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Faculty, students consider academic initiatives

Faculty, students say ND must promote academics outside class

Editor's note: This article is the last in a series of articles focusing on academic engagement at Notre Dame.

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

Although faculty and students may express diverging opinions on the extent to which students are academically engaged outside of the classroom, both sides agree that the University needs to provide more resources to bring faculty and students together.

To that end, numerous initiatives — both student and faculty driven — either exist, currently or are

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Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program support for student projects:

1999-2000: \$9,000 awarded to average of 34 students
2002-2003: \$90,000 award to 86 students

Writing Center visits by students:

1998-2001: average of 411 students per academic year
2001-2003: average of 2,288 students per academic year

Undergraduate Intellectual Initiative Program grant dollars awarded:

2001-2002: \$20,000 to support 30 initiatives
2002-2003: \$40,665 for 59 projects

*Source: Arts and Letters Dean's Report

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Student reaction to possible changes mixed

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

Student reaction to the programs described by College of Arts and Letters Dean Mark Roche and other faculty members that aim to increase academic opportunities outside the classroom was mixed. Most students said that they believed students could benefit greatly from increased funding and interaction with faculty members while others said they thought the money could be better used elsewhere.

Robert Gibbs, a sophomore finance/psychology major, said that he thought business students would benefit from increased lectures on campus but not necessarily from increased funding for research.

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Kelly promotes SMC on 'Live!'



Talk show hosts Regis Philbin and Kelly Ripa speak to their audience during a broadcast of "Live with Regis and Kelly." Recently, the duo has talked about Kelly attending Saint Mary's.

By ALISON NICKERSON
News Writer

Saint Mary's was recently featured on the popular morning television show "Live with Regis and Kelly," when co-host Kelly Ripa received a brochure and video that highlighted various aspects of the school from the College's Marketing Communications Department.

During the segment, which aired Oct. 22, Ripa showed co-host and Notre Dame graduate Regis Philbin the brochure that featured her in several of the pictures, thanks to computer reproductions of the images. She is featured "playing basketball" and "making friends with the student body".

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SMC debates current events in Catholicism

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

In light of recent issues affecting the Catholic Church such as priest scandals and the Sept. 29 papal appointment of 31 new cardinals, the question is raised to what degree such issues should spark discussion within the Saint Mary's community.

Special interest is given to the amount of discussion these events receive within the curriculum given that the College is a Catholic institution.

Joe Incandela, a professor in the religious studies

department, said that he believes that religious studies courses offered at Saint Mary's address current events in the Catholic Church but added that the courses do not focus solely on such events. Instead, he feels that because a large percentage of the Saint Mary's population is Catholic, conversations are placed in the context of a 2,000 year-old tradition.

"A large part of what a tradition is, is an argument across the years about what to value, retain or jettison as time passes," Incandela said.

In terms of the sexual

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Photo Illustration by Alison Nichols

SAT changes affect admissions

Studies suggest new changes could favor girls over boys

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

The recently-announced sweeping changes to the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) will affect undergraduate admissions at Notre Dame, University officials said.

The College Board, which administers the test, announced in June 2002 that a new writing section will be added to the traditional math and verbal sections of the test, raising the maximum possible score from 1600 to 2400.

The first revised SAT will be administered in March 2005.

"We are going to start to do some studies and then track the first class [of students that takes the test]," said Bob Mundy, director of admissions operations.

The writing section will ask test takers to revise grammatical errors in paragraphs and to write a short essay from a topic prompt.

Analogies will be deleted from the verbal section and abstract math reasoning questions will be replaced by questions covering Algebra II material never

before included on the exam.

Mundy said he felt the current SAT did not have any major problems, and the University would not make any changes to its admissions policies or process until it evaluated the new SAT for four or five years.

"I think the current SAT has been helpful," Mundy said. "The new one may be better. It has the potential to be better."

The SAT has typically been used by college admissions boards to predict freshman

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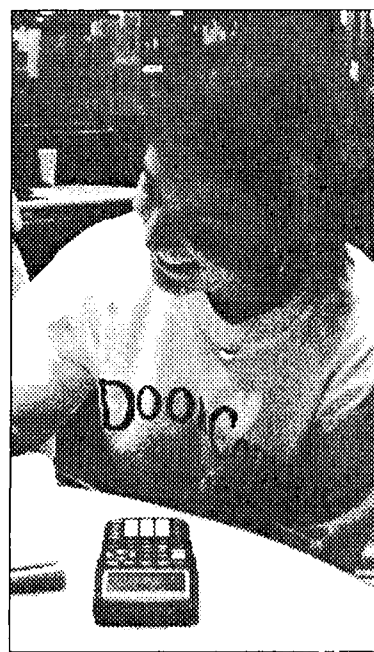


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INSIDE COLUMN

U.S. should hit the books

America seems to have begun to model one of the characters in e.e. cummings's war story *The Enormous Room* — le Directeur.

As head of the prison, le Directeur knows well how to use fear to maintain power. He instills this fear through three means: his subordinates, punishment and direct contact with prisoners.

The United States aims to instill fear in terrorists through its subordinates by using the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the U.S., Secretary General Robertson invoked Article V of the alliance's constitution, which states that an attack on one is seen as an attack on all. America intends to strike fear into the hearts of terrorists but ends up intimidating its allies by pressuring them into upholding its views. The fear America wishes to instill in terrorists may only get there by making our allies nervous and escalating the atmosphere of fear worldwide.

The prison's most dreaded form of punishment was known as cabinot, or solitary confinement. By designating Iran, Iraq and North Korea as the "axis of evil," the U.S. casts out these countries from the civilized world. However, this fear is felt by the other countries of the world, as well. The fear of isolation is present to countries that must be cautious of being associated with countries designated by a super-power as an "axis of evil." It becomes a playground conflict on a dangerous scale: Be friends with the enemy of a superpower and risk your own prosperity.

Finally, the greatest fear le Directeur instills comes from direct contact with his prisoners. The ultimate fear invoked by the U.S. is the threat of war. Not only has the U.S. war on terrorism and the fear associated with it touched the U.S., its allies, enemies and the rest of the world, but has real links to the war in Iraq which continue to affect the world arena.

What is it that le Directeur can teach the U.S. about the war on terrorism and the fear it creates? Although the U.S. still has what we hope are a number of allies, the fact that they have been forced to view our actions with caution could weigh on future relationships. CNN commented in February of 2003 that foreign nations are beginning to consider the U.S. a bigger threat to world peace than Iraq.


Let us learn from le Directeur. The U.S. needs the support of foreign countries and to be seen as logical and dependable. Clear objectives and real enemies in the war on terrorism would help to make foreign support a reality, work to heal foreign relations and ease fears. It is only once we identify the disastrous potential of America that we may find a way to avoid this end.

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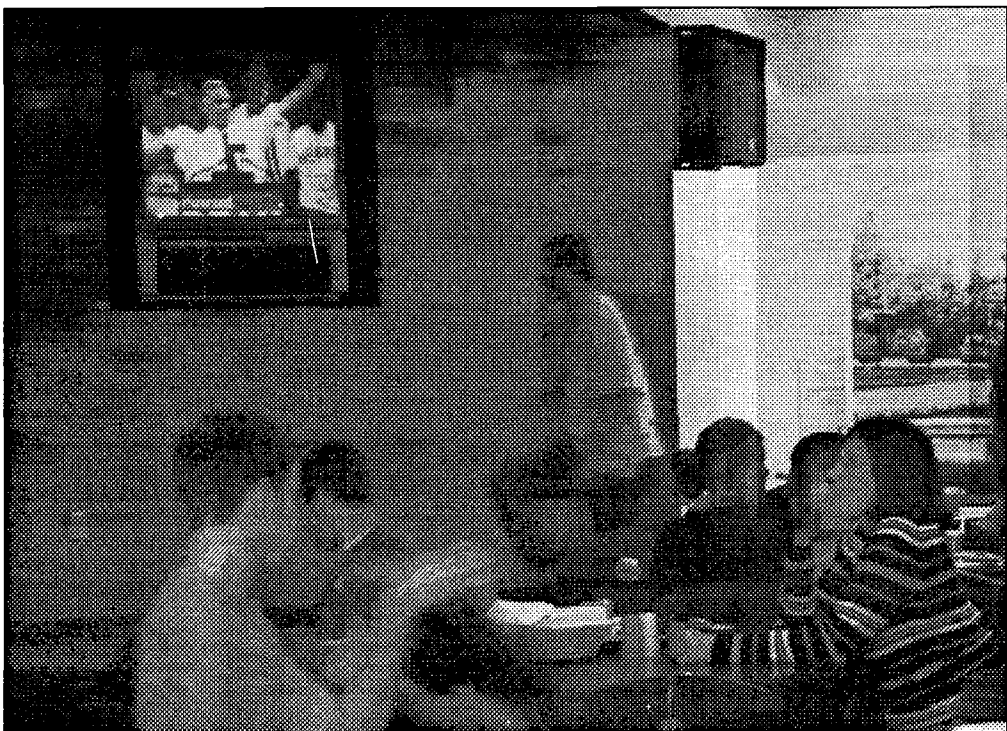
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH TEAM WILL HAVE MORE LOSSES — FOOTBALL OR BASKETBALL?

					
Amelia Schmlidt Freshman Walsh	Brad Springman Sophomore Dillon	Claire Colclough Freshman Walsh	Johanna Boslle Sophomore Pangborn	Kristy Luehm Senior Welsh Family	Margaret Martin Junior Pasquerilla East

<i>"If it's not the football team, I'm transferring."</i>	<i>"I think the football team will have more losses overall."</i>	<i>"The football team — except Brady Quinn!"</i>	<i>"Unfortunately, I will have to go with the football team ... prove me wrong, guys!"</i>	<i>"Football, because women's basketball is awesome."</i>	<i>"Basketball, they play more games, duh."</i>
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ALLISON NICHOLS/The Observer
Notre Dame students watch the elections at Recker's on Wednesday afternoon. Around the nation, Americans headed to the polls to vote in state and local elections on Election Day.

OFFBEAT

Amorous ram blamed for mysterious signals

LONDON — A mysterious transmission that baffled British intelligence analysts for days was caused by a ram rubbing up against an aerial mast, a government agency said Tuesday.

Scientists at Government Communications Headquarters in Cheltenham, western England, an intelligence-gathering station, were baffled by strange high-frequency noises coming from Scarborough signal station in Yorkshire.

GCHQ's in-house paper, the Daily Observer, said the noises were unlike any-

thing staff had encountered before and an investigating team initially thought they were coming from spies or aliens.

Their investigation found the signal only happened in the day time, went across all the high-frequency bands and only Scarborough aeri-als could pick it up.

Eventually, investigators discovered that a ram was rubbing its horns against the aerial masts "in between servicing some local ewes," the paper said.

Ad showing hellum inhaling is criticized

WASHINGTON — A Toys

"R" Us television commercial that featured the company's mascot, Geoffrey the Giraffe, inhaling helium from a balloon has drawn the ire of anti-drug advocates.

"Any portrayal of inhalant use is bad, especially when we're reaching out to younger children who are at most risk of abusing inhalants," Charles Curie, administrator for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Learn more about the Caribbean in a conference that focuses on the region's culture and current issues. The conference takes place today from 2 to 7:30 p.m. in McKenna Hall.

The Career Center, Center for Social Concerns and MSA Program are sponsoring a workshop titled "Unlock Your Not-for-profit Career." The event takes place today at the Career Center from 5 to 6 p.m.

Enjoy dinner and discussion in an interracial forum titled "Images and Relations." The forum takes place tonight at the CSC Coffee House from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Please RSVP to 1-6841.

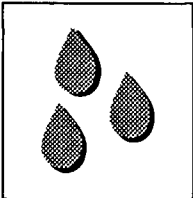
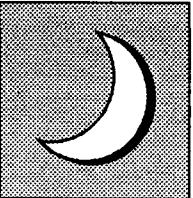
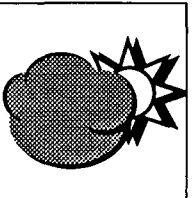
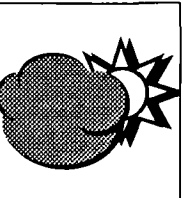
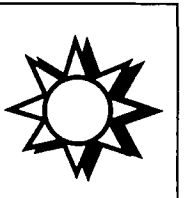
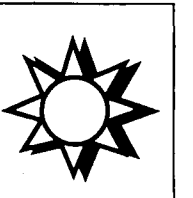
The Saint Mary's Student Activities Board will sponsor a showing of "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle" tonight at 8 p.m. in the Carroll Auditorium. Admission is free and snacks will be provided.

Find out more about the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) during an information session tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Interested students can talk to recent graduates of the program and pick up an application.

A lecture titled "The Gospel According to Bono: The Words and the Word" will take place at 10 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Center lounge.

Stop by Legends tonight to enjoy a concert by Gavin DeGraw. Doors open at 9:30 p.m. and the show starts at 10.

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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SMC students register for spring classes

Members of the faculty advise students on classes, requirements

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

Saint Mary's students are meeting with their faculty advisors to plan course schedules and learn more about the advanced registration system that students will use to register for classes next semester.

Advanced registration, a system the College has used for many years, enables students who have declared a major to reserve positions in the classes they need to fulfill their requirements.

"It's an excellent system because, come their senior year, students can't say that they didn't have the opportunity to get the classes they need," said Lorraine Kitchner, college registrar.

Advanced registration begins during the first week back after the fall and spring break and is key in assuring that students

are able to graduate in four years, Kitchner said. The system is particularly important in highly structured majors such as the sciences.

Organic chemistry professor and advisor Dorothy Feigl is in close contact with her students from the moment they walk onto campus their freshman year, she said. The large number of prerequisites for chemistry and physics majors, along with long lab hours, make scheduling for her students especially complex.

"The most basic thing in advising is to make sure that the program we set out for [the student] will get her to her senior year in a timely manner with every class that she needs," she said.

The advanced registration system, she added, makes it possible for the science department to accommodate all of their students' lecture and lab time needs. She and other advisors can

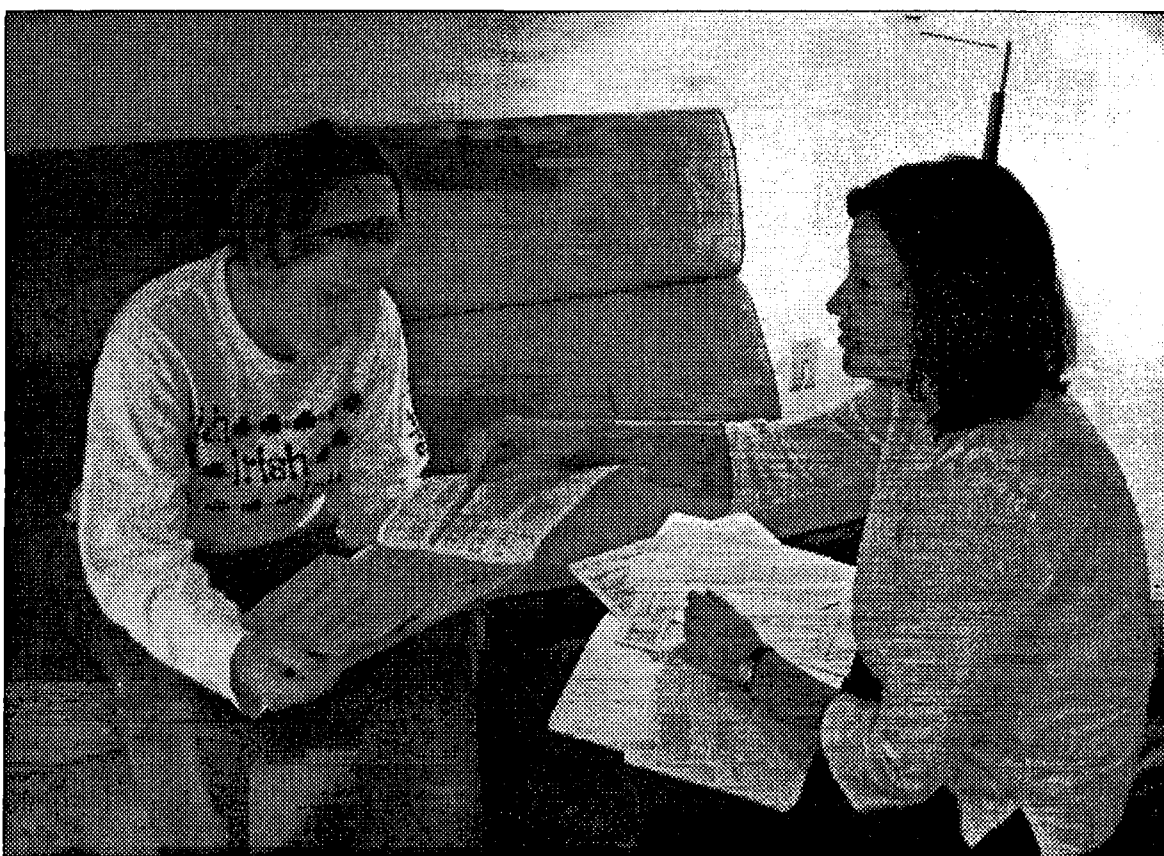
then help students integrate general education courses into their schedules, she said.

Students with multiple majors or minors have an even more difficult challenge in fitting everything into their tight schedules.

Senior political science and

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Lorraine Kitchner
College registrar



Saint Mary's student Tabitha Rand receives advice on her major and what classes to take for spring semester from Susan Alexander, a sociology professor.

ERIN KORRECK/The Observer

economics major Anne Decesaro attributes her ability to keep on track for graduation in May to careful planning and the assistance of her advisors. She said some of her course requirements overlap, and the advisors for each major communicated with each other to formulate the

most efficient four-year plan.

She is also depending on the advantage of advanced registration this year to guarantee that she completes her required courses in time for graduation.

"Without the three poly-sci classes I am taking next semester, I wouldn't have my major

[completed], even though my comp is all done and turned in," she said.

All departments conclude advance registration scheduling Nov. 14.

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Ripa

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The pair went on to discuss possible majors for Ripa. Spanish, humanistic studies and sociology were some of the possibilities mentioned, but Ripa agreed that any easy subject would be her first choice.

"If they had Latin American music [as a major], I'm there!" she said.

Students said they were excited about the segment, which aired

during Saint Mary's fall break.

"I couldn't believe it when I saw it. I actually saw it for the first time when I came back to school, and I was so honored to hear them talk about Saint Mary's," junior Amy Nicholson said. "It's awesome to think that we are being talked about on a nationally televised show that so many people watch."

Junior Kathleen Murphy said the show has increased awareness about the College.

"I heard about it when I was in a salon over break, and a lady sitting next to me asked where I

went to school," she said. "When I told her I went to Saint Mary's, she got really excited and told me how Kelly was talking about our school on the show the day before, and commented on what a nice school it seemed like."

Philbin, an avid Notre Dame supporter, has mentioned to his co-host several times that she should get her degree from Saint Mary's. Philbin and Ripa wore Saint Mary's College T-shirts on a prior episode.

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Church

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assault charges within the Church, Incandela feels it continue to be discussed in context within the department.

"I imagine that the priest scandals are spoken about in some classes, and I remember a lecture by Margaret O'Brien Steinfelds for the Center for Spirituality noontime series last year," Incandela said.

O'Brien Steinfelds visited the campus last March to discuss the scandal that rocked the Church. Her lecture was the first in the Center's annual Lenten Lecture Series.

Currently the College's Center for Spirituality, under the direction of Sister Kathleen Dolphin, continues to present issues to the campus in appropriate settings.

"Most frequently, what we have been doing is using the Catholic Common Ground conversations," said Sister Rose-Anne Schultz, the College's vice president for mission. "That's one of the main ways we have been getting the campus into discussion together." Saint Mary's and the Catholic Common Ground Initiative began a partnership in 2001, focusing on the promotion of small group dialogue. Since then, about 10 major issues have been discussed in these conversations.

However, the College realizes that not everyone in the Saint Mary's community is Catholic, officials said. As such, it strives to inform on

issues rather than push them into mainstream academia.

Incandela believes that Saint Mary's does not overstep these boundaries. In his opinion, pushing Catholicism occurs only if Catholic-only views are presented in courses and lectures with no avenue for dissenting views or if students are rewarded in grades for expressing Catholic views in class but penalized for other views.

"I am confident that neither of these conditions [exists] at Saint Mary's," Incandela said.

Freshman Angie Ellison agrees. "I don't really think that major Catholic issues are discussed a lot," she said. "In a situation where Catholicism is brought up, though, I think pushing Catholicism rather than just informing people about the issues occurs when the Catholic won't hear any other view and/or says that it's wrong. I'm not seeing any boundaries overstepped here at all."

The Center for Spirituality and other campus groups continue to bring speakers to campus that will focus on important issues. They said they hope to encourage discussion among and between the students and faculty of Saint Mary's.

Incandela also continues to urge his students to study the issues themselves and to actively engage in such conversations.

"My view is that important issues cannot be discussed enough."

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Conference examines ministry

By MATTHEW SMEDBERG
News Writer

In what was at times a highly emotional atmosphere in McKenna Hall, pastors and religious ministers from around the country met to discuss the issues which face them in their ministry. About 40 participants listened to addresses by both active pastors and university researchers, often punctuating their thoughts with the occasional "Amen!" or "God bless you, brother."

The conference was organized in conjunction with research being done by professors David Sikkink of Notre Dame and Michael Emerson of Rice University under the sponsorship of the Lilly Foundation.

The purpose of the conference was to bring those involved in ordained ministry together to discover what issues they found most pressing in their ministry. Four speakers addressed the conference, and three additional conference sessions were devoted to group discussion and open forum.

Speaking Tuesday afternoon, Jackson Carroll, professor emeritus of Divinity at Duke University,

addressed many of the changes which are going on in the world outside the church building which affect how ministry functions.

"The Church has always been called to be transformative, not conformative," he said. Carroll spoke of the "commodification of religion", which he related to the "culture of options" which modern America presents. He spoke with sadness of a "market-shaped Church, [in which] everything is optional."

Speaking after Carroll, Hycel Taylor spoke of his experiences with ministry in African-American Baptist churches. Taylor is an associate of activist Jesse Jackson, and he spoke about his efforts to empower the African-Americans to whom he ministers. So much of the marginalization and racism which surrounds us, he said, is due to divisive mistrust and prejudice within

the black community.

"Some say that it is us versus them," he said. "It isn't us versus them — it is all too often us against us."

In the conference's concluding address, Father Virgil Elizondo left many conference participants amazed with his description of the work he did to revitalize the ministry of the San Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio. The cathedral became a spiritual rallying place for the Hispanic and Chicano population of San Antonio. Its parishioners would brave the Texas heat to attend Mass in the centuries-old church and built a vibrant community around its focus. After his retirement from diocesan work, Elizondo came to Notre Dame, where he holds a visiting professorship in theology.

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QUOTES & FACTS

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.N. says al-Qaida was in Somalia

NAIROBI, Kenya — Al-Qaida operatives who attacked a hotel and plane in Kenya trained, plotted and obtained weapons in neighboring Somalia, a U.N. report says, lending support to U.S. concerns the lawless Horn of Africa nation could be a haven for terrorists.

The draft report, obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press, details how an al-Qaida cell trained in Mogadishu in November 2001, smuggled surface-to-air missiles from Somalia to Kenya in August 2002, then fled back to Somalia after attacking a Kenyan resort hotel and an Israeli charter aircraft on Nov. 28.

Twelve Kenyans and three Israeli tourists were killed when at least two suicide bombers rammed an explosives-laden car into the Paradise Hotel along the Indian Ocean coast. Almost simultaneously, two surface-to-air missiles were fired at an Israeli charter jet taking off from nearby Mombasa, but they missed.

Illegal logging causes Indian floods

BUKIT LAWANG, Indonesia — A devastating flood in Indonesia that left more than 200 people dead or missing has driven home a stark warning: rampant logging in Sumatra's forests is harming not only endangered animals but humans too.

Felled trees may have blocked a waterway high in the mountains, causing a huge flash flood when they collapsed Sunday night, a government spokesman said.

The wall of logs, boulders and mud crashed through the village of Bukit Lawang, leveling dozens of cheap inns and restaurants that served visitors to a nearby reserve for endangered orangutans.

NATIONAL NEWS

Largest CA wildfire contained

EL CAJON, Calif. — Firefighters contained the biggest and deadliest of Southern California's wildfires Tuesday and turned their attention to mopping up other blazes and heading off mudslides when the rains come.

San Diego County's 280,000-acre Cedar Fire was fully surrounded after cool weather and on-and-off rain helped firefighters.

"It's a lot off," said Lora Ewert, a spokeswoman for the firefighting effort.

Officials said four other fires were expected to be contained by day's end.

Firefighters got a morale boost from a visit by President Bush, who surveyed some of the damage done by the blazes that have killed at least 22 people, destroyed about 3,600 homes and burned more than 740,000 acres of brush and timber.

Fletcher elected KY governor

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Throughout his campaign for governor, GOP Rep. Ernie Fletcher vowed to "clean up the mess in Frankfort." Now he gets the chance to follow through on that promise.

Fletcher easily defeated state Attorney General Ben Chandler on Tuesday, ending the Democrats' 32-year hold on the Kentucky governor's office.

With 100 percent of precincts reporting, Fletcher had 593,508 votes, or 55 percent, and Chandler had 484,938 or 45 percent.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana mayoral races close

INDIANAPOLIS — Tight mayoral races drew a close as Indiana Tuesday, with campaigns in Fort Wayne and Evansville among the state's most competitive.

As polls closed, Democrats held 63 of Indiana's mayoral offices, while Republicans had 54.

The state parties said they each spent more than \$750,000 on local races, in part because city hall victories could help build support for next year's state elections, including the race for governor.

Arafat refuses to form cabinet

Palestinian president blocks new cabinet posts, slowing peace talks with Israel

Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Yasser Arafat delayed the formation of a new Cabinet on Tuesday by blocking his premier's choice for security chief, a move that will slow efforts to restart peace talks with Israel after a three-month freeze, Palestinian officials said.

Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia has assigned all Cabinet portfolios except interior minister, the officials said. Qureia met with Arafat on Tuesday, but could not resolve the dispute over the post.

Underlying the argument is Arafat's refusal to relinquish control over some of the security services. Qureia's candidate for interior minister, Gen. Nasser Yousef, seeks broad powers.

Qureia's emergency government expires Tuesday, but he said he would present his new Cabinet to parliament by next week.

Waiting in the wings are the Israelis, who established tentative contacts with Palestinian officials in recent days, hoping to arrange a meeting between Qureia and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon once a Palestinian government has been formed.

The leaders would talk about a possible truce and how to break the deadlock over the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan for creating a Palestinian state.

In what they described as a gesture to Qureia, Israeli defense officials said soldiers on Wednesday would lift internal closures around all West Bank Palestinian towns except for Jenin and Nablus in the north.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the Defense Ministry would discuss removing illegal settlement outposts in the West Bank. They said it would be a sign



Palestinian President Yasser Arafat and Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia meet Tuesday to discuss Arafat's opposition to a newly formed Palestinian cabinet.

Israel was serious about negotiating with Qureia's new government when it is finally formed.

Israeli forces have encircled main Palestinian population centers for two months, a reaction to suicide bombing attacks, banning most travel and further stifling the battered Palestinian economy.

Jamal Shobaki, a minister in the emergency Cabinet, said the interior ministry appointment was the only issue holding up formation of the government. Arafat and Qureia met Tuesday, after a Cabinet session, to discuss it, he said.

"At the end of the meeting, we left both of them ... to solve the problem,"

Shobaki said. Asked if he thought they could work it out, he said, "I don't think so."

Arafat wants Hakam Balawi, a senior official from his ruling Fatah party, in the post. Qureia insists on appointing Yousef, a general with vast security experience, once an Arafat crony but more recently critical of the veteran leader, Palestinian officials said.

The same dispute contributed to the downfall of the first Palestinian premier, Mahmoud Abbas. He resigned Sept. 6 after just four months in office.

Qureia has said a top priority is working out a cease-fire. He said he would start by bringing Palestinian militant

groups like Hamas into agreement, and then bringing in the Israelis.

Israel and the United States refuse to deal with Arafat, who they charge is tainted by terrorism. They insist on dealing with an empowered Palestinian Cabinet that controls Palestinian security forces through its interior minister.

Before leaving Moscow Tuesday night, Sharon further clarified his position about Arafat. "If the Palestinians want to keep Arafat as a symbol — though I don't know what specifically he embodies — it's the business of the Palestinians. As for his political influence, Arafat must not have such influence," Sharon said.

Democrats debate Confederate flag

Associated Press

BOSTON — Howard Dean, under fire from his Democratic rivals, stubbornly refused to apologize Tuesday night for saying the party must court Southerners with Confederate flags in their pickup trucks.

"Were you wrong, Howard? Were you wrong to say that?" Sen. John Edwards challenged the former Vermont governor in a hot, hip campaign debate.

"No, I wasn't, John Edwards," Dean shot back, adding that to win, Democrats must appeal to working-class white voters in the South who

consistently support Republicans.

The exchange was the sharpest of the night in a debate that generally veered away from campaign issues such as Iraq and the economy, and into areas of interest to younger voters.

Retired Gen. Wesley Clark, asked about gay and lesbian rights, said he would give homosexuals "the opportunity to serve in the U.S. armed forces." Under a policy in effect since the Clinton administration, gays are permitted to serve in the military if they do not disclose their sexual orientation.

Asked whether they had ever used marijuana, Edwards, Dean and Sen.

John Kerry said they have. Rep. Dennis Kucinich, Clark and Al Sharpton said they had not. Sen. Joe Lieberman answered the same, although he apologized as he did so. Former Sen. Carol Moseley Braun declined to answer.

Rep. Dick Gephardt was the only absentee as the Democrats vying to challenge President Bush gathered for their sixth debate in two months. The Missouri lawmaker chose to campaign in Iowa, site of the lead-off caucuses on Jan. 19.

The eight other Democrats met in Faneuil Hall, a building steeped in history — and an unlikely venue for a debate unlike any other.

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being considered for the future to increase funding and provide more opportunities for student contact with faculty members outside of class.

Faculty Initiatives

Mark Roche, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, said a greater number of programs need to exist for students who wish to become more academically involved.

"For students that have the capacity and the intellect ... [we] need to provide more opportunities for them to engage in intellectual [life]," he said.

To combat these problems, Roche said numerous programs exist to provide students with funding for academic projects outside of the classroom. For example, the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program provided \$90,000 in student funding for the 2002-03 academic year, while the Undergraduate Intellectual Initiative Program, a pool of money that allows students to travel off-campus for "special learning experiences," allocated \$40,665 to Arts and Letters undergraduates.

Roche said that other initiatives — such as the first-year convocation, and a new program called Residing in the World of Ideas, which brings faculty and students together in the residence halls to engage in academic discourses — will increase faculty/student contact.

In addition to these programs, a new initiative this year created by Ed Cohen, associate editor of Notre Dame Magazine, provides a more entertaining forum. Entitled Irish Inquisition, the program brings faculty together in an inquisition format typical of the Middle Ages to discuss current topics. The next date is tentatively set for Nov. 18.

"If students go to anything, it has to be fun and as little like a lecture as possible," Cohen said.

Roche said he is considering future programs that will also increase student academic engagement. For example, he is envisioning a summer reading program where seniors will eventually lead juniors in discussions on a book they select. The books will vary based on major and will provide a small group format in which students can engage in conversation.

Some faculty also said that they would like to see undergraduate research become more common. Sunny Boyd, associate professor of biological sciences, said that this requirement, which she had as a Princeton undergraduate, led to her decision to enter the world of academia.

"We could at least give it [undergraduate research] the same push as study abroad programs have had [here]," she said.

Student programs

In response to the need to create more opportunities for student/faculty interaction, student Academic Commissioners from each dorm have been working to invite faculty into the residence halls. With increased funding and support from Maura Ryan, associate provost, dorms are expected to have at least two academic-related events per year.

The Advisory Committee on Academic and Student Life, realizing the need for a link between the University and student academic commissioners, appointed Ryan last year to serve as this liaison. Ryan stressed that her role is only advisory and students are responsible for participation in the planning of each faculty

visit.

"Students really do the programming and the organization. I just give them whatever support and assistance they might need," she said.

In addition to the two academic events each year, all dorms hold a discernment dinner with a dorm of the opposite sex. Ten students — five from each dorm — participate in a dinner with between four and five faculty members to foster greater interaction. These dinners are usually catered affairs, and students are provided with the necessary funding.

Lauren Williams, Pangborn academic commissioner, said she is also working on a Hall Fellows program with Ryan. The program compiles a list of faculty members who have expressed an interest in holding academic affairs in residence halls and distributes this list to the academic commissioners, who have a network from which to recruit. Williams said at least 40 faculty members from several colleges have expressed an interest.

"Part of the problem with faculty/student interaction is that students never know how far faculty are willing to go, [if they are willing to work outside of the classroom]," she said. "This [program] is encouraging [because] they [academic commissioners] can call the faculty member and not be denied."

In response to the push to have in-hall discussions with faculty, several academic commissioners said they have already planned activities.

Greg Downey, assistant professor of anthropology, spoke Oct. 8 in Lewis Hall to begin the "Last Lecture Series."

Downey said although he enjoyed giving his lecture in the hall, he was a bit disappointed with the lack of student engagement in the material. He said very few students asked questions during the lecture or spoke with him afterwards.

"Students didn't really engage the ideas I was talking about, which is fine," he said. "I've gone to talks and thought about them a lot, but said nothing at the time I heard them. I don't think students need to be prepared in some sort of 'cram-before-the-test' kind of way to engage in discussion, but they have to be interested in discussion for its own sake or because they care about the subject."

In addition to the Last Lecture series, other dorms have sponsored events that bring faculty into the dorms. Zach Goodrich, Alumni Hall academic commissioner, said that his dorm has sponsored a weekly event called Night of Faith, in which different faculty member discusses the experiences that faith has brought. Pangborn Hall sponsored a "Politics, Pop and Pizza" night, in which Christina Wolbrecht, associate professor of political science, watched two episodes of The West Wing with students and engaged in a discussion on the issues raised after the viewing.

Wolbrecht said she enjoyed the event, which she described as "a nice and unusual opportunity to talk with students [outside of the classroom]."

Wolbrecht also said the activity showed that academic engagement can be packaged in ways that students will also find enjoyable.

"College should be a time to have fun," she said, "but learning — that can be fun too and should be the central focus and goal [of college]."

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grades, and subsequently whether an applicant has the potential to succeed at a given college. Because the vast majority of Notre Dame applicants could be successful at the University, Mundy said proposed changes would not affect Notre Dame as much as other universities, where the quality of the applicants is more varied.

The SAT test has long been a subject of criticism for college administrators. In February 2001, Richard Atkinson, president of the University of California system, recommended that the University no longer accept the SAT for admission purposes until it became more of an achievement-based test.

In general, Mundy said the SAT did not have any major problems, and the University would not consider accepting only the ACT, as Atkinson proposed.

"I think we've got a pretty reliable predictor [of applicants' performance] right now," Mundy said.

"I think [the changes] put certain students at a disadvantage."

**Destinee Delemos
freshman**

Though a revised SAT has been under development for a number of years, such changes as those proposed by Atkinson would have a huge financial impact on the College Board.

Because girls generally perform higher on writing exams and boys do better on abstract reasoning questions, the new test could favor girls over boys.

Traditionally, the SAT tested how well students could think and reason, rather than how many facts they had learned in school, which marks a shift for the exam from an aptitude-based test to an achievement-based test. Officials at the

College Board say they are attempting to influence what skills and subjects high schools teach their students and how they teach them.

Because of this change, however, the new SAT could exacerbate the gap between scores for whites and minority students, who often attend poorer quality schools.

Mundy said the admissions office was concerned about such trends but did not anticipate that they would have a significant effect on minority admission at Notre Dame.

Mundy also noted that Notre Dame admissions counselors had been involved in College Board discussions on the SAT revisions. He attended the College Board's meeting last fall and said that admissions director Dan Saracino was currently attending the College Board's national conference.

Students who took the SAT last year said they thought the revisions could have mixed results, raising questions that have been a part of the national debate over SAT revisions.

Freshman Destinee Delemos said she wasn't sorry to see the end of analogies but had concerns about how the new test might affect certain groups of applicants.

"I think [the changes] put certain students at a disadvantage, but for me personally that would have made it a lot easier," she said.

Freshman Dan Nickle said his strengths were math and science, and disagreed with the addition of the writing section — something that he finds difficult.

"That definitely would have been something I wouldn't have liked. From my perspective, they're bad changes," he said.

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Gibbs said that some business students he has spoken to seemed uninterested in pursuing research.

"For business students, it doesn't seem like there is a lot of interest to go out and do research," he said. "It's hard to see the connection between the things you might be researching and immediate business applications."

In contrast, Mary Mullen, a senior honors program participant and English/political science major, said that she thought increasing funding for student research and conference travel would prove especially useful because it would allow students writing senior thesis

projects to have better access to primary sources. She also said that these resources may encourage more students to pursue research.

"I think that they [University initiatives] are a great opportunity and a lot of my friends have felt the same way. To have the opportunity to do independent research is something that's incredible," she said. "By giving funding, it [the University] allows everyone to do it [research] and encourages you to think about [academic subjects] outside of the classroom."

Mariah Quinn, also an honors program student, said that she used grant resources from the honors program and the Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts to visit the Yosemite and Grand Canyon National Parks to conduct research this summer for her thesis. Quinn said the grants were not restric-

tive in any way and proved invaluable to her research experience.

"I think that the money is there for those who have the interest in doing undergraduate research; it's just a matter of putting the time in to apply for it," she said.

In contrast with other undergraduates, junior theology major Eric Wooldridge said that although he could find some uses for the funds with respect to his work with Circle K, he believes that the money could be better used for other initiatives.

"Overall, I would rather see that type of money go more toward financial aid and other university programs," he said. "I don't think they are as useful to students as maybe some other things would be."

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Banker Quattrone will be retried

NEW YORK — The government said Tuesday it will retry Frank Quattrone, the wealthy Internet-boom investment banker whose first trial ended last month in a hung jury.

Prosecutors announced their plans in an evening letter to the federal judge overseeing the case. It said the government and defense attorneys were still discussing a date for the retrial.

Quattrone's attorney expressed disappointment and insisted his client is innocent.

Quattrone, among the highest-profile defendants in the government's two-year crack-down on white-collar corruption, is charged with obstruction of justice and witness tampering.

The heart of the case is a single-sentence e-mail he sent Dec. 5, 2000, to employees at Credit Suisse First Boston, endorsing a previous note that had urged them to "catch up on file cleanup" by destroying some files.

The government contends the note was an attempt to obstruct federal investigations into how the bank decided who would get shares of hot new stocks it was taking public during the Internet stock boom.

Cuba, U.S. examine business deals

HAVANA — Cuba signed contracts with nine American companies at an island trade fair Monday, saying it reflected a move to more normal ties with the United States.

Cattle and soybeans, newsprint and fruit juice were among the goods listed in \$30 million worth of contracts, according to Pedro Alvarez, head of the Cuban state export company, Alimport.

After signing a grain deal with Cargill Inc. Vice President Jim Bohlander, Alvarez said that \$4 million contract "is one more step in the normalization of relations" between the two countries.

All of the companies that signed contracts on Monday had already done business with Cuba.

Interest in the new market just offshore has contributed to a growing call by U.S. farm state lawmakers to abolish the 42-year-old U.S. trade embargo against Cuba.

SEC checks mutual fund fraud

Massachusetts security regulators investigate potential wrongdoing by Fidelity

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government is conducting a broad sweep of the mutual fund industry and more charges are likely in the growing scandal in the \$7 trillion business, a top enforcement official said Tuesday.

Stephen Cutler, head of the Securities and Exchange Commission's enforcement division, told Congress that the SEC plans to send notifications to some firms this week that investigators intend to file civil charges. He did not name any of the companies nor did he say how many would receive the legal warnings.

Cutler spoke as the scandal spread to Prudential Securities Inc., with the SEC and Massachusetts securities regulators filing civil charges alleging improper trading against former brokers and branch managers at the company's Boston office.

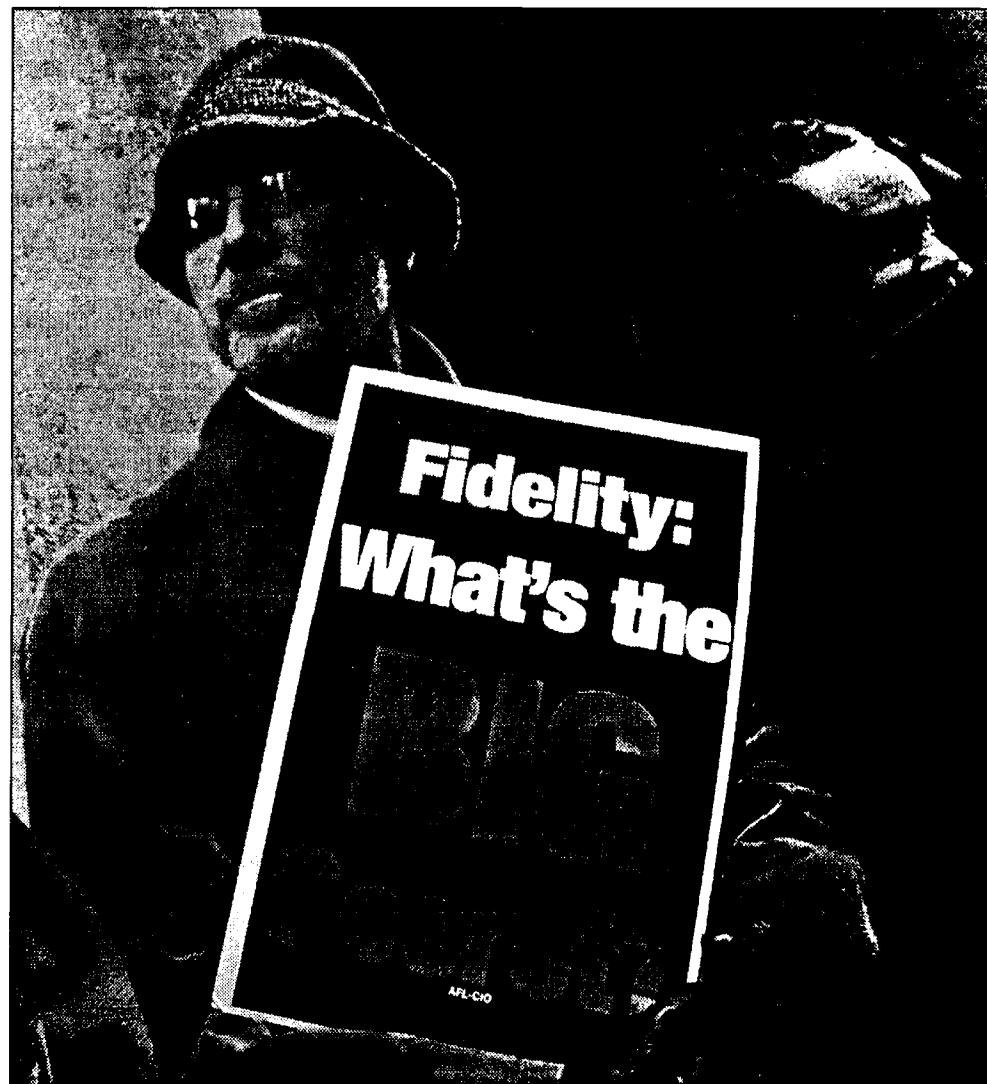
The regulators alleged that the brokers used several means, including false identities, to disguise rapid in-and-out trading in mutual funds to enrich themselves and the hedge funds whose money they were investing.

The move followed the announcement Monday that Lawrence J. Lasser, the chief executive of Boston-based Putnam Investments, was stepping down following the filing of civil fraud charges against the nation's fifth-largest mutual fund company.

Cutler told a House Financial Services subcommittee that the SEC already had notified one firm regarding possible abuses.

The SEC is seeking information from more than 100 others as it tries to determine how many did not give the proper volume discounts to customers.

Regulators and lawmakers are trying to come to



PHOTOGRAPHER SHOWCASE

Protesters gather in Boston to protest Fidelity Mutual Funds' refusal to disclose its management of employee holdings. The SEC is investigating the situation.

grips with allegations that many large investors or insiders received favorable treatment in the timing of trades and other fund management practices.

The subcommittee is considering legislation to stiffen penalties for fraud in mutual fund management.

Outside the hearing, Cutler described the SEC's work as "a fairly widespread sweep to understand these issues."

New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer told lawmakers they should consider doing something to revamp firms' internal compliance departments.

"They have utterly betrayed the American

public," he said.

Rep. Richard Baker, R-La., the subcommittee chairman, said he was concerned that inaction by Congress could hurt the economy.

Spitzer contended that the problems in the mutual fund industry are so pervasive that it is more than a matter of excising a few "bad apples" from the industry.

"It's beginning to appear that the entire crate is rotten," he said. "The problems are structural, they are systemic."

At a Senate hearing Monday, federal regulators were questioned about their response to alleged trading abuses that siphon

money from ordinary investors.

The SEC began a mutual fund investigation in early September, and dozens of firms have been subpoenaed, including Fidelity Investments, Janus Capital Group, Morgan Stanley and Vanguard Group. Several investment companies, including Janus and Bank of America, have pledged to make restitution to mutual fund investors who lost money through alleged improper trading.

The scandal has tarnished the reputation of mutual funds, traditionally viewed as a safe, conservative investment. Some 90 million people have money in U.S. stock mutual funds.

Wal-Mart receives "target letter"

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Wal-Mart said Tuesday that it has received a "target letter" from the U.S. Attorney's Office alleging the world's largest retailer violated federal immigration laws.

"The company is the target" of the investigation, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. spokeswoman Mona Williams said. "No company employee has received an individual target letter at this time."

On Oct. 23, federal agents arrested about 250 alleged illegal workers in a 21-state sweep of Wal-Mart stores.

Target letters give people or companies formal notification that they are the focus of an investigation. Williams said the company was not surprised, given the comments federal

officials made after Oct. 23 raids.

"We expect the grand jury will begin its hearing in mid-December and this notification gives us time to provide the U.S. Attorney's Office information we feel supports our position," she said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Wayne Samuelson in Williamsport, Pa., where the case is being handled, would not discuss specifics or respond to comments by Wal-Mart.

The raids keyed on floor cleaners employed by companies Wal-Mart hired for the work. Ten of the people arrested were Wal-Mart employees hired as the company continued a move to phase out the use of cleaning contractors.

The workers came from 18 nations.

Wal-Mart says it pledged its cooperation once it learned of the raids.

That day, the company instructed store managers to preserve relevant records. It has also said it would review all of its domestic employees — more than 1 million — to ensure they all have legal status.

Wal-Mart had sales last year of \$244.5 billion.

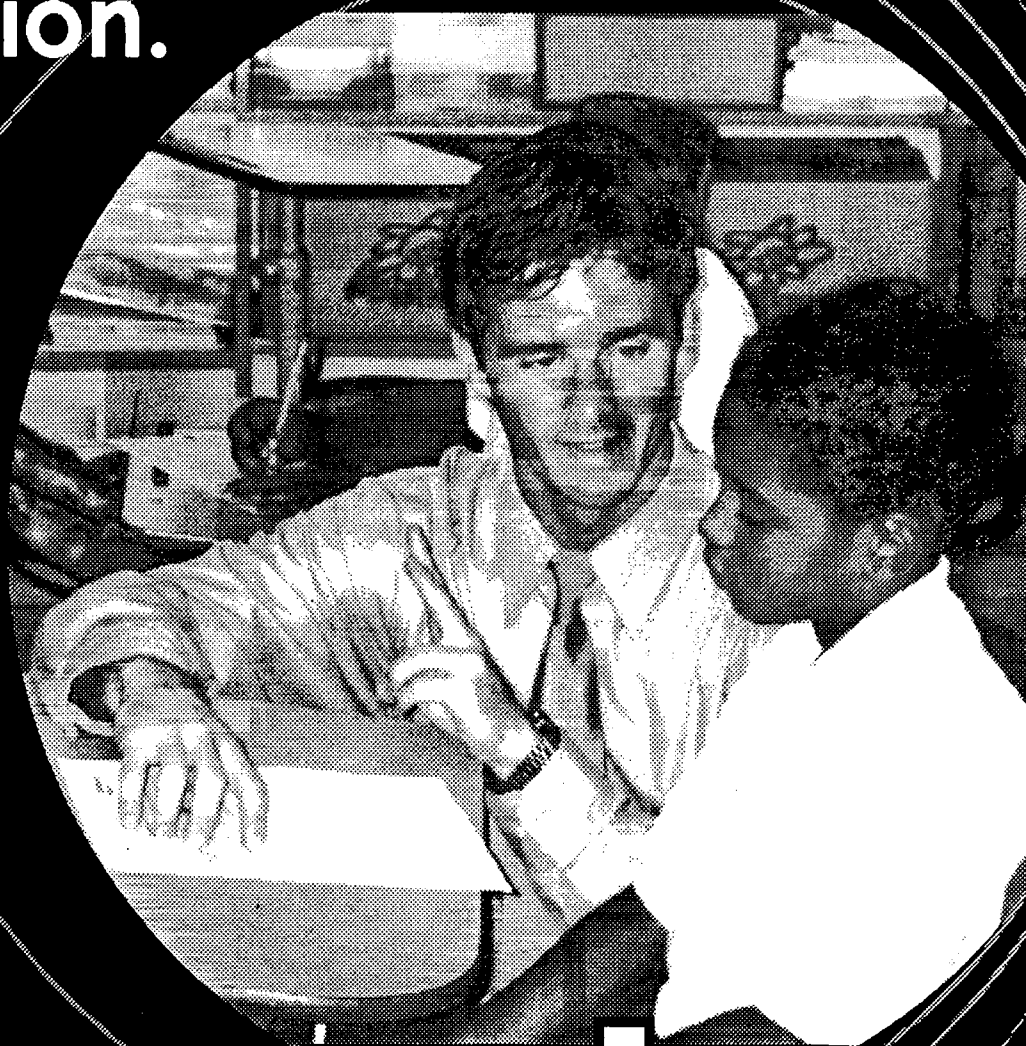
After the sweep, the workers were taken to local immigration offices. Some were released, but those with criminal records were detained, authorities said.

The arrests were made in Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, North Carolina, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.

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CBS cancels Reagan miniseries

Network claims film crossed line into partisan advocacy and distortion

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Capping an extraordinary conservative furor over a movie virtually no one has seen, CBS said Tuesday it will not air "The Reagans" and shunt it off to the Showtime cable network instead.

Based on snippets of the script that had leaked out in recent weeks, conservatives, including the son of the former president, accused CBS of distorting the legacy of Ronald Reagan.

While CBS said it was not bowing to political pressure, critics said that was exactly the case, and worried about the effects of such pre-emptive strikes on future work.

CBS believed it had ordered a love story about Ronald and Nancy Reagan with politics as a backdrop, but instead got a film that crossed the line into advocacy, said a network executive who spoke on the condition of

anonymity.

The film had been scheduled to air Nov. 16 and 18, in the heart of the November ratings sweeps. CBS attempted to edit the film to remove offending passages, but gave up.

"We believe it does not present a balanced portrayal of the Reagans for CBS and its audience," the network said in a statement Tuesday.

Neal Gabler, author of "Life the Movie: How Entertainment Conquered Reality," said CBS' decision was unhealthy for democracy.

"CBS, in pulling this film, did incredible harm, much more harm than they could ever have done in making the film," Gabler said. "What they've told us now is that a very small group of people have censorship power over the broadcast networks."

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said CBS' decision "smells of intimidation to

me."

But conservatives said it was a question of accuracy.

The miniseries became a hot topic on talk radio and the TV news networks. The chairman of the Republican National Committee wrote to CBS President Leslie Moonves, asking for historians to review the movie, and the conservative Media Research Center asked advertisers to consider boycotting the film.

"This was a left-wing smear of one of the nation's most beloved presidents and CBS got caught," said Brent Bozell, founder of the Media Research Center.

Republican National Committee Chairman Ed Gillespie said putting the movie before a smaller audience on Showtime doesn't address accuracy concerns. Without changes, Showtime should remind viewers every 10 minutes that the movie is fictional, he said.

FCC to limit Internet piracy of TV shows

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government Tuesday approved an anti-piracy mechanism that will make it harder for computer users to illegally distribute digital TV programs on the Internet. The goal is to speed the transition to higher quality digital broadcasts and ensure such programming remains free.

Broadcasters and the movie industry had urged the Federal Communications Commission to take such action, while consumer groups said it will force some people to purchase new electronics.

Some people already share TV shows and movies online, though the practice is limited by the speed of Internet connections — it can take many hours to transfer high-quality copies.

But as Internet connections get faster and broadcasters switch to much clearer digital television, the movie and television industries fear consumers will put high-quality copies of shows and films on the Web that others can download for free. This would reduce the broadcasters' ability to sell the shows for syndication or overseas.

The music industry saw CD sales fall as free music sharing proliferated on the Internet. It has started to sue listeners who illegally distribute songs online.

The five-member FCC voted unanimously to allow a "broadcast flag" to be added to digital programming to block broader distribution on the Internet, though the two Democrats on the panel expressed some reservations. Republican FCC Chairman Michael Powell called it "an important step toward preserving the viability of free over-the-air television."

In its order, the FCC told makers of digital television receivers that by July 1, 2005, their models must recognize the flag, an electronic signal that broadcasters can embed in their programs.

The commission said the order applies only to electronics equipment that can receive digital broadcast signals, not digital VCRs, DVD players and personal computers without digital tuners.

"The FCC scored a big victory for consumers and the preservation of high-value, over-the-air free broadcasting with its decision," said Jack Valenti, president of the

Motion Picture Association of America.

Viacom, parent company of the CBS television network, called the decision a "historic step forward for consumers."

Consumer and advocacy groups reacted just as strongly against the decision.

"Having just given big media companies more control over what consumers can see on their TV sets by lifting media ownership limits, the FCC has now given these same companies more control over what users can do with that content, leaving consumers as two-time

losers," said Gigi Sohn, president of Public Knowledge, a Washington-based advocacy group on technology and copyright issues.

Congress already has told the TV industry to switch their broadcasts by 2007 to a digital format, which uses computer language, from the current ana-

log format, which uses radio signals sent as waves. After the switch over, consumers who don't subscribe to a cable or satellite service would need digital tuners, either inside a TV or in a set-top box.

FCC officials said the flag would not prevent consumers from using existing or new DVD or VCR machines to make copies of TV programs. But the signal is designed to make it more difficult for consumers to then transfer those copies to the Internet and make them available to potentially millions of others free of charge.

Chris Murray, legislative counsel for Consumers Union, the publisher of Consumer Reports magazine, said consumers won't be able to use their old VCRs and DVD players to play back programs recorded on newer machines that recognize the broadcast flag.

"Technology always marches on, but that's normally because new devices offer consumers better features and more flexibility to woo buyers in the marketplace, not because government fiat has rendered a particular technology obsolete," Murray said.

Under the FCC order, broadcasters will decide whether to add the flag to their programs, including, if they want, news and public affairs shows. Cable and satellite operators must also make sure that their systems transmit the flag or use some other electronic signal to prevent mass copying. The FCC plans to consider whether to allow cable and satellite companies to encrypt all digital programs.


FCC Commissioner Michael Copps said the decision did not go far enough to safeguard viewers' privacy.

"Improper use of the technologies could arguably allow such things as tracking personal information," Copps said. "The broadcast flag should be about protecting digital content, not about tracking Americans' viewing habits."


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Increase focus on academic issues

Notre Dame attracts students that are among the best and brightest — they achieve high grades, become involved in multiple campus activities and possess a strong commitment to community service.

But a closer look at Notre Dame student life reveals that athletics, drinking and the pursuit of a career tend to dominate students' focuses while discussion of academic or current events and issues fails to occur outside of classes.

At Notre Dame, off-campus parties and intramural sports teams proliferate as attendance at lectures or knowledge of current events declines. Dorm conversations often revolve around the football team or weekend parties, but discussion of human rights issues or campus diversity is uncommon. Faculty-student interaction rarely takes place outside of class. The percentage of Notre Dame undergraduates pursuing doctorates across most fields of study is significantly lower than at other top-20 universities. A major concern for some administrators in the College of Arts and Letters is that business majors comprise about 30 percent of Notre Dame undergraduates, even though the University prides itself on the quality of its liberal arts education. While students at Notre Dame perform well in the classroom, some faculty members believe they do not have the same level of intellectual curiosity found among undergraduates at other top-20 universities. Students generally do not show up for office hours and if they do, many come only to discuss the results of a test or other

topic directly pertaining to the class. Learning for the sake of learning has all but disappeared.

Students claim that they simply do not have time to keep up with homework, participate in campus activities and be knowledgeable enough to discuss current events and issues. They complain that faculty can be difficult to approach and find meeting with professors outside of class intimidating. But such reasons simply do not adequately explain the current situation among University

undergraduates. College presents students with a unique opportunity to learn and grow as individuals and not focus solely on their future career paths. As students at a prestigious academic institution, undergraduates of all majors have a responsibility to view academic engagement as a high priority.

Current initiatives intended to improve intellectual curiosity among students, such as the Irish Inquisition or increased faculty-student interaction in the dorms, demonstrate an encouraging trend, but do not adequately address the lack of purely academic learning and research at Notre Dame.

While faculty and administrators must find creative ways to enhance intellectual discussion among undergraduates, students bear the primary responsibility for increasing their awareness and knowledge about current issues. A degree from Notre Dame may look good on a resume, but if students continue to focus only on their future careers, then the academic quality of the University will suffer as a result.

The Observer Editorial

A book worth reading

File this under the absurd and the ridiculous: Over break, I came across an article from the Oct. 21 edition of my hometown paper, The Louisville Courier Journal, that struck a nerve with me. A few weeks ago, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People pressured a high school drama group from Columbus, Ind., to halt production of a theatrical adaptation from Harper Lee's 1960 novel "To Kill a Mockingbird" on the grounds that the play used pejorative language to describe African-Americans.

I am willing to bet that a majority of Notre Dame students have read this novel. If I remember correctly from both reading the book and watching the Academy Award winning movie in my eighth-grade literature class, "To Kill a Mockingbird" is arguably the most influential American novel of the 20th century precisely because it exposed the horrors of racism rampant in the 1960s that the NAACP once fought so hard to stop. For this reason, it makes no sense for the NAACP to be intolerant of a play about tolerance.

Admittedly, the novel's lying villain Bob Ewell frequently spews disgusting pejorative language from his mouth to describe African-Americans. This crude language however, serves only to expose Ewell for what he truly is — worthless white trash. On the contrary, the novel's protagonist Atticus Finch, a common man of uncommon integrity, teaches all of us lessons about humility, character and integrity.

Finch, a white lawyer practicing in

rural Alabama, puts both his personal and career reputation on the line when he agrees to defend an African-American man named Tom Robinson falsely accused of raping Ewell's daughter Mayella. From the beginning, Finch, a hero in every sense of the word, knows full well the cannot possibly win the case in front of an all-white jury, yet he still attempts to regardless.

I can think of reading only one other work of American fiction that rivals the importance of "To Kill a Mockingbird" — Harriet Beecher Stowe's 1852 novel "Uncle Tom's Cabin," which vividly revealed the evils of slavery to a nation unwilling to confront reality. If you have not read either of these novels, than you need to do so. While fictitious in plot, these books, in content, spoke the truth. The power of these novels are without equal because they forced an entire nation to examine its conscience. So impressed by "Uncle Tom's Cabin," Abraham Lincoln credited the novel with inspiring the North to fight for an end to slavery in the Civil War. The president once fondly referred to Stowe as "the little woman who wrote the book that started this big war."

I shudder to think what this country would be like today if Stowe had not written such a poignant novel attacking the revolting practice of slavery in this country. I am just as afraid to imagine what race relations in this country would be like today if Lee had never written "To Kill a Mockingbird." Who knows? We

might still be living in a segregated country today if not for this book. In a testament to their longevity and relevance, these novels are equally as important today as the time periods from which they were written. But if we were to follow the NAACP's logic or better termed illogic, then we would never have the opportunity to read such books or witness them acted out on stage. Sadly, hearts and minds would remain the same. Progress towards a more harmonious, accepting society would not be possible.

The NAACP is guilty of censorship not constitutionally permitted in this country, yet the students from Columbus, Ohio, succumbed to the organization's unwarranted threats and unfounded allegations. Unfortunately, the students paid a heavy price (literally) for their acquiescence because

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now they will be unable to use the expected proceeds from the play to finance a spring theater trip to Scotland.

To bring my remarks to a close, the NAACP and its tag-team partner the American Civil Liberties Union need to read "To Kill a Mockingbird" because they — more than anyone else — need a lesson in tolerance these days.

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OBSERVER POLL

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"What we become depends on what we read after all of the professors have finished with us. The greatest university of all is a collection of books."

Thomas Carlyle
British writer

Re-examine use of death penalty

If you favor the death penalty, you have to defend some pretty bizarre results.

Before most readers of this column were born, Charles Singleton was sentenced to death in Arkansas in 1979 for murdering Mary Lou York by stabbing her twice in the neck during his robbery of her family's grocery store. In 1997, Singleton's claim that he was incompetent, and therefore ineligible for execution was denied because he was voluntarily taking anti-psychotic drugs that made him competent. The State of Arkansas then put him on a mandatory anti-psychotic drug regime on the ground that he was a danger to himself and to others. When the state scheduled his execution in 2000, Singleton claimed that the state could not compel him to take drugs to make him competent enough to be executed.

Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

The Supreme Court has forbidden the execution of those who are so incompetent that they "are unaware of the punishment they are about to suffer and why they are to suffer it." The Court also held that a State may forcibly give anti-psychotic drugs to an inmate "who has a serious mental illness ... if the inmate is dangerous to himself or others and the treatment is in the inmate's medical interest." Singleton argues that while medication relieves his psychosis it is not in his "ultimate best medical interest" because it would qualify him to be executed.

The United States Court of Appeals said that "Singleton presents ... a choice between involuntary medication followed by execution and no medication followed by psychosis and imprisonment." The court upheld the involuntary medication which alleviates his psychosis and has no significant side effects. The State's compelling interest in punishing criminals, especially in capital cases, outweighed Singleton's interest and preference. The Supreme Court of the United States denied review; that denial is not a ruling by that Court on the merits of the case.

If we have a death penalty this result makes sense. If Singleton were not a capital offender, no one could reasonably deny the State's right to medicate him involuntarily if necessary to prevent danger to himself and others. Apart from the fact that it would lead to his execution, Singleton himself preferred to be medicated and non-psychotic. He voluntarily took the drugs until his execution date was set. It would reduce the death penalty system to futility if he were able to avoid that penalty by not taking his medicine. Singleton argues that his execution should be stayed until he no longer needs medication to make him competent for execution. In the meantime, he would voluntarily take the drugs.

This case illustrates how the death penalty, with its delay, complications and expense, has distorted the justice system. That penalty should be reconsidered. As the Church has always taught, the State, which derives its authority from God, has authority to impose that penalty. But, as John Paul II teaches, the death penalty has outlived its usefulness apart from special cases. It should no longer be used for retribution or deterrence of other potential criminals. As the Catechism states, it may not be used unless it is "the only possible way of effectively defending human lives against the unjust aggressor — i.e., defending them from that criminal. This restriction arises from the importance of the conversion of the criminal. His opportunity for conversion may not be cut off unless absolutely necessary to prevent him from committing more murders. Such cases, at least in advanced penal systems, are "very rare, if not practically non-existent." An inmate under a life sentence who kills another inmate or guard might qualify. Or a system lacking means of secure confinement might use that penalty. And perhaps this teaching, which is offered in the context of "preventing crime," might not apply to trials in military tribunals for violations of the "laws of war" rather than of domestic criminal laws.

In his teachings on the dignity of the person and the sacredness of human life, John Paul II reminds a post-Christian world of basic truths. No one, including the State, ever has a right intentionally to kill the innocent. Even where the State has the right to kill intentionally in the just war and capital punishment, the use of that right in both cases is severely restricted.

The forced medication of Singleton to make him lucid enough to kill should give us pause. Why do we have to execute a person like that? The Singleton result fits a culture which in many ways endorses the intentional infliction of death as an optional problem solving technique. Singleton was sentenced to death only a year after Karol Wojtyla became Pope. Singleton's game is almost over. But the bizarre result in his case should prompt us to question the use of the death penalty and to reflect on the alternative offered by John Paul II.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An education by leadership

As a Program of Liberal Studies major, I found Joe Trombello's Nov. 2 article about the issues of utility and academic engagement here at Notre Dame to be very thought-provoking. I think that that the overwhelming majority of students here do not see the relevance of their studies — in order to "get something" out of these four years they secure a career. This disconnection between school and life manifests itself in the ridiculous amount of business majors we have here (32 percent of undergraduates compared with 7 percent of undergrads in business at the top-20 universities), and the rampant political apathy on campus, because politics is all about understanding relevant issues. I know my major has not prepared me for any particular career, and I am fine with that. Did you waste four years and a lot of money? That is the question. What do you value — understanding or utility, books or Benjamins, arts and letters or business?

Somehow associate dean of the Mendoza College, William Nichols hit it right on the head in Monday's Observer when he said, "Notre Dame students are bright, and bright students are curious about life issues." True, most of the students I know here are interested in the world and in life issues: Limits, chemical reactions, social patterns and most especially gender studies. Unfortunately, I would say that most of the investigation there-of is done with alcohol in hand.

Ultimately, I do not think the fact that our student body is not "academically engaged"

can be pinned entirely on the students. The faculty and administration need to do a better job of enticing us to learn, encouraging us to understand, of leading us to a point where, at least we realize how much we do not know, à la Socrates. Then our foot will be in the academic door, so to speak.

Maybe leadership by example would help — if the administration would treat us as intelligent young adults and not as subjects, we would come to understand our own intelligence and constituency differently. If the prevailing attitude among the administrators of this University were less functional and more academic, the priorities of the student body might change as well. It seems to me that the administration needs to focus their attention on the development of other things than land.

Nevertheless, we as students are not excused by the shortcomings of the administration. Our separate journeys of awakening as individuals have led us all to this Catholic university to question our lives, our cultures, our gods, and ultimately ourselves, and that is a task from which we will never be relieved. This is the essence of the liberal arts education we are here to receive, even in Mendoza, and just like duLac on spring break, all the rules apply all the time.

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Nov. 4

Support ND team unconditionally

I never thought I would see the day that a Notre Dame student would criticize his peers for having too much school spirit. However, Quinn Eide's Nov. 3 letter has proven me wrong. In his letter, Eide criticized the student body for cheering extra loudly when the football team raised their helmets after an ugly loss to Florida State. He seems to think that our support of the team in some way defiled Notre Dame's tradition of winning, which he proclaims to be "one of Notre Dame's greatest football traditions." What I don't think he understands, though, is that while winning is a Notre Dame tradition, it is certainly nowhere near to being the most important.

Whatever happened to sportsmanship, pride and cheering for the Irish even when the "the team is down and the breaks are beating the boys?" What makes our University so amazing is that we are not one-dimensional. Our school is not only about football and winning national championships. At Notre Dame, we are taught to strive for excellence in the classroom and on the athletic field, despite the obstacles that may be in our path. I do not recall reading in du Lac that coming to Notre Dame entitles one to instant success and guaranteed victory. Rather, Notre Dame is a place where we are taught how to work toward goals with the determination of the "Fighting Irish." The achievement is in the journey — whether or not we ever reach the pinnacle of success is irrelevant.

That being said, I find Eide's suggestion that the student body tone down the cheers for our players as ludicrous and in complete contradiction to everything that Notre Dame stands for. Those players work hard every day to achieve the victories that Eide seems to think are his

right. They play through injury and foul weather, they sweat and bleed and struggle and fight and try their hardest day after day, week after week, and even when all of that work doesn't bring them a victory, they still find it within themselves to thank their fellow students for supporting them.

These are our classmates, our peers and our friends — the very idea that we withhold our support to "let them know that we are not satisfied" is ridiculous. Their job is not to "satisfy" us. They represent our school by playing football every Saturday afternoon against the best teams in the country, and their only job as an athlete is to do their best with the fight and determination of the Irish.

Sure, Florida State fans would have left the game midway through the third quarter, but this is not Florida State. I for one came to Notre Dame to embrace the school spirit and undying support that is the greatest Notre Dame tradition, not to demand a top-10 football team and be a fair-weather fan.

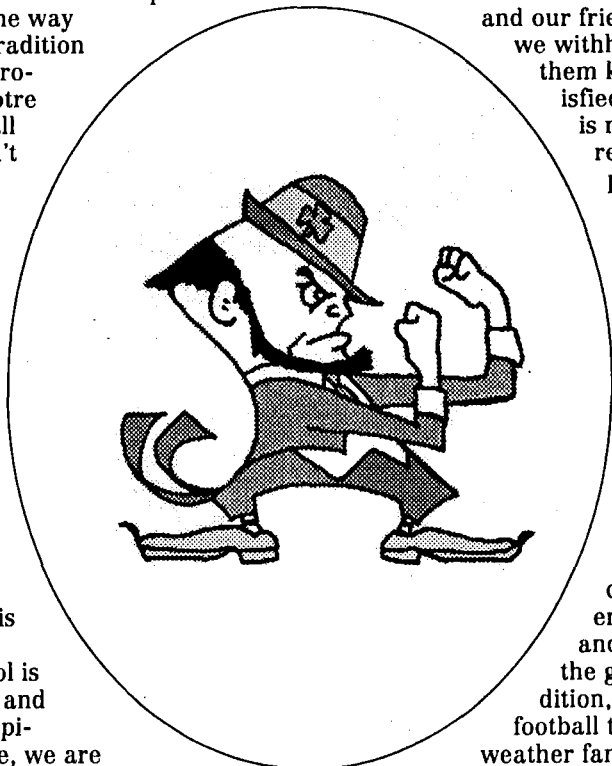
In conclusion, I would like to address the question which Eide posed to the student body at the beginning of his article: "Do we enjoy going to the games simply to cheer, do the jig, eat a hot dog and have fun?" The answer is simple: Yes. We go to cheer, to see the band and to see the gold helmets shine in the autumn sun. We go to watch a good game of football played by the most storied team in the history of the college game. But in the end, if a good game is not to be seen, we have fun anyway, because in the end, that is what it is all about.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Sevendust seasons music scene with new album

By MATTHEW SHORTS
Scene Music Critic

Fresh off their first acoustic-based tour, Sevendust has released its fourth and most powerful album, *Seasons*. Lajon Witherspoon's powerful vocals and Clint Lowry's insatiable taste for hard and heavy guitar riffs add to a powerful and profound album. After the last two albums, *Home* and *Animosity*, were recorded in Massachusetts and Florida, Sevendust returned home to where it all started: Atlanta, Georgia. Here, they hooked up with producer/singer Butch Walker. Originally out of his father's garage, Walker helped them cut their demos for their first record deal. Now they meet again at Ruby Red Studios in Atlanta.



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Sevendust's latest release is a lyrically powerful album that possesses a maturity not seen on previous albums.

Seasons, while not a breakthrough concept for Sevendust, delves back into the new sound created in *Animosity*, released two years earlier. Lajon Witherspoon, Sevendust's front man, proves that, in addition to being a great lyrical artist, he has vocals to lend to the heavy music behind him. A great deal of maturity in musical writing and lyrical content combine for one of their best albums since the band's creation. Sevendust's reputation for a high energy and powerful live performance come screaming out in this album.

Opening up with "Disease," Sevendust seems to have taken a step back from its normally hard and heavy opener. This song has the weakest lyrics in the album, which form a rather weak opening for a lyrically powerful CD. Sevendust's first single, "Enemy" follows and opens up the

flood-gates for an arsenal of powerful songs. "Enemy" is a way for drummer Morgan Rose to vent his frustrations and differences with Dez Fafara, Ex-Coal Chamber and current DevilDriver front man.

The title track is "a song about desperation and desperate

times," guitarist Clint Lowry said. The powerful lyrics sung by Witherspoon leave one with a deep consideration on how this song can be applied to anyone's life: "The seasons are way too cold, will we last another year?"

"Broken Down" and "Separate" reveal the more melodic and lyrically powerful band that has developed over the past few years, but leaves one with the feeling that Rose was not considerably challenged while sitting behind the drums. "Honesty" is also musically weaker, like the two previously mentioned, but with more meaningful and heartfelt lyrics.

Sevendust completes the full spectrum of the album with their addition of "Skeleton Song," a slow but deep song that allows you to "lose yourself in a song again."

Following the potent "Skeleton Song," Sevendust seems to slip a little with both "Disgrace" and "Burned Out." Both songs, although lyrically similar to the rest of the album, seem to lack the musical energy found throughout the rest of the album.

"Suffocate" steps up the speed and ener-

Seasons
Sevendust

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gy lost in the previous two songs and brings the album back to life, creating a perfect opening for the lyrically dominant song "Gone," where chills are sent with the line: "When I'm gone, don't fill the space that still belongs to me."

A perfect closure to the album is the classic sounding "Face to Face." Here, Sevendust returns to their hard and heavy style that leaves listeners desiring more in albums to come.

With impeccable vocals, spine-tingling guitar riffs, bone-shaking bass lines and drumming that leaves you dizzy, Sevendust proves that they can overcome the changes in *Seasons* to bring about one of the most powerful rock albums this year.

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ALBUM REVIEW

The Shins release stellar sophomore album

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What is it with sophomore albums? Musicians that create a stunning and groundbreaking debut album are seemingly never able to recreate the magic again on their sophomore release. They give the impression that they have just exhausted their creative juices. Every once in a while, however, a band comes along with a spectacular debut album and has just enough juice to create an adequate sophomore album.

The Shins are not one of these bands. They are the even rarer breed of musicians that has creative juice coming out of their ears. James Mercer, The Shins' lead singer, and company use this juice to craft an album of astonishing stature that blows their debut album out of the water.

The Shins' debut album, *Oh! Inverted World*, was an instantaneous success. The album was stunning in its bare essential musicianship and Beach Boys-esque lyrics. *Oh! Inverted World* was certainly a catchy, sunny, bright pop album, but there was something missing. Although it was a fantastic album, it lacked variety, and it seemed Mercer was holding back some of his musical abilities. The Shins' sophomore release, *Chutes Too Narrow*, is the answer to that album.

While *Oh! Inverted World* may have lacked variety, *Chutes Too Narrow* radiates variety. The instruments previously weren't allowed to exist on their own; now the reverb has been turned off and every guitar riff and keyboard melody exists in its own corner of your speaker. Mercer's voice soars over every song, layering equally emotional verses with fun, catchy choruses. Every song on *Chutes Too Narrow* exists by itself, with a distinct

melody and feeling that was not present on *Oh! Inverted World*. On that album, the songs seemed to blur together. The Shins have learned how to pay attention to detail on their sophomore release



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The Shins have successfully avoided the sophomore slump with their latest release, one that possesses more musical variety than their previous album.

and it shows in every aspect of the music.

Chutes Too Narrow carries a similar lyrical theme throughout, but the songs all have a distinct musical style. The album's first single, "So Says I," sounds very similar to the songs on the Shins' debut album but with a fuller, richer sound. "Turn a Square" sounds like *Revolver*-era Beatles with a dash of Lemonheads and a hint of Radiohead. "Fighting in a Sack" is a fast-paced power pop tune with a harmonica thrown in at the end for good measure, which gives the song a Bob Dylan feel. "Gone For Good" features a lap slide guitar played in the style of early Uncle Tupelo. The best track on *Chutes Too Narrow* is the transcendent "Saint Simon," featuring a dreamy, haunting chorus played on violins and keyboards with Mercer's towering

vocals filling in the gaps.

Overall, *Chutes Too Narrow* is an amazing album. The songs sound eerily familiar yet eccentrically original. The Shins' sophomore album builds upon the musical groundwork laid on *Oh! Inverted World*, creating a tower of music built with the most intricate and detail-oriented musical bricks. Mercer's vocals place the airtight roof on this soaring album. He showcases his vocal range wonderfully and sings with an entertaining, luminous passion. *Chutes Too Narrow* is the perfect album to brighten up any cold, dreary South Bend winter day. The Shins have successfully avoided the sophomore slump and set the bar for every sophomore album to come.

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Chutes Too Narrow

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ALBUM REVIEW

Everything Holland touches turns to gold

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Dave Holland is back with his first release since his Big Band's Grammy-winning effort, *What Goes Around* (2002). With *Extended Play*, he and his Quintet complement an already significant catalog of studio work with a double disc of live material recorded during



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Jazz bassist Dave Holland's latest release explores new territory.

a stretch at the legendary Birdland in November 2001.

Holland is part of that elite group of musicians fortunate enough to have the opportunity to play with and learn from the master himself, Miles Davis. He toured with Davis for two years in the late 1960s and appeared on several of Davis's records, including *In a Silent Way* and *Bitches Brew*. Alongside other Milesian disciples like John Scofield, Wayne Shorter and Herbie Hancock, Dave Holland today stands at the forefront of the jazz world, helping to shape its future and train the next generation of musicians.

The Dave Holland Quintet, as it appears on this record, formed in 1997. It consists of Chris Potter on soprano, alto and tenor saxophones, Robin Eubanks on trombone, Steve Nelson on vibraphone and marimba, drummer Billy Kilson, and Holland playing the double bass. *Extended Play* is, as the name implies, a live "extension" of the group's three studio albums: *Points of View* (2000), *Prime Directive* (2000) and *Not For Nothin'* (2001). All three albums have been highly praised for their musicianship and originality.

This is an interesting ensemble with a very distinct sound. Merely the presence of vibes in the rhythm section, as opposed to the more traditional piano, organ or guitar, is enough to set this Quintet apart from most other groups. Being a fantastic composer in addition to a world-class bassist, Holland uses

the contrasting sounds of the saxophone and trombone in front of the magnificently haunting vibraphone to create beautiful harmonies and shocking dissonances, sometimes

so intermittently that you can't help but wonder at his sanity while marveling at his genius. Seven of the nine songs on this record were written by Holland, with Potter and Eubanks each contributing one. As a result, *Extended Play* is a glorification of one of the finest composers in modern jazz.

The most impressive thing about the Dave Holland Quintet is the chemistry that exists between its members. All are superior musicians and improvisers, but it is their uncanny ability to improvise collectively that propels them into that special class of truly memorable collaborations. "The rare opportunity to have a group with a stable personnel over a relatively long period has given us a chance to explore these compositions beyond their beginnings and use them as a vehi-

**Extended Play: Live
at Birdland**

**Dave Holland
Quintet**

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Dave Holland Quintet
Extended Play



cle for our intuition and imagination," Holland said.

As the two discs contain just nine tracks, two of which are over 20 minutes long and only one of which is under 10 minutes, *Extended Play* is certainly an exploration.

The distinction of five shamrocks is reserved for albums that are expected to become timeless. *Extended Play* has the potential to do so, and thus it receives four and a half. Any student of jazz should get this record and pore over it for a long while. Enthusiasts can enjoy it but may want to use discretion because, as stated earlier, the songs are long and exploratory. See www.daveholland.com for more information and online tracks.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Darkness debut could change the face of music

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When looking back at music, few bands can be seen that changed the face of music as we know it. The Beatles, Led Zeppelin and Nirvana immediately come to mind for their unique sound within their own time. However, they are revered not only because of their sound, but because they were able to influence generations of musicians after their inception.

The Darkness might be the new royalty in rock music that changes the face of music. They clearly have a unique, almost retro, sound, but only time will tell the scope of their influence. They are currently under the radar in the States but rule the United

Kingdom with an iron fist. The sound of The Darkness has been called a hybrid of "a gay AC/DC and a straight Queen," but that is an oversimplification and an injustice to The Darkness. Their debut release *Permission to Land* is one of the most well crafted and diverse records in recent memory.

Permission to Land, like any great album, explodes from the launching pad with a track that sets the tone for the entire album. "Black Shuck" is full of excellent riffs and a pounding beat from the bass and drums, but it is the voice of Justin Hawkins that catches the listener off guard. Hawkins' falsetto voice can only be compared to that of the late Freddie Mercury in terms of sheer power and range. "Growing on Me" ups the ante even more and showcases The Darkness's entirety as a band. The song builds itself around

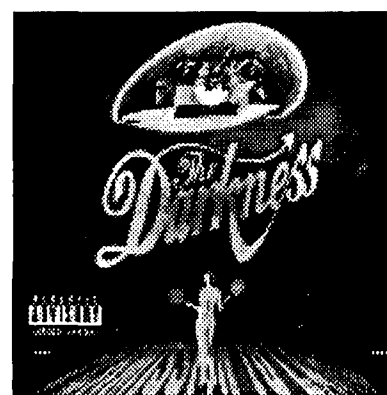


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The Darkness has taken the strongest aspects of rock music's glory days and molded them into their own unique sound, one that could change music forever.

**Permission to
The Darkness**

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catchy riffs, but it is the echoes in the chorus and the solo of the bridge that sets this song apart. The song seems to borrow from the classic work of Van Halen stylistically, but the layered sound is all their own.

The true gem on the album is the first single "I Believe in a Thing Called Love." The track encompasses everything that The Darkness does well and puts it into one song. The song has elements of Justin's piercing falsetto voice as well as multiple guitar solos and bridges. The drum and bass beat help round out this track that will surely be a karaoke classic some day. The final song on *Permission to Land* is The Darkness's homage to power ballads. The track is simple in structure, but once again the layered precision of the guitars and uniqueness of Justin's voice make it a jewel.

Only time will tell if the States warm up to the phenomenon that is

The Darkness. *Permission to Land* is one of the strongest debut albums of the last 20 years which may be why The Darkness was able to make their debut via a major label. *Permission to Land* contains every aspect of a great album with its precision and attention to detail.

It appears as though The Darkness has been able to take the strongest aspects of rock music's glory days and mold them into their own unique sound. *Permission to Land* is unlike any album currently out in music today and it may take a listen or two to truly appreciate the scope of The Darkness's sound. However, once you truly hear the album, there is no doubt it will remain in your library for years to come. So instead of pumping 50 Cent or Outkast at your next party, why not pop in *Permission to Land* and shake things up.

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NHL

Messier hits empty net to pass Mr. Hockey

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Even at 42, Mark Messier still has a flair for dramatics.

Messier enjoyed being tied with Gordie Howe on the NHL points list for two periods before he passed Mr. Hockey in the closing seconds of the New York Rangers' 3-0 victory Tuesday night over the Dallas Stars.

The Rangers captain scored the first and last goals to give him 1,851 points and set off an on-ice hug with his teammates.

"I always find it hard to celebrate something like that, but what I have to realize is it's a tremendous honor for all the people I played with and the game of hockey itself," Messier said.

Messier found an empty net for a short-handed goal with 4.7 seconds left.

"Well, I wasn't really thinking about that point right there," Messier said. "Obviously if the opportunity presented itself, I wasn't going to pass it up."

It was just like the night in 1994 when he guaranteed New York would beat New Jersey in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference finals and stay alive in route to the Rangers' first Stanley Cup in 54 years.

Messier sealed that win by landing the puck flat in the empty New Jersey goal.

"Besides being a clutch player, he has a thing to come up with the big moment and make it fun for the people around," said Rangers defenseman Brian Leetch, Messier's teammate for 10 seasons.

The second goal came when Alex Kovalev fed Messier as he streaked down the right wing. When Messier hit the back of the vacated net, he threw his hands up in exultation, and the referees allowed the New York bench to empty and greet him in the Dallas zone.

"I can't lie, I definitely wanted to do it in this rink," Messier said. "You only have one opportunity to do things like this."

Rangers coach and general manager Glen Sather clapped on the bench as Messier's family hugged in the stands. Sather

was Messier's first NHL coach when the star was just 18.

Back then he didn't have any thoughts about passing Howe, a man Messier said was very well-respected in his Edmonton, Alberta, home.

"I was having a tough enough time staying out of Glen's office when I was 17, 18 years old," Messier said. "I think everybody who comes into the league, you feel like you want to come in and establish themselves and contribute to a team and obviously win a Stanley Cup. That's what we grow up with."

"You don't think about scoring goals, making assists or entering the Hall of Fame or doing those things."

Messier gave the Rangers a 1-0 lead 1:37 into the second period, earning his 1,850th point in his 1,691st game. Howe played 1,767 games over 26 NHL seasons. Wayne Gretzky is first with 2,857 points.

Capitals 5, Lightning 1

The Washington Capitals' offense got on track at the wrong time for the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Dainius Zubrus scored twice, Robert Lang had a goal and two assists and the Capitals ended the Lightning's season-opening eight-game undefeated streak with a 5-1 win Tuesday night.

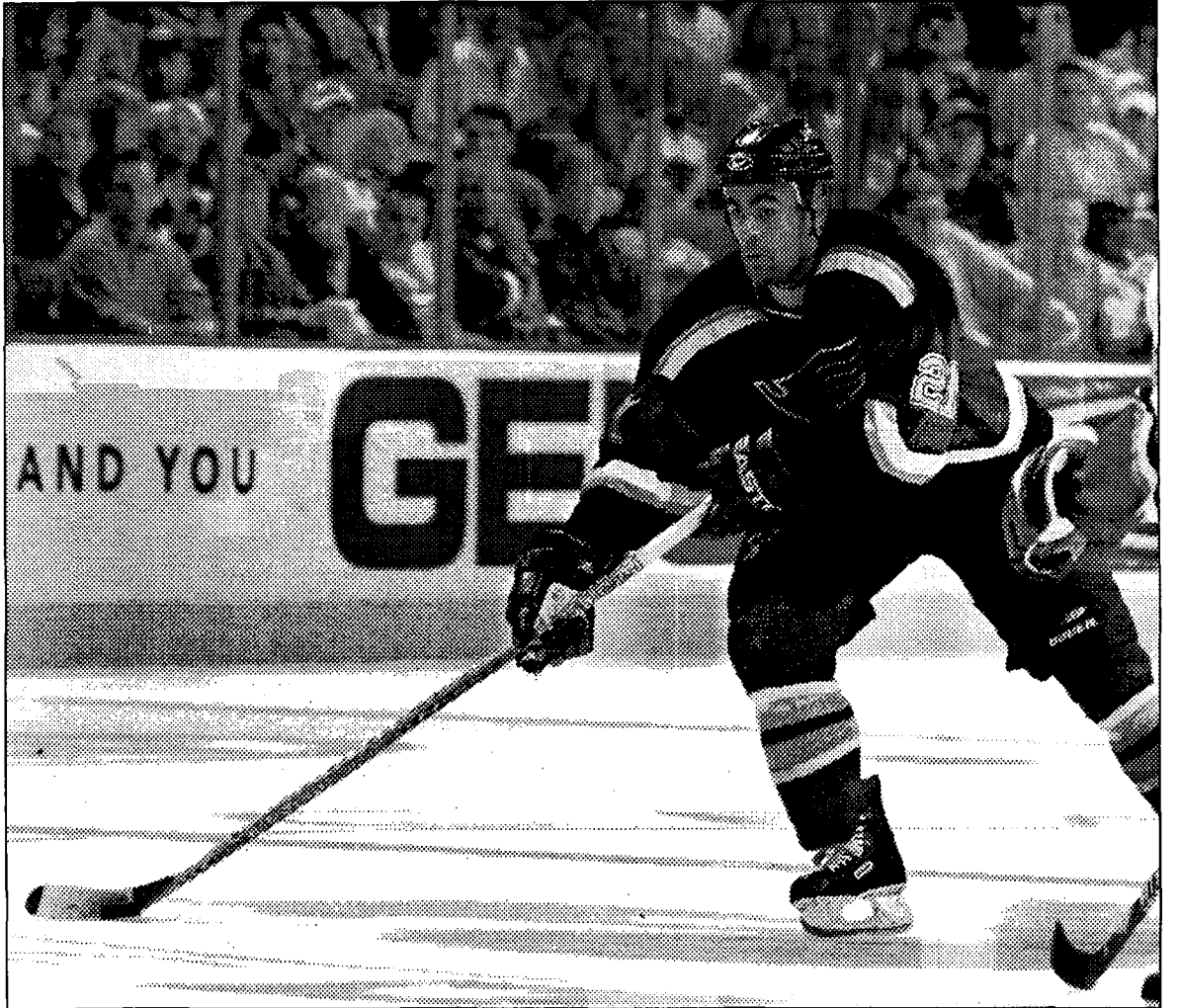
"It was bound to come one day," Tampa Bay right wing Martin St. Louis said. "Are we upset? Of course. Nobody likes to lose."

Washington's Olaf Kolzig made 41 saves in the first meeting between the teams since Tampa Bay beat the Capitals in the Eastern Conference quarterfinals last season.

"It adds to the satisfaction because they're the first-place team in our division and we don't like them — plain and simple," Washington coach Bruce Cassidy said of the victory over the unbeaten Lightning.

"They don't like us," Cassidy said. "So, when you beat your rival, it always feels good."

Jaromir Jagr and Jeff



Getty

Jamal Mayers of the St. Louis Blues skates down ice in a 2-1 overtime victory over the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

Halpern also scored for the Capitals, who stopped a six-game road losing skid.

Blues 2, Mighty Ducks 1, OT

Keith Tkachuk scored on a 3-on-1 break with 31 seconds left in overtime to give the St. Louis Blues a 2-1 victory over the Anaheim Mighty Ducks.

The Blues, frustrated most of the game by Jean-Sebastian Giguere, were shut out before Doug Weight scored on his own rebound with 5:44 to go in regulation. Weight's sixth goal of the season came 5 seconds after the end of a Blues' power play that didn't produce a shot.

Giguere, who led the Mighty Ducks to last season's Stanley Cup finals, had his best outing of a shaky start to the season with 30 saves. He entered with

a 1-6 record and 3.02 goals-against average.

Sandis Ozolinsh scored his first goal of the season early in the second period for Anaheim. Giguere and the Mighty Ducks' defense almost made it stand up.

Tkachuk scored his team-leading sixth goal, beating Giguere with a slap shot that deflected off the goalie's skate.

The Blues peppered Giguere early, taking 25 shots in the first 1 1/2 periods.

They got off only one in the last 10 minutes of the second period and got their first chance of the third period with 7:24 remaining.

The Blues kept it close in the third, killing a double minor for spearing on Tkachuk by allowing just one shot. Tkachuk

retaliated against Lance Ward, who cuffed him in front of the net after the whistle blew in the first period for a roughing call.

Maple Leafs 4, Penguins 2

Bryan McCabe had a goal and an assist in the Toronto Maple Leafs' 4-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Aki Berg, Darcy Tucker and Robert Reichel also scored as the Maple Leafs took advantage of the Penguins playing without Mario Lemieux, who's sidelined with a strained left hip muscle.

Owen Nolan had two assists for the Maple Leafs, who have rebounded from Saturday's 7-1 loss to Philadelphia with wins over Carolina and Pittsburgh. Toronto outshot Pittsburgh 17-4 in the first period, and 38-24 overall.

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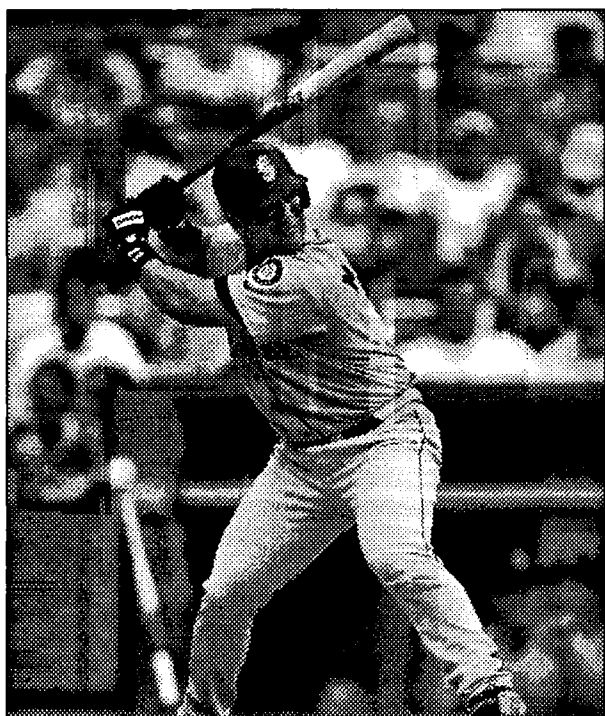
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MLB

Martinez returns to Seattle with 1-year deal



Seattle designated hitter Edgar Martinez takes a swing against the Yankees on Aug. 9.

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Edgar Martinez still won't talk retirement.

Martinez, who turns 41 in January, agreed Tuesday to a \$3 million, one-year contract with the Seattle Mariners, a deal that allows him to earn an additional \$4 million based on plate appearances.

It's unclear if Martinez's 18th major league season will be the last for the designated hitter.

"I'm not going to talk about that," he said, laughing. "This last year, we've had a lot to say about that. It's something I'm going to try to avoid this year. I'm going to play, play to help the team win and have some fun."

The two-time AL batting champion had a \$4 million base salary this year and earned \$3.5 million in performance bonuses. He faced a Sunday deadline to file for free agency.

But Martinez wants to finish his career with the Mariners, the only organization he's played for.

"I'm very glad everything worked

out and I'm coming back for another year," he said. "I think if we didn't reach an agreement, the chances that I'd stay home were a lot greater than I'd play for another team."

Martinez has several franchise records, including career batting average (.315), games (1,914), hits (2,119), extra-base hits (803), doubles (491), RBIs (1,198), walks (1,225) and runs (1,174).

He was selected to his seventh AL All-Star team last season and won his fourth Silver Slugger award after hitting .294 with 24 homers, 98 RBIs and 25 doubles in 145 games.

Martinez feels healthy enough to keep going. He started working out one week after the Mariners finished with 93 wins, missing the playoffs for the second straight year.

"I feel I'm in good shape and ready to go again. I'm very excited," he said.

Assistant general manager Lee Pelekoudas, who negotiated the deal, said the interest in having Martinez back was mutual. Age was a concern, but the Mariners still believe in

the venerable slugger.

"Number one was performance," Pelekoudas said. "He still contributes on the field and in the clubhouse. He has the respect of not only the Latin players but all the players on our club and throughout baseball."

Martinez played the closing months last season with a broken big toe on his left foot. Though he hobbled down the base paths, his on-base percentage of .406 ranked fourth in the AL.

With Gary Payton traded out of town by the NBA's Seattle SuperSonics last spring, there's no other athlete with a popularity or presence in Seattle as large as Martinez, one more reason the Mariners wanted him back.

"He's up there with the Kirby Puckett, Tony Gwynn and the like," Pelekoudas said.

Martinez said another factor in his decision was watching the playoffs on television instead of suiting up. He believes the organization is committed to making another run at the postseason.

Jeter has injured thumb tendon, Wells not signed

Shortstop played majority of playoffs with ruptured tendon in his thumb

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Derek Jeter played the AL championship series and the World Series with a ruptured tendon in his left thumb.

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman made the disclosure Tuesday after the team's news conference to announce Don Mattingly's return as hitting coach.

Cashman said the team will wait about two more weeks to

determine whether the tendon, injured in the opener of the series against the Boston Red Sox, can heal with about three weeks of rest. If it doesn't, it would require surgery.

"We've just got to do some more tests, we'll see," Jeter said.

The shortstop, who became the Yankees' captain in June, said he will not need surgery on his left shoulder, which he dislo-

cated on opening day at Toronto.

Cashman said first baseman Jason Giambi had chosen Anaheim Angels team physician Dr. Lewis Yocum to repair a ligament in his left knee. Giambi, who may have arthroscopic surgery next week, played with an inflamed tendon and patella tendinitis, Cashman said during the World Series.

In other news, the Yankees declined David Wells' \$6 million option but said they have not decided whether they want the 40-year-old left-hander back

next season. Cashman also said left-hander Felix Heredia declined his \$1.7 million option.

Wells gets a \$1 million buyout as part of the deal he agreed to in January 2002. Including performance bonuses, he earned \$14.5 million over two years.

He went 15-7 with a 4.14 ERA, but was bothered by back trouble and came out after just

one inning of Game 5 of the World Series against Florida. The injury will require additional medical examination, Cashman said.

Cashman also said the team had not decided whether to negotiate another deal with Wells, who angered the Yankees during spring training with his inflammatory autobiography and was fined \$100,000.

New York has not yet started negotiations with Andy Pettitte, who is eligible to join Wells as a free agent.

"He's come this far. He's going to find out what his market value is," Cashman said. "I don't want to say worried, but I've got to concede it's possible that he may not be here."

Heredia, claimed off waivers from Cincinnati on Aug. 25, gets a \$325,000 buyout as part of his deal. He went 0-1 with a 1.20 ERA in 12 appearances.

New York hopes to re-sign Heredia and left-hander Gabe White. On Friday, the Yankees declined White's \$3.5 million option, electing to pay a \$250,000 buyout.

Cashman has not yet started calling agents for free agents

the Yankees are interested in, but has spoken with agents who called him. New York also has monitored Cuban pitcher Maels Rodriguez, who defected last month.

As of now, New York's projected rotation includes Mike Mussina, Jose Contreras and Jeff Weaver, who is viewed as a fifth starter. Jon Lieber also could return, though he hasn't pitched in the major leagues since reconstructive elbow surgery in August 2002.

Weaver, 7-9 with a 5.99 ERA, was sent to Tampa, Fla., to work with pitching instructor

Billy Connors. Cashman called it "rehabbing."

"What he showed this year is not what he is," Cashman said. "I've already had trade offers on him, to be honest, but I can't get value on him given the season he had. Hopefully, Billy can get into his head a little bit."

Given the holes in the rotation following the retirement of Roger Clemens and the possible departures of Pettitte and Wells, free agents such as Bartolo Colon and Sidney Ponson could become targets for the Yankees.

"Pitching is the biggest issue for us," Cashman said.

"... I've got to concede that it's possible that he may not be here."

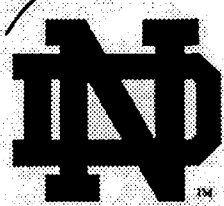
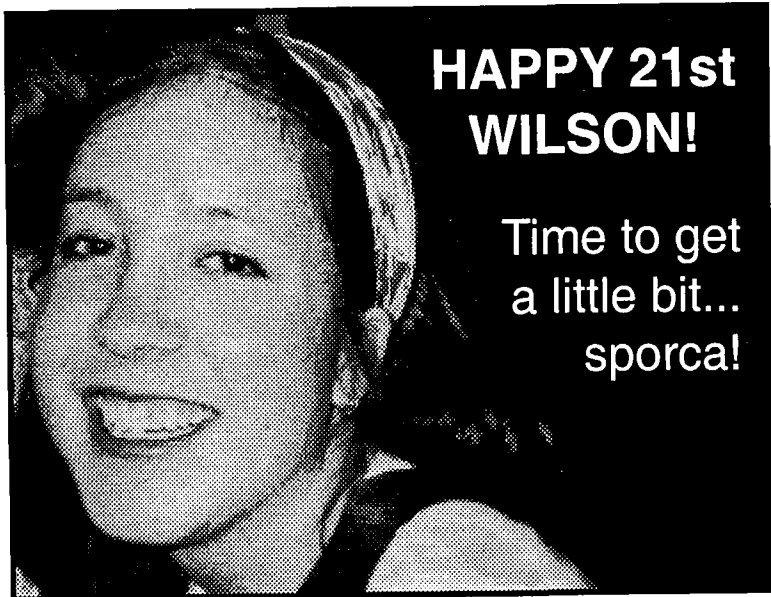
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NCAA FOOTBALL

Miami moves ahead in MAC with upset win

Associated Press

OXFORD, Ohio — Cal Murray ran for a pair of touchdowns, and Miami of Ohio's swarming defense forced three fumbles Tuesday night, setting up a 33-10 victory over No. 15 Bowling Green.

Miami (8-1, 5-0 Mid-American Conference) has won eight straight since an opening drubbing at Iowa. The RedHawks are on the threshold of their first national ranking since the end of the 1974 season.

Playing with its highest ranking in school history, Bowling Green (7-2, 4-1) never got rolling on offense and couldn't overcome a three-fumble game by quarterback Josh Harris.

The teams were facing their mirror image — Bowling Green tops the MAC in offense and defense, and Miami is a close second in both categories. Miami's Ben Roethlisberger made the two plays that made the difference.

His 49-yard completion early in the third quarter set up one touchdown, and his 1-yard sneak put Miami ahead 24-7 midway through the quarter. Roethlisberger was 19-of-28 for 230 yards.

The defenses controlled a wacky first half — five turnovers, a missed field by Bowling Green and an unusual problem with the clock. During a timeout with only 26 seconds showing before halftime, the officials realized it was off by a minute — an electrical surge

was blamed — and restored the time.

Harris threw a 24-yard touchdown pass to a diving Charles Sharon on the next play, cutting Miami's lead to 10-7. The clock problem caused confusion, but didn't figure in the outcome.

Instead, it came down to which of the two prolific quarterbacks made the most mistakes.

Roethlisberger fumbled and threw an interception at the 1-yard line in the first half, then settled down. Harris fumbled three times and was limited to throwing mostly short, harmless passes as he went 20-of-35 for 160 yards.

Murray's 3-yard run put Miami ahead in the second quarter, and Janssen Patton fumbled the kickoff, setting up Jared Parseghian's 27-yard field goal for a 10-0 lead.

Roethlisberger's best play came on the opening drive of the second half, when his nifty handoff fake allowed Martin Nance to outrun the duped safety and catch a 49-yard pass. Mike Smith's 5-yard touchdown run on the next play made it 17-7.

Nance had 169 yards on 10 catches, tying the school record with his fifth 100-yard game of the season.

Harris' second fumble of the game led to Roethlisberger's 1-yard sneak for a 24-7 lead midway through the third quarter. Harris' final fumble set up Miami's clinching score, a 2-yard run by Murray with 3:45 left.

NCAA FOOTBALL

TCU starting to worry BCS

Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — TCU knows there's only one way to continue the debate about whether it deserves to be part of the Bowl Championship Series: keep winning.

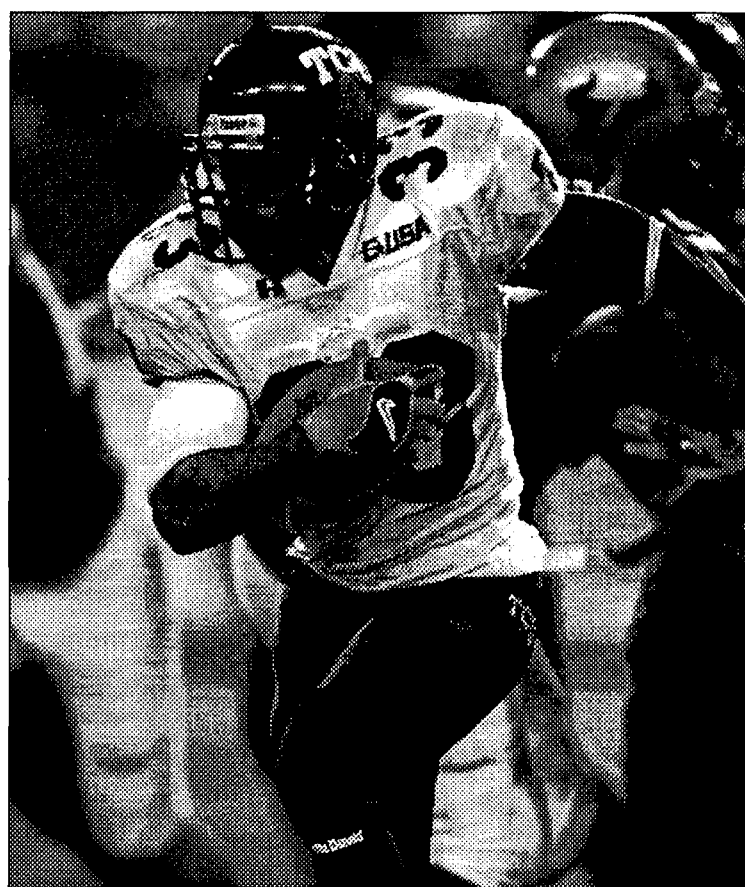
For the No. 13 Horned Frogs, who along with No. 1 Oklahoma are the only undefeated teams in major college football, there is no game bigger than Wednesday's against Louisville. It is the toughest on TCU's schedule and is being televised nationally when no other game is being played.

"It's a great game to be spotlighted in as long as you win," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "All of that other stuff doesn't make a difference. I know if we don't beat Louisville all of these conversations don't mean much."

TCU is No. 9 in the BCS standings, the same spot it reached in 2000 after a 7-0 start. The Horned Frogs (8-0, 5-0 Conference USA) have to climb three more spots and finish there to become the first team from a non-BCS conference guaranteed a berth in one of the four BCS bowls.

Officials from the Fiesta Bowl, one of the lucrative BCS games, will be there Wednesday. So will representatives from three other bowls, all of them with C-USA ties.

While Oklahoma has stayed undefeated by steamrolling high-quality opponents by an average of 31 points, the Frogs have done just enough to get by in several games.



TCU tailback Robert Merrill runs with the ball in a game against South Florida earlier this year.

And they are playing the 98th-toughest schedule out of 117 teams.

There are three wins by just three points, including in overtime at 1-8 Arizona, which fired coach John Mackovic the next day. They also won against one-win Vanderbilt and beat still-winless Army, which also fired its coach. Their season finale is at SMU, which could be 0-11 by then.

When the Frogs finally broke out offensively, scoring 62 points with a school-record 782 yards in their last game at Houston, they won by just a touchdown. TCU's defense has dropped from fourth to 31st nationally in total defense after giving up 1,077 yards and 82 points in two games.

Now comes Louisville (7-1, 3-1), the C-USA's top offense at 35 points and 470 yards a game. The Cardinals have

won three straight since a double-overtime loss at South Florida, where TCU had one of its three-point games.

"The pressure is on TCU," Cardinals coach Bobby Petrino said. "They're undefeated, and they're trying to be in the BCS picture. They've got a lot of pressure on them to win, and we don't have to worry about all of that. Our goals are still in front of us."

Before TCU and Cincinnati shared the C-USA championship last season, the Cardinals had won the previous two titles. The only other team ahead of them this season is Southern Mississippi (5-3, 4-0), which doesn't play Louisville but does host TCU on Nov. 20.

TCU has won 10 straight games, one fewer than Oklahoma, and 18 of its last 19 despite injuries to quarterback Tye Gunn and two of its top three running backs. The Frogs also have an 11-game winning streak at home.

Gunn won't play because of a groin injury, but Brandon Hassell threw for 375 yards and four touchdowns at Houston. The Frogs also had 407 yards rushing in that game, their first 400-yard game since LaDainian Tomlinson set a Division I-A record with 406 yards against UTEP four years ago.



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1 Connecticut (25)	23-10	762
2 Duke (3)	26-7	697
3 Michigan State (1)	22-13	677
4 Arizona	28-4	638
5 Kansas	30-8	589
6 Missouri	22-11	560
7 Syracuse (1)	30-5	533
8 Florida	25-8	507
9 Kentucky	32-4	498
10 North Carolina	17-15	493
11 Texas	26-7	461
12 Gonzaga	23-8	403
13 Illinois	25-7	399
14 Wisconsin	24-8	392
15 Oklahoma	27-7	353
16 Louisville	25-7	291
17 Stanford	24-9	258
18 St. Joseph's	23-6	244
19 NOTRE DAME	24-10	225
19 Cincinnati	17-11	225
21 Wake Forest	25-6	216
22 Pittsburgh	28-5	148
23 Marquette	27-6	78
24 Oklahoma State	22-10	61
25 Maryland	21-10	46

ESPN/Coaches Women's Basketball Poll

team	2002 record	points
1 Connecticut (40)	37-1	1,008
2 Duke	35-2	932
3 Texas	29-6	896
4 Tennessee	33-5	883
5 Kansas State	29-6	824
6 Texas Tech	29-6	727
7 Stanford	27-5	688
8 Penn State	26-9	630
9 Purdue	29-6	621
10 LSU	30-4	605
11 Georgia	21-10	550
12 Louisiana Tech	31-3	507
13 Minnesota	25-6	472
14 North Carolina	28-6	467
15 Ohio State	22-10	314
16 NOTRE DAME	21-11	291
17 Rutgers	21-8	276
18 UC-Santa Barbara	27-5	272
19 Utah	24-7	271
20 Colorado	24-8	241
21 Oklahoma	19-13	184
22 Arizona	22-9	163
23 Texas Christian	20-14	150
24 Virginia	17-14	133
25 Auburn	23-11	109

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MICHIGAN (8-2)
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MLB



Kyodo News

Seattle outfielder Ichiro Suzuki makes a sliding grab in a 9-7 loss to New York on Aug. 7. The right fielder was one of four Mariners to be awarded Gold Gloves in the American League Tuesday.

Seattle grabs 4 AL Gold Glove awards

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Seattle outfielders Ichiro Suzuki and Mike Cameron and Mariners infielders Bret Boone and John Olerud won AL Gold Gloves on Tuesday.

All nine winners had previously earned the honor for fielding excellence. There were seven repeat winners from last season — New York Yankees pitcher Mike Mussina and Cameron rejoined the list this year.

Texas shortstop Alex Rodriguez, Oakland third baseman Eric Chavez, Minnesota outfielder Torii Hunter and Anaheim catch-

er Bengie Molina also were chosen.

A-Rod won for the second straight season. Last year, he broke Omar Vizquel's string of nine consecutive Gold Gloves.

"I worked very, very hard," Rodriguez said, "to back it up this year with my second one."

"For a long time, you get overlooked when you're an offensive player and put up offensive numbers," he said.

Rodriguez hit 47 home runs, tied with Philadelphia's Jim Thome for most in the majors, with 118 RBIs while batting .298.

Rodriguez said he isn't holding out much hope of being picked as the AL MVP later this month. The Rangers finished last at 71-91.

"That award, I've pretty much given up on," he said. "If I finish second or third for 10 or 15 years, that's equivalent to one."

The NL Gold Glove winners will be announced Wednesday.

Gold Gloves, presented since 1957 by St. Louis-based Rawlings, are voted on by managers and coaches before the end of the regular season. They may not select players on their own teams, and they vote

only for players in their own league.

Mussina won for the sixth time overall. Last year, Texas pitcher Kenny Rogers was picked.

Cameron won for the second time, replacing Anaheim's Darin Erstad in the outfield. Suzuki and Hunter each won for the third straight season.

Olerud won at first base for the third time. Boone won his third AL Gold Glove at second base — he also got one with Cincinnati in 1998.

Chavez was picked for his third Gold Glove and Molina won his second in a row.

IN BRIEF

Gretzky returns to run Team Canada

TORONTO — Wayne Gretzky will return as executive director for Team Canada at the World Cup of Hockey next September.

Hockey Canada announced the move Tuesday at Gretzky's restaurant, and said the NHL great is bringing back the same management team that helped produce a gold medal at the 2002 Olympics.

Canada won its first Olympic gold in 50 years at Salt Lake City. Gretzky, the managing partner of the Phoenix Coyotes, was in charge of assembling the roster, lining up coaches and directing the management.

"We've never won the World Cup of Hockey," Gretzky said. "We look forward to the challenge."

The World Cup, a two-week event run by the NHL and its union, is returning after an eight-year absence. The United States won the inaugural event in 1996.

Rejoining Gretzky are Kevin Lowe,

the general manager of the Edmonton Oilers, and Steve Tambellini, the vice president of player personnel for the Vancouver Canucks.

Duncan out for at least a week with ankle sprain

SAN ANTONIO — San Antonio Spurs forward Tim Duncan will be sidelined for one to three weeks with a sprained left ankle.

Duncan was injured in Monday night's loss to Memphis.

The 7-foot forward missed Tuesday night's game against winless Miami, as well as home contests against two of the Spurs' top rivals in the Western Conference — the Los Angeles Lakers on Thursday and Dallas on Saturday.

The Spurs said Tuesday that Duncan's ankle will be re-evaluated after the Mavericks game.

Spurs point guard Tony Parker also was not expected to play against the Heat due to an ankle sprain sus-

tained during the preseason, and reserve forward Robert Horry was questionable with a strained groin.

Duncan and Parker were the team's top scorers last season, combining for nearly 40 points per game. Duncan has averaged 16.5 points and 12.7 rebounds this season. Parker has yet to play.

Duncan rolled over on his ankle while making a fall-away jumper midway through the first quarter against the Grizzlies.

Spurs coach Popovich suspended for bumping ref

SAN ANTONIO — San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich was suspended for one game by the NBA on Tuesday, one day after bumping a referee in the Spurs' loss to Memphis.

Popovich was ejected in the second quarter of Monday's 88-80 loss to the Grizzlies after he made contact with official Tony Brown on the court while shouting that Spurs guard Shane Heal had been fouled.

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Super rookie summitt: LeBron versus Carmelo

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Russell vs. Chamberlain. Bird vs. Magic. Jordan vs. Everyone.

Rivalries have always given the NBA some extra bounce. On Wednesday night, another will be born.

This one pits a pair of the league's most talented rookies — good friends who have received rave reviews after playing just a few pro games.

And Cleveland's LeBron James and Denver's Carmelo Anthony can't wait for the opening tip.

"I'm looking forward to it," said James, the Cavaliers' 18-year-old guard.

"You know there's going to be a lot of hype," Anthony said.

More than 20,000 fans, a national TV audience and more

media than have ever covered a game in Gund Arena, will witness the Cavaliers' home opener against the Nuggets.

It also will be James' regular-season home debut, and the former Akron high school superstar — and No. 1 NBA draft pick — wants to put on a good show.

"A lot of people are going to be here," said James, who has averaged 18 points, 7.3 rebounds and 7.7 assists in three games. "I'm just here to show the city of Cleveland that we're a way, way, way better team than we were last year."

James grew up just 30 miles away, and he's expecting a large contingent of family and friends to be on hand: "Half of Akron," he says.

James and Anthony last faced each other in high school and have been trying to downplay

any rivalry — old or new.

"A lot of people are going to portray it as a LeBron-Carmelo game, but it's a Nuggets vs. Cavaliers game, and we're trying to go out there and win," Anthony said. "It's going to be on everybody's front page. I know that already. As long as I go in there with the mind-set of just trying to win, nothing can hold me back."

Nothing has stopped Anthony so far.

A 6-foot-8, 220-pounder with a feathery outside touch, Anthony, the No. 3 overall selection, hasn't gotten half as much hype as James. His stats (17.7 points,

7.3 rebounds and 3.3 assists) aren't quite as impressive, either.

However, Anthony led the Nuggets to a 2-1 record after three games, with wins over Western Conference powers San Antonio and Sacramento. Against the Kings, Anthony had 23 points, six rebounds and five assists in his best all-around effort this season.

"Smooth," Cavaliers coach

Paul Silas said of Anthony. "He kind of reminds me of [Sixers forward] Glenn Robinson a lot in that he has that nice jumper,

but he goes to the hoop. He's going to be a scorer for years to come."

Like Magic Johnson and Larry Bird before them, James and Anthony have entered the league with huge expectations. What sets them apart is that unlike Johnson and Bird, who became good friends later on in their careers, Anthony and James are already tight.

They first bonded at a USA Basketball Festival three years ago in Colorado, where they were clearly the best players. But James says it was their off-court similarities that naturally drew them together.

"He's cool," James said. "He came up the same as me — single parent, talk of the town. We just came up playing the game we love. We love the same things."

"A lot of people are going to try to portray it as a LeBron-Carmelo game, but it's a Nets vs. Cavaliers game ..."

Carmelo Anthony
Denver forward

NFL

Former trainer sues Manning

Associated Press

BARTOW, Fla. — A female athletic trainer's defamation lawsuit can proceed against Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning and his father, a judge ruled.

Judge Harvey Kornstein said Monday there is enough evidence for a jury to hear the case, which stems from a 1996 encounter during which Manning dropped his pants in front of former University of Tennessee trainer Jamie Ann Naughtright.

The quarterback, without using Naughtright's name, talks about the encounter in the book he wrote with his father,

"Manning: A Father, His Sons and a Football Legacy."

Manning says in the book that he pulled down his pants while the trainer was examining his feet in the Volunteers' locker room. He said the trainer had a "vulgar mouth," but concedes his behavior was "inappropriate."

"Crude, maybe, but harmless," he wrote.

Naughtright alleges Manning placed his "naked butt" on her face. She filed the lawsuit in Polk County, Fla., in 2002, two years after the book was published, saying it disparaged her and seeking at least \$15,000.

Besides Manning and his

father, former New Orleans Saints quarterback Archie Manning, the lawsuit also names writer John Underwood and publisher HarperCollins Inc. A trial is set for March in the lawsuit.

The judge ruled there is enough evidence to suggest the Mannings, the writer and the publisher knew the passages in question were false and acted in reckless disregard for the truth.

Naughtright's attorney, Robert Puterbaugh, declined to comment Tuesday. The attorney representing the Mannings and the other defendants did not return a call for comment.

MLB

Mattingly signs on as hitting coach

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Don Mattingly hopped into the fire with no hesitation.

After eight seasons in George Steinbrenner's collection of beloved former Yankees, the former New York captain agreed to become the team's hitting coach.

Now, he's just a few losses away from the wrath of the Boss.

"I'm not naive to the fact that if this ballclub is not swinging the bat after a month, I'm going to be on the hot seat. That's just the way it is here," Mattingly said Tuesday after he was given a hero's introduction at Yankee Stadium.

Mattingly follows Chris Chambliss, Gary Dembo and Rick Down, all deposed as hitting czars since the Yankees last won the World Series in 2000.

Mattingly said he was "not a savior or magician or anything else." However, manager Joe Torre made clear he didn't fight the decision to jettison Down after New York hit .140 with runners in scoring position during the World Series loss to Florida.

Mattingly then was persuaded by Steinbrenner to return full time for the first time since he retired as a player after the 1995 season.

"He's a guy you trust," Torre said. "He's very low key. Yet he gets pretty heated

or emphatic when he has an opinion."

His successor as captain, Derek Jeter, attended the news conference along with former Yankees Whitey Ford, Graig Nettles and Mike Pagliarulo.

"I really learned the Yankee way from watching Don Mattingly," said Jeter, who arrived in New York during Mattingly's final season. "I learned a lot from how he handles himself in the good times and more importantly, in the bad times."

Mattingly had stayed close to his Indiana home since his retirement in 1995 to spend time with his family as his three children grew up. The oldest is now in New York's farm system and the other two urged him to return to the Yankees, as did his wife.

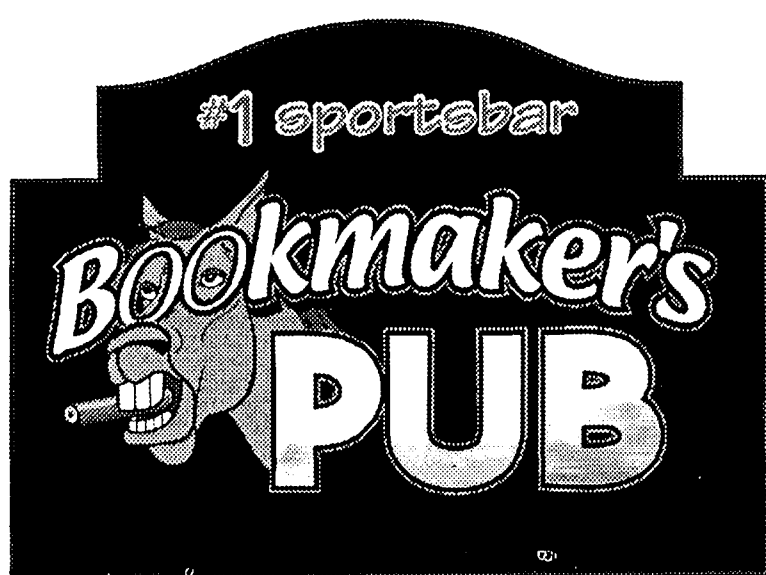
"I believe it's time to go," Kim Mattingly recalled telling her husband. "Your opportunity may run out at some point. They may quit asking."

Yankees president Randy Levine said Mattingly made the "ultimate sacrifice" by accepting the job. Torre knows that Mattingly's relationship with Steinbrenner could be tested.

"He's in there with the rest of us now. He's no longer exempt," Torre said.

Torre talked of how the owner used to be close to Don Zimmer, who quit as bench coach after the World Series, saying he never would work for Steinbrenner again. Zimmer felt the coaches were treated as scapegoats by the owner, who put pressure on them after the 2002 playoff loss to Anaheim.

"He and Zim were very close, so that's the sad part about this whole thing," Torre said. "So whatever the reason — whether it is a way of tweaking me, I can't tell you for sure — it's a shame that it messed up a relationship that was there for a long time."

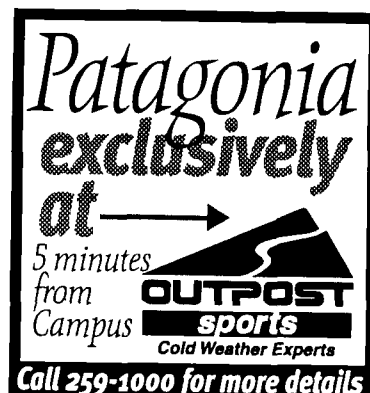


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HOCKEY

David Brown earns second conference rookie award

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame goaltender David Brown continued his red-hot play in goal for the Irish last week and has been selected the Central Collegiate Hockey Association's (CCHA) rookie of the week for the week ending Nov. 2.

Brown, who has made just four starts in his collegiate career, recorded his third consecutive shutout in the 2-0 win over the Mavericks on Friday, Oct. 31. The 5-11, 188-pound goaltender made 22 saves in the victory and ran his consecutive shutout minute streak to 186:15, a new Notre Dame school record.

The three consecutive shutouts are also a school record as are three shutouts in one season. He is one off the all-time career shutout mark of four held by Morgan Cey and Mark Kronholm.

The win over Nebraska-Omaha gave the Irish a four-game winning streak and improved them to 5-2-0 on the year and 4-2-0 in CCHA play.

Brown has not given up a goal since the 15:38 mark of the third period on Oct. 17 versus Bowling Green. In that span, he has shutout Bowling Green, No. 1 ranked Boston College and Nebraska-Omaha.

On the season, Brown is now 3-2-0 with a 1.15 goals-against average and a .964 save percentage. He leads the CCHA in goals-against average, save percentage and shutouts.

Nationally, the former Hamilton Kilty Bee of the Ontario Provincial Junior Hockey League, ranks fifth in goals-against average, third in save percentage and first in shutouts. He has helped Notre Dame to a CCHA-leading 1.71 team goals-against average.



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Irish goalie David Brown was named rookie of the week for the second time this season after setting a Notre Dame record with three consecutive shutouts.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Impressive Sooners wary of Aggies and upset

Associated Press

For Oklahoma, now it's just a matter of avoiding a letdown.

The top-ranked Sooners, however, have extra incentive to make sure that doesn't happen in Saturday's Big 12 matchup with Texas A&M.

Oklahoma (9-0, 5-0 Big 12), the unanimous No. 1 and the only undefeated team from a major conference, made a huge statement last week with its 52-9 trouncing of then-No. 14 Oklahoma State. The Cowboys had won the previous two meetings between the rivals.

That game was supposed to be the last real test for the Sooners leading to the Big 12 title game on Dec. 6. Their remaining games come against Texas A&M, Baylor and Texas Tech — teams that comprise the bottom half of the Big 12 South and have a com-

bined 13-14 record.

"Around here, beating Oklahoma State isn't going to be the end-all to our season," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said. "This game means nothing without these next three."

Stoops' squad has reason to be wary of Texas A&M (2-3, 4-5) despite its poor record. The Sooners also entered last season's meeting unbeaten and at No. 1, but the Aggies pulled off a stunning 30-26 victory at College Station.

Last year, though, Texas A&M did not have to deal with Jason White. The Heisman Trophy candidate is second nationally with a 168.3 passer rating for a Sooner offense that leads the country with 45.1 points per game.

With White having thrown 27 touchdown passes and only six interceptions, Oklahoma has scored 50 or more points in five

games this season to equal the school record set in 1987.

The Aggies have surrendered an average of 37.6 points and 428.2 yards in five Big 12 games, and their minus-9 turnover ratio is second-worst in the conference.

Oklahoma's defense is allowing a nation-low 245.3 yards per contest and has surrendered just 62 points in five conference games.

That unit is led by defensive end Dan Cody Jr., the reigning Big 12 player of the week after collecting three sacks and forcing a fumble against Oklahoma State. In that win, the Sooners held the Cowboys offense, which entered the game ranked fifth nationally in scoring, to a season-low 161 yards and no touchdowns.

"We showed a lot of pride and toughness on defense," Stoops said. "Our defense not giving up

a touchdown all day, that's the finest defense I've seen them play."

With Cody leading a ferocious pass rush, Texas A&M can't afford to fall into a big deficit.

Though sophomore quarterback Reggie McNeal passed for a career-high 259 yards in last week's 45-33 win over Kansas, the Aggies offense is based on Courtney Lewis and the ground game.

Clarett drops federal complaint seeking fine

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Suspended running back Maurice Clarett has dropped a federal complaint seeking a \$2.5 million fine against Ohio State for releasing information from an NCAA investigation to prosecutors.

In his court motion, Clarett reserved the right to renew the complaint if he could get backing from the U.S. Department of Education, which oversees the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act he accuses the school of violating.

"We intend to bring it again," his attorney, Percy Squire, said Tuesday. "We want to bring it as a joint action."

The complaint sought to add Clarett to an Education Department lawsuit against several Ohio universities over the release of educational

records. The complaint asked the court to fine Ohio State at least \$2.5 million, payable to Clarett.

Ohio State had argued that previous court rulings prevent individuals from suing schools under the privacy law. Squire said he wanted to avoid that question by having the Education Department join him in seeking the contempt ruling.

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FOOTBALL

Injuries plague Irish starters Earl, Budinsack

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

A glance at Notre Dame's injury list shows just how many players are banged up.

Safety Glenn Earl, who hobbled off the field against USC and hasn't played since, isn't likely to return to the Irish this season. Secondary coach Trent Walters said Earl is back home in Lisle, Ill., recovering from knee surgery.

"He's home now, because he had his knee operated on Friday," Walters said. "I expect him back next week helping, but he should not be here for the game on Saturday."

Then there's defensive end Kyle Budinsack, who went down against Florida State and is out this week and maybe longer, Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham said.

Meanwhile, offensive tackle Dan Stevenson is questionable

and Jim Molinaro is probable. Center Bob Morton's status will be determined as the week progresses, Willingham said. All three offensive linemen were helped off the field Saturday.

The injuries, coupled with a wealth of inexperienced players and a well-disciplined opponent in Navy, means the Irish are seeing much more individual attention in practice.

"We had more individual time than we ever had," Irish defensive coordinator Kent Baer said. "It's just a lot of reps. You have to go over it again and again."

And the fact that the Irish are having to plug in inexperienced players is no excuse for their current struggles, Willingham said.

"You have to make sure you simplify to a degree, to make sure that you give them every opportunity to see those looks

and practice against those looks as many times as possible so they are comfortable with what they hope they will see," the Irish head coach said.

Setta still out

On Notre Dame's second kickoff of the game against Pittsburgh, Nicholas Setta did something that prevented him from kicking or punting since.

While he wouldn't say exactly what the nature of his injury is, Setta did say that it prevents him from going through the full range of his kicking motion.

"It's one of those things you don't understand and try to get through," he said. "I'd just hurt the team right now if I tried to [play] right now."

Setta estimated that he would be ready to return by the Stanford game Nov. 29 at the latest, which means he would miss the Navy and BYU

games but have a bye week to help him continue to rest. The injury, he said, isn't healing as fast as it was expected to.

"I thought last week that this week was going to be the week," Setta said. "You just have to shut your mouth and not try to cry wolf too many times."

Quarterback switch

In the late minutes of Notre Dame's 37-0 blowout loss to Florida State Saturday, and after considering the fact that starting quarterback Brady Quinn had struggled all game long, Willingham said he contemplated putting Carlyle Holiday back under center briefly.

But Willingham's thought stayed as thoughts and never turned into action.

"It was the timing of the game," Willingham said. "I didn't think it was right."

Holiday hasn't taken a snap

in a game since he was replaced by Quinn before the Purdue game. The Irish are ranked last in the nation in passing efficiency.

No success after close calls

As if their 39-game losing streak against the Irish wasn't enough to tip the history books against the Midshipmen, Navy hasn't had much success against Notre Dame the year after a close loss.

Since 1976, Navy has lost to Notre Dame by a touchdown or less four times — five including last year's narrow 30-23 loss. In those years of close-but-no-cigar (1976, '84, '97 and '99), the Midshipmen lost by an average of 3.75 points. The year after a close victory, Notre Dame won by an average of 29.5 points.

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ciency is ranked last in the nation and the team has only scored touchdowns on four of its 23 trips into the red zone.

"We need to get after teams and start making teams catch us," running back Ryan Grant said, "instead of trying to play catch up."

And if there's ever an opponent that the Irish need to be consistent against, it's Navy. Notre Dame hasn't lost to the

Midshipmen in 39 years — the longest streak in collegiate football — and, at least before the game, this season represents Navy's best chance to knock off the Irish in recent years.

To complicate matters further, Notre Dame's defense has been hit

with a rash of injuries. Glenn

Earl and Kyle Budinsack are both out indefinitely, according to Willingham. The absence of defensive leaders hurt the Irish so much last year against Navy that

Midshipmen led by eight points with five minutes left in the

"I think you have to learn if you're going to be a coach in this business for any period of time, you have to be able to handle the good and the bad."

Tyrone Willingham
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SMC SOCCER

Belles' defense shines on wet Olivet field

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Despite the terrible field conditions, Saint Mary's was able to come away with not only another victory but also its first shutout of the season.

The Belles had to overcome patches of water and mud to defeat Olivet College 3-0 Tuesday night.

The win puts the Belles at 6-4-3 in the conference and 10-5-3 overall.

"It was a swamp, but we just had to adjust," Saint Mary's sweeper Carrie Orr said.

Saint Mary's appeared to adjust well as the Belles led early in the first half after Orr scored the first goal of the game off a penalty kick.

Saint Mary's continued to look strong and dictate the game as the Belles came back to find their second goal of the half. The leading scorer for Saint Mary's, freshman Carolyn Logan, found her sixth goal of the season off an assist by Sarah Budd.

In the second half of play, the offense showed no sign of

fatigue as Saint Mary's scored their final goal of the game off a long range kick from freshman Ashley Hinton.

"We came to play, and we played tough," Logan said.

But Saint Mary's could not have come away with the win without the stellar defense that has turned out to be a major highlight for the team this season.

"Our defense did not allow any goals, and Katie Taylor continues to be the most consistent player," Orr said.

Saint Mary's hopes it can depend upon another strong performance from the defense when playing against its next opponent, Calvin College.

Calvin is currently tied for first with Hope College in the MIAA standings and the game against Saint Mary's is critical. But Saint Mary's does intend to see different results from Tuesday night's win.

"We have had a good season and we just want to finish strong," Orr said.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish ready for traditional game in exhibition

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

No more practice jerseys. No more trapezoid lanes. No more 24-second shot clocks. No more 120-degree Barbados gyms. No more openly hostile crowds.

It's regular old-fashioned basketball in the Joyce Center for Notre Dame tonight, which, after playing three exhibition games in Barbados under international rules, opens its regular slate of exhibition games tonight against Hoop Group.

"We're playing good ol' American rules, baby. Springfield, Massachusetts," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We've been playing with those lines for so long, I think it's been confus-

ing our big guys."

The Irish, playing three games in four days during a fall break tour in Barbados, finished 2-1. The trip marked the emergence of the Chris Thomas-Chris Quinn backcourt, a combination Brey plans to use on an extensive basis as the year progresses. That duo will debut tonight for Irish fans, who still have to wait until Nov. 24 to see Notre Dame play its first real game of the season.

The Quinn-Thomas backcourt has been one Brey has emphasized throughout the team's pre-season. Brey estimated that the pair has played against each other just a handful of times in practice. Instead, he's trying to help the two develop on-court chemistry needed to see who

handles the traditional point-guard duties and who turns into the shooting guard. It also gives the Irish the ability to switch who pressures the opposition's primary ball handler.

But so far, the two have been able to work out sharing the duties well. Although Brey says Thomas is still the team's point guard, the coach doesn't spend much time dictating who runs the point when both are on the floor — it's a natural process that develops depending on each possession.

"Whoever gets the ball can go," Quinn said. "Maybe I'll get it and go, and Chris will get the ball to look off some screens, or vice versa. For the most part, it's strictly natural."

The Irish are in a particularly

unique situation this fall. Normally, teams only have two exhibition games to prepare for a season, but Notre Dame's fall tour has already given them three games.

With the added preparation time, Brey plans to continue tweaking lineups to find solid matchups as well as helping the players develop confidence in Notre Dame's interior players. In particular, the Irish will continue to groom sophomore Torin Francis to be the team's primary interior threat — something the Irish will need with the departure of perimeter sharpshooters Matt Carroll and Dan Miller.

"I think that if they're not confident in passing to me, they're not going to pass it down," Francis said. "That's why I have

to establish my presence before the game."

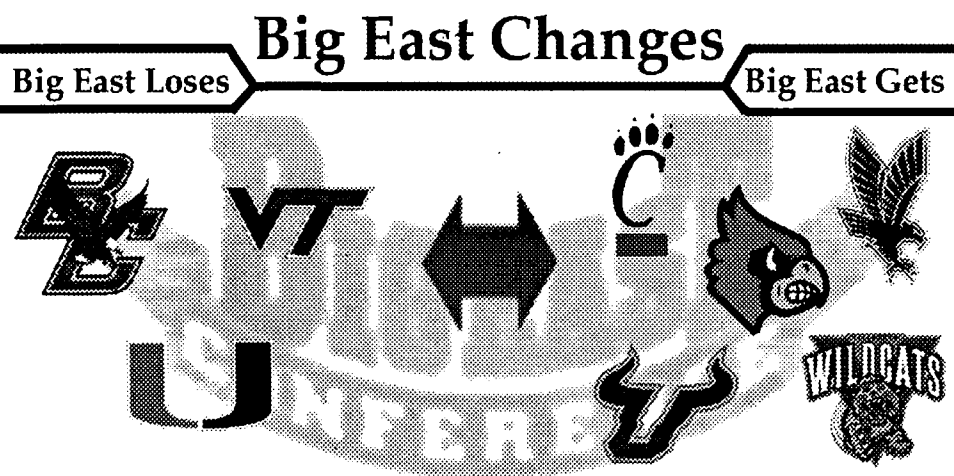
"We still have three weeks until our first game, and it feels like we've been practicing for six weeks," Brey said. "You have to pick your spots and pace them too."

Notes

Brey praised the play of freshman guard Russell Carter, whom he said has been playing well in practice since the team returned from Barbados. It wasn't clear if classmate Russell Carter is close to cracking into the regular rotation.

Junior Jordan Cornette will sit out tomorrow's exhibition with a bruised knee, Brey said.

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And that's just the new teams. Syracuse won the national title last year, and Connecticut is ranked No. 1 this preseason. Notre Dame and Pittsburgh are both preseason top-25 teams. Oh, and all four teams made the Sweet Sixteen last March.

"I'll tell you what, we'll ratchet down our non-league schedule when the re-alignment takes effect in two years," Brey said. "We're covering non-league and league toughness all at once."

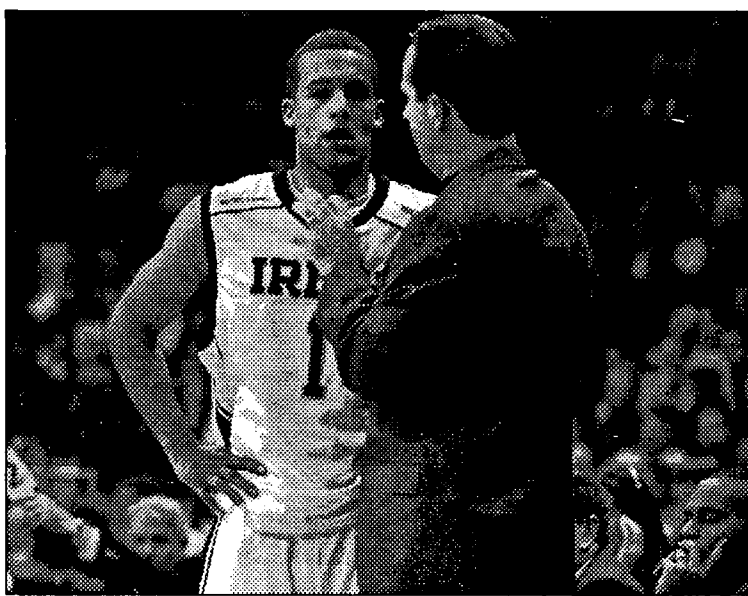
Muffet McGraw's attitude is similar. While a loaded 14-team conference got even better, especially with the addition of DePaul, the women's basketball team coach doesn't significantly plan to adjust her scheduling.

"Our approach has always been to play a tough schedule to prepare us for the NCAA Tournament," she said.

The nuts and bolts of the league's re-alignment are still getting worked out, and Brey and McGraw both have very strong opinions on what they want the future Big East to look like.

On the men's side, Big East commissioner Mike Tranchese said the league would be split into two eight-team divisions, but the Big East Tournament would still remain at 12 teams. Tranchese favored a conference schedule that was either 16 or 18 games, and the exact number would depend on what worked best for the league's television contract negotiation.

But Brey said he would prefer a 16-game slate because it would give teams more flexibility. He envisions a scenario similar to how the league scheduled teams this year — one where



Guard Chris Thomas, coach Mike Brey and the Irish represent one of seven preseason top-25 teams in the reshaped Big

each team would play every team in the conference at least once, and then play other teams twice to set up glamorous television matchups. Brey said he also hopes the league's divisions aren't split into Midwest and East Coast leagues.

"I don't think anything is etched in stone right now," he added.

McGraw, on the other hand, favors a conference schedule where all teams are in one massive league and play each other once — thus turning what is now a 16-game schedule into a 15-game one. She expects the conference tournament to stay the same.

But both coaches are excited by the addition of Midwest schools, which they say will make travel and recruiting easier.

"It's great for us to get fans to travel," she said.

Tranchese said the five teams wouldn't join the conference until 2005-06, at the latest. Only

current freshmen and sophomores will play in the realigned Big East. But Chicago native Colin Falls is looking forward to playing regional powers Marquette and DePaul.

"It's nice to have a local team where I live in the conference," he said. "It'll be a rivalry game."

The departure of Miami and Virginia Tech to the ACC will only strengthen the Big East men's basketball division. While Boston College — which is also joining the ACC — was among the Big East's top teams, Miami and Virginia Tech were perennial cellar-dwellers. Their absence will turn the Big East back into the basketball powerhouse that originally drove its creation.

"They kind of played around with that football stuff," Brey said. "Now we're back to where we belong and back to our identity."

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Big East

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schools in jumping ship, and the future of the Big East appeared to be in jeopardy.

But in just a few months, the league regrouped, plotted its course and lured five other schools from another conference to make a monstrous 16-team league.

The additions make the Big East arguably one of the best basketball conferences in the nation. Seven teams in the new conference are ranked in the top 25 of most preseason basketball polls.

The potential for the eight-team football league, however, is not so bright. And it wasn't immediately clear if the addition of Louisville, Cincinnati and South Florida — who haven't had historically strong football programs — would be good enough to ensure the conference keeps its automatic bid to the Bowl Championship Series when the BCS contract expires after 2005.

South Florida was a particularly surprising addition, because the school is not geographically located near any of the other schools. But while the defection of Miami and Virginia Tech stunned the collegiate world, Boston College's decision sent an already expansion-minded Big East looking to add another football school. In South Florida, Big East commissioner Mike Tranchese said he believes the conference has an up-and-coming program that can help the conference remain dominant.

"[The conference presidents] know who we are, and they know where we've been," Tranchese said. "I still think we're one of the six best football-playing conferences in the country."

The conference dominoes aren't likely to stop falling with the Big East's Tuesday announcement. After the Big East announced it had added the five C-USA teams, the C-USA responded by adding five more teams of its own — WAC members Rice, Southern Methodist and Tulsa and Mid-American

Conference members Marshall and Central Florida.

Although league presidents took the final vote on expansion Tuesday, the Big East's expansion effort had been underway for several months, Tranchese said. The process involved meetings with schools targeted for expansion, evaluating the potential for a football-only member, and visits at every school to ensure acceptance of invitations, the league commissioner added.

Notre Dame benefited from adding the Midwest schools because it could potentially reduce travel costs while at the same time maintaining the school's recruiting presence by playing conference games in the Midwest.

Tranchese said the league briefly flirted with, but ultimately rejected, adding a football-

"I never said we're the best conference in the country. What our goal is is to be viewed as one of the best. And clearly, we're there."

Mike Tranchese
Big East commissioner

only playing school. And when Notre Dame emphatically repeated it had no interest in joining the league as a football member, the Big East decided to keep the football-playing members at eight schools rather than continue to expand.

But Heister said that Notre Dame's independence is not necessarily set in stone.

"At some juncture, it doesn't make any sense to say [we'll stay independent forever]," he said. "We don't know where the world is going to go. We're not going to sit here and guarantee that we're not going to be an independent."

Pittsburgh, Syracuse and West Virginia are the top remaining football programs in the Big East after Miami, Virginia Tech and Boston College leave the conference within two years. Connecticut will replace Temple as a member after this season. Rutgers is the final team in the football conferences.

The six existing non-football playing teams are Villanova, St. John's, Providence, Georgetown, Seton Hall and Notre Dame.

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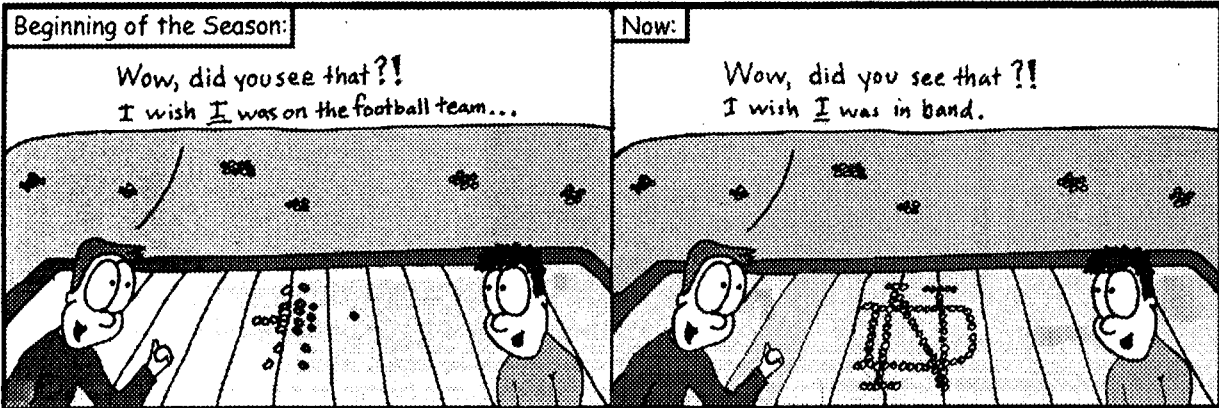
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

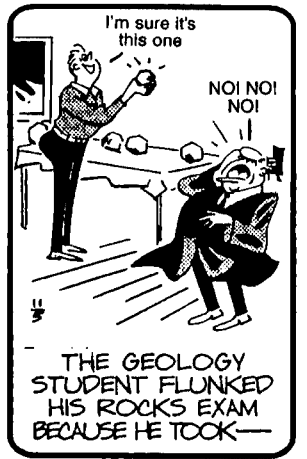
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans: IT O O O O "O O O O O O O O O O" (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: ABHOR ENEMY AGENCY DEVOUR
Answer: Why the shipwrecked sailor turned purple with rage — HE WAS "MAROONED"

CROSSWORD

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EUGENIA LAST

Sharing this birthday: Tatum O'Neal, Ike Turner, Elke Sommer, Bryan Adams, Sam Shepard

Happy Birthday: Get on with it. If you think you can sit through the exciting and fruitful year ahead, think again. Get your act together and start anew. The only satisfaction you'll get is from the success that goes after. Do your own thing and refrain from putting demands on others. It's time for you to take all the glory yourself. Your numbers: 8, 13, 22, 29, 35, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Uncertainties on the home front should not be a cause for alarm. A move or changes are evident. Once you make your alterations, the existing problems will be eliminated. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Family outings to the museum or other cultural events will be stimulating and rewarding. You will find that if you're active with the one you love, a closer bond will definitely develop. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If you have to put in some overtime, do so. You will be much happier if you get the work out of the way as quickly as possible. Do something with colleagues that will help develop a friendship. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will find the day confusing if you let the turmoil you are experiencing take over and ruin your plans. Love interests are present, and you must pull yourself away from the stress and enjoy yourself. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Expect to have problems with authority figures. Stick to your original plans, but be secretive about them. Don't let anyone curtail your freedom. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't take on too much. You will be taken for granted if you are generous with your time or cash. Children will play an important role in your life if you let them help with your projects. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): This is not the time to ask for favors or complain or criticize others. It is best to do your own thing and refrain from worrying about what others are doing. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may be enjoying yourself, but overindulgence will lead to upset and financial loss later on. Travel will be in your best interests. You will learn from the people you encounter. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take care of any health problems. It's too close to the festive season to take chances. Don't make promises to the ones you love. Do what you can, but don't push yourself past your limit. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may not be the easiest to get along with. Try not to be too curt with your loved ones, and be prepared to work on some of the difficulties that have arisen in your relationship. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let worry ruin your weekend. You need to take care of your health. If your job is causing that much stress, you may be wise to consider making changes. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will have great ideas for fund-raising events. Don't hesitate to voice your opinions and suggestions. You will be well-regarded, due to your compassionate and giving nature. ***

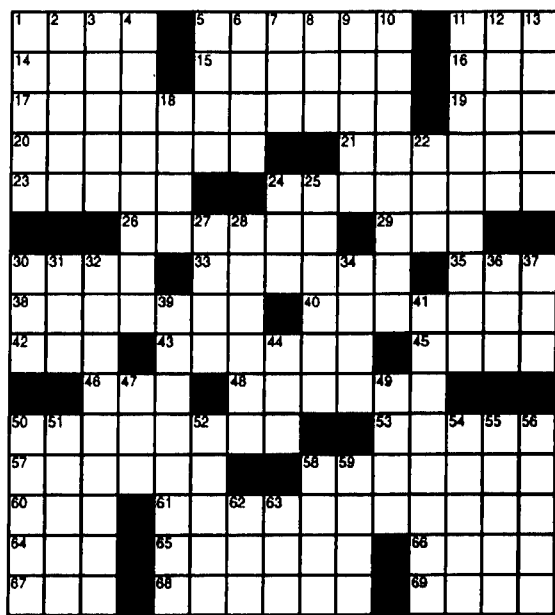
Birthday Baby: Once you've got your value system down pat, you'll be off to the races. Your "play to win" attitude and good mental awareness will keep any competitors you meet throughout life on their toes. You are resourceful, articulate and passionate about everything you do.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Backseat
 - 5 Place to put in
 - 11 Acid
 - 14 Push for
 - 15 Brooks Robinson, notably
 - 16 Have a mortgage
 - 17 Sen. Olympia's rages?
 - 19 Get the gold
 - 20 Angry speeches
 - 21 Abalone eaters
 - 23 Feel wistful
 - 24 So-so
 - 26 Not as sensible
 - 29 "___ I Kissed You"
 - 30 How coffee filters are used
 - 33 Blue blood, informally
 - 35 Eggs
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- 38 Formula One automaker
 - 40 Authorize
 - 42 Rock music's ___ Fighters
 - 43 Thickheaded
 - 45 Swift fliers, for short
 - 46 Overseas facilities
 - 48 Actress Verdugo and others
 - 50 Open-ended cigars
 - 53 European fashion capital
 - 57 Challenges for Hercules
 - 58 Blasphemous
 - 60 ___ Today
 - 61 Boxer Riddick's glove securers?
 - 64 Render imperfect
 - 65 Go by

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by Sheldon Benardo

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- 34 Counterfeiter hunters
- 36 November 11 honoree
- 37 Horace's "___ poetica"
- 39 Shock ___
- 41 Hardens, as bones
- 44 French pronoun
- 47 ___-Magnon
- 49 Livy's love
- 50 Stick together
- 51 Assaults
- 52 "___ Mio"
- 54 Hawaiian island
- 55 Hopeless feeling
- 56 Ants' homes
- 58 "Hey, buddy"
- 59 Itinerary abbrs.
- 62 Old U.S. military aux.
- 63 Prefix with center or cycle

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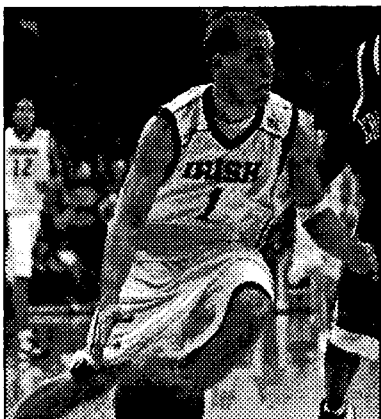
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Big East adds five schools to conference



By ANDREW SOUKUP
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Ending a seven-month process that saw three of its members leave for a rival conference, the Big East Conference announced Tuesday that five Conference USA schools had accepted the conference's offer to join the league in 2005-06.

Louisville, Cincinnati and South Florida accepted invitations to join the Big East in all sports. DePaul and Marquette — traditional Notre Dame basketball rivals who don't have football teams — will be the fourth and fifth additions.

Notre Dame, which some newspapers previously reported had entertained offers from other conferences, will remain in the new 16-team league in all sports except football, which will still remain independent, school spokesman John Heisler said.

"It's been a complicated summer for everyone in college athletics and particularly for the Big East," Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White said in a statement, "and today's announcement represents a resolution and a plan to move forward for all those associated with the conference."

The conference turmoil began in June when Miami and Virginia Tech accepted the ACC's offer to leave the Big East. A few months later, Boston College joined the two

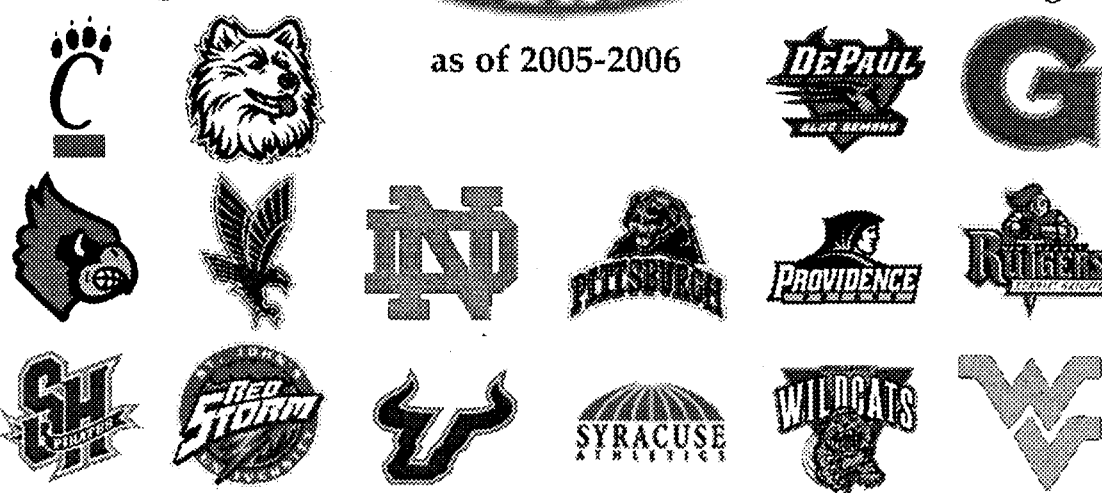
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Connecticut
DePaul
Georgetown
Louisville
Marquette
Notre Dame
Pittsburgh



Providence
Rutgers
Seton Hall
St. John's
South Florida
Syracuse
Villanova
West Virginia

as of 2005-2006



Big East now nation's premier basketball conference, say coaches

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Mike Brey always thought the Big East men's basketball conference was among the best in the country.

But with the addition of Louisville, Marquette, Cincinnati, DePaul and South Florida to a league that sent four teams to the NCAA Tournament last year

just made the league a whole lot tougher.

"Now that it's official, it's the best basketball league in the country," the Irish men's basketball coach said. "The first part of me says it's exciting. Then I say, 'I hope we

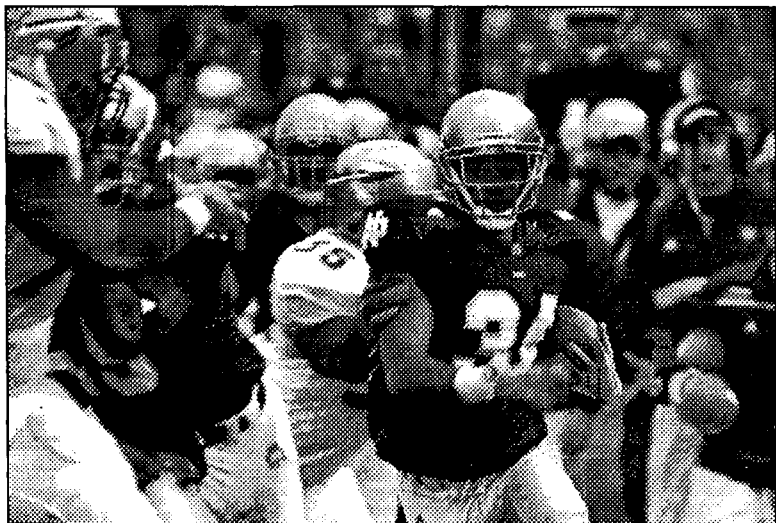
get nine bids [to the NCAA Tournament]."

Just what is the Big East getting? Louisville and Cincinnati are coached by Rick Pitino and Bob Huggins, respectively — two of the most highly regarded head coaches in college basketball. Marquette made it to the Final Four in April. DePaul is a traditional rival of Notre Dame.

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FOOTBALL

Irish not making excuses as team struggles



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Vontez Duff runs back an interception in a 37-0 Notre Dame loss against Florida State Saturday.

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He could point to the fact that Notre Dame has the toughest schedule in the nation. He could say he's playing too many freshmen and sophomores. He could say too many players are injured. He could say that he's not playing with players he recruited.

But Tyrone Willingham won't. Instead, the coach of the 2-6 Irish tries to keep his team

pointed toward the future by emphasizing the importance of ending the season on a positive note.

"I don't think you'll see me bring up any excuses, and maybe I have inadvertently and I apologize for those if I have," the Irish head coach said at his weekly press conference Tuesday. "But I don't believe excuses are solutions. So you won't hear me provide any excuses."

Willingham firmly believes the Irish are pointed in the right direction. He points to the

improvement in Notre Dame's offense in the second half Saturday against Florida State, when the Irish recorded 14 first

downs compared to just one in the first half. And he says he is impressed with the team's resiliency, despite the fact that the team is off to its worst start since 1963.

But Willingham also knows the Irish have had more than their share of struggles. Notre Dame hasn't scored in seven quarters, its passing effi-

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hoop Group at Notre Dame

Tonight, 7:30 p.m.

The Irish host their first exhibition game at the Joyce Center.

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FOOTBALL

Injuries pile up

Numerous Irish starters have been sidelined by injuries. Coaches have to give more attention to individual players in practice.

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SMC SOCCER

Saint Mary's 3 Olivet 0

The Belles earned their first shutout on a wet field Tuesday.

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NBA

Nuggets at Cavaliers

Tonight, 8 p.m.

Rookies LeBron James and Carmelo Anthony meet for the first time.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Miami (OH) 33 Bowling Green 10

Cal Murray ran for two touchdowns as the Red Hawks upset Bowling Green.

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NHL

Rangers 3 Stars 0

42-year-old Mark Messier became the second all-time leader in points with two goals.

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