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Accused sex offender sues University

◆ Student appeals to court to lift two-year suspension

By JASON MCFARLEY
News Editor

A suit filed last month against the University could allow a Notre Dame student suspended this fall for an alleged sexual assault of another student to return to

campus next week.

A St. Joseph County judge is expected to rule this week whether to grant a preliminary injunction that would temporarily lift the University's two-year suspension of junior Ryan Hoadley.

Hoadley, an off-campus student from Wexford, Pa., was expelled and permanently banned from campus following an October disciplinary conference for "sexual misconduct." Notre Dame officials

upheld the decision on appeal in November, according to court records, but University President Father Edward Malloy reduced the punishment to a two-year suspension without promise of readmission.

Hoadley's suit, filed Nov. 28 in Superior Court, seeks a temporary restraining order to bar the University from enforcing the suspension. The suit alleges that the disciplinary conference through the

Office of Residence Life denied Hoadley an impartial hearing and therefore breached its contract with him.

"Nowhere in du Lac [student handbook] does it say that disciplinary conferences must be fair and impartial," said his attorney, Robert Devetski, of South Bend. "But [director of Residence Life and Housing Jeff Shoup] admitted that was a goal. Case law provides that that must be a goal before a hearing is conducted. The suit

concentrates on whether a fair hearing had been conducted and whether presiders at the hearing were impartial.

"I don't think it's appropriate for the same individual to be leveling charges and acting as judge and jury," Devetski said of Shoup's role in the hearings.

The sexual misconduct claim against Hoadley stems from a female Notre Dame student

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STUDENT SENATE

Group weighs safety, curriculum issues

By ERIN LaRUFFA
Associate News Editor

Working to finish several pieces of business before winter break, the Student Senate dealt with numerous issues at its last meeting of the semester on Wednesday night.

The senate unanimously passed a resolution calling for Notre Dame Security/Police to add additional lighting and call boxes around both lakes on the Notre Dame campus, the walk from Turtle Creek Apartments to Notre Dame and the path between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

"I think this is a really great idea," said Erin Casey, Saint Mary's representative to the senate. She added that she hopes lighting will begin to address concern among students at the College about the safety of the path between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

Following passage of the resolution, senators will continue working with administrators, including some from University Security, in hopes of implementing the senate's request, according to Walsh senator Jeanine Valles.

The senate also unanimously approved a letter, addressed to vice president and associate provost Father John Jenkins, concerning curriculum review. Sorin senator Pat Hallahan, chair of the senate's academic affairs committee, said that there is currently a University committee to review the curriculum, and the letter is intended to present student ideas to its members. Information in the letter comes from focus groups and student surveys, Hallahan explained.

"With the Dean's List, they did kind of forget about students," he said, adding however that the curriculum committee requested student input, and this prompted the letter.

The letter is also intended to indicate the senate's willingness to work with the curriculum committee, according to Pangborn senator Mary Mullen. Specifically, the letter states that the senate plans to research five areas: experiential learning, course variety, first year registration, class schedule and integrating different academic departments.

"We are going to continue looking into these five issues, gathering together student thoughts into the form of a proposal



ANGELA CAMPOS/The Observer

At its final meeting of the semester Wednesday, the Student Senate considered measures to improve campus security and the University curriculum. Four senators also resigned to pursue study abroad programs in the spring semester.

for your committee," according to the letter, which Hallahan signed. "We are willing to shift the focus of our research as new issues come up. Above all, we want to guarantee that students have a voice in the process."

At the conclusion of the meeting, four senators announced their resignations from the senate due to the fact that they

will be studying abroad next semester. Alumni senator Matt LaFratta, donning an orange sports coat, thanked his fellow senators and committee members for their hard work. LaFratta will be replaced by sophomore Nick Gaeke.

"It is with mixed feelings that I resign,"

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Talk praises women's rights in Islam text

By HELENE YVERT
News Writer

Amina Assilmi, director of the International Union for Muslim Women, spoke Wednesday about women's rights in Islam.

Wearing the traditional Muslim veil, the American citizen spoke about her experience reading the Koran and her uncommon conversion. Assilmi was raised in a white American family of Southern Baptists. Now older than 50, she became an American Muslim by choice 25 years ago because she was not satisfied with her own beliefs.

"The scarf is a badge of honor. It tells the viewer that she is a Muslim woman."

Amina Assilmi
IUMW director

As a Christian, Assilmi decided to study the Koran to gain insight into Islam for the purposes of converting Muslims to Christianity.

"It was a huge surprise for me," Assilmi said, referring to her experience with the Koran. Her mission to convert others led to her own conversion.

"The more you look at it [Islam], the more beauty you discover," she said.

Assilmi, who was involved in the women's liberation movement, discovered a religion respectful of women's rights. All her suspicions were slowly destroyed, she said.

According to Assilmi, the idea of original sin, present in the Bible, which she claims has oppressed

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INSIDE COLUMN

Notre Dame football lives on

As the great coaching search enters its fourth day, sports columnists and ignorant fans of other schools across the country are having a grand time dancing on the supposed grave of Notre Dame football.

Notre Dame's admissions standards are too high.

Notre Dame's schedule is too tough.

Notre Dame can't recruit the great athletes.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific, every moron with a keyboard and an internet connection has spouted off a ton of reasons why Notre Dame can't compete with the top schools; why Notre Dame will never win another national title; why Notre Dame has become irrelevant in the college football world.

If Notre Dame is so pathetic and so meaningless in college football, then why are these people bothering to kick them when they are down?

Did anyone really care when Kansas fired head coach Terry Allen? Not really.

Was there a national media frenzy following around the Jayhawk athletic director to find out who was going to be the next head coach? No.

Did a "no comment" from a coaching prospect become one of the top stories on SportsCenter? Of course not.

Only a school with a football program that was a potential national title contender could draw that kind of following.

But the criticism of Notre Dame for being behind the times and unimportant continues.

"Irish fans need to pull their heads out of their, er, golden domes and realize that they're often lucky to play with Air Force and Rutgers," Ryan Finley wrote in a brilliant, thoroughly researched column about the firing of Bob Davie in the Arizona Daily Wildcat on Dec. 3. Thanks for enlightening us with your opinion Ryan.

So why do sports writers and fans across the country keep trying to say that Notre Dame football is dead? Because they wish it were true.

Notre Dame has stood at the top of the college football world for so long that everyone is hoping that its fall in recent years will be permanent. The king seems to have abdicated his throne so everyone is scrambling to steal his seat while he is away.

But fear not. Notre Dame football will return to its former glory. Bob Davie was one of the most honest, moral men I have ever met. But that didn't make him a great football coach. Kevin White now has the daunting task of choosing another man who will maintain Notre Dame's high standards for student-athletes while at the same time winning more football games.

I think it can be done. Most of the rest of the college football world hopes it can't.

So celebrate now. Kick Notre Dame while its down. But the king will soon return and he will have his revenge.



Mike Connolly

Editor in Chief

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
◆ Film: "Risky Business," Carey Auditorium, Hesburgh Library, 7 p.m.	◆ Play: "Othello," Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company, Carey Auditorium, Hesburgh Library, 7:30 p.m.	◆ Concert: "Blessed by Birth," Voices of Faith Concert, Stepan Center, 6 and 8:30 p.m.	◆ Concert: "Dimensions in Jazz," Notre Dame Jazz Bands, Band Building, 3 p.m.
◆ Concert: Saint Mary's Wind Ensemble and Moreau Chamber Ensemble, Moreau Center 7:30 p.m.	◆ Arts and Crafts: Christmas Foam Project, Dooley Room, 9 p.m.	◆ Karaoke: LaFortune Student Center, 10 p.m.	◆ Concert: Carolyn Plummer and Scott Holshouser, Snite Museum, 2 p.m.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Two Pakistani U. Oklahoma students released

NORMAN, Okla.

The FBI and the Immigration and Naturalization Service have detained at least seven Muslim men, including one American citizen, since Sept. 11. On Monday, two of those men — both Pakistani University of Oklahoma students — were released from Oklahoma County Detention Center after their families posted \$15,000 bond.

Nabeel Khalid and Mohammad Imran Shaikh were bailed out of Oklahoma County Detention Center, but their roommate, Mohammad Yaseen Haijer, president of the Pakistan Student Association, remains in custody on immigration charges. A judge did not allow him to post bond.

Khalid and Shaikh may be told to sign releases saying they will leave the



United States within two weeks of their release date, according to a source who wished not to be identified. They could then apply for new visas back in Pakistan, though they would be unlikely to get them. The two have an immigration hearing Dec. 13 in Oklahoma

City. A man who answered the phone at their apartment declined to comment.

The INS arrested the three students Nov. 8 and charged them with violating immigration violations. The INS has refused to comment on the nature of the immigration charges, but the source said it was because the three had previously been employed off campus, a minor visa violation that is common among international students.

The first Norman arrests came just hours after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Hussein Al-Attas, an OU student, and Mulkaram Ali were roommates in OU's Kraettli Apartments south of Timberdell Road. The apartment's lease was in another OU student's name.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Faculty passes athletics reform bill

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

Indiana University's faculty unanimously approved a plan Tuesday which puts an emphasis on academics, not athletics. The vote, supported by Athletics Director Michael McNeely and basketball coach Mike Davis, is the first step in a process of overhauling collegiate athletics across the country. The Bloomington Faculty Council passed the intercollegiate athletics resolution after much deliberation and separately added three addendums to the proposal with almost full support from the council. Although BFC president Robert Eno anticipated the resolution to pass, he said he was surprised the addendums were accepted with relative ease. "I really did not expect the entire addendum package to be passed by the BFC," Eno said. The council's passage of the proposal will have no immediate effect on IU, Eno said. The major changes that will be visible will not occur unless there is more support from other conferences and university presidents.

UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Fraternity fire may be racially tied

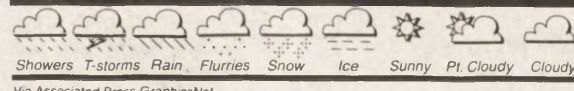
GAINESVILLE, Fla.

A possibly racially motivated fire at the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity house is under investigation by the University of Florida, an assistant dean said Tuesday. Cyrus Williams, assistant dean for Student Judicial Affairs, said if the racial allegations are true, then his office will address those issues. Alpha Epsilon Pi member Matthew Keil told police he went outside after he heard yelling in front of the chapter's house early Tuesday morning, according to a University Police report. Keil, who lives at the fraternity house, told police a door lying in the sand was set on fire in front of the house's volleyball court, according to the UPD report. As Keil and other fraternity members threw sand on it to put out the fire, a group of people standing on the front lawn of Beta Theta Pi's fraternity house yelled "Jewish Bastard" and "Jew Bag," the UPD report stated. Keil and fellow fraternity members then picked up the door and put it on the front lawn of the Beta Theta Pi house, the report stated.

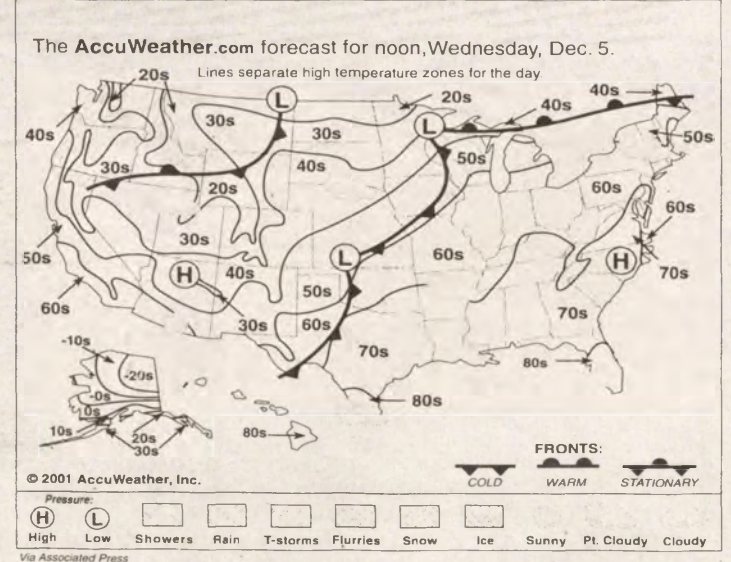
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Lecture series explores pregnancy issues



CHRISTINA REITANO/The Observer

Participants in a group activity discuss decision-making processes during pregnancy in the fourth lecture of the Understanding and Embracing Our Sexuality series.

By JILL MAXBAURER
News Writer

The planning team on the fourth lecture of the Understanding and Embracing Our Sexuality series at Saint Mary's discussed issues surrounding those affected by decisions on a pregnancy, Thursday.

Students emphasized that many different people are affected by pregnancy through a skit at the beginning of the event.

After watching a skit depicting a dating couple that learns the woman has become pregnant, audience members given sheets of paper with different characters names on them and asked how the situation affected each character. Characters included parents, siblings, teachers and God.

"Every person in this situation is affected on many different levels" student planner Margaret Zeh said.

The participants were asked to form two groups and list the characters in order of importance by who has the most influence on the decision the couple makes and who will be most influenced by the decision.

"We wanted to raise the question on sexual relationships and whether or not a pregnancy is a private issue with the couple or who else should be involved," said Anselma Ashley from Campus Ministry.

When they were finished, both groups admitted to having a hard time distinguishing

between who should have more rights, the fetus or the father.

When the topics for the series came out, the topic was very broad, dealing with pregnancy, abortion, adoption and marriage.

"We decided to approach simply the topic of pregnancy, to have students consider the issues if they were to become pregnant or their friends. We wanted them to consider what they would have to face," said Cyndie Horton-Cavanaugh, a

registered nurse in charge of the gynecology clinic in Health Services. "I wouldn't say we are seeing more pregnancies this year in health ser-

vices but we do have pregnant students every year, and some we never see since they don't come to us."

The lecture informed students that the campus has many support options for them and they should not have to make decisions surrounding pregnancy on their own.

"All of the departments at Saint Mary's are here to support the women here — physically, emotionally, spiritually ... so if a woman finds herself in that situation, she will not feel alone," Ashley said.

Zeh said that this point really needs to be shared with the women of the College.

"I think it is a misconception of our campus, a lot of women feel they are alone and have no support. But on an all woman's campus, I want them to know they can find support here with other women who may have experienced this," she said.

The next lecture, "Contraception: A Safe Choice?" will be held on Jan. 23 in Stapleton Lounge at 7 p.m.

"The departments... are here to support the women — physically, emotionally, spiritually."

Anselma Ashley
Campus Ministry

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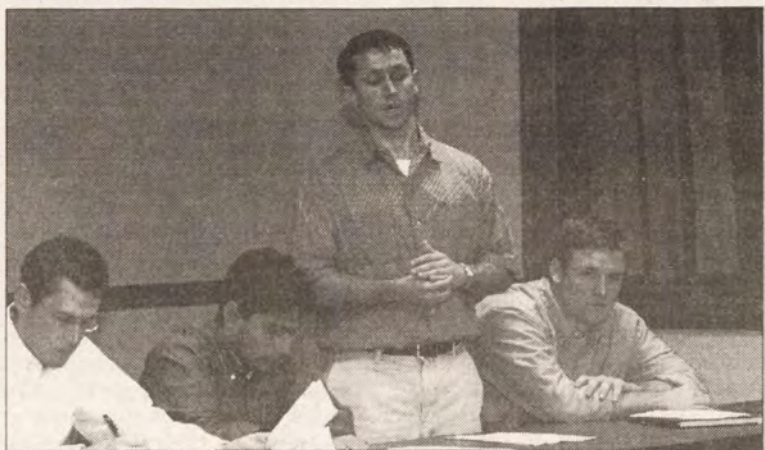
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Keough Hall senator John Cannon was one of four senators to resign at the Senate's last meeting of the semester Wednesday. The outgoing members will be studying abroad next semester.

Senate

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said Valles, who is being succeeded by junior Ann Madigan. Valles added that she has appreciated the opportunity to meet and work with the other senators.

With the support of several dorm mates in costumes, resigning Zahm Hall senator Mark Roland said his most notable accomplishments in the senate have come through his work with the University affairs committee. Roland was co-chair of the committee along with Carroll senator Jesse Flores. Sophomore Colin Harding will replace Roland as Zahm's senator.

Also resigning was Keough Hall senator John Cannon, who will be replaced by sophomore Luke Slonkosky.

"It has been a real privilege for me to work with the people I've gotten to know on senate," Cannon said.

Student body vice president Brian Moscona praised all four resigning senators for their leadership, and added that the senate will miss them.

In other Senate news:

◆ Virginia Kelly, from Students for Environmental Action (SEA), came to the meeting to ask senators for support in several SEA initiatives. In particular, Kelly said SEA is working to increase student awareness about recycling.

"Most students here don't recycle and many recycling bins aren't utilized," said Kelly. "We're working now to raise

awareness."

Cannon has been working with Kelly to coordinate efforts between the SEA and senate, he said.

"But the truth is that the majority of students don't recycle, at least as much as they should," he added.

The SEA is also looking into distributing reusable Grab and Go bags to all students, according to Kelly. She added that the group is also currently working to raise awareness about the company that supplies Notre Dame's paper, Boise Cascade, which logs old-growth forests.

◆ The senate unanimously approved Freshman Orientation as the topic for the next Board of Trustees report by office of the student body president. Although the president's office planned to cover the Office of Information Technologies in its winter report, chief of staff Jonathan Jorissen explained that OIT is already looking into many of the suggestions his office planned to include in its report.

◆ The senate unanimously confirmed Courtney Schuster has the 2002 coordinator of The Shirt project.

◆ John McCarthy, Judicial Board vice president of elections, told senators that plans are proceeding for the student body elections next semester. Students interested in running for student body president and vice president can begin getting signatures on their petitions on Jan. 15, and the primary election will be held on Feb. 11, according to McCarthy.

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Islam

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women for centuries, is absent from the Koran. Also, women have not only the right, but also the obligation to be educated, she said.

"We should not forget that on the contrary, women entered very lately colleges in the U.S.," Assilmi said.

The Koran stipulates that women have the right to have their voice heard, she said, adding that many men studied under women in the early Islamic history, and that the prophet Omar nominated a woman as one of his ministers.

Assilmi also emphasized that Islam dictates that men are financially responsible for women, and women have the right to control their own wealth. This means that women have the means to decide to devote their lives to charity if they wish since their maintenance is ensured by men.

These points led Assilmi's

sons to conclude that Islam was not fair to men, according to the lecturer.

Islamic laws, however, allow limited violence, according to Assilmi. The Koran allows men to hit their wives under certain very restricted circumstances. However this force must not leave physical marks and should never occur on the face, Assilmi said. She said that this limits when and where men may strike women, adding that women have no limitation on where and how they can strike their husbands.

Assilmi was initially appalled at the requirement that Muslim women cover their body and their faces. She said that she was proud of her body and that the scarf seemed oppressive to her. Eventually Assilmi understood that women wore this scarf as a means to mark their identity.

"The scarf is a badge of honor," she said. "It tells the viewer that she is a Muslim woman."

Assilmi also spoke of her

work as director of the International Union of Muslim Women.

"I want to educate women about the truth of their religion because many women in Muslim countries don't have the rights that they were given by God. The biggest enemies to Islam are the Muslims and their ignorance," she said, adding that this is a problem of all religions.

Assilmi criticized some of the Islamic governments for their policies as well.

"Until the Muslims are truly knowledgeable about the Koran, we will never have a country ruled by the Islamic law," she said.

Assilmi added that she wants to act as a peace-maker. She intends to build bridges between people and religions in order to make them accept their differences, she said.

Approximately 20 people attended the Wednesday night lecture at the Hesburgh Center.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Post-Taliban government created:

With a war still being fought in their homeland, Afghan factions signed a pact to create a temporary post-Taliban administration, putting aside differences over power-sharing to take the first step toward peace. Envoys agreed to a U.N.-brokered plan that allows for the deployment of foreign troops to secure the transition, stresses the inclusion women and strives for a democracy. It offers Afghanistan its best chance in decades to escape a cycle of war.

Russia pledges cut in oil exports:

Russia pledged to reduce oil exports by 150,000 barrels a day — enough to appease the international petroleum industry but, analysts say, unlikely to threaten recent economic growth in Russia driven mostly by oil.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Movies, videos decrease violence:

The film and video game industries have made progress limiting the marketing of violent and sexually explicit entertainment to children but the music industry lags behind, a federal study finds. The latest report cited "commendable progress" by the movie and electronic game industries in limiting their advertising to children of R-rated movies and games rated for mature audiences.

House GOP embrace aid package:

House Republicans embraced a \$20 billion dollar package of aid for victims of the recession as they maneuvered for votes on legislation giving President Bush a freer hand in negotiating worldwide trade deals. Bush lobbied lawmakers ahead of Thursday's showdown vote. The bill's supporters worked to ease the concerns among House members representing textile, steel and Florida citrus interests, as well as those concerned about ceding U.S. sovereignty to international organizations.

INDIANA NEWS BRIEFS

Marion officials head to Mexico:

More than 20 Marion officials, including Mayor Bart Peterson, plan to travel to Mexico and immerse themselves in the Spanish language in an effort to better communicate with the city's growing Hispanic population. Peterson and 22 Marion County police officers and firefighters are scheduled to live from Feb. 28 through March 10 in Calnali, Mexico. They'll join medical personnel in the small, impoverished community. As much as they can, group members will dispense with English.



U.S. troops man a "fighting hole" at sunrise north of the Kandahar region of Afghanistan where three U.S. troops were killed in a friendly fire incident.

3 Americans die in Afghanistan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Three American soldiers were killed and 19 wounded in Afghanistan Wednesday when a U.S. bomb missed its Taliban target. The bomb, carrying 2,000 pounds of explosives, landed about 100 yards from the soldiers' position north of Kandahar, where the Taliban is making its last stand against Afghan opposition forces.

Pentagon officials said they could not immediately explain what went wrong in the deadliest "friendly fire" accident of the war. Whatever the cause, it illustrated the danger inherent in the kind of support U.S. forces are providing to Afghan fighters: call-

ing in airstrikes on nearby enemy positions.

"This is one of the potentially most hazardous type of missions that we use as a military tactic," said Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem, deputy director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Five Afghan fighters also were killed in Wednesday's incident and an undetermined number were wounded.

Daniel Petithory, 32, a native of Cheshire, Mass., and an Army communications specialist stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., was one of the Americans killed, said his brother, Michael.

The Pentagon withheld identifications until relatives were notified.

All casualties were evacuated from the scene, first to a U.S. Marine base south of Kandahar and then out of Afghanistan.

Hamid Karzai, the southern Pashtun leader and designated head of the provisional government in Afghanistan, was in the area where the bomb landed but was not seriously wounded, Pentagon officials said.

"I, along with the rest of American, grieve for the loss of life in Afghanistan," President Bush said during an Oval Office appearance. "I want the families to know that they died for a noble and just cause."

The Pentagon initially reported two were killed. A third died en route to a hospital. Officials said they

had no information on the seriousness of the injuries or how many were Army or Air Force.

All 22 were described as special operations forces, but officials would not say whether they were Green Berets, Rangers, or other kinds of special operations troops. It appeared likely most were Green Berets.

Stufflebeem said Marines based south of Kandahar rushed to the scene and evacuated the casualties.

Some casualties were flown by C-130 transport to undisclosed, medical facility while others went directly to the facility, said Capt. Stewart Upton, a public affairs officer at the base. About 20 Afghan troops were treated at the Marines' base, he said.

Market Watch December 5

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Counselor stabbed to death in Mass.

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Mass.

A 17-year-old sophomore at an alternative high school stabbed a counselor to death Wednesday during an argument in front of other youths and a teacher, authorities said.

Corey Ramos ran from Springfield High after the attack and was arrested by police about a half-mile away, Hampden County prosecutor William Bennett said. The knife was found behind the school.

The Rev. Theodore Brown, 51, walked to the school nurse's office

but later died at a hospital, Bennett said. He was stabbed five to six times in the stomach and chest.

Bennett declined to say what the two argued about, but said "it was not a planned attack."

Vaoeria Andrews, a 14-year-old ninth grader, said she looked out the door of her nearby classroom and "all I saw was blood in the hallway."

She said there was no sense of panic as students were kept in their classrooms. She said she was a "little nervous," but has few worries about her safety at the 300-student school.

Ramos was being held without bail pending arraignment Thursday.

Eight or nine other students and a teacher were in the classroom at the time but none was injured, School Superintendent Joseph Burke said.

"I think he's a young man who lost it completely," Burke said. "He was rather withdrawn. He was not doing well academically."

Brown was a Pentacostal minister who had been working in the school system since 1996. He was married and had one child, police said.

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who accused him of touching her in an inappropriate manner at Hoadley's Turtle Creek apartment following a night of drinking.

Hoadley, the female student and her roommate were celebrating the alleged victim's 20th birthday Sept. 14 at Boat Club, according to court records.

The alleged victim and her roommate kissed each other and other patrons in exchange for drinks and

m o n e y, according to witnesses.

Hoadley and the women returned to his apartment and lay down on a bed pulled out from a couch, court records indicated. Hoadley lay between the women.

The alleged victim removed her shirt and bra and began kissing Hoadley, the suit claims. It also states that earlier in the evening, the alleged victim removed her pants and walked around Hoadley's apartment in her see-through "birthday thong."

In a written statement to Residence Life, the alleged victim said she awoke during the night, groggy and confused, to find Hoadley naked and moving on top of her. She wrote that during a 30-minute assault, Hoadley kissed, fondled and performed oral sex on her against her will and forced her to touch his penis. She said she was unable to scream during the alleged attack and fell asleep after it.

The other female student, in a written statement, said she woke up after hearing and feeling movement in the bed but did not turn toward Hoadley and the alleged victim. She rolled over when the motion and noise stopped and saw Hoadley lying naked on the other side of the alleged victim.

Following the incident, the alleged victim filed a report with the South Bend Police Department, who based on Hoadley's and the women's fuzzy accounts of the incident, found no probable cause to pursue criminal charges.

She filed a claim with Residence Life in late September.

Hoadley's suit claims that University officials made a

"unilateral determination" that he violated Notre Dame's sexual misconduct policy and didn't afford him the same opportunities as his accusers. The alleged victim was allowed to have others present with her during the hearing, but Hoadley was told to have a professor write a letter on his behalf, according to the suit.

"He didn't have the same opportunity to have witnesses present," Devetski said.

Should a judge approve an injunction, Hoadley could return to campus next week in time for the last class days of

the semester and final exams. He was accepted into the London Program and intended to study abroad next semester.

Hoadley's suit joins another legal action this semester by a Notre Dame student to have a University decision overturned. In October, a

judge issued a preliminary injunction that lifted Monica Gonzalez's suspension from the women's soccer team.

Bill Hoyer, from the Office of General Counsel, deferred comment about the Hoadley suit to University spokesman Dennis Moore Wednesday.

Moore declined to speak about the impact the lawsuit might have on the University's ability to punish students.

"It's still under consideration by a judge, so I'm hesitant to say much at this point," Moore said, "but it is a very important question for us to look at in the future."

Moore said that during his 14-year tenure here, the University has faced a number of suits by students who wanted disciplinary conference decisions overturned. Several of those suits involved cases of alleged sexual assault, Moore said.

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"The suit concentrates on whether a fair hearing had been conducted and whether presiders at the hearing were impartial. I don't think it's appropriate for the same individual to be leveling charges and acting as judge and jury."

Robert Devetski
attorney for Ryan Hoadley

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ABC, NBC lead NAACP nominations

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

Two television networks criticized by the NAACP only four months ago for lacking diversity in coverage led the civil rights group's prestigious Image Awards on Wednesday with 13 nominations each.

It's a dramatic shift from an August when the NAACP reported that ABC had an "untenable" lack of commitment to diversity efforts while NBC had an 11 percent drop in the number of black actors over the past year.

Both networks denied those charges.

"When people were voting they were looking at the quality and content and not necessarily looking at any other issues surrounding the nominations and submissions," said Ernestine Peters, executive director of the Image Awards.

However, organizers received 1,500 submissions to the nomination process this year, nearly 340 more than last year. Peters acknowledged that does indicate improved diversity in entertainment.

Kweisi Mfume, president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, had threatened a television boycott in August over the group's lingering diversity complaints. He did not return calls seeking comment Wednesday.

The nominations are determined by 300 show-business professionals and NAACP officials who select five nominees for each of the 41 categories.

"These nominations are a wonderful recognition of the great talent at ABC in news, prime-time and daytime programming," network spokeswoman Julie Hoover said. "They also reflect this network's ongoing commitment to

diversity."

ABC's sitcom "My Wife and Kids" had three nominations for best comedy series, best comedic actor for star Damon Wayans and best comedic actress for co-star Tisha Campbell.

The network's news programs "Nightline," "20/20" and "World News Tonight" also received nominations.

NBC had three supporting dramatic actor nods for "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" co-stars CCH Pounder, Khandi Alexander and Ice-T. "ER" had nods for best dramatic series, and star Eric La Salle was named in the best dramatic actor category.

Dule Hill had a supporting dramatic actor nomination for his role in "The West Wing."

"This is a testament not only to the diversity we are very proud of at NBC, but to the excellence both in front of and behind the cameras," said Scott Sassa, chief of NBC's West Coast operations.

The Muhammad Ali drama "Ali" and the sitcom "The Steve Harvey Show" led individual nominees.

The funeral comedy "Kingdom Come" had four nominations in the film category.

UPN's "The Steve Harvey Show" led the television category with six nominations, including best comedy series, best comedic actor for star Steve Harvey, and best comedic supporting actor for co-star Cedric The Entertainer.

Singer and pianist Alicia Keys had seven nominations, including best new artist. Michael Jackson had six nominations, including outstanding male artist.

The 33rd annual awards show will be held Feb. 23. Fox will broadcast a tape of the program on March 1.

CBS anchor Rather heads back to U.S.

Associated Press

NEW YORK

After anchoring the "CBS Evening News" for three nights from Afghanistan, Dan Rather is headed back to New York.

The veteran newsman will anchor Thursday's program from CBS' New York studio. While in Afghanistan, he filed reports for his show, "The Early Show" and "60 Minutes II."

Appearing on CNN's "Larry King Live" Monday night, Rather had said he planned to

be in Afghanistan awhile. He said it was important to be a reporter and that technology made it easier for anchors to be mobile.

But CBS spokeswoman Sandra Genelius said Wednesday that the network always planned that the duration of his trip would be day-to-day depending on the news.

"He was the only anchor who was there," she said. "He did what he set out to do. He wanted to see the story firsthand and report the story firsthand, and that's what he did."

While CBS said the long trip served its purpose, some competitors saw Rather's return Wednesday as a retreat.

"Putting your anchor on the ground doesn't necessarily buy you anything," said Steve Capus, executive producer of NBC's "Nightly News." "In this day and age, in the age of MSNBC and 24-hour news, there better be a good reason to commit the time and resources. We're going to think long and hard before we send Tom (Brokaw) anywhere."

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OPEC poised to reduce oil output

Associated Press

LONDON

OPEC was expected to trigger a 6 percent cut in its official crude oil output after Russia, relenting to intense pressure, agreed to reduce its production by 150,000 barrels a day to help prop up sagging oil prices.

Russia's decision Wednesday ended a showdown with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries that threatened to unleash a potentially devastating price war for crude. One energy analyst forecast that the overall decrease in oil output would nudge gasoline prices higher but said he expected the rise would be modest.

"It's a very positive move in the right direction," said Kuwaiti Oil Minister Adel al-Sabeh.

Oil futures surged almost \$1 higher on the news, then fell back as skepticism grew about Russia's resolve to honor its commitment.

OPEC was preparing to issue a communique Thursday announcing it would proceed with cuts of 1.5 million barrels a day in its own production, said an OPEC official, speaking on condition of anonymity from the group's headquarters in Vienna, Austria. The group's secretary-general, Ali Rodriguez, was conferring with OPEC oil ministers to agree on the document's wording, the official said.

After the decision in Russia, attention shifted to Norway, the world's third-largest exporter of

oil behind Saudi Arabia and Russia. OPEC has asked Norway for similar cuts.

A firm commitment from Norway, together with the pledge from Russia, would come very close to satisfying OPEC's demand that oil-producing countries outside the group cooperate with its plan to reduce its own production by 1.5 million barrels a day, or 6 percent. OPEC supplies about a third of the world's oil.

"I think it makes triggering the OPEC cuts a near certainty," said George Beranek of The Petroleum Finance Co., a Washington consultancy.

"That's going to mean, over time, higher crude prices, which will be reflected in higher refined product prices," he said.

However, energy analysts noted that U.S. inventories of gasoline and other refined products are plentiful. "I really don't think we have to worry about a return to last spring's very high gasoline prices," Beranek said.

In an unusual act of diplomatic brinkmanship, OPEC insisted last month that non-OPEC producers promise to trim their output by a total of 500,000 barrels a day before it would put its own cuts into effect Jan. 1. Russia's turnaround appeared to vindicate OPEC's tough stance.

Russia, the world's No. 3 oil producer, had said for weeks it would cut output by just 50,000 barrels a day. By agreeing Wednesday to triple the size of that cut, Russian oil companies appeared to acknowledge that

OPEC members were probably better equipped than they to weather a collapse in prices caused by a potential glut in crude supplies.

Peter Gignoux, head of the petroleum desk at Salomon Smith Barney in London, suggested that Russia might simply be making a virtue out of necessity.

"Russian exports always decrease at this time of year, as seasonal demand increases for their internal market," he said.

The OPEC official in Vienna welcomed Russia's announcement and said it would go a long way toward meeting the cartel's insistence that independent producers make sizable production cuts.

"Of course, we have to wait to see the final decision of the Norwegian government," the official said.

OPEC wants Norway to pare at least 150,000 barrels from its daily production, the official said. Norway has so far offered broadly to cut output by 100,000-200,000 barrels a day.

Mexico, another leading non-OPEC supplier, has already pledged to pump 100,000 fewer barrels a day, while Oman promises to cut output by 40,000 barrels.

OPEC is hoping for an additional cut of 40,000 barrels from Angola, enough to take the total cut in non-OPEC production to 480,000 barrels a day. The Angolan oil minister said Tuesday that his country would cooperate with OPEC but did not specify the size of reductions.

IMF board denies Argentina loan plea

◆ Financial crisis may lead officials to devalue currency

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

The International Monetary Fund said Wednesday it could not now recommend approval of a \$1.3 billion loan for Argentina. The country sought the money to weather a financial crisis.

The international lending agency said its 24-member executive board had met informally to hear a report from the head of an IMF team that had been sent to Argentina two weeks ago to review the progress of economic reforms.

"Based on the findings of the mission that has been in Buenos Aires, fund management is unable at this stage to recommend completion of the review" needed to release the next loan to Argentina, the IMF said in a statement.

The IMF refusal to extend a fresh loan as part of its \$22 billion support program for Argentina nation comes as officials in that country have struggled to avoid a default on \$132 billion in foreign debt. Argentina has South America's second-largest economy after Brazil.

Thomas Reichman, head of the IMF team in Argentina, returned to Washington late Monday to update top IMF offi-

cials on the team's findings.

The government of President Fernando De la Rúa imposed controls on withdrawals on bank deposits over the weekend to stop a run on the country's banks, which had accelerated last week amid rumors the country was about to freeze deposits and devalue the currency.

Argentina's government had been urging the IMF to speed up release of the next \$1.3 billion IMF loan installment, which it hoped to use to service its debt burden.

Many private economists believe the current financial crisis will force Argentina either to devalue its currency, which has been pegged to the U.S. dollar, or formally adopt the dollar as the country's official currency.

Many economists believe such a move would help restore investor confidence in Argentina's economy, which is mired in a three-year-long recession.

However, Argentina's government rejected both options on Wednesday with presidential spokesman Juan Pablo Baylac insisting that the government wanted to rescue the economy without abandoning its currency regime.

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12/07
friday

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8:00 p.m.
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11:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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12/08
saturday

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

12/09
sunday

Spanish Mass

1:30 p.m.
Zahm Hall Chapel

Law School Mass

5:00 p.m.
Law School Chapel

MBA Mass

7:00 p.m.
Mendoza College of Business Chapel

Advent Lessons and Carols

7:15 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Rejoice!

African American Mass

10:00 p.m.
Our Lady of Notre Dame Chapel
Coleman-Morse Center

12/10
monday

The Way Bible Study

8:30 p.m.
331 Coleman-Morse Center

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11:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Lounge, Coleman-Morse Center

12/11
tuesday

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Fr. Al D'Alonzo, csc, Director
7:00 p.m.
114 Coleman-Morse Center

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7:00 p.m.
330 Coleman-Morse Center

Watch Your Mouth

■ By Fr. Bill Wack, CSC, Director, Freshman Retreat Program

Campus Ministry offers this "Considerations" column each week to help us all to reflect on our lives and see if we can improve in our efforts to live together in community. This week I thought I would write about something that I perceive is rampant and detrimental to our lives as Christians – offensive and obscene speech.

Why this topic? I have noticed that the use of obscene speech has increased a tremendous amount over the last decade or so (since I was here as an undergraduate), and many others have agreed with me. Not only is its use acceptable (and fashionable) in movies, advertisement, and in public places in general, it seems to be the norm for many people here on our campuses.

I'm not talking about a slip of the tongue or a story told among close friends in a private setting; I'm referring to people yelling horrible things out on the quads, down the hallways in dorms, or openly where people gather. (Also included would be T-shirts with highly offensive depictions or words on them worn proudly in public. I've even seen some of these worn in church or at Mass). There doesn't seem to be much of an attempt to curb the tongue these days. On the contrary, every attempt seems to be made to use offensive speech.

Most disturbing is hearing these things spoken in front of visitors and the general public. Quite often this occurs when I am having a visitor over in my room or am counseling someone or celebrating Mass or Reconciliation in a room or chapel on campus. Many times I have heard foul things spoken or yelled loudly which easily spill into my room or the chapel. I usually apologize to my guests or try to talk louder over the disturbance, but the damage is already done.

A lot of times, if I hear something really bad and blatant, I will say, "Excuse me?" and the offending person immediately says, "I'm sorry, Father, I didn't know you were here." But that shouldn't matter. We really should strive to use acceptable language at all times in public.

Something that seems to be happening more frequently this year is late-night carousing on the quad. Several times this semester I have been kept awake at all hours while people have inconvenienced anyone with a window on the quad side by saying offensive, bigoted, or off-color things. I have spent several hours trying to drown out the noise by putting a pillow over my head and thinking about the day when I will live in a rectory somewhere or in a house off campus.

Am I overreacting? I don't think so. I confess that I have it within me to use inappropriate words at times when I am with my brothers playing cards or am with some friends from high school in a private setting. But I would find it extremely embarrassing and shameful to use those words in public – especially using them indiscriminately in a loud voice. I believe that we all have to work on our internal "editor". Every moral person tries to have a well-developed editor (conscience, voice) that tells them when it is appropriate (and when it isn't) to say or do something. Employing this is a matter of being Christ-like.

There are two reasons why I think we all need to clean up our language in public:

- 1) We're basically educated people, and we have a lot of words at our disposal. Surely there are more descriptive words in the English language we could use than the four or five we hear constantly.
- 2) Our faith tells us so. St Paul states that because we are God's people, "no foul language should come out of your mouths" and "no obscenity or silly or suggestive talk," for the immoral and impure will lose "their inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God" (Eph 4:29; 5:4-5; Col 3:8).

Some would say (indeed, *have said*), "Get over it." or "If that's the way you feel, maybe you shouldn't live with students". I absolutely love living on campus and hope to do that for as long as I'm here at the University, but I hope that it can be a place where others are respected and they don't have to worry about being offended constantly in public by other people's tongues.

Thank God for the gift of communication that has been given to all of us (in one form or another). Let us all try to honor that gift and use it for the greater glory of God. May the Word of God, Jesus Christ, bless us all during this holy season of Advent!

CONSIDERATIONS

2nd Sunday of Advent Weekend Liturgies

- **Presiders**
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- Saturday, December 8 Mass
5:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter D. Rocca, c.s.c.
- Sunday, December 9 Mass
10:00 a.m.
Rev. Robert A. Dowd, c.s.c.
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Rev. Peter D. Rocca, c.s.c.

■ Sunday's Scripture Readings

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| 1st Reading | Is 11: 1-10 |
| 2nd Reading | Rom 15: 4-9 |
| Gospel | Mt 3: 1-12 |

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*Sunday, December 9th
at 7:15 p.m. in the
Basilica*

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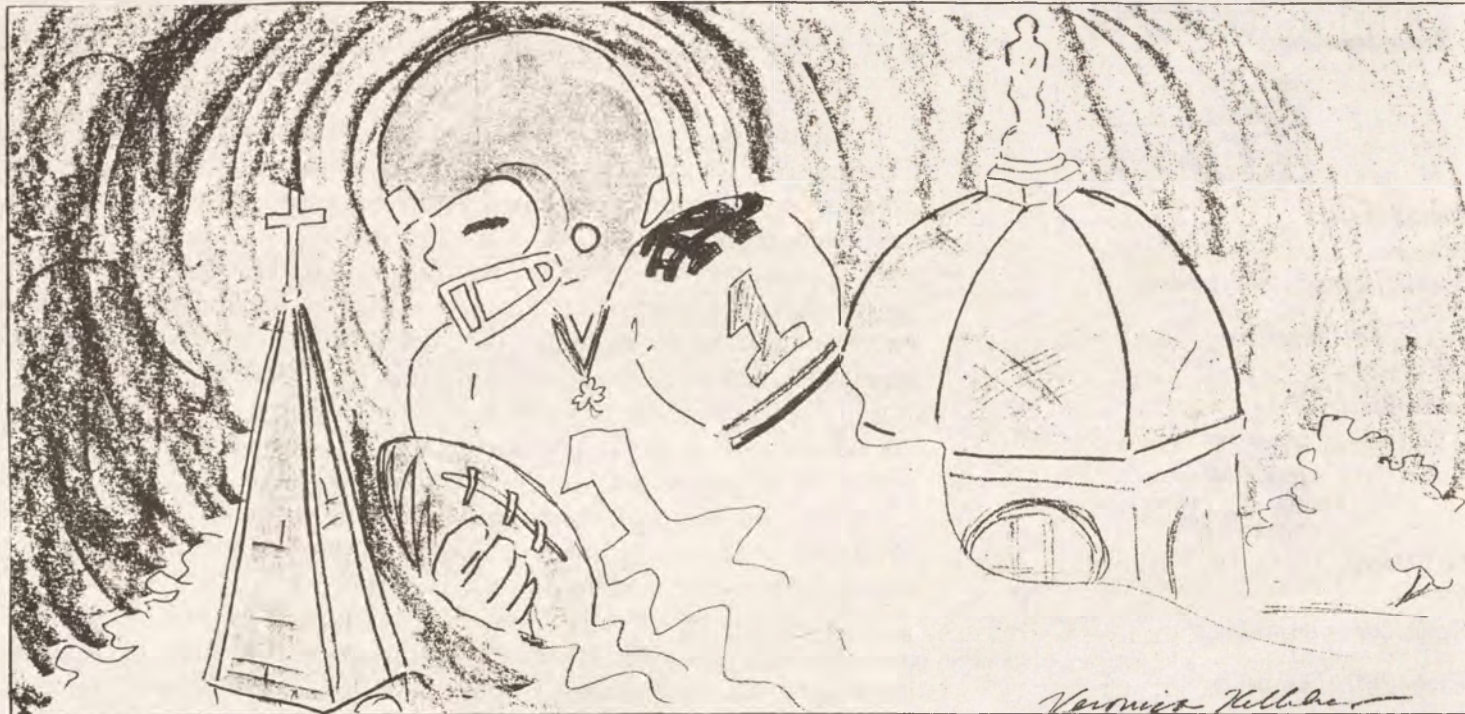
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Heart and soul of Notre Dame?

The firing of football head coach Bob Davie and the search for a replacement has received national attention. Two quotes from athletic director Kevin White that appeared in the New York Times caught my attention.



Todd David Whitmore

The first referred to tough admission standards at Notre Dame as a myth. "I don't think that it's nearly as difficult for us to have young people admitted to the University of Notre Dame as a lot of people believe." The second quote stated, "I think the whole Notre Dame community lives and dies with this football program. It's the heart and soul of the University."

These statements were puzzling, even disconcerting, so I ran down the full transcript of the press conference. Throughout are references to the importance of both academics and athletics. All "our coaches in all sports" are expected to bring in and develop "good students and good people."

It is clear that the desire is for strong academics and athletics. The question that arises is whether there is a prioritization of one over the other such that when they conflict or at least are not in full harmony, one gains ascendancy.

Here the statements quoted in the New York Times raise some issues. The reference to high academic admission standards being a myth seemed to indicate that with a good enough athlete, academic achievement is not of importance.

However, here is where the full text of the press conference is helpful. Immediately after the myth statement,

he goes on to say, "I think the great news about the young people we are able to attract is that they graduate. They walk away from Notre Dame with a Notre Dame degree. You look at the kinds of things we have created, the accommodations for young people, but at end, they get the degree."

The statistics recently released back him up: 85 percent of all athletes and 74 percent of football players graduate. There is an argument nested in these statistics that former Georgetown University basketball coach John Thompson has made most eloquently: athletic accommodations allow the opportunity for a high-caliber education for poor youth, most of them black, an education that otherwise society has unfairly made unavailable.

For the particular persons he was coaching, Thompson was largely correct. The two questions that arise for Notre Dame are: 1. To what degree does the argument concerning under-privilege apply to its athletes? and 2. If underprivilege is the concern, then why not extend it to the full population in the same way that it is extended to athletes?

There are other, nonathletic gifts, that poor persons — black, white or other — have that are not reflected in high school transcripts and SAT scores. It is noteworthy that White refers three times to "young people," but the reference is to young athletes exclusively.

There is a strong argument to be made — and professor Stephen Pope of Boston College made a brief statement of it in *Commonweal* a while back — that if Catholic universities are to be true to their core identity, then they should exercise an "option for the poor" on behalf of the common good in structuring admissions, financial aid and academic support to allow more economically impoverished and academically thwarted students to attend and flourish.

The statistics indicate, however, that the major Catholic universities across the nation are an increasingly difficult prospect for those whose families lack significant financial resources.

This issue of the core identity of the University brings us back to White's second quote. I like Notre Dame football. I like fanfare and competition. I was glad to take my nephews to Notre Dame's upset victory against Michigan a couple years ago.

I quite literally married into a Notre Dame family, and on many football weekends our home has functioned as a bed and breakfast. But I do not "live and die" with the football program.

Is the statement intended to be an empirical observation? I have had some occasions where the in-class performance of non-player students has dipped significantly following an upset loss, think Boston College and the dying quail field goal.

This distortion of students' lives is disconcerting and it is backed and encouraged by claims that the football program is "the heart and soul of the University." It is why some of my colleagues hope that the team loses early and frequently enough in the season to release students from national football title expectations.

The metaphors we draw upon, especially those as dramatic as "heart and soul," starkly state our worldview and shape how we live. We need to be careful how we use them.

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Ralph Waldo Emerson
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stamp machines: trials and tribulations

Today, I am going to speak about a matter of grave national security, a matter often overlooked, but deserving attention nonetheless: the security of stamp machines. Stamp machines are an incredible convenience.

They allow us to buy stamps at places other than the post office.

They allow us to avoid nasty interpersonal contact and deal only with

machines, as our postmodern culture trains us to do. Further, stamps are an incredibly valuable commodity. They allow you to send things, such as postcards, letters and birthday cards.

If you buy enough stamps, you can even send larger things, like tapes, CDs or iguanas. The postal system is a powerful means of communication, and stamps are the fuel that make that system run. The world would be in sore shape if any old Dick, Tom or Hobob could just run up to a stamp machine, kick, and run off with several dollars worth of valuable stamps. I mean, these babies are worth 34 cents a piece.

Thankfully our friends at the Post Office have not overlooked stamp machine security. They have taken it into account and realized the grave national security issue surrounding the impregnability of stamp machines. I learned this one day early this semester.

This semester, I took up writing letters

Marlayna Soenneker

Here We Go Again

to the two people I care about who lack e-mail. On this day I had written two letters on paper and sealed them in paper envelopes. But then I remembered that the postal system, unlike the e-mail system, isn't free. I needed stamps.

I was going to dinner at South Dining Hall anyway, so I headed over and enjoyed a tasty meal.

Then, after dinner, I traipsed down into the basement, where there is a stamp machine, right across from the Grab 'n'Go. I saw this as an excellent opportunity to avoid human contact and get the stamps I needed.

With me I had brought every bill I had, which consisted of seven \$1 bills and one \$5 bill. I needed \$6.80 to purchase a book of stamps. So I fed the machine a \$5 bill. No go. It didn't like my bill. I tried again. Nope. All right, it looked like my seven \$1 bills were it. I tried one. Not happening. I tried another. No. And another. No.

Finally I got the machine to accept \$3, but I still had another \$3.80 to go. I was finding this whole experience just a little bit frustrating, as the bills I was attempting to feed the machine looked perfectly fine to me. I was even beginning to think it would have been better for me to go to the actual post office and deal with actual

people, because at least other people would realize that these dollar bills were legitimate.

My friend Bianca came downstairs at just that moment and said hi to me. I returned her salutation and explained the situation to her. As I explained that the machine and I were having a disagreement about the quality of

the bills I was attempting to use, I gave the machine a friendly kick, a kick that said, "We're all friends here, but we'd be friendlier if you would just take my stupid dollar bills."

Apparently the machine did not interpret my friendly kick this way. It apparently interpreted it to be more of an "I'm a large, frightening person attempting to break in to this machine and steal all of the stamps within it, after which I will go murder small children and eat cats" sort of kick.

So it did the only reasonable thing that a stamp machine could do in this situation. It set off its alarm. Now, prior to this moment in time, I had never considered whether stamp machines had alarms. Now I and all of you know that they do indeed have alarms and that they are not very fond of friendly kicks.

I attempted to reason with the machine at this point, explaining that I wasn't a



large, threatening person but rather a small, unthreatening girl. The stamp machine was having none of this. It continued its impressively loud scream.

So, sheepishly, and with several Grab 'n'Go customers looking on, I headed upstairs to find an authority figure who could help me out. Unfortunately, the powers-that-be at the South Dining Hall had bad news for me: there was nothing they could do.

I went back downstairs to see if the machine had calmed down yet and mercifully the alarm had stopped. However, it now appeared to have no memory of our earlier encounter or the money that I had deposited in it.

Many people would have just chalked up the \$3 loss to experience and called it even. Not I. I marched over to the post office the next day and demanded my money back, which they were good enough to refund to me. I didn't exactly tell them the whole truth about what had happened, reserving that story for my column now. I hope in this way to save you, my readers, from learning such a difficult lesson in such a terrible way.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Integrity sacrificed to money

Well, it happened. Given the obviously orchestrated press leaks, I am not really surprised. However, I am extremely disappointed. My beloved alma mater, which preaches a value system that goes beyond the material and economic, has succumbed to the base pressures of win-loss records.

It has sacrificed a good man to the heartless gods of television ratings, bowl games and national championships, which impact revenue and alumni contributions. It has fired Bob Davie, who had four years left on his contract. The first time ever that a Notre Dame football coach has been dismissed while his contract was in force. Shame, shame!

That Bob Davie is a good man cannot be disputed. Even Tim Prister, editor of Blue & Gold Illustrated, one of Davie's most harshest critics, has acknowledged that Davie never reacted to those harsh, sometimes personal, criticisms.

In a recent edition of Blue & Gold Illustrated, Prister said that Davie always treated him professionally. Bob Davie's class was evident in Sunday's press conference, where he refused to utter a negative word. This is amazing to me. Such behavior is more Christ-like than I would expect of most people. Too bad being a good man is not enough.

That Bob Davie had the respect of his players is obvious. No one has ever suggested that Davie "lost his team", that the players gave up and did not play their hardest despite the relative lack of success on the field.

Rather, it was always obvious that the team came to play — to the last down. Players who do not respect themselves or their coaches go through the motions. Davie's team never went through the motions. He must have been doing something right. Too bad it did not count. No one can argue that Bob Davie ran an exemplary program. His players did quite well in the classroom.

Graduation rates met or exceeded expected levels. Over the past two years, team GPAs were at the highest in recent history. As a result the team is online to receive national academic recognition. Davie met this duty. Too bad something else was more important.

Moreover, players stayed in school, which was an announced important University goal. And there

were no significant off-campus issues with Davie recruits. This, too, was an important criterion. Too bad these factors were not important enough. Too bad meeting expectations is insufficient.

No one can argue that Bob Davie was into self-aggrandizement like so many of his peers. No, this was never the Bob Davie Show. This was never about personal benefit. There was no "I" here. Davie was interested only in the University, its football team and his players. This used to count for something. Remember, it was Rockne who said, "No man is bigger than the institution that he represents." Too bad, it no longer does.

How then, you ask, could Bob Davie be fired? Simply, it is economics — the almighty dollar. Kevin White can deny it all he wants, but the truth is that the impact of the win-loss record is paramount, regardless of other factors. White is quoted in a Nov. 29 article in the Chicago Tribune written by Avani Patel saying, "Football is the financial engine." That says it all. Whose credibility is lost?

When I was a student at the Notre Dame Law School, we were imbued with the principle that there were more important things than money. We were taught that we should use our profession for something more than as a source of economic benefit. We were told that how you processed your case was as important, if not more important, than if you won your case.

Professionalism and integrity were espoused as the ultimate principles. It seems to me that Bob Davie embodies these principles. Too bad that such beliefs are good enough for lawyers, but not football coaches.

Thanks, Coach Davie, for all your efforts. You deserve better. I hope that my University can repair the only image that really matters — that it is an institution that practices what it preaches — that it respects character and integrity more than wins and losses.

Michael L. Palumbo
class of '81, JD
Dec. 5, 2001

Keeping America safe and free

It is because I love my country and because I have faith that I will continue to be safe in this nation that I pay tribute to the students who dedicate their time to the future. The ROTC students are committed to preparing themselves to be the future warrior leaders that protect our nation.

It is not easy to go through ROTC. Getting up for 6 a.m. physical training sessions, attending ROTC classes, going through practical exercises and giving up many additional hours for other ROTC events is not a piece of cake to pull off while maintaining a normal college schedule. In addition to that ROTC participants must keep a certain GPA and maintain a certain level of physical fitness.

I pay tribute more to the ROTC participants than I do to athletes even though the reverse seems to be more common. The students in ROTC are not looking to the next big game as their goal. Instead they desire to preserve what we have in this country so that the athletes are able to play, and yet the ROTC students do not complain about getting nearly as much prestige or recognition as the athletes.

I am proud that the students in Notre Dame ROTC continue to train even though restrictions were put on their preparation to become warrior leaders. I am proud because they strive toward their goal and overcome obstacles to do it. However, I am upset that anyone would put restrictions on the people who will someday be protecting them. What is amazing is that these same people probably would never dream of restricting how the athletes could train.

I would like to pay a tribute to the future of our nation. I believe that the United States is worth preserving. It is here where I have freedom and hope. And despite what happened on September 11, I still feel safe and secure here.

I believe that the fundamental values our forefathers fought or are still alive. And I have faith that we, their children, have been given a beautiful gift that we should cling to with all that is within us. Thank you, ROTC, for the future.

Yvonne Benson
freshman
McCandless Hall
Dec. 5, 2001

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Will winter showers

Scene's movie critics take a look at what's in store

Scene Staff Report

Along with jingle bells, fruitcake and more in-your-face commercialization than anyone can handle, the holiday season brings a sleigh-full of films meant to give the box office a last-minute boost and audiences a heaping portion of entertainment overload.

The truth is, the holiday movie season already started with the release of last month's "Monsters, Inc." and "Harry Potter," the opening salvos in the battle to dominate Ye Olde Holiday Box Office.

But movie distributors are feeling the Christmas rush, not to fill stockings, but to get their films in theaters in time to qualify for Academy Award contention. So in addition to the big-budget blockbusters, we're treated to multiplexes full of serious films.

As usual, we can expect a lot of Oscar contenders to arrive smack in the middle of Christmas week. Heavies such as Kevin Spacey, Russell Crowe and quite possibly a new acting heavyweight in the form of Will Smith (playing Muhammad Ali) all have movies coming out on Dec. 25. Hotshot directors including Steven Soderbergh, Cameron Crowe, Frank Darabont, Lasse Hallstrom, Ron Howard and Wes Anderson have movies opening in December, as well.

There are also a number of films slated to open in New York and L.A. that the rest of the country won't see until at least January. These include the intriguing Australian thriller "Lantana" and "Last Orders," an adaptation of Graham Swift's prize-winning novel. We'll also have to wait for "I Am Sam," in which Sean Penn plays a mentally challenged man trying to maintain custody of his bright young daughter; and "Iris," the adaptation of John Bayley's memoir about his wife, novelist Iris Murdoch, and her struggle with Alzheimer's. Kate Winslet plays Murdoch at a younger age, and Judi Dench ("Chocolat") plays her later in life — no wonder Miramax is slipping it into the running for Oscar time.

Some movies set to open at Christmas have been bumped, mainly because there simply aren't enough screens to accommodate all of them. Other projects are fleeing because the competition is too stiff, or because audience response in early screenings indicates the film isn't living up to the Oscar potential it was supposed to have. Who knows which category applies to "Gangs of New York," the latest from Martin Scorsese, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Cameron Diaz. It's been postponed, with no set release date. Ditto for "Bad Company," with Anthony Hopkins and Chris Rock, and "The Salton Sea," with Val Kilmer. We'll probably see H.G. Wells' "The Time Machine," with Guy Pearce, some time in February. Or March. Or whenever.

Here's what we do know (or think we know) about 10 of 2001's most anticipated holiday movie events:

"Ocean's Eleven" (Dec. 7)

◆ Director: Steven Soderbergh

◆ Starring: George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Andy Garcia and Julia Roberts

◆ Buzz: Soderbergh's follow-up to last year's Oscar-nominated "Traffic" is an ensemble caper: Soderbergh's movie — no less than its fair share of Hollywood mega-stars. So the hype surrounding this one is justifiably astronomical (being heavily promoted on numerous talk shows and TV spots helps a little, too). Many filmgoers may be too young to remember the original film, which was a showcase for the Rat Pack (Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., Dean Martin, Peter Lawford and Joey Bishop). Back then, they played war veterans who try and pull off one big robbery; in this new version, a gangster by the name of Danny Ocean (Clooney) rounds up a group of associates to stage heists of three major Las Vegas casinos during a popular boxing event. As impressive as the cast is, reportedly it could have been stronger. Rumored to have been offered roles were Bruce Willis, Mark Wahlberg, Ewan McGregor and Owen Wilson. In the original script, the boxing match would have featured Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield, but that has since been changed to Lennox Lewis and Vladimir Klitschko. But don't feel too bad for "Eleven." With hot-property Soderbergh at the helm and a supposedly spirited script and production, the film will most likely succeed on multiple levels. What's that smell in the air? Money. Lots of it. This might end up being one of the biggest movies of the holiday season.

Matt Nania



Photo courtesy of Paramount Pictures

Penelope Cruz and Tom Cruise share the spotlight in Cameron Crowe's "Vanilla Sky," a remake of the Spanish thriller "Abre los Ojos."

"Vanilla Sky" (Dec. 14)

◆ Director: Cameron Crowe

◆ Starring: Tom Cruise, Penelope Cruz, Cameron Diaz and Jason Lee

◆ Buzz: Crowe and Cruise team up again for a December release (their last collaboration was '96's "Jerry Maguire"), but this time it's unlikely anyone will be showing anyone else "the money." Instead, Crowe is remaking the 1997 Spanish smash hit, "Abre los Ojos" ("Open Your Eyes"). Crowe, whose films are usually quirky love stories with amazing soundtracks, is looking to build on his already solid reputation of audience hits like "Say Anything," "Maguire" and "Almost Famous." This time, however, he is twisting the conventional love story, adding a thrilling chapter to his series of romances. In "Sky," Cruise plays a womanizer whose relationship with a psychologically unstable woman (Cameron Diaz) comes back to hurt him. Strange things start happening as his life takes a turn for the surreal. Crowe, who also wrote the screenplay, has a strong secondary character in Lee ("Mallrats") and has recast Cruz as the lovely "Sofia" (she was in the original Spanish film). Crowe has also pieced together the best soundtrack since Elliott Smith's contributions to "Good Will Hunting." The 17-track opus mixes legends such as Paul McCartney and Bob Dylan with young talents such as Radiohead, Jeff Buckley and Sigur Ros, creating its own buzz. While the production of "Vanilla Sky" was quickly overshadowed by the Cruise-Cruz love fling, come Dec. 14, most everyone should be talking about another solid Cameron Crowe movie and soundtrack.

Jude Seymour

"The Royal Tenenbaums" (Dec. 14, limited)

◆ Director: Wes Anderson

◆ Starring: Gene Hackman, Ben Stiller, Gwyneth Paltrow, Anjelica Houston and Luke Wilson

◆ Buzz: Fans of Anderson's "Rushmore" will be looking forward to this one, the latest from the nerdy-but-hip young writer-director. Meet the Tenenbaums: Royal (Gene Hackman), the irresponsible father; Etheline (Angelica Houston), the archeologist mother; and their three overachieving children: Chas (Ben Stiller), a financial wizard by age 9; Margot (Gwyneth Paltrow), an award-winning playwright in the 9th grade; and Richie (Luke Wilson), a nationally ranked tennis player since the 3rd grade. In "The Royal Tenenbaums," the family reunites after 20 years of separation at the request of Royal, who learns he is dying and wants to make amends with his ex-wife and children. Joining them are Chas' two sons, who are identical to their father in almost every way (they even wear the same red Adidas warm-up suits). Simply put, "Tenenbaums" has to be incredibly funny. With the screenwriting talent of Anderson and Owen Wilson, the impressive cast and what's sure to be great music, "Tenenbaums" is your best bet for holiday laughs.

Meg Ryan

"The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" (Dec. 19)

◆ Director: Peter Jackson

◆ Starring: Elijah Wood, Ian McKellen, Viggo Mortensen, Liv Tyler and Cate Blanchett

◆ Buzz: Fantasy movies are enjoying a renaissance. With "Harry Potter," "A.I.," "Final Fantasy" and even the DVD release of "Star Wars: The Phantom Menace" captivating the imagination of movie buffs everywhere, the time has never been riper for Jackson's adap-



Photo courtesy of Buena Vista Pictures

Wes Anderson's "The Royal Tenenbaums" is a family comedy starring (from left) Luke Wilson, Gwyneth Paltrow, Gene Hackman, Ben Stiller and Anjelica Houston.



Perhaps the most anticipated film of the Ring" opens nationwide on Dec.

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bring Oscar flowers?

more for the moviegoing public this holiday season



Photo courtesy of New Line Cinema

of the holiday season, "The Fellowship of the Ring" leads the way.



Photo courtesy of Sony Pictures Entertainment

Will Smith trained for a year in preparation for his role as the great Muhammad Ali. Michael Mann directs.

tation of the granddaddy of fantasy literature: J.R.R. Tolkien's "The Lord of the Rings." The first in a trilogy, "The Fellowship of the Ring" debuts this season amid that rivals "Star Wars," though it is perhaps a more concentrated, mature hype. Not only will the film have to withstand the faultfinding of fans and critics, but it must also score big at the box office. Originally planned as two installments rather than three, New Line Cinema bought the rights from Miramax, garnered widespread endorsement deals and granted Jackson a ridiculous budget in order to score big with the trilogy. The studio execs shouldn't have much to fear. Jackson, who transformed his native New Zealand into the mythical Middle Earth of Tolkien, is an experienced director whose credits include "The Frighteners" and the critically acclaimed "Heavenly Creatures." Backed by an all-star cast and Tolkien's enduring epic, "Fellowship" should pack a wallop of Christmas cheer.

Mario Bird

"The Majestic" (Dec. 21)

◆ Director: Frank Darabont
◆ Starring: Jim Carrey

◆ Buzz: Carrey getting serious can be a very good thing ("Truman Show," "Man on the Moon"), so it's easy to be somewhat excited about this Capra-esque drama directed by the fellow who gave us "The Shawshank Redemption" and "The Green Mile." The story tells of a blacklisted 1950s screenwriter who leaves Hollywood and, after losing his memory in a car accident, relocates to a small town. There he finds a new life when he assumes the role of a former World War II soldier, the son of the local movie theater owner. Carrey has long expressed his desire to emulate the career of Academy favorite Tom Hanks, so the roles the comic chooses for himself come off as easy Oscar bait. No matter, a good performance is a good performance and Darabont himself has stated that Carrey does the best work of his career. Plus, he's anchored by a strong supporting cast including Martin Landau, Hal Holbrook, Bob Balaban, Amanda Detmer and Ron Rifkin. Darabont's films tend to be overlong and laborious, but Carrey's inclusion, the Capra sensibility and the story's interesting premise should entice audiences looking for sentimental holiday fare.

Matt Nania

"Kate & Leopold" (Dec. 21)

◆ Director: James Mangold
◆ Starring: Meg Ryan and Hugh Jackman

◆ Buzz: This might be the only flat-out romance of the season. Ryan stars as Kate, a driven corporate executive (movie stars never play losers who don't get promoted) who is unlucky in love. Then her scientific-genius ex-boyfriend opens a time portal into the 19th century and accidentally transports his great-great-grandfather (Hugh Jackman, "X-Men"), a duke, into modern-day New York. Ryan and Jackman fall in love, etc. etc. Sounds like a tired premise, but audiences should like the idea of a romantic pairing between these two.

Matt Nania

"Ali" (Dec. 25)

◆ Director: Michael Mann
◆ Starring: Will Smith, Jamie Foxx and Jon Voight

◆ Buzz: Audiences may not find it wailing under their trees, but "Ali" hits theaters across the country on Christmas Day. This bio-pic, directed by "Heat" and "The Insider" director Mann and starring Smith as the loose-lipped boxer, has promised to show audiences a side of Muhammad Ali they might not know. The plot seems to focus more on the fights outside the ring than within it, including Ali's now-famous arrest for dodging the draft and declaring his allegiance to the Muslim faith. The film will have two major hurdles to overcome: convincing its audience that Smith is Ali and telling a better story than the leg-

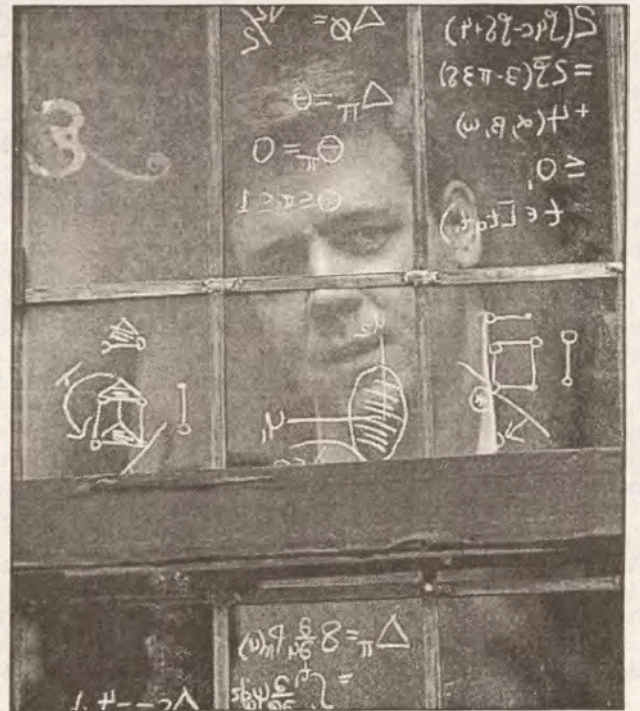


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"A Beautiful Mind," starring Russell Crowe, tells the story of renowned mathematician John Nash.

endary HBO boxing epic, "When We Were Kings." Still alive is not only still alive, but still in the spotlight from time to time, Smith's hurdle is cumbersome. Moviegoers young and old will be using the real Ali to scrutinize Smith's every mannerism and speech pattern. In addition to those challenges, older audiences will be interested to see if Smith can duplicate the boxer's flagrant manner in the ring as well as throw authentic Ali punches. Mann and Smith appear ready for the challenge, and come Christmastime, audiences will be checking to see if this "Ali" is naughty or nice.

Jude Seymour

"A Beautiful Mind" (Dec. 25, limited)

◆ Director: Ron Howard
◆ Starring: Russell Crowe and Jennifer Connelly

◆ Buzz: Howard ("The Grinch," "Apollo 13") has created a psychological thriller based on the true story of Nobel Prize winning mathematician John Forbes Nash, Jr. Crowe stars as Nash, whose principles in 1950 established the economic "Game Theory." But Nash was for indecent exposure. Based on Sylvia Nasar's biography, the film focuses on Nash's relationship with his wife, played by Jennifer Connelly ("Requiem for a Dream"), and his path from success to mental illness to recovery. While Crowe hopes to secure another Oscar, Howard is looking for his first directing nomination. The picture may fulfill both of those aspirations, as the Academy seems to love films concerning mental disorders. Plus, Howard is due for a nomination after being shut out for "Apollo 13."

Liam Dacey

"The Shipping News" (Dec. 25, limited)

◆ Director: Lasse Hallstrom
◆ Starring: Kevin Spacey, Julianne Moore, Judi Dench and Cate Blanchett

◆ Buzz: After bouncing around for years with various actors attached at one time or another, E. Annie Proulx's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel finally comes to the screen, starring the ubiquitous Spacey, "Hannibal's" Moore and the ever-hard-working Blanchett (last seen in "Bandits"). Spacey plays Quoyle, a sad-sack newspaperman who moves to Newfoundland with his children after his wife (Blanchett) dies. He then confronts his private demons as he struggles to make a happy family life. Dench plays Quoyle's aunt and Moore his love interest. With "The Cider House Rules" and "Chocolat" already under his belt, director Hallstrom comes up to the award plate once again with a talented, refined cast and a character-driven story. But it'll be up to the studio whether or not "News" gets the notorious Miramax Oscar push.

Matt Nania

"Black Hawk Down" (Dec. 28, limited)

◆ Director: Ridley Scott
◆ Starring: Josh Hartnett, Ewan McGregor and Sam Shepard

◆ Buzz: Scott ("Gladiator," "Hannibal") and an impressive lineup on the mark of the 1993 American mission in Somalia that went terribly wrong. Based on Mark Bowden's critically acclaimed book, the Battle of Mogadishu, the longest sustained ground battle involving Americans since the Vietnam War, is vividly recounted. The U.S. sent 120 soldiers into the ravaged country in the middle of a civil war to abduct two lieutenants of warlord Mohammed Farrah Abid. However, the mission turned into a disaster after two helicopters were shot down and 18 American soldiers were killed. Hartnett, McGregor and Shepard make up only a part of the large cast that traveled to Morocco to shoot the film. Originally set to open on March 1, the nationwide release date was pushed up to Jan. 18. After speculation that this occurred due to anticipated developments in Afghanistan, studio executives said that the move was made after impressive screenings that encouraged them to go for an Academy-qualifying run in New York and L.A. in late December.

Liam Dacey

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Willingham compiled a 44-35-1 record.

Notre Dame's sports information department declined to comment on whether or not White had interviewed Willingham today. On Sunday, White said he would not release information about the search for a new coach.

"I appreciate the appetite for news about a search of this kind, but you don't hire good people by negotiating through the media," he said Sunday afternoon. "...

Let me just state one caution about the rumors and 'informed sources' that are bound to surface in the days ahead: As soon as there's something to report, you'll hear it from me, but until you hear it from me, anything you might hear will be nothing more than speculation."

While ESPN.com reported that Notre Dame had asked for permission to speak with Arkansas head coach Houston Nutt, both Nutt and Arkansas athletic director Frank Broyles denied that report.

"I have not been contacted by Notre Dame regarding its head coaching position," Nutt told ESPN on Wednesday. "I feel we have an outstanding program here at Arkansas. Along with my staff and players, I am concentrating on getting our team ready for a bowl game."

Nutt was named the 2001 SEC coach of the year after leading the Razorbacks to a 7-4 record and a likely berth in the Liberty Bowl. Before coming to Arkansas, Nutt coached at Boise State in 1997 and at Murray State from 1993 to 1996.

As more details were discovered about White's nationwide search for a new head coach, the list of candidates continued to dwindle as more head

coaches pulled their names from consideration.

Jacksonville Jaguars head coach Tom Coughlin also grew irate when asked if he had been contacted by the Irish.

"I'm very happy in the job I have," he yelled at reporters during a press conference Tuesday.

Coughlin, who coached at Boston College in 1993 when the Eagles upset the top-

"What Notre Dame has done, and I'm very flattered they've done this, is they've contacted our athletic department about speaking with me. Whether they will or not is up to them."

Tyrone Willingham
Stanford head coach

ranked Irish at Notre Dame Stadium, said he had not been contacted by Irish officials about the coaching vacancy. Although the Jaguars are 3-8, Coughlin said he is content to stay in Jacksonville

despite the lure of coaching at Notre Dame. But he did not directly say that he was not interested in the vacancy.

"Is it flattering to hear that name? Yeah, sure it is, if that's what you want to hear me say," Coughlin said. "But the fact of the matter is, I have a job, it's a good job, I love the job. I came here for one purpose. I have not heard one word from Notre Dame, and I'm not going to talk about rumors. What more do you want me to say? What blackboard do you want me to write it on?"

Also, Oregon head coach Mike Bellotti told The Oregonian he had no interest in coaching Notre Dame. He did not say whether or not he had been contacted.

And on Monday, Oakland Raiders head coach Jon Gruden said that he had not been approached by Notre Dame about the coaching vacancy. He also said he did not want to get involved in speculation.

Information from Associated Press and ESPN.com news services were used in compiling this report.

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CHRISTINA REITANO/The Observer

Saint Mary's sophomore point guard Katie Miller fights for the ball with a Dominican player earlier this year. The Belles lost to Goshen College Wednesday night.

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start to finish, but Saint Mary's kept it close at times during the first half. After a 14-1 run turned a 9-8 Goshen lead into a 23-9 advantage, Saint Mary's fought back to close the gap to 31-23 at the half.

A series of questionable fouls called on Saint Mary's was the difference in the first 20 minutes. The Maple Leafs went to the line 13 times and hit 10 of those shots, while freshman Katie Boyce made one of two in the only first-half free-throw attempts for the Belles.

"Those are things that

you've got to look at..." Smith said. "but there's absolutely nothing we can do about it so we need to control the other things that we can control."

For the game, Saint Mary's converted seven of 14 attempts from the line, while Goshen hit 18 of 23, a 78.3 percentage.

"We hit 50 percent of them," Smith said. "It makes a difference when you knock every single one of those down."

After Saint Mary's held Goshen to only seven points in the first three minutes of the second half, the Maple Leafs went on a 12-4 run to break the game open and build a 50-32 lead.

"You had some people working their butts off at the start of that half," Smith said. "I

think Goshen picked it up. We surprised them a little bit with our pressure on the point guard and I think they made an adjustment and got a little tougher."

The Belles never pulled within less than 14 the rest of the way. Senior center Margene Murdent led the Maple Leafs with 22 points and 11 rebounds.

Eleven players logged time for the Belles, led by freshman point guard Katie Boyce, who came off the bench and played a team-high 32 minutes. Boyce scored eight points, dished off three assists and turned the ball over only two times.

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Lacrosse

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were now open as he signed seven high school seniors as Notre Dame's first scholarship class in lacrosse on Nov. 15.

"We felt like there were kids we could get involved with that we never thought we could in the past," Corrigan said. "In the past we always had to sort out two things real early — their grades and their financial situation. This year we only had to worry about grades. A kid who might have some need actually in some ways we became more attractive to him."

The scholarship money gave Notre Dame more than just the ability to lessen the cost of a Notre Dame education — it also was a clear sign that Notre Dame was committed to winning a championship. Although Corrigan entered every season with the goal of winning the championships, recruits didn't believe his rhetoric without the financial commitment to back it up.

"We would say that we wanted to win a championship and that was our goal but some kids would look at it and say there is not a real commitment by the school to winning the championship because they don't have the scholarship money," Corrigan said. "Now that isn't something we have to convince people of. That commitment of dollars says to people that they want to win a championship and compete at the highest level."

The money for scholarships was actually first available last year but Corrigan did not use it to recruit the current freshman class. The money was available too late in the recruiting process for it to make a difference. Corrigan had six scholarships available for the Class of 2006 but chose to use only three of them among seven recruits. He will have three more available for the Class of 2007 and will have the full 12.6 when he recruits the Class of 2008.

"We are more conscious of not giving

out too much right now and leaving ourselves in three years where we have to bring in 10-12 guys on one scholarship," Corrigan said.

Unlike basketball or football, almost nobody receives a full ride in lacrosse. Corrigan broke up the three scholarships to aide the seven signed players in attending Notre Dame.

The seven players signed by Corrigan — the first class to receive grants-in-aid from Notre Dame to play men's lacrosse — are Brian Hubschmann, Matt Karweck, Steve Panos, Drew Peters, Matt Ryan, Brandon Schulteis and Pat Walsh. All seven recruits play either attack or midfield but Corrigan said he is not ignoring the defense and goalie. Two defensemen and a goalie have committed to Notre Dame but will not receive scholarship money. They will enroll with the academic class of 2006. NCAA rules prohibit Notre Dame from releasing their names until they are accepted.

Walsh and Peters are the two players that Corrigan anticipates will make an immediate impact in 2003. Walsh, an All-American, and Peters are both tremendous athletes. In addition to their lacrosse skills, they are finalists for the Thorpe Award which is given to the top football player on Long Island. Despite their skills in two sports, Corrigan doesn't expect either of them to follow Chad DeBolt's lead and walk on the football team.

"I sure hope they aren't thinking about that," he said.

Even though he now has scholarships to give out and the legitimacy that comes with a Final Four appearance, Corrigan says he isn't changing his approach or his goals. He still wants to be the best.

"The resources and support of a school may change how much success you have but it doesn't change your goal," he said. "I just want us to be as good as we can possibly be."

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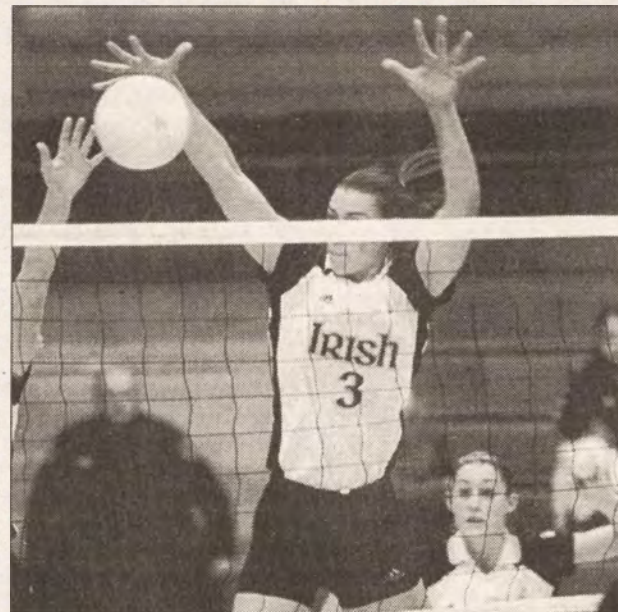
Special to The Observer

The American Volleyball Coaches Association has announced its 2001 all-regional squads, and the Notre Dame volleyball team is well-represented on the first team. Senior middle blocker Malinda Goralski, senior opposite Kristy Kreher and sophomore setter Kristen Kinder were named to the All-Northeast Region first team on Dec. 5.

Goralski, the 2001 Big East Player of the Year and conference championship Most Outstanding Player, finished the season with a .379 hitting percentage while racking up 322 kills. Goralski also posted a 1.66 block per game average during the season.

Some of Goralski's more notable performances during the 2001 season included her 18-kill, 10-block effort at Kentucky and scoring 15 kills on .714 hitting against Valparaiso. This is the first all-regional selection of Goralski's career.

Kreher wrapped up an outstanding Irish volleyball career by earning her third all-regional selec-



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Senior Malinda Goralski blocks a Georgetown player during the Big East Championships.

tion. The left-handed 18 double-digit kill matches in 2001, earned all-Big East first team honors and was named the conference player of the week three different times. She led the team in kills with 331 (3.31 per game) and also had 223 digs and 101 blocks.

Kinder joins Goralski in earning the first all-regional honor of her career. The 2001 BIG EAST Setter of the Year,

Kinder helped the team post a .256 team hitting percentage with 1215 assists (ninth on the all-time single season list) and led the team in aces with 38 (also ninth on the all-time single season list).

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Indiana cans coach Cameron

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. Even a strong finish couldn't save Cam Cameron's job. Cameron, who was 18-37 in his five years at Indiana, was fired Wednesday as football coach even though the Hoosiers won four of their last five games. "Five years is an important time to demonstrate success on the field and in the classroom," athletic director Michael McNeely said. "We expect to be successful on the field and in the classroom. "There is not compelling evidence that the current direction of the football program will yield a higher level of competitive success" with Cameron, McNeely said. Cameron, who has three years left on his contract, did not attend the news conference. He will be paid about \$150,000 a year in base salary for the next three years. His total compensation package, including retirement benefits and additional payments, will total about \$183,000 for each of the next three years. A handful of players attended the news conference but stood in the back of

the room with sullen expressions and did not talk about the decision. McNeely said he made his decision Tuesday night, slept on it, then made his recommendation to IU President Myles Brand. "I accept our athletic director's assessment that the team's on-field performance has been disappointing during Cam's tenure," Brand said in a statement. Cameron's best season was his last, when he went 5-6. McNeely will head the search committee for a new coach. He said finding the right candidate could take up to one month. He said he did not have any candidates on a "short list," but he did outline some of the qualifications he would seek: Division I-A leadership experience, demonstrated proficiency in all facets of the game, integrity for compliance with NCAA rules and proven ability to win. "I have not contacted anyone, but I am, obviously, aware of people in general in the profession," McNeely said. "The most important thing is getting the appropriate leader for our program."

Peppers wins Lombardi award

Associated Press

HOUSTON

Julius Peppers, the North Carolina defensive end who gave up basketball to concentrate on football, won the Vince Lombardi Award on Wednesday night as the top college lineman. "He was a target of all the teams we played this year," Tar Heel academic adviser Carl Carey said. "Teams went into games to stop him, so the fact he still leads our team in interceptions, in sacks, regardless to what

other teams have done to stop him, is a credit to him." Peppers, a junior, has 30 1/2 career sacks. He beat out linebacker Rocky Calmus of Oklahoma and defensive ends Alex Brown of Florida and Dwight Freney of Syracuse for the award. Peppers was the sixth man on the Tar Heels basketball team, but he decided to put all of his efforts into football this season. "He certainly loves basketball, but football was where he could find excellence," Carey said. "It was a business decision."

Peppers could pass up his senior year and enter the NFL draft. He is ready for the challenge. "People have been telling me all my life I couldn't do things", Peppers said. "I wanted to play basketball and people said I wasn't good enough. You've got to prove yourself and that's what I did." Peppers had a season-high 10 tackles, including four for losses and intercepted a pass in a 41-7 victory over Florida State that helped the Tar Heels toward their 7-5 season.

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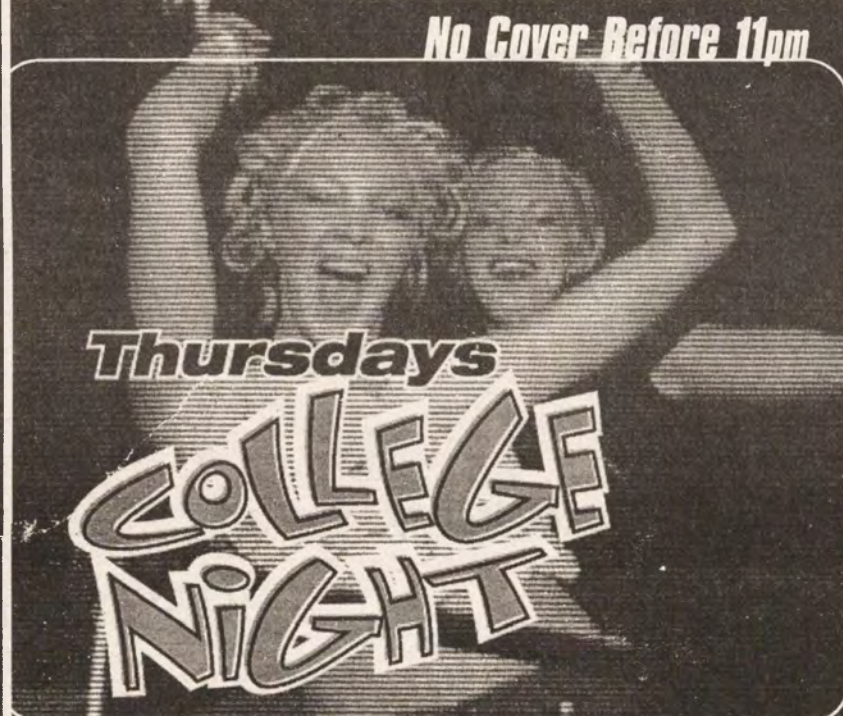
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Buffalos rooting for Tigers

◆ **Tenn. loss could vault Colo. into Rose Bowl**

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo.

Confident the pollsters would reward his team if LSU wins Saturday, Colorado coach Gary Barnett will settle in front of a television, grab some pizza and root for the Tigers to upset Tennessee.

"We're all LSU fans now," Barnett said Tuesday. Referring to Tigers coach Nick Saban, Barnett added, "Go Nick."

An LSU win would improve Colorado's chances of playing for the national championship. Of course, it might benefit Colorado's hated rival, Nebraska, even more.

Barnett is willing to take that chance.

Colorado is on a roll, having knocked off then-No. 2 Nebraska 62-36 and then-No. 3 Texas 39-37 in successive weeks.

The victory over Texas in the Big 12 championship game on Saturday vaulted the Buffaloes from No. 9 in the Associated Press poll to No. 4, one spot ahead of Nebraska.

But in the USA Today-ESPN poll, Nebraska is No. 4 and Colorado is No. 5. And in the Bowl Championship Series ratings released on Monday, Nebraska is third and Colorado fourth. Miami is No. 1 and

Tennessee No. 2.

Miami (11-0) has a spot locked up in the national championship game, the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3. If Tennessee (10-1) beats LSU, the Volunteers will join the Hurricanes in Pasadena. Colorado (10-2) then would likely face Oregon (10-1), third in both polls, but fifth in the BCS ratings, in the Fiesta Bowl.

If Tennessee loses, however, the BCS — a complicated formula which combines the poll average, various computer rankings, strength of schedule and other factors — will be enveloped in controversy again.

A Tennessee loss means Nebraska (11-1), whose hopes for a sixth national title appeared dead after the lopsided loss to Colorado, would re-enter the picture and likely meet Miami in the championship game.

Colorado fans are calling that potential scenario an injustice.

Barnett won't go that far, but admitted he's not above campaigning among his fellow coaches who vote in the USA Today-ESPN poll.

And he's clear about his favorite in the LSU-Tennessee game.

Asked Tuesday if he'll be rooting loudly for LSU, Barnett said, "Yes, I will."

Even though an LSU win could benefit Nebraska?

"Even though. I just trust that whoever votes and is making these decisions will do the right

thing."

Although the Buffs will have 15 recruits on campus this weekend, Barnett said he might watch the LSU-Tennessee game with his players, whom he was sure would join him in cheering for LSU.

"I understand we've messed the BCS up more than anybody has since it's been in existence," Barnett said. "I apologize for all that, but we had to do it. I endorse the BS — er, BCS system. I think that getting it down to the top two teams in the country based on whatever poll system we have — computers, etc. — is the right way to go."

On the other hand, Barnett questioned Nebraska's right to play for the national championship.

"I really don't want to spend time beating this drum, because I'm just going to come across as whining," he said.

"But I think it would be very difficult to take Nebraska because it would be a slap in the face to — in my opinion — the ACC's No. 1 team, the Big 10's No. 1 team, the Pac-10's No. 1 team and the Big 12's No. 1 team."

"I don't know how they could take a team that didn't go to the league championship and was third in its conference over four or five first-place teams in their conferences."

Whatever the outcome, Barnett promised his team won't be deterred.

Oregon QB upset about BCS snub

Associated Press

EUGENE, Ore.

So Joey, tell us what you really think of the Bowl Championship Series.

Oregon's Joey Harrington livened up a pre-awards conference call Tuesday by criticizing the BCS system, which left the Ducks sitting at No. 5 for the third straight week despite four huge upsets over a nine-day span, all involving teams ranked ahead of Oregon.

"I don't understand it," he said during the call with fellow Heisman candidates Eric Crouch of Nebraska and Rex Grossman of Florida.

Harrington, who also is a finalist for the Davey O'Brien Award that goes to the nation's best quarterback, said the Ducks (10-1, 7-1 Pac-10) should have a chance to play for the national title. Instead, Oregon almost certainly will play in the Fiesta Bowl on New Year's Day.

Undefeated Miami is No. 1 in the BCS rankings, followed by Tennessee (10-1), Nebraska (11-1) and Colorado (10-2). If Tennessee beats Louisiana State in the SEC title game on Saturday, the Vols will play Miami in the Rose Bowl for the national title. An

LSU victory likely would send Nebraska to Pasadena, even though the Cornhuskers were routed 62-36 by Colorado on Nov. 23.

Oregon fans say their team, whose only loss was to Stanford (No. 9 BCS), should have put the Ducks in position to grab the No. 2 spot with a loss by Tennessee.

Harrington might have inadvertently fired the first salvo in a likely Colorado-Oregon Fiesta Bowl matchup by suggesting the Buffs don't belong at No. 4.

"I don't know why Colorado is above us. They have two losses," Harrington said. "All the things that seem important in years past, I guess, are thrown out with the computers."

Asked whether the system works, Harrington replied, "No."

"I don't know what the perfect system is, but obviously when you have teams with two losses involved in the mix, it's not a perfect system," he said. "Colorado may be the best team in football at this point, but they weren't all year long. I think there are a lot of people who agree with me."



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NBA

Jordan's status still unknown for tonight

Associated Press

HOUSTON
Michael Jordan fans still weren't sure Wednesday if they'd get their money's worth.

Jordan and the Washington Wizards visit the Houston Rockets Thursday night with Jordan still nursing a sore right knee and possibly a non-participant.

Wizards coach Doug Collins said it would be a game-time decision whether Jordan plays.

"There will be nights he feels good and other nights he has to sit it out," Collins said. "That's why we have to get our young guys better."

Jordan, who didn't visit with the media on Wednesday, sat out Tuesday night's loss to the San Antonio Spurs. The Spurs, with the NBA's most spacious arena, had opened up an extra 2,000 seats for Jordan's appearance.

The Rockets were expecting their second sellout of the season for Jordan's only appearance in Houston this season.

Jordan hadn't missed an NBA game because of injury since March 5, 1993, also against the Spurs.

"I'd like to get his minutes

to 32, eight minutes per quarter," Collins said. "I probably overplayed him in the early part of the season. He'd play 37 to 40 minutes."

Jordan is averaging 24.8 points, sixth best in the NBA. He's led the Wizards in 13 of the first 16 games in scoring.

Collins has had to prepare his young team for Jordan's absences.

"If he's not playing what we have to do is go through more of our offense with second and third options," Collins said. "We've spent a lot of time learning our plays all the way through."

Jordan went through a light workout with the Wizards Wednesday.

"These guys are aware of what we're trying to accomplish," Collins said. "He's (Jordan) very aware, he's gone through all of our defenses. When he does play he changes our team, no question, but we're 25 games into the season so the guys are accustomed to it."

Jordan had fluid drained from his right knee for the second time this season on Monday. An MRI showed no serious damage. He hyperextended the knee during pre-season and it has been consistently sore and swollen.

BOXING

Lewis sues Tyson to avoid fight

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Lennox Lewis is suing Mike Tyson to prevent him from fighting on Jan. 19 or to have the WBC remove Tyson from the mandatory challenger's position if he does fight.

The suit, which also names the WBC as a defendant, was filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan on Tuesday.

It contends that such a fight for Tyson could hurt Lewis financially. Tyson and Lewis are expected to fight next spring.

Lewis regained the WBC-IBF heavyweight titles by knocking out Hasim Rahman on Nov. 17.

Tyson is scheduled to fight Mercer next month, probably at Atlantic City, N.J. He then is supposed to challenge Lewis in April, although that fight is not yet signed.

In a statement, Tyson said Wednesday that he was "outraged by Lennox's attempt to interfere with my career."

"I stepped aside as the WBC challenger in November to allow the rematch with Rahman," Tyson said. "Lennox makes his own rules only when they suit him."

The WBC mandatory defense was scheduled for November. A federal judge, however, ruled that Rahman, who knocked out Lewis on April 22, must fight Lewis again before he fought anyone else.

The suit contends that the

WBC entered into an agreement with Tyson that allows Tyson to engage in a Jan. 19 bout against an opponent other than Lewis, but bars Lewis from fighting anybody before he fights Tyson.

"If Tyson fights on Jan. 19 and is permitted to remain the mandatory challenger, it will be impossible successfully to promote a timely championship bout that will maximize revenues — especially if Tyson is injured in the Jan. 19 bout," the suit states.

"Lennox, if you want me, we can fight on Jan. 19," Tyson said in the statement. "I'm sure Ray Mercer would much rather fight me for the heavyweight crown after I finished you off."

A Lewis-Tyson fight should be worth at least \$20 million to each fighter unless the fight went to purse bids.

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Irish in 13th place of Sears Cup

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame stands 13th in the first set of fall sports standings released in the 2001-02 Sears Directors' Cup all-sports competition.

Athletic Director Kevin White has said it is his goal for Notre Dame to finish in the top five.

Fall NCAA competition so far has earned the Irish 101 points based on their sixth-place finish in men's cross country (68) and their 19th-place finish in women's cross country (33 points).

Yet to come are fall points for Notre Dame's 2001 NCAA involvement in volleyball (the Irish lost in the first round), women's soccer (the Irish advanced to the second round) and men's soccer (the Irish fell in the first round).

The next set of fall standings will be released Dec. 13, a third fall set Dec. 27 and the final fall standings will be available Jan. 8.

Colorado (162 points) leads the competition thanks to its

NCAA championship in men's cross country and its eighth-place finish in women's cross country. Second is Stanford, followed by Michigan (01 NCAA field hockey champion), BYU (the 01 NCAA women's cross country champion) and North Carolina State.

The current standings include results from NCAA fall competition in field hockey, and men's and women's cross country.

In previous years in which the Sears Directors' Cup competition has been held, Notre Dame has finished 11th in 1993-94, 30th in 1994-95, 11th in 1995-96, 14th in 1996-97, tied for 31st in 1997-98, 25th in 1998-99, 21st in 1999-2000 and 11th again in 2000-01.

The current top 15 schools are Colorado, Stanford, Michigan, BYU, North Carolina State, Michigan State, Northern Arizona, Georgetown, Arkansas, Georgetown, Wake Forest, Arizona, Notre Dame, Virginia and Maryland.

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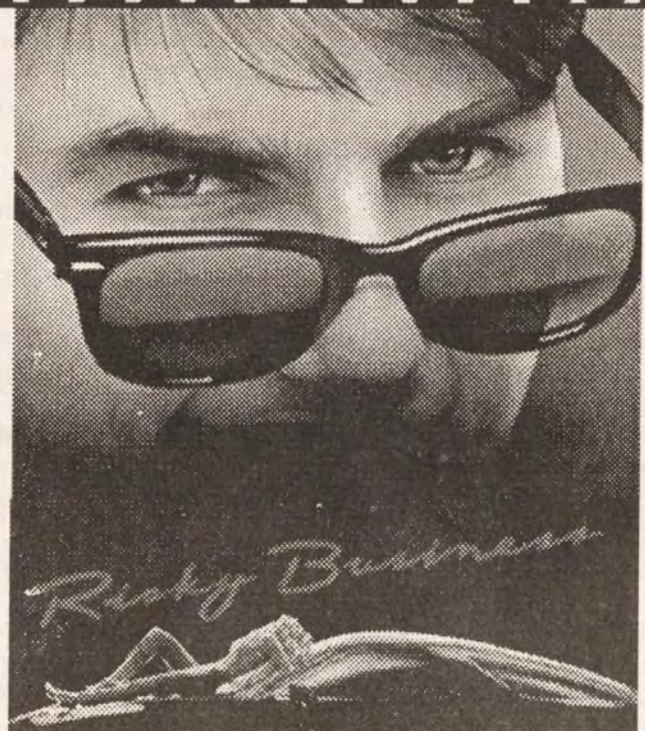
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HOCKEY

Globke, Lebda selected for U.S. junior team

Special to The Observer

Two Notre Dame hockey players have been selected by USA Hockey to play on the United States National Junior Hockey team that will compete in the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) World Junior Championship. The tournament, featuring the world's top players under 20 years of age, will be held Dec. 25 through Jan. 4, 2002 in Pardubice and Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic. This marks the sixth consecutive season that Notre Dame players have been chosen to the prestigious 22-player team.

Notre Dame's invitees include sophomore center Rob Globke and sophomore defenseman Brett Lebda. This will be Globke's second appearance on the team that is comprised of the top players in the United States. Both players have come through the USA National Under-18

Developmental Program.

Globke is tied for fourth in scoring for the Irish with 5-4-9 in 13 games. Last season, he tied for third on the Notre Dame scoring sheet with a team-best 17 goals and nine assists for 26 points. With the U.S. team in Moscow last year, Globke scored two goals to help the U.S. to a 5-2-0 record and a fifth-place finish.

"It's a great honor to be selected for the National Junior team," said Globke. "I'm glad that I'll be going with a player like Brett Lebda. I learned a lot last season and that will help me a great deal, especially off the ice. I think that I'm a better player than I was last year, skill-wise."

Lebda, a CCHA all-rookie team selection a year ago as a freshman, leads all Notre Dame defensemen this season with three goals on the year and five points (3-2-5) in 14 games. In his rookie season at Notre Dame, Lebda led all CCHA freshmen defensemen with seven goals and

19 assists for 26 points. That tied him for third in scoring for the Irish.

"It feels great to be named to this team. It's been a long time in coming and to finally be named feels great," said Lebda. "It's an honor to be playing for your country and there is no better feeling than putting on that USA jersey."

Notre Dame will play four regular season games and one exhibition game without the services of Globke and Lebda. The exhibition game comes on Dec. 21 at the Joyce Center vs. the USA Under-18 Developmental Team. On Dec. 28-29, the Irish travel to Princeton for a pair of non-league games. They then return to CCHA action at home on Jan. 4-5 versus the University of Michigan. The Wolverines will have three players playing in the World Junior tournament, two for the U.S. team — Mike Komisarek and Dwight Helminen — and Mike Cammalleri for the Canadian team.

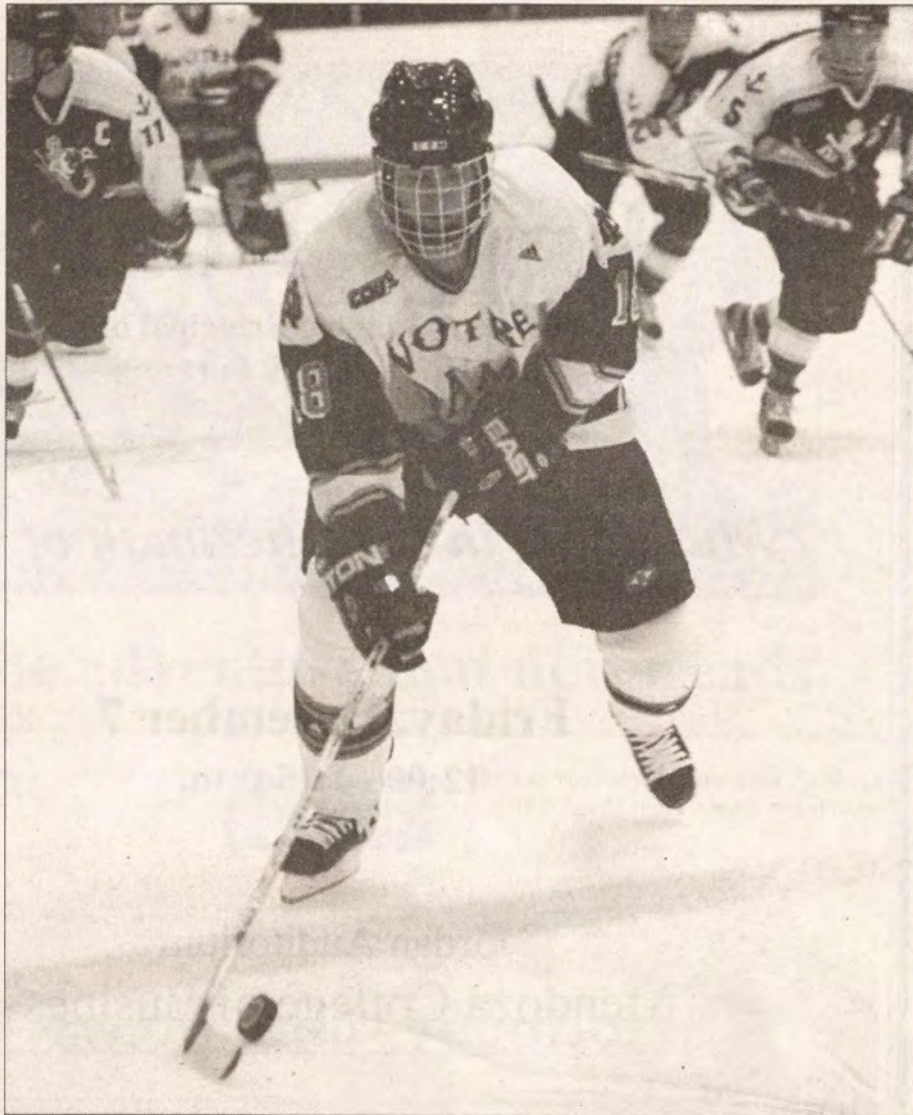
In naming the team, head coach Keith Allain said, "This team will possess skill, intelligence and grit. Our success will be determined on how quickly we can bring all of these qualities together to become a team."



Lebda



Globke



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Center Rob Globke guards the puck during a recent game. Globke, along with teammate Brett Lebda was selected to the national junior hockey team.



ND AFTER FIVE



Thursday, Dec. 6

- 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Institute for Latino Studies Christmas Reception, East Lounge, McKenna Hall
- 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Ramadan Iftar, South Dining Hall Hospitality Room
- 6:00 p.m.** Men's Swimming ND Invitational, Rolfs Aquatic Center
- 6:30 p.m.** Women's Swimming ND Invitational, Rolfs Aquatic Center
- 6:00 p.m.** College Bowl Finals, LaFortune Student Center Ballroom
- 7:00 p.m.** Film, *Risky Business*, Carey Auditorium, Hesburgh Library*
- 7:00 p.m.** Lecture by David Lloyd, "Representation's Coup: The Violence in Subalternity, DeBartolo 134
- 7:30 p.m.** Play: *The Tragedy of Othello*, Hesburgh Institute for International Studies*
- 8:00 p.m.** Handel's Messiah, Washington Hall*
- 8:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.** Drop In Lacrosse, Rolfs open, free billiards, LaFortune Student Center
- 8:45 p.m.** College Bowl Match, Rectors vs. Administrators, LaFortune Student Center Ballroom
- 9:00 p.m.** Acoustic Cafe, LaFortune Student Center Huddle
- 9:30 p.m.** College Bowl Match: Winner of Student Round Robin vs. Winner of Rectors vs. Administrators, LaFortune Student Center Ballroom
- 10:00 p.m.** Movies: *0 and 10 Things I Hate About You*, DeBartolo 101 and 155*
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Friday, Dec. 7

- 5:15 p.m.** Vigil Mass: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Basilica of the Sacred Heart
- 6:00 p.m.** Men's Swimming ND Invitational, Rolfs Aquatic Center
- 6:30 p.m.** Women's Swimming ND Invitational, Rolfs Aquatic Center
- 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.** Drop In Badminton, Rolfs
- 7:00 p.m.** Carroll Christmas Tree Lighting with refreshments and Glee Club, Carroll Hall
- 7:00 p.m.** Lecture by Nancy Cartwright, Jordan Auditorium* (Tickets required for this event)
- 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Children's Christmas Show, Dave Rudolf, Stepan Center
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ND SWIMMING

Irish wrap up fall season at Notre Dame Invite



NELLIE WILLIAMS/The Observer

An Irish women's swimmer competes in a freestyle event at a recent meet. The Irish will use the Notre Dame Invitational this weekend as a tune-up for the rest of the season.

BY NOREEN GILLESPIE
Sports Writer

The final exam for Notre Dame's swimming and diving teams will come this weekend at the Notre Dame Invitational, where both teams will compete for the final time this semester.

The meet, a three-day trials and finals championship-style competition, will begin this morning at Rolfs Aquatic Center and will be the last time both teams compete in a championship-race format before Big East Championships in February.

"We like to say we take our final exam in swimming first," said Irish men's coach Tim Welsh earlier this season.

The meet will serve as a "measuring stick" for the fall semester's progress in the pool for the men's team, said senior co-captain Mike Koss.

"It's our pool, so we know the walls and we know the blocks," Koss said. "It's a chance for us to evaluate the progress of the team and get people qualified for Big East."

The men's team, coming off a dual meet cycle in early November that produced a win over Connecticut and losses to Rutgers and Texas Christian, looks repeat as Invite champions. They will also use the meet as a chance to compare times with Big East foes Virginia Tech and Pittsburgh, who have also swam in championship format recently. The women's team, also

defending champions at the Invite, will use the weekend as a chance to start finalizing what events individual swimmers will compete in during the championship season.

"The kids can swim as many events as they want, so we can really start to pick out what their best events are for the championship," said Irish women's coach Bailey Weathers.

"[The meet] is a chance for us to evaluate the progress of the team and get people qualified for Big East."

Mike Koss
Irish co-captain

"We just want to give the kids some more swims before Christmas."

The women's

team enters the meet with an undefeated record so far this season, with a notable victory over Purdue in November. Purdue was the only team to beat the Irish in the 2000-2001 season. In the Big East, the women currently ranked No. 13 nationally for dual meet rankings, and No. 15 overall.

Both teams will compete against teams from Bowling Green University, Oakland University, Northern Michigan University, University of Connecticut, Hillsdale College and St. Louis University.

The meet, which kicks off this morning, begins with trials at 10:30 a.m. and continues with finals at 6:30 p.m. The meet will last from today until Saturday night.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish, Boilermakers face off in rematch

◆ Irish beat Purdue in championship game last year

BY KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

When the women's basketball team arrives at Purdue, the campus will look like it is getting primed for a huge event. An athletic-department tailgate is offering Boilermaker students free food prior to tip-off and notices are posted on the school's web site detailing when and where the game will be televised.

Tonight, as Notre Dame heads to Purdue to face off at Mackey Arena spectators are looking for a rematch of last year's national championship game. Eight months ago the Boilermakers were cut short of the national title when the Irish defeated them in the final seconds 68-66.

But tonight's match-up won't be anything similar to last year's game. It will be different.

"These teams are coming at us with their A game and making it like the national championship all over again and the freshmen are kind of back on their heels going what's going on," Irish head coach Muffet McGraw said. "So we keep talking about how we're not really the defending national champions."

In the rankings, the Irish are far from being national champions, unranked for the first time since the end of the 1997-1998 season. Purdue, on the other hand, is heading towards the top.

The Boilermakers are ranked eight in the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll and seventh in the AP poll. They head into tonight's game with a 5-1 record, their only loss coming to No. 4 Oklahoma in their season opener.

"They're better than we are," McGraw said.

After the opening season loss to Oklahoma, Purdue has gone on a five-game winning streak, most recently defeating No. 18 Louisiana State on Sunday.

Leading the Boilermakers all season has been sophomore forward Shereka Wright, who the Irish will have trouble containing. Wright, who was named Big East co-player of the week this week, is averaging 17.7 points a game and shooting 49 percent from the floor.

"We don't have an answer for her," McGraw said. "We've got mismatches all around. So we're going to have trouble defensively."

Joining the 5-10 sophomore post player are seniors Kelly Komara and Laura Meadows, both of whom are averaging in the double figures. Under

third-year head coach Kristen Curry, who is 59-16 in her three years at Purdue, the Irish will have their hands full. Purdue is outrebounding its opponents 21-14 and outscoring their opponents by an average of 23 points a game. The Boilermakers are turning the ball over less frequently than their opponents and forcing more turnovers. They haven't lost a game at home this season.

After suffering a staggering loss to the Wolverines on Sunday, the Irish will have some adjustments to make to keep a handle on Purdue's strong offensive attack.

"Our 2-3 defense has been the most effective the past few years," McGraw said. "Especially against Shereka Wright."

Tip-off is at 7 p.m. in West LaFayette, Ind.



BRIAN PUCEVICH/The Observer

Freshman Kelsy Wicks attempts to make a pass in a recent game. Notre Dame will face Purdue tonight in a match-up of last year's national championship game that the Irish won, 68-66.

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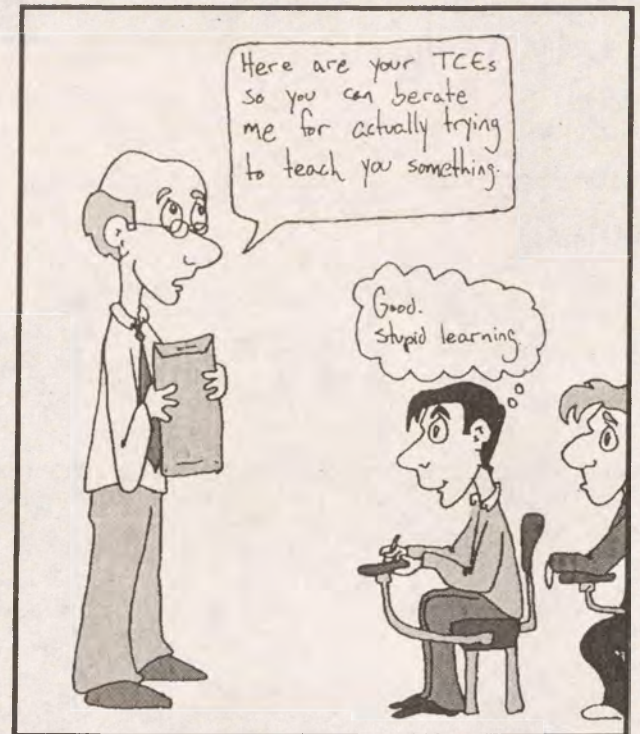
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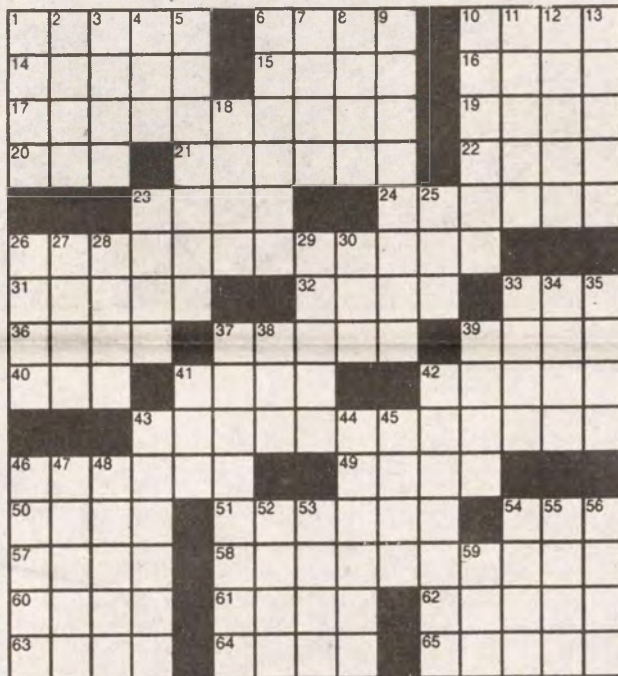
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 - 16 Sonata finale
 - 17 New Boy Scout
 - 19 Assayers' samples
 - 20 54-Across logo
 - 21 Brownie (things to earn)
 - 22 Afternoon socials
 - 23 Pedestal topper
 - 24 Protect, in a way
 - 26 Lakefront home feature
 - 31 Bummed around
 - 32 -Router
 - 33 Wing it, musically
 - 36 Tabloid fliers
 - 37 Maps out
 - 39 Miss Home
 - 40 Norm: Abbr.
 - 41 Julia's Oscar-winning role
 - 42 Add a lane to, say
 - 43 1969 Shirley MacLaine musical
 - 46 Hidden away
 - 49 Mother of Helen of Troy
 - 50 Pulitzer winner James
 - 51 Give confidence to
 - 54 Letterman's network
 - 57 Wrestling hold
 - 58 Torturer's tool
 - 60 Niagara River source
 - 61 "I dropped it!"
 - 62 Classic toothpaste brand
 - 63 Word that can follow the ends of 17-, 26-, 43- and 58-Across
 - 64 Like Santa's cheeks
 - 65 Off-the-wall
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 - 2 Old wedding vows word
 - 3 Like a recluse
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 - 5 Blended family member
 - 6 Desecrate
 - 7 PC pictograph
 - 8 Totally gone
 - 9 Stressful spots
 - 10 Rob Roy need
 - 11 "M*A*S*H" setting
 - 12 Think tank nuggets
 - 13 No longer in vogue
 - 18 Dig (for)
 - 23 Currier's partner
 - 25 Sgt., for one
 - 26 "Besides that ..."
 - 27 Flat floater
 - 28 Shirt with a reptilian logo
 - 29 Type of goose
 - 30 Countless years



Puzzle by Mark P. Sherwood

- 33 Knight
- 34 Work without (take risks)
- 35 A zillion
- 37 Shark or T. rex
- 38 Tell a whopper
- 39 Milano moolah
- 41 Merino mother
- 42 Gets wet up to the ankles
- 43 Israeli money
- 44 All thumbs
- 45 Tarragon or chervil
- 46 Biblical spy
- 47 Ancient marketplace
- 48 friend's TV friend
- 52 "Get lost!"
- 53 Has a late meal
- 54 Pluto or auto ending
- 55 Needing straightening
- 56 Swing in the breeze
- 59 PC "brain"

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't take everything you hear to heart today. Tactless people may upset you, but don't bother to retaliate. It's best to keep a low profile. ☺☺

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Friends or relatives may try to interfere in your personal life. You are in a far better position to help yourself. Spend time with a special someone. ☺☺☺☺

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Follow your intuition in setting priorities. Someone may make unwarranted demands. Calm him or her down by offering legitimate suggestions, but don't console someone who isn't willing to make changes. ☺☺☺

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take better care of yourself to avoid allergies, headaches and minor mishaps. Don't take on more than you can handle or you may end up being careless. ☺☺☺

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Today requires give and take. You may be determined to have your way. Don't be surprised if your partner is just as intent. Try to compromise. ☺☺

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be daydreaming about distant places and lively adventures today. You will do best if you are traveling for business or pleasure. Communications with authority figures may not go as well as you had hoped. ☺☺☺☺

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be prepared to listen to all sides of a story before making any judgments. Your insight will be greatly appreciated by those caught up in the melodrama. ☺☺

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may feel that an authoritative figure is treating you poorly, but be aware that insecurity may be the problem. To ease the situation, go about your own business. ☺☺☺

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FOOTBALL

The List Narrows



Stanford head coach Tyrone Willingham urges on his players during a game. Notre Dame has received permission from Stanford to talk with Willingham about filling its vacant football head coaching position.

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

San Francisco 49ers head coach Steve Mariucci said he is not considering — and will not consider — the Notre Dame coaching vacancy if he is approached.

"I am not a candidate for any job — and that includes Notre Dame," he said on his radio show Wednesday morning. "I am happy in the Bay Area with the Niners."

Mariucci is the second high-

profile coach in two days to pull his name out of contention for the coaching vacancy created by Bob Davie's firing on Sunday. On Tuesday, Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops said he had no interest in leaving Oklahoma for any coaching position.

The only known coach that Notre Dame has received permission to talk to about the coaching vacancy is Stanford's Tyrone Willingham. Early Tuesday evening, several South Bend television stations

reported that White had already interviewed Willingham. But in an interview with WSCR Radio in Chicago, Willingham said that wasn't true.

"The direction of our conversation may lead some people to assume something has taken place that is far from the truth," he said. "What Notre Dame has done, and I'm very flattered they've done this, is they've contacted our athletic department about speaking with me. Whether they will or will not is up to

them."

"He's doing a great job for us and I think he'll stay," said Stanford athletic director Ted Leland. "But I am not going to stand in his way [if he wants to leave.]"

Willingham led the Cardinal to a Rose Bowl berth in 1999. He just wrapped up his best coaching season with Stanford after the Cardinal finished 9-2 and earned a Seattle Bowl berth. In his seven years as a head coach at Stanford,

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Money opens doors

◆ Corrigan signs first scholarship class

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

When men's lacrosse coach Kevin Corrigan started at Notre Dame 13 years ago, he went into every recruits' house dragging two huge stones behind him. He was limited in who he could recruit by two things — he didn't have any scholarship aid to offer and Notre Dame wasn't an established lacrosse power with a chance to succeed in the NCAA tournament.

"We evaluated right from the beginning and said that if money is going to be a huge issue for a kid, we can't get involved because we will just be wasting out time," Corrigan said about recruiting without scholarships. "We knew at the end of the day he would choose somewhere else no matter how much he loved Notre Dame."

Nine NCAA tournament appearances in his first 12 seasons established Notre Dame as an established winner in lacrosse and lightened the load of one stone. A Final Four appearance in his 13th season completely removed the first stone.

"We've been kind of progressing in the area of kids we could recruit," Corrigan said. "As we've gotten into the tournament consistently, then into the top 15, then the top 10 and getting some wins in the tournament and then getting to the Final Four, there really is no kid out there who doesn't give us a thought in terms of 'that's a place where I can get a great education and compete for a championship.'"

Then athletic director Kevin White announced that men's lacrosse would receive about three scholarships per year for four years until it had the NCAA maximum 12.6 scholarships.

Suddenly Corrigan had access to any lacrosse player who could qualify academically. Doors that were barred to his recruiting pitch

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SMC BASKETBALL

Fouls, turnovers frustrate Belles

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

GOSHEN

For Saint Mary's this season, two keys to victory are keeping forwards Kristen Matha and Anne Blair on the court and avoiding turnovers. The Belles didn't achieve either of those goals Wednesday night, falling to the Maple Leafs of Goshen College 73-54.

Matha and Blair, Saint Mary's starting forwards and

players who each have earned MIAA Player of the Week honors in their careers, played only 26 and 22 minutes, respectively. Blair picked up three first-half fouls, while Matha picked up her fourth foul with 12:38 remaining in the game.

"At the point when they both had four fouls and went to the bench, we were young inside," head coach Suzanne Smith said. "We lose both of them and all we have left is youth. It makes it hard."

In their limited time on the court, Blair scored 10 points and grabbed nine rebounds while Matha scored 12 and grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds.

Freshman Emily Creachbaum led the Belles with 13 points in 26 minutes off the bench, 11 in the second half.

Saint Mary's also turned the ball over 27 times Wednesday night, 16 times during the second half. Every Belles player who logged more than six minutes was credited with at least

one turnover.

Against Dominican University on Saturday, Saint Mary's turned the ball over 29 times, a statistic Smith sees as unacceptable.

"You're not going to win ball-games that way," Smith said. "It's being strong with the ball and taking each position and giving it some value and looking to get something on each possession."

The Maple Leafs led from

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