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Cheney to visit campus amid protests



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Vice president Dick Cheney speaks at a fundraiser for Pennsylvania Congressman Jim Gerlach Oct. 3. Cheney will visit campus today to raise money for Indiana Congressman Chris Chocola.

VP to raise funds for Chocola

By MIKE CHAMBLISS
News Writer

Vice President Dick Cheney is scheduled to speak at the Joyce Center today as the keynote speaker in a non-Notre Dame-sponsored fundraising event for Indiana Congressman Chris Chocola.

The \$250 per-plate fundraiser will be preceded by a \$2,000 meet-and-greet session with Cheney. The combination of these events could potentially raise over \$250,000 for Chocola's re-election campaign.

The official purpose of Cheney's visit is unrelated to the University of Notre Dame. University officials said they are renting out the Joyce Center to Chocola's campaign as a business decision and are in no way endorsing Chocola as a political candidate.

Various groups on campus oppose the policies of Cheney and Chocola, both Republicans. The Notre Dame Peace Coalition is sponsoring a protest today in alliance with other campus and community organizations, including the Notre Dame Progressive Alliance, the Notre Dame College Democrats, Notre Dame Amnesty International,

Women's Action for New Directions, Notre Dame Faculty and Staff Progressive Alliance, and Michiana Peace and Justice Coalition, peace groups from IUSB and Bethel College.

"We are using the protest as a forum to express our dissent. We are protesting what Dick Cheney represents, including his ideology of pre-emptive war. We are also upset with his decision to support Congressman Chris Chocola, whose policies we disagree with," said Liz Fallon, co-founder of the Notre Dame Peace Coalition. Protesters will meet at 10 a.m. at the Clarke Memorial Fountain, and the protest will take place at the Joyce Center from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Thirty members of the Notre Dame College Republicans, however, will be volunteering at the event, according to Brandi Gill, vice president of the College Republicans. These students will help with check-in and escort people to their seats.

"I think it's great that Cheney cares enough about Chocola to come and speak at his fundraiser again," Gill said.

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Arts and Letters to foster student discussion

By MATTHEW SMEDBERG
News Writer

The College of Arts and Letters is looking to revive the "Residing in a World of Ideas" initiative that began two years ago to foster discussion of important events and ideas in a non-classroom setting.

The initiative, started under the direction of then-Associate Dean Greg Dowd and now under the direction of his successor, Hugh Page, provides support for students who wish to bring members of the campus community together in the residence halls to discuss current issues.

The program is part of the College's commitment to fostering not only first-class scholarship and undergraduate education, but also to promote a culture of "learning outside the classroom," applying the information gained in a formal aca-

demic setting to the real-world problems which surround us.

Under the program in Spring 2002, students organized a discussion of the issues in the Middle East, particularly the Israel-Palestine conflict. That event covered three evenings: discussion panels in Keough and Walsh halls and a Seder meal (the traditional Jewish Passover supper) in the Hesburgh Center.

The panels consisted of three or four professors each and two students, but the College visualizes this as a student-run and student-driven undertaking. It is the responsibility of students to submit the applications to the College and set the agenda for the discussions.

"What are students passionate about at Notre Dame?" asked Page. "What is pressing in their lives? This program is designed so that we can have more meaningful dialogue in our community."

The Office of Student Affairs is assisting the initiative with financial support.

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"This program is designed so that we can have more meaningful dialogue in our community."

Hugh Page
Associate Dean of
Arts and Letters

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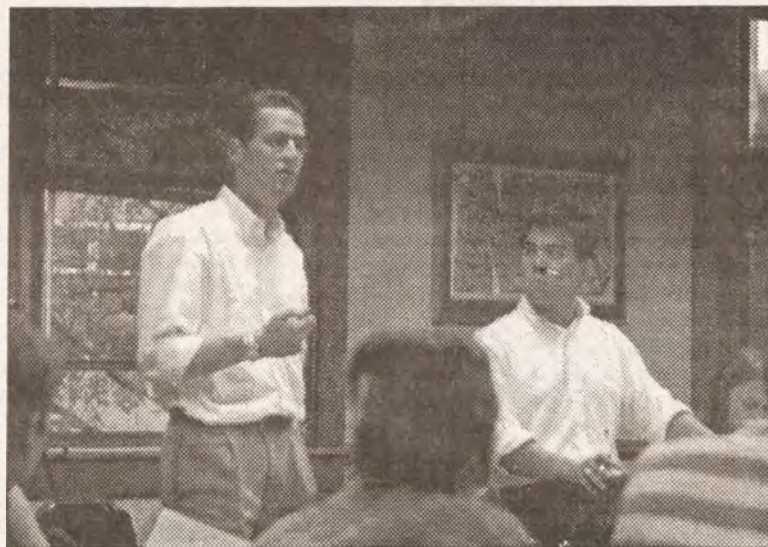
Group postpones vote until Sunday

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

The Student Senate began debate Wednesday on a resolution which will, if passed, begin a series of changes that could eventually change the face of Student Government.

Student Body President Pat Hallahan presented the resolution to the senators. The resolution called for three changes — first that the power of budget approval be given to the Executive Cabinet, second that three senators be appointed to serve on the Executive Cabinet and the Student

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ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Student Body President Pat Hallahan and VP Jeremy Lao introduce a resolution calling for changes to student government.

Catholic journal moves to ND

By LAURA VILIM
News Writer

Catholic Education: A Journal of Inquiry and Practice, the only scholarly journal devoted solely to research and analysis of

Catholic education, has recently moved its editorial offices to Notre Dame from the University of Dayton.

The quarterly journal was established in 1997 as a result of the efforts of four American universities — Fordham University, Saint Louis

University, the University of Dayton and the University of San Francisco — as well as a substantial grant from the Lilly Foundation.

The decision to move the journal to Notre Dame was a

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INSIDE COLUMN

For the love of the game

As the 2003 major-league season draws to a close, I find that people are wearing their hearts on their sleeves — literally. In the last week I've noticed an increase in the Cubs jerseys worn around campus and the Red Sox hats on people's heads. For every person wearing a Yankees cap sideways, I've seen a "Yankees Suck" trucker hat, T-shirt or sticker in someone's dorm room.

Katherine Gales

Wire Editor

I've personally been a disappointed baseball fan this year. The Phillies, despite the acquisition of Jim Thome, lost a tough Wild Card race and also lost me a bet. I also grew up watching the Twins, thanks to my dad, an Iowa native — and yes, we've been to Dyersville, where "Field of Dreams" was filmed. Unfortunately, their fleeting moment of victory over the Yankees ended in bitter defeat.

The sweet part of this, however, means I can sit back comfortably, albeit bitterly, and watch the post-season unfold.

The Cubs fans are my personal favorites; they believe in their team in a way that I find endearing. Our interhall football coaches bring a portable radio when the Cubs are playing, and can barely contain their excitement between Cavanaugh football and Cubbies baseball.

Red Sox supporters are a close second — anyone from Boston who can butcher "Nomar Garciaparra" in the name of love deserves recognition, and the fact that every year can be a championship year — despite Babe Ruth's famous curse — leaves me admiring their optimism. And memo to all Yankees fans: it doesn't take talent to buy talent.

But I think the real baseball game is never televised. Sure, it's cracker jack and \$100 million payrolls, but it's also the kid on his or her field of dreams.

Baseball gives every kid a chance to be a hero — Hollywood has capitalized on this with countless movies.

It's my dad in the backyard hitting countless balls to us in games, and the Little Leaguers who look like bobble-head dolls in their batting helmets.

Baseball is a game for all ages — when fourteen to fifty-year olds can play pick up games on a summer afternoon in dying sunlight, with all talent levels and good-natured fun for everyone.

As much as I enjoy watching the big leagues, to me, the beauty of baseball is in the people who play for love, not money.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT TIME DO YOU THINK "THE SEASON" WILL BE ON TONIGHT?



Damlen Karas
Sophomore Morrissey

"I don't know. I haven't watched it."



Matt Edwards
Sophomore Sorin

"What season?"



Patrick Ross
Junior Off-Campus

"I think it will be a five-second clip on 'Sports Center.'"



Robert Casarez
Junior St. Edward's

"It's still on?"



Scott Soracoe
Sophomore Morrissey

"Noon."



Sean Smith
Senior Stanford

"I hate Bob Davie."



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Officers from Notre Dame Security Police fold the American flag Wednesday afternoon on South Quad.

OFFBEAT

Man Jogs Route 66 to Celebrate Birthday

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — Geores Buttner-Clevenger can't escape the fact that he turned 66 last year — the road signs won't let him.

Buttner-Clevenger is jogging historic Route 66 from Chicago to Santa Monica in six months and six days as part of an extended birthday celebration.

He's been trying to cover six miles in the morning and six miles in the evening and is set to finish the 2,448-mile trek on Sunday at 6:06 p.m.

The retired radiation technician from Berkeley,

now 67, says that along the way, he's been attacked by ticks and slowed by everything from arthritis to muggers. He had to dodge numerous cars and was robbed twice in Oklahoma.

Backfire Ignites Dog, Dog Sets Grass Fire

CULDESAC, Idaho — This dog was having a bad fur day. The dog, whose coat caught fire when the owner's vehicle backfired, ignited a grass fire just off U.S. Highway 95.

Firefighters doused the grass fire and reported the dog was unhurt, only smelling of burnt hair.

"I have been in firefighting for many years, but I have never seen anything like this happen," Culdesac Fire Chief Gary Gilliam said.

It happened Saturday when a motorist who ran out of fuel put gas in the tank and then primed the carburetor. On restarting, the van backfired, throwing sparks into the cab and igniting the dog's fur.

A passenger let the dog out, and it rolled in dry grass, putting out the flames on its coat but setting the grass afire.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Department of Music, as well as the Department of Film, Television and Theatre and the Nanovic Institute for European Studies are holding a **vocal workshop** featuring Rosemary Ashe today from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum. No tickets are required.

The **Circle K Club** of Notre Dame is having its first social event of the semester. They will be having a barbecue on South Quad. Come out and meet fellow club members and get some food. The barbecue takes place today from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The Department of Film, Television and Theatre is sponsoring a performance of "Tartuffe" by Moliere. The show is tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are available in advance at the LaFortune Student Center or by calling 1-8128.

SUB is sponsoring the Class of 2005 **Late Night Grill** tonight on North Quad from 9 to 10 p.m., followed by a free showing of "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" in 101 DeBartolo at 10 p.m.

See fellow students show off their comedic talents tonight at **Open Mic Night** at Legends. Open mic takes place from 9 to 11:30 p.m.

Enjoy campus bands and great LaFun food at **Acousticafé** tonight from 9 p.m. to midnight in the LaFortune basement.

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

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Cerneka discusses Brazilian prisons

By ANNIE BASINSKI
News Writer

Heidi Cerneka, a Maryknoll lay volunteer, spoke yesterday about her experiences of working with women living under inhuman conditions in Brazilian prisons.

The brown bag lunch discussion, titled, "A Life on the Margins: Faith and Solidarity with Brazil's Poor," was attended by approximately 30 students and faculty members and took place in Haggard Parlor Wednesday as part of Poverty and Hunger Awareness Week.

Cerneka, a 1987 graduate of Saint Mary's, has worked in Brazil with Maryknoll for eight years and returned to campus to speak about her work with women on the streets and in prison to increase awareness of issues related to social injustice in Brazil.

The Maryknoll Mission Association for Lay People is a Catholic organization committed to volunteer work for social justice in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Cerneka said her goals for missionary work change as new problems arise, but at this point in her life she hopes to spread the knowledge of the problems that exist for women living in Brazilian prisons. She also hopes to build a stronger network of missionary workers to help combat these problems.

In Brazil, few facilities are available to be used as women's prisons, and the limited number that

are accessible are 80 percent over capacity and poorly maintained.

One of Cerneka's goals as a missionary worker is to "bring that question of women in prison to the forefront, so that the more people that know, the more we have a chance of changing things," she said.

Cerneka, who speaks Portuguese, Spanish and English, works and talks with female prisoners who are not provided with adequate health care, who are tortured in prison, are living in overcrowded jails and are forced to wait years for their trials because of Brazil's slow judicial system. She communicates with these women five to six times per week about ways in which they can work together to fight for better conditions in prisons.

"Because [women prisoners] are fewer and incite fewer rebellions, their cry for injustice — or rather, a more humane situation — is heard by practically no one," Cerneka has written.

According to Cerneka, most of these women have committed petty crimes, such as trafficking small amounts of drugs. Other women were indirectly involved in crimes through their relationships with men who deal or traffic drugs.

Cerneka does not believe that incarceration is an effective correctional technique for women accused of these crimes. Instead, she believes imprisonment only contributes to the problems these women face; once released from prison, she said, they are unemployed.

Former prisoners have difficulty obtaining employment, especially

because the unemployment rate in Brazil is 20 percent. Out of work, former prisoners often resort to crime so that they can survive, bringing them back to life in prison.

Instead of imprisonment, Cerneka proposes treatment and alternative sentencing, but she admits that there is no clear solution to the problem of ending crime.

Cerneka said people often asked her the question, "Why do you bother?" in regard to her efforts to fight poverty and other problems that seem to have no solutions.

Her answer, she said, is that, "[Problems of injustice are] not about to stop, so we're not going to give up."

Cerneka concluded her talk with a message of hope by reading an excerpt from a speech written by Czechoslovakian political hero Vaclav Havel: "Hope is not the same as joy that things are going well, or willingness to invest in enterprises that are obviously headed for early success, but rather, an ability to work for something that is good, not just because it stands a chance to succeed."

Kristen Carrigan, Saint Mary's senior and member of Peacemakers, a club that aims to educate the College community about social injustices, described Cerneka's discussion as an inspiration to all those seeking social justice.

Carrigan said that "even when an issue [about social injustice] is so overwhelming, when you step back and focus on the people involved — that's where you find hope — because they don't give up, so you can't either."

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Heidi Cerneka
Maryknoll volunteer

Slop Art hits Moreau Galleries

By ANNE MAHONEY
News Writer

"Slop Art," the latest exhibition to hit Moreau Art Galleries, has received an enthusiastic reaction from the Saint Mary's community, possibly because of its unconventional artistic quality.

The exhibition began last Friday with a festive Grand Opening. The official "Slop Art" mission is to "elevate fine art to the level of consumer culture," and many featured artistic items within the gallery are reminiscent of popular consumer stores.

A series of four shrink-wrapped George Washington portraits hangs above a bright yellow price tag with the consumer-grabbing phrase, "Perfect for Pro-American Art Lovers!" A Slop Art brand quilt boasts its price of \$4,999.99, prominently sewed on the front.

"They are trying to make the art world more accessible to the average Joe," said Moreau Galleries Director Krista Hoefle. "These young artists are more concerned with starting conversation and raising questions, not exactly giving answers."

And they have raised questions. Wary passers-by have been caught off-guard by the context of the gallery setting combined with their role as

customers.

Contrary to popular skepticism, Slop Art really is for sale. Curators/artists Adriene Herman and Brian Reeves appeared for the opening as salespeople — complete with price scanners — urging their potential customers to take home a vile of museum dust or a "George Dub-Ya" coaster. They were also available to provide information on the common misgivings of contemporary art.

"It's about celebrating art as a commodity, not only intellectual, but educational and monetary," Hoefle said. "The artists of post-modernism recognize that art is about ambiguities."

Accompanying the exhibition is a persuasive audio tour and a free grocery circulation-style catalog featuring art on sale from over 130 artists. Customers can also try out the TV Simulator CD-ROM from Slopware, where they can surf the Slop Art channels and create their own art.

Slop Art has been appearing nation-wide at fine arts galleries, colleges and universities since its launch in Madison, Wisc. in 1995. The exhibition in Moreau Art Galleries is free and open to the public until Nov. 1.

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"They are trying to make the art world more accessible to the average Joe."

Krista Hoefle
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Senate

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Body Vice President be given voting membership on the committee and finally that the power to amend the Student Union Constitution.

Hallahan said that the reasoning behind these changes came from the concerns expressed regarding the current inefficiencies of Student Government.

"A lot of the concerns we heard were that Student Government is inefficient in many ways ... there is certainly room for improvement," Hallahan said.

He said that tentative long-term plans to improve efficiency include converting the Executive Cabinet into a new committee entitled the Council of Representatives, which would seat members from each committee in Student Government.

Student Government would then be grouped into four divisions: policy, which would include the Office of the President and the Student Senate; programming, which would include the Student Union Board, the Club Coordination Council and the Hall Presidents' Council; the Financial Management Board; and finally, the Judicial Council. The Financial Management Board

and the Judicial Council would be independent of the other two divisions to ensure their impartiality.

"The idea for this is to find a way to collaborate better and be more efficient," Hallahan said. "What we want to do is work out a situation in which all policy groups come together and work more efficiently, and all the programming groups come together and work more efficiently."

Currently, the Executive Cabinet represents all upper-level student government committees, except for the Senate.

"We need to find a group that brings all student groups together," Hallahan said. "We've gone too long on separate paths."

Hallahan asked the Senate to pass the resolution Wednesday so he could report their progress on the issue to the Board of Trustees in his report to them next Thursday. His report will center on the administration's interaction, particularly the Campus Life Council, with the Student Government and the student body.

Hallahan said he believes that if he can show the board that Student Government is making strides to become more efficient, then the board will be more inclined to make strides to improve communication with Student Government.

But senators felt this issue was

too important to debate and vote on in one meeting, and some were concerned that the Senate would give up too much power by passing all three sections of this resolution. They decided, therefore, to table the discussion until their next official meeting.

Hallahan protested their decision, saying that these changes are not about the power of one group relative to another.

"This isn't about a single person, a single commission or a single group," he said. "This is about the Student Union as a whole."

In order to reach a conclusion on this resolution before Hallahan's Board of Trustees report, senators decided to hold an additional official meeting on Sunday. They will then continue debate on the content of the resolution before voting on it.

Suggestions regarding content of the resolution included removing the clause that the Executive Cabinet be given the authority to approve the budget in order to debate that as a separate issue. Also suggested was changing the second clause to state that four senators be appointed to the Executive Cabinet, ensuring equal representation of male and female dorms.

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Journal

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multi-step process that began in the spring of 2001 when the five-year Lilly grant came to term. The end of the grant led to the establishment of a governing board that consists of members from 15 universities across the country.

In addition to providing the finances required to cover the costs of operating the journal, the universities are also dedicated to promoting advances in Catholic education. Twice a year, representatives of the board meet to discuss the overall policies and direction of the journal to ensure that each university has the ability to contribute its ideas for the journal.

After a six-year tenure at the University of Dayton, the governing board chose to move the journal's facilities to Notre Dame in part because this University was willing to make the additional financial contribution to house the editorial offices. Furthermore, Notre Dame's Institute for Educational Initiatives has developed innovative approaches to Catholic education that are unique to this University alone.

The most innovative programs for education at Notre Dame are made possible through the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE), a two-year service program that offers college graduates the opportunity to teach in under-funded Catholic schools in the United States. Catholic Education is also supported by the ACE Leadership Program, ACE Consulting, the Center for Research on Educational Opportunity and the Mendelson Center for Sport, Character and Culture. The editorial offices of the journal are housed within ACE, and the journal is co-edited

ed by Rev. Ronald Nuzzi, the director of the ACE Leadership Program.

Each issue of Catholic Education, which has over 500 individual and institutional subscriptions in the United States and over 60 subscriptions internationally, contains several articles, a section that focuses on one particular aspect of Catholic education, several reviews of research that is currently being conducted and book reviews. Information in the journal is not confined to post-secondary institutions but also covers educational programs from kindergarten through the grade 12.

The next edition of the journal, to be published in December, will include two articles on Catholic schools in Australia, a focus section devoted to the experiences of Latino students at Notre Dame, and two articles detailing the differences between private and public schools.

Julie Wernick, the managing editor of the journal and a graduate of the ACE program, said that one of the aspects of Catholic Education that distinguishes it from other Catholic magazines is that it is entirely academic, and that each article is written by a professional in the field of education.

"It is the only refereed scholarly research journal on Catholic education," Wernick said.

Currently, Catholic Education will continue to be sponsored by Notre Dame for the next five years. At that time, there will be an opportunity for one of the other 15 universities to host it and support its purposes of furthering a new vision of Catholic education.

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Director named to national academy

By MATTHEW SMEDBERG
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Brenda Light Bredemeier, director of the Mendelson Center for Sports, Character and Community, has been named a fellow of the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education (AAPKE).

The AAPKE, founded in 1926, consists of the top 100 scholars in the field. To become a member, individuals must be nominated by a current member of the academy, be currently engaged in professional and/or scientific work in kinesiology or physical education, and must have significantly influenced their profession or discipline. There have been approximately 450 active members in the

organization's history.

Bredemeier received her doctorate from Temple University and has taught at several high-profile universities. She co-authored "Character Development and Physical Activity" with her co-director at the Mendelson Center, David Shields. Her principal area of study relates to how experience in athletics is related to moral reasoning and behavior.

An AAPKE spokesperson said membership is for life, though members must pay dues to the organization. Upon retirement from academia or professional activity, a member may request that he or she be made a "fellow emeritus" of the academy.

The Mendelson Center, an institute for research into sports and athletics, has operated

since 1999 and "brings social scientists and sports practitioners together to build character and promote civic responsibility through sports," according to its mission statement.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rival Afghan factions battle

KABUL, Afghanistan — Fighting erupted Wednesday between rival warlords who both claim allegiance to the government of President Hamid Karzai, and an official of one of the warring groups said as many as 60 people were killed and scores more wounded.

A commander for the other side, however, said only three people had been killed in a battle outside the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif. It was impossible to verify either account.

The fighting came as a deal was signed in the capital of Kabul between the Afghan government and the United Nations that paves the way for teams of U.N. and Afghan personnel to deploy to cities across Afghanistan to start a much-delayed program to disarm militiamen loyal to warlords.

U.S.-Vietnam air travel to resume

HANOI, Vietnam — Vietnam and the United States tentatively agreed on Wednesday to allow the first commercial flights between the two countries since the end of the Vietnam War, an official said.

The two sides were still working out the final details, but were expected to initial an agreement Thursday, according to an official from Vietnam's Civil Aviation Administration who participated in the talks. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

Vietnam's relations with the United States have broadened since a bilateral trade agreement went into effect in December 2001. The pact has significantly increased two-way trade between the former foes, but negotiators have been unable to reach an agreement on air travel.

NATIONAL NEWS

Cheap brush may help shuttle

WASHINGTON — A simple foam paint brush that costs only pennies at hardware stores could be an essential tool in returning the space shuttle to orbit, NASA's administrator said Wednesday.

Space agency engineers found that the brush may be just what astronauts need to spread a patching compound on a space shuttle's damaged heat shield while the craft is in orbit.

"This thing turns out to be one of the most valuable tools we could have invented," said Sean O'Keefe, head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. "We're going to buy it at Wal-Mart."

Heart stents recalled after failure

INDIANAPOLIS — Guidant Corp. has begun a voluntary partial recall of a stent that just won federal approval less than three months ago, the company said Wednesday.

The Indianapolis-based medical device maker said it was recalling certain lots of its 3mm-diameter Multi-Link Vision stent because some of the devices failed in quality tests. A stent is a metal-mesh tube inserted into a coronary artery to prop it open after a blockage has been cleared.

Patients who already have received the stents are not affected by the recall, but doctors have been notified, the company said.

LOCAL NEWS

Bayer sells plant to charity for \$1

ELKHART — A massive building formerly used to make tablets to relieve indigestion will now be used to store food to feed the poor.

Feed the Children, a not-for-profit Christian charity based in Oklahoma City, announced Wednesday it has bought Bayer Corp.'s vacant 933,000-square-foot factory. The \$1 cost of the building is less than the cost of a package of Alka-Seltzer, which was once made in the building.

Bayer sold the building for \$1 because it would have cost an estimated \$20 million to demolish.

Arnold begins transition moves

Governor elect plans tax cuts, budget audits to reduce state's \$8 billion deficit

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — On his first full day as governor elect, Arnold Schwarzenegger expressed confidence that he would make a seamless transition to the governor's office, but provided no new specifics on how he plans to cure California's ills.

In a news conference at a Los Angeles hotel, Schwarzenegger repeated many themes from the campaign trail, including a pledge to repeal the recent tripling of the car tax and a call to "open up the books" in search of a solution to the state's gaping deficit. He also promised again not to raise taxes.

"What we have to do is, open up the books ... do the audit and find what the waste is," the action hero-turned-politician said. Schwarzenegger said he was promised "a very smooth transition" by ousted Gov. Gray Davis, and he received similar assurances from other state leaders. He will be sworn into the office by mid-November, becoming California's 38th governor.

The Republican actor also expressed confidence that California lawmakers would see the message voters delivered in Tuesday night's election and follow his leadership as he takes over the reins of the state.

"The legislators up there have gotten this message last night, that the people of California want change," he said. Schwarzenegger said he had spoken with an array of leaders including Nelson Mandela of South Africa and President Bush, who he said promised to do "whatever is possible to help California."

"I'm looking forward to working with him and asking him for a lot, a lot of favors," Schwarzenegger said, adding that he hoped to meet with the president when he is in the state next week for fund-raisers. Schwarzenegger said he would make sure the federal government helps California with such problems as energy and water. The "Terminator" star also vowed that Hollywood will not interfere with his job as governor. "I will work as much as I can, even if it is around the clock," he said. "There will be no time for movies or anything else. I will pay full attention to this job."

Schwarzenegger's transition team is being headed by Rep. David Dreier, R-Calif., who was to give more details about the team Thursday.

Schwarzenegger's proposals will have to go through a Legislature controlled by Democrats angry over what some of them consider a hostile takeover of the state's top political job. And he will have to quickly deliver a budget that can close the giant deficit.

It is an unusually fast transition, particularly for a political neophyte who declared his candidacy just two months ago.

"The last 60 days has been pretty difficult as well, but I would say there's probably never been a governor elect who's stepped into a situation with the challenges he'll be confronting here in California. But that's why he wanted the job," spokesman Rob Stutzman said. Schwarzenegger takes office as the Republican Party's lone statewide officeholder in a state where the congressional delegation and both houses of the Legislature are heavily Democratic.

And while the voters gave Schwarzenegger a resounding victory, they lean Democratic, too — 44 percent to 35 percent Republican.

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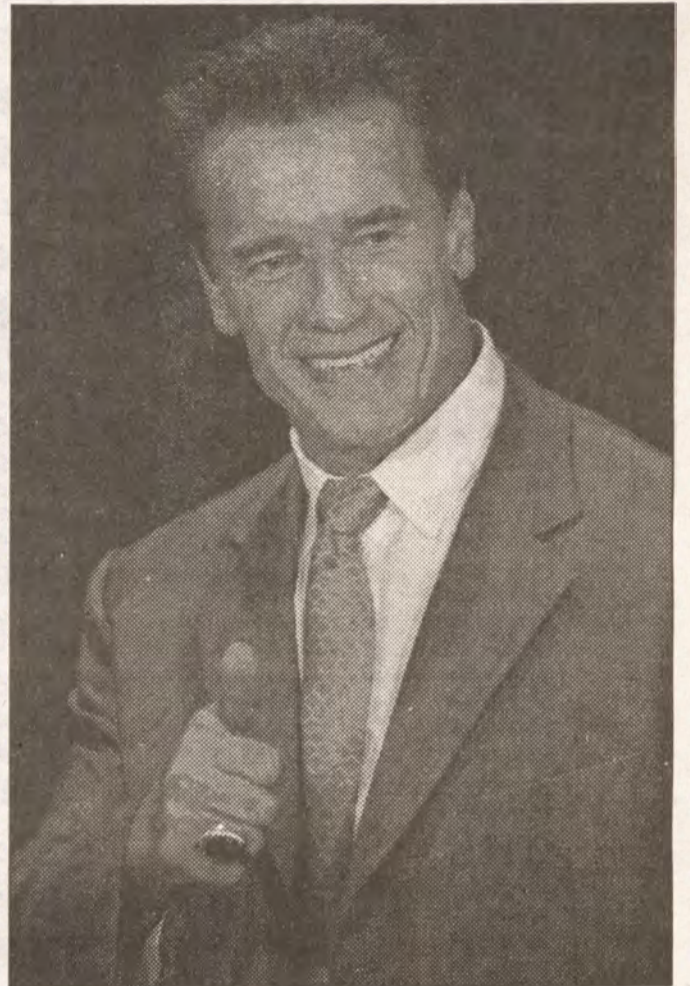
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California governor-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger flashes a thumbs-up at a press conference Wednesday. The actor promised a smooth transition to power following his landslide victory in Tuesday's recall election.

IRAQ

2,000 Shiites stage protest march

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — About 2,000 Shiite Muslims marched to the headquarters of the U.S.-run coalition Wednesday, demanding the release of a detained cleric and vowing daily protests until he is freed.

Moayed al-Khazraji was arrested Monday as he led a 12-man delegation to negotiate with the Americans in the municipal council building. A large crowd of his supporters confronted American troops late Tuesday outside his mosque, but the confrontation ended peacefully after U.S. troops withdrew.

U.S. officials held talks with a group of clerics at the mosque Wednesday but failed to resolve the standoff. Following the talks, pro-

testers began marching toward the center of the city, chanting Islamic slogans, as U.S. helicopters hovered overhead.

Brig. Gen. Martin Dempsey, commander of the 1st Armored Division, said al-Khazraji was being held "on charges of criminal and anti-coalition activities" but would not elaborate. Shiites at the mosque said he had been wrongly accused of keeping weapons in the mosque.

By early afternoon, the marchers converged on the heavily guarded presidential palace that serves as coalition headquarters. A senior official came out and talked with a delegation of clerics but told them to raise the issue of the arrest with Iraqi police.

That failed to satisfy the clerics or

their followers, who insisted the Americans were holding al-Khazraji and it was up to them to set him free. At one point, some protesters lay in the street, blocking two U.S. armored personnel carriers.

After hours of fruitless negotiations, the crowd began to disperse in late afternoon, hurling stones and sandals — a sign of contempt — at U.S. troops guarding the compound.

Al-Khazraji is said to be close to Muqtada al-Sadr, a young radical Shiite cleric who is strongly critical of the U.S. military occupation. However, al-Sadr's influence within Iraq's Shiite majority is believed to be less than that of older clerics who have been generally more cooperative with American authorities.

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NASDAQ	1,893.78	-14.07	
NYSE	5,855.34	-21.22	
AMEX	1,013.81	-2.17	
S&P 500	1,033.78	-5.47	
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	10,542.20	-278.13	
FTSE 100 (London)	4,268.60	-3.40	

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	+3.52	+0.43	12.63
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	+2.06	+0.07	3.46
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-1.10	-0.32	28.82
INTEL CORP. (INTC)	-0.93	-0.28	29.67
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-1.00	-0.21	20.79

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	+0.39	+0.20	51.67
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.05	-0.02	42.42
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.58	-0.18	30.95
3-MONTH BILL	-2.77	-0.25	8.77

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-0.60	29.81	
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-1.80	376.00	
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+2.33	89.33	

Exchange Rates			
YEN			109.5
EURO			0.845
POUND			0.601
CANADIAN \$			1.332

IN BRIEF

Brit, Yank share economics Nobel

NEW YORK — American Robert Engle and Briton Clive W.J. Granger won the 2003 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences for developing statistical tools that have improved the forecasting of rates of economic growth, interest rates and stock prices.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said Wednesday in announcing the award that the academics devised new methods for measuring volatility, or the rate at which prices, interest and other economic variables move up and down.

Engle and Granger, who were colleagues for decades at the University of California at San Diego, will share the prize worth 10 million kronor (\$1.3 million).

Napster to return, charge fees

LOS ANGELES — The Napster name, once synonymous with the digital song-swapping bazaar that enraged the recording industry, revives Thursday as an Internet music store that will go head to head with such competitors as Apple's iTunes and MusicMatch.

Santa Clara-based Roxio Inc., which bought the rights to the Napster name for about \$5 million, has shelved its former online music service, pressplay, and plans to move subscribers to a beta, or working version, of Napster 2.0 beginning Thursday.

Napster 2.0 will be available to the general public within a month, according to sources familiar with the plans.

Simon drops bid for rival

DETROIT — Simon Property Group Inc. on Wednesday withdrew its hostile \$1.7 billion takeover bid for rival shopping mall developer Taubman Centers Inc.

The announcement by Indianapolis-based Simon and its partner Westfield America Inc. came a day after Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed legislation aimed at helping Bloomfield Hills, Mich.-based Taubman fend off the takeover effort.

The bill changes Michigan's takeover law to say that shareholders acting together do not violate the law, but it would be against the law for a group to act together with the purpose of acquiring additional shares.

GE, Vivendi sign merger deal

NBC Universal will become \$43 billion media titan with television, film assets

Associated Press

PARIS — Vivendi Universal and General Electric said Wednesday they signed an agreement to merge the French company's U.S. entertainment assets with GE's television network NBC, creating a media giant with an estimated value of \$43 billion.

The terms of the deal were largely unchanged from a preliminary agreement reached a month ago, when the two companies entered exclusive talks about a merger and sketched out broad outlines for a combined company to be called NBC Universal.

The new company will include the NBC television network and its cable channels CNBC, MSNBC and Bravo, plus the Spanish-language broadcaster Telemundo, which NBC acquired in 2001.

From the Vivendi side, the new company will get the Universal movie and TV studios — which already make NBC's hit show "Law & Order" — plus the USA, Sci-Fi and Trio cable channels and several theme parks. Universal Music Group, the largest music company, is not part of the deal and will be retained by Vivendi.

The newly created company will have about \$13 billion in annual revenues, making it a sizable competitor in the media field but still much smaller than industry giants like AOL Time Warner Inc., which has \$41 billion in revenues



MIKE HARKINS/The Observer

General Electric and Vivendi Universal announced their finalized merger agreement Wednesday. The new company, to be called NBC Universal, will include broadcast and cable TV assets, film holdings and theme parks.

last year, and Walt Disney Co., which had revenues of \$25 billion.

NBC will own 80 percent of the new entity, with the remaining 20 percent controlled by Vivendi. NBC Universal will be led by Bob Wright, vice chairman of GE and chairman and chief executive of NBC, the companies said.

The combination requires regulatory approvals in Washington and Brussels, but is expected to be finalized in the first half of 2004, Vivendi executives said.

The deal will give NBC more weight in an industry dominated by companies like AOL Time Warner and Viacom Inc., which owns MTV and CBS. NBC has been the only major net-

work not owned by a larger media conglomerate. Walt Disney Co. owns ABC and News Corp. owns Fox.

For Vivendi, the deal offers an opportunity to trim back debts — which totaled \$13 billion at the end of July — run up during a buying spree under former chief executive Jean-Marie Messier.

The companies' decision to enter exclusive talks last month marked the end of a long-running auction, with at least five other companies showing interest in the U.S.-based entertainment empire.

The deal will allow Vivendi to pair up its limited U.S. television assets with the NBC empire.

Vivendi's chairman Jean-Rene Fourtou told

reporters in a conference call Wednesday that its U.S. TV holdings "were too small to be really competitive on the American television scene." He said Vivendi Universal had been having trouble negotiating contracts for the channels.

Vivendi, an 86 percent shareholder of the Vivendi Universal Entertainment, is to receive \$3.3 billion — which will enhance Fourtou's debt-reduction program.

In addition, NBC will take on \$1.7 billion of Vivendi's debt, slightly above the \$1.6 billion initially announced in September.

Fourtou said the merger would allow Vivendi to reduce debt to \$5 billion and be a profitable company by the end of 2004.

Do-not-call list comes back online

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The national do-not-call list will resume accepting phone numbers Thursday from people who do not want to be bothered by telemarketers.

The Federal Trade Commission shut down new registration last week after a federal court ordered the agency to stop operating the list of more than 52 million phone numbers. But the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver temporarily blocked the lower court's decision Tuesday, allowing the registry to restart.

The FTC said Wednesday that consumers can register home or cell phone numbers with the free government service by visiting the Web site www.donotcall.gov or calling 1-888-382-1222, beginning Thursday at 8 a.m. EDT.

Consumers who registered before Aug. 31 can file complaints about telemarketers at the same Internet site and toll-free number, starting Saturday at 6 p.m. EDT.

People who add new numbers have to wait three months before filing a complaint and it might take that long for them to see a reduction in telemarketing calls. Telemarketers calling listed numbers could face thou-

sands of dollars in fines for each violation.

The list is intended to block about 80 percent of telemarketing calls, with exemptions for charities, pollsters and calls on behalf of politicians. A company also may call people on the list if it recently has done business with them.

A legal saga has enveloped the program for more than two weeks, involving the White House, Congress and several federal courts.

The list is moving ahead for now, but the court fight continues. An appeals court will hear oral arguments in Tulsa, Okla., on Nov. 10 on lower court rulings that the FTC lacks authority to run the program and the list violates telemarketers' free-speech rights by barring calls from businesses but not charities.

The 10th Circuit Court on Wednesday granted a request by the Justice Department to intervene in the case. The department said it wanted to file a brief arguing that the do-not-call list is constitutional.

Federal officials worked around a court decision blocking the list to get it operating on schedule last week and many telemarketers agreed to abide by it despite the legal confusion. Even though improvised government fixes left holes in the list's

protections, the steps appear to have made a difference.

"We have heard that for many who put phone numbers on the national registry, it's already working," FTC Chairman Timothy Muris said at a news conference. "The phones are ringing less often, the house is a little quieter and there are fewer interruptions during dinner and homework."

The Direct Marketing Association, the largest telemarketing association, said the decline in calls shows that government enforcement is unnecessary, and the industry can police itself.

The Federal Communications Commission, which stepped in to handle all do-not-call enforcement while the FTC was restrained, has received about 2,000 complaints since the list went into effect Oct. 1, FCC Chairman Michael Powell said. He said that while the volume of complaints appears to be declining, the agency has already begun investigating telemarketer violations of the do-not-call list.

The government requires telemarketers to pay to access the list so they can know who not to call. The annual fee costs \$25 for each area code a company calls, with a maximum cost of \$7,375 for access to all U.S. numbers on the list.

FBI planted bugs in office of PA mayor

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Federal law enforcement officials on Wednesday confirmed that listening devices found in the offices of Mayor John Street were planted by the FBI — a discovery that touched off a political furor just weeks before Election Day.

Three federal law enforcement officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, acknowledged that the FBI was responsible for the bugs but refused to comment on whether the Democratic mayor is a target of an investigation or to provide any details about the nature of the probe.

Street issued a statement late Wednesday saying that one of his advisers had been told by the U.S. Attorney's office that the mayor was not the target of an investigation.

"I never believed that I was the target of any investigation," Street said. "I'm happy to confirm that tonight."

The devices were found Tuesday during a routine sweep of Street's office by police. Street is locked in a bitter rematch against Republican businessman Sam Katz, and the campaign has been marked by charges of threats and race-baiting. Election Day is Nov. 4.

FBI spokeswoman Linda Vizi declined to comment on the devices, other than to say they were not connected to campaign espionage.

The U.S. Attorney's office in Philadelphia also did not acknowledge responsibility for the bugs but said it had been in touch with Street. "We have stated very clearly to both Mayor Street and his attorney the mayor's status in this matter," spokesman Richard Manieri said Wednesday night.

He would not elaborate on what federal prosecutors told Street.

Throughout the day Wednesday, Street said he did not believe he was under investigation.

"I haven't done anything wrong, and I don't know that anybody in my cabinet or in my staff around me has done anything wrong," he said.

Street's campaign suggested the bugging was instigated by the U.S. Justice Department for political reasons.

"The timing of the discovery of these listening devices seems incredibly strange, seeing that we are four weeks out of the election, and we have a Democratic mayor ahead in the polls, and we are on the eve of the first mayoral debate," Street campaign spokesman Frank Keel said.

"Do we believe that the Republican Party, both at the federal level and state level, is pulling out every stop to get Pennsylvania in 2004? Absolutely," Keel said. "Is the Republican Party capable of dirty tricks? I think that is well-documented."

U.S. Attorney Patrick Meehan, the top federal prosecutor in Philadelphia, declined to say what federal agents might know about the bugs but denied politics plays any role in his office's decisions.

"The U.S. Attorney's office in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania has a long and

proud history of doing its work without regard to partisan politics. That was the practice of my predecessors, and it is my practice as well," Meehan said in a statement.

Philadelphia Police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson said he turned the matter over to the FBI. He said the security sweeps of the mayor's office have been going on for decades.

Downey begins '03 lecture series

By DUSTIN VONHANDORF
News Writer

Greg Downey, assistant professor in the Department of Anthropology, presented "The Pleasure of Dissent: Selfish Reasons for Activism," the first in the "Last Lecture Series" in the basement of Lewis Hall Wednesday night.

The lecture blended personal examination with intellectual reflection and concentrated on his personal opinions on dissent.

After talking of dissent, he

touched briefly upon religion, and the role of faith in dissent. "Faith," Downey said, "is not certainty." He said that it takes faith to start anything.

The series asks faculty to present a lecture as if it were their last.


The Academic Division of the Office of the Student Body President and the dorm that hosts that lecture cohost the series, in its fourth year. The series is presented so that "students can meet popular professors outside the classroom," series coordinator Mary Mullen said.

Professors are chosen by the hall presidents, and the list of nominations come from a random survey of students.

Other lecturers in the series are Jill Godmillow, Joseph Buttigieg, Peter Walsh, Matthew Bloom and Charles Rosenberg. Each will lecture on a topic of personal interest.

"Hopefully, by sharing my self-motivations, it might help students to become more involved in political and societal action," Downey said.

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tuesday 10.14

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 7:00 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
 Siegfried Chapel

Campus Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
 114 Coleman-Morse Center

Weekly Spanish Mass
 10:30 p.m.
 St. Edward's Hall

wednesday 10.15

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Christian Fellowship**
 8:00 p.m.
 Wilson Commons

**Interfaith Christian
Night Prayer**
 10:00 p.m.
 Morrissey Hall Chapel

Theology on Tap
 10:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
 Legends

thursday 10.16

**Mass to celebrate
the 25th Anniversary of
the election of
Pope John Paul II**
 5:15 p.m.
 Basilica of the Sacred Heart

**Prayer from Around the
World - Hindu Prayer**
 7:00 p.m.
 330 Coleman-Morse Center

considerations...

Sex, Intimacy and the Warm, True God

by Chandra Johnson
 Assistant Director, Cross-Cultural Ministry

There has been a lot of talk lately about sex, intimacy and relationships. I'm not sure if it's last week's cold weather and our natural inclination to cuddle, or that we're more comfortable with talking about it. Whatever the reason, it's great! From Theology on Tap to Fellowship of Christian Athletes to the Sophomore Road Trip, students are sharing their thoughts on sex and intimacy, and what it means for single, educated, Christian adults. Personal relationships and the intimacy connected to its intensity are topics of discussion which students no longer consider taboo. Talking out loud about our bodies, its drives and its relationship to the soul is tantamount to getting to know ourselves as God's most cherished creation.

As Christians, where do we turn to understand ourselves as sexual beings in need of human relationships? Augustine of Hippo gave it a shot in the emerging 4th century Church, however, his own battle with sexual intimacy informs a theology which, although foundational, is a bit out dated. Unfortunately his view has influenced much of how Western Christians think about sex today as sexual pleasure, even in marriage, is a consequence of original sin and therefore tainted. Philosopher-theologian Pope John Paul II's *The Theology of the Body*, gives sex a more contemporary spin. However, as brilliant and beautifully written as it is, it's not easy reading. So what are we left with? Where do we go to learn how to build healthy relationships? How do we gauge an attraction to someone when being in their presence stirs the heart and hormones in a direction which contradicts everything we've been taught about being good Christians? And what about peer pressure? How do our friends inform our choices when, in an intimate moment, deciding how far is too far is the relationship's defining moment? For some, sex is a valid and acceptable way to respond to these impulses and connect to another human being in a very intimate and private way. For others, being faced with being human is a part of the college experience, and waiting until we learn more about love and its many dimensions is worth waiting for.

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The thing about sex is that Jesus never talked much about it (except in Matthew when he refers to adultery). As far as we know, Jesus was single, religious, outspoken, and hung around a mixed bag of kindred revolutionaries. At age 30, however, he seems to have learned how to be comfortable with his lifestyle, sexuality and capacity to love. The Dr. Phil of his clan, he probably coined the expression, "the more you give, the more you get!" From Mary and Martha to Doubting Thomas, there was something about the way Jesus loved that they couldn't resist. Even the Samaritan woman, with her angst against Jews, was instantly transformed because she "met a man" who took the time to talk to her one hot afternoon. What did they see? What did they feel?

Jesus taught with his body and his soul. He touched people. He talked to people. He met them on their terms, without presuppositions or conditions. His understanding of himself as being made in God's image and likeness defined his lifestyle and built his relationships. He changed the way the world loved by just being true to himself. By being true to God. As we enter a new season with cooler weather and a slower pace, let's keep talking about love and sex and what it means to be human. Within our conversations are the answers to questions which, if we pay attention, always come to the surface when we find ourselves in compromising situations. If and when this happens, think of your spirit and what it might be telling you.

Be true to yourself. Your body and soul are made in God's image and likeness and it doesn't get much better than that. After all, you, like Jesus, are pure and living love. Live each day like you know it and everyone around you will too.

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 5:00 p.m.
 Rev. Tom Eckert, c.s.c.

Sunday
 10:00 a.m.
 Rev. Tom Eckert, c.s.c.
 11:45 p.m.
 Rev. Paul Kollman, c.s.c.

around campus (every Sunday)

1:30 p.m.
 Spanish Mass
 St. Edward's Hall Chapel
 5:00 p.m.
 Law School Mass
 Law School Chapel

7:00 p.m.
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A soldier's experience in war

We'll call him Joe. As a part of a force protection — security forces — unit in the United States Marine Corps, he helped protect a camp that had a medical unit and provided supplies to operations elsewhere in Iraq. This was his war experience in Iraq.

Joe arrived in February 2003. The troops wanted to get the job done and return quickly, but for the present wanted to contribute to something they felt was worthwhile.

They endured the field conditions and could go weeks without showering, living off of three Meals Ready to Eat (MREs) daily. For their work, the government gave them an extra 700 dollars per month.

On the first day of war, the troops didn't know what to expect and kept gas masks on hand. The Navy doctors had shots that could keep chemicals from spreading through the body.

While his unit was still crossing the border, the Iraqi military shot four SCUD missiles at them. People ran everywhere, jumping into their trenches and thinking that they were going to die.

"It was pandemonium," Joe said.

A lot of non-religious people suddenly got religious in different ways: They prayed to Allah, cast Wiccan spells and cried to Jesus: "We had to hit all of them."

The Army was prepared a few miles away and sent Patriot missiles that destroyed the SCUDs overhead.

Unity across the services kept the soldiers alive. "All you have is each other. You never know who you're going to die for. Everybody was one."

Enemy Prisoners of War were kept at Joe's camp and the wounded

Iraqis were treated. Some soldiers thought it would have been better to kill them to conserve their limited medical supplies. But the Navy doctors kept them in line, reminding them that they were there to help.

Other Marines recognized that some of the soldiers were forced to fight. They didn't want anyone to die and hoped that they would surrender.

Some Iraqi soldiers even rebelled. Joe heard of one group who rounded up their officers and shot them before running off.

Chaplains provided moral support to the troops. Some soldiers felt guilty about how badly they were defeating the Iraqi soldiers. Some were relieved when the chaplain clarified the commandment as forbidding murder and not killing, although Joe thought it was hard to explain the difference.

He was with a group that entered a town that the United States military had won control over, and the Iraqis welcomed them on the streets with celebrations. He thinks that Iraq is better off: "The majority of the Iraqis are glad we're there."

But he also thought the war was all about oil. When asked if he thought God would approve of what was done in Iraq, Joe deliberated and said, "You know, I don't know." But no matter what their thoughts, soldiers were more focused on just staying alive.

When Joe's time in Iraq was done, he spent some time in Kuwait City and felt a little closer to home with its American fast food chains and cars. After 65 days in Iraq, he returned to the United States.

Joe's group came home after the first wave of soldiers had returned. There were no parades, cheering crowds, or bands to welcome them. He had four days to adjust and then went back to his old job.

The hardest part of Joe's homecoming has been the people who have no real idea about war and make no effort to understand. He appreciates those who ask him about his experiences and how he is doing. He's glad for those he's met who have supported the troops even if they didn't support the war.

Joe doesn't watch the news. "I didn't want to hear about stuff anymore. War changes you. War changes you forever." But his intent remains fixed: "I would go again for what they're trying to do — freedom."

And so are the ironies of war. Soldiers try to get away from the experience but wouldn't hesitate if called upon to do it again. Once there, they may feel guilty about their actions but are too focused on survival to think about it. Prussian military philosopher, Carl von Clausewitz, rightly said, "War has its own grammar, but not its own logic." It's a part of a process where some are torn down and others are built up. For the soldier, it leaves him or her changed forever.

No matter what your views are about the war, remember those who have given themselves in unparalleled devotion toward causes they have pursued with hopeful hearts. If there's someone you know who went to Iraq, ask about his or her experience, listen to his or her story throughout, and return some of the devotion that soldiers have showed in their hope for freedom.

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OBSERVER POLL

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Ask not what your country can do for you;
ask what you can do for your country."

John Kennedy
president

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Discussing abortion protest

Last week was National Respect Life week and to make a statement regarding abortion, a Pro-Life group displayed a number of crosses near the Law School. This display did not represent the opinions of many students on campus — both Catholic and non-Catholic — who favor legalized abortion and, under the Constitution and the natural law, these students have a right to their opinion. The student who deliberately trampled the crosses, however, indicated either one of two things to the Pro-Life group: That the opinion they were expressing was intolerable and they had no right to it; or, deeming that the students had at least the right to their opinion, they still had no right to express it.

The first possibility is a simple issue of tolerance. The Cross is a universal symbol used to represent Christianity and also to mark tombstones. The Pro-Life group used the Cross to convey their faith and their belief that abortion kills unborn people. It was a clear yet non-graphic and peaceful demonstration. On the other hand, the vandal did not peacefully or thoughtfully promote his views. His actions only said that he did not like and in fact would not tolerate the opinions of the Pro-Lifers.

The second possibility is that the student did not want the group to express their beliefs on campus. Abortion is a controversial and emotional issue. It would have been inappropriate and insensitive to put the crosses in the yard of a woman known to have had an abortion. Notre Dame, however, is the most widely recognized Catholic university in the country. Being that the Catholic Church has a clear anti-abortion stance, it would seem that the students chose a logical and "safe" environment to make their display. Would anyone think it acceptable to, and likewise, it seems equally inappropriate for a student to destroy expressions of Catholic thought on campus.

Anna Dunikoski
 University Village Resident
 Oct. 8

Death penalty produces injustice

Last Friday, 39-year-old Eddie Hartman was killed in North Carolina. What made his death distinctive is that the state sponsored it. His constitutionally guaranteed "fair" trial was far from perfect. He was sexually abused as a child, which is usually a mitigating factor. However, the prosecution used Hartman's homosexuality to suggest that he may have enjoyed the acts. His court-appointed lawyer failed to challenge these claims and has since been disbarred. The state did not reconsider Hartman's sentence.

His case demonstrates just one of the many problems in the current capital punishment system.

The death penalty relies on people and is therefore inherently flawed. One hundred seven inmates have been released from death row after DNA testing and revoked testimonies. David Spence was put to death in 1997 after prison inmates received favors to testify against him. A detective who worked the crime said, "Nothing from the investigation ever led us to any evidence that he was involved."

When invoking an irreversible punishment, there is no margin for error.

The death penalty is also prone to discrimination against the poor and United States minorities. Ninety-five percent of all people sentenced to death in the United States could not afford their own attorneys. Eighty percent of those executed since 1976 were convicted of murdering white victims, while minorities represent more than half of all homicide victims. The justice system cannot be considered "just" if race and economic resources are factors in the punishment.

Fifty seven people have been executed this year, and more are scheduled to die.

The death penalty needs to be abolished to prevent more questionable executions from occurring.

On Sunday night at 6 p.m. in 102 DeBartolo, Professor Garth Meintjes will be speaking on the Death Penalty in the United States. A screening of "The Farm: Angola, USA" will follow his lecture at 6:45 p.m. The 90-minute film follows six inmates through the largest maximum-security prison in the United States. It won the Grand Jury Award at Sundance in 1998 and was nominated for Best Documentary that year at the Academy Awards. At 8:15 p.m. Professor Greg Downey will moderate an informal discussion on the prison system.

Amnesty International invites all who are interested in these issues to attend any or all of these events to commemorate the National Weekend of Faith in Action on the Death Penalty. All events are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

George Dzuricko
 freshman
 Stanford Hall
 Oct. 7

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Debating church and state separation

Abigail Wheelley's Oct. 6 U-Wire column defended the Alabama Ten Commandments ruling which invoked the principle of separation of church and state. She made the comment that this principle of separation is being undermined by laws restricting abortions. In this subtle line, however, Wheelley underscored the fallacious claim that restricting abortions is somehow a religious imposition which should therefore be separated from the legal matters of the state.

The problem is, as detestable as abortion is from a moral or religious standpoint, it is also abhorrent in the eyes of the state. Restricting abortions restricts pragmatic purposes. The common argument is that no state has the right to impose any authority over a woman's "right" to choose whether or not to abort her child.

Using this same line of reasoning, the state is out of line when it prohibits murder. Who is the state to say that we can't kill our fellow citizens? After all, we have a "right" to do whatever we want. The point is, as much as we like to isolate our actions from the world, we can't. The absurd notion of permitting murder fails to acknowledge that we can't act freely to the extent that we harm others.

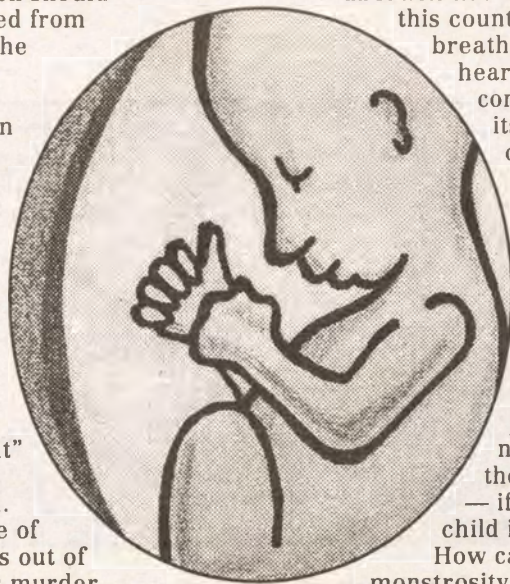
From a purely legal standpoint, heroin is illegal not because it is immoral, but because its use creates myriad problems, from psychological problems to violence to death. And society pays the price. Its tax dollars go to work to aid addicts in rehabilitation. It pays the medical bills. In the instance of murder, society pays

for the murderer's court cases. Try as we might, we can't separate these "individual" actions from their consequences. The job of the government, therefore, is to protect the welfare of all its citizens. Call it a religious principle, call it a law, call it whatever you wish: our laws should protect us and see the human dignity inherent in every person.

With this in mind, it is a wonder that abortion has flourished so much in this country. You have a living, breathing fetus with its own heartbeat and a body completely distinct from its mother's, with its own distinct DNA and traits, its own brain and its own organs, and our government gives the green light for us to terminate it.

Whenever we want, by the way. Not just in the beginning phases, but up to the ninth month, when the child is fully grown — if a nine-month old child isn't a life, what is? How can we fail to see the monstrosity in puncturing the skull of a partially delivered child? Because it's "our" body and "our" decision. No, it isn't our body. It's the distinct body of the being we brought into life. And the government has just as much a need of protecting that defenseless fetus as it does every other human being. Abortion, plain and simple, is taking the life and dignity away from a child, from a son, from a daughter and from a citizen.

Ricky McRoskey
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 Oct. 8



EDITORIAL CARTOON





Starting the M

Ex-ObsERVER cartoonist
"Four Food Groups"



By KC KENNEY
Assistant Scene Editor

Before "School Daze" and "Fives," before "Fourth and Inches" and "Happy Town," there was another zany and toony way of looking at the world of Notre Dame. It was seen through the eyes of four friends named Nate, Dez, Sheldon and Carrie. These four Notre Dame students were the brainchild of Dave Kellet, a '96 Notre Dame graduate, and the main characters the comic strip "Four Food Groups of the Apocalypse."

The name of the strip was the result of a humor-filled brainstorming session between Kellet and his roommates. He was a sophomore and had just submitted his first comic for print, but it still didn't have a name. Finally, the head editor called him at midnight before the paper went to press and said that they needed a title. Kellet is sure that they had gone through at least a hundred names that night trying to come up with something. Why "Four Food Groups?" Besides being a play on the Notre Dame legendary status of the Four Horsemen, Kellet admits "everything seems funnier at 1:30 a.m. And the name haunted me for the next three years. I thought it sounded like the ingredients for a dietary supplement."

Though sketching characters and comic strips had been a hobby of his since the third grade, prior to college Kellet had never done anything more than one or two cartoons for his high school paper. When he was a freshman in college he drew a few "Far Side"-

esque comics for Scholastic, but his big break came as a sophomore when he submitted a sample strip to The Observer and they took him on as a daily cartoonist for the 1993-94 school year.

Writer's block was something he always feared and had to deal with, but it was easily rectified by "watching [his]...roommates. Ideas would flow freely." The comic strip was primarily character based, but it allowed him to comment on campus politics and world issues without getting into trouble.

"Things visually in a cute little package can get away from the harsh black-and-white of print," he said, which gave him a great deal of freedom to comment on everything from dining hall food to human cloning to the NRA. One of the biggest differences, he said now that he's away from campus, is the separation from his audience. As a student, inspiration often came from "opening his eyes to the jokes all around him. [He] could tell when people in the dining were looking at "Four Food Groups." People had no problem letting [him] know if a story line stunk or if it was really good. And if it was really good, [he'd] go with it." One series of strips with Regis Philbin seemed to end and segue way into a Notre Dame squirrel joke, but Philbin showed up at the end to tie the two story lines together. As one character was quoted at the end of that strip: "Never-ending story lines: the hallmark of quality cartooning."

Kellet's ideas were broad reaching and usually very creative. "I think there was one time that I turned in a strip at mid-

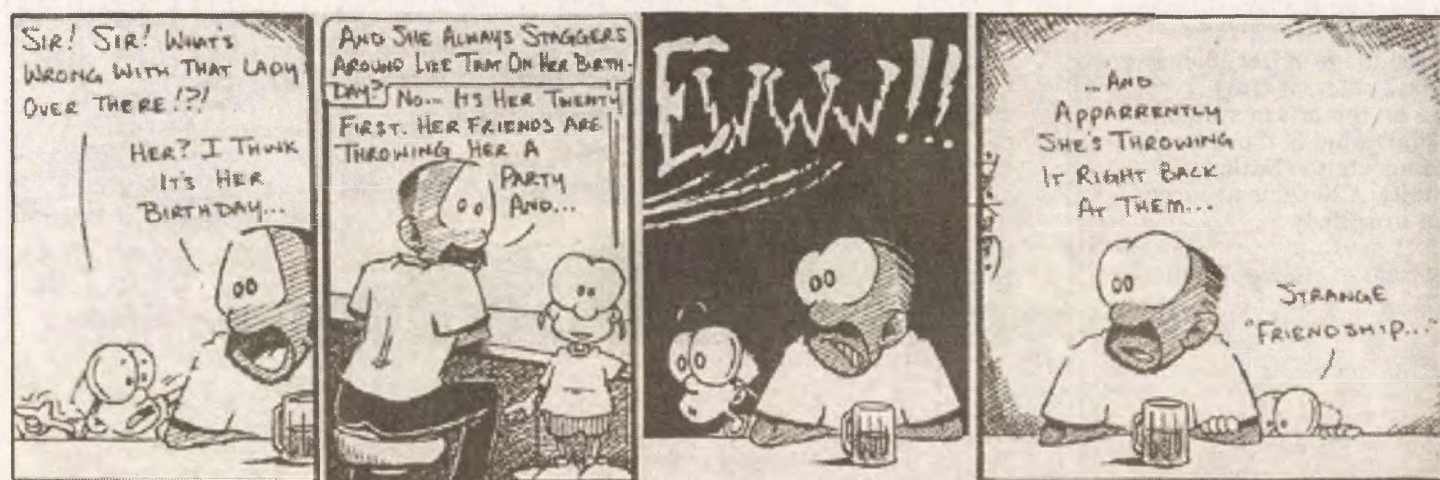
night and the editor wanted something changed," he recalls. His larger-than-life characters were always fun to read about and easy to connect with. Originally the concept for "Four Food Groups" arose out of the idea of having two roommates, one a literature major and the other a chemical engineer, and capitalizing on the conflict between Arts and Letters majors and the sciences. Both captured the general buffoon nature of your average male Notre Dame student. He soon brought in Carrie, a marketing major, with the intent of having her play the voice of reason for Nate and Dez. Occasionally other characters would emerge, but they would typically not last more than one strip to represent a particular major or administrative role. It wasn't until his second year that Kellet introduced Sheldon, a 10-year-old genius that attended Notre Dame, majored in PLS, and whom Nate took under his wing. Sheldon, as young as he was and new to the University, was able to offer that outsider-looking-in approach to the comic, often commenting on the crazy antics of Nate and Dez in a maturity that far exceeded his age.

Before Kellet graduated, he was mobbed by several die-hard fans of "Four Food Groups" to give them copies of old classic strips that they really



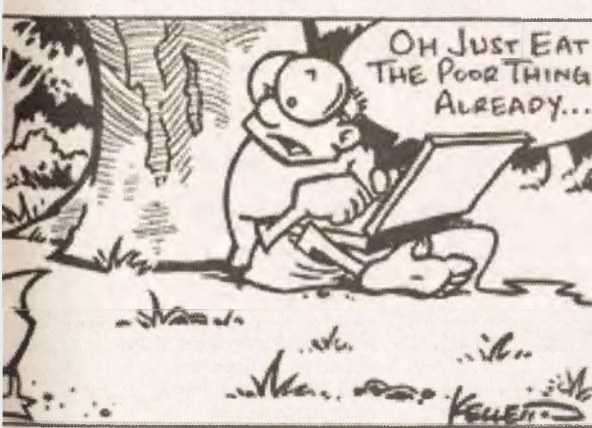
enjoyed. He did one better, after being laughed out of the offices of Notre Dame Press and the Notre Dame Bookstore, Kellet found a small publishing company in Elkhart that was willing to make a collection of the best of "Four Food Groups." He got together a large grouping of his favorite strips, took most of his life savings and made a book called *A Well-Balanced Meal*. He figured that though he might lose some money on it, it would be great experience and look really good on a resume. He put his book up for sale at the Bookstore and sold out his first printings in a week. The Bookstore went through two more printings very quickly, and he still receives a check every once in a while when somebody picks up one of his books.

Kellet graduated from Notre Dame in 1996 with degrees in Literature and Spanish, "two majors that steered toward the major money jobs," he says, quoting his mother. Kellet moved back home to San Diego where he got a



Next Course

takes character from
out into the world



Masters degree in 18th century cartoons, and he interned at the San Diego Daily Tribune where he was able to draw political cartoons once or twice a week. This was, he remembers, "really good for a kid just out of college" and he quickly learned important rules of the cartoon/newspaper world, such as "don't make fun of businesses owned by the publisher of the paper." He was also able to spend time with his high school sweetheart that he had continued to see throughout college despite being in different cities.

While in San Diego, Kellet was honored with a Rotary scholarship to study in Canterbury, England, at the University of Canterbury's Center for Cartoon Holdings. He moved there with his girlfriend and began his studies. There he received his Masters in 19th century cartooning and continued to draw strips for fun and for local papers.

It was while he was in England that he started building up a comic strip based around one of the original characters

Web site with the intent of building an audience and monitoring the success of the strip online to get an idea of how it would do in a daily newspaper setting. Somewhere between 4,000 and 6,000 new comic strips are submitted each year to syndicates for perusal. Kellet

hopes to be one of the two or three lucky ones that actually becomes published.

Sheldon character was based on the "old Disney equation" of giving characters short limbs and big eyes to evoke a "ooh, ahh" response from readers. Though he began as a PLS major, he has evolved into a software geek, interested in *Lord of the Rings* and obscure history and literature trivia.

Sheldon is not alone in his adventures. Much like "Four Food Groups," "Sheldon" is set-up with four main characters interact with each other and share comic insights or get into funny situations together. Sheldon is raised by his grandfather, a befuddled old man who doesn't know how to program his VCR in stark contrast to Sheldon's techno-background. By having Sheldon raised by his grandfather rather than parents, Kellet feels it allows for Sheldon to have more freedom to grow as his own person without having a very specific base from which to sprout off. Sheldon is also joined by Dante, Sheldon's best friend, who Kellet describes as being "a few chairs short of a dinette set," offering a comic foil to Sheldon's pre-teen genius.

Arthur, Sheldon's sarcastic and wisecracking talking pet duck, rounds off the group. Sheldon created Arthur when he downloaded the *Encyclopedia Britannica* and some voice-recognition software into his pet duck. Arthur gained the ability to talk and it quickly became evident that most of what Arthur had to say was smart-alecky and facetious.

One of the big difficulties of making a

comic strip like this is not having the constant source of inspiration that he was able to bask in at Notre Dame. He cites his wife as his biggest source of inspiration, calling her the "most ... funny human being all around." As an actress and writer, she has helped him with ideas and remains his biggest fan. Kellet also reads a lot of books and subscribes to six or seven different magazines to stay up on pop culture and find inspiration. He also moonlights with an Los Angeles-based sketch-comedy group where he is constantly brainstorming up new skit ideas with some very funny comedians and writers.

Where is Kellet now in comparison to where he thought he would be? "The Observer was great experience for the real world. ... [Working there] showed me I could and I wanted to be a cartoonist. ... [Things] still haven't happened as I hoped it would, but I kept plugging away with hopes that I can pull it off." He reminds students, especially those interested in an artistic career, that "the world does not go out of the way to open doors unless you have an amazing stick-to-it-ness. ... Lots of times I thought about quitting. The rewards may not be what you thought. But they may be better."

See "Sheldon" online now at Sheldoncomics.com. Dave Kellet resides in Los Angeles with his wife where he writes hilarious strips at his cartoon desk everyday for the world to enjoy.

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MLB PLAYOFFS

Red Sox overcome curse to take game one from Yankees

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Boston Red Sox put aside curses and fatigue to burst ahead in the AL championship series.

David Ortiz, Todd Walker and Manny Ramirez homered off a shaky Mike Mussina, and the Red Sox beat the New York Yankees 5-2 Wednesday night.

All the chants and signs reminding Boston of its 85-year title drought only seemed to spur on the Red Sox against their old rivals, who have dominated their Northeast neighbors for decades.

Tim Wakefield befuddled New York with his knuckleball, taking a 5-0 lead into the seventh before he got wild. Three relievers from Boston's beleaguered bullpen completed the three-hit-ter.

"Our offense came through. It's unbelievable," Wakefield said.

After traveling from Boston to Oakland on Sunday night, then winning Game 5 on Monday night and flying back across the country, the Red Sox seemed bleary eyed when they arrived at Yankee Stadium on Tuesday. But when it came time to play, they had the energy and emotion, not New York, which had been off since winning its first-round series at Minnesota on Sunday.

Wakefield said he was going on adrenaline.

"I told all my friends don't call me, because I'm going to be sleeping in," he said.

Yankees fans kept reminding the Red Sox of their title drought, screaming "1918," but it just seemed to fuel the Red Sox, who flashed their power and rapped out 13 hits, including four by Ramirez, who grew up close to Yankee Stadium.

Mussina, pitching on seven days' rest since losing the first-round opener against Minnesota, wasn't sharp at all, allowing three homers in a game for only the second time this year — and for the first time in 13 postseason starts. He dropped to 4-4 in postseason play.

While Mussina didn't allow any runs in the second inning, he labored, going to 2-0 counts on four batters, including 3-0 on three.

Boston finally broke through in the fourth. Ramirez reached on a one-hopper to right side that Mussina just managed to deflect — similar to the Cristian Guzman infield hit that led to Minnesota's key rally in his previous start.

Ortiz, who had been 0-for-20 against Mussina, fell behind 0-2, worked the count full and then homered into the front of the right-field upper deck.

Walker made it 3-0 when he led off the fifth with a drive high off the foul pole in right field.

Two batters later, Ramirez hit homered onto a drive that just cleared the right-field wall and a leaping Juan Rivera. Kevin Millar added an RBI single off reliever Jeff Nelson in the seventh for a 5-0 lead.

Wakefield, who improved to 3-0 in LCS play, took a two-hit shutout into the seventh but walked his first two batters and was replaced by Alan Embree.

Chicago 12, Florida 3

Once the ball flew off Sammy Sosa's bat and soared toward the juniper bushes in dead center field, there was no telling how far it might go.

And if he keeps hitting like this, there's no telling how far he might take these Chicago Cubs.

The Cubs put on a startling dis-

play of raw power at the plate and on the mound Wednesday night, and behind Mark Prior overwhelmed the Florida Marlins 12-3 to even the NL championship series after two games.

Alex Gonzalez homered twice and Aramis Ramirez also connected for the Cubs. But once again, Sosa woke up Wrigley Field.

A day after he tied the game with a two-out, two-run shot in the ninth for his first postseason home run, he hit a two-run drive in the second inning that went even farther. By a lot.

Sosa launched a 495-foot shot that cleared the ivy-covered wall, sailed over the shrubbery that serves as a batter's backdrop and threatened to fly completely out of the park. Only a television camera booth kept the ball from becoming a street souvenir.

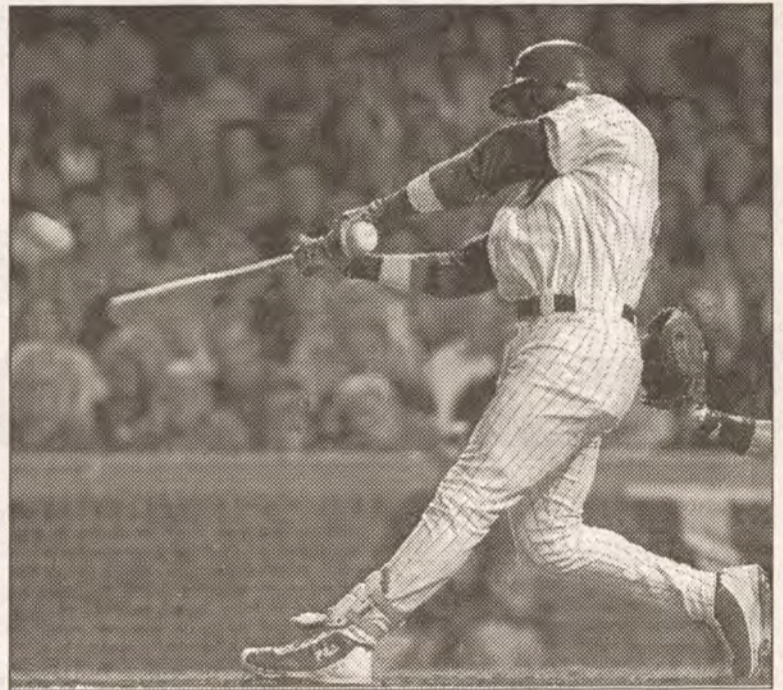
Coming off his two-hit gem in the opening round against Atlanta, Prior was good enough. Of course, being handed an 11-0 lead after five innings helped the 23-year-old keep his composure.

This time, the big hits went in Chicago's favor and so did the little ones. Lofton tied an NLCS mark with four hits, all singles.

Prior cruised until the sixth, when Derrek Lee and rookie Miguel Cabrera led off with consecutive home runs that made it 11-2.

But before anyone could get too worried, the Cubs put any notion of a remarkable rally to rest. Left fielder Moises Alou ran back toward the wall to catch a long drive by pinch-hitter Mike Lowell, and the relay to first caught a stumbling Jeff Conine for an inning-ending double play.

Prior left with two on and no outs in the eighth to a standing ovation, having allowed three



EPA

Cubs right fielder Sammy Sosa hits a 495-foot home run against the Marlins. The Cubs tied the series with a 12-3 win.

runs. Along with shutting down the Marlins, he shook them up by hitting a foul ball that scattered the Florida relievers sitting on a bench down the right-field line.

While Prior was in control, Marlins starter Brad Penny was hit hard. He gave up seven runs in two-plus innings.

Marlins shortstop Alex Gonzalez, who made two sensational plays in the late innings to keep Game 1 tied, had two balls tick off his glove for early singles. Both runners wound up scoring.

Mark Grudzielanek's hit helped load the bases in the first inning and Randall Simon slapped a two-out, two-run single to left.

Lofton bounced an RBI single off Gonzalez's glove in the second and stole second. He didn't have

to run nearly as hard when Sosa connected with two outs.

Prior and Penny came out zinging and even with Wrigley buzzing, the sound of fastballs popping into catcher's mitts echoed throughout the ballpark.

How hard were they throwing? Pierre tried to bunt the first pitch of the game and the ball flew off his bat and landed in foul territory — beyond third base.

The radar gun clocked Prior at 94 mph and showed Penny slightly faster. Not that it was a good thing for Penny — as the story goes, this season Marlins manager Jack McKeon had the radar readings shut off at Pro Player when Penny pitched so he wouldn't become fixated and overthrow.

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NHL

Bruins hold their own, tie Devils in season opener

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Bruins are fighting the Red Sox for attention in Boston these days. In the NHL, though, they might be moving up in the pecking order.

Jeff Jillson scored twice in his Bruins debut, the second to tie the game with 3:58 left in regulation on Wednesday night as Boston opened the season with a 3-3 tie against the Stanley Cup champion New Jersey Devils.

"Every year, they're up there and battling for the Stanley Cup," said Bruins goalie Felix Potvin, who stopped 32 shots in his Boston debut. "I think we held our own against those guys."

With many in the crowd following the AL playoff game between the Yankees and Red Sox in New York, the Bruins rallied from a 2-0 deficit in the second period only to fall behind on Scott Niedermayer's second goal.

But Jillson tied it when he faked out a defenseman in front

of the left circle and wristed a shot past goaltender Martin Brodeur. Joe Thornton also scored for the Bruins, who got their new coach Mike Sullivan a point in his debut as an NHL head coach.

Brian Rafalski had two assists, and Jeff Friesen also scored for the Devils. Brodeur stopped 28 shots for New Jersey, which beat Boston in the first round of the playoffs 4-1 on its way to the title.

"It's been a long training camp," Brodeur said. "But we're all looking forward to the challenge of defending the Cup."

Niedermayer's second goal was the 100th of his career. The defenseman also cleared the puck off the goal line with just over two minutes left.

The first period was scoreless, then New Jersey took a 2-0 lead on a pair of power-play goals.

Blackhawks 1, Wild 0

Jocelyn Thibault and the Chicago Blackhawks' penalty killers beat the defensive-mind-

ed Minnesota Wild at their own game.

Thibault stopped 33 shots and helped his teammates snuff all seven Minnesota power plays to lead the Blackhawks to a 1-0 victory Wednesday night in the season opener for both teams.

Chicago's tight play and Thibault's sharp work allowed an early second-period goal by Tyler Arnason to stand up.

"Our penalty killers were good — they had to be," Chicago coach Brian Sutter said. "We played a good team tonight and had to earn it."

Chicago had three power-play opportunities, two in the first period. One of those chances lasted only eight seconds.

"We did a great job of penalty killing," he added. "For the most part they kept the shots to the outside and I was able to see them."

Thibault had eight shutouts last season, second best in the NHL. He beat Buffalo 3-0 in the Blackhawks' home opener a year ago.



Reuters

Bruins goalie Felix Potvin makes a save against Scott Gomez.

Minnesota's Dwayne Roloson stopped 21 shots.

When the Wild did shoot, pucks were blocked, cleared or smothered by Thibault or his teammates.

After a scoreless first period, Arnason connected from the slot at 3:53 of the second. He set up with a perfect centering pass from Ville Nieminen, who had

cut into the Minnesota zone and battled through traffic on the right wing boards.

The Blackhawks signed Nieminen as a free agent away from Pittsburgh in July.

Wednesday marked the first time in five years the Blackhawks opened the season at home. They started 0-1 after three of those four road openers.

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NFL

Redskins playing injury-ridden teams all season

Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — When the Washington Redskins play the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sunday, it's the Buffalo Bills who should beware.

That's because the Bills play the Redskins next week and Washington's opponents this season almost always turn up beset by key injuries.

So the Bills might consider petitioning the NFL to wear full body armor for their game against the New York Jets. Quarterback Drew Bledsoe should hide a rabbit's foot in his uniform for luck. Owner Ralph Wilson should make sure his players' insurance is paid up.

It's known as the curse of the Redskins.

"I don't know what it is," linebacker LaVar Arrington said, "but we have been running into a lot of teams that have been injury-ridden."

No kidding. Arrington used to complain that the Redskins never get any breaks, but that's hard to

swallow these days. Just the ask the Jets, Falcons, Giants, Patriots, Eagles — and now the Buccaneers.

"Hello. How's it going? Real quick, I'll update our injury status," were the first words out of Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden's mouth during his conference call Wednesday with Washington reporters.

Gruden then ran down a list of nine names, the aftermath of the Bucs' Monday night loss to Indianapolis. Fullback Mike Alstott is out for the season. Joe Jurevicius is out this week, and fellow receiver Keyshawn Johnson is "very questionable." Cornerback Brian Kelly probably won't play, while linebacker Shelton Quarles is a 50-50 call. Charles Lee had to be re-signed just to give the team a full complement of receivers.

"Quite honestly, it's hard to produce a game plan not knowing the status of so many players who have played key roles," Gruden said. "It'll be a great challenge to see if we can over-

come that."

That's the story the Redskins have heard since opening day.

"Everybody's got injuries," safety Matt Bowen said. "We've just been on the lucky side."

Consider:

— Week 1: The Jets came to town without quarterback Chad Pennington, who broke his wrist in preseason. New York got just 158 total yards in the Redskins' 16-13 victory.

— Week 2: Atlanta didn't have Michael Vick, out with a broken leg. The Falcons led 17-0 before the Redskins rallied for a 33-31 win.

— Week 3: The Giants were the healthiest team the Redskins have played yet; their chief deficiency was merely that they had to start two rookies on the offensive line. Like Tampa Bay, New York was coming off a tough Monday loss, but they beat Washington 24-21 in overtime.

— Week 4: The Patriots were missing nine opening-day starters, including three linebackers. Two offensive linemen



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The Eagles' Darwin Walker sacks Redskins quarterback Patrick Ramsey in an Oct. 5 game. The Redskins are 3-2 this year.

made their first NFL starts, and quarterback Tom Brady had a sore elbow. Somehow New England lost by only three, 20-17.

— Week 5: The Eagles didn't have the three Pro Bowl players in their secondary, yet coach Steve Spurrier's offense managed only 171 yards passing until the final two drives of the game. Philadelphia held on, 27-25.

Conversely, while other teams

have been taking roll call in the trainer's room, the Redskins have been relatively unscathed. Guard Dave Fiore's two-game rest for his sore knee is the closest thing to a serious injury so far this season.

"We've had pretty healthy teams," Spurrier said. "We've been very fortunate."

That about sums up why the Redskins are the most frustrated 3-2 team around.

WNBA

Leslie and Staley to play for U.S. team

Associated Press

Lisa Leslie and Dawn Staley will team again for another shot at Olympic gold — maybe for the last time.

The two WNBA veterans were among the first seven players selected Wednesday for the U.S. women's national basketball team that's expected to compete at the Athens Games next year.

Leslie, from the Los Angeles Sparks, and Staley, from the Charlotte Sting, helped the United States win Olympic gold in 1996 and 2000. They also played on gold-medal winning teams in the 1998 and 2002 World Championships.

Others named to the team were Tamika Catchings of the Indiana Fever, Shannon Johnson of the Connecticut Sun, DeLisha Milton-Jones of the Sparks, Katie Smith of the Minnesota Lynx and Tina Thompson of the Houston the Comets.

Houston's Van Chancellor will coach the team.

"I think we have seven tremendous players," Chancellor said.

The biggest name missing is the Comets' Sheryl Swoopes, who played on the 1996 and 2000 Olympic teams and twice has been the WNBA's most valuable player.

Swoopes could not make a commitment to the team at this time, but she could be one of the five players added later.

The WNBA season will be suspended during the Olympics, which are Aug. 13-29, and probably for a couple of weeks before that so the U.S. team can practice before heading to Athens.

Starting with the Atlanta Olympics in 1996, Leslie and Staley have helped U.S. teams go 34-0 in the major international events. Leslie, 31, a five-time WNBA all-star, said she could see playing in another Olympics after 2004, noting

that Teresa Edwards played in five.

Staley, 33, the women's basketball coach at Temple, said this would be her last Olympics.

"I've enjoyed the ride, definitely," said Staley, a 5-foot-6 guard known for her leadership, passing and fiery play.

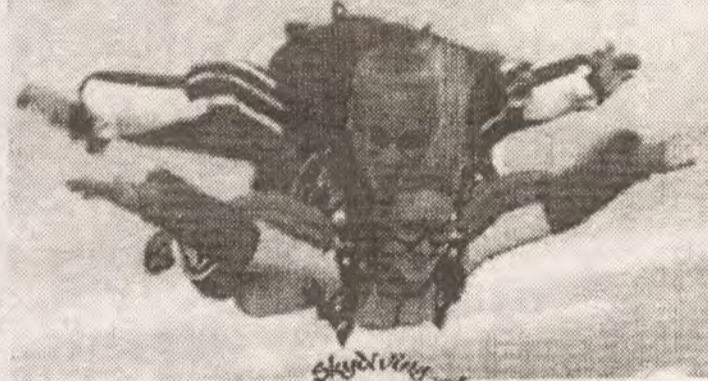
"I also want them to know we don't just compete for gold medals, we win gold medals. I want to make sure it's left in good hands."

Leslie said she was a junior in high school when she first met Staley.

"She's the floor leader and general," Leslie said. "She can lead us to gold. Having Dawn there is one reason I keep playing USA Basketball. She can help us win."

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Georgia's Davis makes his name known on defense

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Everyone at Georgia has their favorite Thomas Davis hit.

Fred Gibson likes the one where Davis lifted Clemson quarterback Charlie Whitehurst into the air, then drove his body into the turf. The only thing missing was the chalk outline.

"He stuck him right in the middle of the chest," crowed Gibson, a Bulldogs receiver. "If I was a quarterback, I would not want to get hit in the middle of the chest by Thomas Davis."

Running back Tyson Browning prefers the one where Davis was getting blocked but still managed to knock over Alabama quarterback Spencer Pennington with a one-arm clothesline. Hulk Hogan would have been proud.

"Thomas is the best athlete I've been around — ever," Browning said. "He's capable of running you down, or he can play straight smash-mouth football with you."

Just five games into his sophomore season at No. 8 Georgia, Davis has emerged as one of the country's most dominating players — a fusion of safety and outside linebacker who seems to be in on every big play for the Dawgs.

Not bad, considering he wasn't even recruited by another Division I-A school.

That little tidbit is still baffling to Georgia defensive coordinator Brian VanGorder, who merely throws up his arms when someone asks why the Bulldogs were the lone major school to offer a scholarship.

VanGorder had only seen Davis

on film before visiting tiny, isolated Randolph-Clay High School in southwest Georgia to watch him play basketball.

"After about 10 minutes, I was like, 'Geez, this guy can do some special things,'" VanGorder recalled.

Davis leads the Bulldogs in tackles (51), including five behind the line of scrimmage. He has three sacks and has pressured the quarterback five other times. Last week, he returned a blocked punt for a touchdown against Alabama — his personal favorite.

Davis has become an especially lethal player in the hybrid position the Bulldogs created for him. He came to Georgia as a safety, but was supposed to start at outside linebacker this season. When senior Kentrell Curry went



Georgia's Thomas Davis sacks South Carolina's Dondrial Pinkins.

down with a season-ending leg injury, Davis moved back to the secondary.

From there, he's got more room to see the play developing, doesn't have to contend with a lot of blockers and can use his speed to get to the ball quickly.

"I really enjoy safety," Davis said. "There's no one around. You can just go make plays."

"I like to think of myself as a football player," Davis said. "I'm a guy who can play just about any position the coaches ask him to play."

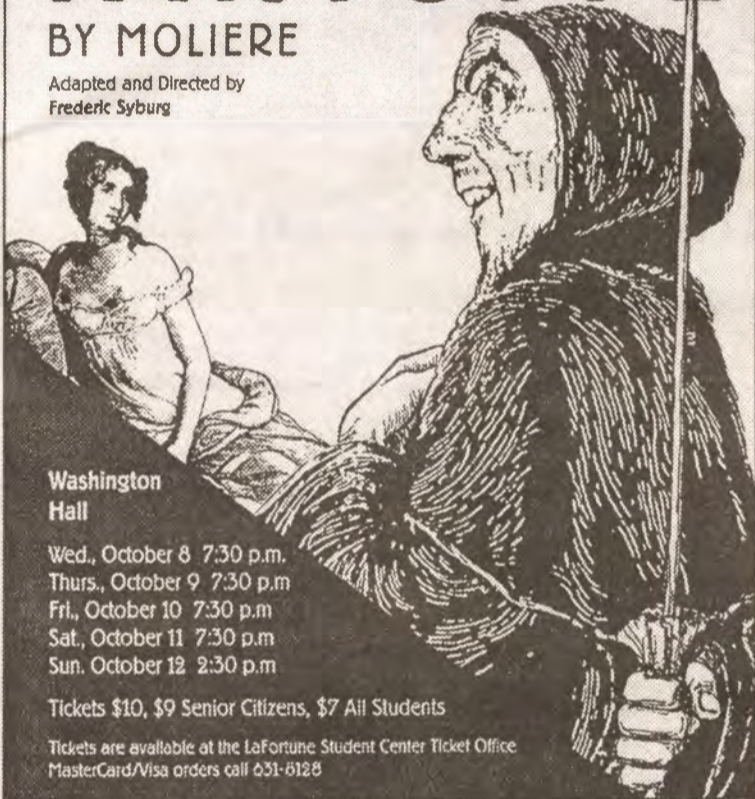
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NFL

Jets fans look to place blame for bad start

Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Every week, Jets general manager Terry Bradway answers questions from callers on an evening radio show.

Last week, following a 17-6 loss to Dallas, Bradway fielded a query from one irate listener who shouted, "You should be fired!"

Jets fans are trying to find someone to blame for an 0-4 start.

Bradway seems the perfect target after an offseason in which the Redskins plucked four players — including top receiver Laveranues Coles — from the team. Bradway also traded two No. 1 picks to move up and take defensive tackle Dwayne Robertson, who has not had an immediate impact.

"I'm disappointed because we lose," Bradway said. "I'm not worried about draft, free agency all that stuff. Whether we like it or not, this is the team that we put together as a group. If they don't play well, I understand what my role is."

"I've said all along if you do well you stay, if you don't then you probably leave. That is the

standard that has been set."

After making the playoffs in Bradway's first two seasons running the organization, things could not have started worse for the Jets in 2003.

Following the offseason losses, starting tackle Josh Evans was suspended indefinitely for violating the league's substance-abuse policy, forcing the team to start Robertson at a position that's often tough for rookies.

Then came the biggest hit of all: Quarterback Chad Pennington broke and dislocated his left wrist in the preseason and will not return for several weeks. Officials inside the organization acknowledge privately the loss hurt the team more than anything that happened in the offseason, though publicly they have tried to downplay his absence.

It is no wonder the sight of Pennington throwing again made coach Herman Edwards sound downright giddy Wednesday. But he knows Pennington cannot solve everything.

So does the rest of the team, coming off a bye week to play the Buffalo Bills on Sunday.

"You have to understand what you're doing wrong. You have to be accountable," linebacker

Marvin Jones said. "Accountability is the No. 1 issue. If you're not playing, don't give yourself a false sense that you are playing. It's a reality check."

Accountability starts at the top, where Bradway makes many of the personnel decisions. Though he does have input from coaches and scouts, Bradway ultimately takes the brunt of the criticism.

It all started when the Redskins came calling for Coles, guard Randy Thomas, special teams player Chad Morton and kicker John Hall. They offered Coles a seven-year, \$35 million offer sheet that included a \$13 million signing bonus, which the Jets did not match.

But if they had made Coles a slightly higher tender offer, the Jets could have received even more compensation, and the Redskins acknowledge they probably would have backed off pursuing Coles.

The Jets then packaged that No. 1 pick (13th overall) and their own pick at No. 22 for the No. 4 overall spot and took Dwayne Robertson, a junior from Kentucky. Robertson is starting and does not have a sack, though he is still learning how to play the position as a pro.

"It's still too early to judge this group of players," Bradway said. "The time we took in making those decisions, the input that we had in making those decisions, I can't sit here and tell you that I wish we had done things differently, because that would be foolish on my part. Decisions were made and you move on."

"It's easy to sit here at 0-4 and question everything you do in your entire organization."

In his last comments to the media last month, owner Woody Johnson defended Bradway.

"I think that's a little bit unfair because it's the whole organization," Johnson said. "It's not just Terry. It's the 80 people that work here."

Bradway knows how to win. He was with the Giants when they won two Super Bowls and with the Chiefs he helped draft Tony Gonzalez, Donnie Edwards and Joe Horn.

With the Jets in 2001, he cleared cap space by letting Aaron Glenn and Marcus Coleman go in the expansion draft, enabling Edwards to get the type of defensive backs he wanted. Bradway also signed Curtis Martin, Vinny Testaverde and Kevin Mawae to long-term deals for stability.



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2	Maryland	9-1-0	1
3	North Carolina	8-1-2	5
4	Old Dominion	8-0-0	4
5	Saint Louis	7-1-2	7
6	NOTRE DAME	7-1-3	8
7	St. John's	8-3-1	14
8	Washington	7-1-1	13
9	Hartwick College	8-1-0	10
10	Florida International	6-2-1	16
11	Fairleigh	6-2-1	22
12	Tulsa	8-3-0	—
13	Massachusetts	7-2-1	—
14	Wake Forest	5-3-0	19
15	Cal State Northridge	5-0-2	20
16	Virginia Tech	8-2-1	—
17	Southern Methodist	7-3-1	6
18	Dayton	6-1-2	—
19	Seton Hall	4-2-3	18
20	UC Santa Barbara	7-1-1	9
21	Alabama	6-2-2	3
22	Brown	5-3-0	15
23	William & Mary	5-2-2	22
24	Loyola Marymount	7-3-1	—
25	Rutgers	6-3-0	11

Women's Top 25 Soccer Poll

	team	record	prev.
1	North Carolina	13-0-0	1
2	NOTRE DAME	11-0-1	2
3	UCLA	6-1-2	3
4	Virginia	9-1-1	5
5	Texas A&M	8-1-2	3
6	Portland	10-2-0	6
7	Florida	10-1-0	7
8	West Virginia	10-2-0	8
9	Washington	7-2-2	9
10	Connecticut	7-2-2	13
11	Ohio State	8-1-2	12
12	Colorado	10-1-0	15
13	Pepperdine	9-2-0	11
14	Penn State	10-2-2	16
15	Duke	8-3-1	18
16	Wake Forest	8-2-1	10
17	Purdue	8-2-1	21
18	Oklahoma	7-3-2	24
19	Santa Clara	6-3-3	—
20	Boston College	8-1-2	20
21	Cal	5-2-3	17
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Right wing Petr Sykora of the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim falls on top of Richard Matvichuk of the Dallas Stars at the American Airlines Center in Dallas, Texas. Dallas beat Anaheim 4-1 to begin the season. Ronald Martinez/Getty Images

Dallas beats Anaheim 4-1 in opener

Associated Press

DALLAS — Jean-Sebastien Giguere wasn't able to carry his postseason magic into the new season.

Giguere allowed goals on the second and third shots against him, then gave up another in each of the final two periods as the Dallas Stars beat the Anaheim Mighty Ducks 4-1 Wednesday night in the season opener.

Sergei Zubov and Stu Barnes beat him on shots 30 seconds apart in the game's opening minutes, then Zubov made a superb pass to set up Barnes for the third goal, which

Giguere had little chance to stop. Bill Guerin flipped in the final goal on a breakaway midway through the third period.

Giguere finished with 18 saves in his first game since winning the Conn Smythe Trophy as the playoffs MVP.

He had a 1.62 goals-against average, .945 save percentage and five shutouts during the post-season as the Mighty Ducks took New Jersey to seven games in the Stanley Cup finals.

In rising from seventh seed to Western Conference champions, Anaheim ousted Dallas in

the second round. It was a bitter early exit for the conference's top team in the regular season.

Both teams were breaking in new captains, having lost their longtime leaders in the offseason.

Dallas saw defensive brute Derian Hatcher sign with Detroit, while Paul Kariya signed with Colorado.

The Mighty Ducks replaced him by adding Sergei Fedorov and Vaclav Prospal, both of whom led their teams in scoring last season.

Fedorov's Anaheim debut coincidentally came on the 10-year anniversary of the first game in

Mighty Ducks history: a 7-2 loss to Detroit in which he scored the winning goal and had two assists for the Red Wings.

Mike Modano, Dallas' new captain, assisted on Zubov's goal. He now has 44 assists and 63 points against Anaheim, the most by a Mighty Ducks opponent in both categories.

Modano's linemate Jere Lehtinen, who last season was named the league's top defensive forward for a third time, left in the second period because of a shoulder injury. He was hurt in a first-period collision.

IN BRIEF

Colts tackle Glenn questionable for Sunday

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts starting offensive tackle Tarik Glenn was listed Wednesday as questionable for Sunday's game against Carolina.

Coach Tony Dungy said Glenn had an MRI Tuesday that revealed a strained ligament in his left knee.

Glenn has started 101 straight games since joining the Colts as a first-round pick in 1997 and protects Peyton Manning's blindside as the left tackle.

Glen, who was held out of practice Wednesday, said he hoped to practice Friday and that he would play Sunday if he was needed.

Meanwhile, running back Edgerrin James practiced sparingly Wednesday as he continues to recover from a sore back that has caused him to miss the last two games.

James said he would like to play, but Dungy indicated Tuesday that if

he wasn't feeling better, the Colts were likely to keep him off the field against the unbeaten Panthers.

One of James' backups, James Munro, also missed Wednesday's practice because of an injured right knee.

Dungy did not elaborate on the injury and said Munro was questionable for Sunday.

Ryan Diem, the Colts starting right tackle, already has been ruled out of Sunday's game.

Diem has missed two games with an injured left ankle.

Linebacker Jim Nelson also will sit out this weekend after breaking his left collar bone in Monday night's 38-35 victory at Tampa Bay.

Nelson is expected to miss eight to 12 weeks and might be placed on injured reserve if he needs surgery.

Man pleads innocent in Williams' sister's shooting

COMPTON, Calif. — A man accused of killing the half-sister of

tennis stars Venus and Serena Williams pleaded innocent Wednesday to murder and other charges.

The suspect, Aaron Michael Hammer, was scheduled to return to court on Oct. 22, when a date for his preliminary hearing would be set.

Yetunde Price, 31, was shot Sept. 14 while riding with a companion in a sports utility vehicle in Compton.

Price, a registered nurse and beauty shop owner, was also a personal assistant to her half-sisters.

Authorities have said Hammer had ties to a gang but is not a member.

In addition to murder, Hammer was arraigned Wednesday on charges of personal use of a firearm and possession of a firearm by a felon.

The Williams sisters began their tennis careers in Compton before moving to Florida.

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that. Our focus cannot be all that we have in front of us, but simply Pittsburgh this week."

Notre Dame had their first of two bye weeks last week, and that gave the coaching staff a chance to reevaluate goals and set new ones for the remainder of the season.

"We set goals for the season, which obviously have to be readjusted as you go through the season. We set goals for individual areas that we look at each and every week to see if we can hit those targets," Willingham said. "We're constantly doing that, constantly trying to provide goals, areas for our team to really point, direct themselves to, direct themselves to help us be a better football team."

But Willingham knows that none of the team's goals will be reached unless they begin acting on them, instead of believing in them.

"Obviously we've got to do



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Senior Vontez Duff cuts back on a kick return against Purdue. Duff and the Irish look to get a win against Pittsburgh.

some things better," he said. "That is the key to what we're doing. Believing and not doing things better doesn't get us anywhere. We have to

put it all together."

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BASEBALL

Rizzo and Sanchez lead Blue to victory

Special to The Observer

Cody Rizzo's three-run shot down the leftfield line and Javi Sanchez' bases-clearing triple to the left-center gap fueled a 15-hit attack as the Blue team won again in Game 2 of the Notre Dame baseball team's annual intrasquad scrimmage, holding off another Gold rally for the 13-10 win in Wednesday's action at Eck Stadium.

The tournament format still allows the Gold a chance to win the Series title but they must defeat the Blue by six or more runs to claim the title. Thursday's third and final game will feature a pitching matchup of the team's lofty sophomore tandem, with 7-

foot-2 righthander Ryan Doherty slated to start for the Gold while 6-foot-6 lefthander Tom Thornton is the Blue's Game 3 starter.

Sophomore Nick Mainieri — son of 10th-year Irish head coach Paul Mainieri and formerly the starting quarterback at St. Joseph's High School — joined the Irish this fall as the team's bullpen catcher but he has played a key offensive role in both wins for the Blue. Mainieri is batting 3-for-5 in the series with his 3 RBIs tied with Rizzo for second on the team (Sanchez, with 5, is the only other Blue player with multiple RBIs in the series). Mainieri poked an RBI single into right field to spark the five-run bottom of the second that gave the Blue a 6-5 lead and he plated another run with a squeeze bunt in the fifth as the Blue stretched to a 9-5 cushion.

Tuesday's game saw the Gold commit five errors and yield eight unearned runs but it was the Blue that struggled defensively in Game 2, making six errors that helped bring home three unearned runs. Rizzo and Sanchez each had a hand in either scoring or driving in five of the Blue's runs.

The Blue's four runs in the sixth proved to be valuable insurance runs, with the Gold then scoring three times in the seventh with the tying run left on deck. The insurance runs came after walks by Brennan Grogan and Matt Macri — sandwiched around Cody Rizzo getting hit by a pitch — before Sanchez drilled his three-run triple and Sean Gaston added an RBI single up the middle.

Senior lefthander Cody Wilkins — who struck out the only two batters he faced in Game 1 — was credited with the Game 2 win after entering in the fourth and retiring five of the seven batters he faced, with one hit and one walk allowed while keeping the Gold from adding to its five early runs.

Several players continued their hot hitting, with Blue senior infielder Zach Sisko batting 5-for-7 in the series (RBI, 3 R, 3B, 2 2B) while three Gold players are batting .500-plus in the series, led by sophomore catcher Matt Bransfield's seven times on base (4-for-6, 5 RBI, 3 R, 2 2B, 2 BB, HBP), plus senior second baseman Steve Sollmann (5-for-9, 4 R, HBP, 2 SB) and freshman centerfielder Danny Dressman (4-for-8, RBI, 4 R, 2 2B, 2 BB, 2 SB).

The teams have posted nearly-identical statistics in the series, with the Blue owning the slight edge in team batting average (.368-.359) but an added advantage in extra-base hits with one home run, two triples and three doubles (all four of the Gold's extra-base hits have been doubles). Both pitching staffs own a 9.00 staff ERA, with the Gold pitchers owning the strikeout edge (11-6) while the Blue have issued fewer walks (7-9; with each staff hitting three batters). Both teams also have totaled six stolen bases while the Blue have seven errors and the Gold six.



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WOMEN'S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

Howard looks to end season with upset of unbeaten Lewis

By LAUREN OSTERHUS,
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Sports Writers

An undefeated Lewis team will face the Howard Ducks tonight in their final games of the regular season, at the Riehle west field Thursday night at 7 p.m.

This game is part of the position round, held by the Gold League to determine playoff position, in which the various seeds are pitted against each other. The Ducks are in sixth place, setting them up to play the first-seeded Chicks.

Howard, as is evident by its position, has struggled all season long with putting points on the board. Their focus this year was more about having a good time on the field than playing hardcore competitive football.

They were, in fact, unaware there was another game left in the season until RecSports contacted the captains a few days ago. The Ducks just plan on going out and having fun in their last regular season game.

This year's team, while winless, is a step up from previous years.

"Although our record doesn't really show it, we've improved a lot since last year. I mean, last year we struggled to even complete a play," captain Shannon Trevino said. "This is definitely a rebuilding year for us; hopefully next year we'll have a strong foundation to work with."

Lewis, on the contrary, is hav-

ing an amazing year. Quarterback Erin Nasrallah, a playmaker with quickness and a strong arm, leads a smooth offense that has seemed to improve with each game.

Their defense serves as the backbone of the team, helping the offense achieve good field position while shutting down the opposing team's offense.

The Chicks hope to carry the motivation from their season into this position round.

McGlinn vs. Lyons

McGlinn and Lyons clash Thursday night for a playoff spot in the Gold League. Lyons is coming into the contest on a two-game winning streak while McGlinn lost its previous game to Badin. McGlinn must win to get into the postseason.

Both teams are trying to stay focused on this game and not look ahead to the playoffs. "We have to focus on this game," McGlinn captain On-Kay Wong said. "We have to get ready for the task at hand which is beating Lyons, and then we'll look ahead."

These two teams faced off the first week of the season. McGlinn won that game 7-0 on a late fourth-quarter touchdown. However, that was a long time ago, and both teams have changed throughout the season.

McGlinn has been very inconsistent this year.

"We have our ups and downs," Wong said. "We do well and then we struggle. That's our problem. We have to be more consistent."

Despite their inconsistency, the Shamrocks have managed to earn a 3-2 record. This success is due in part to their outstanding quarterback Bridget Meacham and running back Raquel Ferrer — the leaders of McGlinn's offense.

On the other side of the ball, Lyons is rolling in with two straight wins, including one against defending champs PE. The Lions have outscored their opponents 32-6 on this streak.

Lyons is lead by quarterback Roxie Trevino who had a hand the Lions' last five touchdowns, passing for four and running for one.

Badin vs. Pasquerilla East

One team is ending a successful regular season and getting ready to "make some noise" in the playoffs. The other is looking ahead to the future after a disappointing season, hoping to end it all on a positive note.

Their stories couldn't be more different, but don't expect Thursday night's Gold League football game between second-seeded Badin and fifth-seeded Pasquerilla East to be lacking the usual intensity or competitiveness that have come to define these two teams.

"We're definitely taking this game seriously," Badin senior Betsey Schroeder said. "We respect PE as a good team and we want to get some momentum going into the playoffs."

"We want to show everybody what's to come for next year. We're going to be really strong,"



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Walsh quarterback Carrie Campbell throws a screen pass. Playoffs begin tonight for women's interhall football.

Pasquerilla East senior Stephanie Yahn said.

When the two teams met earlier this season, the Bullfrogs came away with a 19-0 victory.

The Pyros, however, believe they learned from that experience and will be prepared to put up a better fight at tonight's game.

"Now that we know how they play, we can set up better for them defensively. Hopefully our offense can come out strong too," Yahn said.

"They're the defending champions and, sure, people come and go but they're still a good, solid opponent. They're capable of putting points on the board," Schroeder said of her team's opponent.

The Pyros are expecting Kathryn Lent and Leslie Follmer

to again shine at offense.

The Bullfrogs are also looking for another strong performance from the players that have been instrumental in their successes all season.

Badin quarterbacks Steph Heath and Erin Zachry have shared the touchdowns nearly equally, often connecting with leading wide receiver Molly Donnelly.

Cornerback Jenn Craig and safety Jenn Carter have dominated the other side of the football for Badin, picking off many key interceptions.

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ideas and possibly identify two more players to join the returning core.

Brey talked about sophomore Rick Cornett and freshman Colin Falls possibly being two players to fill out his eight-man rotation. As a freshman, Cornett saw extremely limited playing time and started to lose confidence. To keep his spirits up, Cornett went to his family.

"I think I have a lot more confidence this year than last year. By not playing last year, it kind of took my confidence away," Cornett said. "My parents, my sister and my grandmother and my friends from home kept me level-headed and kept my spirits up."

Falls comes to Notre Dame from Loyola Academy in Park Ridge, Ill. Throughout summer workouts, the Irish looked at Falls to fill that outside shooter role they lost with Carroll and Miller graduating.

Receiving a bunch of passes on open-looks from the outside, Falls passed up a number of chances and played

the role of a shy new guy. Brey and the coaching staff have been telling Falls to be greedy.

"I think it's just getting comfortable. They are being very generous, with kicking it out," Falls said. "The coaches have been harping on me to shoot it."

"I think it gives us a chance as a coaching staff to experiment with some lineups and rosters."

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Notre Dame coach

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Rick Cornett
Irish sophomore

The three-game trip will give the Irish an opportunity to get some work in against actual teams. Being able

to get out of the practice gym and into true game situations will hopefully help the Irish come Nov. 24.

"I think it gives us a chance as a coaching staff to experiment with some lineups and rosters," Brey said. "There's not a lot riding on it, so to speak. You can't experiment against Northern Illinois. We've got to be ready to play. Hopefully that gives us a head start."

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drastically eliminated.

"I just learned the game can come real easy to me if I bear down and focus on each and every play," Thomas said. "I think there were times I overanalyzed and made the wrong decision. There were times when I tried to make more of what's not there."

"I think if I keep things simple, my game will come and I'll be successful."

What changed Thomas? It might have been a spring and summer on the road by himself, living in apartments trying out for NBA teams who pointed out his faults while telling him he had tremendous potential. Brey also named the vocal Thomas a captain, meaning he had more responsibility leading the team — a role the junior embraced.

"It was his time to do that with older guys graduating and now as a junior," Brey said.

While the Irish might rely on Torin Francis to generate points down low or Chris Quinn and Colin Falls to launch 3-pointers, there is no secret that Thomas is the lynchpin to Notre Dame's success. In the past, if Thomas has played well, so have the Irish. If they've struggled, so has Thomas.

"Sometimes before, it wasn't him so much trying to force the issue, but him putting pressure on himself to make the big play," senior Torrian Jones said. "It wasn't himself being selfish but him trying to help the team out in any way he can. He is ready to step up and be a big player this year."

In Notre Dame's four practices this season, Brey said Thomas has done a better job managing the flow of the game. If a teammate grabs a bunch of rebounds, Thomas ensures he gets a pass on offense. If Thomas penetrates, he now looks to pass it to the wing as

much as he tries to make a shot.

"We need him to manage the game better, absolutely," Brey said. "He could make better decisions, but he has to score for us, too. He has to make plays for us. I want him to be fearless, daring and go for things. That's a little bit of a fine line with him."

Thomas brushes off questions about his flirtations with his NBA future, saying that he's totally committed to Notre Dame's success this season. Ironically, he's counting on his experience with his NBA past to carry the Irish through the season.

"Through my experiences, the better that you become, the more you learn and the better experience you gain," Thomas said. "I feel like each and every year, I gain more understanding of how to run the team and how to play the game."

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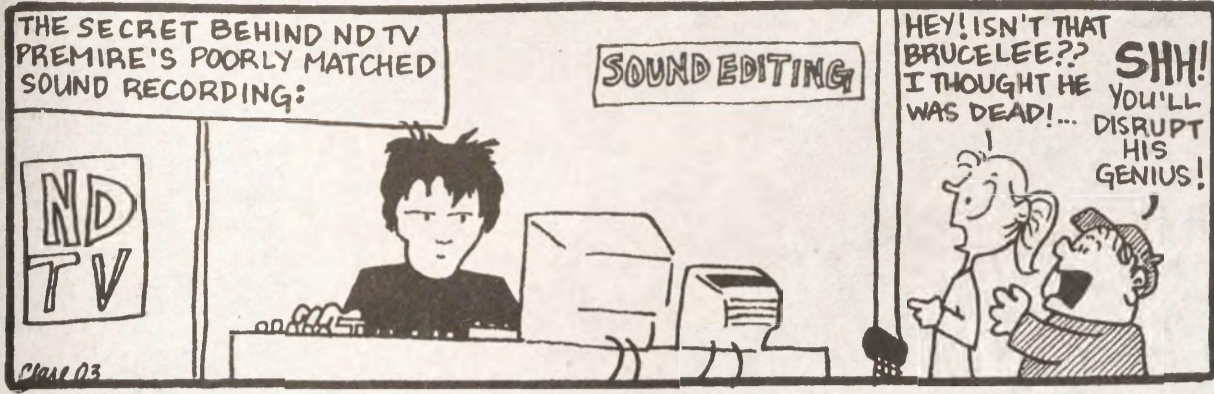
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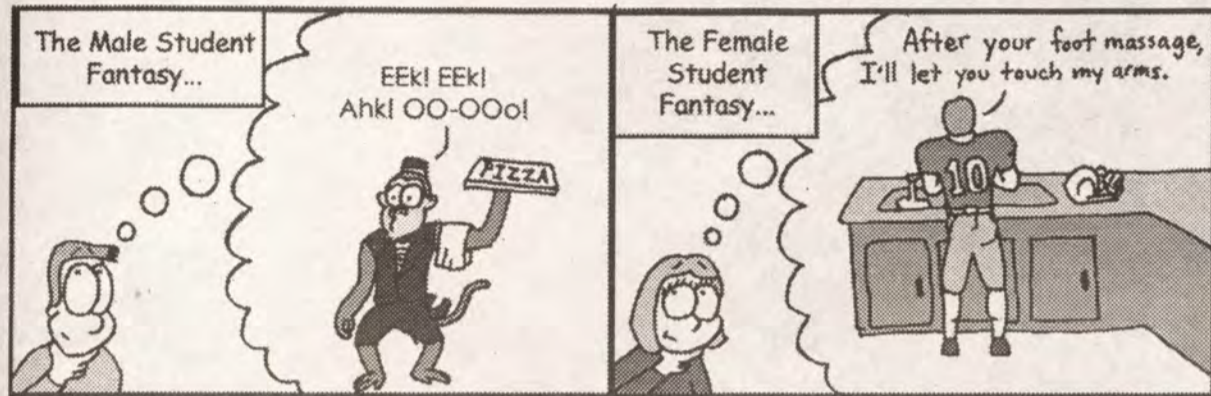
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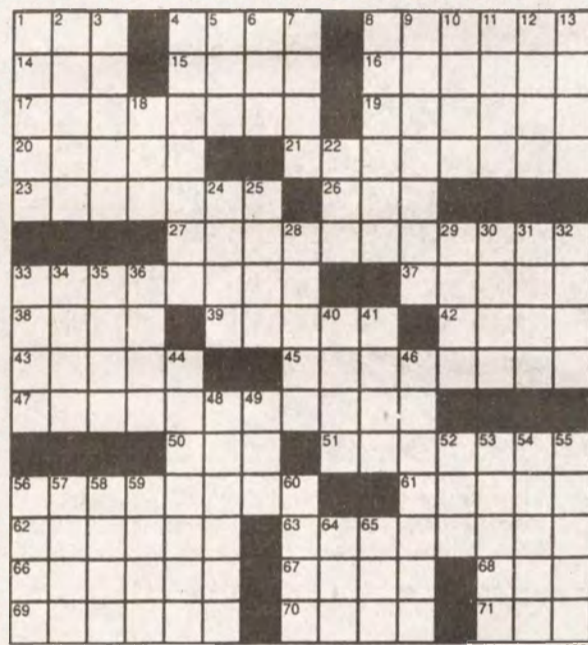
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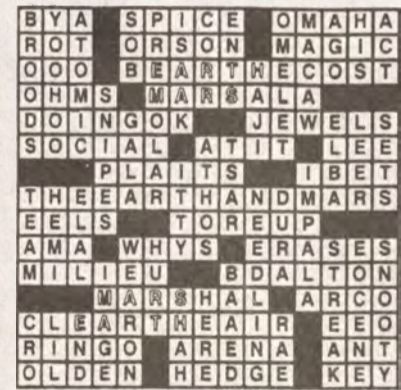
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Learning curve

Irish game plan may be different this year

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

Losing Matt Carroll and Dan Miller to graduation has left head coach Mike Brey searching for some answers.

Since arriving at Notre Dame, Brey's teams have always had more of a score-first attitude. With 42 percent of the offense from last year not returning and this year's core players, specifically Jordan Cornette and Torrian Jones, having more of a defensive mentality, Brey talked at Media Day Wednesday about how his team might have to change its focus for the 2003-04 season.

"I think we can be better defensively with Cornette and Jones on the floor. I think we can contest some baskets instead of just trying not to let people beat us off the dribble," Brey said. "I think with certain lineups we can extend [our defense]. Maybe get some easy buckets off our defense, which is something we really haven't done since I've been here."

Brey identified Cornette and Jones, along with Tom Timmermans, Chris Quinn, Chris Thomas and Torin Francis as the nucleus of his team he would be ready to take into a conference showdown tomorrow. Each of those players averaged at least 12

minutes a game.

"I'm really excited about who we have back," Brey said. "When we think about this team all summer and watching them in four practices, the six returning guys, that if we had to toss it up tonight in a Big East game, I would feel pretty good about it."

One of those players, who has waited his turn in his first three years at Notre Dame, is Jones. Since his freshman year, Jones has been behind Danny Graves, Carroll and Miller and had not had the team and coaching staff look to him as a leader.

Being named a captain by Brey over the summer, Jones took that role very seriously, leading the Irish in their off-season workouts.

"Coach Brey is a class act, and I know he had a plan for me or he wouldn't have brought me here," Jones said. "I knew that if I paid my dues, later on, it would pay dividends."

"I would have the opportunity this year to be a captain — which is a great honor — and to be a leader and play great minutes for this team."

With only six players currently in the rotation, Brey wants to use the upcoming trip to Barbados over fall break to experiment with some new

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Irish junior point guard Chris Thomas looks to drive against Georgetown last season. Thomas considered entering the NBA Draft, but instead decided to return to Notre Dame.

Thomas is back and ready to go

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

When Chris Thomas pulled his name out of the NBA Draft and decided to return to Notre Dame for his junior year, NBA scouts told Mike Brey he was gaining a much more mature point guard.

At the time, Brey didn't quite believe what the scouts said. But after a summer leading the team in pick-up games and four full-fledged practices, Brey is starting to realize the scouts were right.

"I told him when he decided to come back, 'You didn't need to go work Nike camp, you need to be here with our team for six weeks and you need to lead,'" Brey said. "I thought he did a great job of that, and I think he took a lot of pride in that."

"I didn't know if I agreed with those NBA people when they told me that, but they were prophetic in that statement."

Thomas, a 6-foot-1 guard who has started every game of his Notre Dame career, averaged 18.7 points and 6.9 assists a game last year. And while Brey allowed his star point guard to play fearlessly — and the Irish benefited from his playmaking ability — Thomas also committed back-breaking turnovers.

But if what Brey has said he's seen in practice carries over into the season, those mistakes will be

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FOOTBALL

Irish not quite ready to give up on season

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

At 1-3, many Notre Dame football fans may not like the team the Irish put on the field every Saturday.

Coach Tyrone Willingham couldn't disagree more.

"I've gone on record at some point of saying that I like our football team," Willingham said. "We could be very easily sitting here right now being 3-1 and not 1-3. I like a lot of the things that I'm seeing from our football team."

Willingham believes the biggest task facing his team is staying positive in the midst of the adversity they are facing this season. If the Irish can do

that, Willingham thinks the team can turn around their sluggish start.

"I would like to believe [staying positive] is a natural process of who I am and what I do because I think I've figured out there's not much you can accomplish by being negative," Willingham said. "Even though there are many around you that choose that, maybe even wish you to go that route, I don't think you can accomplish anything."

"Hopefully our football team is paying attention to its leadership. If it does, it will stay on the positive track."

Willingham has a history of turning around poor starts. His 1999 Stanford team started the season losing several

games before finishing 8-4 and 7-1 in conference play — good enough to reach the Rose Bowl that season.

Willingham said he thinks the Irish can have that same type of turnaround, but they can't try and win all their remaining games at once. The team must take it one game at a time.

"What we have to continue to do is continue to improve, believe in self, the individual and team, and I think we can get some things done," Willingham said. "But it is impossible to write that story that you're writing unless we do it game by game."

"I'm glad that you noted

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Brady Quinn is sacked against Purdue. Despite a shaky 1-3 start, the Irish are staying positive going into Saturday's game.

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