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Council nixes CORE requirement

Semester-long option will replace year-long sophomore Arts and Letters course

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

After over two decades of providing sophomores in the College of Arts and Letters with a broad base of knowledge in the form of a structured, year-long program, Core has been dropped from the school's list of requirements.

In its place stands the

College Seminar, a one-semester course approved by a 30-18 vote among members of the College Council over the two-semester option of a half-year

"It is fair to say that this solution met the needs of the majority of... the College Council."

George Howard
CORE director

capstone class. Rather than relying on a series of requisite texts based on a program-wide theme — the approach Core currently follows — the College Seminars will offer a variety of interdisciplinary course

options, based on proposals awarded development grants by the College.

"We'll try as best we can to get a group of faculty working on a common topic, because we believe that is our greatest chance at achieving interdisciplinary collaboration," said George Howard, director of Core and professor of psychology. "But each faculty

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Trustees nearing choice for president

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees will meet Monday to begin selecting the next president for the College.

The College's Presidential Search Committee and Board of Trustees began the process after Eldred announced March 5 that she intended to retire from her position. She agreed to stay on until a successor is named.

In early July, the Saint Mary's Board of Trustees hired Korn/Ferry International to conduct a search for a qualified candidate to fill the position.

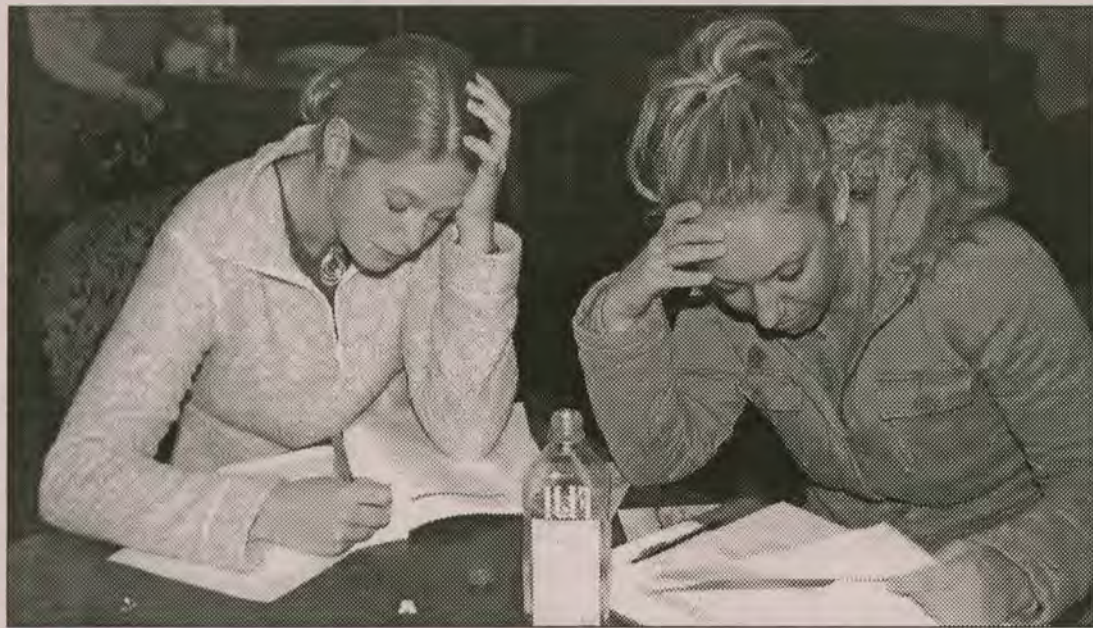
Following this search, the goal in August was to announce three presidential candidates to the Board of Trustees in October.

The committee has since announced and hosted four candidates on campus. Students learned of the candidates and their credentials with their visits through various opportunities to meet with them and ask them questions.

Students were then asked to evaluate each candidate's pros and cons, as part of what

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Campus plans study day stress relievers



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Students Lindsay Shaffer, left, and Meghan DeMello get an early start on studying for final exams. To encourage students to balance studying with healthy breaks, SUB and the University Counseling Center have scheduled stress relief activities during study days.

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Writer

Review sessions. All-nighters. Hungry Hungry Hippos? With finals looming just an extended weekend away, the Student Union Board and the University Counseling Center have planned their own creative additions to the standard study day schedule to remind students to relax, slow down and take some time to take care of their bodies.

"When students get really busy, they tend to feel guilty about 'being productive,'" said Helen Bowden, a counselor at the Center. "They start to ignore their bodies and not take care of themselves when they really need it the most. But by taking little breaks, they're actually helping themselves more in the long run."

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Saint Mary's reading day sparks rumors

Officials deny that professors have planned mandatory classes on designated study day

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

Last year, Saint Mary's student government Academic Affairs Committee accepted a proposal for the first reading day to give students extra preparation time for final exams. However, as the designated day — Friday — rapidly approaches, gossip about professors defying the new rule and attempting to hold mandatory classes is spreading throughout the student body.

Despite confusion and indignation at the idea that some professors would disregard the reading day, according to student body president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, these objec-

tions are nothing more than rumors. To date, student government has heard no reports of specific professors who are holding mandatory classes Friday.

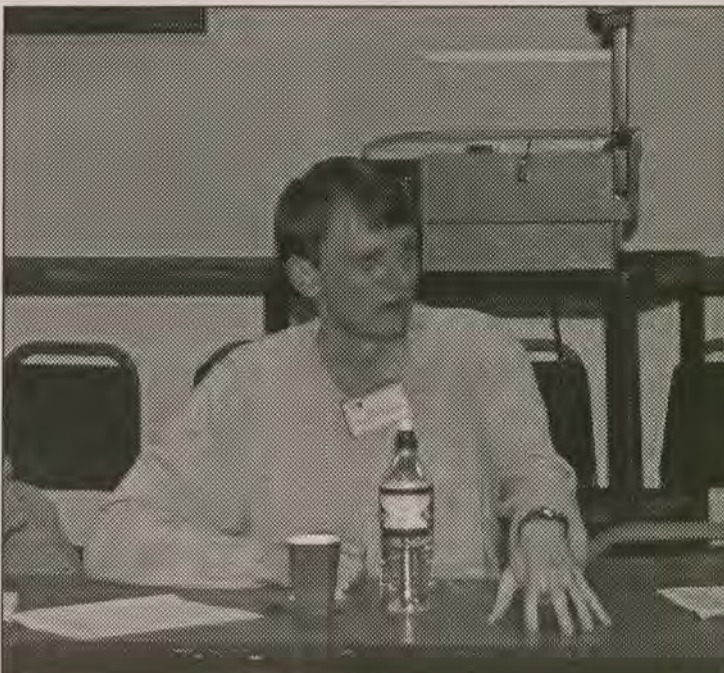
There were some investigations made in the beginning due to students' concerns, but after further research, it was discovered that professors are simply holding optional review sessions, Jablonski-Diehl said, adding that the practice is endorsed by student government.

"The ability to hold study sessions without the constraint of other classes makes these sessions more accessible to the student body — it is one of the many advantages of the reading

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GSU

Members recommend care plan



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

GSU member Tim Dale speaks at Tuesday's meeting. GSU members voted unanimously to recommend placing a bid on a \$1,022 insurance plan from MegaLife.

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

In a culmination of the debate from last month's meeting, the Graduate Student Union voted unanimously to recommend to Ann Kleva, director of University Health Services, to place a bid on a \$1,022 insurance plan from MegaLife.

Kleva received five bid packages for graduate student insurance, but the only two viable options were Chickering, the fronting company for Aetna, and Student Resources, the fronting company for MegaLife. The base premium for each was \$989 and \$966, respectively, but because Aetna did not offer as good of benefits as Mega, Mega was considered to be the best choice.

"The thought was, the cost is lower with Mega and we've dealt

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INSIDE COLUMN

Pizza at 3 a.m.

"Pizza is just a great food." So says TJ Maruup, Dillon freshman, founder and Imperial Dictator of "Pizza at Three."

What is Pizza at Three? Several weeks ago, I received a link from my friend Kevin Braun, directing me to the official Pizza at Three Web site, and began my initiation into the Pizza at Three phenomenon.

Pizza at Three is a tradition started by Maruup. Members of the Pizza at Three family join together at 3 a.m. each Thursday morning to partake of Recker's delicious — you guessed it — pizza. Why three in the morning?

Kate Gales

Wire Editor

"Well," Maruup said, "no one has any excuses to miss it, unless you're sleeping ... and even that's no excuse."

Maruup, a science pre-professional intent, started the group with his fellow Dillon freshmen Braun and John Leyhane. It has expanded considerably over the semester as they move toward their goal of 40 consistent attendees.

The group has also expanded to California and Washington, D.C. It has overcome resistance by rival group Smoothies at Eleven, founded by David Duffey. It has been the subject of a poll on NDToday.com, receiving 81 responses. Although 46 percent said they would not attend this week's Pizza at Three festivities, the idea had a strong response.

The official Pizza at Three website has also received some 4,200 hits since its establishment. The phrase "pepperoni me in" has also spread over the Notre Dame campus, to California and Washington.

I was curious enough about Pizza at Three to venture completely across campus at three in the morning, approximately five hours before my chemistry exam, to take part in it for myself. Armed with FlexPoints, the friendship of Chief Executive Officer Braun, and an unhealthy amount of caffeine, two friends I set off on a mission — to experience Pizza at Three for ourselves.

It's not too surprising to hear that Pizza at Three is, well, a bunch of people going to Recker's and eating at 3 a.m. Some of them are tired, some are studying, some are bouncing off the walls, and Charter Members Maruup and Braun are in costume.

However, after viewing the website (and reading this column), I don't see how you can't be intrigued by Pizza at Three. So after the big IU game, in honor of finals approaching, stop by Recker's at 3 a.m. for some good pizza and good company. Just don't take a nap — one member warns, "you'll never come back."

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CLARIFICATION

An article in the Dec. 9 edition of The Observer about a donation to Health Services did not attribute the following information: the existing material not meeting fire codes, no handicap accessibility, imperfect water pipes and a plan to keep Health Services centrally located as the University's borders expand. That information should have been attributed to director of Health Services Ann Kleva. However, as a matter of clarification, University spokesman Matt Storin said Tuesday that the aforementioned information provided to The Observer was incorrect.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?



Mike Schmled
Junior
Dillon

"I can't say but it involves ice cubes and a nine-iron."



Cesar Hernandez
Freshman
Fisher

"A carton of cigarettes."



Tim Jaeger
Sophomore
Dillon

"I want Joe Bochenek in my stocking."



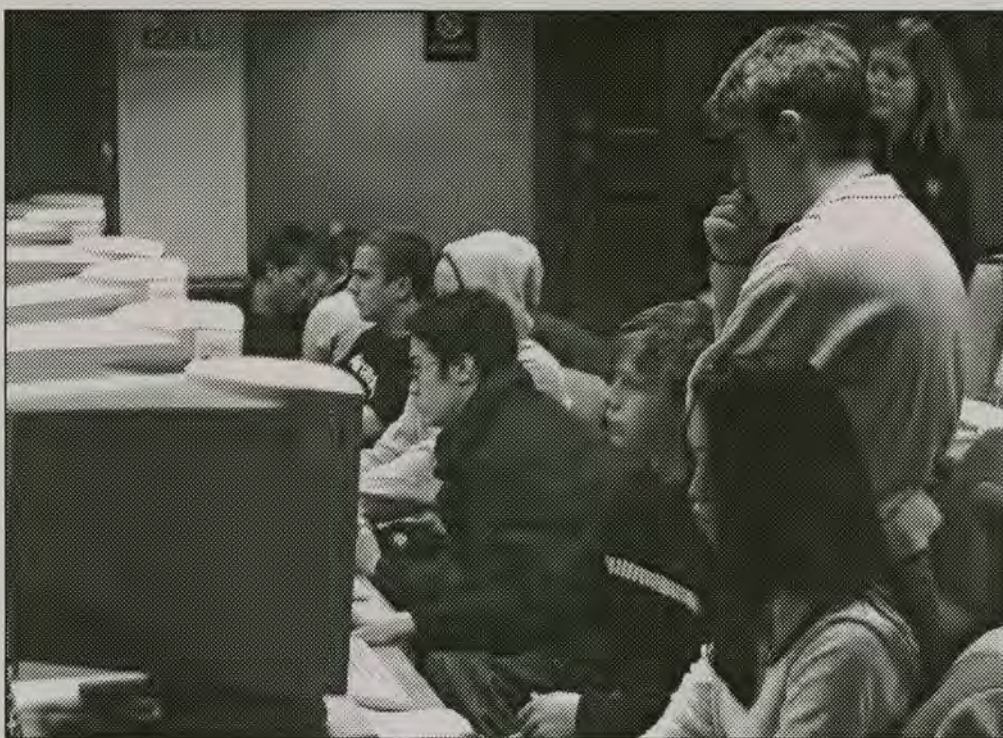
Mac Longo
Freshman
Fisher

"A few days dispensations from my RA."



Rob Tennisswood
Junior
O'Neill

"Jennifer Love Hewitt — wrapped up and under my tree."



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Notre Dame students crowd the LaFortune student cluster on Tuesday afternoon. Students rushed to finish end of the semester papers and projects — many of which were due on Wednesday, the last day of classes.

OFFBEAT

Brit army dog awarded for Iraq arms find

LONDON — Buster, a 6-year-old Springer spaniel, earned more than a pat on the head Tuesday when he was awarded Britain's highest animal bravery medal for his role in breaking a resistance cell in Iraq.

The British army canine received the Dickin Medal at a ceremony at London's Imperial Museum for discovering a cache of weapons and explosives in Safwan, southern Iraq, in March.

Buster's handler, Sgt. Danny Morgan, said the building was thought to be

the headquarters of extremists responsible for attacks on British forces, but that soldiers searching it had found nothing.

He said Buster, however, persisted, eventually stopping and staring at a wardrobe. When the wardrobe was moved a piece of tin fell from the back, revealing a cavity.

Caribbean Santa faints near the equator

GEORGETOWN, Guyana — A Caribbean Santa fainted under a blazing sun while distributing candy to a swarm of children on a stage in a remote mining

town near the equator.

Santa Claus panicked when more than 100 children stormed the stage Saturday to scoop up the sweets in the bauxite mining town of Linden, 70 miles (113 kilometers) south of Georgetown, police said.

Wearing a traditional winter Santa suit in this South American country, Santa buckled under the more than 80-degree Fahrenheit (27-degree Celsius) heat and slumped to the ground.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The senior class will sponsor a class dinner at K's Grill tonight at 6 p.m.

The class of 2006 will sponsor a rosary at the Coleman-Morse Chapel at 9:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Enjoy a break from studying this Thursday from 9 p.m. to midnight. The event, sponsored by SUB, will include free food and massages. It will take place in the LaFortune Ballroom.

Stop by Legends Thursday and dance the night away. The fun begins at midnight and continues until 4 a.m.

A Mass to celebrate the Virgin of Guadalupe will be held on Friday at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 5:15 p.m. The Mass is co-sponsored by Multicultural Students, Programs and Services (MSPS) and Campus Ministry.

The Notre Dame Glee Club will present two Christmas concerts at Stepan Center on Saturday at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available for \$3.

Join students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, and Holy Cross College on Saturday for an open skate at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center ice rink.

The Celebration Choir will deliver a Christmas concert on Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Center Lounge. Donations to benefit Catholic Relief Services in Liberia will be collected at the door.

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

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Crossin to lead '04 'The Shirt' project

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

Katie Crossin, a sophomore from Lewis Hall, has been selected as president of the 2004 "The Shirt" project.

Crossin succeeds junior Dave Brenner and will officially assume the post after being confirmed by the Student Senate during its meeting today.

Crossin was chosen after an extensive selection process. Eleven other students submitted preliminary applications, and five were chosen to participate in the second round, which included interviews conducted by Brenner, Claire Fadel, assistant student body treasurer, and Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities.

"It was really difficult because all five people we interviewed were really good," Brenner said. "We were impressed with them all."

In the end, Crossin and her enthusiasm won out, Brenner said.

"Katie really exemplified the things we were looking for in a president — a lot of enthusiasm and a lot of confidence in the project," he said.

Although she has not yet officially been named to the post,

Crossin has already begun work on the project, including collecting and reviewing designs submitted by students.

"She's very much in the thick of things already," Brenner said.

Crossin said that she hopes to continue to build on the success that "The Shirt" has enjoyed in the past and promote the fact that profits from the project benefit charity.

Each year, revenue from "The Shirt" is split between Student Activities to be spent toward club allocations and "The Shirt" fund, which provides financial assistance for students facing unforeseen medical expenses and for rectors to use in aiding disadvantaged students.

Crossin would not reveal the content of designs submitted for the 2004 project or confirm that this upcoming season's shirt will be green. She is confident, however, that the outcome will reflect the rich tradition of the project and commemorate its 15-year anniversary.

"We've got a good thing going," she said. "We're going to see where the design takes us."

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CHRISTMAS REVELRY



ANDY KENNA/The Observer

Residents of Fisher Hall gather for food and fun during a dorm holiday celebration on Monday night.

'Notable' students honored

By KATE GALES
News Writer

Junior Teresa Hansen and fifth-year student Christopher Heim were named "Notable Irish" by the Notre Dame Student Government and Legends.

Hansen and Heim are the first honorees with this designation, which will be awarded each month.

"It's an effort by the Office of the President and leaders of the student body to get recognition for students who do things outside of Notre Dame that aren't really well recognized," Hansen said.

Hansen, an economics and peace studies major, has done a great deal of community service,

most notably her work with Jim McGinnis, director of the Institute of Peace and Justice in St. Louis.

"He developed a pledge of non-violence — a seven component pledge that embodies what it means to be a non-violent person, what kind of character you need," Hansen said. "When I was a junior, [I] took that and made a curriculum for a Peace Camp based on the pledge. It's taking place all over the country."

Hansen has personally been involved with programs in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Kentucky, as well as an Episcopal Church conference in Chicago.

"Now the curriculum is published; it's an easy format so [the programs] don't always need us to come out and train them," said Hansen.

Hansen has also participated in CSC-sponsored Summer Service Programs, both domestically with the YWCA and internationally in Bangkok with refugees.

Christopher Heim, a fifth-year Architecture student, was recognized for his contribution to the Notre Dame community via graphic design. The watermark/shamrock logo used by Legends was his winning design.

Heim's graphic skills have been used to enhance T-shirts and a window etching on his dorm, Morrissey. He also serves as President of Notre Dame's chapter of the American Institute of Architectural Students (AIAS).

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Council holds meeting for student government candidates

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

Elliot Poindexter, president of the student government's Judicial Council, held a meeting Tuesday for students interested in running for student body president and vice president. At the meeting, Poindexter outlined some of the rules for the election process.

Each pair of candidates — one presidential hopeful and his or her running mate — must gather 700 signatures on a petition before they are allowed to run. This number was changed from

last year's requirement of 300 signatures at Monday's meeting of the Council of Representatives.

Petitions will be available beginning Jan. 13 to those wishing to run, and they will be due back to the Student Government office Jan. 23. Elections will be held Feb. 9, and a runoff election will be held, if necessary, on Feb. 12.

Poindexter also said debates will be held in order for the stu-

dent body to become familiar with the candidates' platforms, but dates for these have not been set.

Other election regulations include a campaign spending limit of \$200, approval of posters and other campaign materials by Poindexter's office and the Office of Student Activities, and restrictions as

to where campaign materials can be placed around campus.

Poindexter concluded by

encouraging those interested in running to attend student government meetings.

"If you are truly interested in running, I would encourage you to attend some of the meetings we have ... to get a feel for what's going on," Poindexter said.

Also in attendance at the meeting was former student body president Pat Hallahan, who spoke briefly to the students on the importance of student government at this time.

"This is a great turnout," Hallahan said, referring to the 18 students who came to the meeting. "I really think this is a big

time to be getting involved in student government. There are a lot of issues ... we're making a lot of changes on the student government level."

Hallahan also spoke about the position of student body president.

"It's a lot of time, a lot of commitment ... you're going to a lot of meetings, and it's not always fun," he said. "But I think it's a good thing to do, and it's good for our students that we have a lot of students running."

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"It's good for our students that we have a lot of students running."

Pat Hallahan
former student
body president

Stress

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To encourage students to take these healthy breaks, both the Counseling Center and SUB scheduled stress-relieving activities for today and Friday. The SUB activities will take place in the LaFortune Ballroom tonight from 9 p.m. to midnight, and will include a few new features, said SUB representative Ashley Sinnott.

"Every semester we've offered pizza and free massage, and this year we've added games like Guess Who, Scrabble and Hungry Hungry Hippos," she said. "We think it's a cute way to relax and spend time with your friends, because study days can be really hectic."

The Counseling Center will offer more formal stress relief, hosting relaxation-training classes on Friday from 4 to 5 p.m.

"It teaches several stress-relief techniques, such as breathing exercises, muscle relaxation and

scanning techniques," Bowden said.

Brochures will also be handed out to provide details about the relationship between stress levels and students' bodies.

"We just want to educate them a little more about the mind-body connection" that students often ignore during this time of year, she said. "We hope this will help them discover more self-care activities."

The study day sessions are open to all students and will be a condensed version of the three-part relaxation courses that the Counseling Center offers twice a semester, Bowden said.

The Center and SUB said their activities aim to offer some relief from academic pressures and to end the semester on a positive note.

"[SUB does] this every year on study days," Sinnott said. "It's one of our last activities of the semester, and we think it's a good way to end the year."

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GSU

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with them in the past, eliminating the pain of having to adjust to a new company," said John Young, chair of the health care committee.

However, debate remained over which benefits to add and which to cut from the plan — the result of which would affect the cost as well as the health of the graduate students. It was suggested that the pharmacy benefit cap could decrease from unlimited to either \$1,500 or \$1,000 in coverage a year, that the deductible could increase from \$50 to \$100 and that coverage after the deductible could decrease from 100 percent to 90 percent. These cuts would save anywhere from \$24 to approximately \$150.

Out of concern that cutting benefits would not actually save money in the long run, the GSU opted for the plan that included all requested benefits, and totaling \$1,022 in expense.

"The more we pay into the plan, the less usage we accumulate and the less the rate increases over time," said Young, advocating the most expensive plan. "Besides, we get a top of the line plan with all the benefits we want."

In other GSU news:

♦ Tim Dale, chair of the academic affairs committee, announced that the graduate students will no longer be able to receive University funding for more than

six years — a policy he said the GSU had no decision-making power.

♦ Ericka Olsen, graduate student in mathematics, requested female volunteers for a new tutoring program at St. Margaret's House, a day center for women and children, set to start in February.

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Mass on the Feast of
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Friday, December 12

5:15pm

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Six die in Russian suicide bomb

MOSCOW — A suicide bomber who may have intended to attack Russia's parliament blew herself up outside a nearby upscale hotel across from Red Square on Tuesday, killing five people and sparking fears of a new wave of terror attacks in the Russian capital.

The bombing, which also wounded at least 12 people, came on the heels of Sunday's nationwide elections for parliament's lower house and only days after a woman blew herself up on a train in southern Russia, killing 44 people.

Police were searching for a second woman suspected of involvement in Tuesday's attack, warning that she might also be carrying explosives. No group claimed responsibility, but past attacks — including ones carried out by female suicide bombers — have been blamed on rebels from the breakaway republic of Chechnya.

N. Korea offers WMD compromise

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea announced Tuesday it would freeze its nuclear weapons projects in return for the United States providing energy aid and removing Pyongyang from a list of countries that sponsor terrorism. President Bush rejected the offer.

The North's terms amounted to a response to a plan offered a day earlier by the United States, Japan and South Korea for ending the standoff over the communist state's nuclear weapons program.

Bush's statement, and similar remarks by White House and State Department spokesmen, appeared part of jockeying for position in advance of another round of talks with North Korea.

NATIONAL NEWS

Owner, band charged in R.I. fire

WARWICK, R.I. — The owners of the nightclub where 100 people were killed in a fire last February were indicted on involuntary manslaughter charges Tuesday along with the tour manager for the heavy metal band whose pyrotechnics sparked the blaze.

Club owners Jeffrey and Michael Derderian and Great White tour manager Dan Biechele were each charged with 200 counts of involuntary manslaughter — two for each death.

Attorney General Patrick Lynch said the men were charged with two types of manslaughter: one for "gross negligence," the other for committing a misdemeanor such as a fire code violation that led to a death.

Flu vaccine may be ineffective

WASHINGTON — As flu sweeps across the country, many health experts are worried that the shots taken by tens of millions of Americans will offer considerably weaker protection than any flu vaccine in recent years.

The flu shot available this year was formulated to protect against three strains of the virus. But the strain actually circulating this year is somewhat different from those three, and it is probably too late to develop a new formula.

LOCAL NEWS

Peanuts cause massive fire

KINGSBURY, Ind. — Roasting peanuts caught fire and caused a blaze that jumped to a building's rafters and destroyed the northern Indiana business, authorities said.

No one was hurt in the fire Monday afternoon at Kingsbury Elevator the began as workers were roasting about 60,000 pounds of peanuts for use in bird feed.

Jim Tuholski, who was operating the roaster, told the LaPorte County Sheriff's Department that he saw peanut skins on top of the roaster catch fire. He went to get a fire extinguisher, but by the time he returned the fire had spread to the rafters and was out of control.

Bush, Jiaba meet in Washington

Friendly discussion with Chinese head of state regarding Taiwan, other issues

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With visiting Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao at his side, President Bush sent a strong warning to Taiwan on Tuesday not to take any action toward independence that could cause new tensions with Beijing.

"We oppose any unilateral decision by either China or Taiwan to change the status quo," Bush said when asked about a planned March 20 vote in Taiwan on China. "And the comments and actions made by the leader of Taiwan indicate that he may be willing to make decisions unilaterally to change the status quo, which we oppose."

The planned March referendum, coupled with a changing international situation, has led Bush to speak in harsher tones to democratic Taiwan as he pursues a deeper relationship with authoritarian China, particularly on security issues.

Bush apparently senses that an unstable situation in the Taiwan Strait could be dangerous, particularly with U.S. forces stretched thin because of Iraq and with a potentially explosive situation in North Korea.

The planned referendum would ask the people of Taiwan if the government should demand China's withdrawal of hundreds of missiles pointed at the island. U.S. officials believe the vote could push Taiwan closer to independence.

In Taipei, the capital, Foreign Minister Eugene Chien said: "The United States doesn't want our referendum to affect the stability in the Taiwan Strait. We fully understand this." He spoke Monday in response to news accounts quoting a U.S. administration official as criticizing Taiwan's referendum plans.

Wen stopped short of repeating the military threats that China has leveled at Taiwan in response to the referendum.



EPA Photos

Chinese Premier Wen Jiaba is greeted by President George Bush in Washington on Tuesday. The two discussed Taiwan and other bilateral issues facing their nations.

He did accuse Taiwan President Chen Shui-bian of using democracy as an excuse to pursue independence, saying the president was using the referendum "to split Taiwan away from China. Such separatist activities are what the Chinese side can absolutely not accept and tolerate."

Bush reaffirmed the long-standing U.S. view that there is only one China, and differences between the mainland and Taiwan, which Beijing considers a rebellious province, should be resolved peacefully.

The United States, under the Taiwan Relations Act, has pledged to defend Taiwan if it is attacked by the mainland. No administration has ever spelled out

precisely under what circumstances it would use force.

Bush took office almost three years ago intent on pursuing a more pro-Taiwan policy than President Clinton. Just weeks after becoming president, Bush said he would do whatever it took to protect Taiwan against a Chinese attack.

Bush and Wen met for about 40 minutes and later had lunch at the White House with aides. Outside, about 50 members of the Falun Gong protested China's ban on the spiritual movement several years ago. One demonstrator carried a banner saying, "Falun Gong: an ancient meditation practice based on truthfulness, compassion, tolerance."

Earlier, during an arrival ceremony on the South Lawn that featured a 19-gun salute, Bush gently chided China on human rights and Beijing's economic policies.

"The growth of economic freedom in China provides reason to hope that social, political and religious freedoms will grow there as well," Bush told Wen. "In the long run, these freedoms are indivisible and essential to national greatness and national dignity."

China joined the World Trade Organization two years ago. The administration has been pushing Beijing to speed up market-opening measures and relax controls on its currency, which it contends make Chinese exports unfairly cheap.

Iraq agrees to war crimes tribunal

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's interim government voted Tuesday to establish a war crimes tribunal to prosecute top members of Saddam Hussein's regime, two people who attended the meeting said.

The tribunal will be formally established on Wednesday, when the U.S. administrator for Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, temporarily cedes legislative authority to the Iraqi Governing Council so that it can create the court.

One council member, Younadem Kana, told The Associated Press that the court's proceedings would be

open to the Iraqi public — and possibly broadcast on television. The vote to approve the tribunal was confirmed by a second person at the meeting who refused to be identified.

Kana said the first suspects brought to trial for crimes against humanity would be from among the former regime members on the U.S. military's list of 55 most-wanted Iraqis.

That group would include several former top officials in coalition custody, such as former foreign minister Tariq Aziz; former vice president Taha Yassin Ramadan; and Ali Hassan al-Majid, known as "Chemical Ali" for his role in chemi-

cal attacks on Kurds in the 1980s.

In the unlikely event that Saddam is captured alive, he presumably would be tried by the special tribunal as well.

The U.S.-led occupation force has pledged to cooperate with the tribunal and hand over detainees for trial, Kana said.

In all, hundreds of Saddam aides could face judges on charges of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity, relating to mass killings of Iraqi Kurds and Shiite Muslims as well as Kuwaitis and Iranians, Kana said. Saddam invaded Kuwait in 1990 and fought a protracted war with Iran in the 1980s.

Saint Mary's residence halls celebrate Christmas season

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

At this time of year, Saint Mary's students have two things on their minds — finals and Christmas — and residence halls are planning activities to help them prepare for both.

Although residence halls encourage students to decorate for Christmas, students are not permitted to have any type of Christmas lights in their dorm rooms, Residence Life director Michelle Russell said.

"Older buildings are not

equipped to deal with the added amps of Christmas lights," she said.

Residence Life continues to talk about terminating this rule as changes are being made in the manufacturing of Christmas lights. Russell is aware of students' fondness for lights, especially during this time of year, but she encourages students to find alternate ways to decorate until potential changes in the rule occur.

Until students have the freedom to decorate however they want, they can enjoy the Christmas displays found in all of the residence

halls. These displays are permitted to contain Christmas lights because they are carefully monitored.

"We are all away from home and away from the holiday traditions we are used to. I think I would forget it is almost Christmas if the campus were not decorated for it," said Holy Cross Hall Vice-President Allison Roche.

Hall director Natissa Kultan decorated the lobby of Holy Cross over Thanksgiving Break. The Christmas season officially began last Thursday when they had their Christmas Kick-off party, where residence decorated orna-

ments for the hall tree.

To spread cheer, many clubs and organizations planned holiday-themed events. The Senior Class Board invited students to the LeMans Hall lobby to make Christmas Crafts Monday. On Tuesday night, Saint Mary's students were serenaded by the melodic voices of the Notre Dame Glee Club as they visited each residence hall. McCandless Hall and SGA will both be sponsoring free trips to Chicago this Saturday to give students a chance to Christmas shop and enjoy the holiday spirit of a large city.

"The Glee Club was great, and

there is a lot of Christmas spirit. But I think we need more decorations to make it feel more like home," said freshman Megan McFadden.

"We just want people to feel like it is Christmas Day everyday. It is a way for us to spread holiday cheer throughout our hall and the rest of campus. Plus, Christmas brings out the best in people, and the decorations remind people what time of year it is," said Holy Cross Hall president Jessica Eaton.

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the Board will be reviewing for their final decision this Monday.

"The comment I heard the most was that the students felt the candidates who came to campus were all very qualified and they were very impressed with the process," said Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, student body president. "The student body seems very happy with it so far. I think that now we just have to wait and see."

The search committee then met just before the

Thanksgiving holiday to decide on and recommend candidates to the Board of Trustees for their December 15 meeting.

The final four candidates to be reviewed include Carol Mooney, vice president and associate provost at Notre Dame, Josefina Baltodano, an executive vice president at Alliant International University, Susan Keys, an administrator at Johns Hopkins University, and Gail Baker, vice president of public relations at the University of Florida.

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member would probably approach the subject using texts from their own disciplines. For example, if I were to offer a College Seminar on the environment, I would get other disciplines from the college to get involved with me, like economics, philosophy and theology, to put together a broad course, but I would use texts psychological in nature, because I'm a psychology professor."

Though the year-long Core is no longer a requirement, next year's sophomores will have the option of taking the College Seminar, a one-semester Core course or the full Core program. There is no way of forcing students to take a year of Core, and because one semester will be equivalent to a College Seminar, it is doubtful that many students will choose to do so, Howard said.

Also, as Core will no longer have a restricted curriculum, the faculty members will be free to address the topic using whichever materials they see fit.

Debate has raged over Core for months, with many opposed to abbreviating it, fearing that it would no longer serve the original purpose of the program.

"There were some students and faculty who argued that Core isn't broken, so we shouldn't change it at all, but it is fair to say that this solution met the needs of the majority of voting members of College Council," Howard said.

The existence of Core Congress, the body made up of student representatives for each Core class, is also in doubt, as they will no longer be able to use a common syl-

labus as grounds for discussion, but "other aspects of these College Seminars might make a Core Congress a good idea," Howard said.

"Reducing the requirement to one-semester is certainly a move away from providing a broad intellectual experience, because Core really takes two full semesters to cover the domain it set out for itself," Howard said. "But there's a sense in which the college has just given the students back a free elective students didn't have, and students would not be losing anything if they continued to take the year-long Core course."

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AMEX	1,124.57	-5.69
NASDAQ	1,908.32	-40.53
NYSE	6,137.17	-29.00
S&P 500	1,060.18	-9.12
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	10,124.28	+0.00
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SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-4.35	-0.19	4.18
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Wall Street may be recovering

Dow Jones average briefly tops 10,000; Fed announces rates will stay the same

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrials broke through the 10,000 barrier for all of one minute Tuesday, reaching a significant milestone in Wall Street's remarkable recovery from the bear market before retreating on profit-taking.

Stocks moved higher as investors picked up shares on anticipation the Federal Reserve will keep interest rates low for some time. But by the time the Fed issued its decision in the afternoon to leave rates unchanged, investors were looking to lock in some gains, analysts said.

The index of 30 blue chip stocks moved past its milestone shortly after trading began. It was the first time since May 31, 2002, that the Dow had been above 10,000 and marked a solid comeback from the five-year low of 7,286.27 on Oct. 9, 2002.

A cheer went up on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange to greet the Dow's achievement Tuesday, an expression of traders' relief that Wall Street has maintained its upward path. Last week, the Nasdaq composite index crossed 2,000 for the first time in nearly two years.

"This rally is coincident with the fact the market had a stellar performance this year, because it correctly predicted the recovery in the economy," said Joseph Battipaglia, chief investment officer at Ryan Beck & Co.

The Dow pushed up 37.85 to hit 10,003.12 before pulling back and closing at 9,923.42, down 41.85, or 0.4 percent. In the previous session, the blue chip average climbed 102.59.

The broader market also finished lower. The Nasdaq fell 40.53, or 2.1 percent, at 1,908.32. The Standard & Poor's 500 index



Traders gather on the floor of the New York Stock exchange today as the stock market shows a slow recovery. The Dow Jones Average flirted with 10,000 today.

declined 9.12, or 0.9 percent, to 1,060.18.

As expected, the Fed voted to keep short-term interest rates at a 45-year low. In its statement, the Fed said it believes rates could be maintained "for a considerable period," allaying investor concerns about a rate hike in the near future.

Stocks have pushed higher in recent weeks on investor expectations for a stronger economy. But analysts wonder if the market might be due for some pullbacks or sideways trading, citing somewhat high share valuations.

"What would be more significant is if we move from these levels to mean-

ingfully higher ground — 3 to 5 percent over the next several months," Battipaglia said. "If we indeed go there, Dow 10,000 will be a very happy moment in time."

Peter Cardillo, president and chief strategist of Global Partner Securities Inc., said the 10,000 level might represent a milestone that investors remain hesitant to push past on a longer-term basis.

"One reason why the market is not reacting positively to the Fed decision is mostly technical," he said. "We had a brief passing of the 10,000 level, but the fact it didn't hold basically suggests there is still psychological resistance."

Kroger Co. declined 58

cents to \$17.31 after the supermarket giant reported third-quarter earnings that fell below expectations.

Texas Instruments fell 75 cents to \$27.49 after the tech company raised its fourth-quarter outlook, citing strong growth.

But General Motors Corp. gained \$1.27 to \$48.41 after Goldman Sachs raised the automaker's stock rating to "outperform" from "in-line," citing improvements in the company's pension plan.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers about 8 to 5 on the NYSE. Consolidated volume was moderate at 1.86 billion shares, compared with 1.52 billion traded Monday.

IN BRIEF

Gap founder steps down for son

SAN FRANCISCO — The founder of the Gap clothing store chain said Tuesday he is stepping down as chairman of the company he started 34 years ago as a frustrated shopper trying to find better-fitting pair of jeans.

Donald Fisher, 75, will relinquish the chairman's title to his son Robert, a former Gap executive, after the San Francisco-based company's annual meeting in May. He intends to remain on the board as chairman emeritus and continue to advise Gap's chief executive officer, Paul Pressler, whom Fisher recruited in 2002 to lift the company out of a funk.

The shakeup has paid off so far. The company ended a 29-month-long sales slump shortly after Pressler's arrival and has now increased its same-store sales — a key measure of a merchant's health — for 14 consecutive months.

"I'm more confident than ever about our company's long-term prospects," Fisher said. "I believe now is an appropriate time to make this transition as chairman."

Drug companies will pay fines

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Nine leading pharmaceutical companies, including Indianapolis-based Eli Lilly and Co., have agreed to pay a South African business regulator a total of \$2.8 million to settle a complaint alleging anti-competitive trading practices, officials said Friday.

The settlement announced Friday brings to an end three years of negotiations and court actions, said Karin Coode, a spokeswoman for South Africa's Competition Commission.

In addition to Lilly, the companies involved are Novartis, Roche Products, Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Abbot Laboratories, Bayer, Wyeth, Aventis Pharma, Sanofi-Synthelabo and International Healthcare Distributors.

The companies could not immediately be reached for comment.

Under the settlement, the pharmaceutical companies agreed to sell their shareholdings in International Healthcare Distributors, which should lead to more competitive prices for medicines, said Menzi Simelane, a lawyer who sits on the competition commission, an independent body that ensures dominant companies don't abuse their market power.

Indiana steel will be competitive

Associated Press

HAMMOND, Ind. — Major steel producers in northwest Indiana are better positioned to compete with foreign companies than when President Bush placed tariffs on steel imports 21 months ago, experts and labor leaders say.

After several years of consolidation, Indiana companies are now leaner, perhaps helping shield them from bankruptcies following Bush's decision last week to repeal the tariffs.

"For a lot of different reasons, this is really the heart of the industry and those are flagship plants, and that is an advantage for steelworkers living

in northwest Indiana," said Jim Robinson, United Steelworkers of America District 7 director.

Steel analyst Charles Bradford agreed, telling The Times that consolidation is not over. He predicts more shuttered mills in West Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania.

Bradford said it was not tariffs that pushed steel prices high enough to create profitable margins. Instead, the main factor in the price spike in 2002 was the shutdown of LTV Steel, which operated a mill in East Chicago and others in Cleveland. Once LTV was bought up by International Steel Group and began producing again, steel prices again declined.

He also issued a caution for northwest Indiana steelmakers, pointing out that even the most modern integrated steel facility is still almost 40 years old.

"Those guys in northwest Indiana are not as good as people say they are," Bradford said.

Bradford put Weirton Steel, WCI Steel and Rouge Industries at the top of the list for companies that will be particularly vulnerable to competition from imports and any softening in prices. All three are operating under Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

"Yes, the U.S. steel industry has consolidated, but they have not consolidated as the Japanese and the Europeans did," Bradford said.

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day," Jablonski-Diehl said.

The approval process for the reading day is one that has taken ten years and several meetings among professors, student government members and other school officials in order to ensure that it would be beneficial to all involved. Initially, many professors objected to the reading day for a variety of reasons.

"My misgivings were largely about taking away a day of class and what that represented in terms of using class time to get students ready for their final and sum up the semester's worth of material," said Joe Incandela, a professor in the religious studies department.

Other professors said they had no misgivings about the day from its initial introduction.

"I seem to recall that, some 20 years ago, the last Friday of the semester was already designated as a study day, but that it eventually migrated to the Saturday and Sunday preceding finals week," said professor Renee Kingcald. "So, since most professors have come to count on holding class meetings all the way through the last semester week, 'los-

ing' the Friday has created syllabus problems. Personally, I'm in favor of a study day if the students truly use it as such."

Professors, however, who are opposed to the idea of a reading day, may yet have an opportunity to see the new rule removed from existence.

As stated in the campaign motto created by the Student Academic Council in order to

promote appropriate use of the reading day, students must "use it or lose it." Over Christmas break, students will be asked to fill out a survey on Prism evaluating the effectiveness of the day, with the results evaluated by the Student

Academic Committee and other committees to assess the day and determine its future.

It is up to both the students and the staff to respect the day and facilitate the effective use of the opportunities it provides, as it was created to help students by providing them with extra time to study in order to improve their grades. It is not a day students or professors would want to lose by abusing it during its first year of existence, Jablonski-Diehl said.

"In the end we are all looking to make Saint Mary's a better place," she said.

"Personally, I'm in favor of a study day if the students truly use it as such."

Renee Kingcald
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Students cope with losses during holidays

Saint Mary's Counseling Center offers advice, consolation to students dealing with a death in their families

By ANGELA SAOUD
News Writer

For most people, the holidays are a time of happiness spent with family and friends. But for anyone who has recently lost a loved one, the holidays often become a time of sadness.

"Losses are harder to deal with at the holidays, because this is a time of gatherings and celebrations with loved ones," said Mary DePauw, Saint Mary's director of Career and Counseling Development Center. "The person becomes very missed at these times."

Saint Mary's junior Genevieve Tauer lost her father on Oct. 4, 2003, at the age of 62.

"Everything is different without him," Tauer said. "We usually go to my sisters' for Thanksgiving, but this year we decided to have it at home because we all feel closer to him there."

Tauer says the strong faith in God her father instilled in her is helping her to grieve.

"My dad always encouraged us to have a personal relationship with God," Tauer said. "He told us to turn to God with everything, to trust him, because he would get

us through."

Saint Mary's senior Laura Corstin lost her father Nov. 4 at the age of 50.

"He was sick, and for the past two years it's been really hard to watch him suffer," Corstin said. "I tell myself that he's much better off now because he's at peace, but at the same time the thought that I'm never going to see or talk to my dad again really hurts."

"We wouldn't have been given tear ducts if we weren't meant to cry. Don't keep it inside."

Mary DePauw
director
SMC Counseling Center

DePauw suggests that the holidays are a perfect time to honor a lost loved one. Working at a homeless shelter or offering a memorial at church, home or school are all good ways to honor the life of a person, DePauw said.

This year, Tauer's mother has insisted that her five daughters do not buy her anything for

Christmas.

"We can't give her what she really wants," Tauer said. "Instead I'm going to go to the Salvation Army and serve meals to people who can't afford them, and then I can give that to my mom in memory of my dad."

Tauer and her four sisters are also constructing a scrapbook of pictures and memories of their father to present to their

mother for Christmas.

Tauer offers helpful advice for helping others who are living with loss.

"Pick people you know will support you and tell them exactly what you need," Tauer said. "If you need to be alone, tell them. If you need to talk about him, tell them. Just be patient with yourself, and don't expect anyone to fill the void of the loss. Ask God to do that."

Corstin believes that in a world where things can change so quickly, it is important to let others know how she feels.

"Burying a parent is an experience like no other," Corstin said. "Make sure you take the time to appreciate the people who love you because you never know what might happen to you or to them, and it would be horrible to live with regrets."

DePauw, who is a licensed psychologist, emphasizes that it is important to offer encouragement and support to those who are living with the loss of a loved one.

"The most important thing you can do for that person is to acknowledge it directly," she said. "Ask the person how they're doing, offer to visit the grave of the loved

one with the person and give support in anyway they need it."

Reaching out and extending kindness to others and not judging are all important aspects of helping someone live with the loss of a loved one, said DePauw.

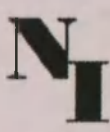
She also recommends looking into other sources of support such as various books, journals and support groups geared towards lending support in times of need. The Career and Counseling Development center can help direct students to these sources.

"We in our Center are here with an open heart to listen and support students living with the whole range of loss that becomes more apparent at the holidays," said DePauw.

She reminds people living with a loss that it is normal and important to go through the grieving process.

"We wouldn't have been given tear ducts if we weren't meant to cry," said DePauw. "Don't keep it inside."

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TV violence instances increase

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Fights, gun battles and blood are increasingly making their way into homes each night through television, according to a study released Tuesday.

The study by the Parents Television Council counted 534 separate episodes of prime-time violence on the six major broadcast networks during the first two weeks of the November ratings "sweeps" in 2002. That was up from 292 violent incidents

during the same period four years earlier, the organization said.

Although the study is slightly outdated, the PTC says preliminary data from last month shows the trend toward increased violence is continuing.

The violence is getting more serious, too. The study found 156 incidents where guns or other weapons were used during the two-week period in prime-time in 2002, up from 67 four years earlier.

"In both quantity and quality

it is getting worse," said Brent Bozell, founder of the conservative media watchdog group. "I think it is a cause for concern."

Fox narrowly beat CBS, 151 to 148, for having the most violent incidents, the PTC said, even though Fox broadcasts an hour less each night than ABC, CBS and NBC. Fox executives say they never comment on PTC studies, although they privately note that some of their more violent shows in 2002 have since been canceled.

Osbourne making steady progress

Dazed heavy metal and reality TV star has slow recovery from ATV accident

Associated Press

LONDON — Ozzy Osbourne — once a wild man of heavy metal music, now a dazed dad in a reality TV show — recuperated in intensive care Tuesday from injuries including a broken neck vertebra after an all-terrain vehicle accident.

Sharon Osbourne flew to Britain from Los Angeles to be with her 55-year-old husband after the latest dramatic incident in a colorful career that has included biting the head off a bat and urinating on the Alamo, among other antics.

"Apparently he was on his quad bike and he hit something and he fell and the bike landed on top of him," Sharon Osbourne told reporters Tuesday at London's Heathrow Airport.

A quad bike, akin to a four-wheel-drive motorcycle, is used for recreation and by hunters and farmers to reach inaccessible places.

Sharon Osbourne visited her husband at Wexham Park Hospital in Slough, west of London, where he underwent emergency surgery Monday to restore the flow to a damaged blood vessel, said Dr. Dick Jack, hospital medical director.

Osbourne fractured his left collarbone, eight ribs and a neck vertebra in the accident Monday on his Buckinghamshire estate in southern England.

"It's satisfactory but it's going to be slow. I don't expect any major changes certainly for 24 hours," Jack said of Osbourne's recovery.

He said he believed there was no risk of paralysis from the fractured neck vertebra, although doctors were awaiting a final report from radiologists before removing an immobilizing collar.

The accident occurred while the singer was taking a day off from promoting "Changes," a duet with his daughter Kelly, his London publicity agency said in a statement.

The song, released Tuesday in Britain, is a likely contender for the Christmas No. 1 spot in singles charts.

Ozzy Osbourne, whose real name is John Osbourne, grew up in a blue-collar fam-

ily in Birmingham, central England. He served two months in prison for burglary at age 17.

He rose to fame with the 1970s metal band Black Sabbath. He left for a solo career, shocking many with lyrics focusing on the occult and startling performances.

Osbourne bit the head off a live dove at a meeting with record company executives in 1981. The following year he did the same to a live bat at a concert in Des Moines, Iowa, although the bat reportedly bit back, and Osbourne reportedly had to undergo painful rabies shots.

The singer also used to throw raw meat into the audience and once urinated on a wall at the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas.

Some fans concluded that decades of alcohol and drug abuse had taken their toll when a rather confused-appearing Osbourne became an unlikely TV star with hit reality show "The Osbournes."

The third season of the MTV series, which follows the lives of Ozzy, Sharon and their children — Jack and Kelly — started production about a month ago and was to begin airing Jan. 13.

The Osbourne accident nearly coincided with a story last weekend on the Los Angeles Times Web site reporting a claim by Osbourne that he was prescribed excessive amounts of powerful anti-psychotic and tranquilizing drugs by a Beverly Hills physician.

Osbourne said he developed a 42-pill-a-day habit that accounted for his odd behavior on the expletive-laden MTV show, in which he has been seen mumbling, falling and appearing disoriented.

He blamed Dr. David Kipper, who has been investigated for the same practices with other celebrity patients.

On Monday, however, actor-director Danny DeVito issued a statement in support of Kipper. DeVito said he and his wife, actress Rhea Perlman, and other family members have relied on Kipper's care for more than 20 years.

Calls to Kipper's office Monday were not returned.

Earlier this month, Osbourne told a British newspaper he'd been sexually molested as a child and suffered emotional effects long into adulthood.



Osbourne

"Apparently he was on his quad bike and he hit something and he fell and the bike landed on top of him."

Sharon Osbourne wife

"It's satisfactory but it's going to be slow. I don't expect any major changes certainly for 24 hours."

Dr. Dick Jack medical director Wexham Park Hospital

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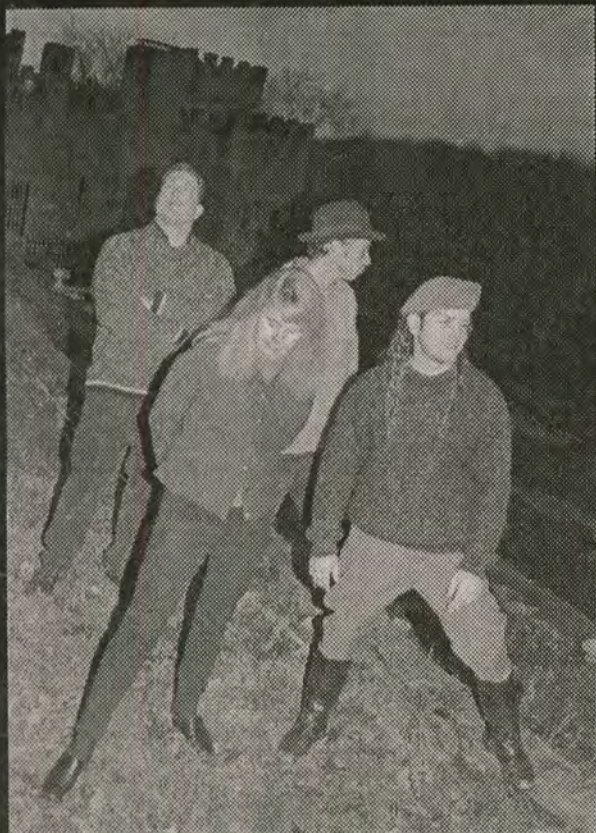


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Mooney best choice for SMC

The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees is scheduled to choose the College's next president in the immediate future from a group of four candidates who visited the campus last month.

During a series of separate two-day visits last month, the four — Josefina Baltodano, an executive vice president at Alliant International University; Gail Baker, vice president of public relations at the University of Florida; Susan Keys, an administrator at Johns Hopkins University; and Carol Mooney, vice president and associate provost at Notre Dame — had an opportunity to tour the campus and meet with administrators, faculty and students. Based on the candidates' backgrounds and presentations at student-candidate luncheons, The Observer recommends the College select Mooney as its next president.

A 1972 Saint Mary's graduate and longtime member of the South Bend community, Mooney is intimately familiar with the College both in terms of experiencing its past and envisioning its future. As an alumna, she knows the College's traditions and can preserve its most important aspect, its strong liberal arts identity.

But it is Mooney's experience as a leading administrator at a prestigious national university that sets her

above the other three candidates. Baltadano, another strong candidate, lacks this experience. Baker has limited experience outside of public relations and journalism and Keys was unimpressive in her college visit.

In addition to serving as an administrator, Mooney also worked at Notre Dame to recruit female and minority professors, suggesting she might make fixing the College's mediocre diversity record a priority at the College. Furthermore, the faculty and students who met with Mooney responded positively to the ideas she presented.

Should Mooney be chosen for the position of Saint Mary's president, there is no doubt it would be a loss to the Notre Dame community. But the relationships Mooney built as an officer at Notre Dame would allow her to best coordinate relations between the two schools and facilitate academic opportunities at each. Should the Board of Trustees select Mooney as Saint Mary's next president, the move might also have fringe benefits for Notre Dame.

Mooney is the best candidate for the job. Saint Mary's, already one of the best female liberal arts colleges in the nation, has the ability to become an even better academic institution. With Mooney at the helm, it will.

The Observer Editorial

One person can change the world

Do you believe that one person can change the world? Here is the thing:

Somewhere there is a kid who has not taken his first steps yet. He has not even begun to teethe and has not yet spoken a word. The bottle is still his best friend because he has not graduated to solid food. Perhaps he has not even been born yet. But this kid does not know the things he is capable of or how special he is. He is more than special. He will be the answer to the questions, the doubts. He is going to change things. He is going to change everything that he touches as if a magic wand were in his hand. There are so many things that he's going to accomplish before retiring from life — more than most before him, more than any we have seen in our lifetime.

Somewhere there is a kid who is going to save sport. He is going to have Michael Jordan's talent and Lance Armstrong's heart. He is going to defy the unions and salary caps and bring sport back to the way it was played when the glory boys took the field — without endorsements and with only one thing in mind, winning. He will teach coaches more than they can teach him and they will thank him for letting them learn. He will defy gravity and the impossibility that sportsmanship has become. He will cry when rounding the bases after hitting the World Series' winning home run. He will bypass the media's camera and jump into the front row to be with his family. He will retire only once and not when he's about to apply for Social

Security checks.

The world will love him for it because he will make them forget the billionaire pre-Madonnas and the spoiled brats that we watch today. No more drugs, no more insults, no more sex scandals, no more ridiculous celebration dances. Just sport. And we will love him for it.

Somewhere there is a kid who is going to save politics. With Franklin Roosevelt's determination and Jimmy Carter's compassion, he is going to bring this country together with the resiliency of Abraham Lincoln and the ideology of George Washington. He will write his own speeches and the persuasiveness of them is going to move more than the nation he holds like putty in the palm of his hand. He is going to bring an end to bi-partisanship and to scandal. No more Watergates. No more Iran-Contras. He is going to bring back the issues and the solutions to solve them instead of the quickest way to embarrass his opponent and the country will be better for it.

Somewhere there is going to be a kid who is going to grow up to change religion. The animosity of the feuding faiths will cease once they hear the clarity of his words. He will speak with both logic and emotion — a combination hardly ever used together successfully. He will gain people's trust and encourage them to live together peacefully in words they can understand and not hidden under the fancy veil of educational tongue. His words will bridge the gaps between religions created by centuries and millenniums of war and misunderstanding. He will speak the many tongues of the Lord and convince the non-believers of his virtue and compassion.

Somewhere there is a kid who is

going to change the future of business. With the honesty of ole' George and the cherry tree, he will be as rich as Bill Gates but live as modestly as one of his factory workers. He will create more jobs with his intuition and the stock market will react because of his stability in the business world by remaining on a steady incline. He will shock his competitors by asking them to picnics and barbecues with only two conditions: 1. No business talk and 2. Bring a casserole.

And because he considers everyone who sets foot in his house to be a friend, he will do anything in his power to keep them from getting into trouble, even if it means endangering his name. And because of it, business competitors will refrain from using every nasty strategy to get the edge over him just because they know he would not do it to them. He will have respect without fear, working relationships without acrimony. No more Enrons, no more monopolies, no more scandal.

Somewhere out there, there is a kid who is going to change the world. Will it be you? Or me? Maybe. Maybe not. Or will it be one of the children we produce? Will he or she be a male or female? Will they have brown or blond hair? Will they have brown or blue eyes? We can only hope. But somewhere, someone is going to do it; only time will tell who it is.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Have you ever observed that we pay much more attention to a wise passage when it is quoted than when we read it in the original author?"

Phillip Harnerton
writer

'Twas the week before finals

'Twas the week before finals, when all through N.D.,
Not a creature was stirring, not even NDSP.
The football players were nestled, all snug in their beds,
While visions of missed Sugar Bowls danced in their heads.

Joey Falco

With Monk in his office doing
what he could do,
To improve our rank on the
Princeton Review.
Poorman, as well, had several
jobs at hand,
Like choosing the next Domer tra-
dition he'd ban.

Forty Ounces
for Falco

With Ty in depression he was tough to approach,
Though we all knew he should fire his special teams
coach.
And not a crazier sight there was than Coach Brey,
Preparing to destroy Indiana today.

Chuck Lennon was running about like a goof,
Because his cardigan had ripped from raising the roof.
Even the Leprechaun was feeling the blues,
After two Zahmbies stole his ugly green shoes.

A girl in LaFortune was crying with scorn,
When she witnessed two guys admiring porn.
And Mendoza enrollment continued to rise,
'Cause Enginerds and Archies were dropping like flies.

With the books set aside and class finally done,
The time had come for some Notre Dame fun.
But what to our wondering eyes should appear?
The fridges had been emptied of all of their beer!

The students all cried, for their parties fell through,
Without any drinking, what were they to do?
They could study right now, but then grimaced in shame,
After all, they were students at old Notre Dame!

When up on the Dome there arose such a clatter,
We emerged from our dorms to see what was the matter.
With a six-pack of beer and a merry little jingle,
We knew in an instant that it was Irish Kris Kringle.

He came to us all and said with a roar,
"Let's act like we've partied at N.D. before!"
So he passed out his beer, still jolly and quick,
And the students perked up thanks to Irish St. Nick.

"On Keystone! On Busch! And on Natty Light!
On Bud and on Miller!" he said with delight.
He set up a table and opened a case,
As a dastardly smile appeared on his face.

The events that ensued most certainly rocked,
Though they may not have been legal under duLac.
He shotgunned a beer, and we all followed suit,
Then pressed onward with a game of Beirut.

He next took delight in watching our faces,
As he inserted beer bong in peculiar places.
And to top it all off, he shouted, "Oh Lordy!"
Then tilted his head and pounded a forty.

He looked on in content at the resulting pleasure,
As the students learned why their school is a treasure.
Kegs and Eggs, tailgating, and SYR dates,
These are the things that make Notre Dame great.

He spoke not a word as he finished his work,
Merely turning away without even a smirk.
But we heard him exclaim, as he drove out of sight,
"Happy drinking to all, and to all a goodnight!"

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Questioning anti-media flyers

As some may know, flyers of Kobe Bryant were scattered on tables in North Dining Hall this Monday. I was perhaps less disgusted by the underlying messages these flyers sent than by the fact that those who produced the flyers did not claim responsibility for them. These people are cowards for not taking responsibility for this image.

Those who made this flyer appeared to be sending the message that we should be careful what we allow ourselves to believe concerning images sent to us by the media. I believe they were making a bolder statement and trying to send a double message. Why did they choose to use Kobe Bryant as their poster boy for their "beware the media" campaign?

There are plenty of other images they could have chosen. If they are willing to use Kobe Bryant as the image of a sexual predator, why not use Michael Jackson? Why not use a priest? Whoever you are, why did you feel it necessary or appropriate to use the image of a prominent, black athlete with no previous criminal record?

Furthermore, why use this image in the aftermath of a similar situation the Notre Dame com-

munity just experienced involving four prominent, black athletes with no previous criminal records? Are you trying to send a message? If so, stake your claims outright. If you really want to talk media image control, take a look at your own image.

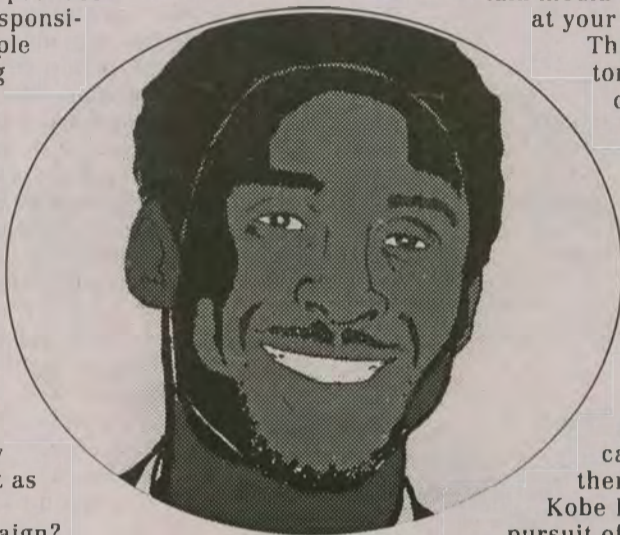
The use of the word "predator" is suggestive and inaccurate language in regard to the Kobe Bryant case.

A predator is one who engages in the hunt of another weaker individual for sport or to satisfy an emotional need for control or a physical hunger. The hunt is basically defined as the aggressive and calculated pursuit of another in order to capture or kill. To date,

there is no evidence in the Kobe Bryant case that Bryant's pursuit of this young woman was calculated or aggressive or that he pursued her at all for that matter. Maybe you should check yourself, before you try to check somebody else.

Tiffanne Mahomes

junior
Farley Hall
Dec. 9



Help addicts, don't criticize

After reading Jim Lee's Dec. 9 letter, I do not think everyone understands the basic concept that addictions are not fun. Lee apparently believes that those addicted to drugs, narcotics and pornography are having a grand time reveling in these dangerous habits. I agree that addiction to pornography is highly underestimated not only on this campus, but also across the United States. However, I do not think the correct way to solve this problem is to point an accusatory finger at people and tell them not to do it. This is like having your mom say, "You'll go blind."

Addiction to pornography has deep seeded causes and is not just the result of looking at a Playboy magazine. Many who are now addicted to pornography are victims of an abusive childhood and a society that offers sex at the click of a button. Referring to it as a "dirty secret" does not encourage those who are affected by this horrible addiction to come out and try to receive help for it. Rather, addicts hide themselves in shame and beat up on themselves. They fall deeper into their addictions because it is impossible to break without any help.

There is a strong double standard in our society, and those people who are addicted to sex and pornography are often the victims. Pornography is readily available at any corner store and within a

few seconds of signing on to the Internet, yet those who seek out help to try and break their problem are labeled as perverts and disgusting by people like Lee.

This is like walking into an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting and berating people for being alcoholics. This is not how we solve addiction problems for any group. We would like to think those addicted to pornography are different from us. We do not want to help them because we do not want to believe that we all have the potential to be in their place. This way, it is easier for us to point out and separate these people from society. I highly doubt that people who are addicted want to have a dysfunctional sex life and broken families, all which I admit are consequences to this problem.

Instead of judging and pointing out the problems of those who are addicted to pornography, we should take off our high and mighty morality gloves, stop judging those who face this inner struggle in their lives and offer help to those who need it.

Eric Buell

sophomore
Keenan Hall
Dec. 9

Change ticket procedures

I am a graduate of Notre Dame and currently have a junior attending the University. I attended the exhibition basketball game on Nov. 14, and I was shocked and surprised at the limited seating for students at the game. It appears that there have been two big changes since my graduation:

1. The number of seats available has been significantly reduced despite an increase in enrollment. Thirty years ago the student section included all of the lower level and upper level seats from mid-court to behind the basket. Now the student section includes only two lower level sections (both behind the basket), and four upper level sections (all behind the basket).

2. There is no seating priority based upon class. It used to be that seniors received first choice, juniors second choice and so on.

The new policy has penalized the students. Many

students do not have access to basketball tickets, which instead are being sold to donors and to the general public. If a student does receive a ticket, the location is behind the basket.

I understand the need to maximize the revenue in football and basketball to help subsidize the other sports. But the basketball team belongs to the students, and all of the students that want to attend the games should be accommodated. Considering the fact that families are paying in excess of \$30,000 per year to attend school, the policy for student seating at basketball games seems tremendously unfair. Donors do not make Notre Dame; local people do not make Notre Dame; the students make Notre Dame.

Michael Milligan

class of '77
Dec. 1

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ALBUM REVIEW

The international Dylan songbook

By JULIE BENDER
Scene Music Critic

Heralded as one of the greatest lyricists in the history of rock and roll, Bob Dylan is a mysterious and secretive man of immense talent and versatility. Throughout the years he has released over 40 albums, each one radically different from the last, but all containing songs of equal meaning and poignancy. In the early 1960s, he touched the hearts of folk purists with albums such as *The Free-Wheeling Bob Dylan* and *The Times They Are A-Changing*. 1965 brought him "plugging in" and shock-

ing fans with the likes of *Bringing it All Back Home* and *Highway 61 Revisited*. He has dabbled in country, in American soul and even in Christian music.

This past year Dylan surprised many by taking his talent to the big screen with the film *Masked and Anonymous* which is currently opening in small venues throughout the country. The film, featuring a cast of many A-list stars including Jeff Bridges, Penelope Cruz, John Goodman, Jessica Lange and, of course, Dylan himself, has a flavorful soundtrack of multi-cultural Dylan covers, and even four songs performed by the Man himself.

Showing just how influential Dylan

has been in the international scene, the album's opener is a version of "My Back Pages," performed by the M a g o k o r o Brothers. The opening guitar betrays a familiar melody, but almost immediately a striking difference is heard as the lyrics take center-stage, not in English, but rather, in Japanese.

Track two changes radically with "Gotta Serve Somebody" interpreted by Shirley Caesar as a gospel number. The combination of Caesar's powerful vocals and a gospel choir gives the song a distinct "Bible Belt" feel.

Also included is the traditional song "Diamond Joe," sung by Dylan and his excellent touring band of late. Performed as a bluegrass number live on the set of the film, the song has a light, dancing feel that places it in the context of a Tennessee line dance.

Perhaps one of the most interesting and radical tracks on the album is the "Like a Rolling Stone" cover by Articolo 31. A unique combination of old and new, the song effectively combines elements from the 1965 original version with new rap overdubs. The famous organ opening of Al Kooper is preserved, but a sudden "Ugh" and a heavy bassline pave the way to verses rapped in Italian. Shifting back to 1965, Dylan's original vocals pick up the refrain singing "How does it feel /

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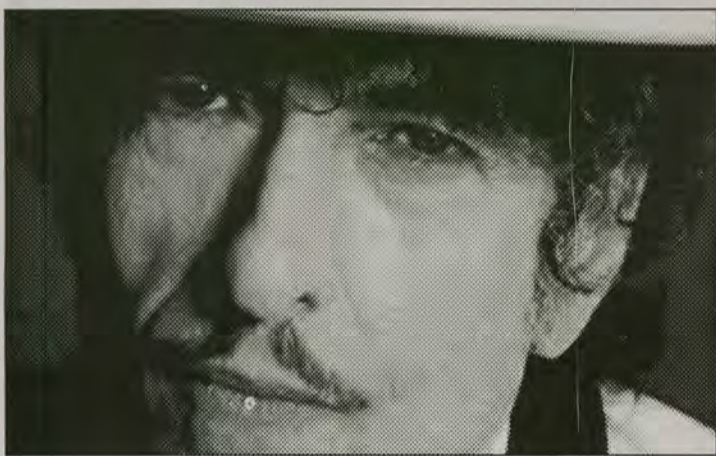


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The *Masked and Anonymous* soundtrack contains covers of Bob Dylan's songs performed by international bands.

To be on your own ..." with Italian translations sung in between each line.

The album continues to diversify with covers by the Grateful Dead, the Latino band Los Lobos, and multiple other international bands, plus three other tracks performed excellently by Dylan himself.

Regardless of the language the lyrics are sung in, or the musical genre the songs are performed in, this album proves once again the power of Dylan's words. With the ability to transgress generations and cultural boundaries, Dylan's lyrics contain beauty, wisdom, versatility and the essential capability of articulating universal human emotion. Dylan's songbook remains one of the best there is.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Ryan Adams embraces rock n roll

By LIAM FARRELL
Scene Music Critic

Ryan Adams has left behind his acoustic guitar and the lonesome cowboy image developed with *Whiskeytown* and his early solo work on his latest release, appropriately titled *Rock n Roll*. In the context of last year's *Demolition*, this embrace of more straightforward rock and roll instead of an alt-country blend seems like a natural progression for Adams, someone always willing to dig deep into past sounds and come up with an inviting retro sound. Adams has come into full acceptance of his inner Paul Westerberg with more than just his voice, filling the album with jangling, distorted guitars and rough and tumble rock construction. The album is

not really experimental, but it is a new approach for Adams and adds a new dimension to the already diverse catalog that he has produced.

Unfortunately, this album does not stack up with most of his earlier work. Although not really overshadowed by *Demolition*, the beautifully murky swamp of influences on *Gold* that showed an interest in almost every form of popular music in the last 30 years is absent yet again. One of the curses of being such a prolific songwriter is that some sub par music can sneak onto an album, and without the benefits of *Gold*'s length, the weak songs cannot always be lost among the better tracks.

This is not to say, however, that the album is a failure; indeed, the most mediocre Ryan Adams song is still usually a great piece of music. The

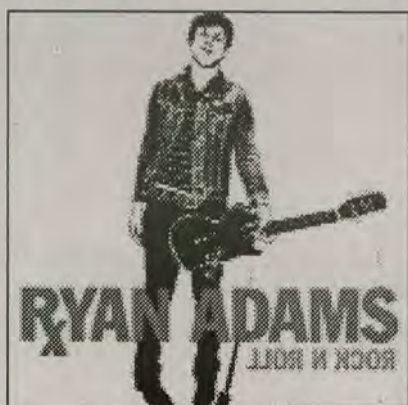


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Ryan Adams has left behind his acoustic guitar and lonesome cowboy image on his latest release, appropriately titled *Rock n Roll*.

Rock n Roll
Ryan Adams

Capitol Records



intensity of "So Alive," the self-reflection of the somber "Rock N Roll" and the soaring melody of "Anybody Wanna Take Me Home" carry the album along and keep the pace alive. The upbeat pace of most songs allows the album to never become soggy and bogged down, even though Adams' usually brilliant and insightful lyrics are in some cases overshadowed by cliché and too much profanity.

Overall, however, it is a strong effort by one of the most potent musicians around today. Occasionally it can seem that Adams is just putting up a front, an image, but the sincerity that comes through in his musical

craft never really allows someone to place him among fake hipsters. The irony of naming the first track "This Is It" seems like a joking answer to the Strokes' first album *Is This It?* and can be seen as a humorous assertion of Adams' ego, which can seem overwhelming in the ambition of many of his projects. Still, the rag-tag and almost underground feel and appearance of this album betray any notions of Adams' being a wannabe rock star; you can't help but like the guy and dig his music. Hopefully, he's got something even better up his sleeve for future releases.

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CONCERT REVIEW

A Perfect Circle, powerful yet artistic

*Scene reviews the band's Monday night show at the Morris Performing Arts Center*By MATTHEW SMEDBERG
Scene Music Critic

Shrouded by the haze that filled the Morris Performing Arts Center, A Perfect Circle thrilled the crowd Monday night with a set of hard, overwhelming songs and spectacular effects. The quintet, headed by vocalist Maynard James Keenan and guitarist Billy Howerdel, moved through music from both of their albums, 2000's *Mer De Noms* and the just-released *Thirteenth Step*. In a performance which felt much shorter than it actually was, the band showcased its hard-hitting and yet ethereal lyric poetry and a rock style much heavier than comes through on either record.

On record, A Perfect Circle is understated and intense in a way which leaves room for a lot of "negative space" in its sound. On stage, the musical space is all filled, down to the vibrations shaking the ground, making you afraid that the balcony of the hall will come crashing down around you.

Visually, the concert was defined by lighting which hides the band as much as shows it; the spotlights searching the smoke seldom came up with a musician but were no less beautiful to watch for that omission.

A Perfect Circle is like few bands in the music world today. Because of their combination of experienced musicians and poetic talent, they speak to those who would listen to rock music as an art form, rather than merely as entertainment or an escape. Howerdel's lyrics are not easy to digest, and the harmonies which Keenan sings them to are nothing if not original.

The band is demographically unusu-

al, as well; its fans are predominantly, perhaps even overwhelmingly, college students. Professors of English might well find in the lyrics to their songs hidden meanings in ways that are reminiscent of how they approach Keats or Joyce. This appeal, however, does not in any way diminish the experience of a concert like Monday's as a fine show.

The concert's opening act was Abandoned Pools, a trio in the California tradition of Smashing Pumpkins; Josh Freese, A Perfect Circle's percussionist, also played on Abandoned Pools' album

Humanistic.

Tommy Walters, the band's lead singer and moving force, is a classically trained musician who graduated from USC in music and did graduate studies at University of the Pacific. Walters gave the Notre Dame contingent of the audience a nod as he introduced "Monster:" "This song is about Notre Dame going to New York this weekend, playing Syracuse, losing to Syracuse ... and keeping my USC Trojans out of the National Championship."

The song runs, in part, "I wanna go another round / I wanna blow the monster down / I wanna go another round / 'Cause I am coming up / I am coming back."

A common theme of the music of Tool and A Perfect Circle is the understatement of Maynard's vocals. The music is written as if his voice is merely another instrument in the symphony of the song, leaving the melody to be carried by the guitar. This was taken even further in the design of this tour, which placed all four of the other members of the band in prominent positions on the stage, splashing them with light and riveting the audience's eyes on them. Maynard was not similarly visible. The best view of him that the crowd had up until the very end of the show was his silhouette cast on a sheet as "Vanishing," the concert's opening number, got underway. For the rest of the time, as spotlights knifed their way through the air all around, he was shrouded in mist, almost invisible.

His body was usually bent; his hair covered his face. There was no way to tell that the shape standing



Photo courtesy of mtv.com

A Perfect Circle performed Monday night at the Morris Center. The band played songs from both of their albums, including the just-released album *Thirteenth Step*.

on a platform deep upstage was the source of the words being sung. It almost seemed that he was not quite human.

And indeed, for the entire show, it was not any individual or even any band which was on display; it was not that the five sweating and swearing men on stage were so much giving something to the hundreds of us in the audience, but rather allowing them to experience their own selves. In that music was a chance for all to ask what it was that he or she really was living and working and fighting for.

A Perfect Circle shies away from politicizing their music, but, like most rock, it carries distinct anti-establishment, think-for-yourself overtones. This is most clearly borne out in "Pet," the second song of the set and one of the strongest tracks of *Thirteenth Step*. "Go to sleep," sings Maynard, "just stay with me, safe and ignorant."

Not content with delivering an incredible concert experience, the band entertained the crowd between songs

with jokes about Thanksgiving dinner, Michael Jackson and other topics. These were, perhaps, to give the concert a personable side, as the music itself and the lighting artistry left little room for the artists to make themselves felt.

Perhaps in response to the feeling of "art for art's sake" which A Perfect Circle presents, many of the audience opted to remain in their seats for much of the concert. There was no place to form a pit at the Morris Center, of course, but even so it might be expected that an audience as excited as this one — at softer points in the music, it was sometimes impossible to hear the band — would be on their feet. But the chance to sit and experience a concert on this scale, in a venue like the Morris Center, may have been a welcome one for students of great art, who believe that A Perfect Circle does indeed fit the bill.

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During Monday night's performance, A Perfect Circle showcased its hard-hitting yet ethereal lyric poetry.



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NBA

McKie scores 21 filling in for Iverson in 76ers win

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Aaron McKie did a great job filling in for Allen Iverson, scoring a season-high 21 points and blocking a shot as time expired in the Philadelphia 76ers' 78-76 win over the Detroit Pistons.

Iverson, the NBA's leading scorer at 29.4 points per game, stayed home to rest his right knee, which he banged Friday against Miami. The Sixers hope he will be able to play Friday against Denver.

McKie took his place and looked a little like Iverson when he made a fadeaway jumper over Ben Wallace just before the shot clock expired to give the Sixers a 75-70 lead with 1:37 left.

Eric Snow, his backcourt mate, had 17 points and seven assists.

Raptors 100, Cavaliers 92

Vince Carter scored 22 points, Donyell Marshall and Jalen Rose scored 20 apiece and the revamped Toronto Raptors won their fifth straight game, over the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Rose scored 16 points in the second half — 12 in the third quarter — as the Raptors improved to 5-0 since acquiring Rose, Marshall and Lonny Baxter in a trade with Chicago. Toronto's winning streak is its longest since winning nine in a row from March 22-April 9, 2002.

Carter, who begged his teammates for the ball early in the fourth quarter, added eight rebounds and seven assists. Rookie Chris Bosh chipped in 14 points and seven rebounds.

Rookie LeBron James led the Cavs with 18 points and Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 17. Ira Newble had a season-high 16 points and 10 rebounds for Cleveland, which has dropped nine of 10.

Nets 101, SuperSonics 88

Richard Jefferson scored a season-high 31 points, Kenyon Martin had 25 and the reawakened New Jersey Nets shot a season-best 55.1 percent in beating the Seattle SuperSonics.

Jason Kidd added 14 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds in just three quarters to help the two-time defending Eastern Conference champions post a season-high three-game winning streak.

Ronald Murray had 27 points for Seattle, which has lost three in a row and seven of 10. The only thing that prevented a season-worst loss was an 18-0 run to end the game.

This was the Nets' second straight blowout against the SuperSonics. They posted a 93-70 win in Seattle on Nov. 25, a game in which New Jersey limited the Sonics to a franchise-low 25 points in the second half.

Martin also dominated that

game with 27 points and 14 rebounds.

Warriors 98, Timberwolves 95

Jason Richardson made a wide-open 3-pointer with two-tenths of a second left, giving the Golden State Warriors a victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Richardson had 30 points, nine rebounds and five assists for Golden State (10-9), which moved above .500 this late in the season for the first time since 1993-94.

Kevin Garnett tied a season-high with 33 points and grabbed 14 rebounds for Minnesota, whose three-game winning streak ended.

Latrell Sprewell had 27 points, and Sam Cassell added 17 points and 12 assists for the Wolves, who played their first home game in nearly two weeks after going 4-1 on a Western Conference road trip. They're just 4-5 at Target Center this season.

Heat 92, Suns 72

Lamar Odom scored 16 points with a career-high 17 rebounds, and the Miami Heat got Caron Butler back in the starting lineup in a victory over the Phoenix Suns.

Dwyane Wade and Brian Grant each scored 18 points as Miami snapped a three-game losing streak. Butler, who sat out the previous seven games with a quadricep injury, scored seven points in 37 minutes.



Reuters

Seattle forward Vladimir Radmanovic, left, defends New Jersey forward Kenyon Martin in the Nets 101-88 win.

The Suns, whose loss at Orlando on Monday night ended the Magic's 19-game losing streak, have lost three straight. Shawn Marion led Phoenix with 27 points.

Rockets 93, Trail Blazers 91

Cuttino Mobley had 24 points and Steve Francis hit a 16-footer with 20 seconds left to lead

the Houston Rockets to a victory over Portland, keeping the Trail Blazers winless on the road.

Yao Ming missed two free throws with nine seconds to play, giving the Blazers a last chance. But Damon Stoudamire missed a 3-pointer just before the final buzzer.

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MLB

Henry angry with Nomar's agent

Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — Boston Red Sox owner John Henry lashed out at Nomar Garciaparra's agent on Tuesday, saying it was the "the height of hypocrisy" to accuse the team of betrayal even though the star shortstop rejected the team's lucrative, long-term offer last spring.

"He says we're being disingenuous. I take great umbrage at that statement," Henry said at the opening of the team's academy in the Dominican Republic, according to two Boston newspapers that covered the event. "That is the height of hypocrisy."

Garciaparra said in radio and newspaper interviews this week that he would be hurt if the Red Sox went through with plans to trade him and acquire Alex Rodriguez from Texas. Calling the radio station and the Boston Herald from his Hawaii honeymoon with soccer star Mia Hamm, Garciaparra said he wants to finish his career in Boston, and noted his commitment to the community and the team.

Garciaparra's agent, Arn Tellem, told The Boston Globe that the team's efforts to acquire Rodriguez — which are less about Garciaparra than outfielder Manny Ramirez — are "a slap in the face."

The Globe and Herald both quoted sources on Tuesday as saying that the Red Sox offered Garciaparra a four-year deal last spring worth \$60 million. Garciaparra rejected it, instead seeking a longer deal worth as much as \$17 million a year.

Since then, the market has declined, and the Red Sox have reportedly decreased their offer.

"I hope he's being more honest with his client than he is with the media because we have made credible offers," Henry said. "The reason we have continued in the manner in which we have, is that his agent has given us a very clear indication that there is no common ground. He seems to believe it is still the winter of 2000."

Tellem, reached in New York, thought Henry was out of line.

"Obviously, I strongly disagree with Henry's characterization of my comments in regards to Nomar's current situation with Red Sox," Tellem said. "All further communication regarding this matter will be conducted in a private and professional manner among myself, Nomar and appropriate representatives of the Red Sox organization. As Nomar has stated, it has always been and still remains his goal to stay with the Red Sox."

The Red Sox have refused to discuss — or even confirm — their talks with Texas.

"We don't comment on rumors," Boston general manager Theo Epstein said. "It would be disrespectful for Nomar and Manny to talk about rumors surrounding them. I have great respect for Nomar and Manny."

Also Tuesday, Epstein said he would begin negotiating a contract extension with pitcher Pedro Martinez at the winter meetings in New Orleans this weekend.

"We don't feel pressured with regard to Pedro's contract," Epstein said. "He's signed through 2004 and we'll try to reach an agreement before spring training."

Martinez has one season and \$17.5 million left on his deal. The right-handed ace refused

comment, saying "Boston has the ball in their hands."

Epstein and principal owner John Henry were in this Caribbean country to inaugurate a baseball academy near the outskirts of the Dominican capital to develop young talent.

The complex will cost \$3 million to operate the first five years and can host up to 65 players at a time. There are two baseball diamonds, a dormitory building, gymnasium, kitchen and a study room.

The Los Angeles Dodgers, Oakland Athletics and San Diego Padres have built similar facilities in the Dominican Republic.

Also Tuesday, the Red Sox signed 18-year-old shortstop Luis Soto to a minor league contract. The switch-hitting Soto who played for the defending champion Baseball America team in the World Woodbat Tournament in Jupiter, Fla., this fall.

"He says we're being disingenuous. I take great umbrage at that statement."

John Henry
Boston owner

NFL

Couch making case to be starter

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Tim Couch fell just short in his bid to rally the Cleveland Browns to victory.

However, he may have started his own comeback.

Cleveland's quarterback saved the Browns from being humiliated Monday night on national TV, replacing starter Kelly Holcomb just before halftime and directing two touchdown drives in the second half.

However, Couch's heroics — he played on a sprained knee — came up short when he was sacked on fourth down with 1:51 remaining and the St. Louis Rams held on for a 26-20 win.

For Couch, though, Cleveland's sixth loss in seven games was a personal triumph.

His performance was just the latest chapter in a strange season in which the former No. 1 overall pick lost his job, got it back, lost it again, got hurt and was then asked to bail out the Browns.

Holcomb threw two interceptions in 35 seconds of the second quarter, prompting Browns coach Butch Davis to bring in Couch, who responded by going 5-for-5 on his two scoring drives and throwing a 28-yard TD pass to Quincy Morgan.

"We were looking for

somebody to go in and play effectively, and Tim did," said Davis, whose decision to bench Couch before the season may be the single biggest reason why the Browns are 4-9.

Following the game, Davis refused to say who his quarterback would be for Sunday's game in Denver.

By not naming a starter, Davis may be setting the stage for Couch to start the Browns' remaining games against the Broncos, Baltimore and Cincinnati.

Those games could serve as an audition for Couch returning to the Browns in 2004.

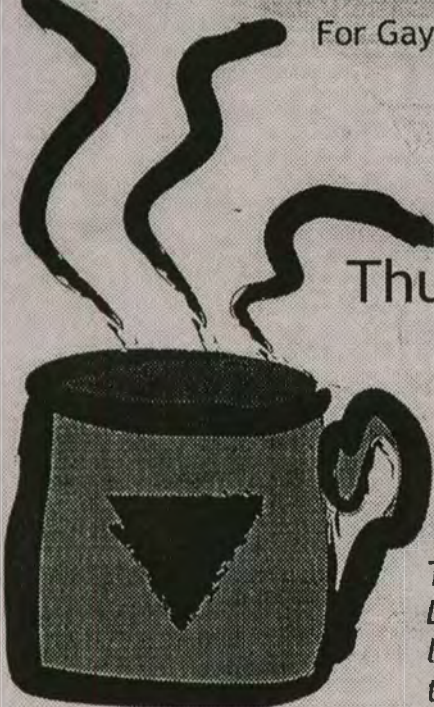
It had been assumed that the five-year veteran, who is due to make \$7.6 million next season and \$8 million in 2005, would be released later this winter. Last week, Couch said he was sure he wouldn't be back if he was going to be a backup.

Team president Carmen Policy has said the club will not bring back both Couch and Holcomb next year. So someone has got to go, and after the way Holcomb has struggled in his first crack at being a starter, Couch may get a chance to win back his starting job.

"Obviously, I want to play," Couch said. "Right now, I have no idea [if he's starting]. I'm just coming into next week like I always did."

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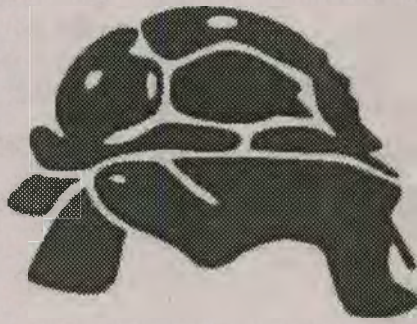
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NCAA BASKETBALL

Providence upsets Illinois

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Providence has been playing zone defense for years under coach Tim Welsh. The Friars never played as well as they did Tuesday night.

Ryan Gomes had 24 points and 12 rebounds. Donnie McGrath scored all 15 of his points in the second half and Providence used its 2-3 zone to beat No. 14 Illinois 70-51 in the

opening game of the Jimmy V Classic.

And the zone did what it's supposed to do: It made it very difficult for Illinois to score.

"We held Illinois to 30 percent shooting and 21 points in the second half," said Welsh, in his sixth season at Providence. "That might be the best we've played the zone since I've been here."

The Friars (4-1) overcame a

terrible start and a 30-24 half-time deficit behind the offense of Gomes and McGrath and the effectiveness of their 2-3 zone that shut down the backcourt of the Illini (4-2).

Providence, coming off a loss at Rhode Island, didn't score for the opening 7 1/2 minutes, falling behind 12-0. Despite getting within 12-11, the Friars were down six at halftime and it seemed like it could have been a lot worse.

Gomes and McGrath scored all the points in an 11-0 run that gave Providence a 44-35 lead with 13:07 to play. Illinois couldn't get good perimeter shots against the zone and with McGrath starting to hit from the outside and Gomes leading the way inside, the Friars pulled away to the easy victory.

McGrath finished 5-for-7 from the field, including 4-for-5 from 3-point range, and had five assists. He hit three 3s in the opening 5 1/2 minutes of the second half. Rob Sanders added 15 points and eight rebounds for the Friars.

James Augustine had 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Illini, while Roger Powell had 13 points. The starting backcourt of Deron Williams and Dee Brown entered with a combined scoring average of 32.0.

Brown had four points on 2-of-9 shooting, while Williams had three points on 1-for-8 shooting.

The Illini finished 2-for-15 from 3-point range compared to Providence's 7-for-16.

Illinois committed 22 turnovers, with Williams having nine.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Army hires Ross to turn around program

Associated Press

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Army is counting on Bobby Ross and his record of success to turn around college football's worst team.

Ross was hired to lead Army on Tuesday, returning to football after resigning as the Detroit Lions' coach three years ago. His football experience is vast: Ross coached the San Diego Chargers to the Super Bowl in 1995 and won a national title at Georgia Tech in 1990.

Army, meanwhile, is in disarray. It became the first team in NCAA history to finish 0-13 after losing to Navy 34-6 on Saturday. The academy fired coach Todd Berry in October with the team 5-35 in his four seasons. John Mumford acted as interim coach, going 0-7 after replacing Berry.

Ross said his past service in the Army and his sons' military background — one graduated from the Naval Academy, another from the Air Force Academy — made him a good fit for the job.

"I believe I understand the mission of West Point. I do. I believe in it strongly," Ross said at a news conference.

Ross noted that his father had an appointment to West Point during the Depression but had to pass it up to work.

"I believe I'm going to have the opportunity to fulfill my father's dream," he said.

Army would not disclose

terms of the contract.

Ross said he met with players Tuesday, and is looking forward to seeing what they can do on the field. He also hopes to finalize a staff by January.

"Our commitment begins now. Right now," Ross said.

Ross, who turns 67 this month, hasn't coached since 2000, when he quit the Lions after nine games. His Chargers lost their only Super Bowl appearance, 49-26 to the San Francisco 49ers. His NFL record was 77-68.

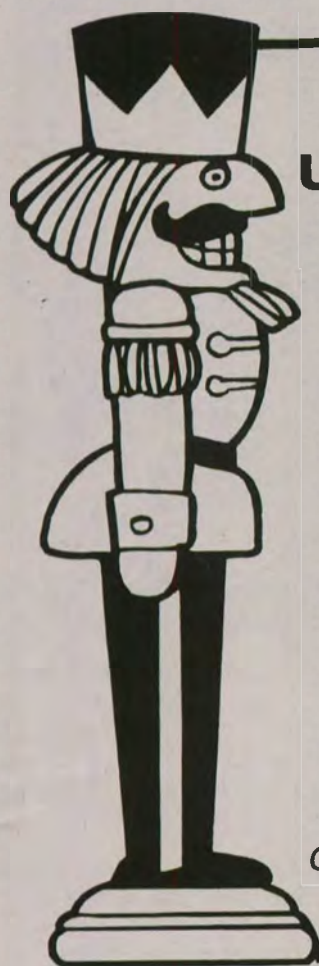
Ross, a Virginia Military Institute graduate, spent 15 years as a college coach, including stints with The Citadel (1973-77), Maryland (1982-86) and Georgia Tech (1987-91). His national champion Georgia Tech team went 11-0-1, sharing the title with Colorado. His college record was 94-76-2.

Army superintendent William Lennox Jr. said the academy is confident Ross can restore its winning tradition.

Ross was hired after former Nebraska coach Frank Solich turned down the job. The announcement came days after Ted Roof was hired over Ross for the top job at Duke.

Ross said he made the decision to come out of retirement before Army called because coaching was still in his blood.

"You get tired of walking the dog and things of that nature," he said. "... I've got a lot of energy."



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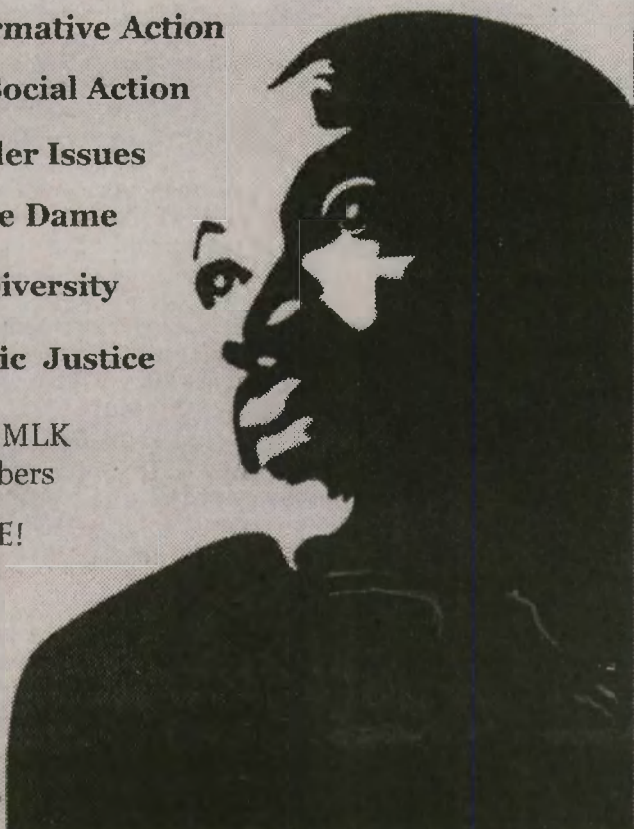
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AFC East

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
New England	11-2	.846	20.7	16.1
Miami	8-5	.615	18.5	15.6
Buffalo	6-7	.462	16.5	15.4
NY Jets	5-8	.385	18.5	19.6

AFC North

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Baltimore	8-5	.615	25.5	19.3
Cincinnati	7-6	.538	21.6	22.8
Pittsburgh	5-8	.385	19.2	21.8
Cleveland	4-9	.308	16.3	19.2

AFC South

team	record	perc.	PF/G	PA/G
Indianapolis	10-3	.769	28.6	21.6
Tennessee	9-4	.692	26.7	20.1
Houston	5-8	.385	16.2	24.4
Jacksonville	4-9	.308	17.6	20.3

AFC West

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St. Louis	10-3	.769	28.7	20.5
Seattle	8-5	.615	25.4	21.0
San Francisco	6-7	.462	22.9	18.8
Arizona	3-10	.231	13.8	29.8

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5	Michigan	6-4-0	12
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7	Northern Michigan	6-5-0	12
8	Western Michigan	5-5-1	11
9	Ferris State	4-7-1	9
10	Nebraska-Omaha	3-8-1	7
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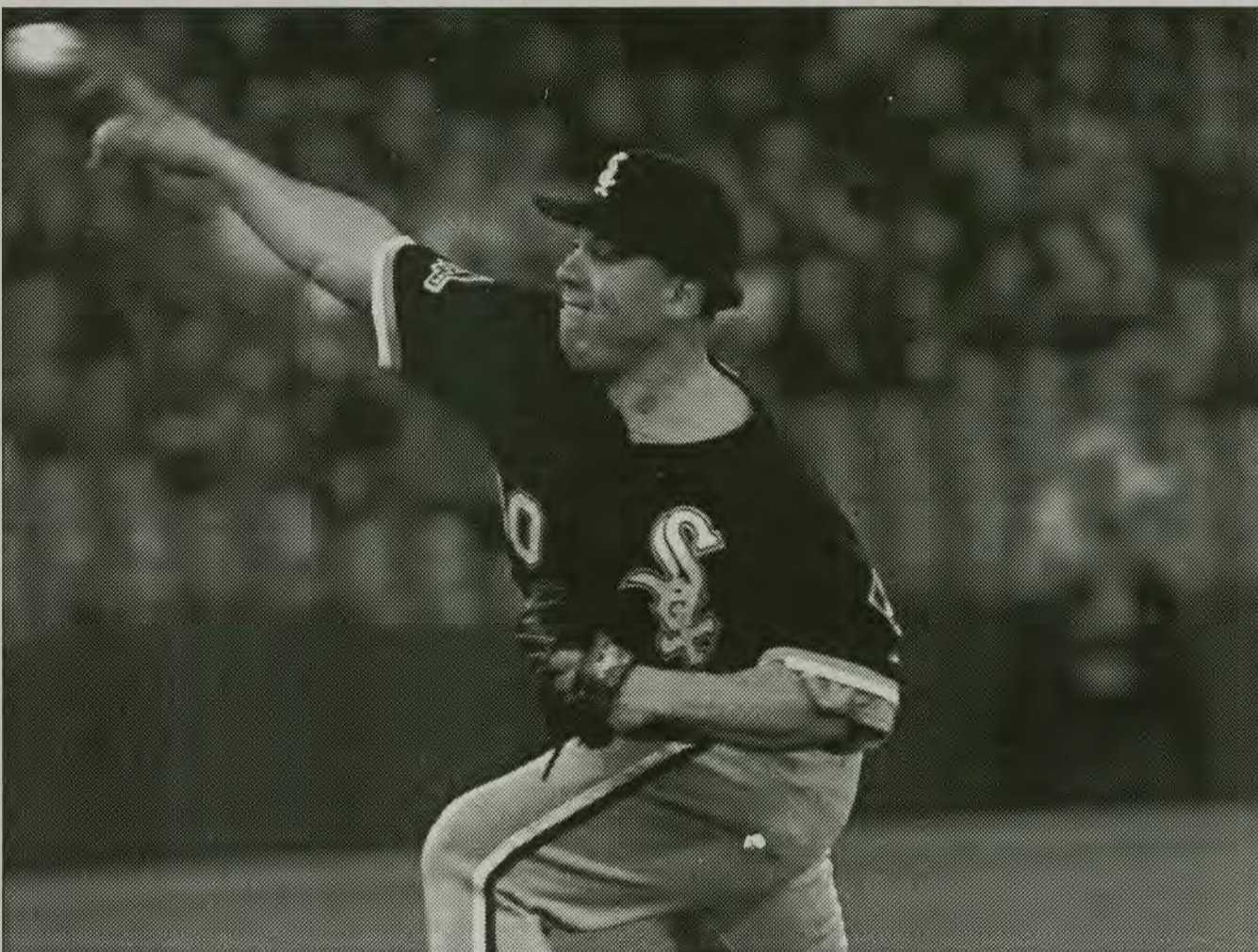
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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL



Former Chicago White Sox pitcher Bartolo Colon pitches against the Toronto Blue Jays. Colon agreed to a four-year contract with the Anaheim Angels.

Colon signs 4-year contract with Anaheim

Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Anaheim Angels took one of the top pitchers off the free-agent market, agreeing Tuesday to a four-year contract with Bartolo Colon.

Anaheim had offered a deal worth about \$48 million, one baseball official familiar with the negotiations had said Monday.

"I'm happy to be with the new team and have the opportunity to be able to win with them," Colon said, speaking through an interpreter.

This might not be Anaheim's only blockbuster

deal. If the Alex Rodriguez-Manny Ramirez deal goes through, five-time All-Star shortstop Nomar Garciaparra would be out of a job. It's believed the Red Sox might try to trade him to the Angels for a pitcher, possibly Jarrod Washburn, or second baseman Adam Kennedy. Third baseman Troy Glaus' name has also been mentioned.

"We're trying to keep our options open, but we feel we are in position to maneuver now," said Arte Moreno, who purchased the Angels from The Walt Disney Co. last spring.

The Chicago White Sox badly wanted Colon back,

with general manager Ken Williams offering a three-year contract worth a reported \$36 million — the largest ever for a White Sox pitcher. But Colon rejected the offer in October.

Though the White Sox offered Colon salary arbitration Sunday night, Williams seemed resigned Monday to losing the 20-game winner.

Colon was only 15-13 with a 3.87 ERA this year, but he's coveted for his durability and consistency. He's a 20-game winner who has reached double-digit victories in six straight seasons.

He pitched a career-high nine complete games this year, and was second in the AL with 242 innings. His 173 strikeouts also ranked in the top 10. In seven seasons with Cleveland, Montreal and Chicago, the 30-year-old Colon is 100-62 with a 3.86 ERA.

"Not long ago, we introduced a new starting pitcher in Kelvin Escobar and a lot of people assumed we would go after a vet," Bill Stoneman said. "I said, 'Not necessarily.'

"We look forward to what should be a real strong starting rotation. This is going to be a fun year."

IN BRIEF

Guardado agrees to \$13 million contract with Mariners

SEATTLE — Eddie Guardado and the Seattle Mariners agreed Tuesday to a contract that guarantees the closer \$13 million over three years.

The sides agreed to a one-year contract that includes both player and team options for 2005 and 2006. If he earns performance bonuses included in the contract, he would make \$17 million over three seasons.

"It's a very exciting day and a very emotional day for me," Guardado said. "I'm leaving a team I played with for 14 years. Hopefully, I'll enjoy myself here. Seattle has greeted me with open arms."

Guardado, who had 41 saves in 45 chances for Minnesota last season, became the first player to agree to a deal among the 25 offered arbitration Sunday by their former clubs.

Guardado, 33, had been with the Twins since 1993, but said he wanted to be closer to his wife and three

children who live in Southern California.

He joins a bullpen that includes Kazuhiro Sasaki, who started 2003 as Seattle's closer, and Shigetoshi Hasegawa, who finished the season as closer.

Following the departure of Arthur Rhodes, Guardado becomes the top left-hander in the Seattle bullpen.

Phillies sign Worrell

PHILADELPHIA — Former San Francisco Giants closer Tim Worrell on Tuesday agreed to a \$5.5 million, two-year contract with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Worrell, 36, was 4-4 with a 2.87 ERA and 38 saves in 45 chances for the NL West champion Giants last year. He took over as San Francisco's closer after three-time All-Star Robb Nen had season-ending shoulder surgery in May.

Worrell will earn \$2.75 million in each of the next two seasons and has the chance to make more in per-

formance bonuses.

The right-hander will return to a setup role in Philadelphia. The Phillies acquired closer Billy Wagner, a three-time All-Star, from Houston last month.

It's been another busy offseason for the suddenly free-spending Phillies. Philadelphia got former All-Star left-hander Eric Milton in a trade with Minnesota last week, and is hoping to re-sign right-hander Kevin Millwood for the 2004 season.

Thomson signs with Braves

ATLANTA — John Thomson agreed Tuesday to a \$7 million, two-year contract with Atlanta, two days after the Braves parted with longtime ace Greg Maddux.

Thomson was 13-14 with a 4.85 ERA last season with the Texas Rangers, establishing career highs in wins, starts (35), innings pitched (217), strikeouts (136) and complete games (three). In his final 18 starts, he was 9-5 with a 3.89 ERA.

Hoosiers

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our basketball program, and we've been pretty darn consistent.

"Indiana basketball, the moniker, means something, so it would be a good win."

Since Digger Phelps became Notre Dame's coach for the 1971-72 season, the Hoosiers have won 23 of the 29 meetings between these two schools. In recent years, it's been worse.

Indiana has won 12 of the past 13 games, including the last seven straight. That seven-game winning streak is the longest in series history.

Combine those numbers with the disappointment still eating at the team since its shocking loss to Central Michigan Saturday, and tonight's game means a lot.

"You can just tell the mood that everybody's been in, how business-like we've been all week, I think everybody is really focused and determined to get this win [tonight]," Notre Dame guard

Torrian Jones said. "Anybody can say they put losses behind them, but when you lose games like that, especially games down to the wire and a game you could have won, it sticks in your mind and makes you come out with that much more fire the next game."

"It's a combination of that and trying to get a big step forward for the program."

With Jones and center Tom Timmermans not dressed due to injuries Saturday night, Brey only used seven players against the Chippewas, and the team struggled all night. Up 64-59 with less than 30 seconds remaining, the Irish had a chance to close it out but missed two free throws down the stretch. Central Michigan hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer and walked out of the Joyce Center with a one-point win.

That game, and the 71-58 loss at Marquette Dec. 1, has the Irish at 2-2 and focused on turning things around tonight to avoid falling under the .500 mark since they were 4-5 on Dec. 11, 1999.

"Anytime you lose and you are disappointed, and for a week now, our guys

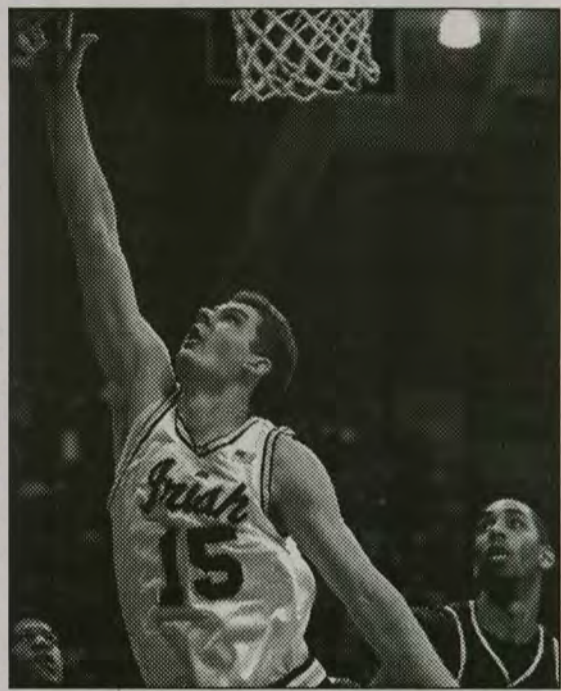
have been on edge a little bit," Brey said. "The natural thing is there is a little more attention to detail. We are going to have to do that all season long, whether we've lost one or won a couple. But that's still youth, learning how to be businesslike on a daily basis."

Seven straight losses to the Hoosiers, a two-game losing streak and the conference schedule starting three weeks from tonight each impress upon Jones and the Irish they need a win against Indiana to get this season headed back in the right direction.

"It's definitely a big game for us. Not only are we coming in on a two-game losing streak, we want to snap that and get momentum going for the rest of the season," Jones said. "We had a good practice [Monday] and we are coming out today to have another good one. We met on Sunday, addressed a couple of things, talked about some things."

"I think we are on the right path to get this one [tonight], be focused for 40 minutes and play Notre Dame basketball."

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TIM KACMAR/The Observer
In his game against Central Michigan, Irish guard Collin Falls goes for the layup as other players watch for the rebound.

Cornette, Jones, Timmermans game-time decisions

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

If it's up to Notre Dame guard Torrian Jones, coach Mike Brey would have to do everything in his power to keep the senior captain out of tonight's game.

"He would have to hurt me himself to keep me out of this game," Jones said. "There's no way I'm sitting out of this Indiana game."

Jones missed the Central Michigan game due to a hip injury. He participated in half of practice Monday and was scheduled to practice at full speed Tuesday. According to Jones,

barring any setbacks, he felt he would be ready for the Hoosiers.

Meanwhile, Tom Timmermans wasn't in his practice jersey for Tuesday's practice and it doesn't appear his chances of playing tonight are very high. Jordan Cornette hasn't missed any game time, but is still battling a knee injury.

Brey says all decisions regarding players with injuries will be made this afternoon.

"I think what you probably do is make a decision at the shootaround [today] at 4 p.m. That's what we've done in the past," Brey said. "You kind of have to do it that way, just to see where everybody is physically,

almost like a game-time decision."

Quinn keeps shooting

Guard Chris Quinn had a shooting week to forget.

At Marquette, the sophomore finished 1-of-7 from behind the arc, and he was 2-of-5 on 3-pointers against Central Michigan. Overall, Quinn's field goal percentage last week was 25 percent.

Coming into this year, Brey was looking to Quinn to be a consistent scorer, and become the third scoring option for the Irish. That's why everybody on the Irish continues to encourage Quinn to be aggressive and take

the open shot.

"[The slump] was a couple of misses combined with some tough shots I had to take, I'm not worried about it. I'm just going to keep playing like I am," Quinn said. "Coach [Brey] and everybody else on team is always telling me to keep shooting."

Turnovers up, assists down

Since only committing eight turnovers against Northern Illinois, the Irish have averaged 15.7 turnovers a game in the three games since the season opener.

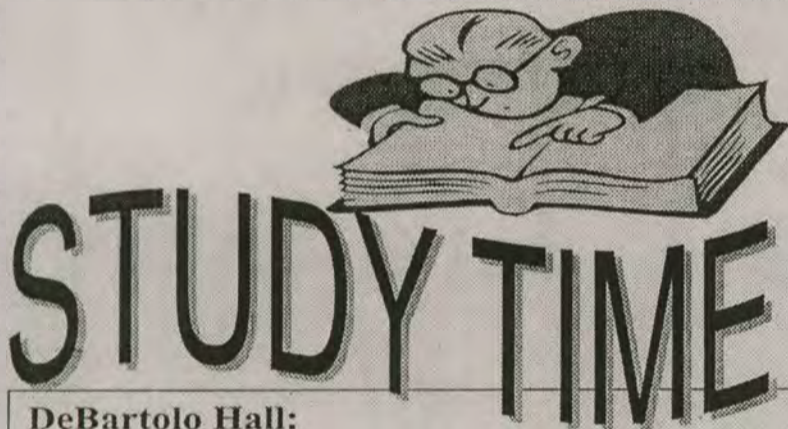
But Brey isn't concerned. "I don't really mind our turnover average," he said. "I think our assists not being there,

that's [been caused] a little bit of our shooting and a little bit of our shot selection. I don't think our turnovers are a huge problem right now."

So far this season, the Irish have 55 turnovers compared to 53 assists. Brey blames the lack of assists to his team's impatience on the

offensive end. "I still think we can be more efficient offensively and swing it a little bit more," Brey said. "We've shot it a little quick in here. We've gotten excited to play. We play like there is a 15 second clock instead of a 35 second clock, so we have to be more patient."

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RACHAEL TOWNSEND/The Observer
Belles point guard Katie Miller surveys the court during the Dec. 5 game against Illinois. The Belles won 82-57.

Belles

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season. In a Nov. 25 contest against Rochester, Albion won 83-40, its largest victory margin of the season.

Albion is lead by Sarah Caskey, who averages 16.1 points per game, 4.0 rebounds a game and nearly 5 assists per game. She shoots 48.8 percent from 3-point range and .857 from the line. Caskey scored 25 points in an

85-69 win over Goshen on Dec. 2. Ruthie Sventickas is a solid second option, averaging 10.7 points in 20.6 minutes per game. The play of these two players in particular could be important in determining the outcome of tonight's game.

Winning this game would allow Saint Mary's to move to .500.

The teams will meet tonight at 7 p.m. at Saint Mary's.

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Slow Start

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But Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she was pleased with her team's play after those first two games.

Notre Dame came home for its third game and pounded Valparaiso 74-57 to improve to 2-1.

But since that win, the Irish have dropped three of four games and dropped out of the top 25 rankings. They got whipped by Michigan State on the road, 92-63, then fell victim to a very strong No. 3 Tennessee team in Knoxville Nov. 30.

Notre Dame bounced back with a strong second half in the team's victory over Wisconsin in the Joyce Center a few days later, but they failed to carry their momentum into a road game against Washington last Sunday. The Huskies outplayed the Irish en route to an 85-74 win.

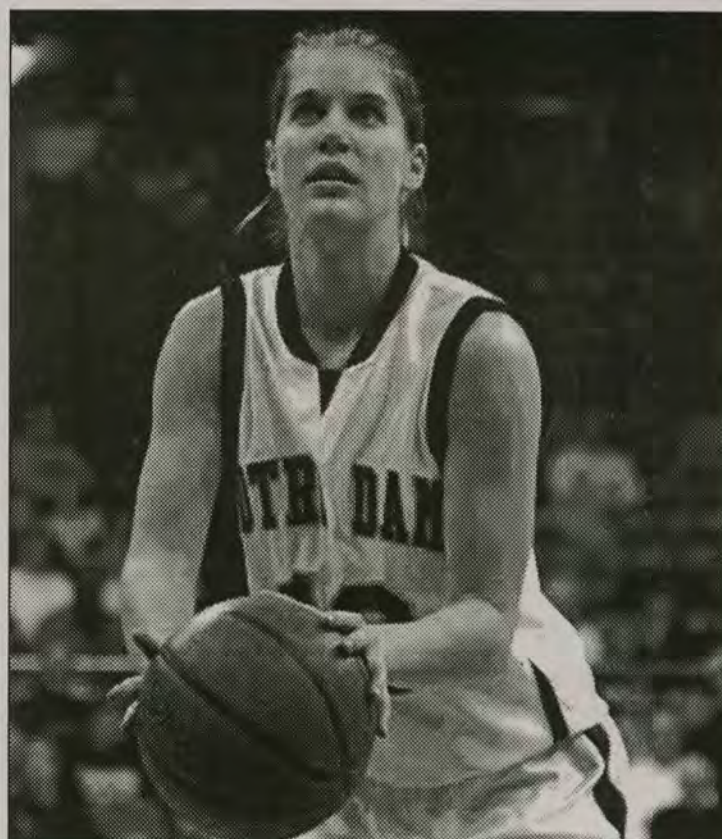
The tough schedule doesn't seem to let up much over the next few weeks either, as Notre Dame faces formidable opponents in Southern California, Colorado State and Purdue before entering Big East play on the road against Georgetown Jan. 7.

Those games in the next few weeks leave Notre Dame little time to improve and even less room for error.

But Duffy said the Irish are continuing to learn and improve through each game and are close to becoming more consistent.

"I think we're real close to finding what it takes to be a good team," Duffy said. "It's just a matter of staying patient with ourselves and getting the job done and getting some wins against quality opponents."

The difficult schedule should



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In a game against the Badgers, Megan Duffy sets up for a free throw. Duffy was later named Big East player of the week for her performances against the Wisconsin and Washington.

also help the team during Big East play and in the tournament in March.

"This [schedule] is definitely going to prepare us for conference play and into the tournament," Duffy said. "But at the same time, we still have to get the job done and not just take this as an experience. We want to compete as a top 25 team."

Notre Dame's next opponent is Dayton Saturday at the Joyce Center. The Flyers are coming off a Tuesday win against Wright State. The win snapped Dayton's five-game losing streak and pushed their record to 2-5 for the season.

Notre Dame will have nine days off after their contest

against Dayton before facing USC Dec. 22.

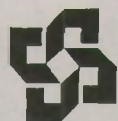
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Duffy was recently named co-Big East player of the week for her stellar performances against Wisconsin and Washington. She scorched the Badgers for 25 points, drilling 6-of-10 3-pointers in Notre Dame's win. She averaged 21 points and eight assists in the two games. Duffy shares the award with Boston College's Amber Jacobs and is the first Irish player to receive the honor since Alicia Ratay did so Feb. 17.

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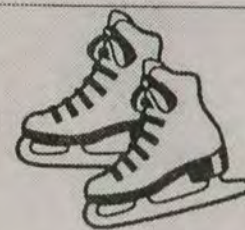
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get healthy," Willingham said. "Injuries [to defensive end Justin Tuck and offensive guard Jamie Ryan] kind of set you back a little bit."

The health of the football team is important, though this past season the Irish were unable to even stay in games regardless of injuries.

In its three losses to Michigan, USC and Florida State, Notre Dame lost by a combined score of 120-14 — a stark contrast in points allowed to the stalwart 2002 defense that included the same personnel as this year and seniors Ryan Roberts, Jerome Sapp and Shane Walton.

After an overtime win over No. 19 Washington State, Notre Dame dropped three straight games to Michigan, Michigan State and Purdue.

After a much-needed bye week, Julius Jones carried for 262 yards and two touchdowns lifting the Irish to a 20-14 victory over Pittsburgh. It became a trend that success on the ground translated into a victory, as Jones carried for 221 yards in a 27-24 win over Navy, 161 yards in a 33-14 win over Brigham Young and 218 yards in a 57-7 win over Stanford.

The loss of Jones could have severe consequences on the Notre Dame running game, the brightest spot of the team's season.

"You lose a weapon like Julius and it hurts, but you hope to replace him," offensive

coordinator Bill Diedrick said. "Losing Julius will give Travis Thomas and Ryan Grant an opportunity to step up, and whoever the young man is who comes in as a true freshman [will have an opportunity]."

Coaches will look for players at all positions to step up, players who will not only give the Irish a shot not only at beating the top teams on its schedule next season [Michigan, Tennessee, USC], but winning the games it has to in order to finish as a top program in the country. Notre Dame cannot afford losses like its 27-25 loss at Boston College or the season-ending debacle at Syracuse.

"It will probably be the hardest off-season in Notre Dame history," cornerback Dwight Ellick said. "We [will] come back next year ready to be on top and be the best team in the country. We're going to hold everyone accountable for the things they have to do to become a better player and a better person so this team can step to the next level next year."

Notre Dame's off-season starts immediately,

and the players welcome the challenge to improve.

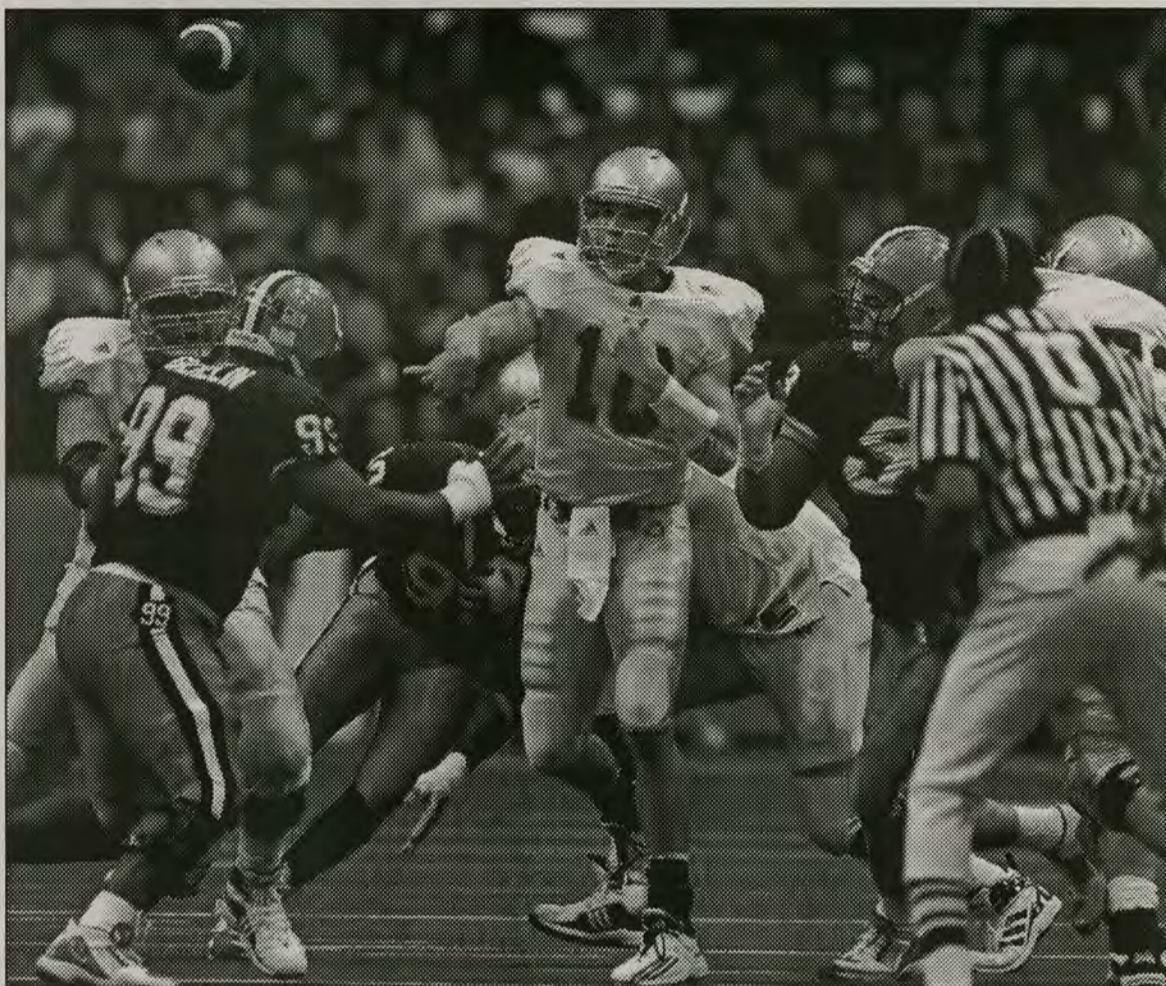
"We must improve in everything," freshman quarterback Brady Quinn said. "Obviously we have to get back to winning games, but we need to have a good off-season and make sure for the first game against Michigan that we're ready."

"After the [Syracuse] game I could see in a lot of people's eyes that this motivated us," Ellick said. "We're tired of losing like this."

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Dwight Ellick
cornerback



Brady Quinn attempts a pass during last Saturday's game against Syracuse. This loss left the Irish with a final record of 5-7, which they hope will help motivate the team in the off-season.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Taking the next step

A win tonight for the Irish over Hoosiers will mean a lot

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

First it was winning the Big East and getting back to the NCAA Tournament. Then coach Mike Brey had to keep his team winning double digit games in conference and staying a constant on Selection Sunday.

Last year, the goal was making it to the second weekend of March Madness and advancing to the Sweet 16.

Now, on the heels of a blowout loss to Marquette and a stunning defeat against Central Michigan, the goal is simply to beat Indiana tonight at the Joyce Center.

"I think it's a big game in that their program has really dominated us," Brey said. "If you look at the series, and I would compare it a little bit to the Illinois game last year in the NCAA Tournament, in that, it was a great win for our program. Not only was that a nice day for us, but you are trying to establish back some credibility with

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MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer

Guard Torrian Jones drives down the court in their Nov. 29 win against Mount Saint Mary's. While Jones sat out of the last game against Central Michigan due to hip injury, he has said that he plans to play in tonight's game against Indiana.

FOOTBALL

5-7 year brings motivation

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Nobody in the locker room wanted a third losing season in five years, but when the Irish failed to take care of a 5-6 Syracuse squad, it became a reality.

Coaches and players hope the team can rebound in the offseason and in the future from a 5-7 campaign in 2003.

After an 8-0 start with the Irish last fall, Tyrone Willingham is just 7-10 as head coach. His total winning percentage at Notre Dame is .625, and his winning percentage since last season's 14-7 loss to Boston College is .412.

Below .500 is not where the Irish want to be, and a 38-12 loss to Syracuse Saturday only made matters worse.

Notre Dame realizes a lot must happen this off-season, starting with the basics.

"The first thing is we must

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles prepare to face an unstoppable Albion

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's has defined mediocrity through the first seven games of this season, while Albion College has defined dominance. In a MIAA conference match-up tonight, the Belles of Saint Mary's will be visited by an eager Albion College, who, up to this point in the season, have looked unstoppable.

Coming off a weekend tournament at home, the Belles (3-4) look to carry their 82-67 win over Illinois College rather than their tough 68-45 loss to Washington University into tonight's game in order to knock off the 7-0 Albion.

Saint Mary's has looked very inconsistent this year. At times they have been overpowering, blowing out Andrews 72-26. In this game, the Belles were able to rest their starters and rely heavily on bench players in

this lopsided win. On other occasions, the Belles have looked weak, as shown in their 23-point loss to Washington following an impressive victory the night before. This inconsistency is something that needs to be addressed before heading into tonight's game.

Saint Mary's will need to play its finest brand of basketball in order to knock off the hot opponents. Leading scorer, Emily Creachbaum, averaging 11.3 points per game and 4.4 rebounds per contest will especially need to step up. In last weekend's win over Illinois College, Creachbaum had 10 points in 18 minutes. Maureen Bush will also need to continue to contribute on the glass, as she leads the team in rebounds with 5.3 a game.

Albion has proved to be tough to beat this year, already beating opponents by 20 or more points three times this

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish search for cause of slow start

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Tough opponents, five out of seven road games and inconsistent play have led Notre Dame to a lackluster 3-4 start in the 2003-04 season.

But the Irish aren't panicking — at least not yet — and feel they will turn their slow start around sooner than later.

"Obviously, we're disappointed about the losses," Notre Dame guard Megan Duffy said. "Anytime you lose, it's obviously not what you intend to do when you go into a game, but at the same time we're still confident we'll come back from this."

"We're just going to go back to the drawing board at practice, break down some things and try and find what the problem is."

After opening the season by beating No. 22 Auburn, the Irish lost in overtime to No. 20 Colorado the next day.

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Megan Duffy drives past a Wisconsin player during the game Dec. 4. The Irish went on to win the game, 82-64.

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Former White Sox starter Bartolo Colon signs a contract with Anaheim.

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The Friars upset the No. 14 Illini in the first game of the Jimmy V classic.

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After experiencing the first 0-13 season in college football history, Army hires Bobby Ross to turn around the program.

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Cleveland quarterback Tim Couch replaces Kelly Holcomb on Monday Night Football and makes a case for reclaiming the starting job.

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With Allen Iverson out due to a knee injury, the 76ers use 21 points from Aaron McKie to get the win.

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