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ND cancels contract with Taco Bell



Observer File Photo

Members of the Progressive Student Alliance deliver letters of protest to the Office of the President last April.

Student-raised concerns prompt University action

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Acting on allegations brought to light by a stream of student protests last spring, Notre Dame terminated its contract with local Taco Bell restaurants over the summer.

The University decided not to renew the athletic department's \$50,000 yearly sponsorship agreement because of concerns raised by the Progressive Student Alliance, Notre Dame spokesman Matt Storin said Monday. The students, who argued that the chain's tomato suppliers in Florida treated migrant workers unfairly, "deserve a lot of credit for bringing up these issues, doing the

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Boat Club lawsuits won't sink

Appeals court ruling favors plaintiff; bar faces limited penalties

By TERESA FRALISH
Associate News Editor

Nearly a year and a half after first ruling they were being sued for their January 2003 citations at The Boat Club, many students are finding themselves right back at square one.

Over the summer, the Indiana Court of Appeals ruled that The Boat Club could bring lawsuits against the students, reversing a lower court's August 2003 decision to dismiss the cases.

Originally brought by the Millennium Club, owner of The Boat Club, in April 2003, the suits argued that underage students fraudulently represented themselves to the bar and therefore were responsible for the damages it incurred. Consequently, Millennium Club requested that the students be held liable and pay \$3,000 each.

The appeals court ruling does not address or affect the substance of the suits. Attorneys for the students have chosen not to appeal this ruling to the Indiana Supreme Court, said Ed Sullivan, attorney for many of the cited students.

The suits now return to the South Bend Small Claims Court, where students have the option to seek a hearing or negotiate a settlement with The Boat Club.

The January 2003 raid by Indiana Excise Police netted 213 "minor in a tavern" citations. Students involved were offered pretrial diversion with a fine and community service hours, and Notre Dame students received

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Istvan, Bell set policy agenda

ND Safe Bus listed as top priority for the new academic year term

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

Adam Istvan and Karla Bell are fighting student apathy the best way they know how — by showing that student government can get visible results.

From the campaign promises and platforms of last spring, the student body president and vice president have crafted an agenda they feel will be true to the Notre Dame community that helped them win one of the closest elections in the University's recent history.

"Within four months of coming into office, we set up the DVD rental in LaFortune that was one of our main campaigning points," said Istvan, who spent the summer on campus preparing for the upcoming year. "Hopefully students will see this, realize that student government can make a difference, and want to get involved."

Now that the long push for the DVD rental is completed, changing all the dining hall and HuddleMart coffee to Fair Trade is next on the list. Istvan said Food Services has been very receptive, and that he expects to see results within the next few weeks.

Istvan's number one personal priority, however, is to get the ND Safe Bus project in place.

An idea introduced during the spring Board of Trustees meeting, the ND Safe Bus would run to and from popular off-campus spots and residential complexes — a measure that Istvan said is an invaluable when most students are currently forced to walk home through unsafe areas or pay for a cab.

"Walking home after a night out is just not safe," he said, recalling the tragic disappearance of a freshman in December 2002. "We have to act now to avoid another tragedy like

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Limited space forces quick fix



MICHELLE OTTO/The Observer

An on-campus housing shortage has forced Notre Dame to convert rooms such as this Pangborn study lounge.

Study lounges, doubles converted

By ANNA GELHAUS
News Writer

Jessica, Lisa and Katherine are in a room that held just Lindsay and Nina last year.

The names may change, but the situation is the same all over Notre Dame. Dorm rooms that once held two are now holding three, and every available study lounge is being converted to living space.

The Office of Residence Life and Housing attributed the overcrowding issues, more pressing in women's dorms than men's, to a larger amount of seniors staying on campus and more female admits.

Welsh Family Hall freshmen Katherine Hart, Lisa Zickuhr and Jessica Cortez share a triple that was last year a double. Although they agree the situation is working well so far, they did question it at first.

Hart explained that the

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Lewis welcomes new rector

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

Forget the three R's — it's all about the three C's for Lewis Hall's new rectress, Katie Winikates — communication, consistency and computers.

As Notre Dame's only new undergraduate rector this year, Winikates brings a genuine enthusiasm to build upon the spirited and respectful community that is long-time Lewis rectress Sister Annette George's legacy.

A native Texan, Winikates hailed from Dallas and earned her undergraduate degree in computer science from Springhill College in Mobile, Ala.



Winikates

Upon graduation, Winikates joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corps for a year and taught in Houston at Our Lady of Guadalupe School. After holding various computer-related jobs, she completed her masters in pastoral studies at Loyola University in New Orleans. She then stayed in New Orleans for four years, serving as a teacher and campus minister at an all-girls high school.

Though she returned to computer employment in Dallas, Winikates felt called to full-time ministry, but admitted that the right job eluded her.

Then, in a strike of serendipity, an ad for the Notre Dame rectress position caught her eye.

A string of interviews later, Winikates was offered the job.

Winikates impressed the Office of

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Storm affects both campuses

Observer Staff Report

Nearly 80 percent of Notre Dame's campus was left without power at about 10:45 p.m. Wednesday, according to Notre Dame Security Police duty officer Dave Austin.

The outage was most likely caused by a power loss at a South Bend lift station. Austin said it was not immediately clear which areas of campus lost power, but affected areas included South Quad and the security building area. Full power returned after about 15 minutes, although some areas were still without power over an hour later.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Learning from architecture

Not pretending to be an expert in either field by any means, I would like to offer a few observations on architecture and learning, especially at this University.

Those returning to campus this week have certainly noticed several new academic buildings peppering the landscape. With all of the new construction and growth, this is an exciting time to be present at Notre Dame. However, for those who will engage the halls of these buildings in the years to come, I hope the architecture of today will meet the needs of our students and faculty. Let me explain.

When you walk into a building, have you ever considered how it makes you feel? Have you considered the way your steps are directed, even the way your mind is directed, by the bounds of the space? Whether or not you are privy enough to contemplate your surroundings on a regular basis, architecture is a painstaking craft, perhaps exerting more influence on your daily routine that you might realize.

Think for a moment about DeBartolo Hall. Sitting today in one of those tiny seminar rooms on the third floor where the walls are grey, 25 desks are shoved against the back wall so the professor can breathe and the only window hides in the corner, square and outlined by a thick metal rim, I found my mind wandering off-topic from the lecture quite often. The professor and the material presented were actually quite interesting, and I wasn't feeling tired, so I sat there trying to figure out why I was having so much trouble paying attention, until I realized a striking paradox: The architecture of the space was distracting to my learning.

There I was with a brilliant professor explaining the relation of philosophy and poetry in a way that really made the material come alive, and all I could think about was how blank the wall behind him was. In fact, the dull architecture provided a sharp contrast to the nature of the lecture. There was nothing poetic about the room; nothing about the space engaged my senses to enhance my learning experience. Instead, I found myself having to actively ignore my surroundings in order to appreciate the lecture. At an institution of higher learning, this should not be the case.

Now contrast those classrooms in DeBartolo to the more classic style of the Law School library — undergrads, you really should go check it out just to see it. When I walk into that library I feel closer to wisdom, just by the very nature of its lofty design. I can sit and read in that library for hours because the architectural design speaks to academic achievement.

As for the new buildings on campus, I can only hope that someone took into consideration that the space inside is meant for learning, and that the design ought to facilitate that end.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Lauren Galgano at lgalgano@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE FOOTBALL TICKET DISTRIBUTION PROCESS?



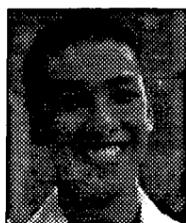
Eudell Spon
Stadium usher

"It works fine."



Nickie McCabe
Sophomore Lyons

"Waking up at seven isn't cool."



Mike Lee
Junior Keough

"It's just forever."



Vince Thomas
Sophomore Siegfried

"It's cool man, it's cool."



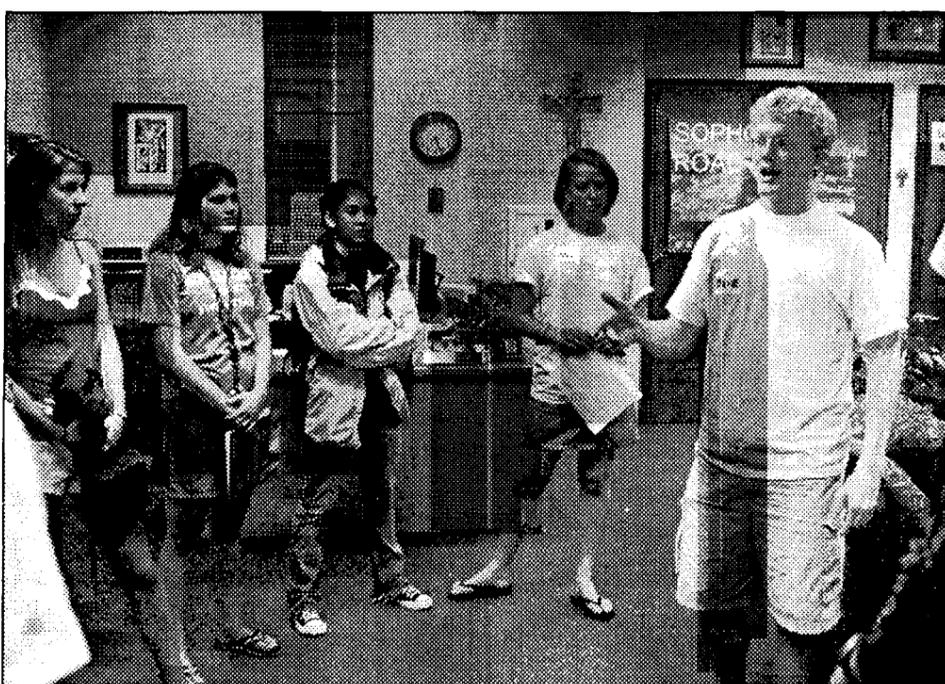
Chrstina Pelka
Freshman Lyons

"I wish it was drawn later."



Eric Lindfelt
Junior Siegfried

"My head is filled up with six classes already, I'll let you know tomorrow."



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David Ballintyn, right, and other members of Campus Ministry gave interested freshmen tours of the organization's offices in the Coleman-Morse Center, and introduced them to its many different facets and opportunities during the Open House on Wednesday night.

IN BRIEF

Watch the documentary **Control Room**, an unprecedented look inside controversial Islamic news channel Al-Jazeera, at the new Michael Browning Family Cinema at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. The movie will be shown at 7 and 10 p.m. tonight. Tickets cost \$3 for Notre Dame students, \$5 for Notre Dame faculty and staff and \$6 for the general public.

Play co-rec sand volleyball in a one-night only tournament today from 6 to 10 p.m. on the Riehle Sand Courts. Bring your teammates and register at Rolfs in advance, then bump, set, and spike under the lights.

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

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

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

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

OFFBEAT

Longtime customers wed at Wal-Mart

BOISE, Idaho — Somewhere between the junk food aisle and the automotive department, Pat Byrd and Bill Hughes fell in love.

So it was only natural that they should marry where the magic happened — Wal-Mart.

"It never dawned on me to have it anyplace else," said the 55-year-old bride.

Neither bride nor groom work at the discount store. Still, they spend more time there than many employees do, wandering the aisles and visiting friends

for up to six hours a day, nearly every day since the store opened two years ago.

"I talk to people and walk around for exercise, and we always buy a soda or a sandwich or something," 51-year-old Hughes said. "If we're not here, the store people worry about us. They're our family."

California holds 'Garage Sale'

SAN FRANCISCO — California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is holding a rummage sale to dispose of unwanted state proper-

ty from aircraft engines to jewelry.

The "California Garage Sale" will take place on Friday and Saturday in the state capital Sacramento and some of the items will also be offered by online auctioneer eBay.

The items include office furniture — most of the state's furniture is made by prisoners — 30 pounds of scissors, forklifts, knives, expired color film, computers, jewelry, a red 1995 Ford Mustang and even baseball cards.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 85 LOW 68	HIGH 74 LOW 68	HIGH 88 LOW 68	HIGH 83 LOW 63	HIGH 79 LOW 55	HIGH 72 LOW 52

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DVD rental service available in LaFortune

Student government officials deliver on campaign promise

By JEANNINE PRIVAT
News Writer

Once, students with late-night movie quote disputes had to scour multiple DVD collections or hitch a ride to Blockbuster to settle the score.

Now, the search is over, thanks to the \$2.99 a night DVD rental from the new Huddle Video in LaFortune's Huddle Mart.

Customers can't miss the free-standing rack placed directly in the center of the Huddle that holds a collection of over 300 DVDs. The titles range from newly-released films like "Starsky & Hutch" to old classics like "Rocky" and Woody Allen's "Annie Hall."

The selection will increase with the addition of recent movies, which is contingent upon the success of the venture.

From 2 p.m. until the Huddle closes, students will be able to borrow DVDs, with rentals due by the following midnight. Though off-campus commercial rental stores' late fees are often lower than the \$4 that Huddle Video charges, many students, including junior Tom Schreck, found the price "pretty reasonable."

Huddle general manager James LaBella said the relatively steep late fee was chosen to encourage prompt returns. After doing research on other univer-



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

A student peruses Huddle Video's DVD collection in LaFortune. The new service offers over 300 titles for customers to choose from, allowing them to rent for \$2.99 a day.

sities' video rentals, he discovered the main problem with renting DVDs was getting them handed back on time.

"I really don't want to collect fees. I really just want the movies returned," LaBella said.

To rent DVDs, students must fill out a short registration form at the Huddle with information that will be entered into the Huddle Video database to make future rentals quick and simple.

Almost 200 students are already in the system, and

LaBella encourages students to pre-register to make the first rental hassle-free.

The concept of an on-campus DVD rental option was an integral part of student body president Adam Istvan's platform in last year's election.

"[Istvan] wanted to do this for a long time," chief executive assistant of student government David Baron said. "It's just been a matter of getting the money."

When he was a Huddle student manager, Istvan and

LaBella talked about starting a rental service. After the election, Istvan and vice president Karla Bell pushed to have the project's \$7500 start-up cost included in the 2004-05 budget, and worked during the summer to ensure the collection would be ready for the start of school.

"I'm just glad we got it off the ground," Istvan said. "It'll be a great convenience for students."

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Most buildings converted to limited backup power immediately, and NDSP reported no injuries or electronic systems failures resulting from the power loss.

At Saint Mary's, about 300 phones were without service after lightning struck outside the security building.

Telecommunications coordinator Sandy Handley said she knew of no lasting harm, but that the lightning did cause temporary damage to some wiring.

Most of the affected phones were staff and convent lines.

The phones lost service around 5 p.m.

An emergency repair order was placed to the off-campus provider and as of 10 p.m., service had been restored to the majority of campus, said Handley.

"What we think happened is that after the strike hit near the security building, it traveled underground and affected some of the cables," director of marketing and communications Nick Farmer said. "A technician came out and determined that there was no real damage, but it did in fact interrupt the system."

As of 10 p.m. Wednesday night, the telecommunications department was waiting on confirmation from the off-campus service provider that everything was running correctly.

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research and carrying on the discussion in a very responsible and studied way," Storin said.

He added that while Taco Bell lost its official sponsorship of a postgame football radio show, it can still advertise in game programs.

The contract first drew campus attention in early April, when the PSA wrote letters to University President Edward Malloy publicizing a series of student hunger strikes. Tension escalated when approximately 30 students approached Malloy's office in person April 14, prompting Vice President and General Counsel Carol Kaesebier — who had been in contact with both the PSA and Taco Bell's parent company, Yum! Brands Inc., since the fall — to make several follow-up calls to Taco Bell.

When the University did not receive specific and timely answers, Notre Dame issued a public statement April 27 that postponed plans to renew the contract and expand it to \$75,000 by this fall until Taco Bell delivered a satisfactory response.

Although Notre Dame did not set an explicit deadline for Taco Bell's response, the University's concerns were not sufficiently

resolved in time to renew the sponsorship for this year, Storin said.

Despite the various strains and delays, Storin characterized the episode as a constructive dialogue between the students and the administration.

"It may not have moved as quickly as we would like," he said. "But steady progress was made."

PSA leader Melody Gonzalez, who played a vocal role in the protests and kept abreast of the situation over the summer through e-mails exchanged with Kaesebier, expressed satisfaction on the part of her fellow demonstrators.

"It's really exciting because I feel that so many people really believed in this cause," Gonzalez said.

"It's good to know it wasn't all in vain."

Viewing the decision as proof that the University had exercised Catholic principles in its business relationships, Gonzalez offered further praise.

"I think that as a Catholic institution, teaching us the values of workers' rights and the right to a living wage, it was only expected for Notre Dame to take this action," she said. "It would have been disappointing if they hadn't because it would be contradictory to our reputation."

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Melody Gonzalez
PSA leader

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additional penalties from the University. The lawsuits came in addition to these punishments.

In its June 11 ruling for Millennium Club, the Appeals Court said that "we recognize the public policy of placing burden of enforcing the underage drinking laws upon the taverns ... but we also recognize the competing public policy that the minors should be held accountable for their actions."

To date, no legal precedent in Indiana exists for the appeals court ruling, though Sullivan's brief for the students cited case law from several other states in which bar owners had not been permitted to bring such suits.

Both Sullivan and Millennium Club appeal attorney John Hamilton said the court could not

consider specifics of the case, only the language used in the original lawsuits.

Sullivan had largely based his argument on public policy considerations and this ruling came as a disappointment.

"The practical effect of that ruling means that all the tavern owner has to do is file. People will settle," he said.

For their part, some students say they plan to continue their cases at the same claims court, while others have chosen to seek settlements with The Boat Club and bring the increasingly expensive legal process to a close.

"One of my friend's dads is an attorney," said senior Jenna Linder, who intends to continue contesting the lawsuit. "I don't want to give them any money. It's absolutely ridiculous."

This summer, The Boat Club also concluded negotiations with the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission on penalties the bar

would incur as a result of the citations.

Initially, ATC prosecutor Fred Bauer said he recommended that the bar pay a \$5,000 fine and have its license suspended for one week.

However, Bauer said he will waive the suspension if the bar goes one year without further minor in a tavern violations. Compared to penalties faced by owners in previous bar raids, such as significantly steeper fines or loss of license, those incurred by The Boat Club were light. In making his decision, Bauer noted that the bar had no violations prior to Jan. 2003 and no violations after.

"I had excise officers check this place," he said. "They found no other violations. [The Boat Club] apparently ha[s] operated effectively."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Bomb explodes in Thailand

BANGKOK, Thailand — A powerful bomb exploded at a busy morning market in Thailand's troubled Muslim south Thursday, killing one person and wounding at least 25 others, including soldiers, police and schoolchildren who were marching in a parade, officials said.

The blast in Narathiwat province occurred as Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra was touring the region, which has been wracked by violence in recent months that officials have blamed mostly on Islamic militants. He was in Trang province, about 150 miles to the west, when the bomb went off.

Arafat rebuffs critics once again

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Veteran Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat turned back another effort by critics to force him to reform his bloated, corruption-plagued administration, as his parliament made do with a pledge for future action.

Internal Palestinian conflict escalated again on Wednesday, when gunmen opened fire on a convoy carrying a top Gaza security officer, seriously wounding him.

The two developments were related — each an outgrowth of years of Arafat's one-man control, criticized by international donors and more recently by Palestinian reformers as corrupt and inefficient, pitting rival security forces against each other in a costly method of divide and rule.

Arafat stonewalled his detractors once again Wednesday in the latest confrontation over administrative reforms.

NATIONAL NEWS

US prepares for flu outbreak

WASHINGTON — How to ration scarce medications and speed vaccine production are among the government's top concerns as it struggles to get ready for the next worldwide flu epidemic, say federal plans obtained by The Associated Press.

But tried-and-true ways of limiting infection such as school closures, travel restrictions, even quarantines may offer the earliest protections when the next pandemic strikes, say the long-awaited plans.

Specialists say it's only a matter of time before a powerful new flu strain spurs another pandemic. There have been three in the last century, the worst in 1918, when the so-called Spanish flu killed more than half a million Americans and more than 20 million people worldwide.

Concern is rising that the next pandemic could be triggered by the recurring bird flu in Asia, if it mutates in a way that lets it spread easily among people.

Breast implants build up platinum

WASHINGTON — Researchers have found high concentrations of platinum in women who got silicone breast implants and in the children they bore and breast-fed afterward.

The type of platinum found in the women's blood and urine was different than the traces of regular platinum not uncommon in people's bodies. It was a highly reactive platinum, used to help turn silicon oil into the honey-like gel that lends a more natural feel to a breast implant.

Concentrations were up to three times higher than in women who didn't have breast implants, according to findings by S.V.M. Maharaj, a chemist at American University. Maharaj was scheduled present the findings Thursday to the American Chemical Society in Philadelphia.

Ernest Lykissa, a forensic and clinical toxicologist who co-authored the paper, said the study's sample size was small. But Lykissa said it fairly represented hundreds of women with implants he's studied over the years.

RUSSIA

Double crash puts Russia on edge

Officials say evidence of terrorism has yet to be found

Associated Press

BUCHALKI, Russia — Russian investigators labored Wednesday to determine whether terrorism caused the near-simultaneous crashes of two jetliners, killing all 89 people aboard and spreading anxieties about a possible bloody escalation of the Chechen conflict.

Officials stressed that no evidence of a terrorist attack had yet been found among charred wreckage and said they opened a criminal investigation as they looked into other causes like bad fuel, equipment malfunction and human error. The planes' data recorders were recovered, but experts were only just starting to retrieve information from them.

The planes crashed just days before a Kremlin-called presidential election in Chechnya, whose rebels have staged suicide bombings and other attacks across Russia in recent years, including the 2002 seizure of hundreds of hostages at a Moscow theater.

Witnesses reported hearing three explosions before a Volga-Aviaexpress airline Tu-134 went down in a field near Buchalki, about 125 miles south of Moscow, with 43 passengers and crew.

The wreckage of a Sibir airlines Tu-154 with 46 people aboard was spread over a few hundred yards in a rugged field near Gluboky in the region of Rostov-on-Don, some 600 miles south of Moscow. The Tu-154 jet had activated a signal indicating the plane might have been hijacked or in distress.

Reports of far-flung wreckage suggest an explosion may have preceded a crash, said Jim Burin of the U.S.-based Flight Safety Foundation. He also said bad fuel could cause an air-



A soldier examines wreckage of a Tu-154 airliner at a crash site near Gluboky, south of Moscow, on Tuesday. All 89 people aboard both planes were killed.

plane's engines to fail, but the crew likely would have reported it well before engines quit.

"I would expect some communication from the crew that we're having trouble," he said.

Russian authorities had expressed concern that Chechen separatists might stage new attacks before the Sunday vote, but there was no rush by officials to tie the crashes to Chechnya — a determination that would underline the government's failure to quell the decade-old insurgency.

"Several versions are being examined, including a terrorist attack, and other possibilities — the human and technical factor," Russia's top prosecu-

tor, Vladimir Ustinov, told President Vladimir Putin during a televised meeting about the Tuesday night crashes.

Ustinov said the Prosecutor General's Office had instituted criminal proceedings into both crashes and sent two teams of investigators to the crash sites, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported. The teams are headed by his deputies.

"We have not rejected any of the leads," Ustinov said, according to the news agency.

Putin, who expressed sympathy for the families of the dead, did not publicly address the terror question. After designating Thursday a national day of

mourning, he ordered the Federal Security Service to investigate the crashes and said he wanted "unbiased and reliable information" from the probe. The service is a successor agency to the KGB.

While officials spoke cautiously on the terrorism issue, Russian police said security was being tightened at airports and other transport hubs and public places.

The planes took off about 40 minutes apart from the single terminal at Moscow's newly renovated Domodedovo airport, which is about 14 miles outside of Moscow. They both crashed a few minutes apart just before 11 p.m., according to initial time estimates.

Kerry calls for Rumsfeld to resign

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry on Wednesday renewed his call for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to resign and urged President Bush to appoint an independent investigation to provide reforms after a report faulted all levels of the military for abuse at Abu Ghraib prison.

"It's not just the little person at the bottom who ought to pay the price of responsibility," Kerry said at a Philadelphia union hall. "The buck doesn't stop at the Pentagon."

A report released Tuesday by an independent panel led by former Defense Secretary James R.

Schlesinger concluded that senior U.S. military leaders in Iraq and the Pentagon can be faulted for inattention to prisoner abuses, but it did not recommend that Rumsfeld stop down.

"What is missing from all these reports is accountability from the senior civilian leaders in the Pentagon and in the White House," Kerry said. "From the bottom of the chain of command all the way to the top, there needs to be accountability. The Schlesinger report makes clear that Secretary Rumsfeld was responsible for setting a climate where these types of abuses could occur."

Kerry said an independent investigation should review the decision-

making process that led to the abuses and provide comprehensive reforms to ensure abuses do not recur.

"The time has come for our commander in chief to take charge," he said.

Months before prisoner abuse in Iraq came to light, Kerry called for Rumsfeld to resign because of what he said were numerous mistakes in the prosecution of the war. In May, Kerry rejected concerns that replacing Rumsfeld could hurt the war effort and suggested any number of people could step in, including Republican Sens. John McCain of Arizona and John Warner of Virginia.

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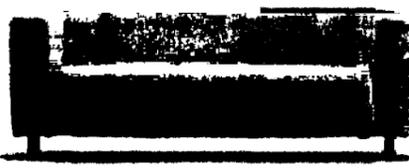
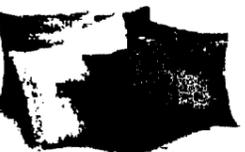
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NASDAQ	1,860.72	+23.83	
NYSE	6,431.79	+49.28	
S&P 500	1,104.96	+8.77	
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,184.49	+54.47	
FTSE 100(London)	4,411.60	+4.10	
Companys			
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APPLIED MATL (AMAT)	+2.07	+0.33	16.26
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30-YEAR BOND	-0.39	-0.20	50.50
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.51	-0.22	42.61
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IN BRIEF

Former Enron investor-relations executive pleads guilty

HOUSTON — Enron's former top investor-relations executive pleaded guilty Wednesday to charges he helped paper over the energy company's shaky financial condition before its collapse.

Mark Koenig, 49, pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting securities fraud, which carries up to 10 years in prison.

In a related civil action brought by the Securities and Exchange Commission, Koenig agreed Wednesday to turn over to the government \$1.49 million in forfeited assets and civil penalties and cooperate with government investigators.

As the head of investor relations, Koenig worked with former Enron founder Kenneth Lay and former chief executive Jeffrey Skilling, and served as the company's main link to investors and analysts. He oversaw the company's earnings announcements — exercises that proved fraudulent — and coordinated conferences with stock analysts.

ATA Airlines downplays talk about possible Chicago exit

INDIANAPOLIS — Financially struggling ATA Airlines is downplaying talk that it might pull out of Chicago's Midway Airport.

The Indianapolis-based low-fare airline is the airport's largest carrier, and ATA Chairman George Mikelsons said the airline plans to stay.

"As indicated in our recent SEC filing, ATA is busy restructuring its finances," he said in a statement issued by the airline's public relations firm. "While engaged in that effort, we are not abandoning Chicago Midway, nor are we canceling any flights."

ATA has 14 gates at Midway, with flights from the airport accounting for two-thirds of ATA's scheduled passenger traffic.

However, last week ATA, which has been hurt by rising jet fuel prices and high aircraft leases, reported that it had lost \$90.7 million in the first six months of the year.

U.S. stocks rally as oil prices drop

Moderate stock surge welcomed on Wall Street, contributes to mixed economic picture

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks rallied in quiet trading Wednesday as oil prices fell for a fourth straight session, countering a pair of government reports that gave a mixed picture of the economy.

The moderate surge in buying was welcome on Wall Street, where investors have been in no hurry lately to commit new money to stocks. Many have stuck to the sidelines in the face of a long list of worries, including volatile oil prices and persistent terror fears. Contributing to the session's light volume, a number of traders are preparing to take off ahead of the Republican convention in New York next week.

"All things being equal, if the price of oil continues to work its way lower, that will be very good for the market," said Barry Berman, head trader for Robert W. Baird & Co. in Milwaukee. "It doesn't mean the market will go straight up, but hopefully we've put in a bottom and we can now work higher."

The Dow Jones industrial average ended up 83.11, or 0.8 percent, at 10,181.74.

The broader gauges also posted gains. The Nasdaq composite index rose 23.83, or 1.3 percent, to 1,860.72. The Standard & Poor's 500 index finished up 8.77, or 0.8 percent, at 1,104.96.

Soaring fuel prices have pressured the market for weeks, with oil topping \$49 per barrel last week, a record level. Prices have softened somewhat as anxiety about global supply eased, and a weekly government report showing higher-than-expected gasoline inventories sent them lower still Wednesday. Crude oil for October delivery dropped \$1.74, or 3.9 percent, to \$43.47 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Gasoline futures



Traders at the New York Stock Exchange compare stock prices on monitors Wednesday. The NYSE experienced moderate gains while oil prices fell.

tumbled 5 percent.

Investors were also pleased by a Commerce Department report that said orders for costly manufactured goods rose by 1.7 percent in July, an encouraging sign that the economy is shaking off the summer doldrums. The best reading in four months for durable goods — big-ticket items expected to last at least three years — was boosted by demand for airplanes, machinery and communications equipment.

But the department found sales of new homes declined by 6.4 percent in July, a far steeper drop than analysts anticipated. The decline left home sales at their lowest level since December. Figures for

June were also revised lower. Analysts said a challenging labor market and high fuel prices may be making people wary about purchasing a new home.

Aside from falling oil prices, there was little incentive for buying, making some analysts wonder whether the stock rally would hold. Many unknowns, including the outcome of the presidential race, continue to weigh heavily on investors.

"The fact that oil prices are falling off a bit is certainly helpful," said Dave Legeay, director of portfolio management at McDonald Financial Group. "(But) fear that terrorism will disrupt supply is hanging over the market as a whole. Terrorism is

also in play as we move forward to the election season."

Among the beneficiaries of rising orders for big-ticket goods, Dow component Boeing Co. rose 3.1 percent, or \$1.59, to \$52.50, on news that Singapore Airlines had ordered up to 31 long-range Boeing 777-300 jetliners.

Toll Brothers Inc. shed 34 cents to \$43.12, despite reporting a 56 percent surge in profits and raising its forecast for the year based on current demand and its backlog of orders for new luxury homes. Enthusiasm for the home-builder, which surged in early trading, waned on the news about sliding home sales.

New overtime rules take effect in U.S.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Overtime has suddenly become a confusing proposition for some small business owners.

New government rules that took effect Aug. 23 change the criteria under which employees must be paid overtime. That means company owners need to look at all of their employees and determine whether each should now be receiving overtime — or might now be exempt from overtime.

Generally, under the new rules, the great majority of employees who earn less than \$455 a week, or \$23,660 a year, automatically quali-

fy for overtime. Those who earn \$100,000 generally do not have to be paid overtime.

For the many employees whose pay falls between those levels, owners will have to do an analysis of their jobs to determine whether they can be exempted from the rules. Basically, only those whose jobs can be classified as executive, administrative, professional or in an outside sales capacity are exempted. So are some computer employees.

Those are the basics. Owners will need to look at the rules, and also need to look at the many exceptions, not just to job classifications, but also to salary requirements.

The Labor Department's Web site at <http://www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/whd/fairpay/main.htm> has explanations of the rules, including a Power Point presentation with an overview, and what it calls "fact sheets" that go into more detail. The site contains definitions of what factors go into classifying an employee as executive, administrative, professional or an outside salesperson.

For example, the site describes an administrative job as follows:

"The employee's primary duty must be the performance of office or non-manual work directly related to the management or general business operations of the employer or the employer's customers."

Housing

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ResLife Web site said there were no triples in her dorm. Distressed, she called her rectress about the situation.

"It's just not a triple room," she said.

They remain optimistic nonetheless.

"It's as well as it can work with three people," Zickuhr said. "It's only the second day of school, though. We'll keep our fingers crossed."

Hart agreed, looking at the situation with rose-colored glasses.

"I think it has a much [space] as the older dorms do," Hart said. "With smaller rooms, and futons, the space is about the same. I think it will work real well."

The girls' room contains three sets of modular furniture, each lofted to create enough space.

Nina Meyer, a former resident of Hart, Zickuhr, and Cortez's room, thought the girls did a good job with its organization, but still had some concerns about the room's resources.

"Common areas, like the sink or entry way, that everyone uses are compromised," Meyer said. "I'd rather have a smaller double than a triple built for two."

Before students moved in, ResLife evaluated study lounges to see if they were livable and dorm rooms to see if they could feasibly hold another set of furniture.

Transfer students were also affected by the space constraints. About 17 female transfer students to Notre Dame are living in Regina North Hall at Saint Mary's as an alternative to off-campus housing.

Michelle Russell, director of Residence Life at Saint Mary's, explained the College simply had the space to accommodate these students at a time when Notre Dame was tightening its belt.

Though they are officially Notre Dame students, the women will be under the jurisdiction of a Saint Mary's resident assistant.

"They are expected to follow Saint Mary's policy," Russell said. "[Regarding discipline], we would be in consultation with Notre Dame on what course of action to take. They each received a Saint Mary's handbook to familiarize themselves with the policies and easily follow them."

As housing at Notre Dame becomes available, transfers such as those at Saint Mary's, will have the opportunity to move to their own campus.

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Chad Sharon's death."

The proposal was well received by the Trustees, said Istvan, and if liability issues are cleared up, he expects to see the Bus running by the end of the year. He said funding options are being explored.

At the Board of Trustees meeting, former president Jeremy Lao also proposed integrating a \$1 million student programming endowment into the University's 10-year strategic plan. In May, Lao said that he would work with Istvan and Bell to secure the endowment, but Istvan said that Lao has yet to get him a report on the matter.

In its most ambitious endeavor, student government will also go after what Istvan calls the "Holy Grail" of campus policy — convincing the office of student

affairs to allow student events back in the dorms.

"I'd love to say that we could have SYRs back the way they used to be, but I think it's more realistic to say that we could work with rectors and student affairs to find a suitable replacement for them," he said. "They boosted dorm pride, and we want to restore that."

Istvan admitted that while the Office of the President has a laundry list of policies to push through, the new Student Union Constitution stripped him of much of his power to do so.

"Senate is now the best way to get things done, and it'll be up to them to define our new roles," Istvan said. "They've been wonderful to work with so far, and I really foresee a great year coming up, where the government's going to be much more in the hands of the students."

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Rector

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Student Affairs with her depth of experience in ministry and her passion for social justice, said William Kirk, associate vice president for residence life.

"Katie displays an understanding of the different issues that students face," Kirk said. "As you meet her, you understand how impressive she is."

Delighted as Winikates is at the opportunity to do what she loves, she also understands the challenge she will face, stepping in for a rectress with 12 years of experience in Lewis.

"My goal is to keep the place in as good of shape as [Sister Annette] left it," Winikates said.

Winikates added she plans to do so by keeping the lines of communication open and striving to retain the order and efficiency of Notre Dame's largest women's

dorm.

"I'm learning that the biggest gift of a rector is to listen to the wisdom that's already here in the dorm," she said.

Winikates said she has received a tremendous gift from Sister Annette in Lewis' "fabulous" hall staff, who provided insight and deepened her appreciation for the dorm women during hours of preparation meetings.

"If I can just stand back and let them do their thing then it just works beautifully," she said.

Although she has been on campus since Aug. 2, Winikates continues to be amazed at the exceptional organization of residential life on campus, as well as the friendliness the Notre Dame and Lewis communities have welcomed her.

"Looking at their scrapbooks and seeing all the fun things that happen," she said. "I'm just excited to be able to be a part of it."

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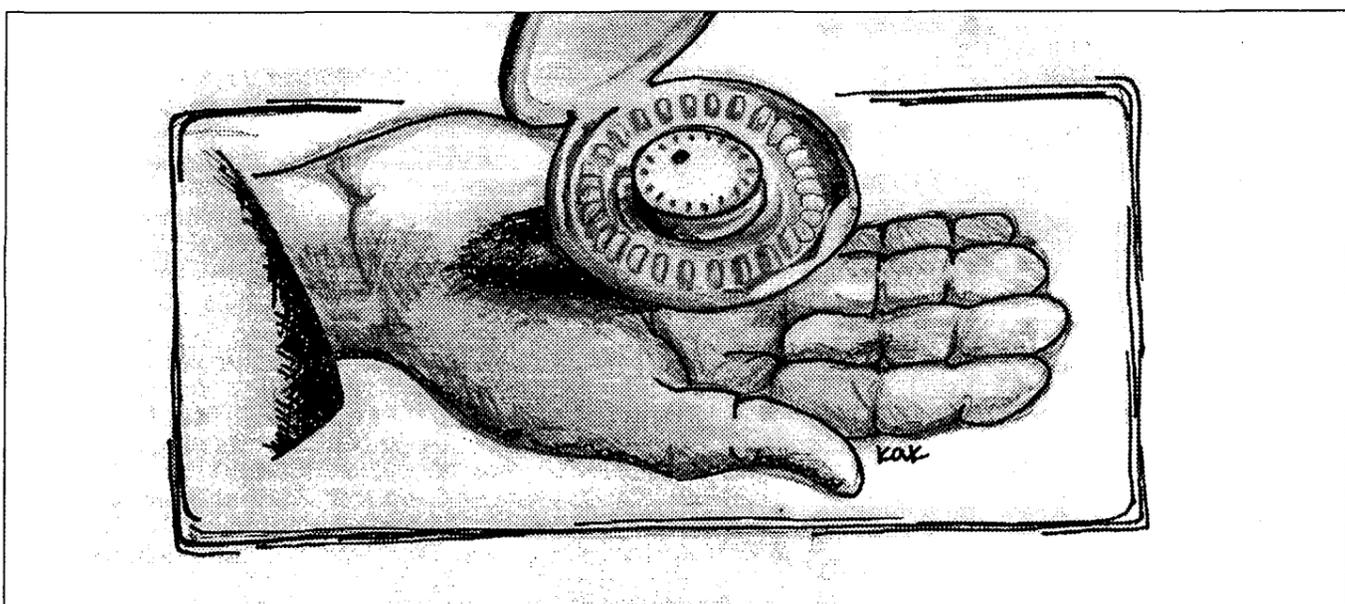
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Defending the last bastion

Do you want a different view of the same-sex marriage issue?

See the March 15 Wall Street Journal op ed by Pastor Donald Sensing of Trinity United Methodist Church in Franklin, Tenn.

"Opponents of legalized same-sex marriage," notes Sensing, "say they're trying to protect a beleaguered institution, but they're a little late. The walls of traditional marriage were breached 40 years ago. What we see now is the storming of the last bastion."

Marriage, says Sensing, was done in by the contraceptive pill, which severed 'the causal relationships between sex, pregnancy and marriage,' obviating "the fundamental basis for marriage."

Marriage is not merely a contract which the state and the parties have a right to define. Marriage as a man-woman union, Sensing points out, is "prehistoric" as "part of the natural law of the creation."

The law gives marriage exclusive privileges because the spouses commit to raising children for the future of society and the state. Only a man-woman union can produce new taxpayers. Society, notes Sensing, "legitimated the sexual union of a ... man and woman [and] promised structures beneficial to children arising from the marriage ... Society's stake in marriage ... is ... the perpetuation of the society itself."

The pill is decisive because, in a contraceptive society, marriage loses its reason for being.

In the natural order, one reason why sex is reserved for marriage, why marriage is permanent and why the man-woman union is privileged by the law is because sex has something to do with babies. But if, through the contraceptive ethic, sex

has no intrinsic relation to procreation and man — of both sexes — is the arbiter of whether and when sex shall have that relation, why should sex be reserved for marriage, why should marriage be permanent and why should "marriage" be reserved to a man-woman union?

"Sex, child-bearing and marriage now have no necessary connection to one another," says Sensing, "because the biological connection between sex and child-bearing is controllable."

Since the coming of the pill in the 1960s, the nationwide marriage rate has fallen 43 percent. "Instead of getting married," says Sensing, "men and women are just living together, cohabitation having increased tenfold in the same period. According to a University of Chicago study ... more than half the men and women who do get married have already lived together."

With the dominance of the pill, in Sensing's words, "weddings became symbolic rather than substantive," serving "for most couples [as] the shortest way to make the legal compact [on] property rights and other ... benefits."

The pill undercut the legal basis to deny homosexuals the right to enter the contract of marriage in order to regulate "their legal and property relationship ... to mirror exactly that of hetero, married couples." A contraceptive society cannot deny legitimacy to same-sex unions without denying its own premise that man is the arbiter of whether sex will have any relation to procreation.

Proponents of same-sex marriage seem to have a more realistic view of what marriage has become in the contraceptive society. The right to separate sex from procreation is an article of faith in our culture.

Defenders of traditional marriage, unwilling to challenge that article of faith, are defending the "last bastion." They would deny the name "marriage" to a same-sex union. But, in the Federal Marriage Amendment, they would approve Vermont-style

"civil unions" so long as they were legalized by a legislature rather than a court.

Vermont gives to same-sex "civil unions" all the legal attributes of marriage except the name. This is symbolism, ignoring the substance of what it means to reduce marriage, as instituted in Genesis, to legal parity with same-sex sodomitic unions.

"Sacred Scripture," says the Catechism, "presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity." The inclination toward those acts, as with an inclination to any other immoral act, is "objectively disordered."

In its "Considerations" issued last March 25, the Vatican noted "the difference between homosexual behavior as a private phenomenon and as a relationship in society ... approved by the law ... Legal recognition of homosexual unions would obscure ... basic moral values and cause a devaluation of ... marriage."

A society where it makes no legal difference whether little boys grow up to "marry" girls or other boys is past the line of clinical insanity. "[T]raditionalists," says Sensing, "need to ... face the fact that same-sex marriage, if it comes about, will not cause the degeneration ... of marriage; it is the result of it."

Pastor Sensing's essay reflects a growing appreciation by non-Catholics for the traditional Christian teaching on contraception.

Perhaps it may even occur to cafeteria Catholics and trendy theologians at Notre Dame and elsewhere that the Catholic Church is right in upholding the Christian teaching, unbroken until the Anglican Lambeth Conference of 1930, that contraception is always a social as well as a moral evil.

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Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

OBSERVER POLL

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Though we travel the world over to find the beautiful, we must carry it with us or we find it not."

Ralph Waldo Emerson
American writer

Offering advice

If you are anything like me, you most likely have a problem accepting your peers as authority figures and taking their advice.

That said, you are probably wondering why you should bother to listen to what I have to say. Hear me out. It is the start of a new school year. Whether you are a freshman or senior, this is a time for new beginnings.

You get the chance to start off with a clean slate — that is unless you are still on probation for something you “supposedly” did last semester. The future looks bright, you’ve got the world on a string, and what should you do now?

Molly Acker

Nobody likes a dumb blonde

Listen to your parents. That’s right. You would be surprised by how often they really do know what is best. I am sure your folks go on and on telling you what they think you ought to do. I used to let it go in one ear and out the other, but then I realized that they are actually right. Your parents only want what is best for you. Lord knows they have invested enough into your future. The very least you can do is hear them out. You may just be surprised by how much they can really help you out.

I saw the light and took their advice. Here a few pieces of advice from some parents that I think you can agree will be helpful to us all:

Get involved. Find a worthwhile organization. Not only is it a great resume booster, but it is also very rewarding and a good way to meet people.

Study. Whether it be at the library or a friend’s room down the hall, you will certainly want to keep those grades up.

Go to class. You will fall way behind otherwise.

Have fun. While your main objective is to get an education, you’ll miss out on a lot of laughs and great friendships if you spend all your time hitting the books.

Know how to say ‘no.’ A favorite of my father ... especially when the proceeding question is, “Do you just want to go back to my room?”

Proceed for the Irish. This one is just common sense, also a safety precaution because you’ll probably be hurt at that first home game otherwise.

Tell the truth. Whether it be with your roommate or ResLife, honesty is the best policy and is always appreciated.

Be careful. Use some common sense. You really do not want to get into trouble. Trust me.

Call home occasionally. Your parents will love to hear from you, and if you call them they may just be inclined not to call you so much.

Don’t get too worked up over petty problems. As a compulsive worrier, I hear this one a lot. Things really do have a way of working out.

Be yourself. We’ve all heard this, but if people cannot like you for who you are then forget them.

Cherish it. Everyone says “These are the best years of your life,” and “It will fly by.” They’re right.

So those are just a few of the words of wisdom that my parents told me. They may or may not be different than what you were told, but chances are your parents will have at least a few worthwhile things to say. Your parents were young once too — you may not want to think too hard about this, it can be a little disturbing. So listen up and hear them out. Taking their advice may just make your year that much easier. Remember to thank them once in a while for all they do.

Make sure you go out and have some fun, and here’s to another great year in South Bend.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Stifling Ramadan

I read with disbelief the revocation of Tariq Ramadan’s U.S. visa in the Aug. 24 Chicago Tribune. While I don’t wish to enter into the political Olympics of such revocation, silence about its repercussions on academic freedom as well as its potential cross-cultural objective dialogue is tantamount to committing both academic suicide and counterterrorism fallacy. And so, I air my opinion about the dangers of such revocation on both objective scholarship and ‘war on terror.’

Although written early in the 20th century, the book “Miss-Education of Negroes” by Carter Woodson still resonates in the 21st century. In this book, Woodson argues, to paraphrase, that if you are able to control one’s thinking, you need not worry about his actions; if you can make him believe that he is inferior, you don’t need to make him behave in an inferior way; he will always ensure that he acts in an inferior way. Such a man will strive to ensure that he dances to your tune without forcing him to. In short, you have enslaved his mind.

Though this piece was written to address the Negroes problem as they struggled to assert themselves in American history, this process of mental slavery still surrounds our institutions of learning and has ensured that what we know or should know passes through political microscope by way of deciding what is taught and who teaches it.

Now this is a bit palatable in those countries continuously branded as undemocratic. However, it defeats all logic when it happens in the U.S. — a country that prides itself of upholding the values of democracy and, therefore, as a symbol of freedom and democracy to the world.

Just as the world braces itself to understand and address transnational terrorism, often designated as ‘Islamist terrorism,’ counter-forces are ceaselessly striving to ensure that such channels are extremely narrowed. There is no better environment to start the process of cross-cultural understanding than in academic institutions. For in such places, students are not only taught about other cultures, but also interact with other students and scholars from different cultural, social, religious and political backgrounds in ways that confirm such teaching, checking against biased and distorted scholarship about other cultures or groups that have permeated institutions of learning over the years.

The 9/11 Commission Report recommends a need to open the lines of communication in the U.S. to the Islamic world, which includes opening educational institutions, including libraries, aimed at recreating the

better image of U.S. in such places. But such a process of cross-cultural understanding need not be a one-way channel. It should not be envisaged that only the Islamic world need to better understand U.S. ‘best values’ and intentions. The Islamic world also has something that the U.S. must understand for that process to be complete.

This ‘something’ is what scholars such as Tariq Ramadan are striving to make the U.S. understand about Islam and the Islamic world.

However, when such views are silenced merely because someone’s kinfolk held certain opinions — in Ramadan’s case his grandfather’s role in Muslim Brotherhood — or that they have been critical of certain policies — in Ramadan’s case what has been perceived as anti-Semitism — then not only are the principles of democracy, which U.S. claims to possess and strives to inculcate in other parts of the world, are challenged.

Most importantly, students who stand to benefit from such objective scholarship are denied their right to objective knowledge. In so doing, scholarship is made an underdog of politics. Thus, the minds of such potential conflict transformers are stifled to think only within the framework provided by the politics of the time.

And so we come back to Woodson’s argument that controlling the mind of a person will let him or her behave in a manner consistent with what the designer wants him or her to do.

Denying scholars such as Ramadan the opportunity to stretch out the tight circle of thinking that prevails not only in the Islamic world and other parts of the world but also among many U.S. citizens who know little about those parts of the world is equivalent to enslaving the minds that were about to think out of such an ever tightening circle. Thus, the graduates of academic institutions will be those who only have one picture of the story, as presented not only by our biased media institutions, but also by subjective scholarship.

Although the U.S. is undeniably at the crossroads on how best to eradicate potential terrorism, it continues to gag the moderate and objective voices that are ready to help it reach where it wants to go with this ‘war on terror.’ Terrorism is far from being won.

Camlus Omogo
 Alumni
 Class of 2004
 Aug. 25

EDITORIAL CARTOON

NEWS ITEM:

“HOT SAUCING” A CHILD’S TONGUE AS METHOD OF DISCIPLINE, LATEST TREND IN PARENTING.



Hearing ‘voices of diverse moderation’

The Department of Homeland Security recently revoked the visa of Professor Tariq Ramadan, a prominent European Muslim intellectual who had been hired to teach religion, conflict and peacebuilding at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

Personally, I am deeply saddened at this action. Having spent some time with professor Ramadan and his family — including teaching his three children the finer points of baseball at Eck Stadium last spring — I know Ramadan as a warm and brilliant man who would be an outstanding addition to the Kroc Institute faculty, to the Notre Dame and South Bend community and to America’s broader discussion of Islam.

Although American immigration history has always been marked by cycles of who we do or don’t let into the country, and I recognize the debate between freedom and security is an ongoing one, this instance seems particularly puzzling and even capricious. Even acknowledging that Ramadan is a controversial figure in some quarters — some have accused him of anti-Semitism, based in part on his critiques of Israel’s human rights record, and entirely specious claims that he is some kind of secret advocate for militant Islam — it seems ridiculous to consider him a threat to national security in any way. If anything, America is impoverished, not strengthened, by professor Ramadan’s absence.

I am confident the Ramadan family would be outstanding citizens and would add tremendous richness to the Notre Dame community. Especially in these precarious times, we need more voices of diverse moderation rather than radical exclusiveness, regardless of which ideological or religious viewpoint they represent.

Patrick Mason
 Graduate student
 Aug. 25

Summer Movie

REVIEWS BY RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA, M O L

The Best of the Best

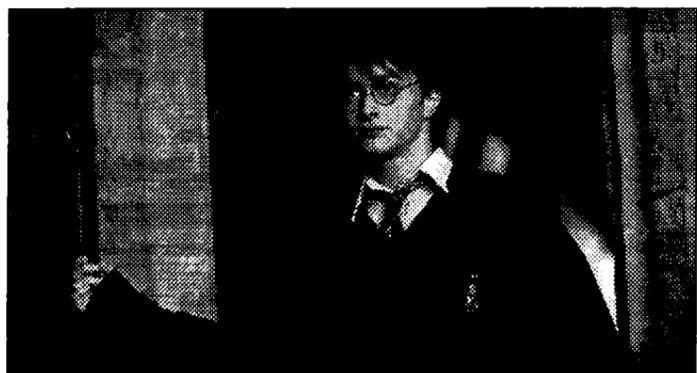


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Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) explores more about his parents' deaths in the latest film in this successful film series.

3. Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban

The people behind the "Harry Potter" franchise finally figured out what was wrong with the series. To be fair, the first two films weren't bad, but they were missing the edge and slightly scary quality of the book series. Previous director Chris Columbus, best known before "Harry Potter" for his work on "Home Alone 3", faithfully brought the first two books to the screen, but he lost the slightly sinister tone of the books in his more family-friendly translation. Alfonso Cuarón, an interesting directing choice considering that his previous works were "A Little Princess" and the gritty "Y Tu Mama Tambien," produces an adaptation of the third book delivers what the earlier films were missing. "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" faithfully follows the book, but adds just enough twists, turns and dark humor to make it the most memorable and enjoyable film of the franchise. The young actors playing Harry and his friends seem more comfortable in their roles. The special effects are more seamless, particularly quidditch. And the film is shorter and moves at a much swifter pace than the previous films. "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" captures the true spirit of the book without getting bogged down in the details that made the other ones somewhat dull.

4. Collateral

It was a gamble that has paid off in the past. Select an A-list star, one long used to holding center stage as an atypical action hero, and cast him in a role completely opposite the ones that previously made him a box office king. "Training Day" succeeded in garnering Denzel Washington an Oscar for his sinister efforts. And while the cast of "Collateral" is a lot more balanced than "Training Day," Tom Cruise uses the opportunity to shine in a rare villainous role.

Director Michael Mann ("Heat" and "The Insider") has long dabbled in the thriller genre, and has excelled in the past. The plot for "Collateral" is, at the very least, passable yet he manages to slowly but surely ratchet up the tension in this stylish thriller.

Cruise plays his role as Vincent, a calculated, ruthless assassin, with a confident, relaxed composure and even manages to bring out an air of charisma to the villain. Jamie Foxx, playing a timid, New York cabbie fatefully thrown into the mix, exudes an every-man quality that comes across so naturally that you can't help but pull for him.



Photo courtesy of AllMoviePhotos.com

Professional assassin Vincent (Tom Cruise) menaces Max (Jamie Foxx) in the latest thriller from director Michael Mann.

2. Shrek 2

"Shrek 2" takes the monumentally successful formula that made "Shrek" popular (skewing popular fairytales, bathroom humor, pop culture references), and takes it to the next level. Added to the cast are a megalomaniacal Fairy Godmother, a self-absorbed Prince Charming and the scene-stealing Puss in Boots, along with a whole host of other new cast members, including an Ugly Stepsister voiced by Larry King.

"Shrek 2" loses the simple kind of buddy-comedy/skewed fairy tale magic that the original had, but the sequel has its own rapid-fire charisma. As is true with the first "Shrek," this film has many levels of jokes and references and can truly be enjoyed by all age groups.

With more characters, a more involved plot and more listen-or-you'll-miss-them jokes, "Shrek 2" is just like the original, but on a grander scale. One of the major tenants of all sequels and summer movies are that bigger is always better, and "Shrek 2" proves this to be true. The latest effort in this series continually impresses and shows that sequels can sometimes be even better and more memorable than their predecessors.



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Shrek and Fiona enjoy their honeymoon in the animated comedy film, "Shrek 2."

1. Spider-Man 2

In a summer dominated by superior sequels, it's only fitting the best movie of the summer was "Spider-Man 2." With a tighter plot, heart-felt dialogue, a convincing villain and stunning action sequences, the film improved on the original in almost every regard.

After the enormous critical and commercial success of the original "Spider-Man," it would have been understandable if director Sam Raimi had tried to maintain a status quo for the series. Instead of selling this sequel on the basis of more advanced special effects and a passable script, he employed the talents of a host of terrific screenwriters to pen this latest effort.

Alfred Gough and Miles Millar (creators and writers of the TV show "Smallville"), Michael Chabon (Pulitzer prize-winning author of "The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay") and Alvin Sargent (two-time Oscar-winning screenwriter for "Ordinary People" and "Julia") were able to pool together their respective strengths as writers to present a summer blockbuster with palpable warmth (a rarity in recent summers).

Even if you took away all of the hype preceding the film's release, "Spider-Man 2" would still be as 100 percent captivating and memorable as any Oscar winner to come out in recent years. And considering this film would probably still have made a bundle of money regardless of the story (or lack thereof), that truly is a feat to marvel at.



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Spider-Man struggles against Dr. Octopus in the latest effort in the superhero series.

5. Napoleon Dynamite

Odds are you don't have friends like "Napoleon Dynamite," but if you did, you would be laughing a lot more.

Indie film "Napoleon Dynamite," with its unusual but hilarious characters, has proven itself among the funniest of summer comedies. Director Jared Hess creates a world where the quirkiest actions become normal, at least to the main characters.

Napoleon (Jon Heder) is the nerdiest and most awkward high school student in Preston, Idaho. He spends most of his time talking about all the "skills" he possesses, spouting out lies about his proficiency with a staff bow and how he is "pretty much the best I know" at drawing mythical animals. Napoleon befriends new student Pedro (Efren Ramirez) and the two of them do their best to find dates to the school dance and help Pedro run for student body president, all in their very own idiosyncratic fashion.

Dynamite plays out similar to a Cohen brothers' film with its unique and infectious dia-

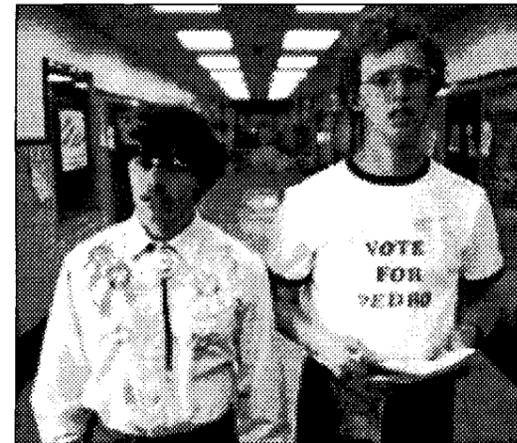


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Napoleon (Jon Heder) tries to help Pedro (Efren Ramirez) become class president.

logue. Before you know it, Napoleonisms will sneak into your own vocabulary.

The best part about "Napoleon Dynamite" is its consistency. Instead of just a few solid jokes, the audience gets what most comedies lack — laughter until the end.

Roundup 2004

GRIFFIN, MARIA SMITH AND BECCA SAUNDERS

The Worst of the Worst

2. White Chicks

A movie that parodies the Hilton sisters is in trouble from the first second the film begins to roll. Two black men, Shawn and Marlon Wayans, are substitutes for the super-rich, super-thin and super-blonde heiresses. This should be a red flag that the movie isn't exactly Oscar-caliber cinema.

The brothers play FBI agents who must stand in for the "Wilson" sisters in order to protect them, and end up, as is the case with all gender-bending movies, in awkward relationship situations.

The entire movie is slightly disturbing because the two men in latex skin and blonde wigs just don't look right. They seem less like the teenage girls they drag to parody and more like Michael Jackson in drag. If you are able to suspend disbelief enough to see them as passing for two "White Chicks," the movie is really just nothing more than a litany of tired black against white jokes and mocking ditzy girls.

The Wayans brothers can be extremely funny, and we can only hope "White Chicks" is nothing more than a low point in their careers.

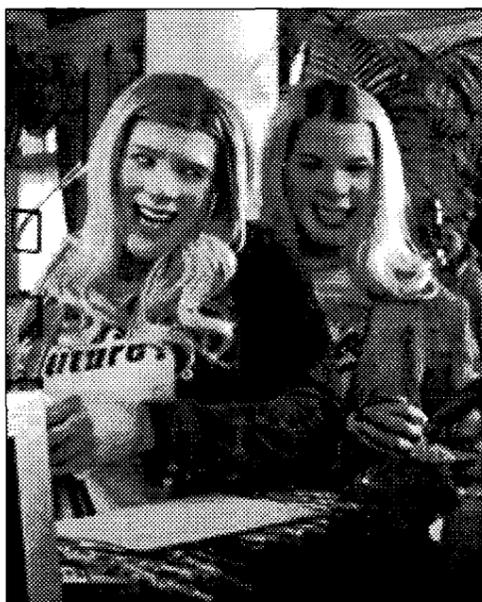


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The Wayans brothers go undercover to stop a kidnapping in "White Chicks."

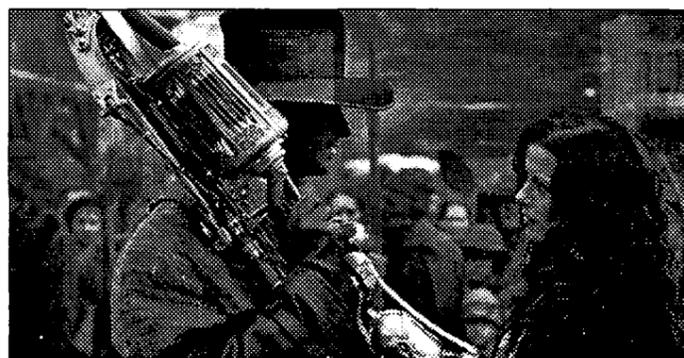


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Van Helsing (Hugh Jackman) shares a quiet moment with Anna (Kate Beckinsale) in between hunting monsters.

3. Van Helsing

What do you get when you add a pinch of the Wolfman, a dash of Frankenstein's monster and a dollop of Count Dracula into a mix to form a single film? A potpourri of mess that is a dreadful bore to sit through, and a film you would be hard-pressed to remember a few years down the road.

The concept seems interesting on paper. Who wouldn't want to sell a summer blockbuster on the basis of one hero's quest to hunt down every single monster in memorable lore? And all this goes on while trying to recover his humanity in the process? It sounds like the perfect recipe for box office success during the long summer months.

Unfortunately, director Stephen Sommers seems to be so in love with cool, rushing camera angles and bloated computer-generated graphics that he forgot something along the way — a passable plot.

There are parts at the beginning of "Van Helsing" that you could not help but gawk at, especially since this film kicked off the summer season of movies. But after the first few monster fights (of which there are many), any significance is lost and the film spirals out of control from there.

An interesting concept is wasted and the monsters themselves lose any distinct identities. If another effort is ever launched into the "Van Helsing" world, perhaps the plot will be granted a tad more attention.

4. The Stepford Wives

Plagued by budget problems, on-set strife and a trailer that gave away the entire plot of the movie, "The Stepford Wives" was in trouble before it even came to theatres. Unfortunately, things only got worse when it actually arrived in theatres.

The film itself is so bad that it ends up being nothing more than a waste of talent and one more example of why remakes are a bad idea. The original 1975 version of "The Stepford Wives" was well-received and has remained something of a cult classic for years. Studio executives just couldn't resist remaking it with some big marquee names, including Nicole Kidman, Matthew Broderick, Christopher Walken, Bette Midler and Glenn Close.

The movie tells the story of a Connecticut community where all of the women have been changed from driven career women into perfect automatons of 1950's era femininity. The remake glosses over the major feminist issues that the original dealt with. It just becomes another star-bloated mess created solely to make money, an unfortunate and common occurrence during summer.



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Walter (Matthew Broderick) and Joanna (Nicole Kidman) mingle with a new community in "The Stepford Wives."

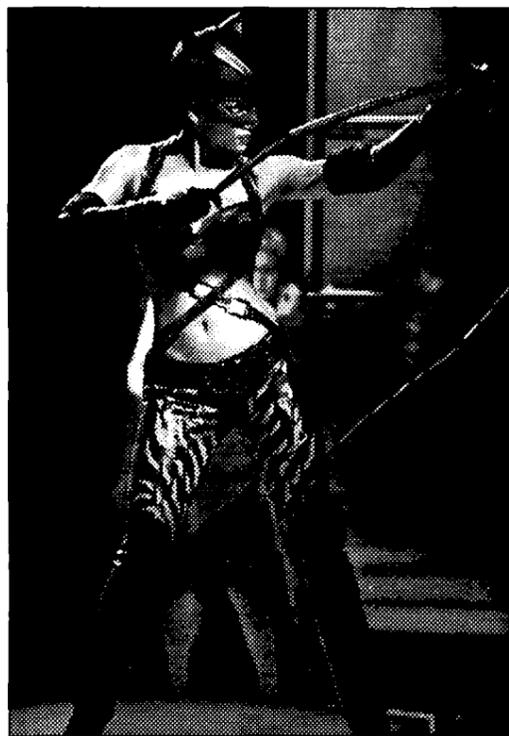


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Halle Berry steals and combats evil — whip in hand — in the action film, "Catwoman."

1. Catwoman

"Catwoman" seems like a good idea on paper. Cast recent Oscar-winner Halle Berry in the role of a character already proven successful by the "Batman" films and put her in a leather suit. Add to the mix Benjamin Bratt playing a cop, a role he has honed to perfection after several seasons of "Law and Order" and cast Sharon Stone, who will forever be notorious after "Basic Instinct" as a villain.

Unfortunately, "Catwoman" has a script that is so laughably awful no amount of casting or computer generated images can hide it. The plot, which tells the tale of a shy graphic designer who is killed when she finds out a company secret and comes back with cat-like abilities, is fairly innocent and straightforward, but the film's dialogue is just plain silly.

Quotes like, "Man-sandwich! Four o'clock," "Amateurs! You're just going to come in here and steal all these nice things? What a purrrfect idea!" and "White Russian, no ice, no vodka ... hold the Kahlua" abound throughout the film.

The film tries to blend the camp and humor of the old "Batman" television show with the big-budget special-effects and dark edge of the films, but it fails on both fronts.



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Lucius Hunt (Joaquin Phoenix) boldly explores the unknown in "The Village."

at the dollar theater, make sure you go for the ensemble cast's acting and not the thrills.

5. The Village

If you were looking for a good scare this summer, "The Village" was not the place to go.

Manoj Night Shyamalan gained national fame when "The Sixth Sense" came out in 1999, but since then his work seems to have gone downhill. "Signs" didn't measure up to its predecessor, and "The Village" was an even greater slide from expectations.

The movie was especially disappointing because of the way it was portrayed in previews. Viewers came to the theater expecting a straight-up spine chiller like "The Sixth Sense," but instead got a fairly tame show with few truly frightening moments and a plot that felt disjointed instead of compelling. Once again Shyamalan's famous plot twist failed to measure up to the masterful plot twist in "The Sixth Sense."

If you do decide to rent "The Village" or catch it

NFL

Ricky Williams calls Dolphins

Former running back headed to India

Associated Press

MIAMI — Retired running back Ricky Williams says he contacted the Miami Dolphins this week at the request of his agent but has no plans to rejoin the team any time soon.

Williams didn't rule out a return but made it clear that given his contract and the state of the coaching staff, "It's not in my best interests to play football right now," he told the Miami Herald in a story published Wednesday night on the newspaper's Web site.

Williams has acknowl-

edged testing positive for marijuana three times, which means he likely wouldn't be allowed to play this season, even if he decided to come out of retirement.

Williams is in Australia and said he plans to travel to India soon for a "couple of months." He said he contacted the Dolphins after they sent him a letter last week

"I didn't call them to see if I could come back. I was just causing a conversation to happen."

Ricky Williams
former running back

seeking repayment of \$8.6 million by Monday.

"I didn't call them to see if I could come back. I was just causing a conversation to happen," Williams said. "They sent me the letter and [my agent] told me it's in my best interests to call them."

Asked if he was prepared

to pay the money back or return to the team by Monday, Williams said, "That's really up to the Dolphins about the money. ... This whole thing gets crazier by the day."

Williams' agent, Leigh Steinberg, didn't return calls seeking comment. Coach Dave Wannstedt declined to comment.

"I'm only commenting about the players on our team," Wannstedt said.

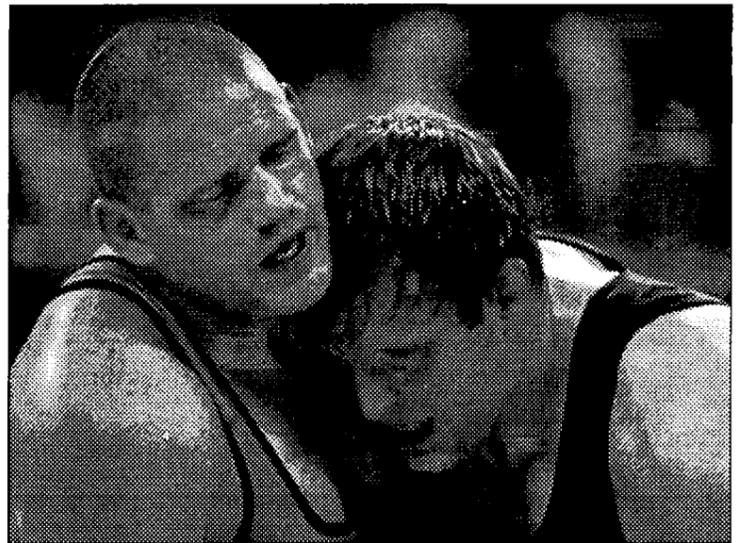
Retirement papers Williams filed with the NFL last month aren't binding. But because he was in the league's substance abuse program, he can't return for one year without penalty.

Williams has said he's a three-time offender in the program, meaning the penalty would be a suspension that would prohibit him from playing this season.

Williams, who led the NFL in rushing in 2002, stunned the Dolphins when he decided to retire a week before training camp started at age 27.

OLYMPICS

Americans gone from wrestling



Rulon Gardner took the bronze, winning the highest award of any American wrestler.

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Jim Gruenwald and Garrett Lowney failed to advance from their pools Wednesday in Olympic Greco-Roman wrestling, meaning no Americans will be on the mat when three medals are decided Thursday.

The six-man U.S. Greco-Roman team departs with only one medal — Rulon Gardner's bronze — the first time that's happened since Seoul in 1988. In Sydney, the Americans got a gold, silver and bronze, plus four medals in freestyle. Freestyle wrestling starts Friday in Athens.

Lowney, a bronze medalist in Sydney, lost both of his pool matches Wednesday at 211 1/2 pounds (96kg), 3-1 to Ernesto Pena of Cuba and 4-0 in overtime to Lajos Virag of Hungary. Only the pool winners can win medals.

"I wrestled terribly in my first match," said Lowney, a former All-American at Minnesota who lives in Freedom, Wis. "To train four years and make that much of a sacrifice, to come out and perform poorly in my first match was disappointing. ... But this last match, I don't know where it came from. I don't know what happened."

Lowney, 24, was called for unlocking on the clinch to start the overtime, giving Virag a point, then drew two decisive penalty points for blocking

Virag's lift attempt — an infraction he didn't know existed.

"I've been wrestling for years and I don't know where they pulled those points out of," said Lowney, who had even stronger words to describe the call. "I am completely dumbfounded."

Gruenwald, sixth in the 2000 Olympics, pinned Hugo Passos of Portugal in 5:41 at 132 pounds (60kg), but lost 3-1 to pool winner Eusebio Diaconu of Romania.

"But I can walk off the mat having wrestled at this level for well over a decade with no shame whatsoever," said Gruenwald, 34, of Milwaukee.

The day before, Dennis Hall (121 pounds, 55kg), Oscar Wood (145 1/2 pounds, 66kg) and Brad Vering (185 pounds, 84kg) also were eliminated. Hall was a silver medalist at Atlanta in 1996.

The United States did not qualify an Olympic wrestler at 163 pounds (74kg).

Also Wednesday, Turkey's Hamza Yerlikaya lost 3-0 to silver medalist Ara Abrahamian of Sweden in the 185-pound (84kg) semifinals, ending his attempt to win a third consecutive gold. He also lost the bronze to Vichaslav Makaranka of Belarus, 2-1, but still got his first top-five finish in a world-level championship since Sydney.

Winning golds were Hungary's Istvan Majoros, who surprised Russia's Gueidar Mamedaliev 3-1 in overtime at 121 pounds (55kg).

Woodson to rejoin camp

Cornerback ends Raiders holdout

Associated Press

NAPA, Calif. — Charles Woodson confirmed Wednesday night he would end his holdout and be in camp with the Oakland Raiders next week.

The four-time Pro Bowl cornerback announced his intentions in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

The Raiders placed the franchise tag on Woodson in February. With the franchise designation, he would make close to \$8.8 million this season, but Woodson hasn't signed the Raiders' tender — which he must do before negotiating a new deal.

Woodson, who's entering his seventh pro season, is seeking a big-money, long-term contract and reportedly wants to be the highest paid cornerback in the NFL.

Earlier Wednesday,

Raiders coach Norv Turner said he expected Woodson to be in camp next week.

Turner said that Woodson needs to be in practice "as soon as he can" to be ready for the season. Turner said he doubted Woodson would be prepared for the season opener Sept. 12 at Pittsburgh if he waited until after the final preseason game Sept. 2 to join the team.

Even if he reports Monday, it's unclear whether Woodson would play in the Raiders' final exhibition game next Thursday at home against St. Louis.

"I'd hate to answer that either way," Turner said Wednesday, when the Raiders broke camp in Napa and returned to their regular practice facility in Alameda. "We'd have to see where he's at."

A call to Woodson's agent, Carl Poston, wasn't returned Wednesday.

But Poston, in a rare interview, told the Contra Costa Times on Tuesday that

Woodson would report next week and is anxious to get started.

He has missed 28 days of training camp and both exhibition games, but has been working out twice a day in Houston.

Raiders senior personnel executive Michael Lombardi said he hadn't been told by Poston that Woodson would be in camp.

"I can't really say what's going to happen next week," Lombardi said. "It's all hypothetical. The way the system is, it's up to him. It's not up to us."

All-Pro linebacker Julian Peterson of San Francisco, another holdout franchise player, signed Wednesday with the 49ers. Peterson is represented by Poston's brother, Kevin.

It could take Woodson some time to get up to speed on defensive coordinator Rob Ryan's new 3-4 scheme.

"Playbooks are issued to players once they're here," Lombardi said.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Tancredi, Chapman get preseason honors

Veteran defenders on preseason Hermann Trophy watch list for upcoming campaign

Special to The Observer

Two Notre Dame women's soccer players have received top preseason billing from various national organizations, as fifth-year central defender Melissa Tancredi (Ancaster, Ont.) and senior right back Candace Chapman (Ajax, Ont.) are among 12 players named to the Soccer Buzz preseason All-America squad.

Both also are among the 25 players named to the 2004 preseason watch list for the Missouri Athletic Club's Hermann Trophy national player-of-the-year award. Tancredi earlier had been picked to repeat as the Big East Conference defensive player of the year (an award that Chapman won in 2002) and also is one of 11 players named to Soccer America's 2004 preseason All-America team.

Tancredi was a Soccer Buzz first-team All-American in 2003, also receiving second team All-America honors from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Chapman — who also could play at forward or midfield during the upcoming season — had been an NSCAA second team All-American in 2002 before missing the 2003 season due to an ACL knee injury.

The 2004 season will mark just the second time in Notre Dame's history (and first since

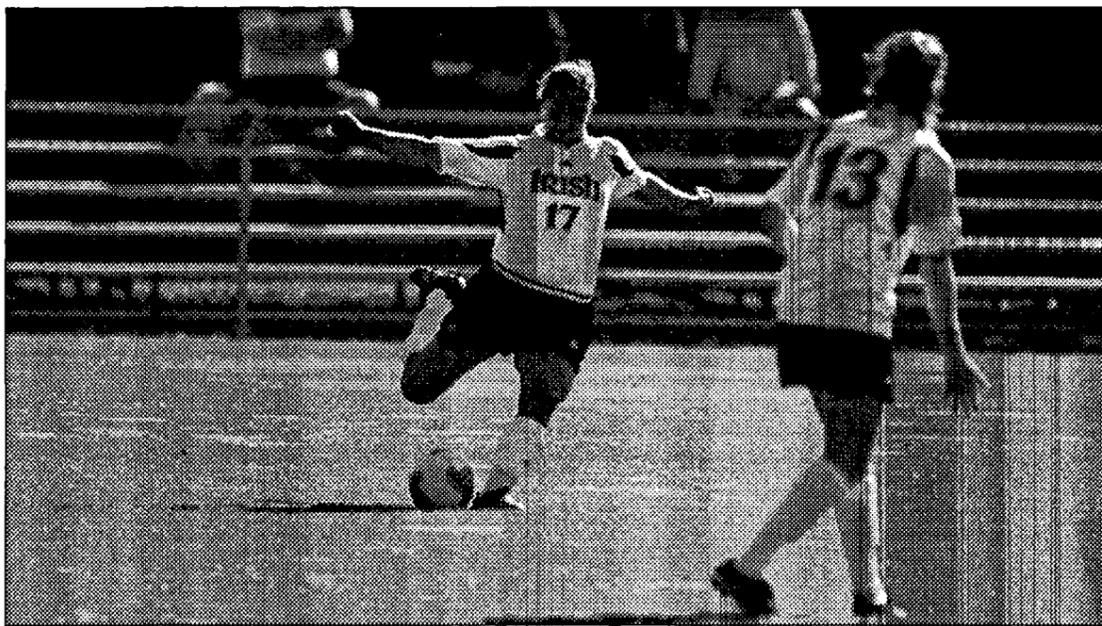
1997) that the Irish have featured two returning NSCAA All-Americans in the defense. Notre Dame's 1997 team, still the most dominant all-around team in the program's history, featured two players — senior Kate Sobrero and sophomore Jen Grubb — who previously had received NSCAA All-America honors (in '96).

Tancredi — who like Chapman has starred for the Canadian National Team — could prove to be the nation's top defensive player in 2004, with Tennessee senior Keeley Dowling representing the only other defender on both the Soccer America and Soccer Buzz preseason All-America teams. Tancredi, Chapman, Dowling and Virginia's Becky Sauerbrunn are the only defenders on the MAC Hermann Trophy watch list.

Notre Dame — ranked as high as second in the national polls — opens its season on Friday night versus Baylor, with kickoff set for 7:00 p.m.

Tancredi is one of nine players listed on both the Soccer America and Soccer Buzz preseason All-America teams, with the other including Dowling, midfielders Carli Lloyd (Rutgers), Lindsey Huie (Portland), Leslie Osborne (Santa Clara) and Lori Chalupny (North Carolina), Portland forward Christine Sinclair and the North Carolina forward tandem of Lindsay Tarpley and Heather O'Reilly.

Notre Dame joined North Carolina and Portland as teams with multiple players on the Soccer Buzz "Elite 12" preseason All-America team while the Irish were one of five teams with multiple players on the MAC Hermann Trophy watch list.



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Senior defender Tancredi was a Soccer Buzz first-team All-American in 2003 for the Irish.

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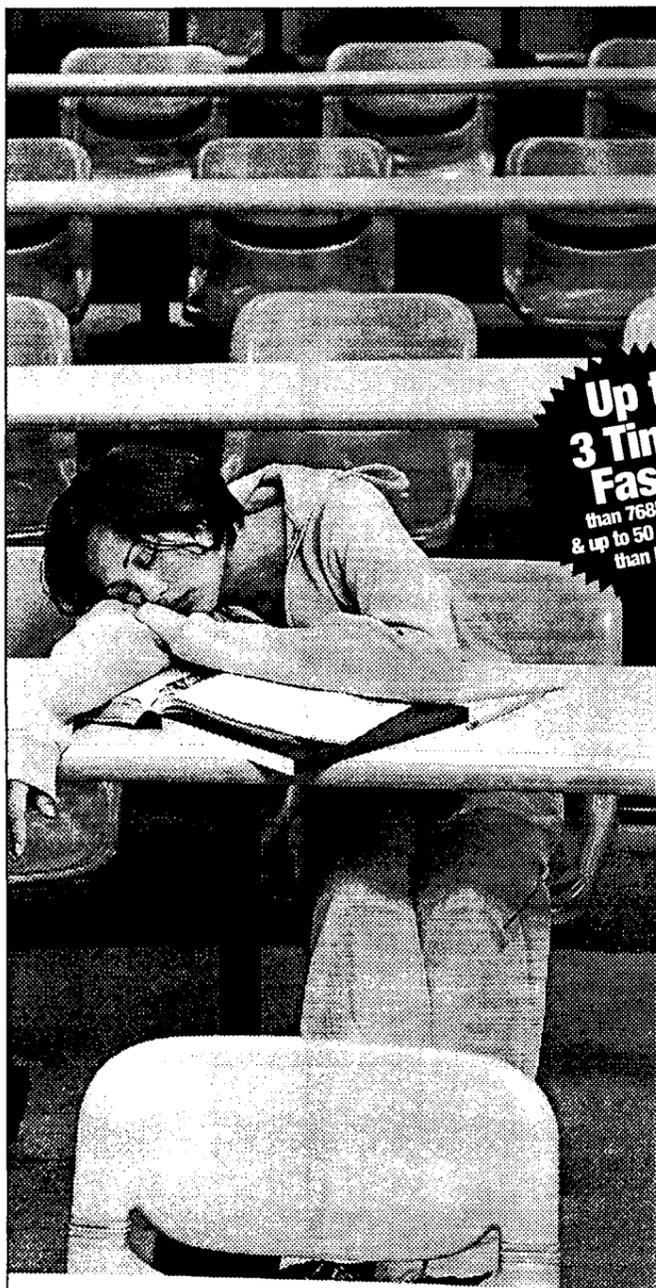
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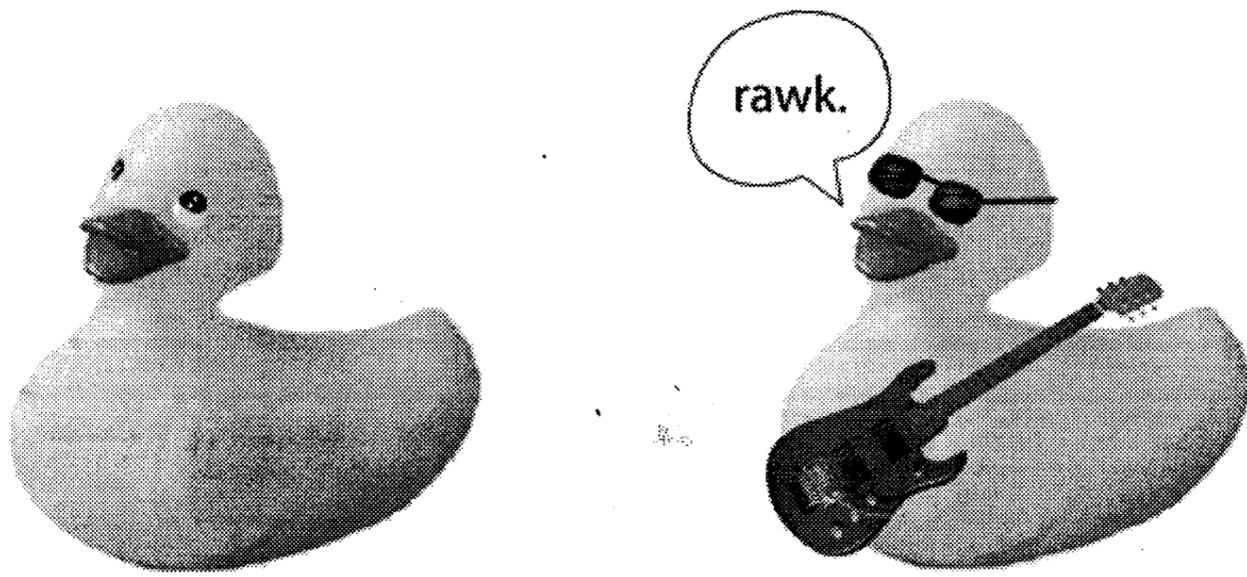
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Team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
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Boston	72-53	.576	6-2	6.5
Tampa Bay	59-68	.465	5-5	19.5
Baltimore	67-60	.456	1-9	20.5
Toronto	53-74	.417	4-6	25.5

American League Central

Team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Minnesota	71-55	.563	8-2	-
Cleveland	64-64	.500	1-9	8.0
Chicago	61-63	.492	3-7	9.0
Detroit	60-66	.476	6-4	11.0
Kansas City	44-80	.355	3-7	26.0

American League West

Team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Oakland	73-53	.579	8-2	-
Anaheim	73-64	.575	9-1	0.5
Texas	70-55	.560	7-3	2.5
Seattle	46-79	.368	3-7	26.5

National League East

Team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Atlanta	72-53	.576	6-4	-
Florida	63-61	.508	7-3	8.5
Philadelphia	62-65	.488	3-7	11.0
New York	59-68	.472	3-7	13.0
Montreal	54-72	.429	5-5	18.5

National League Central

Team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
St. Louis	83-43	.659	7-3	-
Chicago	70-56	.556	7-3	13.0
Houston	64-62	.508	8-2	19.0
Cincinnati	60-65	.480	5-5	22.5
Pittsburgh	60-66	.476	4-6	23.0
Milwaukee	55-70	.440	1-9	27.5

National League West

Team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Los Angeles	73-53	.579	4-6	-
San Fran.	70-58	.547	7-3	4.0
San Diego	68-58	.540	6-4	5.0
Colorado	55-71	.437	2-8	18.0
Arizona	39-89	.305	4-6	35.0

Women's Soccer Top 20

Rank	Team	'03 record	Final rank
1	North Carolina	27-0-0	1
2	Santa Clara	14-4-6	4
3	NOTRE DAME	20-3-1	10
4	Portland	18-3-2	7
5	Penn State	19-4-2	6
6	Florida State	17-6-1	5
7	Connecticut	15-6-3	3
8	UCLA	20-2-3	2
9	Virginia	12-5-4	16
10	Texas A&M	13-6-3	11
11	Florida	19-4-2	8
12	Tennessee	17-5-2	13
13	Texas	12-9-0	NR
14	West Virginia	17-4-2	9
15	Duke	14-7-1	17
16	Arizona State	13-5-3	19
17	Colorado	15-4-1	20
18	Kansas	18-5-1	12
19	Michigan	11-8-6	18
20	Utah	16-2-2	22

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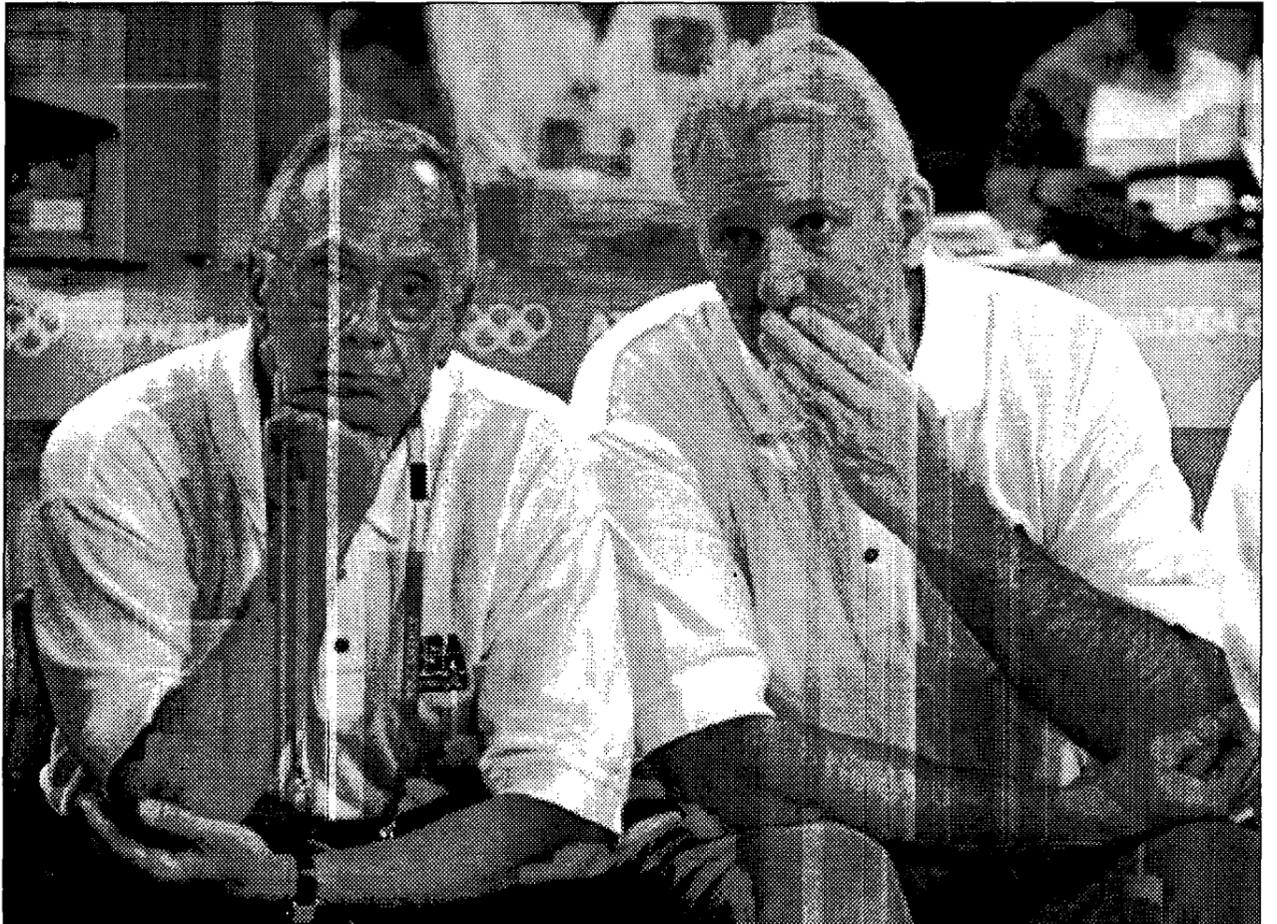
MLB

Houston at Chicago Cubs 1:20 p.m., Fox Sports

Chicago White Sox at Cleveland 6 p.m., WGN

Colorado at Atlanta 6:30 p.m., TBS

OLYMPICS



United States team coaches Larry Brown, left, and Greg Popovich sit on the bench during a men's basketball preliminary round game against Puerto Rico Aug. 15. Brown believes poor officiating is hurting his team. AP

Brown frustrated with Olympic refs

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — The quality of the officiating at the Olympics has so troubled Larry Brown that he may just have his team play the wrong way.

The U.S. coach whose mantra is to "play the right way" was on the verge of being talked into something he despises — playing a zone defense — in Thursday's quarterfinal against Spain. The voices calling for change belonged to assistant coaches Gregg Popovich, Oliver Purnell and Roy Williams.

"Pop and Oliver and Roy are bugging me about play-

ing zone because of the potential for foul trouble," Brown said. "I hate zone, but I understand what they're saying. It depends on how they referee the game. I can't tell you how it's going to be called, but I can't even comprehend some of the things I've seen."

The refereeing has often been poor throughout the tournament, with the U.S. staff most upset by a series of calls during the fourth quarter of the Americans' opening round loss to Lithuania, when Lithuania attempted 14 free throws and the Americans shot just two.

"That's why you've got to play perfect," Brown said.

The U.S. team's final practice Wednesday at the American College of Greece had the feel of the last day of school, the players munching pepperoni pizza and lounging on benches in the shade before boarding their team bus that bears a Greek flag in the rear window.

Expectations for the U.S. team have been lowered so much that a sports betting parlor in Belgrade listed Spain as a 3-point favorite. The Spanish team went undefeated in the preliminary round and won all of its pre-Olympic tuneup

games. Brown plans to shorten his playing rotation, which likely will mean less time for Carmelo Anthony.

"He's not playing, he knows there's nothing he can do about it," teammate LeBron James said. "For what reason I can't tell you, and he couldn't tell you if you asked him the same."

How much spirit the Americans have left could be a big factor in their most important game of the Olympics.

Some of the players have seemed beaten down at times as Brown has criticized the team regularly.

IN BRIEF

Bryant prosecutors claim DNA is contaminated

DENVER — Two days before the start of jury selection in Kobe Bryant's rape case, prosecutors charged that crucial DNA evidence the defense had hoped to use to prove the NBA star's innocence might have been contaminated.

The judge in the case granted prosecutors' request for a hearing Thursday to question the reliability of the defense's DNA experts. The witnesses are expected to argue that the DNA evidence shows the accuser was promiscuous.

Prosecutors provided no details about the possible contamination in a court filing released Wednesday. But they expressed concerns about defense expert Elizabeth Johnson, who testified in June that DNA evidence suggests the accuser had sex with another man after her encounter with Bryant and before her hospital examination the following day.

Giants to start Warner over Manning this week

NEW YORK — Kurt Warner will start at quarterback for the New York Giants this week, although his competition with rookie Eli Manning for the regular-season job continues.

Coach Tom Coughlin announced Wednesday that the two-time MVP will start Friday against the New York Jets, but that Manning, the No. 1 pick in the draft, will get about the same amount of snaps with the first-team offense.

"It's Kurt's turn," Coughlin said, adding that it was his plan all along to have the two quarterbacks alternate starting assignments in the first three preseason games.

Warner started against Kansas City in the preseason opener and Manning got a start last week against Carolina.

Coughlin said he will name a starter for the season opener at Philadelphia on Sept. 12 "at the right time."

NFL interested in possible Anaheim franchise

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The NFL has approached Anaheim city officials about possibly building a stadium complex for an NFL franchise that could begin play as soon as 2008.

The area has been without an NFL team since the Rams moved from Anaheim to St. Louis and the Raiders went from Los Angeles to Oakland before the 1995 season.

"We're evaluating a possible stadium project in Anaheim with city officials along with the three sites in the Los Angeles area," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said late Wednesday. "The discussions are exploratory and preliminary at this point."

Aiello referred to the Los Angeles Coliseum, where the Raiders played before returning to Oakland; the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, and a proposed site in Carson.

"We're working off a time line that would have us make a decision next May," Aiello said.

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Sawyer

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championship trophy."

Sawyer credits Clark for keeping team goals in sight and individual awards in perspective.

"You tell me what the end-of-the-season polls are, and then I'll be interested," Clark said. "It's always nice that people think reasonably highly of you, [but it's a] tribute to last year's team."

This year's team has high expectations to match last year's historically successful team. The defending Big East champions are picked to finish third in the conference, with top talents Justin Dettler and Kevin Richards departing as Major League Soccer draft picks.

A tough schedule includes top-ranked Indiana and conference foe St. John's, currently at No. 2. Irish fans, however, can find solace in Sawyer and one of the nation's top defenses.

"We have the best defense in the country," Sawyer said, specifying co-captains and fellow defenders Stewart and Kevin Goldthwaite. With sophomore Ryan Miller filling out the back line, Sawyer has reason to be confident. In Monday's preseason contest with Northwestern, they forced Sawyer to make only three saves — one of which was a heart-stopping deflection in the lower corner.

This performance also gives confidence to Clark, who is entering his fourth year with the men's soccer program.

"[Sawyer, Stewart and Goldthwaite] are three of the best collegiate players in the country," Clark said. "They're all great. They all sought their roles out. They all have tremendous respect for one another. They all have different strengths ... the key thing is that they work very well together."

The senior standouts debuted with the team in the same season as Clark, who came from a head-coaching job at Stanford. When

Clark arrived that January, Sawyer had already committed, citing "the potential of the program" and the players on the team as major reasons for choosing Notre Dame in the recruiting process.

"If I had been recruiting a goalkeeper [at Stanford], I would have been recruiting Chris Sawyer," Clark said, recalling his enthusiasm for working with the young keeper.

Day-to-day, Sawyer works with goalie coach Brian Wiese.

"Coach Wiese has worked tremendously with him," Clark said. "[Wiese] did a fabulous job ... It's not hard to work with Chris because he's a very motivated, dedicated young man and he works very hard at getting better."

Sawyer also attributes his newly-honed skills to Wiese's commitment.

"I've improved dramatically since I came here," Sawyer said. He filled in as goalkeeper at age 12 after starting his soccer career on the front line.

"I fell into something that I loved," he recalled.

Sawyer has made himself into one of the most feared goalkeepers in the nation, with hard work, natural talent and the perseverance of his coaches.

"It makes for a success story," Clark said. "[Sawyer] came in and he was a good goalkeeper when he came in, but a goalkeeper needs a personality ... He needs to have presence, and Chris has developed that over the years."

As Sawyer enters his final year of eligibility, he hopes the potential will be realized after last year's trip to the Sweet 16.

"Our own expectations are certainly the Final Four and maybe the national championship," he said.

With Sawyer anchoring an outstanding defense on a talented team, the statement isn't difficult to believe.

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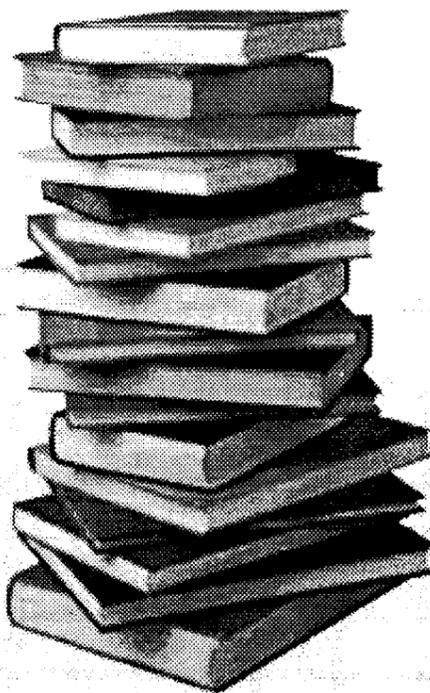
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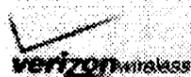
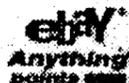
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returning who placed in the top 60 for the Belles at last year's conference meet.

Sophomores Erin Nolan and Katie White join Otto on the squad. Nolan and White placed 50th and 55th respectively at the MIAA conference meet. Seventh-year head coach Dave Barstis praised the trio for their

consistency as competitors.

"Those three runners will be the foundation of our program in the upcoming years," Barstis said.

Also returning for the Belles are captains Elizabeth Commers and Risa Zander. Barstis is looking to Commers

and Zander to take the team's newcomers under their wings.

"I am not going to put it past this team to get fourth or better at the conference meet."

Dave Barstis
Belles coach

Freshman Megan Gray and Loyola transfer Megan Murphy are expected to make an impact this season and add depth to the team under Barstis' guidance.

Going into the season with a can-do attitude should give the

team one of their most successful seasons yet, Barstis said.

"We are more talented than last season," Barstis said. "I am not going to put it past this team to get fourth or better at the conference meet."

Saint Mary's will get a chance to see how well they are competing as the Heidelberg Invitational on Sept. 3 nears. The team finished fifth out of 12 teams last year in the Invitational and is hoping to improve upon these results.

Still, Barstis views this meet as a workout, describing whatever the results may be as a starting point for the team's season-long goals.

"I am looking at this meet as a baseline for what to expect for the rest of the season," Barstis said. "It will give me a feel of what we need to do to get to where we want to be."

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"Nothing's really set in stone. I think that's a great thing to have from a coaching standpoint, because you still got guys that are hungry and still trying to play.

"Tommy Zbikowski is right there in the mix as well as Chinedum [Ndukwe] and Freddie Parish. So, we have some great safeties that are going to all play this year."

On the corners, senior Dwight Ellick leads a group that lost Vontez Duff and Jason Beckstrom from 2003. Ellick and Burrell will be looked upon as the veterans of this group.

"Experience, you can't substitute that," Wilks said of his veterans. "So they bring the knowledge of the game, they bring experience from being in the heat of battle. They let these young guys know exactly what it's going to take to get out there and compete. So they've really [embraced] being the leaders, not only from a standpoint of football, but even off the football field in the meeting room as well. So they bring a lot right now to the table."

Also competing for time is senior Carlos Campbell, who switched to defensive back from wide receiver, and red-shirt freshman Ambrose

Wooden, who did the same.

"Those guys are right there in the mix, which is exciting for me as a coach, that those guys are up there and competing and have the opportunity to play because we're going to need them," Wilks said.

Competition for starting sports will continue until Sept. 4, when the Irish face BYU in the opener.

"I always encourage competition," Wilks said. "And we always emphasize and talk about nothing is final right now, which it's not. So those guys are still trying to do the little things right, trying make plays, trying not to make mistakes. They're competing with one another, without a doubt."

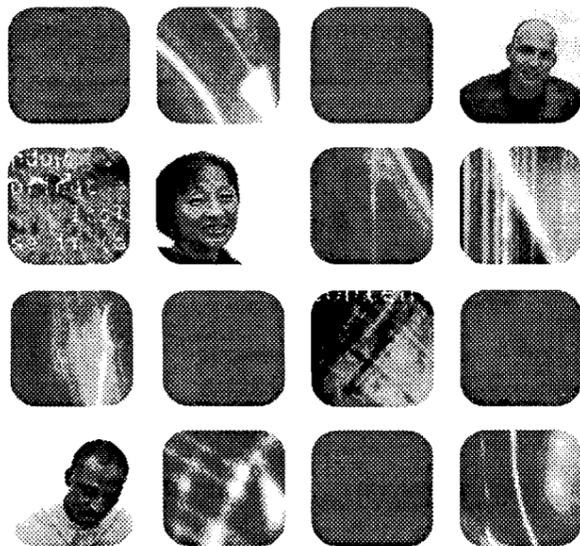
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◆ The Irish moved practice inside to Loftus Sports Center after strong thunderstorms arrived about halfway through practice Wednesday.

◆ Senior running back Ryan Grant was in shoulder pads but not participating in team drills Wednesday.

"That's the first sign, starting to get back and get closer," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "We didn't put him in any team plays, but still, he was being active, and he's starting to get closer to the lineup."

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And since not all 8,000 students can participate in the Challenge itself, the EA Sports will bring its trucks filled with kiosks of games that haven't been released,

such as Tiger Woods PGA Tour 2005. They will be available for students to try out during the competition.

"That's going to be a pretty cool thing," Geiger said.

Students can sign up online at www.ncaafootballchallenge.com, or can show up at Stepan Center Tuesday to sign up at the door. However, it is limited to the first 128 students. The Challenge is set to start at 4 p.m., and Geiger said it should last four to five hours.

"The competition, the atmosphere, it's unreal," he said.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Injury sidelines local Irish player

Pinnick will miss season after breaking neck in car accident

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

As a South Bend resident, freshman Susan Pinnick didn't need to travel very far to join the Notre Dame women's soccer team. But due to a summer accident, the former St. Joseph's High School standout will not take the field for the Irish this year no matter how close she is.

Pinnick will not get the chance to compete this year after a van crash on June 12 left her sidelined for the season.

While on a trip to Colorado with her Carmel soccer team, the team's extended passenger van collided with an SUV as both vehicles attempted to change lanes. The van rolled and, of the 17 other members in the van, Pinnick caught the brunt of the injuries, though she has no recollection of the actual accident.

"I remember right before the accident, just as the SUV was about to hit us," she said, "but that's the last thing I remember."

The doctors in Colorado found that she had a fractured vertebra in addition to a broken right hand and nerve damage in her left arm. She remained in the hospital for 12 days.

"The most important thing [the doctors] told me was that I would make a full recovery ... and I took it in stride once I realized it could have been a lot worse," Pinnick said.

However, not everyone knew Pinnick could make such a recovery right away, and for coach Randy Waldrum, the worst part was not knowing the severity of the injury.

"When you hear 'broken neck', you automatically fear the worst like paralysis or other long term effects," Waldrum said. "Honestly, I don't think anyone was even thinking about the season."

The injury will not end

Pinnick's career, but is serious enough to end her season before it even begins. She still wears a soft collar brace, but that is an upgrade from the supportive halo she had to use after the accident.

Currently, she is in the midst of rehabilitating both her arm and her neck at Memorial Hospital.

"I have most of the movement back in my arm so right now they're working on strengthening it without too much strain on the neck," Pinnick said. "For the neck, we're just making sure it's stable. It's actually been moving a lot quicker than we thought it would."

The doctors told Pinnick it would take six months to a year to be back at full strength, but that doesn't fill the void of sitting on the sidelines.

Pinnick, a high school Parade All-American, will remain on the team's roster even though Waldrum will not be able to use her on the field.

"She'll be helping us out on the sidelines and bench with stats and other things," Waldrum said. "Susan still comes to practice everyday and we want her to still feel like a part of this team even if she's not playing."

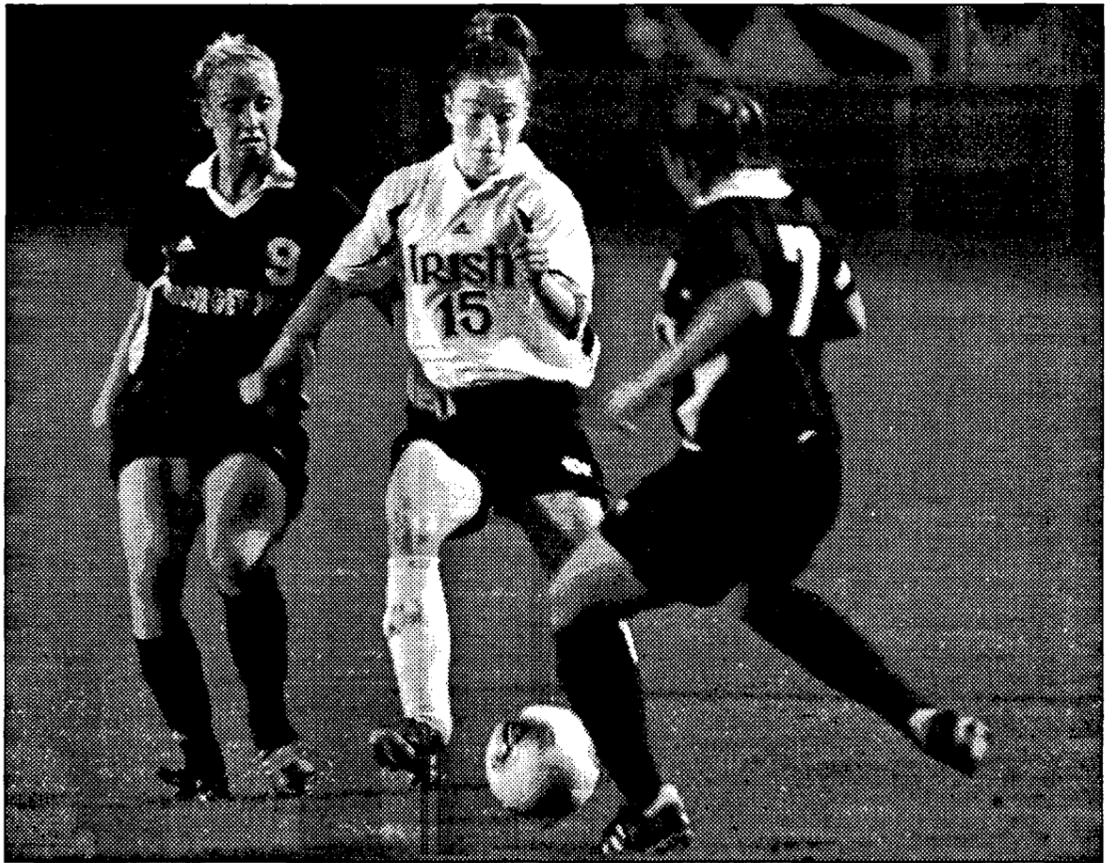
Despite sitting out this fall, both Pinnick and Waldrum are anticipating her return next season.

"I really miss being out on the field and getting to play," Pinnick said. "I know I'll learn a lot just by watching but it's just not the same as being out on the field."

Waldrum knows that once she does come back, Pinnick will be an impact player.

"She'll be able to help us because she has a different style than a lot of our other attackers. Her style is more attacking the defense head-on and putting pressure on the opposing defenders rather than with your back to the goal like some of our other forwards. It gives us a different look to show our opponents."

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Pinnick will not be able to make an impact in her freshman year like Lizzie Reed, above, did last season. Pinnick broke her neck in a car accident and will not play until next season.



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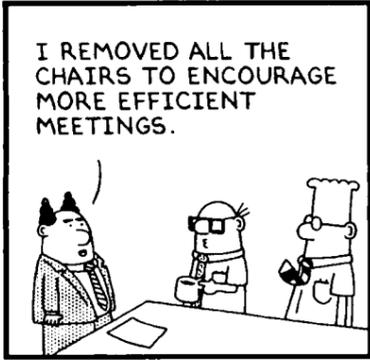
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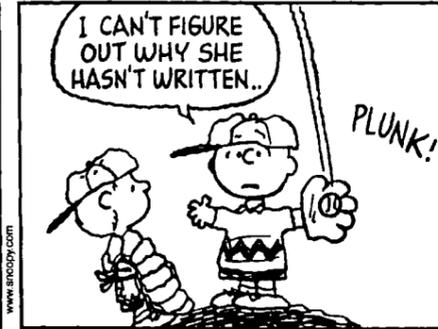
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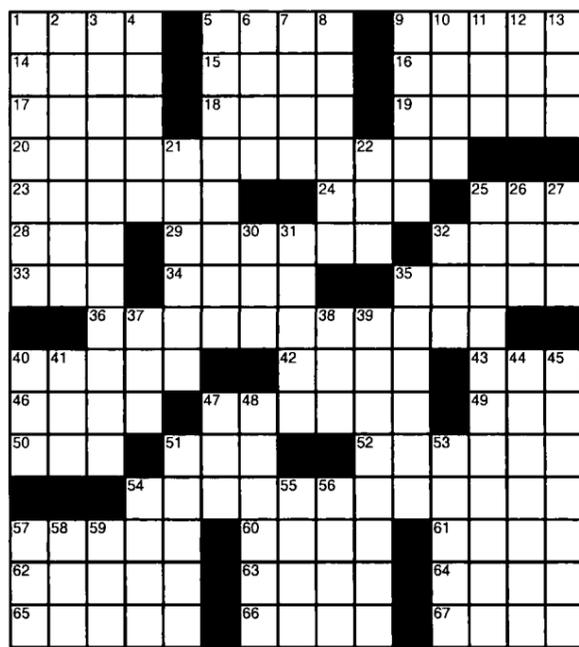
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 - 20 Ballpark fare
 - 23 Ready
 - 24 Engine need
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 - 28 Born
 - 29 Sources of soft feathers
 - 32 Admission seeker, maybe: Abbr.
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Ever since 2001, you've been trying to figure out who you are. (You're still not sure how to dress.) Your current preoccupation with home and family might help you to work through this identity crisis. Although, it's not really a crisis because you'll always have each other.
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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You're still on top of your game. You've got the powah! Of course, along with power comes responsibility. How are you going to play your hand? Friends are supportive now. With all these planets in your sign, it's important to demand the advantage and go after what you want.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Most of you are reaping the rewards of previous efforts. Some of you are prepared to start something new because the old methods didn't work. But all of you need to hide somewhat right now in order to replenish, restore and re-energize yourself. You've got a lot to think about.
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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Ever since 2001, you've been champing at the bit. Big plans excite you now. You can see what it is that you want to accomplish. Because your goal is primarily in focus, just start to build steadily toward it. Effort in one direction always brings benefit.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You're in a two-year window that is very testing for close partnerships. (Last year and this year.) Relationships that were meant to endure have to undergo readjustments. It's a new world for you, really.
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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Increased responsibilities with children are likely now. Privately, many of you are wondering how to advance your career in a meaningful way. You want to find work that is rewarding, fulfilling and fun. And you want to get paid a lot of money for it. Sounds good to me.
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FOOTBALL

Options aplenty

A deep secondary gives the Irish tough competition for starting jobs

By **HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN**
Sports Editor

The Irish secondary will be deep, but more importantly, everyone on the chart can step onto the field at any time.

"Sometimes you have numbers, but those guys aren't ready to get on the field," defensive backs coach Steven Wilks said. "We have a lot of guys that could possibly step on the field and help us out this year."

Leading the way could be senior free safety Quentin Burrell. Burrell is one of the most experienced of the group, recording 58 tackles, including 39 solos in 2003, while intercepting four passes and recovering two fumbles. He was

thrust into a starting role last season after a season-ending injury to Glenn Earl, starting the last nine games.

"Quentin is a proven football player. He's having an excellent camp since he's been back," Wilks said of the senior who was sidelined with an injury earlier.

Head coach Tyrone Willingham is also high on the senior leader.

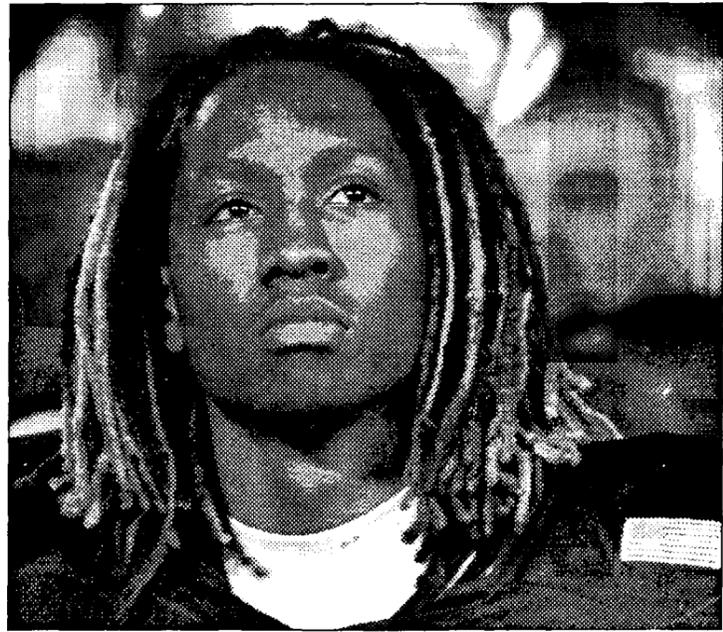
"Early in camp, we missed Quentin Burrell," Willingham said. "He's kind of a senior guy back there that's played, that's had some success, so you miss him."

"Getting him back in there should add something to us, from the standpoint of leadership in terms of communication, leadership in terms of play and just overall the matu-

riety it takes to be a veteran player."

Competing for time at safety will be sophomore Tom Zbikowski. After not playing last fall, he was named the Defensive Player of the Game in the Blue-Gold game in the spring. Zbikowski was also a USA Today first-team All-American in high school. Also in the mix at safety will be 6-foot, 202-pound sophomore Freddie Parish, who played in 10 games last season. These two are joined by 6-foot-2, 223-pound classmate Chinedum Ndukwe, who switched to safety after playing wide receiver as a freshman.

"Right now, everybody's really competing," Wilks said.



Senior cornerback Preston Jackson looks on from the sidelines during Notre Dame's victory over BYU last year.

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VIDEO GAMES

EA Sports brings competition to ND

By **HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN**
Sports Editor

Next week, all the hours spent playing NCAA Football could pay off for one Notre Dame student.

Electronic Arts Sports, commonly known as EA Sports, will come to campus Aug. 31, for the 2004 EA Sports NCAA Football Challenge. The competition will consist of 128 Notre Dame students who signed up either online or at the door. They will play each other in NCAA Football 2004 in head-to-head action on PlayStation2. The winner of the Notre Dame competition will advance to Las Vegas, Nev. where he or she will face off against 15 other winners from schools around the nation, including Southern California, Purdue, Florida State and Miami.

Notre Dame is the first stop on the 16-school tour.

"Notre Dame is a huge football school," said Trey Geiger

of the EA Sports lifestyle marketing department. "We wanted to make sure it went to the top football schools in the country, and what better place to start than in South Bend [at Notre Dame], where the College Football Hall of Fame is."

The NCAA contest is in its first year. It was inspired by EA Sports' Madden NFL Football contest, which is in its third year. The NFL contest spanned 32 cities, and had as many as 1,000 contestants in each

city. "It's been a huge success," Geiger said. "People are into it; they love the competition."

Geiger said he thinks the NCAA contest will be just as popular. At each school, 128 students will compete to advance to Las Vegas.

"We realized there are college kids all over playing this game [NCAA Football 2004]," Geiger said. "They can prove who is the best challenger in the country."

The finals will be held Dec.

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SMC CROSS-COUNTRY

Belles could run away with MIAA

By **DAN TAPETILLO**
Sports Writer

If there is such a thing as a die-hard worker, look no further than the Saint Mary's cross country team. With a mixture of veterans and newcomers, the Belles are looking to be a legitimate threat this upcoming season.

After a program-best finish of sixth at the MIAA Championships last year, the Belles' roster continues to team with talent and promise. Four of the five top runners from last year's team return with great expectations after last season's success.

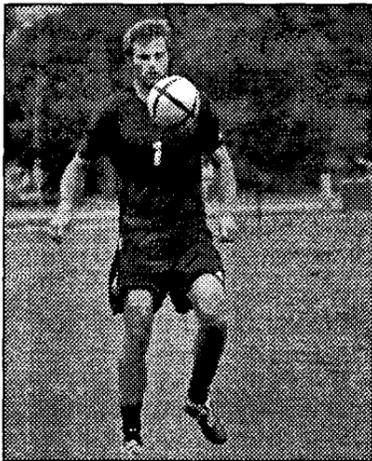
Sophomore Sara Otto leads the pack as the team's top finisher at last season's champi-

onships. The stellar sophomore placed 22nd overall and finished 84th at the NCAA Division III Regionals at Hanover College. She became the team's No. 1 runner after a respiratory infection sidelined senior Jackie Bauters prior to last year's MIAA Championships. Otto is just one of three sophomores

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MEN'S SOCCER

Sawyer is prepared to lead Irish



Chris Sawyer juggles the ball at practice on Aug. 18.

By **KATE GALES**
Sports Writer

Year in and year out, Chris Sawyer has held the heart of the Irish soccer team in his hands.

This season, the senior goalkeeper emerges with an All-American award under his belt and his eyes firmly fixed on leading the Irish to a national championship.

"He came in here a very good goalkeeper," coach Bobby Clark said. "He has the potential to leave here the best goalkeeper in the country."

As Sawyer has improved as a goalkeeper, his teammates have improved as well.

"For about the past five or six years, the program has been on its way up," Sawyer said. "Our class is just trying to make its mark."

To critics, the team already has. The National Soccer Coaches of America Association and adidas each ranked the Irish No. 9 in their preseason polls. Additionally, Sawyer and center defender Jack Stewart were named to the Hermann Trophy watch list. The award honors collegiate soccer's most valuable player.

"Personal awards don't mean anything," Sawyer said. "All that matters is having the national

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Pinnick sidelined

Susan Pinnick will be out for the season due to injuries sustained in a car accident.

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Melissa Tancredi and Candace Chapman were named to Hermann Trophy watch list.

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