's age plagued the team throughout the tournament, and Little League coaches in the Staten Island, N.Y., and Pequannock, N.J., hired investigators to find proof that Bronx players were ineligible, to no avail.

Little League officials didn't question Danny's age until Monday, when a Sports Illustrated report was published. The magazine reported Danny's father, Felipe de Jesus Almonte, had registered his son's birth twice, with the earlier record showing a 1987 birth date and the later one showing 1989 — the same evidence an AP reporter had found Tuesday.

If documents prove Danny is really 14, Little League spokesman Lance Van Auken said his Rolando Paulino team probably would have to forfeit its last victory.

In 1992, a Little League team from the Philippines won the final game in the World Series but it was then stripped of their title for using over-age and ineligible players.

On ABC's "Good Morning

America," de Jesus said Wednesday he doesn't understand how the two birth records could be different. Through an interpreter, he said he is not trying to cheat anyone and insisted his son is 12.

"I registered him only one time," de Jesus said, adding he did it in 2000.

The case has stirred a frenzy in the baseball-driven Dominican Republic, which has produced such greats as Sammy Sosa and Pedro Martinez, but also is known for its poor record-keeping: Nearly 25 percent of children over 5 lack proper birth certificates, according to UNICEF.

The lack of adequate records and prospect of lucrative baseball contracts creates an atmosphere vulnerable to fraud.

"Families in the Dominican Republic expect to generate income from their children's baseball future," said Pablo Peguero, the Los Angeles Dodgers' supervisor of baseball operations in the Dominican Republic.

Major league teams are prohibited from signing players before their 16th birthday.

The Dodgers signed their Dominican third baseman Adrian Beltre in 1994. Baseball commissioner Bud Selig ruled in December 1999 that the team had recruited him before his 16th birthday and altered documents to make the signing appear legal under baseball rules.

Other controversies involving Dominican players include Rafael Furcal, signed last year by the Braves as a 19-year-old when he was really 22, and Wilson Betemit, signed in 1996 when he was 14.

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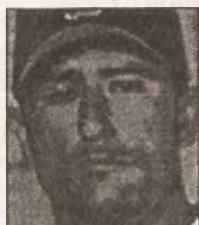
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Garciparra returns to DL

Associated Press

CLEVELAND
Nomar Garciaparra says his season's not over. Without him, Boston's might be.

The All-Star shortstop was placed on the 15-day disabled list by the Red Sox on Wednesday after an MRI showed swelling in his surgically repaired right wrist.



Garciaparra

"It just wasn't recovering the way it should be," said Garciaparra, who underwent surgery in April and missed nearly the first four months of the season. "It's still in the healing process. I need to give it some time. We've got to let it calm down. It's healing, but it's kind of hit the wall."

Garciaparra said he can no longer ignore the soreness in his wrist, and he needs two weeks' rest before deciding if he can play again this season.

"I don't know," he said when asked if he'll play down the stretch. "I'm on the disabled list for a couple of weeks. We'll test it. This is giving me the time to do the right thing."

"I'm going to do everything I can to get back out there."

Garciaparra's loss comes as the Red Sox enter a critical stretch in their quest for a postseason spot.

The Red Sox trail the first-place New York Yankees by five games in the AL East and are four games behind the Oakland Athletics in the wild-card chase.

Including Wednesday night's game against the AL Central-leading Indians, the Red Sox will play their next 12 games against Cleveland (five) and New York.

Boston opens a three-game series at Yankee Stadium on

Friday.

"We've played all year without Nomar," manager Joe Kerrigan said. "This is really nothing new to us. We were thankful that he tried to come back and play for us, but this team is used to playing without Nomar."

If the Red Sox fall farther back in the standings, it would seem highly unlikely that Garciaparra or the club would risk him hurting himself during meaningless games in late September.

Garciaparra said he would be upset at sitting even if the Red Sox were playing the Tampa Bay Devil Rays or if the season was moving into May and not the final month of the regular season.

"I'm going to be disappointed if I can't play period, whether it's the Yankees or anyone," Garciaparra said.

Red Sox team physician, Dr. Bill Morgan, said an MRI on Tuesday showed "no new adverse developments ... other than inflammation."

"The good news is there is nothing damaged," Garciaparra said. "But the bad news is that the inflammation increased to the point where I have to shut it down completely and let it heal."

Garciaparra said he consulted with Kerrigan and general manager Dan Duquette as well as the team's medical and training staff before deciding to rest his wrist.

With the Red Sox fighting for a playoff spot, Garciaparra knows it's going to be even tougher to watch. But he knows that if he kept playing he would risk permanent damage.

"I know if I don't do this now, there's a chance that this could be chronic and that's something that I don't want," he said. "That's why I'm listening to it now. The wrist is telling me it hit a threshold. I don't want to go past that and hurt myself."

Lou Merloni was recalled from Triple-A Pawtucket to

take Garciaparra's roster spot and was available for Wednesday night's game.

Mike Lansing started at shortstop.

Garciaparra underwent surgery in April to repair a split and frayed tendon and the sheath that surrounds it. An exposed bone at the bottom of the sheath, an injury that had not been known previously, was smoothed during the operation.

He originally injured the wrist when he was struck by a pitch from Baltimore's Al Reyes in September 1999.

Garciaparra pushed himself hard during rehab and came back quicker than even he expected.

He returned to the Red Sox on July 29 in dramatic fashion, hitting a home run and two-run single in a win at Fenway Park over the Chicago White Sox.

But Kerrigan has had to rest the three-time All-Star at least once every four days, which Garciaparra said helped at first.

However, last weekend in Texas, Garciaparra said the pain was too much and he was forced to watch his teammates lose in 18 innings to the Rangers on Saturday.

"That was the first time I said, 'I need that day off no matter what,'" he said. "That really hurt."

He played the next day although he probably shouldn't have, going hitless in four at-bats. And now by placing him on the DL, the Red Sox are removing any temptation he might have to play.

Garciaparra, a two-time defending AL batting champion, is hitting .289 with four homers and eight RBI in 21 games since returning. But 17 of his 24 hits have been singles, a sign that he couldn't generate power.

"I'm disappointed that I can't play at the level that I'm used to playing at," he said. "I like to play, this is baseball season and I want to be out there."

Bonds hints at stay with Giants

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Barry Bonds hinted Friday he might give a hometown discount to stay with San Francisco next year, words that made Giants owner Peter Magowan happy.

Magowan, in turn, said the Giants' finish will affect whether Bonds will return.

"The farther we go, I think the better chance there might be," Magowan said.

Bonds, who has earned \$55.2 million in nine seasons with the Giants, is eligible for free agency after the World Series. In 1999, he hoped for a contract extension but didn't get it.

Speaking before Friday's series opener against the Mets, he talked glowingly of San Francisco during a news conference as Magowan listened from the third row. Bonds said his ties to San Francisco will play a part in his decision-making.

"My family's there. All my roots are in San Francisco," he said. "I have a good relationship with the owner."

Bonds' current contract paid him \$9.7 million in 1999, \$10.7 million in 2000 and \$10.3 million this year. Magowan said the team wouldn't discuss a new deal until after its season is over, but would push for a quick resolution then on whether

Bonds stays or goes.

"If we make an offer to him it would be an offer we can justify financially and still give us the best chance to win," Magowan said later, out by the batting cage. "If that's not enough for him, that's not enough for him."

When Bonds agreed to the extension on Feb. 20, 1997, its guaranteed average salary of \$11.45 million was baseball's highest. That mark has been broken eight times since, and Texas shortstop Alex Rodriguez is the current record-holder, averaging \$25.2 million under a 10-year contract he agreed to with Texas last December.

That deal was negotiated by Scott Boras, who became Bonds' new agent earlier this year. Boras is known for extracting top dollar in his negotiations.

"I never played baseball for money. I play for the love of the game," Bonds said.

It sounded like his first choice is to remain in San Francisco and that he would take less from the Giants than he could get elsewhere.

"I hope so," Magowan said.

San Francisco's payroll will wind up at about \$65 million, in the middle among the 30 teams. The Giants, Magowan said, plan to break even each year and won't commit too high a percentage of their payroll to one player.

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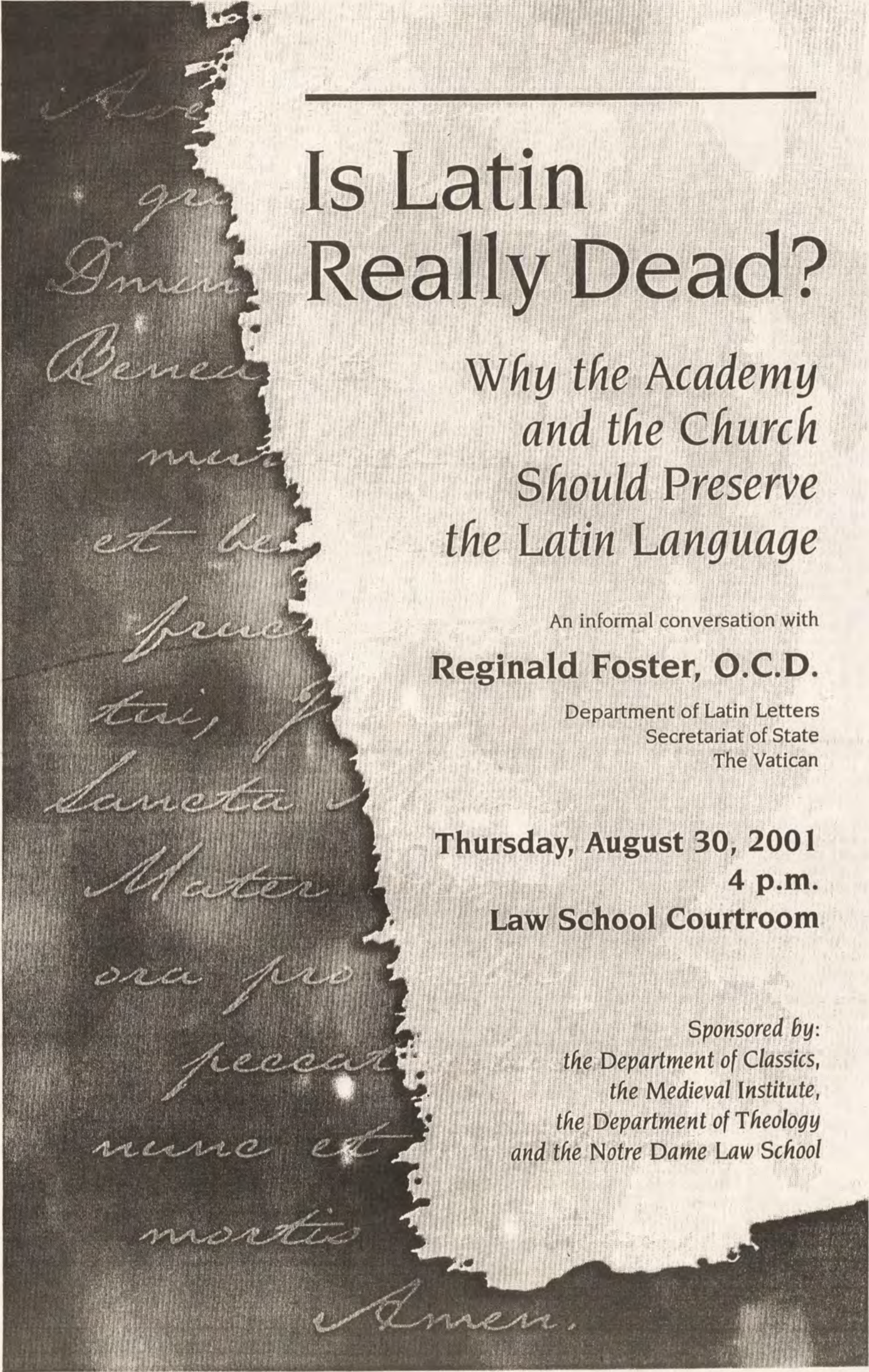
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Tiger wears the Nike hat, Nike shoes, Nike shirts and pants and even hits Nike golf balls.

The only thing he doesn't use is Nike clubs.

Now the athletic shoe and clothing company is offering Tiger Woods the entire swoosh package with its own brand of golf clubs.



Woods

"We've had a discussion with him, but that's pretty much it so far," said Mike Kelly, Nike's director of golf.

Woods' agent, Mark Steinberg of Cleveland-based International Management Group, was at a meeting in New York and not immediately available for comment.

Woods uses Titleist clubs, and a spokesman at company headquarters in Fairhaven, Mass., said Titleist expects Woods to keep using the brand.

"He plays the full set; all 14 clubs are Titleists," said spokesman Joe Gomes, "and

there are no plans to change."

Nike has been developing a line of golf clubs this year with the help of David Duval, who won the British Open with a set of Nike irons. Nike since has designed a driver for Duval, who was the longest hitter at the U.S. Open at 321 yards, and again topped the field for distance at the NEC Invitational last weekend, driving the ball 311 yards with the Nike club.

The company hopes to introduce its clubs early next year, possibly at the PGA trade show in Orlando, Fla., in January, Kelly said.

Meanwhile, the company also has signed Bryce Molder, a four-time All-American at Georgia Tech who made his pro debut last week at the Reno-Tahoe Open.

"We're depending a lot on these two guys to help develop our product," Kelly said.

It's a product that represents a significant expansion into high-end sports equipment for a company founded on running shoes.

The Nike clubs will compete

with other premium brands, including Titleist, Callaway, Ping and TaylorMade — manufactured by Nike rival adidas.

A set of Nike graphite-shaft irons — 3-iron through pitching wedge — likely will top \$1,000, the same range as the other brands.

But it will mark the first time Nike has introduced a product that expensive, despite a host of other pricey items now bearing the Nike label, including a \$425 leather coat, a \$249 music player and \$160 Air Jordan shoes.

Despite the price, retailers are excited about the new clubs, said Jerry Offerdahl, owner of Golf Headquarters in Portland.

Nike took the unusual step of consulting retailers during the development of the clubs, rather than just telling them what kind of design they could expect, Offerdahl said.

"They want respectability and trust in their name in the hard-goods business, because they're coming into somebody else's turf now," Offerdahl said.

"We've had a discussion with him, but that's pretty much it so far."

Mike Kelly
Nike director of golf

BOXING

Key match pits Lewis, Rahman

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Lennox Lewis won't fight again if he loses his rematch with WBC-IBF heavyweight champion Hasim Rahman.

"If I can't win this fight, why should I go on?" the 36-year-old Lewis said Wednesday at the second news conference in two days for the Nov. 17 bout.

The boxers opened the fight hype Monday in Rahman's hometown of Baltimore.

Lewis, a prohibitive favorite when he was knocked out in the fifth round by a single Rahman right hand April 22 in South Africa, is a 3-1 pick to win the title back at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas.

Said the 28-year-old Rahman: "I don't give Lennox any credibility. I listened to his statements before the first fight. None of them came true. Why should I listen to him?"

Lewis declined to blame the loss on his preparation or lack thereof. He instead suggested Rahman landed a lucky punch.

"You can't walk into the

ring and not get hit. That punch that got through was his lottery punch," Lewis said.

"He's definitely right," Rahman responded.

"I cashed in on it." Rahman was given his title shot only four fights after he was knocked out in eighth round by Oleg Maskaev on Nov. 6, 1999.

"That's the best thing ever happened to me," Rahman said. "It helped me get this fight. It changed my attitude toward boxing. I learned you can't take anybody lightly, and you've got to give 100 percent."

Rahman, who signed a promotional contract with Don King after becoming champion, wanted to have another fight before giving Lewis a rematch. Lewis went to court, and a federal judge ruled Rahman had to fight Lewis or not fight anyone for 18 months.

Rahman, who got \$1.5 million for the first fight, is to get a minimum of \$10 million. Lewis, who received \$7 million in April, is expected to get about \$10 million this time.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish will generate headlines in spring

PISCATAWAY, N.J.

The cold Memorial Day weekend rain washed out the dream of a national lacrosse title for a school from Indiana. But it also nourished the seeds of success the 2001 Irish men's lacrosse squad planted.

Before 2001, no one could expect that a non-scholarship program from Indiana would ever qualify for the Final Four.

But with a Final Four appearance under their belt and scholarships to award for the first time next year, an Irish appearance on Memorial Day weekend will no longer be an anomaly.

"We've taken it one more step. Getting scholarships is going to be great," senior John Harvey said. "This is definitely a program on the rise. Hopefully you will be reading a lot more about Notre Dame in the future."

A full-scholarship Irish team will certainly generate plenty of

headlines and acclaim in the future. But those great teams of the future would be wise to remember the 2001 seniors.

This group of seniors that played key roles on the first Notre Dame team of the '90s not to qualify for the NCAA tournament as freshmen played even bigger roles on the first Irish team to win a quarterfinal game as seniors.

They got to Piscataway with the second best players from the great high school lacrosse programs and the diamonds on the rough from lesser high school programs.

Tom Glatzel wasn't even considered the best attack player on his high school team — now he was named InsideLacrosse.com's attack player of the year.

David Ulrich didn't even start his senior year of high school but he was a two-time All-American in college.

And no one could have predicted that a goalie from Tennessee who played college lacrosse in Indiana would lead his team to the semifinals. But Kirk Howell did just that.

Coach Kevin Corrigan has cultivated quite a lacrosse program in the previously barren lacrosse soil of Indiana. He may one day add a national championship bloom to the top of his



Mike Connolly

Outside looking in



MIKE CONNOLLY/The Observer

Former senior Tom Glatzel makes a pass during the lacrosse semifinals. The Irish men's lacrosse team had the best season in its history last spring.

creation.

There will be more first teams All-Americans in the future.

But the roots of those All-Americans will always be the Class of 2001. So as the Orangemen trotted happily off the field after making the Irish just one more team to fall before the strongest lacrosse program in America, the Irish

were in no hurry to escape the cold Memorial Day weekend rain.

The Irish, especially the seniors, lingered and soaked up as much of the atmosphere as they could.

The seniors let the rain and the memories wash over them, while the underclassmen soaked up the experience and

lessons of the Final Four.

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Gomez, was her coach growing up.

"Her dad was just instrumental in coaching her as a lot when she was young and really developing her talent and making her the player she was," McGraw said.

And at St. John Vianney High School in New Jersey, she was one of the best.

The 5-foot-7 point guard led the Lady Lancers to a 32-1 record in as a senior in 1990-91.

She was named a Parade All-American that same season after averaging 24.7 points per game.

At Notre Dame, an ACL injury limited Gomez, who listed Gonzo as her favorite Muppet in Notre Dame's 1991-92 media guide, to 15 games as a freshman. She averaged 4.7 points and 2.9

assists that season.

As a sophomore, Gomez played in 25 of Notre Dame's 27 games, starting nine at point guard.

She averaged 4.5 points that year and transferred to USC before her junior year. At USC Gomez played as a junior before a career-ending knee injury sidelined her her senior year.

"She was from just outside New York in New Jersey and I think felt like she wanted maybe a little more of a city," McGraw said of Gomez's decision to transfer. "Maybe a little more diversity in the cultural aspect of her life. I think that she felt like she was in a little bit too small of a town here."

Articles from the L.A. Times, Orange County Register and The Star-Ledger were used to compile this report.

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feeders drew double teams — they did all the work for me."

While Springer was cutting up the Irish defense on one end, the Syracuse defense effectively silenced Notre Dame's two biggest weapons — All-American attackmen Tom Glatzel and David Ulrich.

"They knew who they needed to stop and they did it," Corrigan said.

Ulrich, Notre Dame's all-time career assist leader, dished off two assists and scored Notre Dame's fifth goal but was held in check most of the game. Glatzel, who was named Notre Dame's first first team All-American this year, did not register a point in the game. He hit the pole twice but never found the back of the net. Tom's twin brother John, who plays defense for Syracuse, was a big reason why Notre Dame's big guns misfired. While a one-on-one battle between the first team All-American Glatzel

brothers was the talk of the lacrosse world leading up to the game, John and Tom did not match up against each other. Instead, John drew Ulrich for his assignment while Solomon Bliss harassed Tom all day.

Stopping Glatzel and Ulrich with single defenders was one of the keys to the Syracuse victory, according to Syracuse head coach John Desko.

"When you stop those two guys and didn't have to slide [over other defenders to help out], that is when we had the most success," he said.

Notre Dame's attack had to work hard for any opportunity and its extra effort paid off early on as Notre Dame jumped out to an early 1-0 lead. Irish midfielder Chris Young cut across the front of the Orangeman crease and fired a shot into the back of the net as he was falling to the ground after a hard check.

Young's goal at 12:07 remaining in the period gave the Irish their only lead of the game. After Young's goal, no amount of effort on offense seemed to be enough as the Orange defense completely shut down the Irish attack. Syracuse knotted the score at one at the 9:34 mark and dominated the next four minutes to build a 4-1 lead.

Senior John Harvey scored to bring the Irish within two at the end of the first quarter. Ulrich

assisted on the goal. The Irish ended the first quarter with some confidence and momentum but the second quarter belonged to Syracuse. The Orangemen scored five straight goals before sophomore Kyle Frigon finally stopped the bleeding with a goal for the Irish. Poor decisions in the first half doomed the Irish, according to Corrigan.


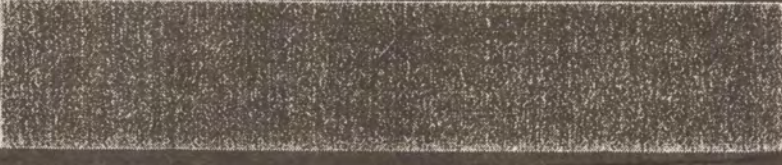
"The decisions had to be made on the field," Corrigan said. "We just didn't make good decisions in the first half."

The Irish added two more goals in the second half while only giving up two. Harvey scored on another Ulrich assist while Ulrich closed out the scoring with a goal off an assist from his twin brother Todd.

The loss ended the best season in Notre Dame history. Notre Dame's 14 wins and nine-game winning streak were both school records. Notre Dame also defeated lacrosse powerhouse Virginia and John Hopkins for the first time this year.

The Irish had four other All-Americans. Goalie Kirk Howell was named to the second team. Midfielder Steve Bishko made third team while David Ulrich and Mike Adams were both honorable mention honorees.

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Football

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of. In LoVecchio, Davie has a proven, consistent quarterback. And in Holiday and Clark, the Irish have a solid group of backups in case LoVecchio is injured — something the Irish were lacking last year.

But it's no secret that LoVecchio is the clear starter entering the season opener. And now that the Irish are beginning game preparations for Nebraska, he's slowly beginning to take snaps in practice that were previously given to Holiday and Clark.

"It's clear to all of us right now that Matt LoVecchio is No. 1," Davie said. "You'd love one guy to step up and make it easy on the coaches."

That doesn't mean that Holiday or Clark won't see playing time.

In a scrimmage last Sunday, Rogers thought that Holiday played the best, while Davie thought Clark, despite fumbling the ball too much for the coaches' liking, made several

great throws. And Davie has repeatedly said all three are so close in playing ability they will all have to see playing time at some point.

Still, the Irish are slowly beginning to tailor the offense around LoVecchio's specific abilities. With an established quarterback such as LoVecchio behind center, the Irish are now able to do something they haven't been able to do in the past — pass the ball. Both Davie and LoVecchio have said the Irish are working on making the passing game a potent part of the offense.

"I think going into your sophomore year, you're not a veteran by any means but you kind of know the ropes a little bit and know what to expect."

Matt LoVecchio
starting quarterback

"I think we've thrown more balls, but I guess I can only compare it to last year and this spring since I've been here," LoVecchio

said. "Our accuracy's improved. I think the more you throw the ball, the more you'll become a better thrower."

It all comes back to experience — experience that has been acquired over the course of eight games and countless practices. LoVecchio believes that he's becoming a better passer because he's becoming more patient, and he says he's more patient because he's more knowledgeable.

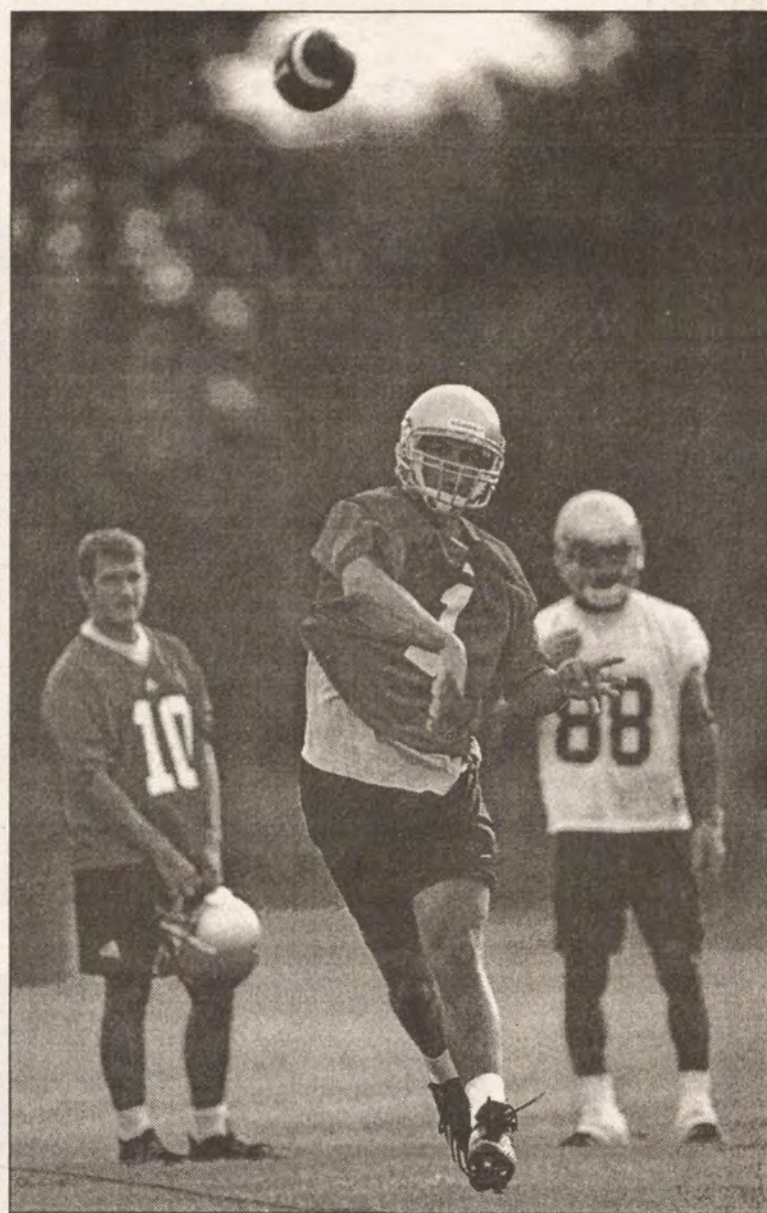
"That's one thing that I've worked on, just totally slowing things down," he said. "I think the more comfortable you are with the game plan and all the checks and everything that's going on, the better player you'll be. It's just a matter of slowing things down and knowing where everybody's going to be is going to make you a better player."

"I think we've thrown the ball a lot more efficiently than we did obviously in the fall and even in the spring," Davie said. "I think [LoVecchio has] come back and he's a little bit more patient back there. But at the same time, when he makes a decision to release the ball he lets it go. He had a little bit of holding onto the ball too long. His release is a little bit quicker. He's a little bit stronger."

It's all a part of that maturation process for LoVecchio — the same maturity that earned him the starting job a year ago.

"Being around the college level, being around this level for another year compared to last year is just totally different," he said. "Coming into last year, having never experienced a game in that stadium, you really don't know what to expect. Anything can happen. I think going into your sophomore year, you're not a veteran by any means but you kind of know the ropes a little bit and you know what to expect."

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Sophomore Jared Clark throws a pass in preseason practice. Clark is one of three contending quarterbacks for the Irish.

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- 9:00 p.m. Crafting Corner: Make your own Leprechun door hanger, LaFortune Student Center Sorin Room
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- 11:00 p.m. 9 Ball Tournament, ND Express LaFortune Student Center

Saturday, September 1

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- 7:00 p.m. Shamrock Invitational: Women's Volleyball vs. Idaho, Joyce Center
- 9:00 p.m. Comedy/Hypnosis by Dale K, Washington Hall
- 9:00 p.m. - Midnight Open Karaoke in the Huddle, LaFortune Student Center
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BASEBALL

Top freshman recruits start workouts

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame's highly-touted group of freshman baseball players has arrived for the 2001 fall semester and is touted as one of the nation's top incoming classes.

Tuesday, the freshmen took the field for their first unofficial workout with head coach Paul Mainieri and pitching coach Brian O'Conner.

Five of the freshmen joined three Irish returnees as players who were selected in the 2001 Major League draft — but none of the draftees signed during the summer. The teams ultimately lost any rights to the players after the players attended their first class on Tuesday morning.

The talented group of newcomers is led by shortstop/pitcher Matt Macri and right-hander Chris Niesel — who some consider to be the nation's top incoming freshmen at their respective positions.

"Matt Macri was the best high school shortstop in the country and would have been a first-round pick if he hadn't been so intent on playing at Notre Dame," said Baseball America editor Allan Simpson. "They've also got at least four pitchers who should make major contributions as freshmen."

Right-handers Martin Verger and Grant Johnson joined Macri by earning Gatorade player-of-the-year honors for their respective states while another right-hander, John Axford, elected to attend Notre Dame rather than signing as the seventh-round pick of the Seattle Mariners.

The other newcomers include right-hander Tyler Jones, shortstop Matt Edwards, catcher Jay Molina and lefthander Scott Bickford.

"There's no question that Notre Dame's is one of the strongest recruiting classes in college baseball, and maybe the best," Simpson said.

The most talked about member of the class, Macri hit .465 from the No. 2 spot in the batting order during his senior season with 10 home runs and 65 RBI while leading Dowling to its 42-3 state championship season.

"Filling the shortstop position with freshmen is difficult, as well as having a majority of your pitching staff be freshmen," said Irish head coach Paul Mainieri. "The thing that makes it soothing for us is to know that eight starting players are back, so that gives a level of maturity and poise to our team and allows the freshmen to get their feet wet and go at their pace."

Niesel's eye-popping senior season for the nation's 12th-ranked team, Aquinas High School, included a 13-0 record and 0.35 ERA, plus 120 Ks and just 11 walks in 81 innings-for nine-inning averages of 13.3 strikeouts and 1.2 walks, with a 10.9 K-to-walk ratio. The 6-0, 185-pounder was one of five pitchers named a first team All-American by Baseball America and was named Broward County pitcher of the year.

"Aaron Heilman and Danny Tamayo were two of the best pitchers in college baseball last year," Mainieri said. "And we brought in a half-dozen guys that have really good arms and

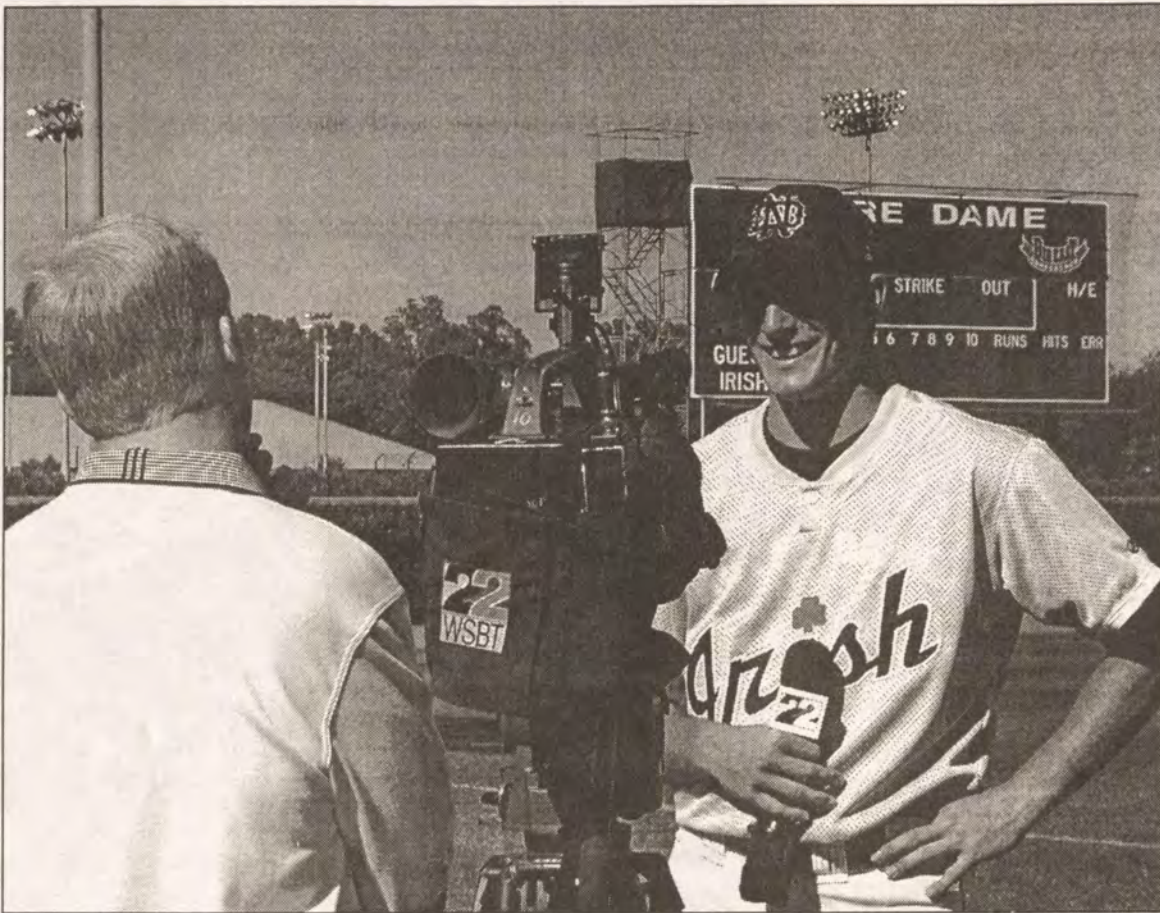


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Irish freshman shortstop Matt Macri talks to WSBT Tuesday afternoon. Macri and his classmates donned Irish uniforms Tuesday for an unofficial practice.

have the potential to be as dominating as Heilman or Tamayo. Now they're all young kids and you've got to let them develop. But I'm anxious to see [Irish pitching coach] Brian O'Connor work with them."

After signing with the Irish in the fall, Vergara went 10-0 with an 0.30 ERA for DePaul

Catholic, earning the New Jersey Player of the Year award for Gatorade. Johnson earned the same award in Illinois, going 12-1 with an 0.70 ERA before traveling to Cuba with the U.S. Junior National Team.

"This is as outstanding a class as you'd ever hope to put together," Mainieri said. "Not

just for their tremendous ability, but they also are outstanding young men who have a great deal of maturity, poise and confidence—all the attributes that you are looking for—and they all love Notre Dame. It's a great combination and I think this class is going to contribute great things during their career."

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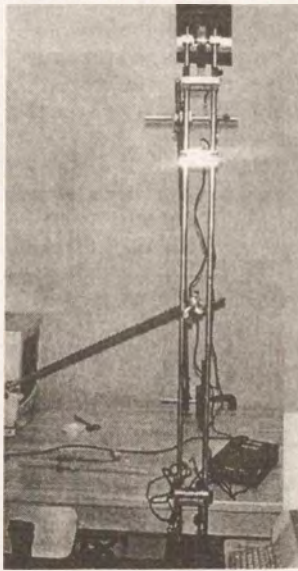
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Freshman turnout largest ever at SMC

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Last year, several Saint Mary's teams had trouble filling their rosters. This year, they're over capacity.

The number of freshmen coming out for Saint Mary's fall sports this year has exceeded the expectations of administrators and coaches. The 13 women at preseason volleyball practice alone topped the total number of first-year athletes last year. The turnout is a good indication to the athletic department.

"The numbers this year are just an indication of where we're going," said athletic director Lynn Kachmarik.

In addition to the 13 athletes who came out for volleyball, upwards of 17 players showed up for preseason soccer tryouts and 10 showed interest in cross country.

Although not all of those athletes will be starting this season, the numbers alone are a sign that the athletic department is beginning to stand on its own.

"In the past athletics has relied on admissions and now I see us as a team," Kachmarik said. "You can't just provide an athletic opportunity, you have to provide a good athletic opportunity."

Kachmarik counts two main factors as the cause of the large turnout this season: coaching staff and recruiting. The coaching staff at Saint Mary's has seen improvements as a whole both in quality and quantity.

Last year, the department added a new full-time basketball coach, a first step towards making the entire coaching staff full-time. In addition, part-time coaches have been putting in more time and work.

"Above and beyond a full time coaching staff, we have such a quality part-time coaching staff," Kachmarik said.

New head soccer coach Bobby Johnston, working only on a part-time salary, works full-time hours and head volleyball coach Julie Schroeder-Biek has been spending more time at

Angela working with her team. However, time spent during the season is supplemented by the time the coaches have spent recruiting during the off-season.

"I would say we've been able to attract some amazing quality part-time coaches who bring more experience to recruiting," Kachmarik said. "And it has made a dynamic impact on recruiting."

Johnston spent time after he was hired last spring recruiting for this year's soccer team.

"Some of the girls that are here, I tried to recruit," he said.



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

A Saint Mary's soccer player looks to make a pass during preseason practice. Seventeen freshmen came out for the soccer team during a record year for the Saint Mary's fall sports teams.

"I talked to a number of incoming freshmen — some that hadn't committed and weren't 100 percent sure this is where they wanted to come."

The 12 freshmen that decided to stick with soccer after preseason conditioning speak for the benefit of that recruiting.

The more than 30 women that have already arrived on the practice fields are not the end of the interest. A 6:30 p.m. open meeting in the library tonight promises to

bring even more potential first-year athletes.

Assistant athletic director Greg Petcoff expects up to 30 more women to come to the meeting.

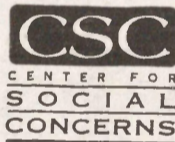
The high numbers are not the only benefit that Kachmarik sees, however.

"We're going to be able to add diversity to the student body," she said. "It's a win-win for everybody."

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Lynn Kachmarik
athletic director



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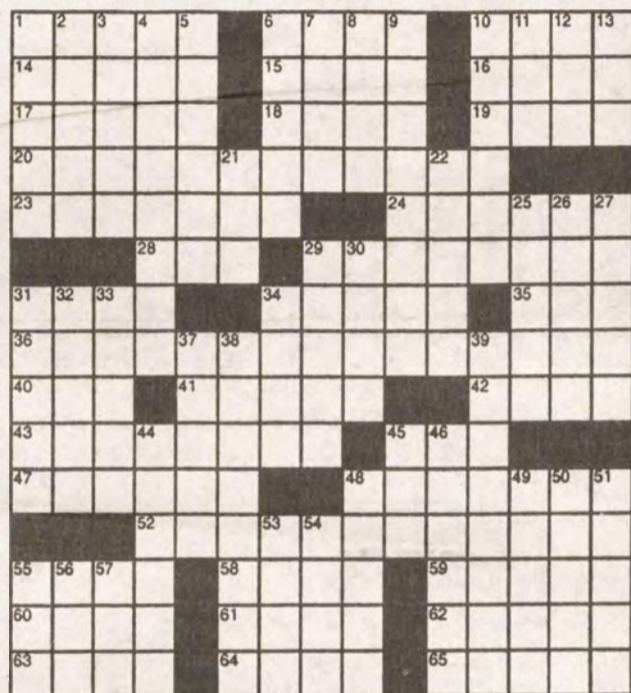
Due to lack of housing for freshmen the University has resorted to stapling them to the sides of buildings.

CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 Time's 1977 Man of the Year
 - 6 Attempt
 - 10 Festive
 - 14 Waive one's rites?
 - 15 Obsidian, before cooling
 - 16 Huge-screen film format
 - 17 Absolute
 - 18 Firm head
 - 19 Information unit
 - 20 Wine shop customer?
 - 23 Untangle
 - 24 Andean fauna
 - 28 Web browser entry
 - 29 What a waste pipe provides
 - 31 Melee memento
 - 34 Stretch beside the water
 - 35 Pink-slip
 - 36 Get kicked?
 - 40 Mentalist Geller
 - 41 Log holder, perhaps
 - 42 Moon, personified
 - 43 Loses the right to
 - 45 Cole Porter, schoolwise
 - 47 Fried filled-tortilla dish
 - 48 Kind of diver
 - 52 Herring on a fishhook?
 - 55 Flight controller?
 - 58 Milk source
 - 59 Arthur Ashe's "___ Road to Glory"
- DOWN**
- 1 Oobleck's creator
 - 2 Even if, briefly
 - 3 New grandparent, often
 - 4 Opening
 - 5 It reigned in the 1790's
 - 6 Wasn't up
 - 7 Hack
 - 8 "___ plaisir!"
 - 9 Strong reaction
 - 10 "The Prophet" author Kahlil ___
 - 11 "Yentl" actress Irving
 - 12 Global positioning fig.
 - 13 Good hacker
 - 21 Deborah's "The King and I" co-star
 - 22 A-list
 - 25 ___ Picchu, Peru
 - 26 Time's partner
 - 27 Medicinal plant
 - 29 Proscriptions
 - 30 Assign stars to
 - 31 Things
 - 60 Big yard, perhaps
 - 61 Indy 500's 200
 - 62 Scout master?
 - 63 Scan, say
 - 64 Vortex
 - 65 Keats title starter

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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 EMME OPERA AKIN
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Puzzle by Marjorie Richter

- 32 "Good Christian Men, Rejoice," e.g.
 - 33 Director Kurosawa
 - 34 Fur or fleece
 - 37 Marvin Gaye's "Can ___ Witness?"
 - 38 Amorous complication
 - 39 Careless
 - 44 Reneged (on)
 - 45 Dark period of poetry
 - 46 Smooth, in scores
 - 48 Scatterbrained
 - 49 Classic western
 - 50 Give ___ (heed)
 - 51 Accessory
 - 53 Cattle driver
 - 54 Sgt. Friday's force
 - 55 Dove's aversion
 - 56 It has a chilling effect
 - 57 Org. that fought the Brady bill
- Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (95¢ per minute). Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 50 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Ted Williams, Cameron Diaz, R. Crumb, Robert Parrish, Timothy Bottoms, Elizabeth Ashley

Happy Birthday: You'll be tempted to take things too far this year. If you pursue goals that are too broad or all-consuming, you may fall short. Scale down a bit to find the road to success. Excess will be the enemy and prudence the best ally. Once you've overcome temptation to expand too quickly, everything will fall into place. Your numbers: 4, 17, 22, 25, 31, 36

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Someone who appears to be interested in you may just be trying to find out secret information. Don't mix business with pleasure. You will be inclined to fall in love for the wrong reasons. ☹☹☹

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Force yourself to get involved in competitive events that require stamina and endurance. Someone from the past is likely to come back into your life. Be careful not to forgive too readily. ☹☹☹

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Demands will be put on you. Don't make promises that you can't fulfill and be careful where you invest your money. Help older relatives make the right choices. ☹☹☹

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Sudden romance will end as quickly as it began. Focus on your work, and let your private life take shape slowly. ☹☹

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Romantic relationships will develop through colleagues. Your personal life has been stressful, but don't blame yourself. It's time to get rid of the old and bring on the new. ☹☹☹

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Birthday Baby: You are creative, dreamlike and slightly ahead of your time. You have a detached way of looking at things that allows you to deal with whatever issues you face. You are very observant and therefore a gifted mediator. (Need advice? Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialast.com, astromate.com.)

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame falls in semifinals

Editor's Note: After the most successful spring sports season in Notre Dame history, The Observer recaps what happened after the spring academic semester ended. This four-part series will continue until Tuesday, Sept. 4.

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

PISCATAWAY, N.J.

The Syracuse Orangemen only needed one player to end Notre Dame's improbable run to the lacrosse semifinals on May 26.

Attackman Michael Springer, a third team All-American pick, scored six goals on the day to lead the Orangemen to a 12-5 victory. Springer's six goals — one short of the semifinals record — was the surest sign of a great day by the entire Syracuse team, according to Irish head coach Kevin Corrigan.

"Whenever Mike Springer has a big day, it means that a lot of people were doing things well," Corrigan said.

It was hard to find a weakness in Syracuse's semifinal effort. The Orangemen won more face-offs, scooped up more ground balls and had a better clearing percentage than the Irish. On offense, the Orange attack found Springer open in front of the net over and over again as it sliced the Irish defense to pieces.

"I really didn't do anything," Springer said. "My

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MIKE CONNOLLY/The Observer

Former senior midfielder Steve Bishko receives a pass during an Irish loss to the Syracuse Orangemen May 26. The Syracuse victory ended Notre Dame's season in the semifinals.

Former athlete murdered

◆ Gomez shot in back by shelter supervisor

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

Audrey Gomez, a star high school guard in New Jersey who played two seasons for the Irish between 1991 and 1993 before transferring to USC, was found dead in the back seat of her Mazda 626 in a Whittier, Ca. park over the weekend. Gomez, 28, was shot in the back.



Gomez

Police arrested Angela H. Shepard, 37, early Sunday morning in connection with the death. Shepard was Gomez' supervisor at the Los Angeles shelter for troubled youths, where Gomez had

been working for the past 13 months.

"It's tragic," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw, who coached Gomez during her years at Notre Dame. "It's appalling that could happen to someone who was that young and had so much promise in her life and had so much talent."

"There was some type of argument that led up [to the shooting]," Whittier Police spokesman Alan dela Pena told the L.A. Times. "But we don't know anything beyond that."

The shooting stunned the Gomez family and co-workers.

One of those in mourning is Jack Sheehan, a spokesman for Girls and Boys Town of California, the group that operates the shelter where Gomez and Shepard worked.

"We were floored when we heard about it," Sheehan told the L.A. Times Tuesday. "They were very good employees and the kids liked them."

Former USC teammate Karleen Shields remembered

Gomez as a calm, friendly person.

"She was one of those cool, calm and collected-type people," Shields told the Orange County Register. "She always seemed relaxed. But she was really a really good basketball player who fit in everywhere she went. She was always laughing."

McGraw hadn't heard from Gomez in years, but wasn't surprised to hear that Gomez was working with children.

"She was just a sweetheart of a girl," McGraw remembered. "What she was doing out there with the shelter, she did those kinds of thing when she was in high school. She was always looking to give something back to the community. She always wanted to get involved with kids and helping kids."

McGraw also remembered Gomez and her basketball family.

Her younger sister, Erica Gomez, was an All-American at UCLA and her father, Larry

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FOOTBALL

Irish confident in quarterbacks

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

It's amazing what a year can do for a quarterback.

Take sophomore Matt LoVecchio, for example. In just one short year, he has gone from being a frantic replacement for a sputtering Irish offense to the undisputed starter entering next week's season opener at Nebraska. In between, he led the Irish to seven straight wins and a Fiesta Bowl berth.

Or look at LoVecchio's classmates, Carlyle Holiday and Jared Clark. They've gone from no-name redshirt freshmen to legitimate contenders for LoVecchio's position even though neither one of them has taken a snap in a

college game.

And it's that extra year of experience that has Notre Dame head coach Bob Davie much more satisfied this season with the quarterback situation than he was last year.

"We're just light years ahead of where we were a year ago," he said. "No question all three of those guys could go in a game and play. They all know the checks, they all know the offense, they all have a high enough skill ability."

Davie couldn't say the same thing last year with current wide receiver Arnaz Battle as the starting quarterback. Battle had seen limited playing time and had coaches and fans alike wondering what he was capable

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- ◆ SMC Volleyball vs. Bethel, Monday, 7 p.m.

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