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Convention encourages students

Students from both parties gear up for November election

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

Launching politically-minded Notre Dame students of all stripes into an autumn of campaigning for their respective parties in both national and local elections, the Republican National Convention kicked off this week with the challenge to reach a critical voting bloc of young adults.

The elected officers of Notre Dame's College Republicans club made their allegiances clear, holding an informal convention-watch Monday night in the LaFortune Student Center. The group also plans to have a

larger turnout for President Bush's upcoming speech on Thursday, with both past members and newcomers who joined at Activities Night Tuesday.

Defense and national security, major themes of the convention and campaign, are important issues for them, group members said.

"The speeches were amazing on their own in humor, logic and emotion, but as a whole they present an underlying cornerstone of the Republican Party," Notre Dame College Republicans secretary Jonathan Klinger said.

One Notre Dame student has

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ERIC SALES/The Observer

At left, Notre Dame's College Republicans club passed out Bush-Cheney campaign materials at Tuesday's Activities Night. At right, club co-presidents Tom Rippinger and Ian Rondevos join vice president Jaimie Feltault in recruiting new members.

Teaching assistants lend classroom support

By KEN WALSH
News Writer

While classes utilizing teaching assistants and graduate assistants have earned a negative reputation on other campuses, several Notre Dame students and faculty members disagree with this stereotype.

Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Letters Dottie Pratt praised small class sizes and one-on-one teacher-student interaction as benefits of the TA system.

"It allows people to have more sections, so you are not

in those huge, anonymous classes," she said. According to Pratt, the presence of teaching assistants allows professors to spread large classes into smaller, more personal, discussion groups.

Although many classes utilize TAs, the majority of the schools at Notre Dame do not actually rely on teaching assistants to instruct undergraduates, but rather to aide the professor in running the class said representatives from the Colleges of Arts and Letters, Business and Architecture.

"They assist the faculty member in the administration

of the class," said assistant dean of the Mendoza College of Business Sam Gaglio. "They might grade papers, they might sit there for an exam, help grade exams."

Teaching assistant involvement in class is not only supported by busy faculty members looking for assistance in administering a class, but also by students. Students find they often relate better to teaching assistants, as they are closer in age, sophomore Tim Haren said.

"I think they are very helpful to every class, especially if it is in a language requirement," senior Maria Garrido

added.

One of the greatest benefits of the presence of TAs is the real-life classroom experience that the graduate teaching assistants receive, said chemistry professor Xavier Creary.

"All professors, at least in our department, at one time were TAs. That's one of the ways in which they learned how to get in front of a class and give a presentation and how to organize," he said. "They learned the types of questions that students are going to ask by being TAs in a

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Parking rules cause mixed reaction

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Writer

With classes underway, abiding by parking regulations may be at the back of students' minds. But the hefty price tags accompanying Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) issued tickets may cause them to think twice.

Though many students are unaware of ticket fines, NDSP has clear stipulations for different types of violations — \$10 for improper or overtime parking, \$15 for parking in unassigned lots, \$20 for driving on lawns and \$30 for blocking a trash receptacle, amongst others.

On Tuesday, senior Alissa Lemmon, an off-campus resident, parked her car in a yellow no-parking zone in the D6 parking lot without a decal, risking multiple fines. Luckily for her, she got to her car before NDSP did. "I think parking tickets are kind of stupid," she said. "I used to get tickets all the time for parking at Main Circle. It's not a big deal."

Phillip Johnson, assistant director of Security/Police, said that NDSP is holding off for most students to register their cars before they begin issuing the steep \$50 tickets for parking without a decal.

Other students said they feel tickets are necessary to maintain safety and fairness in the lots.

"I don't mind if they start cracking down if that's what they need to do," said Ryann Swalling, a fifth-year architecture student who lives off-campus. "People take advantage, so if a \$10 fine is what they need, then that's fair."

NDSP, however, insists there is no sudden crackdown and that parking regulations

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Congregation changes leadership

Sisters of the Holy Cross elect new president and council members

By ASHLEY SANDERS
News Writer

The Sisters of the Holy Cross welcomed new leadership on Sunday at the swearing-in of order president Sister Joy O'Grady and four other members.

The ceremony, which took place during Sunday Mass at the Church of Our Lady of Loretto on the Saint Mary's

campus, marked the addition of Sister Ruth Marie Nickerson, Sister Geraldine Hoyer, Sister Mary Louise Full and Sister Pusha Teresa Gomes to the community's leadership.

The five new members were selected at the community's general chapter meeting last month, where they laid out the Sisters' direction for the future.

Nickerson, who previously served as president and chief

executive officer of Saint Agnes Medical Center in Fresno, Calif., for 20 years, was elected as First Councilor. She will be joined by Hoyer in the General Treasurer post. Hoyer was president of finance and treasury for Catholic Health Initiatives in Denver for the past eight years.

Full was elected to the com-

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Holy Cross Sister Joy O'Grady was elected president of the international congregation and officially began her tenure Sunday.

INSIDE COLUMN

Learning on the weekend

"I had a crazy weekend."
I am sure you have heard this phrase about 1,000 times since Monday, followed by a detailed story about an adventurous "Rally" experience. My weekend was about more than Rally. The Show or any off-campus party. It was about some important realizations I came to in my first weekend back.

Kelly Meehan
Wire editor

The first weekend on campus is a right of passage for any first-year college student.
Being a sophomore, I could not help but envy the freshman as they "discover" all that college has to offer, with everything and everyone being a new face or experience. On the other hand, I was glad to be a sophomore and reassure myself that having been here for one year I would not make any "freshman mistakes"... but I was very wrong.

When I was heading back to campus Friday night I came to the horrid realization that I had lost my keys and wallet somewhere in the vastly congested alley at Turtle Creek.

After a moment of panic in the realization I had lost not only my mail and door keys, but also my student ID, ATM card and \$40 cash, I felt more helpless than any freshman might in his or her first few weeks at college.

As the weekend progressed, I felt more at ease with my loss. Perhaps, you might say, I came to terms with having to cash out over \$100 to replace my belongings. This stupid mistake made me realize that college is all about mistakes, and what really counts is how you deal with them.

I knew I swore that I would not make any mistakes this year, but just like a freshman I did not know what life would have in store for me. If I knew coming to Saint Mary's last August what I know now, my life would have been much simpler.

I guess someone should have told me winter can and will last for 80 percent of the school year, boys do really play video games all of the time, Instant Messenger will be equivalent if not more popular than the telephone and it is okay to eat cereal for every meal at the dining hall.

No one ever told me that this weekend I would be saying goodbye to two of my best friends who would be studying abroad for the year. These are two friends who I did not even know existed merely one year ago, but by making it through our freshman year together we would become best friends.

You will be glad to know that NDSP left me a voicemail on Monday morning, reporting that someone had turned in my keys and wallet.

When I picked it up from Security I felt more in control of things, like a real sophomore who knew what was going on. I could only hope that it was an honest freshman out there, about to experience one of the best and most challenging years of his or her life, who turned in my keys, wallet, and money all intact.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
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CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, an article in Tuesday's edition of The Observer about the Saint Mary's Board of Governance meeting incorrectly listed the date for the Senior Class Kick-Off event. It will be held Thursday at Opus Hall.
The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WOULD YOU EVER USE THEFACEBOOK.COM?



Barry McKoklner
Fisher
Sophomore

"My photo is already up. Check it out, ladies."



Clare Charbonnet
Cavanaugh
Sophomore

"No way. I already waste enough time on AIM. But I like that my friends can stalk people on other campuses."



Chris Elland
Off-campus
Senior

"Hey, whatever floats your boat."



Kate Bobo
Off-campus
Senior

"I've heard of that, but I'm already too obsessive about my computer and AIM to do it."



Kevin O'Sullivan
Off-campus
Junior

"I met my wife on facebook.com."



Johanna Sloson
PE
Sophomore

"It's addicting, and I love that about 20 new people sign up each day. It's like an online Dogbook."



JEFF HENNIG/The Observer

Father Richard Warner, director of Campus Ministry at Notre Dame, pauses to smile as he helps out at the organization's booth at Activities Night in the Joyce Center. More than 250 campus organizations, local service agencies, club sports teams and special guests were represented at the annual event.

OFFBEAT

Nonagenarian celebrates birthday with plane jump

CALDWELL, Idaho — A woman who has six children, 35 grandchildren, 75 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren jumped from an airplane to celebrate her 93rd birthday.

"Because it's a new adventure," explained Luree Kohtz, of Burley.

After seeing a videotape of her great-granddaughter doing the same thing, Kohtz set her mind to skydive in Caldwell. Her age wasn't a concern, she said.

Thirteen cars full of

family and friends watched the jump Saturday.

Age hasn't slowed down Kohtz, who celebrated her 91st birthday by riding the automated bucking bronco at the Cassia County Fair.

"She kept on telling the guy to speed it up," said John Price, a grandson-in-law. "She got so mad 'cause he wouldn't do it."

Toilet paper gift raises city's spirits

YORK, Pa. — York, a city struggling with its finances, has received a most practical gift.

An unknown donor

dropped off a case of toilet paper at City Hall on Sunday. The gesture was in response to a recent comment made by York Councilman Wm. Lee Smallwood, who wondered how the cash-strapped city would close a \$25 million deficit in the police and fire pensions.

"We can't even afford toilet paper," Smallwood said.

Mayor John Brenner said the toilet paper was left at City Hall with a note from "a friend."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Office of Human Resources will offer free blood pressure and body fat screenings to Notre Dame faculty and staff today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second floor of the security building.

The much-talked about Michael Moore documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" will be shown Friday at 7 and 10 p.m. in the Browning Cinema at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The No. 2 ranked Irish women's soccer team takes on Stanford University Friday from 5 to 9:30 p.m. in the Adidas Classic.







A panel discussion on "Economic, Operational and Ethical Implications of Outsourcing/Offshoring" will take place today from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium. The panel is part of the O'Hara Lecture Series in Business Ethics.

An open house for the European Studies program will be held Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. in 211 Bronson Hall.

Today is the last day for all class changes.

Krispy Kreme Donuts will be sold from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Friday on DeBartolo Quad for 50 cents each. All proceeds will go to benefit Irish Fighting for St. Jude Kids.

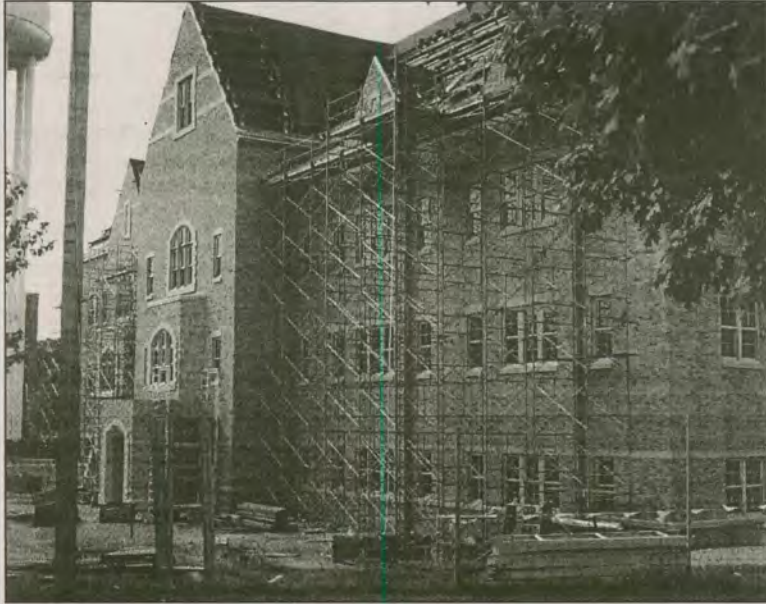
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Security, post office anticipate move

By ELIZABETH CHEFFERS
News Writer



MICHELLE OTTO/The Observer

The University security and post offices prepare to relocate to a new facility on Holy Cross Drive.

the Notre Dame postmistress.

The post office's current location, although sufficient to handle mail distribution, is also difficult to access with a vehicle and has only 10 parking spaces that it shares with McKenna Hall, half of which provide handicap-only parking.

The new office will solve both of these problems by opening Saint Joseph's Road to Douglas Road as an access route and adding 13 "customers only" parking spaces.

While both officers and postal workers said they are thankful for the space they will gain in the move, expansion of both facilities was not the primary reason the University decided to give priority to the construction, Bystrom said.

The University plans to build new buildings where the security building and the post office are now located.

"It was definitely the University's decision to move," Bystrom said.

Rakow mentioned University plans to build a hotel where the security building now sits. The new hotel would eventually replace The Morris Inn.

Bystrom said the new building is expected to be finished by Dec. 20 and will be fully operational by the beginning of the 2005 spring semester.

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Fair Trade coffee to be an option at ND

Student government announces support of farmer friendly coffee addition to dining hall

By PAUL SPADAFORA
News Writer

Coffee grown under Fair Trade agreements will be offered this semester in addition to the regular selection of coffee at North and South Dining Halls.

According to a Student Government press release announcing the decision, the organization approved a letter to University President Father Edward Malloy "supporting the dining hall's addition of Fair Trade Coffee."

The Fair Trade agreement was established to provide relief to coffee growers from stringent economic pressures.

The Fair Trade agreement certifies that coffee farmers will be paid a fair price for each pound of coffee they sell and will also provide credit to farmers and technical

assistance in implementing new farming techniques and tools.

Dave Baron, student government's chief executive assistant, said the Fair Trade movement helps to develop many of the opportunities that farmers in our country enjoy.

For these reasons, Fair Trade coffee may cost consumers more than a regular cup, but Marc Poklinski, general manager for South Dining Hall said the financial benefits to the farmers are clear. Under the Fair Trade agreement, farmers are assured a minimum of \$1.26 per pound of coffee that they sell.

Most coffee farmers, Poklinski said, "will grow their product for, say, 76 cents and the market price will be 80 cents. Fair Trade pays [farmers] a decent living to grow their coffee."

Huddle manager Jim LaBella said the LaFortune convenience store has been using both regular and Fair Trade coffee for the last three years.

"The Fair Trade coffee blend that we've had for the past few years has been our French blend, and it's an extremely high quality coffee," he said.

In its press release, Student Government urged all students to promote Fair Trade coffee.

"The continued expansion of Fair Trade coffee is now in the hands of the students," the release stated. "It is up to the students to decide through their coffee choice, whether or not the dining halls and cafés across campus make Fair Trade coffee their sole supplier."

In addition to the dining halls, Fair Trade coffee is now offered in Waddick's in O'Shaughnessy Hall, the Café Commons in the Mendoza College of Business and Starbucks in LaFortune. Fair Trade will soon be the sole supplier of coffee at the Huddle Mart.

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Election

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been able to participate in the political process in an exceptional way. Senior Danny O'Driscoll has been working in New York for the convention this summer, and will remain there for the duration of the week.

"There has been a lot of excitement," he said. "It's going to be a great jumping off point for the fall campaign."

Like many politically-active students, O'Driscoll will continue campaigning locally when he returns to South Bend. He has worked for Indiana Rep. Chris Chocola for the past three years.

While Notre Dame Republicans and Democrats plan to support their candidates in the national election, they will devote special focus to the local Indiana elections.

In the governor's race, Republicans will support Mitch Daniels while Democrats back current governor Joe Kernan. Democratic candidate Joe Donnelly challenges Republican incumbent Chocola in the race for Indiana's Second Congressional district.

Both the College Democrats and Republicans clubs boast large memberships, and the groups are hesitant to speculate on where the dividing political line of the student body lies.

"I think all degrees of the spectrum of political thought are reflected at Notre Dame," said Professor William Schmuhl, faculty liaison to the College Republicans. "I'm really not sure that there are any studies done to indicate if the students are more conservative than liberal."

College Republican club officials fall short of saying that Notre Dame leans conservative, but say that they receive a better reception than their Republican counterparts on

other campuses. Klingler says such reception "refutes the claim that if you are in college, you have to be a liberal."

Notre Dame College Democrat Co-President Colin Taylor says that the number of independent students at Notre Dame will factor in heavily into this election. Taylor said the College Democrats gained a record attendance at last week's meeting, and believes the trend will continue.

"This election is invigorating everybody, especially the Democratic base," Taylor said.

Both College Republicans and Democrats agree this year's election has caught the attention of students in an unprecedented way.

"This semester I am seeing many people come out of the woodwork and start taking a political stance," said Notre Dame College Democrats Co-President Nicola Bunick.

To encourage political participation, the two clubs have planned two debates for Sept. 8 and Oct. 6.

In addition, they intend to invite the editors of the liberal "Nation" and the conservative "National Review" publications to debate on campus, an event currently scheduled for late September.

"Notre Dame is full of civilly minded students who will especially pay attention when the election is at hand," said Taylor, adding that auditorium viewings of the presidential debates are also planned.

Students active in both political parties on campus will focus on voter registration this fall, particularly through the Rock the Vote effort.

"So many college students and young people in general don't register or don't vote," O'Driscoll said. "I think that those who have interest should try to raise interest level in others."

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smaller setting."

Acting as a teaching assistant gives graduate students the chance to become more comfortable interacting with students, leading discussions and becoming aware of the needs of students, philosophy TA Jennifer Jensen said.

Fellow teaching assistant Angela Smith agreed. "Since you are working so closely with the students you are able to see very clearly what works and what doesn't work, and what would work for you as a teacher," Smith said.

According to Pratt, this preparation is important for molding the teachers and professors of the future.

Despite the benefits presented to students, professors and TAs, there are still those who are skeptical about the use of teaching assistants.

"[Teaching assistants] can help you prepare for tests, and they can help you in specific things," senior Claire Hagan said, "but professors are definitely better prepped."

Regardless of any criticism, it appears as though the use of TAs will persist.

"We really appreciate the teaching assistants and the

job that the students do," Gaglio said. "I think it would be very difficult to teach the amount of classes we do without the great support of the students."

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Sisters

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munity's general secretary position, and formerly served as an area coordinator for the Holy Cross sisters in the southern United States and Mexico. Gomes, who was novice director for the Sisters in Deepaneeta, Dkaka, Bangladesh, will serve as first counselor.

O'Grady said that the congregation desires to become "a witness to unity in a world that we experience divided by extremes and domination." They will go about accomplishing this objective, she said, by

"making good decisions through the lens of the Gospel" so that the "voices of people in situations that aren't heard" can "discover and use their own power."

O'Grady, who has been a part of the Holy Cross congregation since 1970, has focused her work on individual, family and marital counseling for almost 30 years. A Saint Mary's graduate who went on to pursue a master's degree in social work at the University of Michigan, she now serves as a therapist in private practice in South Bend.

She is "humbled and excited to serve the Sisters in this capacity for the next five years," she said, and hopes to continue the work of the previ-

ous administration. The persistent mission of the community, she said is to "promote non-violent systematic change through pray, words and action."

The congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross is the founding sponsor of Saint Mary's and originated in the 19th century in Le Mans, France. Today, the congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross is an international community with members in eight countries and on four continents. The community focuses on ministries of community building, addressing the causes and concerns of poverty, and

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

12 hostages slayed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A gruesome video posted on a Web site purported to show militants beheading a Nepalese worker and shooting 11 others in the first mass slaying of foreign hostages during the Iraqi insurgency.

If confirmed, it would raise the number of foreign workers known to have been slain by extremists to at least 22 in a terror campaign aimed at forcing foreign troops and contract workers out of the country.

Interim Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi promised retribution. "The only solution with this unjust group is to make them face justice," he angrily told the Arab-language Al-Arabiya television station.

In another hostage crisis, French officials held talks in Paris and around the Arab world in hopes of saving the lives of two journalists held by other insurgents in Iraq. The kidnappers set a Wednesday deadline for France to rescind its ban on Muslim head scarves in French schools, a demand France has said it won't meet.

16 killed in Palestinian bombing

BEERSHEBA, Israel — Palestinian suicide bombers blew up two buses in this Israeli desert city Tuesday, killing 16 passengers and wounding more than 80 in an attack that ended a six-month lull in violence.

The buses exploded into flames just seconds apart and about 100 yards away from each other in the center of Beersheba the deadliest suicide strike in nearly a year.

Israel had attributed the lull to its separation barrier, arrest sweeps and widespread network of informers.

NATIONAL NEWS

England military trial adjourns

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Prosecutors ended a military court hearing Tuesday for a soldier shown in infamous photos of naked Iraqi prisoners by requesting an additional charge of "maltreatment and cruelty" against Pfc. Lynndie England.

The hearing to determine whether England should face a full court-martial adjourned without testimony from any of the high-level witnesses sought by the defense, including Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

Investigating officer Col. Denise Arn said she would recommend within a week whether England should face a court-martial.

Terrorist may get new trial

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has asked a judge to throw out the convictions of a suspected terror cell in Detroit because of prosecutorial misconduct, reversing course in a case the Bush administration once hailed as a major victory in the war on terrorism, legal sources said Tuesday.

The department told U.S. District Judge Gerald Rosen that it supports the Detroit defendants' request for a new trial and would no longer pursue charges of material support of terrorism. That means the defendants at most would only face fraud charges at a new trial, the legal sources said.

LOCAL NEWS

Two teens commit suicide

KNOX, Ind. — Investigators on Tuesday were trying to figure out why two 13-year-old girls who were killed by a train deliberately walked onto the railroad tracks in the middle of the night.

The train's engineer told police he saw the girls walk onto the tracks about 30 miles south of South Bend at about 3 a.m. Saturday but could not stop in time, Starke County Sheriff Bob Sims said.

SUDAN

US called upon to act in Darfur

Former ambassador Richard Holbrooke expresses need for aid in Africa

Associated Press

AL-FASHER — The former U.S. ambassador to the United Nations visited a displaced persons camp in the troubled Darfur region on Tuesday and sharply criticized Sudan, the United Nations, the U.S. administration and the international community for doing too little to stem the humanitarian crisis there.

Richard Holbrooke, traveling with U.S. Sen. Jon Corzine, a New Jersey Democrat, visited the Krinding camp near El Geneina, the capital of West Darfur state.

"What we have seen is very moving, very disturbing, and there is an enormous amount that needs to be done still in the humanitarian area and beyond that," Holbrooke told reporters after the visit.

"I do not think that anyone involved, the Sudanese government, the United Nations, the international community, my own country, is yet doing enough," he said. "Everyone needs to do more. The core of this is a political problem and the humanitarian crisis will go on as long as the political issue is not resolved."

The United Nations views Darfur as the world's worst humanitarian crisis.

The Sudanese government is under intense international pressure to restore calm across the swath of western Sudan where an 18-month insurgency has killed more than 30,000 people and driven more than 1 million from their homes.

A 30-day deadline set by the United Nations for the Sudanese government to rein in Arab militiamen accused of the violence against black African farmers, or face penalties, expired Monday.

The United Nations is now considering whether to impose sanctions on Sudan. The U.N. special envoy to Sudan, Jan Pronk,



In northern Darfur, a young girl peeks out of a hut that serves as her temporary home since her family was displaced during the ongoing conflict in the western region of Sudan.

was to brief the Security Council on the Darfur situation Thursday.

After touring the Krinding camp, Corzine and Holbrooke met African Union cease-fire commission officials in Al-Fasher, the capital of North Darfur state.

Corzine told The Associated Press after the meeting there is still much work to be done.

"Maybe 30 days was an unrealistic timetable," he said of the U.N. deadline. "I think the security and political situation is almost untouched at this point."

The visit by the U.S. dignitaries coincided with the third day of a fruitless search-and-rescue operation for eight missing

Sudanese aid workers.

A U.N. security team searched on the ground and by helicopter Tuesday but turned up no trace of the workers — three from the U.N. World Food Program and five from the Sudanese Red Crescent.

The international aid agencies said they lost radio contact Saturday with the workers, who were registering displaced villagers in rebel territory.

Sudanese officials charged that the aid workers had been kidnapped by rebels waging the insurgency against the government. The region south of al-Fasher where the workers went missing has in the past two years seen fierce fighting between govern-

ment forces and the Sudan Liberation Army.

However, Minni Minnawi, secretary-general of the rebel Sudan Liberation Army, denied his group was holding the aid workers. The Sudan Liberation Army is one of two African rebel factions that took up arms in February 2003 claiming discrimination by the Arab-dominated government in the capital Khartoum.

"We ourselves suspect the government, and the Janjaweed. The area in which they were kidnapped is not in our control. It is in the control of the government and there are many Janjaweed in that area," Minnawi told The Associated Press.

Female suicide bomber kills 10

Associated Press

MOSCOW — A woman strapped with explosives blew herself up outside a busy Moscow subway station Tuesday night, killing at least 10 people and wounding more than 50 in the second terrorist attack to hit Russia in a week, officials said.

Seven days earlier, almost to the hour, two Russian jetliners crashed within minutes of each other in what officials determined were terrorist bombings. All 90 people aboard were killed, and the investigation has focused on two Chechen women believed to have been passengers.

A militant Muslim web site pub-

lished a statement late Tuesday claiming responsibility for the subway bombing on behalf of the "Islambouli Brigades," a group that also claimed it caused the jetliner crashes with suicide teams in retribution for Russia's war with Islamic rebels in Chechnya. The veracity of neither claim could be confirmed.

The statement said Tuesday's bombing was a blow to Russian President Vladimir Putin "who slaughtered Muslims time and again." Putin has firmly refused to negotiate with the rebels in predominantly Muslim Chechnya, saying they must be wiped out.

Several female suicide bombers

allegedly connected with the rebels have caused carnage in Moscow and other Russian cities in a series of attacks in recent years.

Mayor Yuri Luzhkov told reporters near the Rizhskaya subway stop in northern Moscow that the bomber was walking toward the station shortly after 8 p.m. but turned around when she saw two police officers.

She "decided to destroy herself in a crowd of people" in a busy area between the subway station and a nearby department store-supermarket complex, Luzhkov said, adding that the bomb was packed with bolts and pieces of metal.

Parking

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remain the same year to year.

"I don't think we're writing any more than we have in other years," Johnson said. "Sometimes a reminder from our office in the form of a ticket is necessary."

Suzanne Stryker, an off-campus resident who drives to campus for class, echoed Johnson's point.

"Especially during the winter when the snow hasn't been cleared in the lot, I think parking tickets are necessary," she said.

Still, many people dismiss parking tickets as being minor problems, even the \$50 fine.

"To me, it's not a big deal because they just go on your student account," Lemmon said.

Many drivers have discovered that NDSP gives out warnings, not tickets, to first-time offenders, meaning that the assigned amount on the ticket becomes void.

Kelly Hardy, a sophomore in Welsh Family Hall, received a warning last year for not hav-

ing a decal on her car.

"I know you get one warning per academic school year and that is understandable because obviously there have to be rules that need to be followed," she said. "But I got a warning during move-in this year. I forgot to move my car overnight. They were going to tow it in the morning, and I thought that was a little overboard."

All tickets can, however, be appealed to a board of neutral members.

"There are no NDSP people on the appeal review board," Johnson said. "It is made up of faculty, staff and students."

Students receive written notification once their ticket is reviewed by the board, and if dissatisfied with the citation, may re-appeal their case. The second finding, however, is final.

Johnson said that if students pay their fine within 10 days and move their car to a legal spot, NDSP offers a 20 percent discount on the fine.

NDSP traffic rules, which differ from parking rules, are set by the law enforcement program "Click It or Ticket." Funded by federal highway

safety grants, the program was initiated in an effort to enforce seat belt and car seat laws for adults and children. Supported by Notre Dame, the program's mission is clear — either buckle the seatbelt or get a ticket.

There has been a national reduction in the number of deaths by car accidents following the institution of the program, which also has paid television, radio, billboard and print advertisements. Deemed successful, "Click It or Ticket" has been initiated all over the country, including in Indiana's neighboring states of Michigan, Illinois and Ohio.

To promote compliance with state jurisdiction, all traffic tickets issued at Notre Dame follow "Click It or Ticket" regulations.

Notre Dame students traveling off-campus should be aware of the strict enforcement of the program in the South Bend area.

"Local departments have geared up their patrols for school zones in particular," Johnson said.

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SMC initiates school recycling campaign

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Saint Mary's began a campus-wide recycling program Aug. 18 in an effort to become more environmentally conscious.

Before the College officially took over recycling efforts this month, the Student Environmental Action Coalition ran the Saint Mary's recycling campaign. SEAC members were responsible for collecting and driving the recyclables to the closest collection center in their own cars.

"The [Student Environmental Action Coalition] had done it for a long time, and it was time for the College to step up and be more conscience about recycling so that the club could do other things," purchasing director Dan Deeter said.

Approximately 45 light-

green recycling bins are located in nearly every building on campus near other trash receptacle and vending areas. According to Deeter, the College signed a contract with a company to pick up the recyclable goods every Wednesday.

"Plans for the College to take over the recycling effort started last fall," Deeter said.

Students will be able to recycle their aluminum and metal cans, paper products, glass and plastic bottles, jugs and containers.

Along with the general recycling bins are "Paper Only" bins, and students are urged not to place anything other than paper products into these bins, Deeter said. All plastic containers and bottles must be rinsed clean of residue and food morsels before being placed into the recycle bin, he said.

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IN BRIEF

Stocks rise despite low confidence

NEW YORK — A late-session buying spurt gave stocks a moderate lift Tuesday as investors managed to overcome their disappointment over troubling readings on consumer confidence and manufacturing. But with volume extremely light, analysts said it was difficult to place any real significance on the upturn.

The plunge in the Conference Board's consumer confidence index, which fell to 98.2 in August from 105.7 in July, kept stocks lower for much of the day and raised concerns on Wall Street that a lack of new jobs could extend the summer's economic slowdown through the third quarter, or perhaps longer. Data on Midwest manufacturing activity also showed a sharp decline for the month.

With oil prices extending their losses, buyers did move back into the market at the end of the session. Still, the turnaround was likely exaggerated because of the light turnover; many investors have stayed out of the market entirely during the Republican National Convention.

New iMac released by Apple

PARIS — The latest computer in the iMac family literally puts Apple's trademark minimalism on a pedestal. The processor and drives are built into a sleek flat-panel display.

"A lot of people are going to be asking, 'Where did the computer go?'" said Apple Computer Inc. senior vice president Phil Schiller as he introduced the new iMac on Tuesday, the opening day of the Apple Expo in Paris.

The announcement ended days of fevered speculation about the launch, postponed from earlier this year because of inadequate supplies of the G5 processors made by IBM Corp.

Available in 17-inch and 20-inch versions beginning in mid-September, the new iMac looks like a 2-inch-thick monitor.

Inside, however, is a large hard drive, 256 megabytes of memory and an ultra-fast processor of the kind reserved until now for Apple's professional Power Mac desktops. CDs or DVDs disappear into the side of the white panel, as they are fed into a drive behind the screen.

BELGIUM

Sanctions against U.S. allowed

WTO authorizes fines for failure to comply with anti-dumping laws

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The World Trade Organization authorized the European Union and seven other leading U.S. trading partners Tuesday to impose more than \$150 million worth of sanctions against the United States for failing to repeal anti-dumping rules deemed illegal by the WTO.

The ruling by the Geneva-based organization allows the complainants to fine the United States up to 72 percent of money collected from foreign exporters under the so-called Byrd Amendment.

That legislation, dating from 2000, empowers Washington to hand over to U.S. companies the duties imposed on foreign firms judged to be unfairly dumping cheap goods on the U.S. market. A statement from the eight complainants estimated that money totaled about \$240 million last year.

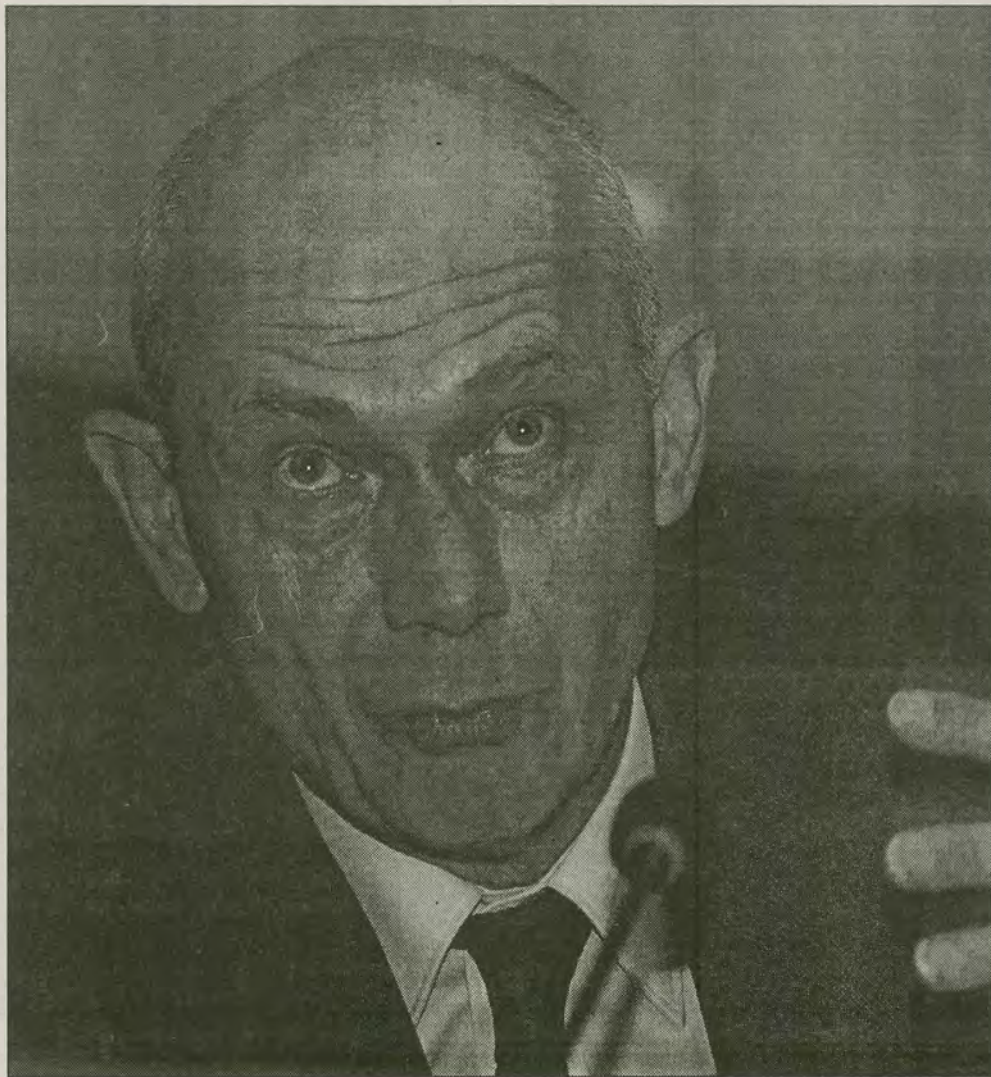
"It is clear that the Byrd Amendment is a WTO-incompatible response to dumping ... and must therefore go," said EU Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy.

However, the EU and the other complainants Japan, Brazil, Canada, Chile, India, South Korea and Mexico indicated they would hold off from imposing sanctions. Instead they are likely to use the threat of retaliation to press the U.S. Congress for an early repeal of the legislation.

A joint-statement from all eight said they could "exercise their retaliatory rights, at any time deemed appropriate."

EU and Japanese officials said they hoped quick action by Washington would avoid sanctions.

"Japan strongly hopes



European Union Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy speaks at a meeting of the European Union Committee on International Trade on Tuesday, the same day the WTO authorized sanctions.

the United States will repeal the Byrd Amendment at an early date, so that we can avoid invoking our right to take countermeasures," Japan's economy, trade and industry minister, Shoichi Nakagawa, said in Tokyo.

Nakagawa was quoted by Japan's Kyodo News service as saying that if the United States refuses to repeal the Byrd Amendment, Japan will ask the WTO to approve, "possibly this fall," specific retaliatory measures.

U.S. officials pointed out that the WTO's ruling did not fully meet the requests of the complainants who

had sought the right to increase import tariffs on selected U.S. goods by the total amount collected in fines against their exporters in the previous year.

"The arbitrators' determinations fell far short of the amount requested by the complaining parties," U.S. trade spokesman Christopher Padilla said in a statement.

He said the Bush administration would work with Congress to comply with the WTO "in a way that supports American jobs and American workers."

Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry said

the Bush administration hadn't pushed the WTO hard enough so that it would accept the Byrd Amendment.

"Once again the Bush administration failed to stand up for American companies and workers at the WTO, and as a result, unfair trade practices are hurting our economy and middle-class families," Kerry said in a statement.

Named for its sponsor, West Virginia Senator Robert Byrd, the three-year-old amendment primarily benefited American steel manufacturers. Other recipients include makers of pasta and candles.

Report finds Hollinger CEO guilty

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Conrad Black, the former CEO of Hollinger International Inc., conspired with associates to systematically loot the newspaper publishing company of more than \$400 million nearly all of its profits from 1997 through 2003, an internal investigation found.

The report, which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Tuesday, was prepared by a special committee of Hollinger's board which was formed last year to examine concerns from shareholders about payments made to Black and others.

Black has since been forced out as CEO and chairman of Hollinger International, the parent company of

the Chicago Sun-Times and The Jerusalem Post, following initial findings from the committee that he and others improperly received millions in fees and payments that should have gone to the company. He remains the company's controlling shareholder.

The committee's 500-page report makes even more sweeping allegations of wrongdoing, accusing Black and a senior associate, former chief operating officer David Radler, of milking the company to satisfy their "ravenous appetite for cash."

In an introduction to their report, the three-member committee wrote: "This story is about how Hollinger was systematically manipulated and used by its controlling shareholders for their sole benefit, and in a manner that violated every concept of

fiduciary duty."

The report was the latest blow to Black, a flamboyant media tycoon who has been steadily losing his grip on his newspaper empire over the past year. Born in Canada, he renounced his citizenship to accept the title of Lord Black of Crossharbour in the United Kingdom, where he moved in high-level social circles. He also published a widely praised 1,280-page biography of Franklin Delano Roosevelt last fall.

The committee found that Black had Hollinger pay for at least \$8.9 million worth of FDR memorabilia while he was working on the book, as well as a number of perquisites for himself, his wife, and other associates that were often not properly disclosed.

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The sum of ourselves

If you're new on campus — even if you're not — you are probably familiar with something the advertisements call the Notre Dame Experience. I've never seen it outside of the brochures (that should tip you off), but it seems to consist of football games, praying at the Grotto, scintillating lunch discussions with professors — which neither I nor anyone else I know of have ever had — and doing your best to look like you stepped right out of an Abercrombie catalog. Also, if you're honest, for consolation on the long nights there is beer.

Now a new band of neophyte students wanders among us, more than anything else desiring to taste experiences, and only too eager to drink in those at Notre Dame. That is, after all, probably why our new friends came here; they are paying a lot of money for the Experience, and they want every bead and sequin. Oh, and they would like to be the next models in those Abercrombie flyers too, please.

Sometimes we try to give them good advice on living the Notre Dame life and capturing the Experience, and it is the same advice that we were told long ago. Notre Dame is family. Notre Dame is values. Notre Dame is laudable. We come to believe that Notre Dame is sisterhood, brotherhood, academics, achievement, spirituality, hope, love and goodness. Notre Dame is football. Notre Dame is wealth, achievement, success and happiness. So we come to understand the Experience, and we gain peace in having lived it.

There is one minor problem with all

of this. It is completely and utterly wrong.

The Notre Dame Experience is not the same as Notre Dame. If you can leave here after four years and give it one, or any of these labels, you've never been to Notre Dame. Notre Dame is family, values and all those virtues I named a moment ago — everyone can see that. But Notre Dame is also well leavened with its share of bigotry, pride, greed and vain foolishness. If you live only in the light of the Notre Dame Experience, you will never see enough of the true heart of the University to believe this, and you will never love it enough to change it. You might as well not love it at all. But these realizations, important though they may be, are still only halfway to my point.

You see, Notre Dame is not an experience at all. Notre Dame cannot even be defined, let alone experienced, any more than you and I can really be defined or experienced. For Notre Dame is you, and it is I, and it is all the things that we do every day, both good and evil. There is hope and sorrow, friendship and enmity, equal parts of lust and holiness, much petty greed and much compassion. If Notre Dame has vice — and do not for any moment doubt that it does — then it is because we have vice. If Notre Dame has virtue, it is our virtue. Notre Dame is tragic, just as you and I are tragic. It is exactly as broken as we are. It is exactly as divine.

If you only look to the Experience, you end up experiencing nothing. The character of Notre Dame does not fit in a brochure, or even into one of Monk's stock homilies. There is good

here, and the good is far better than anything you will find in the Experience. But it is human good, good that is messy, lived and earned, miserably misunderstood and even suffered (you won't find that in the advertisements). But if you avoid the pain, as the Experience urges, you avoid the human lessons and divine truth of Notre Dame, and you graduate from an illusion.

The Experience glosses over the harder parts of Notre Dame. In the real Notre Dame, we all must take responsibility for what we all have become and what we all are becoming. In the real Notre Dame we hurt and give hurt. In the real Notre Dame, though there are times when the Grotto is all of your soul and half your heart, and there are times when and you can't find peace for all the candles. The real Notre Dame is harder to bear, yes, but all the more precious because of it, for, properly tended, it becomes a living truth. And left untended, it will die.

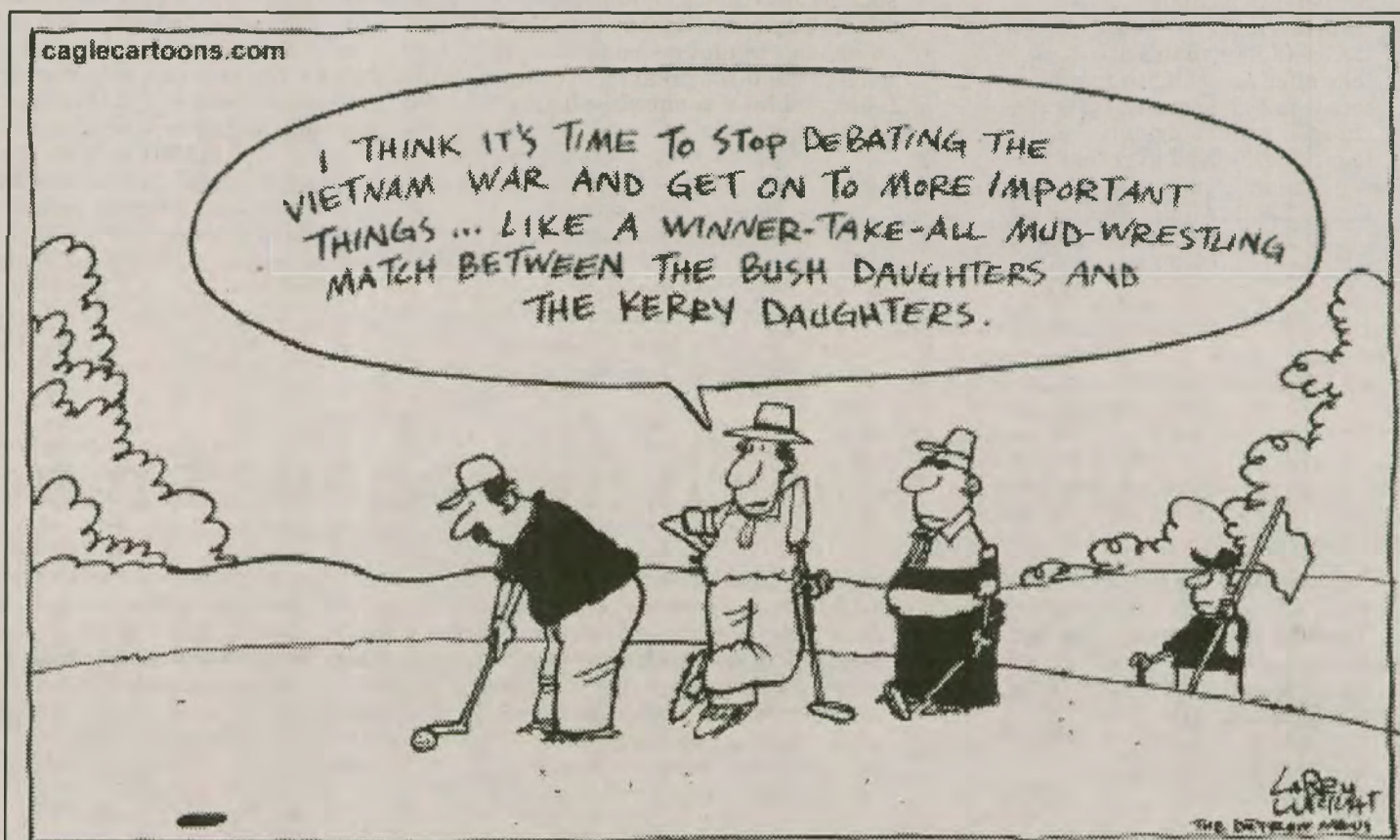
I'd like to think that all alumni come to this realization eventually, if only deep within. I tell it to you now for only one purpose, that you open your eyes to everything around you and within you, and that you scrutinize Notre Dame as you scrutinize yourself.

That's the first step.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



OBSERVER POLL

Should Tariq Ramadan be allowed to teach at Notre Dame?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The essence of morality is a questioning about morality."

Georges Bataille
French novelist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Community debates Tariq Ramadan's character

Facilitate ecumenical process; contest Ramadan's exclusion

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's de facto veto of Notre Dame's appointment of the Islamic scholar Tariq Ramadan to a chair in the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies is offensive, not least as a denial of academic freedom. This revocation of Ramadan's work visa (initially approved last May by both the Departments of State and of Homeland Security) bears the imprint of a maneuver by those influential supporters of Israel's right-wing government now ensconced in the Pentagon. These pro-Sharon, neo-con Likudniks have been at the center of the Bush administration's foreign policy.

A close scrutiny of Ramadan's work reveals an erudite, provocative scholar, one committed to the further evolution of Islam's understanding of its revelation and religious practice. Moreover, he is concerned to facilitate the discussions that must ensue if Judaism, Christianity and Islam are to build mutual respect en route to developing some common ground — perhaps even an irenic witness to basic justice for our disastrously polarizing world.

At this particular moment in history, Notre Dame has no more important task than to facilitate an ecumenical process, an initiative of the sort called for in the documents of Vatican II, but not vigorously pursued in its aftermath. The exclusion of Ramadan from our community must be contested as it thwarts the University's independence in reaching out to leading scholars in Islam, as it has already reached out to Jewish intellectuals.

Furthermore, we must examine the tactics of Ramadan's accusers. While they offer no evidence that he is a threat to U.S. security, he is readily charged with being anti-Semitic — a tactic widely used in recent years by pro-Sharon elements in the American Israeli Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and those in the Pentagon who would intimidate and silence crit-

ics of the current government of Israel. This tactic is also used by other neo-con Likudniks, for example, Daniel Pipes, founder of Campus Watch, which encourages students to report professors who contest Israel's policies. In short, criticism of Israel is now being equated with anti-Semitism. (Ramadan's offense, inter alia, was to have scolded French Jewish intellectuals for their silence on Israel's murderous tactics in the Occupied Territories.) What is more, it is not only Muslim leaders and other non-Jewish opponents of Israel's continued control and settlement of the Territories who are targeted in this manner. Jews in the peace movements who protest Sharon's policies also find themselves smeared as anti-Semitic, "self-hating Jews."

An essential part of Notre Dame's mission at the beginning of the 21st century is to stand firm against such hateful attacks and persist in opening up a courageous ecumenical dialogue, one that respects the revelations of the three great monotheistic faiths and their common yearning for social justice.

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Aug. 30

Examine the skeletons in Ramadan's closet before defending him

I sincerely hope that Jean Porter is not suggesting in his Aug. 27 letter that just because Tariq Ramadan is a so-called "brilliant scholar" he should be given a free pass into this country. Adolf Hitler was a brilliant orator, but Notre Dame did not invite him to teach rhetoric. The U.S. government has every right to be suspicious of Ramadan. And for those of you who think that the U.S.

Department of Homeland Security is on a witch hunt, perhaps you will believe our supposed intellectually superior and more sophisticated friends across the Atlantic — the French. It was reported in a French newspaper in 2003 that Ramadan was under investigation by European intelligence services. (And the French are always right.)

According to Roland Jacquard, President of the International Observatory of Terrorism, Ramadan — although not directly involved in terrorist activities — is linked to shady individuals and networks. The French daily newspaper, *Le Monde*, reported that he is suspected of having links with al-Qaeda. In fact, Ramadan is said to have organized a meeting back in 1991 between Ayman al-Zawahiri, al-Qaeda's number two, and Omar Abdel Rahman, plotter of the first World Trade Center bombing. Ramadan is also considered by many

European intelligence services to be one of the clandestine leaders of the Muslim Brotherhood (an organization that supports the Palestinian kamikazes of Hamas). Ramadan supposedly greatly influenced Djamel Beghal, a French citizen arrested for plotting to bomb the U.S. Embassy in Paris, and Ahmed Ibrahim, an al-Qaeda member arrested in Spain. The Islamic Center of Geneva, headed by Ramadan's brother, is linked to al-Taqwa Bank which is one of the financial institutions that was used by al-Qaeda. The Bank's assets were frozen after Sept. 11.

Ramadan is held up as a moderate Muslim. But if he tells his followers that the way to impose the Islamic faith is not by throwing bombs, but rather by simmering down, and accomplishes the same end as the bomb-throwers through other, less violent means — does that make him a "moderate?" Ramadan calls for an Islamic Europe. He sees the West in decline, writing, "And into the spiritual void left by Judaism and Christianity, Islam can enter and overcome, no longer enduring modernity, but islamizing it." Wow, I guess we should all get our prayer rugs out now.

Has anyone given any thought as to why he moved from Switzerland to France? He tried unsuccessfully to convert Swiss youth, but has achieved much more success in France among its large Muslim population. Is that why he wants to come to the United States? The question needs to be asked. After all, the United States has a growing population of Muslims, and we could soon be experiencing the same problems as France.

Let's hear it for Homeland Security for doing its job. Whether the accusations leveled against Ramadan are true or not has yet to be determined, but America cannot take that chance.

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Aug. 30



U-WIRE

Bush speech must have broad appeal

In the midst of a tight race, President Bush will make his case to the nation on Thursday night, a mere nine days before the Sept. 11 anniversary. Four years ago, on a different stage (Philadelphia) and in a different time (pre-Sept. 11), then-Texas Governor Bush accepted the Republican nomination.

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Bush's speech, laden with tough criticism of Democratic centrism and promises to unite the country, persuaded many that he had the capability to govern as an effective leader, even if some questioned his policies. The president, for his own political sake, must at least replicate that showing at his Madison Square Garden gala, if not reach the levels of his Sept. 20, 2001 address that followed Sept. 11.

Bush did not give an effective State of the Union address in 2004, he did not perform particularly well during Tim Russert's grilling on "Meet the Press," and he has not captured the imagination of anyone, save his hardcore political base, in quite some time. That might well

change on Thursday, when, for all practical intents and purposes, Bush must destroy the candidacy of John Kerry and establish an insurmountable lead.

Kerry, all criticism to the contrary, has run a methodical if not brilliant campaign, as recent polls suggest his support growing in key swing states such as Pennsylvania, Florida and Ohio.

More importantly, no polling consensus has yet established that a Gore state is trending toward the Bush column, which would leave Kerry with at least 260 electoral votes — 10 from victory. Many liberals and Democrats have argued that the 2004 election most closely resembles 1980, a year when the race remained close until the last week, when a decisive majority of independents and undecideds broke for Reagan.

Despite my aforementioned disposition, I believe Bush has a much stronger chance at preventing Kerry from sweeping the late board. In doing this, Bush admittedly has a difficult task: He must persuade many of the same people who broke late for President Clinton in 1992 — and likely had voted for George H.W. Bush

four years previous — to give him their support. Bush needs to persuade Gore voters, or the nominal Democrats that pushed the veep over the top in the national ballot, to join his camp. Even though many of these voters are not in sync with the president on court appointees, the environment or taxes, Bush might have garnered their vote with positive developments in education, coupled with Medicare reform.

Unfortunately for the president, neither of these initiatives has turned out rosy. Many voters believe that Bush has underfunded his much-ballyhooed "No Child Left Behind Act" and are confused by the Medicare reform.

Also, with ominous signs of stagflation approaching, the economy does not appear likely to win the president many votes. Foreign policy — specifically a detailed plan about how long and why Americans are to remain in Iraq, and how his counterterrorism plan supersedes Kerry's — represents Bush's best opportunity to win new voters.

The glow that surrounded the president post-Sept. 11 has faded away, but many

Americans remember his words of reassurance leading up to the Afghanistan invasion and that they supported Saddam Hussein's removal from power.

But they want to know why Osama bin Laden has not been brought to justice, why al-Qaeda's presence in Iraq has intensely magnified since March 2003, and how the president, if re-elected, can bridge the deep chasm between the United States and almost all the rest of the world. If Bush fails to unfurl a new idea or articulate a coherent message to these concerned Americans, his Nov. 2 support is likely to crest at 45 percent. But more than anything else, Bush must convince the aforementioned American electoral bloc, who are more and more inclined to believe that his "Steady Leadership in Times of Change" is the wrong leadership for the United States.

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Tips for Tailgating

COLUMN BY MAUREEN MALLOY

Football may be the main attraction on Saturdays in South Bend, but no gridiron spectator is complete without a drink in one hand and a brat in the other. Tailgating is the perfect way to stretch a four-hour game into an all-day event. How else are Irish fans supposed to bear the frigid Indiana mornings without some warm food and good drinks to numb the cold? Although this girl is going to Dublin and won't be near Notre Dame's parking lot in the fall, I will be tailgating in spirit and still have some good tips and recipes to share.

Serve mostly finger foods that can be prepared ahead of time (except for the grilling) and eaten while standing up. If you want something a little classier than the usual burgers and hot dogs but don't want anything too fussy, try a menu with hand-held delectable such as bacon-wrapped scallops, shish kabobs or tomato, mozzarella and basil skewers.

Try to find a parking spot by the grass or at the end of the parking row so you have more room.

Hang a bright flag from your car so family and friends can find you.

Be ready to serve the food at least an hour and a half before kick off.

BBQ Chicken Quesadilla

4 chicken thighs, boned (about 1 pound), skin removed

3 cups Mesa BBQ sauce or store bought, divided

Salt and freshly ground pepper

24 (6-inch) flour tortillas

2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese

2 cups shredded white cheddar cheese

1 large red onion, thinly sliced

1/4 cup olive oil

2 tablespoons ancho chile powder

Place in a medium baking dish. Pour 2 cups of the barbecue sauce over chicken and let marinate for 2 hours in the refrigerator. Remove from marinade, season with salt and pepper to taste and grill for 7 to 8 minutes on both sides or until tender and cooked through. Transfer chicken to a plate and let cool. Preheat oven to 450 degrees. When chicken is cool enough to handle, slice. Toss with the reserved 1 cup of barbecue sauce. Place eight tortillas on a flat surface and sprinkle with 2 tablespoons of each of the cheeses and onion slices. Top with some chicken. Stack another tortilla on top and repeat. Top with the remaining eight tortillas. Brush the top of the tortillas with oil and sprinkle with the chili powder. Place tortillas on a lightly oiled baking sheet and bake for 5 to 7 minutes or until golden brown and cheese has melted. (wrap in foil and serve either at room temperature or warm up on the grill for a couple of minutes)

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Toffee Chip Bars

2 1/4 cups flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

1/2 teaspoon salt

2 sticks butter, softened

1 1/2 cups light brown sugar

2 eggs, lightly beaten

1 teaspoon vanilla

2 cups crushed chocolate coated toffee bars (heath bars)

1 cup chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Butter a 9-by-13-inch baking pan. In a large bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt. Using an electric mixer, beat until the butter and sugar are fluffy. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Add in flour one half at a time. Stir in crushed toffee bars by hand and spread in baking pan. Sprinkle top with chocolate chips. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes. Cool and cut into bars.

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Lucky at Legends

Lucky Boys Confusion rocked a packed crowd at Legends Saturday night

By MICHELE JEFFERS
Scene Writer

Legends hosted its first concert of the year Saturday, featuring the band Lucky Boys Confusion. Due to the band's reputation and the unbeatable ticket price (the show was free), confusion abounded at Legends when a much larger number of students came out to see the show than expected. Students grew anxious waiting for the doors to open and feared they would not be admitted into the show. When the small club reached its capacity, the staff of Legends was forced to turn away many disappointed fans.

Waiting for the show to begin, many commented that Lucky Boys Confusion should have played at a bigger venue on campus. Although it is unfortunate that more students could not get in due to the club's size, the small setting afforded a more intimate atmosphere, allowing everyone to get close to the stage and rock out.

And rock out they did.

Lucky Boys Confusion took the stage opening the set with the appropriately chosen "Saturday Night." While some only recognized the band's 2001 single "Fred Astaire," die-hard fans surged to the front, never missing a note. The set list was well balanced, showcasing songs from both their first record "Throwing the game" (2001), as well as the more recent "Commitment" (2003). Lucky Boys Confusion also played "Broken," "Hey Driver," "Bossman," "Something to Believe" and "Do you Miss Me", among others. Finally, in what very well could be an anthem to end parietals, LBC ended the show with "3 to 10/Cd's Caddy, Pt. 1". During the song they reminded the sweat-soaked audience that when some thing stands in their way of a good time, "there's always the back seat." Overall, the concert seemed a success. Everyone appeared to enjoy the show and, since it ended by 11:30 p.m., the night was still young enough for revelry, debauchery and late-night Yahtzee games.

The five members of Lucky Boys Confusion hail from Chicago, where they have cultivated a diverse following consisting of fans of all different ages, backgrounds and musical tastes. Their sharp lyrics and innovative ability to combine rock with other musical genres like hip-hop and reggae, gives LBC a unique sound, preventing LBC from being shoved aside as just another pop punk band. As is clear from their performance on Saturday, LBC's music has the power to reach audiences on multiple levels.

It doesn't matter whether someone is a "420 geek", a bro-



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Two and a half years since their Elektra debut *Throwing the Game*, Lucky Boys Confusion continues heavy touring across the country.

ken-hearted cynic or a kid that would rather "drink beer and play Atari" than face the responsibilities of adulthood, Lucky Boys Confusion can reach all those fans without compromising the intention of their music. According to their website, LBC named its new album "Commitment" to express its commitment to each other as a band, as well as its commitment to each and every one of its fans. Produced by Sublime's Michael Miguel, "Commitment" comes to term with issues such as suicide and spiritual uncertainty while continually blurring stylistic genres.

If you missed Lucky Boys Confusion this time around, dry your tear-ridden eyes and uncurl yourself from your fetal ball. Lucky Boys Confusion has announced that it will be touring this fall with the Plain White T's, The Matches and Dropping Daylight on the Suburban Curse Tour.

Legends brought a great show to campus and gave the Chicago crowd at Notre Dame an opportunity to enjoy a city favorite.

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The five laid back members of Lucky Boys Confusion socialized with fans after a show.

Hip-hop from Notre Dame

Jeffery Stephens talks about growing up in Chicago and the music he creates at Notre Dame

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

Notre Dame isn't usually seen as the home of great popular music, let alone great hip-hop.

Jeffery "Da Natural" Stephens doesn't plan to let that stop him.

Since coming to Notre Dame last year, the Keenan sophomore's reputation has steadily increased. He released "I Can Only Get Better," his first album, during finals week of last semester, and has performed at numerous campus events including the Keenan Revue and the BCAC Fashion Show. Last week Stephens performed at The Palace on U.S. 31 for a crowd of 600 people.

Stephens is working on a second CD with Poetic Productions, a label operated out of New Jersey by recent Notre Dame graduate Napoleon Suarez. The album, titled "From Here to There," is scheduled to come out in the spring of 2005.

Music has always been a hobby for Stephens. The student first started writing songs when he was eight, and developed an interest in hip-hop around seventh grade. His first recording was made on a computer microphone during his freshman year of high school.

Stephens' lyrics reflect his experiences at Notre Dame, but a lot of what the student raps about in songs like "We Came Up" and "Open Fire" obviously goes a long way back. Stephens grew up in and out of public housing on the south side of Chicago, often in neighborhoods that suffered problems with drugs and violence.

The path to Notre Dame may not be easy for any student, but for Stephens getting to where he is today required an extra effort.

The student was inspired to come to Notre Dame after being taught by a Notre Dame graduate through the ACE program at Holmes Franciscan High School, a private school in south Chicago. Stephens relied on his job, inheritance from his great-grandmother and help from administrators at the school to pay the tuition to get his high school diploma.

"In my family there's no room not to go to college now, because there's no one to lean on," Stephens said. "I have to work hard, there's no one to pay for college."

The sociology major has possible plans to go to law school after graduation. With the help of a law degree, he would hope to be able raise awareness of educational and job opportunities in neighborhoods around where he grew up. Some of Stephens' high school friends headed to college after graduation, but not everyone he grew up with was even aware of the possibilities.

"Most people around there never see [any] option besides what they're doing," Stephens said. "I want to let them [know] there's things besides what they're doing."

First and foremost, however, the student hopes to be able to make his money through his music.

"Honestly, it's what I think I was born to do," Stephens said. "I can't get away from it."

Students who have heard some of Stephens' work in the past will have a chance to hear more the student performs a full set of original songs at Legends on Thursday. Yatta Holmes, a hip-hop artist who has helped Stephens record in the past, will open the show. The show will start at 10:00 p.m. and is open to all students.

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"In my family there's no room not to go to college now, because there's no one to lean on, I have to work hard, there's no one to pay for college."

Jeffery Stephens
Hip-hop artist

Selected Lyrics from

Jeffery Stephens

*"...How can people, help the poor if they never been poor
Or ease the pain if they never been soar
It's kinda hard to think, if u never been sure
How can you get the picture if you never been shown*

*...Living in today's world, its harder to feel black
People lie, people cheat, we all conceal facts
At the football games, people screaming the kill chant?
Apparently we're free, but where is Emmitt Till at?"*

-from "Wonder Why"

*"And feeling tougher than indestructible medel
Watching the dust as it settles, I should be crazy cause I come from the ghetto
But deep inside I be the humblest fellow*

*And that's strait from the heart, knew I was different, yea, strait from the start
Kept participating and playing my part, some niggaz stay in the dark
Life ain't easy but I'm playin my cards and eventually find my way in the stars
Yea life ain't easy but keep playing your cards, you'll eventually find your way in the stars."*

-from "We Came Up"



Photos courtesy of Jeffery Stephens

Jeffery "Da Natural" Stephens, right, and Lawrence Santiago in 2004 after they took 3rd place in the Irish Idol Competition held at Notre Dame.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Questions abound for Tiller's Boilermakers

Coach not sure what to expect for 2004

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — It must be close to the start of the football season.

Purdue coach Joe Tiller is getting nervous, and he wouldn't have it any other way.

"I think when I lose that, that's probably when I will quit coaching," Tiller said Tuesday. "I find every year exciting. I find the start of the year the most exciting part of the year."

His eighth season with Purdue begins in a nationally televised (ABC) game against Syracuse on Sunday. The 24th-ranked Boilermakers were 9-4 last year and return eight starters on offense, including their quarterback, running

back and a receiver who could set Big Ten records for career catches and yards.

But Tiller is getting those familiar jitters.

"I get nervous about the bezzillion things that could go wrong or could go right to have us look like a football team," he said. "Nervous is perhaps not the word. Anxious, I think, is the right word. I'm anxious to see these guys play."

"I have an opinion about these guys, but I have been around long enough to know that can all go out the door in a hurry."

Like it did last year, when the Boilermakers were upset

in their opener 27-26 by Bowling Green. Their only other defeats were at Michigan and Ohio State, which tied them with the Buckeyes for second place in the Big Ten, and in overtime to Georgia in the Capital One Bowl.

Syracuse ended last season with a 38-12 victory over Notre Dame but finished just 6-6 and sixth in the Big East, failing to gain a bowl bid for the third time in four years. Sunday's game will be the first between the Orange and the Boilermakers.

"I don't really know what to expect," Tiller said. "They've made an adjustment in their coaching on the offensive side, but I don't think their base offense is going to change much. They like to run, and have one of the top running backs in the country. If you

have a talent like that, certainly you're going to exploit that."

Coach Paul Pasqualoni is also the offensive coordinator, calling all the plays for the Orange, who return two-time 1,000-yard rusher Walter Reyes at tailback but have a trio of players still battling for the quarterback job.

Purdue's top returning players include quarterback Kyle Orton, running back Jerod Vold and receiver Taylor Stubblefield, who needs 31 catches and 1,255 yards receiving to break former teammate John Standeford's Big Ten career records.

The Sunday game resulted

from Cincinnati wanting to change its schedule in anticipation of its move next year to the Big East. Syracuse then agreed to make the switch, and ABC offered to televise it if it was moved from Saturday to Sunday. That will give Purdue an open week on Sept. 18, the original date of its game with Cincinnati.

Tiller said opening the season on a Sunday is no big deal.

"It's kind of a bigger deal coming out [the next week]," he said. "In our sport of football, you declare an off-day and it stays that same off-day all year long, and our off-day is Monday. We're not going to change it."



Tiller

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Joe Tiller
Boilermakers coach

Friedgen building a winning legacy with 2004 Terrapins

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The challenge facing Ralph Friedgen this season is similar to the one he tackled upon his arrival at Maryland.

His goal: To buck the odds and make the 22nd-ranked Terrapins a force in the powerful Atlantic Coast Conference.

This time, though, instead of trying to build a winner, the portly football coach will attempt to sustain an unprecedented run of success. He will seek to do so in a beefed-up conference and with the youngest team he's ever had.

If he can win with this group, then Friedgen is worth every penny of an upgraded contract that will pay him an average of \$1.5 million over the next eight years.

The Terrapins have little game experience at quarterback, one senior on the defensive line and just one returning starter in the secondary. In addition, Maryland will be competing in an ACC that now includes Miami and

Virginia Tech.

"It's not going to be easy because we have a lot of young players," senior receiver and kick returner Steve Suter said. "We're going to have a lot of new players stepping into new roles."

But the Terrapins have Friedgen, who knows a thing or two about overcoming adversity.

Before he arrived, Maryland went 10 years without a bowl appearance and was 37-73-1 since 1990. Football games were poorly attended, and most Terp fans lost interest once the basketball team held its Midnight Madness ceremony each October.

Friedgen changed all that. He guided Maryland to the ACC title in his first season, took the Terrapins to the Peach Bowl the following year and last season capped another spectacular effort with a rout of West Virginia in the Gator Bowl.

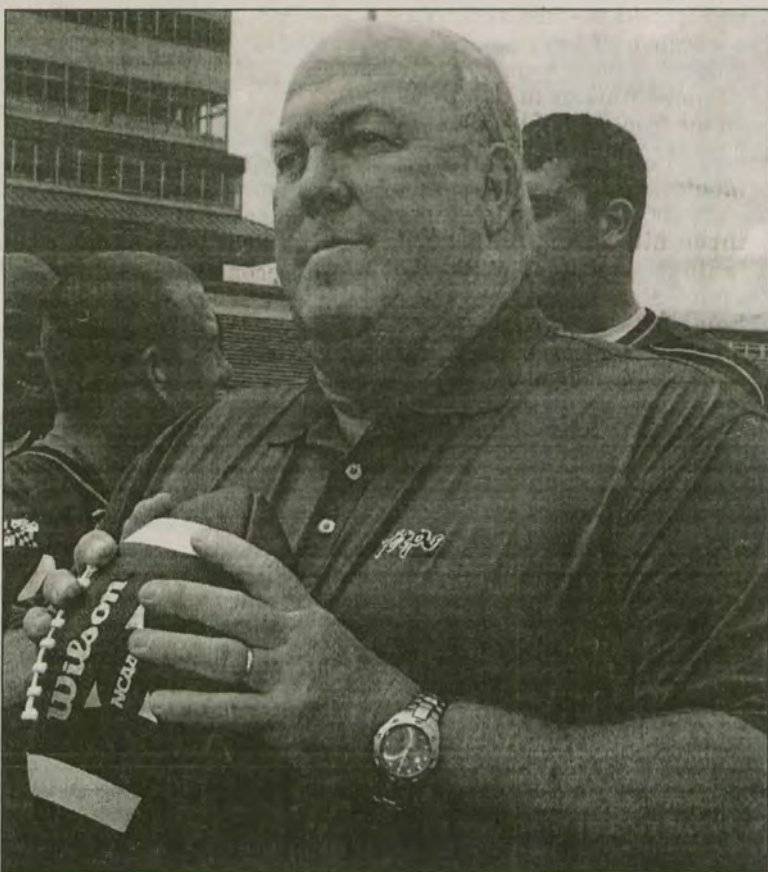
Now, after going 31-8 the best record by a coach after three seasons in ACC history, Friedgen is looking to keep a good thing going.

The key to the Terrapins' success is tied to the development of sophomore quarterback Joel Statham, who takes over for the dependable Scott McBrien as the leader of an offense that also lost standout running back Bruce Perry.

Statham got his experience under fire last year, coming in relief of an injured McBrien in a road game against Georgia Tech. He failed to produce a touchdown and Maryland lost the game, but the experience he's gained this summer has Friedgen thinking Statham might develop into a solid quarterback.

"His decision-making has been excellent. The ball's going to the right place a lot of the time," the coach said. "What we have to do better is finish the play."

The oft-injured Perry will be replaced by Josh Allen, a junior who last year led the team in yards rushing (922) and touchdowns (nine). Allen will get help from Sammy Maldonado, whose 2003 season was cut short by a knee injury.



Ralph Friedgen, in his third year as the Terps' head coach, looks to continue the success he brought to the program.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

Edmonds flying high as Cardinals keep soaring

Prior hit hard as Cubs lose, continue slump

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Jim Edmonds homered twice, giving him seven in six games, and the St. Louis Cardinals powered past the San Diego Padres 9-3 Tuesday night.

Albert Pujols and Edgar Renteria each homered and had three hits for the NL Central leaders. Reggie Sanders also had three hits, and drove in a run.

Woody Williams (10-7) became the fifth member of the Cardinals' rotation to reach double figures in victories.

The Cardinals beat up on 13-game winner Brian Lawrence and the San Diego bullpen to win their fourth in a row, and lowered their magic number for clinching the division to 16.

St. Louis also beat one of its potential opponents in the playoffs: the Padres are battling for the wild card spot and have won six of eight on a 10-game trip.

Edmonds was 3-for-3 with his 37th and 38th homers, two walks and an RBI single. He connected off Lawrence (13-11) to lead off the second and again off Steve Watkins in the seventh on the front end of back-to-back homers with Renteria.

Montreal 8, Chicago 0

Livan Hernandez allowed three hits in eight scoreless innings, and Brad Wilkerson and Maicer Izturis each hit home runs in the Montreal Expos' victory over the Chicago Cubs on Tuesday night.

Hernandez (10-12) also had two hits including an RBI single for the Expos. He allowed Moises Alou's single in the second, Derrek Lee's single in the fourth, and Michael Barrett's single in the fifth. Hernandez also walked four.

T.J. Tucker allowed Ramon Martinez's leadoff single in the ninth before getting three outs to complete Montreal's 10th shutout of the season.

Chicago, which began the day with a half-game lead over San Diego in the NL wild-card race, has lost four of five after losing just once in its previous nine games.

Mark Prior (4-4) allowed four runs in the first, including Wilkerson's leadoff homer. Izturis made it 5-0 in the fourth with his first major league homer.

Houston 8, Cincinnati 0

Jeff Kent homered twice and the Houston Astros hit three straight shots in the fifth inning Tuesday to defeat the Cincinnati Reds.

Carlos Beltran, Jeff Bagwell and Lance Berkman hit consecutive home runs for the Astros, winners of a season-high five straight and eight of nine overall.

Brandon Backe (2-2) scattered three hits over six shutout innings to win for the first time in three career starts. He threw seven shutout innings in a no-decision against Chicago in his first career start on August 21.

The Reds got just one runner past second base against Backe. Barry Larkin went to third on Sean Casey's two-out double in the sixth, but Backe struck out Adam Dunn to end the threat.

Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 3

Mike Hampton has few explanations for the turnaround that's made him one of baseball's best pitchers over the past few weeks.

Hampton pitched two-hit ball over eight innings and Andruw Jones hit a two-run homer to lead the Atlanta Braves to a victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Tuesday night.

"Confidence is pretty high and, in this game, when you've got confidence anything can happen," Hampton said.

Eli Marrero went 3-for-4 and Julio Franco had two RBIs for the Braves, who went 20-8 this month, marking just their second 20-win August since moving to Atlanta from Milwaukee after the 1965 season. They also did it in 1999, going 21-7.

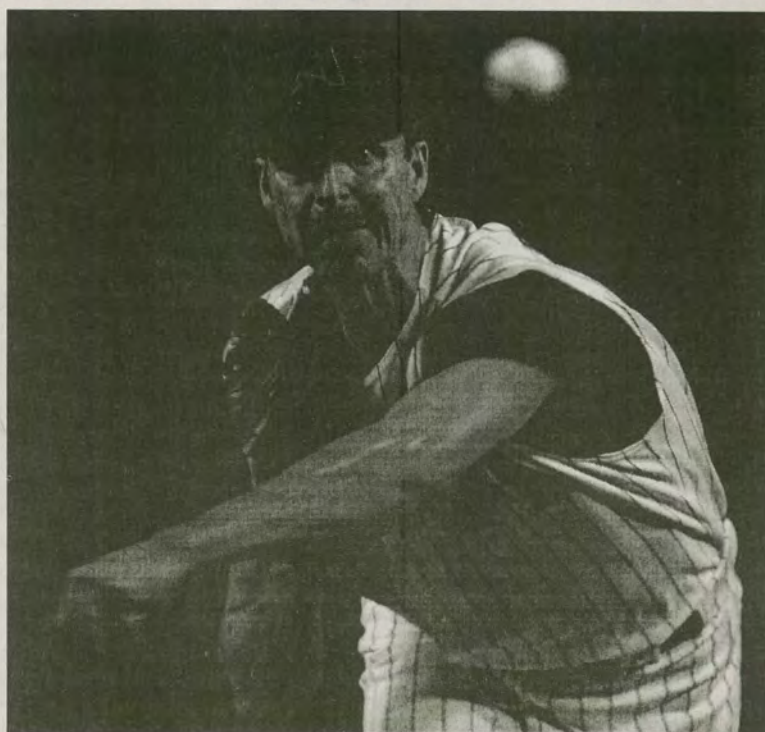
Milwaukee 4, Pittsburgh 2

The Milwaukee Brewers snapped a 12-game losing streak and avoided their worst month in franchise history with a 4-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday night.

Geoff Jenkins' two-run double highlighted a four-run first inning off rookie right-hander John Van Benschoten, and Milwaukee's beleaguered bullpen turned in a solid performance after lefty Doug Davis was knocked out in the second inning with a bruised forearm.

The Brewers went 6-21 in August, barely avoiding their worst month in franchise history (6-22 by the Seattle Pilots in August 1969). Still, it was their worst month since moving to Milwaukee in 1970, displacing the 6-20 mark from July 2001.

Matt Wise (1-1) pitched 3 2-3 scoreless innings for his first



Randy Johnson delivers a pitch during the Diamondbacks 4-1 loss to the Dodgers. Johnson did not get a decision in the game.

win since April 6, 2001.

Florida 5, New York 0

Josh Beckett saved his best for the Big Apple again.

Beckett pitched a six-hitter for his first regular-season shutout, leading the Florida Marlins over the New York Mets 5-0 on Tuesday night for their fifth consecutive victory.

Of course, it wasn't quite the finest performance of Beckett's four-year major league career. He threw two shutouts in the 2003 postseason, including a five-hitter in a 2-0 victory at Yankee Stadium in the World Series clincher.

"Maybe I'm more comfortable here, I don't know," Beckett said. "I was just going to go at 'em today I'm not going to pick."

Juan Pierre hit a two-run single and the Marlins took advantage of a career-high seven walks by Steve Trachsel, who lost his fourth straight start. Beckett drove in a run with a bases-loaded walk and Paul Lo Duca had an RBI single.

Florida, which moved within three games of the NL wild-card lead, won for the eighth time in 10 games to improve to six games over .500 for the first time since June 24.

"We're relaxed because everybody counted us out already. That's the way we like it," manager Jack McKeon said. "That's what happened last year they can't win. Fine, great."

Beckett (6-8) struck out two and walked none to win for only the second time since May 20, when he beat Houston 4-3. The World Series MVP was 1-5 with a 5.21 ERA in his previous 10 starts, but he dominated New York's depleted lineup.

"I wouldn't say he was as sharp tonight as he was against the Yankees. But it was good enough," McKeon said.

Beckett threw 80 of his 116 pitches for strikes and retired 13 of his final 14 batters.

San Francisco 9, Colorado 5

Yorvit Torrealba and Marquis Grissom homered, and Ray Durham hit a tiebreaking three-run double to lead the San Francisco Giants over the slumping Colorado Rockies on Tuesday night.

Barry Bonds went 1-for-2 with a double and remained at

696 career home runs, but the Giants got enough offense from other sources to move into a virtual tie with the Chicago Cubs for the wild-card lead, a half-game ahead of San Diego.

Brett Tomko (8-6) won his third straight decision, which included his first career shutout last Thursday a four-hitter in a 5-0 win over the Florida Marlins.

Dustin Hermanson relieved Jim Brower with two runners aboard in the ninth, then got three outs for his eighth save in 10 chances.

Torrealba hit a solo homer deep into the left-field bleachers in the second off Jeff Francis (0-2) his career-high fifth homer. Grissom chased Francis with a three-run shot to left on a full-count in the fifth.

Vinny Castilla and Luis Gonzalez each homered for the Rockies, who lost their eighth straight and are off to an 0-7 start on their season-high 12-game road trip.

Los Angeles 4, Arizona 1

Steve Finley hit a three-run double in the 13th inning in his return to Arizona, lifting the Los Angeles Dodgers to victory over the Diamondbacks on Tuesday night.

Finley also homered off Randy Johnson as he faced Arizona for the first time since the Diamondbacks traded him on July 31.

Brian Bruney (3-4) gave up a leadoff single to Alex Cora and, one out later, walked pinch-hitter Hee Seop Choi and Cesar Izturis to load the bases. Bruney fell behind Finley 3-0, got a strike and then threw a pitch down the middle that Finley drove into the left-field gap to score all the runners.

Dodgers closer Eric Gagne (5-3) pitched two scoreless innings for the win, and Giovanni Carrara pitched a perfect 13th for his second save.

Johnson, 0-2 in three starts since pitching into the ninth in a 2-0 shutout win over the New York Mets on Aug. 15, struck out a season-high 15 and allowed three hits and one walk in eight innings. He increased his major league-leading strikeouts total to 242, and left him with 4,113 in his career 23 shy of tying Steve Carlton for the most by a left-hander.

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Major League Baseball

American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New York	81-50	.618	5-5	-
Boston	77-53	.592	9-1	3.5
Baltimore	59-71	.454	2-8	21.5
Tampa Bay	59-72	.450	4-6	22.0
Toronto	54-78	.409	4-6	27.5

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Minnesota	73-58	.557	6-4	-
Cleveland	67-66	.504	4-6	7.0
Chicago	64-66	.492	4-6	8.5
Detroit	61-71	.462	3-7	12.5
Kansas City	46-85	.351	2-8	27.0

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Oakland	78-53	.595	9-1	-
Anaheim	75-56	.573	8-2	3.0
Texas	73-57	.562	5-5	4.5
Seattle	51-80	.389	6-4	27.0

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Atlanta	77-54	.588	8-2	-
Florida	68-62	.523	8-2	8.5
Philadelphia	65-67	.492	5-5	12.5
New York	60-71	.458	3-9	17.0
Montreal	55-76	.420	5-5	21.6

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
St. Louis	87-44	.664	8-2	-
Chicago	72-60	.545	6-4	15.5
Houston	69-63	.523	8-2	18.5
Cincinnati	62-69	.473	4-6	26.0
Pittsburgh	61-70	.466	3-7	26.0
Milwaukee	56-74	.431	1-9	30.5

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Los Angeles	76-54	.585	6-4	-
San Diego	71-60	.542	6-4	5.5
San Francisco	72-61	.542	5-5	5.8
Colorado	55-75	.423	1-9	21.0
Arizona	41-90	.313	5-5	35.5

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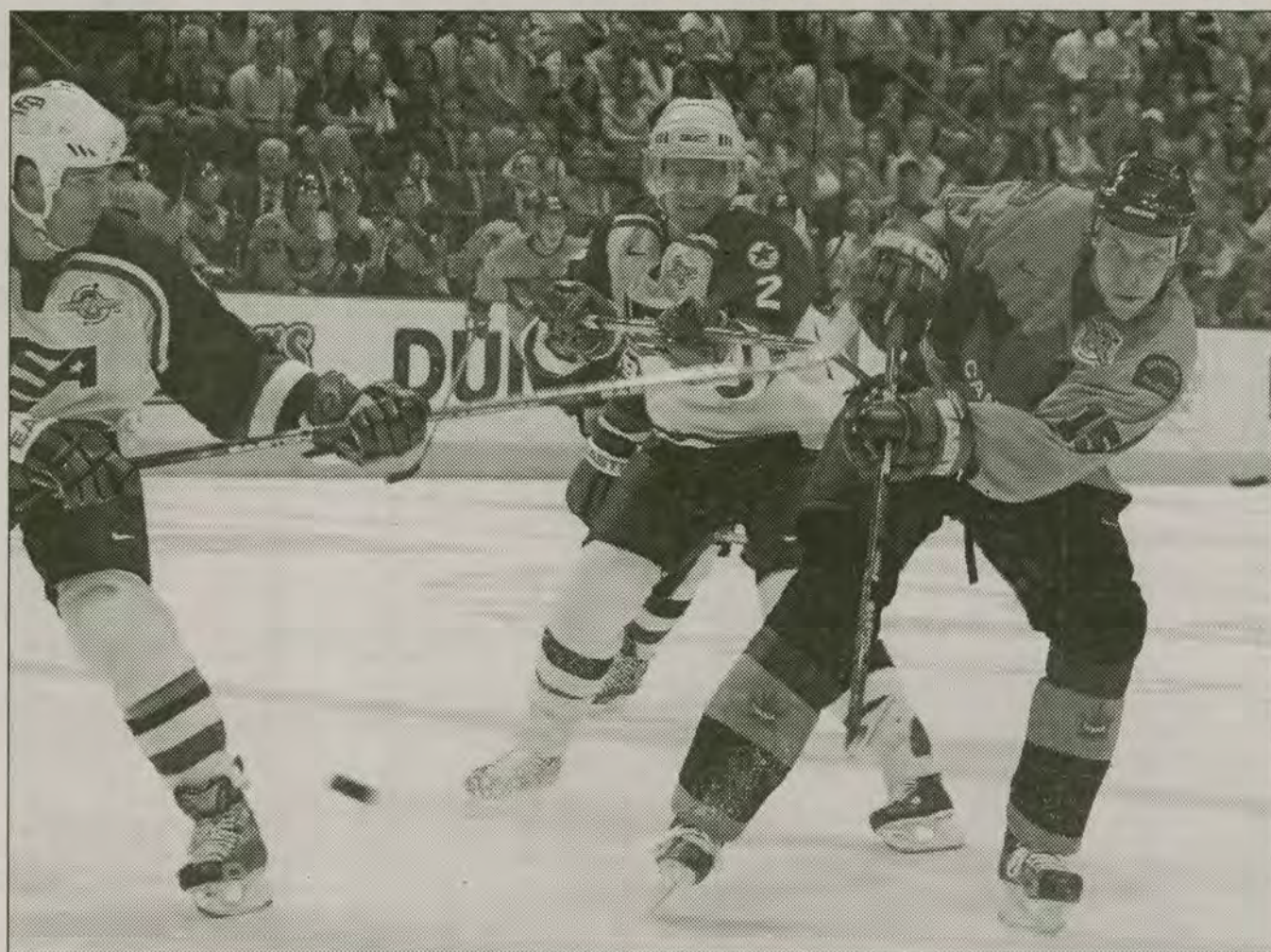
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WORLD CUP OF HOCKEY



Dany Heatley, left, of team Canada fires the puck as Brian Rolston, right, of team USA attempts to check him during the third period of their game in the World Cup of Hockey. Canada defeated the United States 2-1.

Canada defeats United States in opener

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Martin St. Louis had a goal and an assist to lead Canada to a 2-1 victory Tuesday night over the United States in the World Cup of Hockey opener for both teams.

The game was fast-paced and full of hard-hitting, and featured stellar play by Canada goalie Martin Brodeur and U.S. counterpart Robert Esche.

It took little time for the teams to show signs of the heated rivalry that has peaked since Canada beat the United States in the gold-medal game of the

2002 Salt Lake City Olympics.

Canada's 38-year-old captain Mario Lemieux went after Steve Konowalchuk when the American forward ran into Brodeur. Both teams also lost players to injuries, as defenseman Ed Jovanovski was knocked out of Canada's lineup, and the United States was without forward Mike Modano for most of the game.

As is typical with NHL playoff games, neither team would give specifics about the ailments. Both were said to have lower body injuries and were to be re-evaluated on

Wednesday.

Joe Sakic also scored for Canada, which controlled the game at both ends of the ice for the first 25 minutes before the United States took back the momentum.

Bill Guerin scored for the United States, which beat Canada 5-2 in the final of the inaugural World Cup in 1996 in the same building.

"They came out hungrier than we were, way more intense," U.S. coach Ron Wilson said. "Fortunately Robert Esche was on top of things ... we needed our goaltender to keep us in there."

Canada will play its second game of the round robin portion of the eight-team tournament Wednesday night against Slovakia in Montreal. The United States will play Russia on Thursday night in St. Paul, Minn.

Canada was leading 2-1 at 16:03 of the second period frame when Konowalchuk came in hard and bumped Brodeur in the crease.

Lemieux, not known for fighting, especially due to his fragile back, charged in and tussled with Konowalchuk until linemate Jarome Iginla took over.

IN BRIEF

Brckett ready to step in for Colts

INDIANAPOLIS — To some, he's too small to play middle linebacker in the NFL.

But Gary Brckett, all 5-foot-11 of him thinks that he can be a force for the Indianapolis Colts this season.

Brckett was a surprise when he made the Colts' roster as an undrafted free agent a year ago.

The former Rutgers standout proved he could hold his own in the NFL.

"A lot of people have talked about my size, but I've never seen it as a problem," he said Tuesday. "I think that I showed people last year that I could play in this league and play well if I was given the opportunity. The Colts gave me that chance last year, and I'm still here."

He said he uses the talk about his size to his advantage.

"The way the game is now, it's more based on speed and quickness than it is on size," he said.

The Glassboro, N.J., native played in 16 games a year ago and had 16 tackles, mostly on special teams.

He also returned an interception for a 31-yard touchdown against Denver Broncos quarterback Jake Plummer.

He has been splitting time this preseason with veteran starter Rob Morris, and that rotation could carry into the regular season.

"Gary is playing well. We're alternating those guys. Gary's done a good job. Rob's done a good job. We feel like we have two pretty good players there," said Colts coach Tony Dungy.

He said Morris is probably ahead of Brckett on the depth chart.

"(Morris) was the starter there last year and has really done nothing to show that he shouldn't be," Dungy said.

Knight in works with CBS to develop half-hour sitcom

LUBBOCK, Texas — The life and times of Bob Knight could soon be

right inside America's living rooms.

The fiery Texas Tech coach met with television officials last month in Los Angeles and gave his approval for a sitcom deal. CBS and Paramount Television are exploring the development of a half-hour comedy that could run by next year.

Knight, 63, would serve as a consultant and said he might make guest appearances.

"Right now it's still in an embryonic stage," Lindy DeKoven, who would serve as the show's executive producer, told the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal for Tuesday's editions. "Right now we don't have a writer yet, so we can't get into too much detail. But, it would be a half-hour comedy based on Bobby's character."

Knight was out of town Tuesday and couldn't be reached for comment. The next step is for a writer will come to Lubbock to spend time getting to know Knight at work and at home.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Tribe shells Bronx Bombers in record blowout

Ichiro collects 3 more hits in Mariners win, has 56 in August

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With an epic defeat, the New York Yankees' hold on first place in the AL East became increasingly tenuous.

Omar Vizquel got six hits to tie the American League record for a nine-inning game and the Cleveland Indians routed New York 22-0 Tuesday night in the largest loss in the 101-year history of the Yankees.

Cleveland matched the largest shutout win in the major leagues since 1900, set by Pittsburgh against the Chicago Cubs on Sept. 16, 1975.

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner watched his team fall in record fashion, then refused to answer questions as he left the ballpark.

Cleveland's runs total seemed to spin by on the scoreboard as fast as the symbols on a slot machine. New York's AL East lead, which stood at 10 1/2 games on the morning of Aug. 16, was cut to 3 1/2 games by Boston, which beat Anaheim 10-7 for its 19th win in 23 games.

Javier Vazquez (13-8) was knocked out in the second inning, Cleveland took a 15-0 lead in the fifth and Jody Gerut and Victor Martinez hit three-run homers off Esteban Loaiza in the ninth.

New York had never lost by more than 18 runs, falling 24-6 at Cleveland on July 29, 1928,

and 19-1 at home against Detroit on June 17, 1925. Previously, the Yankees' biggest shutout loss was 15-0 at home against the Chicago White Sox on May 4, 1950.

Seattle 7, Toronto 5

Ichiro Suzuki got three hits to finish with 56 in August, the most in a month by a major leaguer in 68 years, and the Seattle Mariners rallied past the Toronto Blue Jays Tuesday night for their season-high fifth straight victory.

The last player to get so many hits in a month was Cleveland's George Weatherly in July 1936.

Suzuki, chasing George Sisler's major league record for hits in a season, finished 3-for-5 and has 212 hits. Sisler got 257 hits for the St. Louis Browns in 1920.

Suzuki set a club record for hits in a month, two more than Alex Rodriguez had in August 1996. Suzuki is hitting .463 since the All-Star break.

After Suzuki tied it at 4 with an RBI single off Vinnie Chulk in the seventh inning, Randy Winn singled to right to give Seattle the lead.

Toronto's Alex Rios tied it at 5 with an RBI single off Jamie Moyer in the seventh, but Seattle scored twice in the eighth on Dan Wilson's RBI single off Kerry Ligtenberg (1-6) and Suzuki's run-scoring single.

Scott Atchison (2-2) pitched 1 1-3 innings for the win. J.J. Putz got his sixth save.

The Mariners won five straight for the first time since recording a nine-game winning streak from May 27-June 5,

2003.

Carlos Delgado and Eric Hinske hit consecutive homers for the Blue Jays, who have lost six of seven.

Baltimore 10, Tampa Bay 6

Melvin Mora and Jay Gibbons homered in the 12th inning and the Baltimore Orioles outlasted Aubrey Huff and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays Tuesday night.

Huff homered twice. He hit a tying home run with two outs in the ninth, then tied it again with an RBI single in the 11th.

Mora hit his 23rd homer leading off the 12th against Lance Carter (3-3). After B.J. Surhoff had an RBI single, Gibbons hit a two-run homer to make it 10-6.

Gibbons also homered in the third, and he tied a career-high with four hits.

Surhoff hit a go-ahead single in the 11th inning, giving Baltimore a 6-5 lead. Huff's single off Buddy Groom (4-1) evened it.

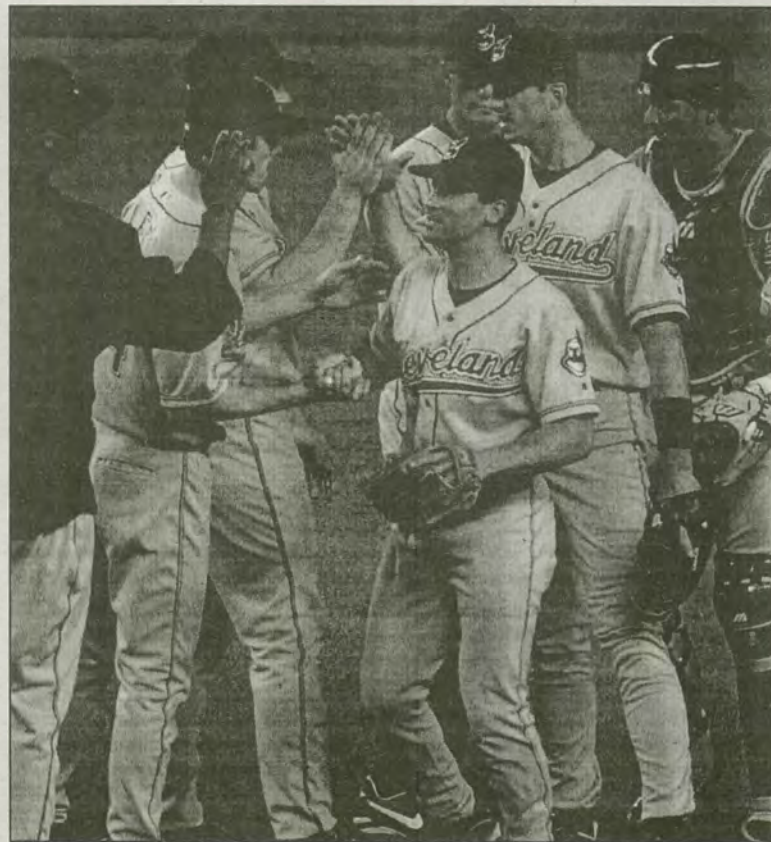
Jorge Julio gave up Huff's home run in the ninth. All three of Julio's blown saves in 22 chances this season have come against Tampa Bay.

Jose Cruz Jr. also homered for Tampa Bay, which has lost four straight.

Oakland 7, Chicago 2

Rich Harden pitched seven solid innings to help the Oakland Athletics extend their winning streak to eight games Tuesday night with a win over the Chicago White Sox.

Adam Melhuse went 3-for-4 with a home run and Mark Kotsay also had three hits for the A's, who matched their longest winning streak of the season and won for the 13th



The Cleveland Indians celebrate following their record-setting 22-0 victory over the New York Yankees Tuesday night. The loss was the worst defeat in Yankee franchise history.

time in 14 games. They also extended their lead in the AL West to three games after the Boston Red Sox defeated the Anaheim Angels 10-7.

Harden (9-5) won his sixth straight decision and has not lost since a 10-3 defeat at Anaheim on June 21, a span of 13 starts. He allowed one run on four hits, while striking out five and walking none, and retired 11 of his last 12 batters.

Boston 10, Anaheim 7

Manny Ramirez homered twice, Curt Schilling moved into a tie for the major league lead with 17 wins and the streaking Boston Red Sox beat the Anaheim Angels Tuesday night.

Boston won its season-high seventh straight and for the 13th time in 14 games to take a 2 1/2-game lead over the Angels in the AL wild-card race. Anaheim had won 10 of 11.

The Red Sox were on track to cut New York's lead in the AL East to 3 1/2 games with the New York Yankees losing big to Cleveland; that would trim seven games from Boston's deficit since Aug. 15.

The ovation Schilling (17-6) received when he tipped his cap on the way off the field in the eighth inning was the only thing the crowd liked better than the highlights from the Indians' bashing of the Yankees.

That game at Yankee Stadium drew spirited applause when it was shown on the Fenway Park scoreboard in the eighth, with fans laughing mockingly when a New York outfielder misplayed a ball over his head. When the camera cut to the 16-0 score on the scoreboard, Fenway erupted.

Anaheim went 19-8 in August, almost keeping pace with the Red Sox, who finished the month 21-7. But Schilling shut Anaheim down on three runs and nine hits, striking out four over 7 2-3 innings to match Oakland's Mark Mulder for the major league lead in wins.

Kansas City 9, Detroit 8

Aaron Giel's sacrifice fly drove in the winning run with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning, and the Kansas City Royals rallied to a victory over the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday night.

With the Royals trailing by two in the ninth, Abraham Nunez hit a leadoff single the ninth for his fourth hit. Ugueth Urbina (4-6) walked Calvin Pickering and gave up a bunt single to John Buck, loading the bases.

Ruben Gotay followed with an RBI single and Alexis Gomez grounded into a run-scoring fielder's choice to tie it at 8. Giel, who was 0-for-5 and the only starter on either team without a hit entering the at-bat, then lifted a deep fly to center easily scoring Buck with the winning run.

Jeremy Affeldt (3-3) allowed a run and two hits in the ninth, but got the win.

Dmitri Young homered and drove in three runs, and Ivan Rodriguez went 4-for-4 for the Tigers, who blew an early 5-0 lead.

Minnesota 8, Texas 5

Torii Hunter hit a three-run homer with two outs in the bottom of the 11th inning to lead the Minnesota Twins to victory over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night.

Hunter drove in a career-high six runs and Justin Morneau also homered and had two RBIs for the Twins, who maintained their seven-game lead over Cleveland in the AL Central standings.

Juan Rincon (11-6) earned the win after getting two outs in the 11th. Joe Nathan got the first out, but had to leave when he tried to field a ball with his pitching hand and cut his ring finger.

Alfonso Soriano and Rod Barajas had two RBIs each for Texas, which dropped 4 1/2 games behind Oakland in the AL West the most the club has been out of first place this season. The Rangers are also four games behind Boston in the AL wild-card race.

With two outs in the 11th, Shannon Stewart singled off

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TENNIS

Roddick, Sharapova notch wins

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Maria Sharapova nearly found out just how quickly one can go from diva to disaster.

No reigning Wimbledon women's champion has lost in the first round of the U.S. Open, and Sharapova was just one game from that fate. Then she steeled herself to claim 12 of the last 14 points and got past Laura Granville 6-3, 5-7, 7-5 Tuesday

night.

"My game went off for a while. I went to La-La Land," the 17-year-old Siberian-turned-Floridian said, "but I came back to Earth."

She wasn't the only top player pushed to the limit on Day 2 at Flushing Meadows: 2000 Open winner Marat Safin and 11th-seeded Rainer Schuettler lost, while 2003 runner-up Juan Carlos Ferrero and No. 5 Tim Henman both needed five sets to advance.

Safin, Schuettler and Ferrero were put in the same quarter of the draw as 2003 champion Andy Roddick, who followed Sharapova in Arthur Ashe Stadium and broke the tournament record with a 152 mph serve during a 6-0, 6-2, 6-2 victory over 17-year-old Scoville Jenkins.

One indication of how players slide from star to afterthought: While Sharapova was on the National Tennis Center's main stage, 2000-01 Open champ Venus Williams was in the last day-session match on another court.

Made to wait until after 8:30 p.m. to play, because she was scheduled to hit the court after Henman and Ferrero, Williams was broken while serving for the match but eventually pulled out a 6-3, 7-6 (3) win over 64th-ranked Petra Mandula of Hungary.

"What I need to focus on for me right now is the second round," said Williams, seeded No. 11 after a year of injuries and earlier-than-usual losses at majors. "I'm not really thinking ahead too far."

After cruising through the first set against 68th-ranked

Granville of Chicago before a subdued crowd, Sharapova was suddenly in trouble late in the second. Down 6-5, Sharapova faced her first break point of the match, which she saved with a 101 mph service winner on a second serve. But she double-faulted to grant Granville another break point, then slapped a forehand into the net.

Granville never beyond the second round at the Open was within a game of a serious surprise, ahead 5-4 in the third set. That's when Sharapova took over, holding at 15, breaking at love with a superb cross-court backhand winner, then holding again at 15.

All the while, the photographers in their courtside pit trained their equipment on the 6-foot Sharapova, who's represented by a modeling agency. Most of the time, about 40 cameras followed her, and one or two followed Granville.

"Wimbledon was an amazing thing, winning it, but now I have to sort of move on," said Sharapova, who came to the Open just 3-3 since becoming the third-youngest champion in 127 years at the All England Club. "You're sort of a celebrity, and people want a piece of you."

When she hit her 10th ace, followed by a service winner, to end it, her sunglasses-wearing father jumped and pounded his fist on his chest. Sharapova mimicked that gesture, then just as she did after stunning Serena Williams in Wimbledon's final in July went to grab her phone to call Mom.

"It's all about the spirit," Sharapova said after her 2-hour, 9-minute adventure. "Hanging in there, and trying to do your best."



AP
Andy Roddick serves during his first round victory over Scoville Jenkins. Roddick won in straight sets.

NFL

Baltimore tunes in to Prime Time

Cornerback Sanders, 37, leaves retirement to play for Ravens

Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS — Deion Sanders is back in the NFL, this time with the Baltimore Ravens.

The seven-time Pro Bowl defensive back passed his physical Tuesday and formally ended his retirement by signing a one-year contract laden with incentives. Sanders will practice with the team for the first time Wednesday, and expects to play in the Ravens' season opener Sept. 12 against the Cleveland Browns.

Sanders, 37, played cornerback in his prime, but will be used as a fifth defensive back in Baltimore.

"This game is not all that complicated. We're going to try to ingrain him as quickly as we can," Ravens coach Brian Billick said Tuesday morning. "We have to make sure we know where he's at physically. He's here plenty early enough to have an impact."

Sanders has not played since the 2000 season, which he spent with the Washington Redskins. He retired on the eve of the team's training camp in 2001, but the Ravens are convinced he's still got enough talent to contribute to their bid to defend the

AFC North title and advance to the Super Bowl.

"Based on people we've talked to, opinions we trust, I'm sure there's no question he's going to be able to compete. At the level he competed before? There's very few of us that can do things as well as we did before. At 50, I can attest to that," Billick said. "But what he will bring to the table for us will be substantial."

Sanders' experience will also be invaluable to a defensive unit that will look to him for guidance. During his days with the Atlanta Falcons, San Francisco 49ers and Dallas Cowboys when he was known as Prime Time Sanders was one of the best cover cornerbacks in the NFL.

"To have him come here is an honor," Ravens cornerback Chris McAlister said. "There's so much that you can learn from a Deion Sanders; he's the type of guy that can take a young DB and make him grow up mentally, and prepare him for situations he otherwise wouldn't get without having the experience himself."

Said Billick: "What a resource. I can't imagine our younger players or our guys that have not had a lot of playing time aren't going to hang on every word that this guy has to offer."

Sanders will be used sparingly at first, but that will change if he proves to be effective.

"To have him here is an honor."

Chris McAlister
Ravens cornerback

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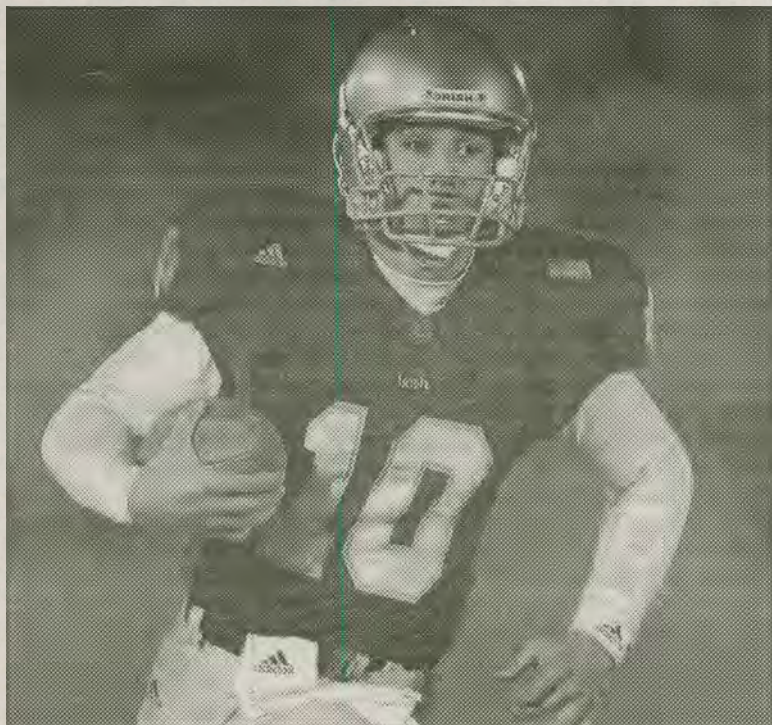
BYU's retaining Francisco would be the equivalent of the Irish getting Courtney Watson at linebacker for one more year.

The Irish had the Cougars scheduled to host a game Oct. 30 anyway, but a schedule change during the summer placed Notre Dame and BYU at the beginning of their respective schedules.

Though Julius Jones and the Irish offense pounded BYU for 33 points, a different and more experienced Cougar team returns. Just as the Irish will seek revenge on teams like USC and Michigan, BYU will be out to prove last year's loss to Notre Dame a fluke.

"BYU is a far better team at home than they were on the road ... last year," Willingham said. "I don't think there's any question in our minds that this is a very dangerous and very explosive team when they are playing football the way they can play it."

In the preseason so far, BYU has had some trouble with consistency. In one team scrimmage, the Cougars defense surrendered



Observer File Photo

Quarterback Brady Quinn looks for a hole in the Cougar defense during the game against BYU last season.

580 total yards to the team's offense. But a scrimmage is just that: a practice game. Notre Dame knows BYU will distinguish between practice and the real thing.

"What we have to do is go in

that stadium, be off to a quick start, get control of the game and then play our football," Willingham said.

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FOOTBALL

Do the d-back shuffle

Willingham names Jackson, and Ellick as starting DB's

By PAT LEONARD
Assistant Sports Editor

After preseason injury watches and practice observation, Tyrone Willingham and his staff have determined the defensive backfield starters.

"I think right now we're leaning toward Preston Jackson and Dwight Ellick [at cornerback]," Willingham said.

Senior Quentin Burrell gets the nod at free safety after sitting out the majority of fall practice with an injury. The strong safety spot is up for grabs still between senior Lionel Bolen and sophomore Freddie Parish.

And though the coaches have stepped up and definitively named three of the four starters in the defensive backfield, they acknowledge the uncertainty of a relatively inexperienced secondary.

"In terms of their passing game, we do have some inexperience in our secondary," Willingham said.

"What we've got to do is count our front seven to really be a force for us to help out our secondary get its feet on the ground."

Jackson, Ellick, Burrell and Bolen are all seniors, but the playing time over the past few seasons has gone primarily to departed players such as Shane Walton and Vontez Duff at cornerback, and Glenn Earl and Garron Bible at the safety positions.

Burrell has the most experience and is expected to be a secondary leader behind a defensive line that could help the rest of the defense handle passing attacks.

"If we can count on the Justins (Tuck), the Victors (Abiamiri), the Kyles (Budinsack), the Gregs (Pauly) to really apply some

pressure to that quarterback and make it really uncomfortable for him... then we help our secondary out," Willingham said.

Burrell finished fourth in the Irish in tackles last season with 58 total and 39 solos. He intercepted four passes and recovered two fumbles.

Bolen started one game last season against Florida State and played in 10 other games, collecting 12 tackles.

Ellick played in 10 games in 2003, recording 21 tackles. Jackson made 24 tackles last season and intercepted one pass, playing in all 12 games as primarily a nickel back.



Preston Jackson



Dwight Ellick

Notes

♦ Defensive backs coach Steven Wilks and defensive coordinator Kent Baer have rooted through their talent and pulled an interesting game plan out of fall camp.

In a normal cover-two defense that features two cornerbacks, two safeties and three linebackers, Jackson and Ellick will get the start at the cornerback slots. But Jackson will shift positions when the defense changes.

"Preston will shift to nickel back and [senior] Carlos Campbell will most likely be the cornerback," Baer said of when opposing offenses split three wide receivers outside.

"In the dime [defense], it will probably be Mike Richardson [in as the fourth defensive back]," Baer said.

♦ Though young players like Darius Walker and Justin Hoskins have impressed in practices and scrimmages, Tyrone Willingham said no freshman should see the field

Saturday.

"I'd probably say there's still some growth and learning to take place," he said. "Some of [the freshmen] are very close to positioning themselves,

but I think to start this opening ballgame, I would probably say zero [freshmen will play]."

♦ Willingham has not decided one-hundred percent on who will return kicks Saturday night, but he gave a hint of the personnel Tuesday.

"Probably our starter in the punt return will be Rhema [McKnight] starting there, and our kickoff return we're still making that decision," he said.

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five games a week. He is in a "dynasty" with guys in Keenan, and the eight of them play frequently. But he had a scare in the second round.

With just 30 seconds to play, he was faced with a fourth-and-11, down by seven points against Southern California. He converted the fourth down, went on to score and then won in overtime to keep his chances alive.

"I just got lucky," he said.

For Ramsour, the dream of playing football for Notre Dame was only reachable via video games.

"I figured since I'm not good enough to be on the Notre Dame team, I'd just get on the stick," he said.

The contest, sponsored by the Student Union Board, was open to 128 students. However, due to a flaw in the online registration process of EA Sports, many students weren't given the ability to sign up.

"We were very excited to work with EA Sports, but the sign-up process was flawed," said Ashley Sinnott, Student Union Board spe-

cial events programmer. "It's not SUB's fault. People who weren't students were allowed to enroll. It was a good event, and we wish there was a better turnout. It's unfortunate that's how it worked out."

Notre Dame was the first stop on the tour for EA Sports, which is doing this contest for the first time. In the past, they have done the competition with Madden NFL games.

"We're used to Madden," Trey Geiger, of the EA Sports lifestyle marketing department said. "So it's a high bar. It's the first event. You go back to our first-ever Madden Challenge, and it wasn't as high as you expected either."

But Geiger wasn't discouraged by the relatively low turnout.

"Everybody who came out had a good time," he said. "A lot of guys said, 'Hey call me when you're coming back next year.' You can't expect to come out of nowhere and have everyone know about it. But I think a lot knew about it, it was just they thought it was full."

Regardless, Ramsour is going to Las Vegas with a chance at \$10,000, and he is excited.

"Vegas, baby, Vegas!"

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Volleyball

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Including tonight's contest, the Irish will have four home matches in the next week. They will square off with Nebraska on Friday and Saturday while facing Valparaiso Tuesday. All matches begin at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

The Irish will look to duplicate much of the success of last year's team. The 2003 Notre Dame squad split the Big East regular season championship and finished second in the conference tournament while extending their streak of NCAA Tournament berths to twelve.

Captain Meg Henican believes the Irish are ready to start the year off right.

"Our goal every time we step on the court is to win," she said. "Obviously that won't be easy as Loyola is a great team."

Four starters return from last year for the Irish — juniors Henican, Lauren Brewster and Lauren Kelbley along with senior Emily Loomis.

Loomis, Brewster and Kelbley were named honorable mention



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Captain Meg Henican bumps the ball during a match against Stanford last season. Henican predicts that today's match against Loyola will be a hard-fought one.

All-Americans last season and are the only trio in school history to record 350 kills apiece in the same year. As a sophomore, Loomis was named the Big East Tournament Most Outstanding Player. Brewster led the country in blocks last year with 1.78 per game while Kelbley holds a .325 career hitting percentage, the second best in school history. Henican is also a player to watch as she sports a 3.15 career dig average, which ranks

as second-best in school history.

After playing against each other during the preseason, the Irish are ready for some fresh competition.

"I am excited that the team will finally get an opportunity to play," Brown said. "The preseason is fine but there is nothing like getting the chance to play someone else."

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haven't focused on the outcomes of last year's matches, but instead are going in with a stronger, quicker offense and really trying to focus on the team and tightening up our game."

After losing a few key players, the Belles will look to seniors Gary, Elise Rupright and Stacy Stark to offer leadership, while juniors Shelley Bender and Michelle Turley will add to an already strong supporting cast.

"This year we have only lost two players, which means that our tight-knit group from last year is still in tact," Gary said. "We have great communication on the court, and our returning players have allowed us to capitalize on each other's strengths and weaknesses."

Rupright has been chosen again as team captain and remains positive going into the season. Last year she was sec-

ond on the team with 223 kills and finished first with an impressive 104 total blocks.

After performing strong as a freshman, Anne Cusack will assist in the defensive department along with Gary. Outside hitter Stark and middle hitter Bender both finished among the team leaders last season in total attacks and will look to continue their success.

The Belles concluded the 2003 season with a record of 16-13 overall and 5-10 in the MIAA standings. A first-round loss in the MIAA Tournament

last year to Hope College meant an early exit for Saint Mary's. However, this year the Belles are out to prove

they are good enough to take their play to the next level.

"I believe we have a chance to win [the] conference this year," Rupright said. "There isn't a single team in the conference that can defeat us if we

play our game." The Belles begin conference play Thursday at 7:00 p.m. hosting Alma College.

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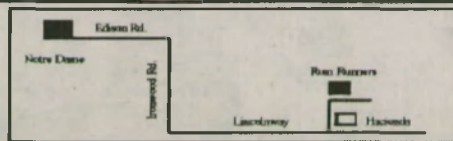
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ACROSS

1 When doubled, a seafood entree

5 Is visibly frightened

10 Off one's trolley

14 "Yeah, right!"

15 Work ____

16 Pop's Brickell

17 Gigantic instrument?

19 "Take ____!" (track coach's order)

20 Holed up

21 First name in horror

22 Actress Sorvino

23 Instrument made in the lab?

27 Straits of ____

28 Tee follower?

29 Crew need

30 Set alight

33 Quattros, e.g.

37 Greet the day

39 Take your pick?

41 Federico of the Clinton cabinet

42 Touch up

44 Up

46 Early fifth-century year

47 Ridge of Homeland Security

49 Like some burgers

51 Instrument found at the Super Bowl?

56 Donald, to Dewey

57 Opposite of paleo-

58 Order of corn

59 "I'll be ____ of a gun!"

60 Missing instrument?

65 Ste. Jeanne ____

66 King of Thebes slain by Theseus

67 Inner: Prefix

68 January 1 song word

69 Surfer wannabe

70 Mail: Abbr.

DOWN

1 Shelley queen

2 "____ recall ..."

3 Arrogant one's place

4 More uncertain

5 Chips' place

6 1955 merger grp.

7 Eric Clapton hit with a never-ending chorus

8 Flynn of "Captain Blood"

9 Dumpster emanation

10 Request to the Enterprise

11 Seat-of-the-pants performance

12 Papal wear

13 Calyx part

18 ____ one

23 Miner's filing

24 Binding exchanges

25 Magna ____

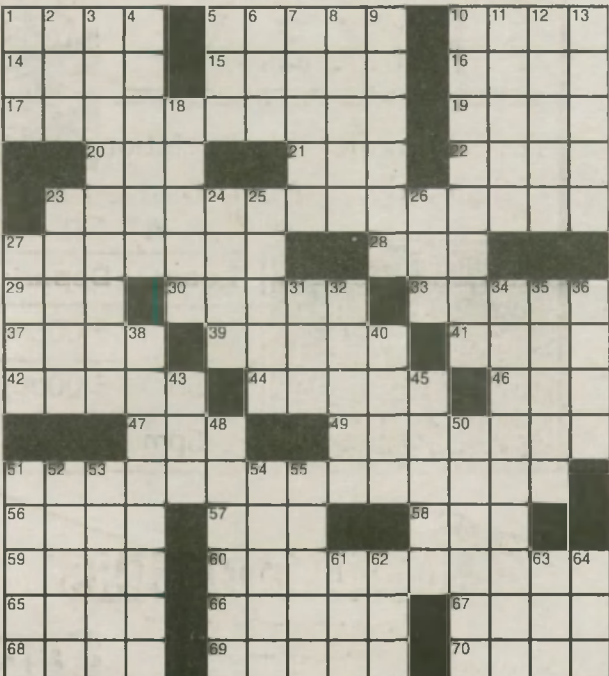
26 Roll-call call

27 "Watch out!"

31 P.C. part

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Puzzle by Eric and Janinne Berlin

32 When repeated, a cry of approval

40 1991 Grammy winner Cohn

53 Squirrel's find

34 U.S. citizen-to-be

43 Point

54 Old, but new again

35 The Dow, e.g.

45 Keepsake

55 Like unpopular ump

36 Port ____ (Suez Canal city)

48 Good guy

50 Sanford of "The Jeffersons"

51 Thigh muscles

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Richard Gere, Itzhak Perlman, James Coburn, Zack Ward

Happy Birthday: This is a year to get back to your creative dreams and follow through with what you feel in your heart is best for you. Love is in a high cycle, and you should be able to resolve any issues you may have at a personal level. Your numbers are 6, 11, 19, 29, 35, 49

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take a moment to realign your position. Once you realize that you don't need to do everything, your life will start to fall into place. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Sudden changes are likely to take place regarding your friends or children. Take a strong stance and let everyone know what you think and what you intend to do. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Someone is likely to give you a hard time if you try to push something that he or she doesn't want to do. Let others follow whatever direction they must, and take care of your own pursuits. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your fabulous memory coupled with the knowledge you've accumulated along the way will lead you to achieve your goals. A love interest will develop or become stronger today. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be prepared to put a little time and effort in to benefit someone else. Be patient, do your best and you will be surprised by what you get in return. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will have the potential to ruin a good thing if you are too critical or want everything done your way today. Expect to be put in your place by someone you think highly of. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Something very interesting will develop where your professional dealings are concerned. Don't be daunted by change; embrace it. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The more you have lined up for today, better. Socializing with friends will lead to interesting information that could change your direction abruptly. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Be careful how you handle family and friends today. Don't be offended if someone is not willing to bend to your whims. Keep a low profile. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Accumulate as much information as possible about a project or person you want to pursue. Be relentless in your research. Charm will get you what you want, so don't hold back. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Consider what your options actually are and compromise in order to move forward. Changes are coming your way, so leave as many avenues open as possible.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may be feeling very emotional about personal matters, but if you can put that behind you and focus on the positive you will accomplish far more. Don't settle for second best.***

Birthday Baby: You are energetic and can offer so much to others because of your strong desire to be loved and helpful. You will go beyond what is expected of you. You are a doer with a heart of gold.

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VIDEO GAMES

Vegas trip becomes a reality for champ Ramsour

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

He missed band practice and Keenan football tryouts, but as a result, he is going to Las Vegas for free.

Junior Ben Ramsour took home the 2004 EA Sports Football Challenge Tuesday night, winning the championship 10-7 as

Louisiana State in the three-hour event.

"I knew if I played my game, I'd put myself in position to win," the Keenan Hall resident said of the contest, which was played on Playstation2 systems.

Ramsour defeated Knott Hall sophomore Trey Patrick, who played as Florida State in all his games, except for one.

"I thought it was gonna take up too much time from school work,"



Patrick said of the competition he decided to participate in Sunday night.

Ramsour was the winner of 50 participants, each of which could chose to be any team in the game. As a result, Ramsour will travel to Las Vegas Dec. 10-11, where he will face off against 15 other winners from schools such as Purdue, Penn State and Oklahoma, for a chance to win \$10,000.

"I'm pumped," he said. "I'll be 21 by the time I go, so it'll be even better."

Ramsour played as LSU the

entire time, running the option like a pro. In the final game, he registered zero passing yards. In a game with only three minute quarters, it was key to dominating the competition.

"I attempted to pass," he said. "But no one was open."

Ramsour said he plays about five games a week. He is in a "dynasty" with guys in Keenan,

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ND VOLLEYBALL

No time like the present for Irish

Team is determined to focus on defeating Loyola despite ominous Nebraska match

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

With a dynasty like Nebraska waiting to converge on the Joyce Center later this week, it might be tempting for the Irish to overlook their opening match against Loyola Chicago tonight at 7 p.m.

Fortunately for Notre Dame, coach Debbie Brown won't let that happen.

"There is a huge danger in looking past anyone," Brown said. "The results will take care of themselves if we just take it one match at a time."

The No. 25 Irish will need to keep that in mind as they face a talented Ramblers team that returns four starters, featuring two-time AVCA All-Midwest Region setter Lauren Holbrook.



Observer File Photo

Junior Lauren Brewster stretches to return the ball at a match against Stanford last November. Last season, Brewster led the country in blocks last year with 1.78 per game.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles enter new season hopeful

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

A new season brings with it new hope for the Saint Mary's volleyball team looking to improve upon last year's record. The Belles host the University of Chicago in a scrimmage tonight at 7 p.m. In the regular season last year, the Belles defeated the Maroons in three straight games.

"Our scrimmages and games against the University of Chicago have always been a great addition to our schedule," senior Michelle Gary said. "Going into this scrimmage we

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FOOTBALL

Game against Cougars is not just a tune up for Wolverines



Observer file photo

Running back Ryan Grant dodges a BYU defender last season.

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame looks to its game against BYU Saturday night as the season opener. Many fans view it as one week until Michigan.

But coach Tyrone Willingham said in Tuesday's media teleconference that Friday's trip to Provo, Utah is not intended to pad the Irish schedule.

"The thing that you find out in

college football is that everybody has got players," Willingham said, "and that's the thing that's changed over the years. If this were 20 years ago, there might be some programs that ... don't have any players. But right now, with the way the balance is in college football, you've got to be ready to play every weekend, and if not, you'll get beat."

BYU finished 4-8 last season, just one game worse than the 5-7 Irish. Furthermore, the Cougars boast three players on

top preseason watch lists for their respective positions.

Sophomore tight end Daniel Coats is one of 26 candidates for the 2004 John Mackey Award. All-America candidate and kicker Matt Payne has been selected as a candidate for the Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award, and senior safety Aaron Francisco is a top-29 candidate for the Jim Thorpe Award. Francisco led the Cougars in

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Coach Tyrone Willingham selects Preston Jackson and Dwight Ellick as defensive backs.

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The United States edged out Canada's national team to win the Hockey World Cup.

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Joe Tiller remains uncertain about what to expect from his Boilermakers this season.

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