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Board of Trustees convenes at ND

Members will discuss transition of presidency

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

The Notre Dame Board of Trustees will convene on campus today, Friday and Saturday for its triannual meeting — the first since it elected a new University president and executive vice president April 30.

While no decisions of comparable magnitude are expected to be made at this meeting, there will certainly be some discussion of the leadership transition from University President Father Edward

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JUSTIN RICE/The Observer

Student body vice president Karla Bell and student body president Adam Istvan work on the SafeBus project at a recent Council of Representatives meeting.

Student government officials to present report on off-campus safety

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

In what is arguably the first major milestone of their term, student body president Adam Istvan, vice president Karla Bell and chief executive assistant Dave Baron will deliver a report to the Board of Trustees today, focusing on the issue of student safety beyond campus boundaries.

Titled "Protecting the Notre Dame Family: Safety and Security Off Campus," the presentation will address the

importance of protecting students residing and traveling in the greater South Bend community and offers a four-pronged approach to addressing the issue.

The opening of the report stresses the connection between the community and University, citing statistics that show over half of the student population will eventually live off campus, and adding that even more take advantage of the South Bend nightlife.

It also brings up concern over the increasing dangers of living and traveling off cam-

pus, and details the safety precautions taken at comparative universities.

As a solution, Istvan, Bell and Baron are offering suggestions for the creation of an ND SafeBus and an Off Campus Safety Seminar, the increase of student involvement in neighborhood groups and the assertion of off-campus security as an additional priority for the Notre Dame Security/Police.

In the report, specific operational details for the SafeBus proposal are mostly omitted in favor of a more conceptual

focus, though those numbers will be available for the Trustees if needed, Baron said.

The SafeBus plan, already discussed by the Council of Representatives and the Student Senate, calls for the implementation of a free, alternative transportation service for students going off campus on weekend nights.

Preliminarily, Baron said, the SafeBus would operate from 1 to 4 a.m., making a loop from campus to down-

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Ramadan reapplies for visa

Scholar optimistic about approval

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Acting on the State Department's suggestion and the University's encouragement, Tariq Ramadan has reapplied for a work visa to teach at Notre Dame.



Ramadan

The prominent Muslim scholar, who was barred from the United States July 28 by the Department of Homeland Security for unspecified

national security concerns, filed his request with the U.S. Embassy in Switzerland on Monday, University spokesman Matt Storin said.

Government officials had stated on several occasions that Ramadan was free to reapply, Storin said.

The move sets in motion the State Department's review process, which will likely take anywhere between several weeks and two months, but could draw

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Roemer to speak today

Congressman to discuss 9/11 report

By EILEEN DUFFY
News Writer

Timothy Roemer, a 9/11 Commission member, will give a talk about "The 9/11 Commission: The Transformation of our Intelligence Community," at 7 p.m. today in the Mendoza College of Business' Jordan Auditorium.



Roemer

Roemer, who received masters and doctoral degrees from Notre Dame and served as Indiana's 3rd District representative in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1991-2003, was invited by Professor Sheri Alpert of the Reilly Center for Science, Technology and Values.

The former representative served on the 9/11 commission, which released its report over this past summer.

"It was sort of a simultaneous thing. I was interested in having him come to talk to my classes and of course, I wanted to offer the Notre Dame community a chance to hear him speak publicly," Alpert said.

Roemer will speak to Alpert's classes on Computer Ethics and on Science, Policy and Politics as well as two law school classes.

During his 12 years as a U.S. representative, Roemer focused on public diplomacy, the American government's communication with the public in foreign countries. At a time when the United States was considering cutting much of the funding for public diplomacy, Roemer to preserve it.

He also served on the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, the Committee on Education and the Workforce and the Committee on Science.

In November 2002, the U.S.

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Flu vaccinations suspended

Shortage affects Notre Dame, Saint Mary's health centers

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

The suspension of a manufacturing license for a major influenza vaccination provider caused both Notre Dame's University Health Services and Saint Mary's Health and Wellness Services to announce Wednesday they will be unable provide flu shots for students and staff this flu season.

The Chiron Corporation — Notre Dame and Saint Mary's only source of the influenza vaccines — said Tuesday it would be unable to supply its product this season due to problems in one of its chief production facilities, University spokesman Matt Storin said in a statement.

According to a statement from the Chiron Corporation, the Medicine and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency placed a temporary suspension on the company's license to produce Fluvirin, Chiron's trademark vaccine for

influenza. Consequently, Chiron was unable to manufacture the vaccine for the 2004-05 season.

A large dependency on the Chiron Corporation to supply flu vaccines nationwide has led to significant shortages, especially on college campuses. Universities across the country have contacted the Centers for Disease Control in an attempt to purchase flu vaccines from other universities who may have surpluses of the vaccine, University Health Services Director Ann Kleva said.

"Everyone is clamoring. We have to be considerate to the whole population of the United States," Kleva said.

At the present time, Health Services has been unable to obtain the vaccine from another source, but the department will continue its efforts, said Kleva.

The University will also contact federal and state officials about other sources of the flu vaccine, Storin said. Health Services is currently trying to

acquire a supply of "flu-mist," which is a nasal form of protection against the virus, from the product's distributor.

Health Services is also working with the South Bend Clinic to mitigate the effects of the shortage. At the present time, the clinic has 17,000 doses of the vaccine that will be made available to high-risk persons only, said Kleva. The clinic has defined those eligible as individuals aged two through 64 with chronic illnesses such as lung and heart disease, diabetes and asthma. If and when the University obtains any vaccines from other sources, they will be granted to students on the basis of risk-level. Those students more prone to influenza will receive immunization prior to low-risk students, Kleva said.

Kleva also noted the Notre Dame community has a "substantial" population of high-risk individuals. However, although she was concerned

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INSIDE COLUMN

Out of the ordinary

In the middle of first semester I have perfected my daily routine. I attend my morning classes, eat lunch, come back to the room and check my e-mail, then head out for an afternoon workout.

On Tuesday, I chose to do some ellipticizing indoors at Angela Athletic Facility due to South Bend's overnight summer-to-winter season change. Water bottle and CD player in hand, I bee bopped out of Le Mans and towards the library green.

Maggie Oldham

Sports wire editor

And then I saw it. Rows upon rows of small, white, wooden crosses decorated the usually bare green, resembling the white crosses of fallen U.S. soldiers. Some of the crosses were pulled out of the ground. Had a beautiful autumn backdrop not accompanied these crosses, this would have been the most eerily somber cemetery I have ever seen.

As I approached, a sign hung between two trees hit me like a punch in the stomach. It read, "Twice the population of Saint Mary's is killed everyday by abortion."

The little white crosses forced my gaze upon them as I continued walking down the sidewalk toward the gym. I tried unsuccessfully to tear my gaze and thoughts away. It was very unsettling to keep walking, and very disturbing. But that's the point.

It was unrealistic to banish the words flashing across my mind, words that wept for the three aborted babies represented by each cross.

Props to the ND Right to Life Club for their efforts in abortion awareness. If your intent was to hit individuals like myself with a ton of bricks in the stomach and to open our eyes to the statistical realities of abortion, you did a damn good job. I can honestly say that a club banner has never had as much impact on me as those crosses did on Tuesday.

But, the question is, after the crosses have been removed from the green, will that scene still bear weight on my soul? And the honest answer is, probably not. But it should, and the answer to abortion laws in the United States will never be found until the scene of the somber little crosses stays on our minds every single day.

We can take the easy route and convince ourselves that abortion laws are out of our control, an issue handled by our political leaders. We can pause and reflect and for a moment see ourselves rallying to change these statistics, but then continue on our way hoping that someday someone else will be able to do this.

That is the wrong attitude to have. We are the future leaders of this country but we don't have to wait until we are sitting in an oval office for our voices to be heard. If any issue is going to be challenged, our voices have to be persistent. Awareness of issues cannot be limited to one forum, one rally, one week. Our voices can be strong if we exercise our right to use them. Like the little white crosses and the babies who lay beneath, I believe that our voices and actions founded by our passion for humanity, justice, and all that is good will change the world if we have persistence.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Maggie Oldham at oldha01@saintmarys.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHICH "SAVED BY THE BELL" CHARACTER DO YOU LIKE BEST AND WHY?



Andrew Urbany
freshman
Dillon

"A.C. Slater because of his sweet, curly mullet."



Laura Heslin
junior
McGlinn

"Kelly, because she's hot."



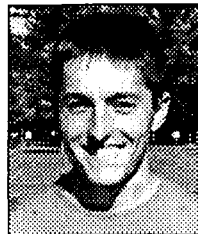
Barbara MacDonald
sophomore
McGlinn

"Zach — he was hot and had the hairstyle too."



Eddie Lerum
junior
Keenan

"Screech, because he's so cool."



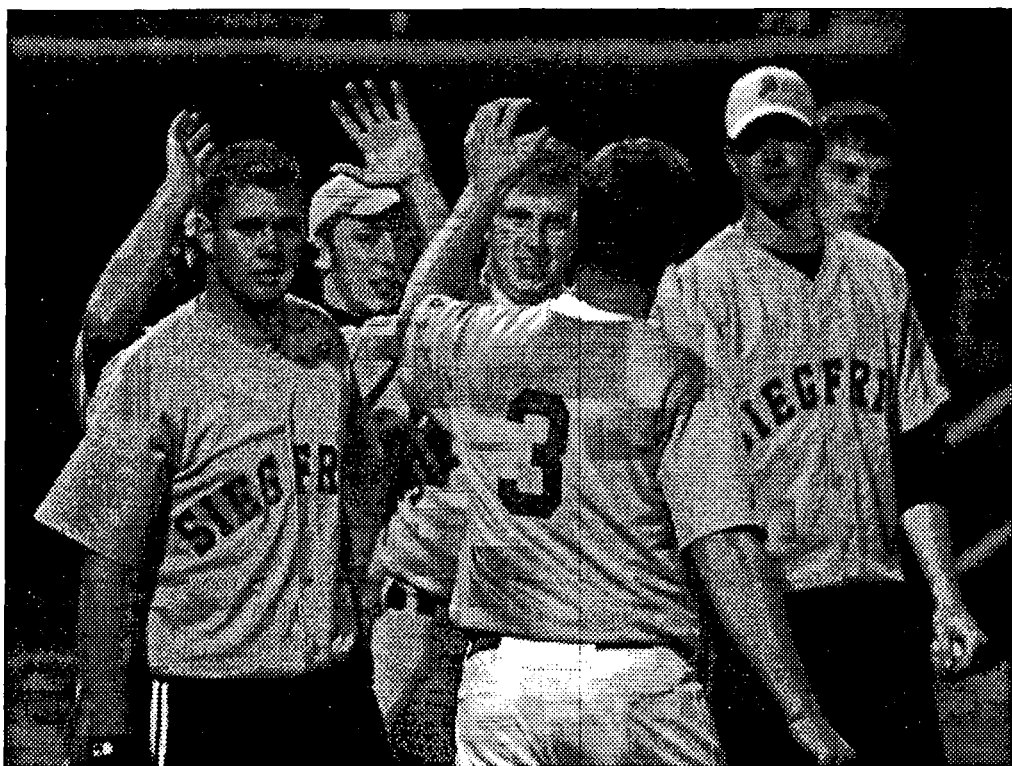
Jason Dodge
freshman
Alumni

"Zach Morris, because he's the cool guy you always wanted to be."



Shaun Disney
freshman
Sorin

"Kelly because her amazing depth enlightens me."



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Siegfried players congratulate each other after scoring in the interhall baseball championship, which Siegfried went on to win Wednesday night.

OFFBEAT

Many in Canadian town busted in pot raid

SEYMOUR ARM, British Columbia — This lakeside hamlet is so remote it can be reached only by boat or logging road, and so small there is only one store. But investigators say many of the 60 residents were involved in one business operation — growing marijuana.

One hundred Royal Canadian Mounted Police officers executed search warrants on 14 homes and 14 vehicles Tuesday and found several factory-sized operations within a 2 1/2-mile radius, said Police Superintendent Marianne

Ryan. At least 16 people were arrested in the rustic town about 240 miles north-east of Vancouver and more arrests are likely, she said.

"We've never seen anything like this before, not where a whole community is affected this way," Ryan said.

Nameplate switch disrupts council meeting

NITRO, W.Va. — A city councilwoman refused to take her seat because someone switched her nameplate with another council member and glued them down, leading the mayor to order the police chief to find the culprit. Brenda Tyler refused to

take her seat for Tuesday's meeting, said City Recorder Joan McClanahan. Councilman Tim Harrison tried to make a point of order about the seating arrangements, but Mayor Rusty Casto refused to recognize it until all regular business on the agenda was discussed.

Casto called the meeting "the worst one I've seen in 25 years as mayor or a councilman."

If the culprit is a city employee, he or she will be suspended for three days, Casto said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Former Indiana Congressman, Notre Dame graduate and Sept. 11 Commission member Tim Roemer will speak on "The 9/11 Commission: The Transformation of Our Intelligence Community" tonight from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium.

The Student Union Board will sponsor Acoustic Cafe tonight from 10 to 11:45 p.m. in the Lafortune basement.

The film "The Terminal," sponsored by SUB, will be shown tonight from 10 p.m. to midnight in DeBartolo Hall Room 101.

The Notre Dame Band will sponsor the drumline Friday at midnight in front of the Main Building.

The Notre Dame men's soccer team takes on Pittsburgh tonight beginning at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field.

Kroc Institute Visiting Fellow Haley Duschinski will speak to day about "Inconstant Homelands: Political Storytelling among Kashmiri Hindu Migrants in New Delhi, India" from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in Room C-103 of the Hesburgh Center.

The Notre Dame hockey team will play the University of Minnesota-Duluth beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

Sister Jean Lenz will sign copies of her book "Loyal Sons and Daughters" Friday at 3 p.m. in the Hammes Bookstore.

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

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LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 77 LOW 55	HIGH 58 LOW 55	HIGH 71 LOW 55	HIGH 71 LOW 48	HIGH 68 LOW 45	HIGH 68 LOW 53

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Engel discusses hit show

'Saved by the Bell' producer speaks at ND

By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

Professionalism, perseverance, and passion are the key qualities for a person to succeed in show business, a field where the next great thing is lurking around the corner, said Peter Engel, producer of the hit television series, "Saved By the Bell."

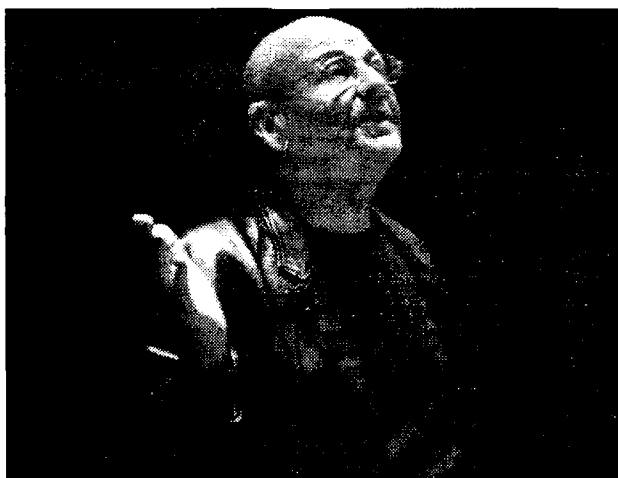
Engel spoke at Notre Dame Wednesday about his experiences in television production, including work on the shows "Hang Time," "The Last Comic Standing," "USA High," "California Dreams" and "City Guys."

"If you don't love it, have a passion or zeal [for it], you shouldn't be in it," Engel said.

Engel discussed his natural passion for stories and drama, which he believes is essential for success.

"Everything I saw would trigger an idea," he said.

According to Engel, ideas for production are inspired by reading and the passion to learn more about the world.



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

'Saved By the Bell' creator Peter Engel fields questions about the still-popular show.

"Most movies come out of the 'New York Times,'" he said. "Learn more about your world, enlarge your vision."

He stressed the need for perseverance and discussed his early experiences at NBC.

"No one is going to sweep you up," Engel explained.

These qualities allowed Engel to produce the hit TV series, "Saved by the Bell," which aired for 11 years.

"Every kid in 85 countries knows Zach, Screech and Kelly," he said.

Engel attributed the show's success to the unique cast.

"It was like lightning in a bottle — you only catch

it once," he said.

For the first time in television history, characters were being played by actors of the same ages.

"The only thing the Middle East could agree on was 'Saved by the Bell,'" Engel said.

The producer also discussed today's reality shows and the creativity he believes is lacking in many of them.

"Television today has changed," Engel said. "I don't really like reality shows. I don't even like my own reality show — I don't find it creative. Scripted shows are about telling a story."

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SENATE

Students talk about TCEs

By AMANDA MICHAELS
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The long-debated subject of teacher course evaluations was again discussed at Wednesday's Student Senate meeting, as Alumni senator Vijay Ramanan, former student body president Jeremy Lao and student delegate to the Academic Council Jeremy Staley presented a Course Review Resource as a solution to the TCE problem.

Three years in the making, the proposal sets forth a plan for a Web-based resource that provides both professor-provided information about courses — like syllabi and descriptions — and student feedback about classes.

The student responses would be compiled from a form handed out in addition to, but separate from, the normal TCE assessments. The collected data, in theory, would be posted on the official Web site so it could be viewed in conjunction with the objective facts about the courses. The distinction from official TCEs — used by administration for tenure assessment, among other things — is aimed at alleviating faculty and administration concerns about publishing important and possibly sensitive information.

"The idea is that you'll have access to course information like syllabi, reading lists and student feedback in a format that is more official than NDToday.com," Staley said, in reference to the popular online teacher evaluations not sanctioned by the University. "Students will have access to important, helpful information before they register for classes so they can make the best decisions."

Staley added that the majority of Notre Dame's peer institutions already have simi-

lar systems in place.

"There is such a great precedent with what other universities are doing," he said.

The proposal was sent to the Office of the Provost Wednesday, though they are still early in the process, said Lao.

"What we're looking for right now is student support to show us that they want this system," Lao said. "And in the future, if it is approved, we'll need student support to make sure it works effectively."

Concerns about the proposal included the added time burden to the already lengthy TCE process, the honesty of student responses and the ease of access to the Web site for both students and professors.

Ramanan said the hassle of a longer evaluation could be a problem, but that the time needed to fill out one extra page of brief questions was relatively negligible.

In response to the question of putting the survey online rather than physically including it with the TCEs, Ramanan said students were more likely to respond, and to respond honestly, if they were given time in class to do so.

Because the proposal is in such a preliminary stage, no official timetable has been worked out yet. Ramanan, however, said he hoped at least part of it would be up and running by next semester.

"We want the most representative, complete and accurate assessment of courses," Ramanan said. "So we're going to approach this the right way, and take all the necessary steps to make sure it succeeds."

Senators responded favorably to the proposal, but cannot vote to approve it until next week's meeting.

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Thursday, October 7

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"Q. How would you describe the type of music you play?"

Bucket: I would describe it like a good mixed tape - you know, songs that are recognizable, but not overplayed."

This
week
at
Legends



Ramadan

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out much longer, Storin said. Prior to the July decision, Ramadan had initially been approved for a visa after a two-month government background check.

Ramadan told the Associated Press Wednesday that Notre Dame is "very optimistic" about his chances for approval — a position that Storin confirmed but clarified.

Since the University is not aware of anything in Ramadan's background that would raise suspicion, the administration has "always had a degree of optimism," Storin said. "I don't know if I'd say 'very optimistic.'"

The rationale for the revocation remains unknown. On Aug. 24, when it became clear Ramadan would not be permitted to fulfill his chaired, tenured appointment in the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Homeland Security spokesman Dean Boyd would not comment on the specifics of the decision to bar the scholar. Instead, he listed a potential national security threat or a public safety risk as typical circumstances for revoking a non-citizen's visa.

Despite frequent communication between the University and the government since, no concrete reasons have been revealed to Ramadan or to Notre

Dame.

These circumstances make it difficult for the University to react to statements like the one made by a senior government official in the New York Times Wednesday, Storin said. The official, who requested anonymity because he consulted classified information, told the Times that the State Department's recommendation to revoke the visa was not based on Ramadan's beliefs, but on "his actions."

"We still don't know anything specific they're referring to," Storin said, adding that answering an anonymous source brings in further complications.

Ramadan's beliefs, however, have sparked international, national and campus debate. Recognized throughout Europe as a leading voice in the discourse between Islam and Western society, he often drew scrutiny along with praise.

While critics have accused the scholar of promoting militant Islam and anti-Semitism, supporters maintain he has always taken a moderate, respectful stance.

For his own part, Ramadan expressed hope for a second chance.

"I know my file is empty and I know I have nothing to hide," he told the Associated Press. "So if there is justice in the United States, it will be easy."

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Matt Storin
University spokesman

Trustees

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Malloy to President-elect Father John Jenkins, Notre Dame spokesman Matt Storin said.

Following the trustees' customary procedure, the agenda for the closed meetings has not been publicized. However, the Board does follow a specific

policy calendar and may make some preliminary decisions about Notre Dame's budget for the coming year, Storin said. The budget is traditionally finalized in February at the Board's second meeting of the academic year.

The Board is also scheduled to hear a presentation on off-campus safety and security from student body president Adam Istvan, vice president Karla Bell and chief executive

assistant Dave Baron.

Campus construction and the endowment have also been topics of discussion at recent Board meetings.

Composed of approximately 60 members, the Board holds at least three regular meetings to discuss and vote on policy issues each year.

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Nobel Peace Prize announced Friday

Associated Press

OSLO, Norway — The Nobel Peace Prize has been awarded to someone in the Middle East three times, and the Middle East is still in flames. Aung San Suu Kyi of Myanmar got it in 1991, and is still under house arrest. Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev won in 1990, then ordered a bloody crackdown in the Baltic Republics as he sought to save the Soviet Union from collapse.

One of the big questions surrounding Friday's announcement of this year's prize is, will it go to those who tried to achieve peace, or to those who actually achieved it?

Although there are plenty examples of the Nobel honoring a peace effort that became a spectacular failure, there have been clear-cut winners of this avidly watched 103-year-old international honor.

Three prizes went to South Africans, and eventually apartheid gave way to a peaceful multiracial democracy. The 1996 prize was shared by East Timor independence and democracy activists Carlos Filipe Ximenes Belo and Jose Ramos-Horta, and three years later East Timor was independent of Indonesia.

"The East Timor people give us credit for their independence. Maybe too much credit," said Geir Lundestad, the non-voting secretary of the awards committee.

"Ramos-Horta told me that no one (in foreign governments) would even see them before the prize. He said he was sleeping in railroad stations because they had no money. After the prize, they got in anywhere."

The prize, awarded each October by a committee of prominent Norwegians in Oslo, often brings a rush of

reaction and debate, praise and condemnation, joy and fury, delight and scorn.

Many of the favorites among this year's record 194 nominees are associated with efforts to curb weapons of mass destruction, at a time when their threat seems more palpable than ever. But as Lundestad points out, the Nobel is "not a magic wand that creates peace. It's a loud-speaker and microphone for the laureates, especially those who are lesser known. It's a door opener."

Sometimes it goes to household names, like former President Jimmy Carter (2002), the Dalai Lama (1989), and sometimes to lesser known figures, among them Iranian human rights campaigner Shirin Ebadi (2003) and Joseph Rotblat and the Pugwash Conferences on Science and World Affairs (1995).



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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Afghan leader survives attack

KABUL, Afghanistan — Campaigning for Afghanistan's first direct presidential election ended with a burst of violence Wednesday as attackers set off a bomb in a failed effort to kill interim Afghan leader Hamid Karzai's vice presidential running-mate.

Despite persistent violence, the United Nations declared this hard-luck nation ready for Saturday's vote, a historic experiment with democracy after more than two decades of unrelenting ruin, from Soviet occupation to civil war to the repressive Taliban and the thunderous U.S. bombing campaign that ended their rule.

In a sign of the progress, Karzai and another top candidate held raucous, peaceful rallies at Kabul's bullet-pocked sports stadium, once the scene of gruesome executions under the Taliban regime that was ousted at the end of 2001.

Car bomber strikes checkpoint

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide car bomber plowed into an Iraqi military checkpoint northwest of Baghdad on Wednesday, killing 16 Iraqis and wounding about 30, as U.S. and Iraqi forces sealed off roads south of the capital in a campaign to curb the insurgency before January's elections.

There were hopeful signs, meanwhile, that talks may produce a cease-fire agreement with a Shiite militia headed by radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr — although residents of his stronghold Sadr City reported explosions in the area late Wednesday. A negotiator also claimed progress in talks to end the military standoff in Fallujah — the country's toughest insurgent stronghold and suspected base of Iraq's most feared terrorist group.

NATIONAL NEWS

Kicker sought in shooting

LAS VEGAS — A former place-kicker for the Oakland Raiders is being sought in a drive-by shooting at the home of entertainers Siegfried Fischbacher and Roy Horn, police said Wednesday.

Cole Murdoch Ford, 31, whose three-year NFL career ended after he missed crucial kicks during the 1997 season, was named in a felony warrant stemming from the Sept. 21 shooting, Sgt. Chris Jones said.

Police identified Ford as the owner of a white minivan from which shots were fired at the compound owned by the illusionists known as Siegfried & Roy. No one was hurt, but police said shotgun pellets shattered windows and left a hole in a wall.

Three killed by woman's brother

MANCHESTER, N.H. — A woman and her two young children were found slain at the home of her brother, who had run onto a highway hours earlier and was struck by a dump truck, according to authorities.

Tricia Doyle, 30, her daughter Gillian, 4, and 2-year-old son, James, were found dead Monday night at the home of Doyle's brother, Chris Bernard.

Police called the deaths homicides but declined to say how the three died pending autopsy results expected Thursday.

There had been no arrests, and authorities declined to comment on what might have happened.

LOCAL NEWS

Theater inspired by teacher

ANDERSON, Ind. — A retired teacher's love of drama has led her family to invest more than \$1 million in a new 280-seat theater where she and her children will produce student shows.

Darlene Lee, 58, spent about 15 years producing faculty variety shows, middle school plays, high school plays and summer student productions.

"I decided I was ready to retire from teaching, but not ready to retire from drama," she said.

No weapons evidence in Iraq

Finding contradicts the reasoning for invasion and loss of over 1,000 U.S. lives

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Contradicting the main argument for a war that has cost more than 1,000 American lives, the top U.S. arms inspector said Wednesday he found no evidence that Iraq produced weapons of mass destruction after 1991. He also concluded that Saddam Hussein's ability to develop such weapons had dimmed — not grown — during a dozen years of sanctions before last year's U.S.-led invasion.

Contrary to prewar statements by President Bush, Saddam did not have chemical and biological stockpiles when the war began and his nuclear capabilities were deteriorating, not advancing, said Charles Duelfer, head of the Iraq Survey Group.

The findings come less than four weeks before an election in which Bush's handling of Iraq is the central issue. They could boost Democratic candidate John Kerry's contention that Bush rushed to war based on faulty intelligence and that United Nations sanctions and weapons inspectors should have been given more time.

But Duelfer also supports Bush's argument that Saddam remained a threat. Interviews with the toppled leader and other former Iraqi officials made clear that Saddam still wanted to pursue weapons of mass destruction and hoped to revive his weapons program if U.N. sanctions were lifted.

"What is clear is that Saddam retained his notions of use of force and had experiences that demonstrated the utility of WMD," Duelfer told Congress.

Campaigning in Pennsylvania, Bush defended the decision to invade.

"There was a risk, a



Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Senator John Warner listens to the testimonies of Charles Duelfer and Gen. Joseph McMenami during the hearing.

real risk, that Saddam Hussein would pass weapons or materials or information to terrorist networks," Bush said in a speech in Wilkes Barre, Pa. "In the world after Sept. 11, that was a risk we could not afford to take."

But Carl Levin of Michigan, the top Democrat on the Armed Services Committee, said Duelfer's findings undercut the two main arguments for war: that Saddam had weapons of mass destruction and that he would share them with terrorists like al-Qaida.

"We did not go to war because Saddam had future intentions to obtain

weapons of mass destruction," said Levin.

The report also concludes that the Iraqi government was able to manipulate a U.N. oil-for-food program to avoid the sanctions' effects for a few years, acquiring billions of dollars to import goods such as parts for missile systems. Duelfer also in the report accused the former head of the U.N. oil-for-food program of accepting bribes in the form of vouchers for Iraqi oil sales from Saddam's government.

"Once the oil-for-food program began, it provided all kind of levers for him [Saddam] to manipulate his way out of sanc-

tions," Duelfer told Congress on Wednesday.

He said he believed sanctions against Saddam — even though they appeared to work in part — were unsustainable long term.

On specific points, Duelfer said:

He concluded that aluminum tubes suspected of being used for enriching uranium for use in a nuclear bomb were likely destined for conventional rockets and that there is no evidence Iraq sought uranium abroad after 1991. Both findings contradict claims made by Bush and other top administration officials before the war.

Bad weather hampers navy rescue

Associated Press

LONDON — British ships battled through rough weather on Wednesday to reach a Canadian navy submarine with 57 crewmembers on board that was drifting in the Atlantic after an electrical fire that officials said was more severe than originally thought.

A British frigate pulled alongside the HMCS Chicoutimi and dropped off medical staff to help treat crewmen who suffered from smoke inhalation.

"This was a major fire" said Commodore Tyrone Pile, commander of the Canadian Atlantic Fleet, adding the fire damaged the com-

manding officer's cabin and an electrical equipment room on a separate deck.

The vessel — one of four second-hand subs that Canada recently purchased from Britain — was drifting in heavy seas toward Ireland and it was unlikely its engines could be used to steer the boat to shore, Pile said.

The diesel-powered submarine, which was on its maiden voyage as a Canadian vessel, sent out a distress call Tuesday after an electrical fire broke out on board. Britain's Royal Air Force sent a search-and-rescue helicopter to the sub, some 115 miles northwest of Ireland.

Nine of the 57 crewmembers suf-

fered minor smoke inhalation, Canadian officials said. They did not need to be evacuated, and the vessel surfaced safely, although its engines were shut down as a precaution.

The Chicoutimi, formerly called HMS Upholder, had been turned over to the Canadian navy on Saturday and was on its way from Britain to the Canadian port of Halifax.

Pile said the crew had sufficient provisions on board.

"Well, they've got emergency lighting on board, it is probably going to get a little bit cold, but they have sufficient blankets and other means to keep warm on board the submarine," Pile said.

Vaccine

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about the shortage, Kleva said she believes alternative sources will be able to adequately cover the demand.

"I firmly believe that any high-risk student, faculty member or staff member is going to be able to receive a flu vaccine if they desire to have one," Kleva said.

Saint Mary's Health and Wellness Services will only allow vaccination for those students who meet "priority group status," and therefore have agreed to share some of its surplus vaccines with the Notre Dame community. Although the College's supply is "minimal," it is still a potential mode of alleviation regarding this problem and its corresponding consequences, Kleva said.

Preventive measures have already been launched by Health Services. An e-mail was sent to students about precautionary steps they can take to lower the risk of contracting the virus.

The most important thing a student can do to minimize the risk of influenza is to avoid a "compromised" immune system, Kleva said. This involves maintaining good health, getting enough sleep and not sharing personal items such as

food, eating utensils and cigarettes.

Saint Mary's has also been significantly affected by the shortage. Vaccination distributions scheduled for today and Friday were cancelled, and students can only receive the flu shot on a priority basis, according to the email sent by Cathy DeCleene, director of Health and Wellness Services.

Last year Health Services dispensed 2,500 vaccinations within the Notre Dame community, yet 500 people were still treated for flu-like illnesses, Kleva said.

Despite rising costs of the vaccination, Health Services had budgeted to account

for an increased number of vaccines for this season in response to the significant number of students who fell ill during the 2003-04 academic year.

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"We have to be considerate to the whole population of the United States."

Ann Kleva
University Health
Services Director

Report

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town South Bend, from downtown to campus, from campus to the residential complexes Turtle Creek, College Park and Castle Point and finally back to campus.

No concrete plan has been decided upon, however, and it must first get approval from the Campus Life Council before it moves through the administration.

"When we address the trustees, we're not trying to get approval for a specific plan," Istvan said.

"We're hoping the Board of Trustees will direct the University to make off-campus safety a priority, which would expedite the process [of approving the SafeBus], especially in terms of funding."

While they may offer feedback, the Trustees are not expected to take any formal

action, either positively or negatively, regarding the report.

The implementation of a seminar that addresses general off-campus issues as well as security is also a priority, Istvan said.

"It's not just about safety, it's about learning how to be a good citizen and neighbor," Istvan said. "Basically, it's teaching Notre Dame students the things they need to know about living off campus."

In regards to members of the Off-Campus Council sitting on the various South Bend neighborhood groups, Baron said that such involvement is essential in building up the relationship between the University and the South Bend community.

"Everyone will be better off if there is direct communication of problems between students and residents, rather than finding out about issues through police calls or tickets

on cars the next morning," Baron said.

These two previous proposals are mainly student government actions, but fit in with the ultimate message of the report, Istvan said.

The fourth section of the report is the assertion that NDSP should consider off-campus security a priority — a point that Istvan called the "overarching message" of the presentation.

The student government leaders said they hope for a positive reception from the Trustees.

"This report is so necessary to safety at the University," Istvan said. "I'd expect the Board to see it as an opportunity to improve safety."

Bell commented on the high value of the Trustees' input on their proposal, and Baron concurred.

"This is an amazing group of people, and it's very honoring to be able to stand in front of them," Baron said.

"This report is so necessary to safety at the University."

Adam Istvan
student body
president

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Roemer

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Advisory Committee on Public Diplomacy created the Tim Roemer Internship, to be awarded annually to a Notre Dame student in the Washington Semester program.

Roemer has also been recognized by George Mason University, a non-profit research and educational institution dedicated to improving public policy outcomes, as a distinguished scholar. He serves as president of their Center for National Policy.

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IN BRIEF

Personal names for companies

NEW YORK — In casting about for a name for their new companies or products, entrepreneurs often decide to use their own.

And it can work — look at the success of Ben & Jerry's and Dell Inc. But before you order your new firm's letterhead, you should think about some of the ramifications — good and bad — of sharing your name with your company.

Craig Newmark's business started as a hobby back in 1995, when he began e-mailing friends a list of "what I thought were cool events" in the San Francisco area. As the group of recipients grew, people started referring to it as "Craig's list."

When the hobby started turning into a business, Newmark thought of changing the name to sf-events. But he decided to make it craigslist — "if I call it that, it's going to stay personal and quirky."

Newmark sees many pluses in having his name on craigslist, which has evolved into a Web site with real estate and job listings, personal ads, chat rooms and other services in big cities across the country and in Britain, Ireland and Australia.

Changes made at Robert Mondavi

OAKVILLE, Calif. — With its famous Mission-style bell tower and elegant arched entrance, the Robert Mondavi Winery looks every inch the Napa Valley landmark it has been for four decades.

The company plans to sell the luxury side of the business, including the Robert Mondavi Winery in Oakville, and use the money to build its \$15-and-under brands like Woodbridge, which face stiff competition from Australian imports and domestic brands like California's Two Buck Chuck.

Mondavi company officials cast the sale as a chance to put the luxury business back in private hands and away from shareholders' short-term expectations. They believe there's more room for growth in the cheaper, high-volume "lifestyle" brands and expect to realize \$400 million to \$500 million from the sale, which would be used to develop the lifestyle business.

Oil prices climb to new high

Stocks rally late Wednesday despite predictions of a poor third quarter

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks enjoyed a late-day rally Wednesday, finishing higher despite a new record price for oil and gloomy third-quarter outlooks from several companies. Volume was relatively light as investors awaited the government's jobs creation report at the end of the week.

With rising energy costs threatening to dent consumer spending and corporate profits in the period ahead, oil and jobs have competed for the attention of traders on Wall Street. Many were looking ahead to the Labor Department's September employment report, due Friday. If the number of new jobs created misses expectations, it could be troublesome for stocks, particularly retailers.

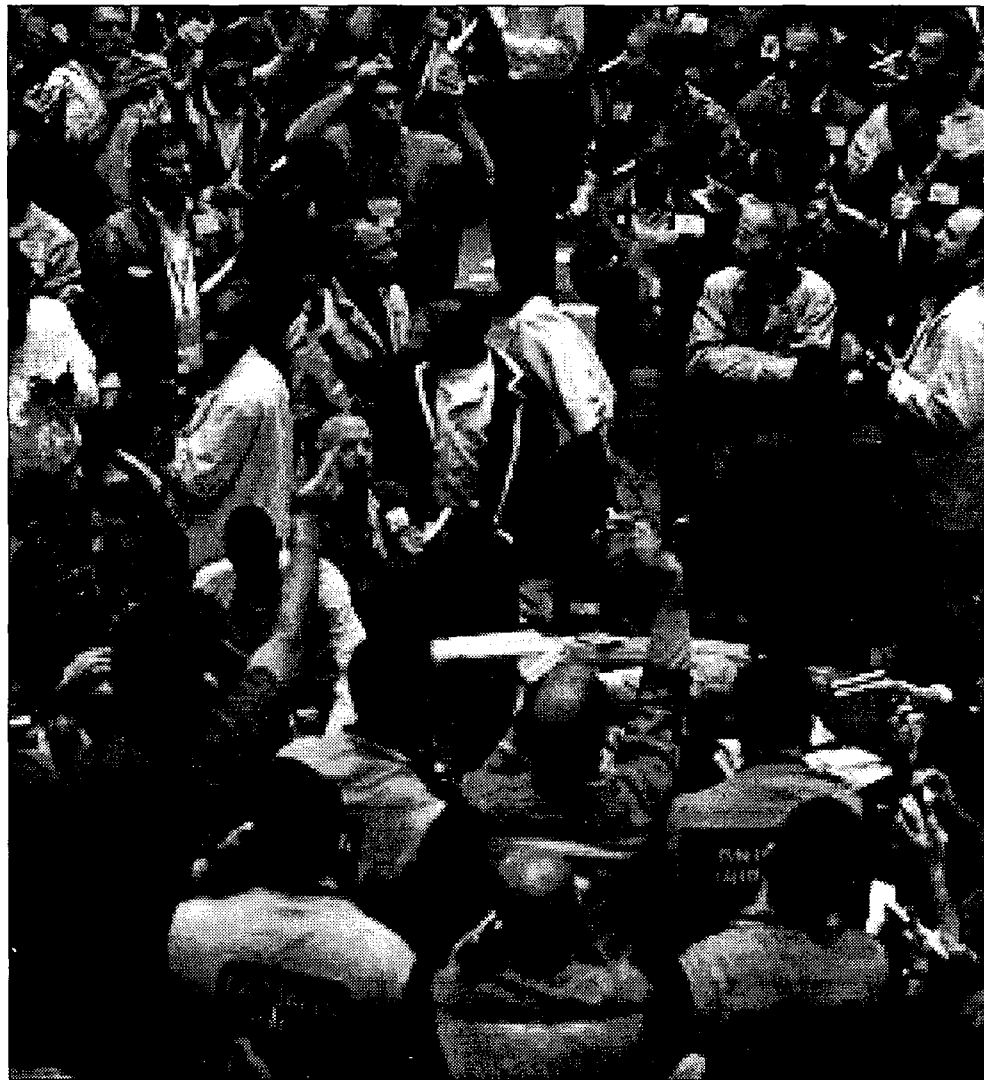
Analysts are also watching for positive signs in third-quarter earnings reports, following a series of profit warnings.

"What you would hope now is that we'll see some upside surprises" said Janna Sampson, co-manager of the AmSouth Select Equity Fund and director of Portfolio Management at Oakbrook Investments. "That could buoy the market and help us take off. Until we get numbers out of those companies that haven't warned, I think we're somewhat directionless. There's just nothing fundamental to drive the market until then."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 62.24, or 0.6 percent, to 10,239.92, making much of the gain in the final hour of trading.

The broader also closed higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 7.57, or 0.7 percent, to 1,142.05. The Nasdaq composite index advanced 15.53, or 0.8 percent, to 1,971.03.

Light, sweet crude for November delivery settled



Traders buy and sell crude oil futures at the New York Mercantile Exchange as concerns grew about a possible rise in energy costs that may cut consumer spending.

93 cents higher at \$52.02, as traders examined weekly U.S. inventory numbers. Crude inventories for the first week of October were up 1.1 million barrels and gasoline stocks were also higher, but a 2.1 million barrel decline in distillate fuels, which includes heating oil and jet fuel, suggests consumer spending may come under some pressure this winter.

With third-quarter earnings season just starting, a number of large companies are preparing to issue results, including Costco Wholesale Corp., Marriott International and Alcoa Inc. on Thursday, and General Electric Co. on Friday.

"GE's breadth and industrial base will tell a lot about the condition of the economy" said Ned Riley, chief investment strategist at State Street Global Advisors. "Those comments will be watched with quite a bit of interest, simply because of their size and how it reflects the pulse of the consumer on the industrial side."

Further raising concern about a possible slowdown in consumer spending, Big Lots Inc. blamed soft sales in September on the difficult economic environment. The nation's largest close-out retailer adjusted its earnings and sales forecasts to reflect what it sees as a broad-based trend. Big

Lots sank 4.6 percent, or 59 cents, to \$12.15.

Also among companies offering bleaker outlooks, stock dealer Knight Trading Group Inc. dipped 20 cents to \$9.39 after saying it expects an operating loss for the third quarter due to "persistent lackluster market conditions."

In Washington, top officials with mortgage giant Fannie Mae, including chief executive Franklin Raines, defended the company's accounting practices before a House subcommittee. Regulators have alleged earnings manipulation and management misdeeds at Fannie Mae, which finances one of every five home loans in America.

High-tech plans begin for banking

Associated Press

NEW YORK — High-tech changes in the banking industry will soon be affecting the most mundane of financial products, the checking account.

On Oct. 28, banks will begin implementing the Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act — better known as Check 21 — aimed at updating the processing of checks from the equivalent of the Pony Express era to the Computer Age.

Consumers and businesses won't see big changes right away. But over the next year or so, some of the paper checks they write will no longer come back with their statements. Instead, they'll get photo-

copies of their checks.

Because these images can be transferred electronically, they'll clear so fast that consumers will have to learn to live without "float." Float is the delay in check processing that has allowed consumers to write a check at the grocery store on Wednesday in hopes that it won't clear their account until their paycheck is deposited on Friday.

Banks and other financial institutions already have begun notifying customers about what's coming.

"We want to make sure they don't view this as penalizing them," said Wilton Dolloff, executive vice president of operations and technology at Huntington Bancshares Inc. in

Columbus, Ohio. "It's just that banking is changing, and paper is being pushed out of the system."

One reason is that it costs billions of dollars to transport the 40 billion checks consumers write each year by truck, rail and air from retailers to banks to clearing houses to banks and back to consumers. It's the process used since Pony Express days to transfer money from the check writer's account to the check receiver's account.

Another reason is national security. "The terror attacks on Sept. 11 [2001] were the catalyst for this legislation," said John Hall of the American Bankers Association trade group in Washington, D.C.

BELGIUM

Turkey gets conditional approval for EU entry talks

Associated Press

BRUSSELS, Belgium — In a historic move that could extend Europe's borders to the edge of the volatile Middle East, the European Union recommended Wednesday setting mostly Muslim Turkey on a course for full membership in the prosperous 25-nation bloc.

Reflecting widespread misgivings, however, the 30-member EU executive commission set tough conditions to prevent Turkey from backtracking on sweeping democratic and human rights reforms.

"This is a qualified yes," said European Commission President Romano Prodi. "Our position is a positive one, but also a prudent, cautious one."

French President Jacques Chirac said talks with Turkey could last 10-15 years "at a minimum."

Such caution reflected unease throughout a prosperous and mostly Christian continent about union with a poorer Muslim nation that could be a source of unwelcome migrants. Europeans carry a deep historical memory of the Ottoman Empire, out of which Turkey was formed after World War I, as a hostile power that once ruled swaths of Europe to the gates of Vienna, Austria, and left behind a legacy of corruption.

It is now up to the EU's 25 leaders to approve the recommenda-

tion at a summit in December, paving the way for the start of entry talks as early as next year.

If that happens, as Ankara hopes, Turkey would not actually join the union until around 2015. The commission gave no deadline for a final accession treaty with Turkey.

Prodi said the EU could suspend or even halt membership negotiations over any serious and persistent failure to respect democracy or human rights.

"We need to take our time on this," he said. "A lot still remains to be done."

Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan bristled at any suggestion that Turkey was not a shoo-in to join the EU, saying he would reject any outcome other than full and equal membership.

He also criticized Chirac for seeking a referendum on Turkish EU membership. Chirac has asked for an amendment to the French constitution that gives voters a say whenever the EU wants to take in a new member.

Erdogan said the move was unjust because none of the 10 EU members that joined the bloc in May had to win voter approval

first.

"It is unfair and will destroy the motivation of Turkey to stay the course on economic and political reforms to get into the EU," Erdogan said in Strasbourg, France.

Any reversal would "show disrespect to a country which has accelerated" economic and political reforms in recent years, he said.

Turkey, which has had EU aspirations for more than 40 years,

has joined every Western economic and political organization open to it, including the NATO alliance, and Europe's top human rights watchdog, the Council of Europe.

Günter Verheugen, the EU's enlargement commissioner, said the EU could not deny Turkey's bid this time around.

"The choice was very clear. Turkey was simply too good ... Progress was too good" to say no, he said. "We can trust Turkey that the country will continue ... improving the situation."

In an effort to appease skeptics, the recommendation set rigid hurdles for Turkey to meet before starting talks. Turkey will have to meet minimal reform "bench-

marks" in everything from food safety to setting cross-border banking fees.

Ankara may also face a contentious restriction on the number of workers it can send westward. The commission recommended a "safeguard clause"

that could be invoked to restrict the number of Turkish migrants in times of economic difficulty.

Verheugen said opening negotiations with Turkey would not get Europe-wide backing if such an "emergency brake" were not included.

"Our position is a positive one, but also a prudent, cautious one."

Romano Prodi
European Commission
president

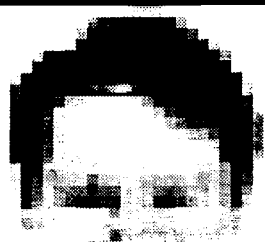
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George Bush
U.S. President

"The problem is of course, when you got the same old tired ideas, the same old false attacks, the same old tired rhetoric, there are no new ideas."

John Edwards
vice presidential candidate

Campaigns exchange barbs over VP debate

Bush continues Cheney's debate criticism

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — President Bush offered a sharp if familiar critique of his rivals on Wednesday, picking up where Dick Cheney left off in the vice presidential debate while defending the war in Iraq and their economic policies. Democratic vice presidential candidate John Edwards was poised to answer the criticism in the battleground state of Florida.

"In less than a month you'll have a chance to vote for Dick Cheney and me," Bush told cheering supporters in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. "I'm looking forward to coming down the stretch with a positive, strong message."

Bush assailed Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry as he usually does in campaign appearances, accusing the Massachusetts senator of wavering in his support of the war on terrorism, favoring scores of tax increases, and sending mixed signals to allies and enemies.

Bush even offered an explanation for the scowls and grimaces he displayed during the presidential debate last week in Miami when Kerry criticized nearly every action the president has taken on national security, taxes, education and health care.

"You hear all that you can understand why somebody would make a face," the president said.

Bush and Kerry meet again Friday night at Washington University in St. Louis to take questions from voters. In the vice presidential debate Tuesday night in Cleveland, Cheney and Edwards traded jabs over jobs, judgment and Iraq in what largely was a hard-fought draw.

"America saw two very different visions of our country and two different hairdos," Bush said to laughter. "I didn't pick my vice president for his hairdo, I picked him for his judgment, his experience."

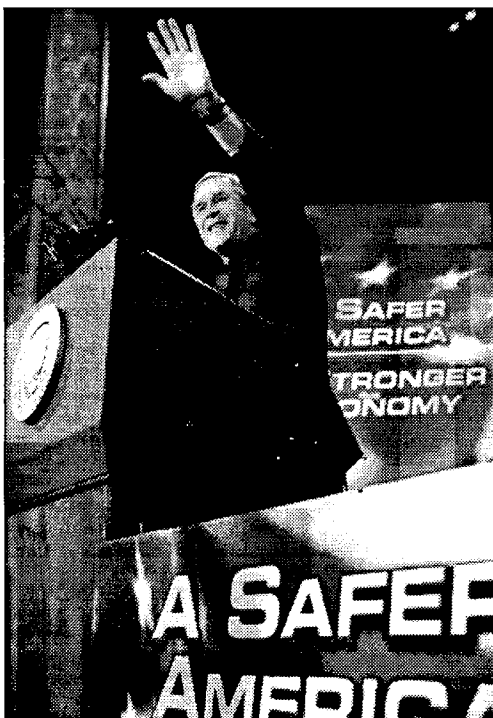
Cheney and Edwards headed for Florida, a battleground worth 27 electoral votes. Cheney was appearing in Tallahassee, Edwards in West Palm Beach.

The Bush camp claimed that a strong performance by Cheney helped break momentum that appeared to be going Kerry's way, but Democrats said Edwards more than held his own.

"I thought it was another win for the Kerry-Edwards team. I thought John

Edwards showed real strength, conviction, he was in command of all the facts, in control of the debate," Democratic Party chairman Terry McAuliffe told AP Radio on Wednesday. "I think the burden was on Dick Cheney to try and knock it out of the park. He did not do that."

Post-debate polls were split. Cheney fared best in an ABC News poll of a



In speeches made Wednesday, President Bush and Senator John Edwards continued the contentious tone of Tuesday's vice presidential debate.

Republican-leaning group of registered voters who watched the debate, with 43 percent giving Cheney the edge, while 35 percent said Edwards won. The Democrat was viewed more positively by 178 undecided voters polled by CBS News: 41 percent thought he had won and 28 percent thought Cheney had won.

The candidates, seated at a table within a few feet of each other at Case Western Reserve University, tore into each other repeatedly. Cheney, an experienced debater, and Edwards, a freshman senator from North Carolina who made millions of dollars as a trial lawyer, gave as well as they took.

Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Sen. John Edwards, answering President Bush's blistering criticism of Democrat John Kerry, contended Wednesday that the Republican was "completely out of touch with reality" about the Iraq war and the economy.

"He won't acknowledge the mess in Iraq. All you have to do is turn your tele-



vision on," Edwards said. "They still don't recognize that there's any problem with jobs and the economy" despite rising health care costs and record job losses.

"You can't fix these problems unless you recognize there is a problem," the Democratic vice presidential candidate told a sign-waving audience in a warehouse at the Palm Beach County convention center. "They're in denial. They're in denial about everything."

Earlier, in a speech in Pennsylvania, Bush accused Kerry of waffling in his position on the war on terrorism, pushing for higher taxes, and sending mixed signals to allies and enemies.

"In the war on terror, Senator Kerry is

proposing policies and doctrines that would weaken America and make the world more dangerous," Bush said. On the economy, he added, "My opponent is a tax-and-spend liberal; I'm a compassionate conservative."

Edwards responded to Bush's critical assessment of Kerry while the Massachusetts senator stayed off the campaign trail to prepare for his second debate with Bush on Friday in St. Louis.

The North Carolina senator said that after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks Bush chose to "divert the attention to Iraq" instead of "finishing the job of killing the man who masterminded the attacks," Osama bin Laden.

"These are the men who think their experience and value is so important for the American people," Edwards said.

Noting that the Bush's advisers had billed Bush's speech as a major address on foreign policy and the economy, Edwards said: "The problem is, of course, when you got the same old tired ideas, the same old false attacks, the same old tired rhetoric, there are no new ideas. There are no new plans."

"This president is completely out of touch with reality and it showed again in his speech today," Edwards said.

Steve Schmidt, a Bush spokesman, countered, "Their defeatist rhetoric is not consistent with the reality on the ground in Iraq."

The No. 2 on the Democratic ticket made a beeline for hurricane-ravaged south Florida a day after debating Vice President Dick Cheney in Cleveland. Cheney was campaigning in Tallahassee in the northern part of the state that put President Bush and him in the White House in the disputed election four years ago.

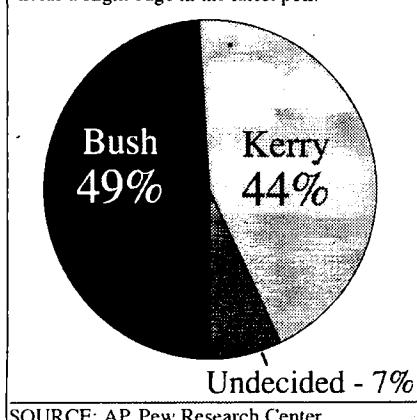
In West Palm Beach, Edwards said that Cheney "struggled with the truth" during the debate on several issues, including when the Republican denied linking Saddam Hussein with the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington.

Asked who won the debate, Edwards told reporters "the American people" because they saw clear contrasts between both tickets.

The senator was heading to Greensboro, N.C., later Wednesday before traveling to New York City for television interviews Thursday on "Live With Regis and Kelly" and "The View."

◆ Bush leads polls

Although many consider Sen. John Kerry the victor in the first debate, President Bush still holds a slight edge in the latest poll.



ELECTION QUICK HITS

◆ Election worker accused of gluing chads onto ballots

PETERSBURG, Ind. — A former election worker accused of gluing chads back onto punch-card ballots to change votes in Petersburg's 1999 municipal election says the charges are politically motivated.

Authorities allege that Ron Robling, a Democrat, delivered absentee ballots to voters and offered them money if they would let him return their marked ballots to the county courthouse. At the time, Robling was a member of the Pike County Election Board.

One couple told an investigator from the Indiana attorney general's office that Robling told them they had missed out on \$20 by mailing their ballots instead of giving them to him, according to court documents.

"I never offered nobody \$20 for a vote in my life. I wouldn't. It's stupid," Robling said after he was charged Monday with two felony counts of handling and tampering with ballots.

Another Petersburg resident, Larry Freeland Sr., faces one count of aiding and abetting the tampering of election

ballots and one count of handling ballots. He declined comment to the Evansville Courier & Press, and telephone calls to a home number listed in his name rang unanswered Wednesday.

Pike County Prosecutor Boyd Toler and county election officials sought the state attorney general's assistance in July after election officials reported finding a substance they believed to be glue on 99 absentee ballots from the 1999 election. The ballots have been turned over to state police.

Armed Haitian rioters arrested

At least four decapitated, 19 killed by enraged Aristide supporters

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Enraged supporters of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide armed themselves with machetes, guns, rocks and bottles and roamed a downtown slum, threatening to behead foreigners after U.N. peacekeepers and Haitian police arrested dozens of people Wednesday.

As gunfire crackled and two helicopters roared overhead, peacekeepers in armored personnel carriers moved into Bel Air, trying to put down a campaign by Aristide loyalists who have carried out gory beheadings in imitation of Iraqi insurgents.

Wednesday morning, the headless body of a man lay in the street in La Salines, a sea-side slum. Last week, three police officers were decapitated when Aristide supporters stepped up protests demanding his return from exile in South Africa, launching what they called "Operation Baghdad."

One angry man in Bel Air thrust a gun into the face of an Associated Press reporter Wednesday, yelled expletives against President Bush and U.N. peacekeepers, then screamed: "We are going to kidnap some Americans and cut off their heads."

At least 19 people have been killed in Port-au-Prince. Relief

workers say the violence could paralyze attempts to feed tens of thousands of people in the northwest port city of Gonaives, which was devastated by Tropical Storm Jeanne last month.

At least 46 people have been treated for gunshot wounds since Friday, Port-au-Prince General Hospital said.

Aristide loyalists had sealed off Bel Air, a warren of concrete homes overlooking the National Palace in Port-au-Prince. In Wednesday's operation, U.N. troops and Haitian police surrounded the district, searching cars and people at checkpoints near torched cars that residents were using to keep them out.

Police director Renan Etienne said they detained some 500 people for questioning during the sweep of Bel Air, but found no weapons.

"They were all bandits ... They had been firing at police," he told The Associated Press. He was unable to explain why no guns were found.

Police spokeswoman Jesse Coicou said 75 people were arrested.

On Tuesday, a dozen young men and children in Bel Air shot a man and tried unsuccessfully to hack off his head, accusing him of spying for rebels who overthrew Aristide, said Ninger Napoleon, a reporter for Radio

Antilles.

The troops and police withdrew from Bel Air Wednesday morning, leaving deserted streets to men and boys armed with machetes, guns, knives, bottles and stones. They lit bonfires to block roads with torched cars, tires, mattresses and old furniture.

"We demand Aristide's return," they said.

One young man peeked out from behind a door and whispered "I just want to go to school. This violence is preventing me from living my life."

Interim Prime Minister Gerard Latortue — whom protesters also have threatened to behead — accused pro-Aristide street gangs of instigating the violence. Aristide supporters say the police started it by firing at unarmed protesters.

"This threatens to paralyze all the humanitarian efforts we have in Gonaives. It's extremely serious," said Anne Poulsen of the U.N. World Food Program.

She said the unrest had scared away workers from the port, stranding 2,430 tons of food there.

The government has only 3,000 ill-equipped officers to police a country of 8 million people, and the Brazilian-led U.N. peacekeeping force has 3,000 troops — well under the 8,000 promised.

Car bombing kills at least 34 in Pakistan

Explosion rocks Islamic radical gathering

Associated Press

MULTAN, Pakistan — A car bomb exploded at a gathering of Islamic radicals in the central Pakistan city of Multan early Thursday, killing at least 34 people and injuring dozens, police said.

The attack came as hundreds of people had gathered in a residential area in the city to mark

the anniversary of the death of Maulana Azam Tariq, the leader of outlawed Sipah-e-Sahaba group who was killed last year.

City police chief Skindar Hayyat said that at least 34 people were killed, and that the blast was caused by a car bomb.

Dozens of injured were taken to a government hospital, an officer in the police control room in Multan said.

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'Barbershop' actor's rape case dismissed

Judge says Anderson accused for money

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A judge dismissed rape charges against "Barbershop" actor Anthony Anderson on Wednesday, saying testimony by his accuser was some of the most "suspicious" he has ever heard.

Judge Anthony Johnson said the woman's testimony at a preliminary hearing did not produce probable cause to let the charges stand.

"This is absolutely the most suspicious case I've ever heard," the judge said.

Defense lawyers said the 25-year-old woman accused Anderson in hopes of getting money from him. The judge "thought this case needs to be stopped and stopped right now," defense attorney Leslie Ballin said.

The woman was seeking a job as an extra in the film "Hustle & Flow" when she accused Anderson and assistant director Wayne Witherspoon of attacking her in a trailer on the movie set.

A rape charge also was dismissed against Witherspoon.

Testifying to the judge, the

woman acknowledged having sex with both Anderson and Witherspoon over a period of several days before the reported attack. She said those encounters also were forced but she didn't report them.

Anthony is the rotund comic co-star of "Kangaroo Jack," and the original "Barbershop," in which he portrayed a thief who is seen throughout the movie trying to get away with an automatic teller machine.

Anderson and Witherspoon refused comment on their lawyer's advice as they left the courtroom.

Allan Mayer, a spokesman for Anderson, said the charges were obviously "trumped-up."

"That said, this has been a terrible ordeal for him and his family, and he is eager to put it behind him and move on with his life and career," Mayer said.

The state prosecutor's office said no decision had been made on whether to pursue the case again.

"We learned more at the preliminary hearing than we knew before," said spokeswoman Jennifer Donnals. "We'll look at all the evidence and make a decision."

"This is absolutely the most suspicious case I've ever heard."

Anthony Johnson
judge

Stern makes move to satellite radio

Shock jock defects to Sirius after record censorship settlements

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Howard Stern has long had two words for the Federal Communications Commission — and in 15 months, he can finally utter them on the air.

The self-proclaimed "King of All Media," perhaps the most influential radio voice of the last 20 years, is shifting his salacious act to satellite radio and freeing himself from the increasingly harsh glare of federal regulators. His new employer, Sirius Satellite Radio, is gambling its new star can rescue a company that's lost \$1 billion over the last five years.

In an announcement Wednesday ripping the FCC and media conglomerate Clear Channel Communications Inc., Stern told his loyal audience of 12 million that he was abandoning traditional broadcasting. His debut on Sirius will come in January 2006, after Stern finishes the rest of his current deal with Infinity Broadcasting Corp., the radio subsidiary of MTV owner Viacom Inc.

"I'm tired of the censorship," said Stern, who was involved in the two biggest radio fines ever imposed by the FCC — including a record \$1.75 million settlement reached four months ago. "The FCC ... has stopped me from doing

business."

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Michael Powell responded to Stern's move Wednesday by saying that "it is not surprising that notable performers and journalists are turning to a medium that allows them to paint with a broader palette."

Stern signed a five-year, multi-million dollar deal with Sirius, according to the company. Stern, along with airing his own morning show, will program two additional channels for the company as part of the "reinvention" of a 25-year career that spawned scores of imitators.

"One of radio's highest earners, one of its innovators, is kissing terrestrial radio goodbye."

Howard Stern
radio host

"This starts the avalanche," Stern said later in an interview with The Associated Press. "One of radio's highest earners, one of its innovators, is kissing terrestrial radio goodbye."

Under his new deal inked Monday, Stern — along with a cast of cohorts

who will accompany him to Sirius — will reach every market nationwide. His show dominates the lucrative radio market among males 18-49 years of age and ranks No. 1 in many of the 46 markets where his show is broadcast.

The price tag for luring Stern to satellite, including salaries, overhead and other costs, will hit \$100 million a year. But Sirius, which now has more than 600,000 subscribers, hopes Stern can bring along up to 4 million new recruits and catapult its business into the black. They said they'd need at least 1 million to cover the costs of signing Stern.

It might work. Shares of the satellite radio company surged nearly 16 percent on word of Stern's defection.

If Stern pulls it off, his signing could become the broadcasting equivalent of the old American Football League's contract in the 1960s with quarterback Joe Namath, which provided the fledgling league with an undeniable superstar and instant credibility.

Sirius is one of two companies trying to make satellite radio a viable business. Its competition, XM Satellite Radio Holdings,

launched its own marketing weapon this week: shock jocks Opie and Anthony, who were yanked off the air for broadcasting two listeners having sex inside St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Stern's show will air as part of Sirius' basic package, rather than as a premium channel. Sirius offers 120 channels of commercial-free music, sports, news, talk, entertainment and traffic for a monthly fee of \$12.95. Customers do not need a dish to receive the radio signal; it's picked up by a receiver about the size of a car radio. There's a one-time fee of \$15 to start the service, and the equipment can cost up to \$150.

"Satellite radio is going to take its place as a mainstream force, and it may surpass AM and FM," said Michael Harrison of the trade publication Talkers. "Howard Stern is a catalyst who is only making the process faster."

Stern couldn't agree more. Along the way, the shock jock said he wouldn't mind putting a hurting on Clear Channel, which remains embroiled in lawsuits with Stern over its decision to drop him earlier this year from half-dozen of its stations.

"My dream is going to satellite, and making Clear Channel's \$85 million radio properties worth 50 cents," Stern said. "I hope it comes true."

In July, Clear Channel sued Infinity for more than \$3 million, claiming Stern broke their contract by violating federal indecency regulations. The lawsuit came after Stern filed a \$10 million suit against Clear Channel, the nation's top radio station owner, which had \$8.9 billion in revenues last year.

Like cable television, satellite radio is not subject to federal indecency scrutiny because it is available only to paid subscribers.

Clear Channel did not immediately return calls about Stern's comments. The American Family Association, a longtime critic of Stern, said his decision to join Sirius accomplished the near-impossible task of pleasing both their group and the shock jock.

"He should be happy, and we're happy he's off the publicly owned airwaves," said Randy Sharp, AFA director of special projects. "Quite frankly, we hope one day he sees the error of his ways and reforms his message to America."

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Expressing life through music

Lately, I have noticed high levels of anxiety permeating the halls of Holy Cross Hall. There have been sleepless nights caused by stress, tears over boyfriends and breakdowns in the face of that 10-page paper due tomorrow morning. While it is inevitable that this time right before

Molly Acker

Nobody likes a dumb blonde

midterms will be especially busy, I am simply trying to take these potentially stressful weeks in stride.

Since I was younger, my dad has always been a great comfort to me when I was going through what he would describe as a "tough time." Whereas most parents would offer a few words of encouragement or a pat on the back, my father has always related my predicaments to songs. He remains convinced that all of life's problems can be solved by paying attention to appropriate song lyrics. Whether I am happy or sad, he always finds lyrics that apply to my situation, and he then provides me with a temporary theme song.

Throughout grade school, when life was simpler, my song was always "Thank Heaven for Little Girls." It was a constant reminder that I was a blessing to those in my family and an important part of their lives.

Once high school rolled around, it became clear that one song would not be enough, so he expanded his play list.

Right before I made my Confirmation, my dad played Billy Joel's "Only the Good Die Young" as an example of what not to do.

When I began to date, my dad reminded me of the Supremes' "You Can't Hurry Love," to show me that the right guy will not play silly games with me.

As I began the process of looking for a college, my parents wanted to make sure that I made my own decision as to which school I would attend. My song became "Go Where You Wanna Go" by the Mamas and the Papas.

Eventually I did make my own decision and was excited to start college. Graduation came and went and then my dad let me in on a secret. He played Paul Simon's "Kodachrome" and more or less told me that "all that crap I learned in high school" is not all that I need to get by in life. However, he wanted me to understand that things in life aren't always what they seem, so he introduced me to the Kinks' classic, "Lola," which tells the story of a guy who mistakenly goes home with a cross-dresser.

College began, and I had little trouble fitting in and having a great time. There was never a dull moment. My dad called me one morning, after I had enjoyed a particularly "fun" night and determined that the song "Good Golly Miss Molly (Devil with the Blue Dress on)" aptly described my first month of college. To this day, he reminds me to keep him and my mom in mind by referencing the line "While you're rocking and rolling, can't you hear your mama call?"

Like most fathers, my dad became concerned with my relationships with young men and pointed out that their intentions are not always admirable. Naturally, he broke out the Frank

Sinatra CD and told me to take it "Nice and Easy."

Last winter, as I was left for my semester in Rome, his song of choice on the way to the airport was Cat Stevens' "Wild World." Similarly, when I called home several months later and asked for more money in order to spend the summer in Europe, he cited his favorite philosopher, Mick Jagger, and told me, "You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, you get what you need" — apparently, I needed to come home.

Now here I am a junior in college and looking towards my future. I told my dad about this idea for a column and he seems to think that our playlist has come full circle. As "Thank Heaven for Little Girls" will tell you, we "grow up in the most delightful way." He is now confident that I can find my own songs to listen to, and even help others by helping them find the right tunes for the right moments. So when things are looking bleak, and you need some advice, it's nice to know you can look to your music collection and find the answers. I know I am not alone. I have noticed that other people do this to some extent. Please, if you need any help finding your song, let me know and I'll see what I can do.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Personally opposed, but ...

John Kerry shares the time-honored excuse of Catholic politicians for their support of abortion, professing some form of the "personally opposed, but ..." argument. Having recently heard several defenses of this position in casual discussions and lectures, I thought it would be helpful to consider where Kerry fits in the picture. To do this, I will consider specifically what Kerry does not mean.

One argument goes that a representative of the people needs to represent the will of his constituents. If the majority of the constituents is pro-abortion, he needs to vote accordingly. This sounds like sophisticated political theory, making it appealing despite its many problems. Whether it's good theory or not, be sure that it is not what Kerry believes. In his letters to pro-life constituents, where he would be most likely to expound this theory of representation, he says nothing of it. Rather, he writes that "after much careful study, I remain committed to the position that no one ultimately is better able, and no one has a more compelling right, to weigh her options than the pregnant woman. Included in these options should be the choice of pregnancy termination." It is Kerry himself, not his constituents, who has come to this conclusion.

Nor does he mean that he has deep pangs of conscience when he casts a pro-abortion vote, mindful of the great harm that it causes. Instead, he told NARAL that "we need to honestly and confidently and candidly take this issue [abortion] out of the country and we need to speak up and be proud of what we stand for." Kerry promises to champion

abortion rights internationally, as something we have no misgivings toward but are "proud" of, and he has promised that his first action — if elected president — would be to provide funding for organizations that perform abortions overseas.

Perhaps Kerry means that while his faith instructs him that abortion is wrong, he cannot impose his faith on others. Aside from the many difficulties that accrue to this view, it too is not what Kerry means. In 1994, he said before Congress, "Abortions need to be moved out of the fringes of medicine and into the mainstream ... And by the same token ... tolerance needs to be spread out of the mainstream churches, mosques, and synagogues, and into the religious fringes." What does this suggest? First, that because of her pro-life voice, Kerry's own Catholic Church is on the "religious fringes," and that the Catholic Church must start preaching "tolerance" of abortion.

So in what sense is Kerry "personally opposed, but ..."? I suspect that with him and with so many other pro-abortion Catholics, the line is an insincere but convenient excuse to assuage the uncritical citizen, and that regardless of the soundness of any "personally opposed, but" argument, most politicians espouse nothing but an empty formula.

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"Man was formed for society and is neither capable of living alone, nor has the courage to do it."

Sir William Blackstone
English writer on law

The power to 'declare' war

"I faced the kind of decision that comes only to the Oval Office," said President Bush. "Do I forget the lessons of September 11th ... or do I take action to defend our country? Faced with that choice, I will defend America every time."

Campaign rhetoric on both sides implies that the decision for war or peace belongs to one man — the President. The framers of the Constitution saw it differently. On August 17, 1787, they debated whether to give Congress the power to "make war." James Madison and Elbridge Gerry successfully "moved to insert 'declare,' striking out 'make' war; leaving to the Executive the power to repel sudden attacks." Roger Sherman said, "The Executive [should] be able to repel and not to commence war." They left what Justice Robert Jackson called "a zone of twilight," with concurrent powers in the President and Congress. The balance is hard to strike.

The War Powers Resolution of 1973, for example, imposed probably unconstitutional time limits on the President's use of force. Presidents have put forces into combat more than 200 times. Congress has declared war only five times. The last time Congress debated and decided whether to go to war was in 1917.

The President takes an oath to "preserve, protect and defend" the Constitution, while other officers swear only to "support" it. Presidents usually seek Congressional approval before major military action. But no President has admitted that he must do so.

President Clinton bombed Serbia despite the refusal of the House to authorize it. In the Gulf War, the Afghanistan campaign and the Iraq War, Congress gave a blank check

to the President. In 2002, Congress authorized him to use the armed forces "as he determines to be necessary and appropriate ... to defend ... the United States against the ... threat posed by Iraq." The Resolution of September 18, 2001, understandably did not even identify the enemy. It authorized the President "to use all necessary and appropriate force against those nations, organizations or persons he determines planned, authorized, committed or ordered the ... attacks ... on September 11, 2001, or harbored such organizations or persons."

In the ongoing war against what the 9/11 Commission called "Islamist terrorism," who will decide, for example, whether to use force to prevent Iran from achieving nuclear capability? The citizen, lacking information, must give a benefit of the doubt to the justice and wisdom of a decision to use force, whether made by Congress or the President or both. Congress, however, has a duty to inform itself and to participate in, or perhaps control, decisions to initiate a major use of force.

The President needs flexibility to fulfill his duty of defense. But if Congress continues its habit of authorizing the President to use force as he thinks it "necessary and appropriate," Congress may find itself reduced to a merely advisory and funding role. Can there be a situation today in which Congress must go beyond authorization and must itself decide whether to use military force? Was House Speaker Thomas Foley right when he said the Gulf War resolution had "the moral legal, constitutional, practical consequences of a declaration of war"? Maybe the best we can do is the current pattern of ad hoc cooperation. But the issue compels attention in light of the current expansive concept of defense.

"The wisest use of American strength," said President

Bush, "is to advance freedom." He sees the liberation of Iraq as "a watershed event in the global democratic revolution." He views "our commitment to the global expansion of democracy" and specifically our helping Iraq to build a "democratic country in the heart of the Middle East" as a way to "defend our people from danger." To prevent "rogue states" from acquiring weapons of mass destruction, he pledges, "we will not hesitate to act alone, if necessary, to exercise our right of self-defense by acting preemptively."

This new doctrine of seeking security by advancing a "global democratic revolution" and by preemptive military action to prevent presidentially defined "rogue states" from getting WMDs is a presidential creation. And it is light years removed from the framers' quaint idea of "leaving to the Executive the power to repel sudden attacks."

These remarks are not intended to focus criticism on President Bush, for whom I will vote. And Senator Kerry's multiple positions are no less dubious. The point is that, whoever is elected, it ought to be agreed that the decision to initiate major conflict, including separate phases of the "war on terror," must involve seriously the elected representatives of the people who will fight that war. Elbridge Gerry was from Massachusetts. But he still got it right when he said he "never expected to hear in a republic a motion to empower the Executive alone to declare war."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rebuilding Ratzinger

Professor Kristin Shrader-Frechette's column, Science Watch, published last Friday both contained a large number of errors regarding the teachings of the Catholic Church and promoted a shallow understanding of Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger's statements on Catholic voting.

First, to state that John Kerry stands with Catholic doctrine 80 percent of the time and George Bush 20 percent of the time assumes that all issues of Catholic doctrine are equal in weight. Cardinal Ratzinger made clear in his statement regarding voting that "Not all moral issues have the same moral weight as abortion and euthanasia." Ratzinger argued that issues such as the waging of war may warrant "diversity of opinion even among Catholics," but that such diversity is not possible "with regard to abortion and euthanasia." Furthermore, John Kerry has made it clear that while he personally considers himself a Catholic he does not believe in forcing his views upon peoples of other religions. One must then conclude that although Kerry advocates some positions that are in line with Catholic doctrine, he does so not out of faith and right reasoning, but by the use of his individual conscience. Can a rational Catholic voter then really place his trust in this statistic knowing that Kerry is not guided by the Church, but only by himself?

Professor Shrader-Frechette writes, "Catholic doctrine requires the primacy of conscience. It requires informing one's conscience but prohibits ever violating it." To use this statement in the context that the professor does is a misunderstanding of what this doctrine states. The Catholic Church has always defined an informed conscience as being one informed by the doctrines of the Catholic Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church clearly states that a conscience not informed in this way can be erroneous in judgment. According to Church teaching, the belief that personal conscience overrules Church teaching is a heresy. Indeed, rule-following has never dominated Catholic morality, only the recognition that to define good and evil based on individual conceptions is not to truly love God, whom we know through communion with Christ's Church, but rather is to worship a god invented by man.

Finally, Professor Schrader-Frechette ignores the arguments set forth by Pope John Paul II in his Gospel of Life that in order to take any of the life issues seriously, one must first respect life in the womb. If one cannot respect life at conception, how can one begin to defend life issues such as welfare and pollution rights? Perhaps this is why Professor Schrader-Frechette is able to make a utilitarian argument at the end of her piece, "One million three-hundred thousand U.S. abortions are a tragedy. But so are the slow deaths of 18 million U.S. children. And the 1 million deaths of children in developing nations," that implies the lives of 19 million children are more valuable than 1.3 million children with relative ease. Catholic doctrine asserts the value and dignity of every individual. Putting forth arguments such as the ones found in Science Watch will not help to create a culture of life, but will plunge us even further into the culture of death.

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Reviewing 'alternative lifestyles'

With much interest I read the Oct. 4 story about the demonstration of the students with orange armbands, the purpose of which was to contest "Notre Dame's No. 1 Princeton Review ranking for intolerance of 'alternative lifestyles.'" The beginning was really promising. I thought that possibly I would find a real openness to a variety of lifestyles, such as celibacy for the Kingdom of God; or complete self-denial for the sake of the poor; or virginity until marriage and full fidelity after the wedding; or perhaps a life dedicated to promote justice among the rich and the poor without love for tyrants; or even a management career that, against the stream of the market, heroically takes care of both the workers and the customers. It must be said that, being the feast of Saint Francis, the date was particularly appropriate for this expectation. It was very disappointing to find out that in Princeton's jargon the promising expression means only "intolerance of the lifestyle of gays and lesbians." However, I think that the point deserves a little more reflection.

Slowly and subtly, liberal ideology is taking over all the spaces of thought in this country. It is trying to totally assimilate to itself even spaces that should be shrines of alternative thinking. The curious thing is that it is doing so under the banner of "tolerance." Judges, the press, and liberal colleges are denying to Catholics and other minorities the right to organize themselves in health institutions — to live according to their Faith — and in educational or Academic institutions — to fully understand their Faith and propagate it. The argument is that life in society has demands that cannot be overlooked for reasons that are proper of a particular group. "Public order" demands a complete submission of every minority. "Tolerance" would be, thus, a requirement of public order.

According to liberal ideologues, Catholics have to accept homosexuality as a "normal" way of life. Why? This is not clear, but the issue is compared with the acceptance of the civil rights of the African-Americans. Here you have a complete confusion of every juridical or ethical concept. To "discriminate" means to give unequal treatment for reasons that are not relevant. To deny civil rights for

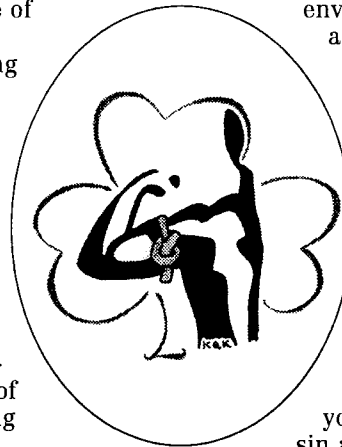
biological reasons such as race is a monstrosity.

Homosexual behavior, however, is not a biological fact. One can accept that probably a small percentage of homosexual people have a biological root of their drives. But a sexual drive or desire is not an action. Married and unmarried people feel sexual desire towards persons that are not the legitimate spouse. But, we are not mere animals, utterly unable to control our passions. To indulge in such desire is, thus, for anyone, a sin.

What Catholic faith teaches is that sexual pleasure is ordered toward procreation, and procreation must take place within an environment of unconditional love and stable commitment, which environment we call "marriage." Only this way can man and woman have responsible sex and parenthood. Any behavior that violates this order is a sin. Most of us are, in this or in other matters, sinners. All of us are in need of God's mercy and all of us have to be compassionate with each other. Christ was compassionate with the woman caught in adultery. But He also said: "Go your way, and from now on do not sin again" (John 8: 11).

This is not only a matter of Faith. It is also a matter of natural reason. Indeed, one can find very nearly the doctrine of the Church in a passage in Plato, a man who especially in his old age was able to stick to the truth of reason amidst a very corrupted society: Laws, VIII, 838 ff. To exclude "homosexual marriage" is not discrimination because "marriage" is an institution that is intrinsically ordered to procreation. Some people might not agree with this. It is a tradition proper of the Western world, however, that political power does not control the spirit, represented by the Church and by universities. Thus, even if the general corruption of society leads to the acceptance of giving the label of "marriage" to homosexual unions, the traditional freedom and tolerance of the Western world should allow institutions of the spirit to disagree with the state of affairs.

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ALBUM REVIEWS

Third time not a charm for Ben Folds

By JULIE BENDER
Scene Music Critic

No matter how the music scene changes, Ben Folds continues to remain a presence just below the surface of mainstream popularity. His brand of piano pop combined with witty lyrics never fails to charm, and his stage presence is akin to what a Bruce Springsteen live show would be on piano. His energy and stamina ignite his piano, and the audience falls right in step with Folds until he finally packs it in and leaves the stage.

We haven't seen a full-length release from Folds since 2002's "Ben Folds Live" — 17 tracks of Folds and his traveling piano. 2003 brought us two five-song EPs, "Sunny 16" and "Speed Graphic," neither of which is his best work, but both have superb moments of Folds' trademark balladeering. These two EPs continued Folds' musical theme used on the tour from which "Ben Folds Live" was recorded — no other instrumentation beyond vocals and

piano.

Speaking on his Web site about his decision to release his latest music via the Internet and on five-song EPs, Folds said, "Part of me thinks I'm an idiot for 'wasting' this recording on limited release [EP's], but I'm really into this method of recording and releasing quickly and making it all about music."

Folds has certainly proved he's "all about music" by continuing to tour and release songs just below the radar of radio and MTV. And now Folds has done it yet again with the third and final release in his EP trilogy, "Super D."

Unlike the other EPs' "strictly piano" sound, "Super D" ventures into a new musical arena. Piano still remains at the forefront, but Folds includes drums, horns and even strings on many of the tracks. Despite these additions, however, the ending result is not up to the quality of work most fans are used to with Folds.

The first song on the EP is a cover of The Darkness' "Get Your Hands Off My Woman." Folds slips into an angry falsetto during the



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Ben Folds' "Super D" is the third installment in his EP trilogy. The other two, "Sunny 16" and "Speed Graphic," came out in 2003.

chorus of this song, singing with venom not heard since "Song for the Dumped," released when Folds was still with his trio, Ben Folds Five. The song is "heavy metal on piano," as Folds describes it on his Web site, and the result is a somewhat startling rejection of his former piano pop sound, but will make a great live tune for shows.

"Kalamazoo" and "Adelaide" are two of the weakest songs on the EP. "Kalamazoo" is a song Folds formerly used on demo tapes. Here it is reworked in what starts as a meandering lounge number that slowly increases tempo, adding drums, bass and strings. "Adelaide" uses spinning piano and a thumping beat that stay in sync with the vocal track. Despite the catchiness of the chorus, the song fails to make an impression.

"Rent a Cop" is the one song on the album where Folds showcases the wit and talent that mark his previous albums. Proving no one is safe from Folds' sharp scrutiny, the song humorously thumps along to a supposedly true

story of a greasy mall security guard: "I'll be hanging at the check out / Checking out your girlfriend / Figure out how she's going to fit all of that / Butt into that underwear — yeah," sings Folds, tongue in cheek, of course.

The closing song on the EP is a tribute to the late Ray Charles. In an effort to "tip the hat to the man," Folds covers Charles' song, "Them That Got." Romping piano marks the charming little number recorded live in a performance from two years ago. "I don't know the whole thing, but I like it," says Folds as the final chord trails off amidst cheering.

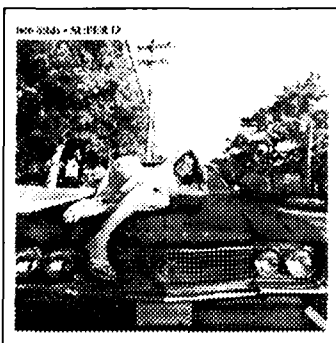
Although Folds has good moments on Super D — especially with the last two tracks — overall, the EP does not live up to expectations created from other work in his musical repertoire. Nonetheless, it's a nice complement to the other EPs in the trilogy, and reveals the direction Folds may be heading with his next full-length album, due out in 2005.

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Super D

Ben Folds

Attacked By Plastic



Green Day releases political 'rock opera'

By MICHELE JEFFERS
Scene Music Critic

One of the most noteworthy aspects of the campaign trail this election season lies with the eagerness of rock musicians to step up and voice their political opinions through albums and concert tours.

Green Day, a band that has remained at the forefront of the alternative music scene since the mid-90's, has also taken its turn at the political microphone. Four years since the release of their last full-length album, the members of Green Day went to the recording studio with a renewed alacrity and a clear intention of fully exercising their First Amendment right. The band's deep frustrations and anger with the Bush administration and the Iraq War inspired them to create something different and explore another dimension of their talents. Thus, in the vein of Pink Floyd's "The Wall" and The Who's

"Tommy," the band has written "American Idiot" as a "rock opera." It is always a risk for an established band to step outside the line, but Green Day upheld passion and sincerity over playing it safe. In an MTV interview Billie Joe stated, "I think the problem with a lot of rock bands or pop groups or whatever is that they're so afraid of damaging their precious careers. For me, I think it is something that can enrich mine: 'Yeah, I supported this. This meant a lot to me.'"

The album wastes no time getting to the point, and opens with "American Idiot." The song's catchiness and ability to stand-alone has contributed to its wide spread radio play. However, it serves as an effective prologue to the rest for the album, hooking the listener into it with its barb towards the general ignorance that results from mindless allegiance to the media.

The second track, "Jesus of Suburbia," is a nine-minute opus, containing five cohesively transitioned parts. It is here that the protagon-



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Much like Pink Floyd's "The Wall" and The Who's "Tommy," Green Day's latest album is a "rock opera."

nist of the opera identifies himself: "The Son of Rage and Love / The Jesus of Suburbia." This self-identity is continuously being developed throughout the album.

The most polemical track on "American Idiot" is definitely "Holiday." Armstrong's talent for songwriting is blazoned through the song's powerful lyrics: "Zieg heil to the President Gasman / Bombs away is your punishment / Pulverize the Eiffel Towers / who criticize your government." While these lyrics vilify President Bush as a cruel despot, it is the protagonist who feels that he bears unjust censure just because "[He] beg[s] to dream and differ from the hollow lies."

"American Idiot" lowers the intensity with slower songs like "Boulevard of Broken Dreams" and "Give Me Novacaine." "Wake Me Up When September Ends" is a beautiful ballad written by Armstrong in response to his father's death. It creates a sentimental moment of repose to reflect on "Becoming who we are / As my memory rests / But never forgets what I lost." Coming full circle, the sec-

ond to last song is another five-part opus called "Homecoming."

It is a difficult task to adequately describe Green Day's latest venture because each song is made richer through the operatic character's odyssey through faith, disillusionment and even acceptance. "American Idiot" does have a specific political message and is probably not for those who can not stomach a side of liberalism with their Cheerios, but regardless of one's political leanings, the album can resonate with anyone who feels that the state of things, internally and externally, are not quite right. In 16 years this is Green Day's only album to debut at No. 1, showing that risky decisions can also be the smartest. In fact, Green Day is in the initial planning stages of turning this concept album into a full-length film.

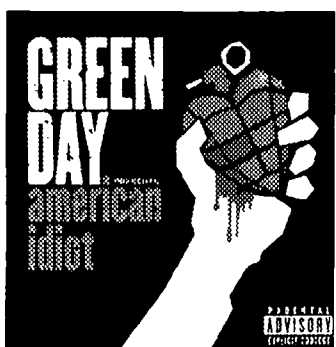
Green Day will be on tour this fall with New Found Glory and Sugarcult.

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American Idiot

Green Day

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ALBUM REVIEWS

Interpol trumps lofty expectations

By MATTHEW L. SOLARSKI
Scene Music Critic

New York City's favorite sons have returned at long last with what is by far the most anticipated indie release of 2004. Make no mistake: "Antics," the follow-up to 2002's milestone debut, "Turn On The Bright Lights," proves itself every bit as scintillating, inspired, and mystifying as its esteemed predecessor.

The new album opens with some of the warmest electric organ chords this side of Procol Harum's "A Whiter Shade of Pale." On this introductory track, entitled "Next Exit," lead vocalist Paul Banks delivers an ode to his beloved home city, proclaiming his hopeful

intent to "make this place a heart / to be a part of / again." The song sets the mood for the remainder of the album, and one can almost see the night-lit city coming into focus on the horizon, as an approaching car and its sartorially-savvy occupants, brimming with all the promise of a nascent Friday night, drift past the strobe lighting of the overpasses. On this fateful night, however, something sinister lingers upon the air of the great city.

"Evil" immediately follows, ostensibly a love song, but darker undertones emerge in the final verse. It springs to life in much the same manner as "Obstacle 1" from Interpol's previous effort, as Banks advises with his trademark orotund delivery: "Leave some

shards under the belly / lay some grease inside my hand / It's a sentimental jury / And the makings of a good plan." The crime theme carries through many of "Antics" songs, manifested in such titles as "Narc," "Not Even Jail," and "Public Pervert" and in pithy, enigmatic lyrics. In "Slow Hands," a fast-paced standout, frantic guitar and bass dance about lines like "See the loving that surrounds me / dissipate in a violent haze" and finally, "We spies, intimate / Slow hands, killer."

Both the new record and its precursor exhibit a decidedly nocturnal vibe. Where "Bright Lights" took listeners deep into the dying hours of a long night, ultimately setting them adrift with the brilliant "Leif Erikson," "Antics" heralds the coming of a new night, rife with new adventure, new confrontation, and new peril. The record concludes with a gorgeous new recording of a well-known B-side, "A Time To Be So Small." Like "Leif Erikson," this dark lullaby resolves little and unsettles more than it lulls — a fitting finale for an album so keen on precarious mystery.

The band manages, most uncannily, to put together music that strays considerably from comfortable verse-chorus-verse conventions and abounds in cryptic, occasionally downright ominous, lyrical imagery. Yet all the same,

one cannot help but find the sound endearing in much the same way as that of significantly more literal bands like the Cure and the Smiths. Interpol thrives upon dialectics like these, crafting songs, which are unconventional but somehow accessible, dark and yet simultaneously uplifting, patternless and yet instantly memorable.

Interpol boasts two secret weapons that are hardly secrets but certainly no less formidable for it: bassist Carlos D. and guitarist Daniel Kessler. The former lays out rhythms like so many rail ties, achieving at once the relentless heart of John Henry and the taut, mechanistic precision of the steam drill. Carlos injects enough twists and turns into the track to provide the Interpolocomotive — brought to life by Kessler's crisp, chiming, evocative guitar lines — with a diverse and altogether compelling journey across these dangerous, moon-drenched, sonic landscapes.

"Antics" does not depart significantly from the distinct style established on "Turn On The Bright Lights."

So then is it more of the same? Perhaps, but when the same is this good, one can never quite have enough.

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INTERPOLANTICS

Stone releases soulful second album

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Assistant Scene Editor

The title pretty much says it all as far as the mood and direction of Joss Stone's newest album, "Mind Body & Soul."

Stone's second album is not a huge deviation from the tones of her first album, "The Soul Sessions," which just became popular early this year. The music is generally soft with some upbeat tracks, but through it all Stone's strong voice is wonderfully complimented and showcased.

Stone said that, "For me, personally, 'Mind Body & Soul' is my real debut album." Stone co-wrote 11 of the 14 tracks on "Mind Body & Soul," and the maturity of her voice is abundantly apparent. Whether a fast track or a slow melodic tune, Stone's voice penetrates the ear of

any listener, proving there are truly talented female musicians who are actually popular and selling records. There is something almost indescribable about Stone's voice; it is powerful and addictive. She seems to sense the exact moments to go soft, fast or any direction it allows. The voice of Stone is the most exciting part of "Mind Body & Soul" and is simply addictive.

The songs on "Mind Body & Soul" are also generally interesting and memorable. While there are fast and slow songs with hints of different levels of blues, jazz and pop that surface in the songs on the album, more variety in song genre would make for a stronger album. Stone is a terrific musician who is immensely talented, but as one listens to the album, many of the songs have a very similar sound. On the other hand, that sound is terrific. As such, the strength of the



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Joss Stone has a powerful and addictive voice, but unfortunately lacks strong lyrics.

album is apparent, but as one listens to the addictive voice of Joss Stone, it is inevitably thought that it would be nice to see all that her voice could do in songs that are more different from one another.

One of the catchiest faster songs is "Don't Cha Wanna Ride," with a soft yet quick beat supporting its playful lyrics. Stone sings, "I know you got the Hummer for the summer, baby / But I got your number, baby / I got your number ... A car this fine don't pass your way every day / Don't cha wanna ride, baby?" While the lyrics are less than impressive, the song itself is fun and memorable. A softer song is found in "Jet Lag," with hints of an almost reggae beat that is appealing to any listener looking for a softer yet funky kind of beat.

There are not necessarily any classic tracks on "Mind Body & Soul," but there are not any that are especially bad either. They all generally flow into each other, making Joss Stone's "Mind Body & Soul" a terrific album to have playing in the background of any chill scene. Overall, the album is good music with a strong voice singing lyrics that are questionable in quality. All the shortcomings are made up for by Stone's addictively smooth yet strong voice. "Mind Body & Soul" may fall into the category of background music, but Stone's voice and the future of her career certainly do not and will not.

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Mind, Body & Soul

Joss Stone

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MLB PLAYOFFS

Rodriguez leads Yankees to comeback win

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Yankees waited all season for that huge hit from Alex Rodriguez.

Boy, did he deliver just in time.

Rodriguez hit a tying double in the 12th inning, then Derek Jeter dashed home on Hideki Matsui's sacrifice fly and the Yankees bailed out Mariano Rivera with another improbable postseason comeback, beating Minnesota 7-6 to even their series at a game apiece.

"Alex had a little trouble settling in here, but when you do this at Yankee Stadium in a post-season game, especially coming from behind, God only knows what it's going to do for him," New York manager Joe Torre said. "You couldn't get a bigger hit."

After falling behind in the 12th on Torii Hunter's home run, the Yankees responded with a championship-caliber rally. No surprise, because New York set a major league record with 61 comeback wins during the regular season.

"We never doubted ourselves," Gary Sheffield said. "We've done this all season. There's no reason to think we couldn't do it again."

Corey Koskie keyed the Twins' eighth-inning comeback with a tying double against Rivera, who blew a save in the postseason for

only the third time in 33 chances.

Game 3 in the best-of-five AL series will be Friday night at the Metrodome, with Kevin Brown starting for the Yankees against Carlos Silva.

Jeter, Rodriguez and Sheffield homered earlier in this game, and it went to extra innings tied at 5. It stayed that way until Hunter against Tanyon Sturtze, who had worked 2 2-3 hitless innings to that point.

But Joe Nathan was running out of gas, too. The Twins' closer had made 43 straight appearances without going more than one inning, but manager Ron Gardenhire sent him out for a season-high third inning in hopes of finishing it.

"He was still throwing 94, 95, 96 mph," Gardenhire said. "It's a little disappointing. I probably left him out there too long. I didn't like our options."

After a strike, Nathan walked Miguel Cairo and Jeter on eight straight pitches with one out in the 12th, bringing up Rodriguez, who hit only .248 with runners in scoring position in his first season with the Yankees.

He's making up for all that in October. A-Rod hit a ground-rule double to left-center on Nathan's 49th pitch, tying the score at 6 with his fourth hit of the game. It gave him three RBIs, and made him 6-for-10 in the series.

"This team never gives up," Rodriguez said. "When we fell behind in the 12th, we felt like there was a window of opportunity with Nathan going out for his third inning. If we can just get some guys on, we can tie it or win it."

Sheffield was intentionally walked before J.C. Romero replaced Nathan.

With the outfield drawn-in, Matsui hit a liner directly at right fielder Jacques Jones that appeared to be too shallow to score Jeter from third.

But Jeter took off for the plate, and Jones' throw didn't have much on it. First baseman Matthew LeCroy, who entered as a pinch-hitter in the 10th, relayed the ball to the plate, but Jeter slid in safely.

"I didn't care, I was going no matter what," Jeter said. "Sometimes you have to force guys to make plays."

Astros 9, Braves 3

The Houston Astros opened this postseason without a bit of concern about the past.

No wonder.

They had Roger Clemens on the mound and a powerful lineup that took the burden off the Killer B's.

Picking up where they left off in the regular season, the wild-card Astros routed NL East champion Atlanta in Game 1 of the NL division playoffs — a major step toward winning their first postseason series.

Clemens continually pitched out of trouble against the Braves, while Brad Ausmus, Lance Berkman, Carlos Beltran and Jason Lane homered for the Astros, who set a franchise record for runs in a postseason game.

"I don't think we'll look back," Clemens said. "There's such a different cast of characters on this ballclub."

The Astros are 0-for-7 in the postseason, losing three of their last four series to the Braves. Much of the blame fell on Craig Biggio and Jeff Bagwell — the heart of the "Killer B's" for more than a decade.

Bagwell finally came through with his first postseason extra-base hit, an RBI double that put the Astros ahead for good in the third inning. But he and Biggio played a secondary role in beating the NL East champion Braves, who hardly looked like a team that won its 13th straight division title.

"I enjoy being a part of the offense," said Bagwell, who came in with a career playoff average of .174. "But this is not about me and my postseason struggles."

The Astros carried over their momentum from the regular season, which they closed by winning 36 of 46 games to claim an improbable wild card.

"You don't play like we did the last month and a half without team being a capital 'T,'" said Biggio, a .130 postseason hitter coming into the series. "Everybody contributed."

Game 2 is Thursday at Turner Field, with Houston sending 20-game winner Roy Oswalt to the mound against Mike Hampton. If the visitors win again, they'll have two chances to wrap up the series at Minute Maid Park, where Houston has an 18-game winning streak.

The Astros trailed 1-0 when Ausmus led off the third with the first of Houston's three homers off Jaret Wright, sparking a four-run inning. Bagwell's RBI double was followed by Berkman's two-run homer into the Braves bullpen.

Beltran knocked out Wright in the fifth with another two-run homer.

Clemens showed the effects of a stomach virus that kept him from making his last start of the regular season. The Hall of Famer-to-be walked six — all in the first four innings and the most he's given up in a game since 1998.

But Clemens displayed plenty of grit in winning a Game 1 start for the first time in his storied career. The Braves stranded nine runners in the first four innings.

"I'm going to be a little hard-headed and pitch to my spots," Clemens said.

Red Sox 8, Angels 3

Pedro Martinez did his part, the bullpen did theirs and now the Boston Red Sox are heading home with a big lead in the AL playoffs.

Martinez rebounded from a wretched September by pitching seven effective innings and Manny Ramirez hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly that sent the wild-card Red Sox over the Anaheim Angels for a 2-0 edge.

With two wins at Angel Stadium, the Red Sox will try to sweep the best-of-five matchup on Friday at Fenway Park. Bronson Arroyo can put Boston back in the AL championship series when he starts against Kelvin Escobar.

Angels reliever Francisco Rodriguez, who won a record-tying five postseason games two years ago to help Anaheim win the World Series, threw a wild pitch that set up Ramirez's sacrifice fly in the seventh for a 4-3 lead.

Boston broke it open in the

ninth. Ramirez doubled, Trot Nixon hit an RBI single and Orlando Cabrera lined a three-run double off Brendan Donnelly.

Martinez lost his final four starts last month. But a day after Curt Schilling won with 6 2-3 innings, Martinez went even a bit longer.

He gave up three runs and six hits, striking out six and walking two. He retired his last seven batters and left after 116 pitches.

Mike Timlin took over in the eighth with a one-run lead, gave up a single to Darin Erstad and struck out Vladimir Guerrero.

Red Sox manager Terry Francona then summoned Mike Myers, who struck out Garret Anderson. Next up, Keith Foulke relieved and fanned Troy Glaus to end the inning.

Foulke finished up in the ninth for a save.

Rally Monkeys were everywhere in the last two innings — on the scoreboard and in the stands. But the Angels couldn't score after the Red Sox took the lead.

It was tied at 3 when Bill Mueller singled to open the Boston seventh and Johnny Damon hit into a forceout. Mark Bellhorn walked before Rodriguez threw a wild pitch, putting runners at second and third. Ramirez then flied to center, easily deep enough to score Damon.

Rodriguez threw another wild pitch in the eighth, putting runners at second and third with two outs. But he retired Damon on a grounder to end the inning.

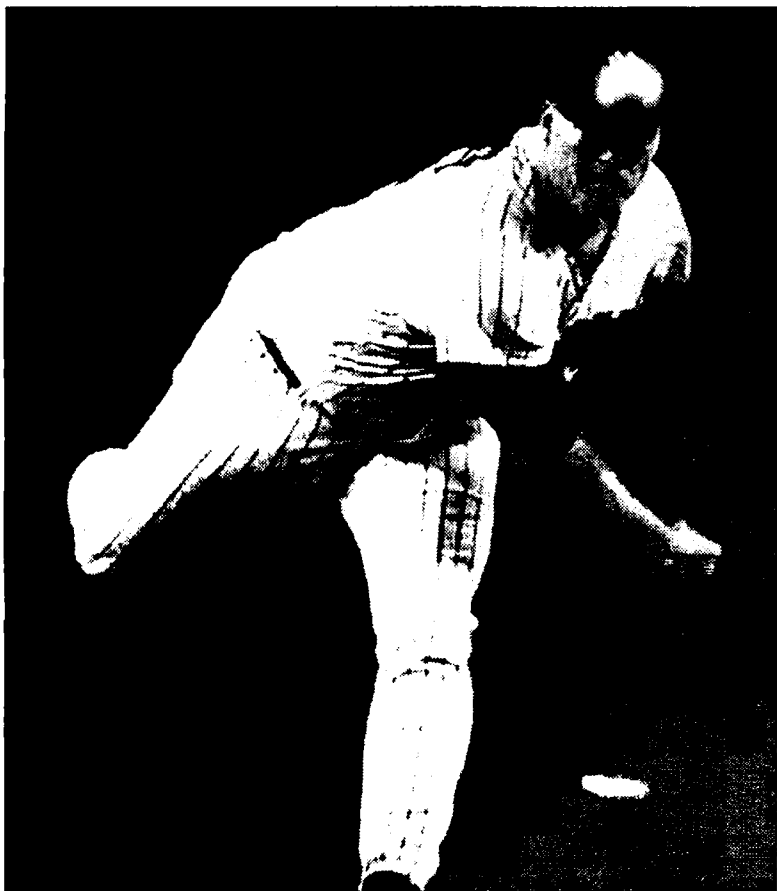
Guerrero's first postseason hit — a two-run single with one out in the fifth — put the Angels on top 3-1. Anderson followed with a liner that first baseman Kevin Millar caught before stepping on the bag for an inning-ending double play.

The Red Sox tied it in the sixth on Jason Varitek's two-run homer after a two-out single by Millar. Varitek struck out in his previous two at-bats against Bartolo Colon.

The Red Sox took a 1-0 lead in the second when Ramirez drew a two-out, bases-loaded walk off Colon. It could have been worse for the Angels, but with David Ortiz batting and the bases still loaded, catcher Jose Molina picked off Bellhorn at second.

The Angels tied it in their half on an RBI single by rookie Dallas McPherson before Martinez pitched out of a two-on, no-out jam.

Colon allowed seven hits and three runs in six innings while walking three and striking out three. He threw 114 pitches.



Jon Lester throws a pitch against the Twins Wednesday night in a 7-6 Yankees win in 12 innings. AP

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considerations...

Playing, with God

by Fr. Dan Parrish, CSC
Director of Freshman Retreat & Rector of Zahm Hall

Touchdown: Notre Dame; getting an IM from your best friend; going to your first dorm dance; finally beating your roommate at NCAA 2005 (isn't the Matchup Stick a great addition?); buying a Foodsales 'Za at 3 am; hanging out with God.

If you made a list of the most fun things to do at ND, would you include time spent with God? Many people consider 'time spent with God' as serious, quiet, intense – anything but 'fun.' Maybe we should reconsider how we approach hanging out with God.

In Matthew 18:2, Jesus says that *unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven*. What does it mean to become like children? After spending an afternoon with my nephew and niece, Ben and Emily, I can assure you that it involves a lot of imagination, simple games and just playing around. Everything children do becomes a game, and they do it over and over and over. Maybe that's what God wants of us adults too – to stop worrying about our lives, to stop stressing about our prayer and just be like children.

I think our faith life, our journey with God, should be fun. We only get one shot at this life, so let's enjoy every minute as much as we can. A great dorm Mass should be like beating Stanford – by three TDs. Saying your nightly prayers should be like getting a phone call from a friend you haven't talked to in a long time. Here at Notre Dame there are many opportunities for us to move out of that serious, studious, hard-working mode and remember what it is like to play and goof around like we were kids again. There are also many ways that we can start looking at our relationship with God in those terms. The most important ingredient in having a more "fun" relationship with God is to surround ourselves with really good people, the kind who make you laugh every time you see them. Then find a way to incorporate God in whatever you are doing.

Lucky for us that Campus Ministry also provides so many amazing ways to have fun with God. Our retreat programs are one of the best ways to start kickin' it with JC. Many retreats are offered throughout the year at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, and you will regret it if you never try one out. Currently, applications are being accepted for the Notre Dame Encounter (for all ND/SMC students) and the Freshman Retreat (for ND/SMC Freshmen). Go out on a limb and sign up for one of our retreats, or one of the many other programs Campus Ministry offers. You just might be surprised at how much fun you have.

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-- Jesus

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Law School Commons

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2nd: 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

SWIMMING

Phelps entered in 6 events

Olympian will swim in 25-meter pool

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Michael Phelps is attempting a racing schedule nearly as ambitious as what he did at the Olympics. But this time he won't be swimming as far.

Six weeks after winning six gold medals and two bronzes in Athens, the teenager will swim six events in a 25-meter pool at the World Short Course Championships that begin Thursday.

The whole world knew Phelps was chasing Mark Spitz' record of seven gold medals at the Olympics. He just missed, but still left Greece as the biggest star of the games.

"He really put himself out there. He made a statement and took a risk," Australian coach Leigh Nugent said. "He put himself under enormous pressure. For someone to do that and come up with the goods shows what they're really made of."

This week, Phelps isn't sure what he can accomplish.

"I'm just going in and have fun," he said Wednesday. "Just having an opportunity to swim in front of our home crowd is the most important thing. There's going to be a lot of good, screaming fans."

Phelps met plenty of shrieking teenage girls during his post-Olympic "Swim With the Stars" tour, which took him around the country with fellow Olympians Ian Crocker and Lenny Krayzelburg.

"Every single town we went to there's a standing ovation, tons of screaming fans, smiles on kids' faces. It's all been incredible," he said. "Lenny said, 'It's kind of like aqua Beatles.'"

Simply walking around became a different experience.

"Sometimes people would give me looks or come up to me and ask, 'Are you Michael?'" he said. "They'd stop at that and I liked to joke, 'My name is Michael, what are you asking?'"

This week, the local newspaper is urging readers to call in



Michael Phelps answers questions Wednesday before the World Short Course Championships in Indianapolis.

and report any sightings of Phelps away from Conseco Fieldhouse, where temporary competition and warmup pools were built over the floor used by the NBA's Indiana Pacers.

The 19-year-old from Baltimore smiled at the prospect of being gossip column fodder.

"I'm here to swim," he said. "They can see me walking from my hotel and back to the hotel. That's about the only two things they'll see me doing."

Teammate Amanda Beard, whose provocative layouts in men's magazines have caused a stir, noted Phelps is turning up in celebrity magazines.

"I see this boy inside, his hot bod," she said, jabbing a blushing Phelps in the arm. "It doesn't happen in swimming very often. I hope it's not an every four years' thing."

Coming so soon after the Olympics, Phelps acknowledged he's competing in the five-day meet mostly to support its first staging in the United States and plug the sport.

"People think of swimming as a once every four years' sport," he said. "We swim every single

day and we compete in major meets every year and the rest of the public needs to see that."

Phelps has limited experience in short course meets, having competed in his first one in 1999. "He did absolutely terrible," coach Bob Bowman said.

But he was 6-for-6 at last year's short course World Cup in Melbourne, Australia, and just missed setting two world records.

Phelps is entered in the 200-meter freestyle, 200 butterfly, 100, 200 and 400 individual medleys and 800 free relay. The pool is half the length of what he usually swims in, giving him less space to maneuver.

NFL

Simms eager to start, will replace Johnson

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Chris Simms will make his first pro start at quarterback for the winless Tampa Bay Buccaneers this week, replacing Brad Johnson.

"I hope I can give us the spark we need," Simms said Wednesday, when the Bucs (0-4) began preparation for Sunday's game against the New Orleans Saints (2-2).

The second-year pro is the son of former New York Giants star Phil Simms. The Bucs selected him in the third round of the 2003 draft, and the strong-

armed left-hander saw his first regular-season action in relief of Johnson three weeks ago.

Simms learned of coach Jon Gruden's decision on Tuesday.

"I was ear to ear, smiling all day. I'm excited. ... It's long way from being the last pick of the third round," the 24-year-old quarterback said.

Simms replaced Johnson after 15 plays of Tampa Bay's 10-6 loss to Seattle on Sept. 19. Although he led two drives to field goals, he fumbled twice — losing one, while committing the other on the Seahawks 1-yard line and forcing his team to settle for three points instead of a

touchdown — and tossed a clinching interception.

Johnson, 36, led the Bucs to Super Bowl victory two seasons ago, but he has lost 10 of his last 13 starts, including six in a row dating to last year.

Tampa Bay's offense has struggled to get the ball in the end zone, ranking next to last in the league in points. The unit, which is missing holdout receiver Keenan McCardell and several injured players, began the season with a stretch of 11 quarters without a TD.

Johnson has completed 65 of 103 passes for 674 yards, three touchdowns and three interceptions in four games.

Simms was the emergency quarterback during last week's 16-13 loss to Denver, and was inserted into the game to throw a desperation pass on the final play. He is 21-of-33 for 175 yards, no TDs and one interception.

While some may view the move as a sign Gruden has given up on this season and is looking to the future, Simms and his teammates say nothing is further from the truth.

Rookie receiver Michael Clayton, who leads the club with 19 receptions, agreed.

"There's still time to do great things this season," Clayton said.

Chris Simms
Tampa Bay
quarterback

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MLB

No problems for Sheffield

Yankee did not know he used steroids

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Yankees star Gary Sheffield will not be penalized by the commissioner's office after his admission that he unknowingly used a cream two years ago that contained illegal steroids.

Sports Illustrated reported in this week's issue that the New York outfielder was supplied a cream by BALCO, the California lab at the center of a federal probe into illegal steroids distribution.

Sheffield said he applied the cream on his surgically repaired right knee in 2002. He was not told it contained an illegal steroid, the magazine said.

Under baseball's labor deal, players with major league contracts were each tested once for steroids this season. A provision

allows more frequent testing if a joint management-labor panel of physicians finds "reasonable cause."

"There is a reasonable-cause provision in the Basic Agreement, but it is limited to activity within the last 12 months. Obviously, this activity was before the 12-month window," Rob Manfred, baseball's executive vice president of labor relations, said at Yankee Stadium before Tuesday's AL play-off series opener against Minnesota.

"The more important issue is what are people doing today. That's why we have a testing program and we have good information on all major league players as a result of the testing program," Manfred said.

Sheffield also told ESPN he

used another steroid called "the clear" for two months, the network reported Tuesday. He said it was to aid his recovery from workouts and that he stopped using it because it wasn't helping.

Bob Holley, the lawyer for BALCO president Victor Conte, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press on Tuesday that "BALCO provided Gary Sheffield with no illegal substances and the check BALCO received from Sheffield was for legal nutritional supplements."

Sheffield refused to address the situation Tuesday but said it would not distract him.

"I always speak my mind, like I told you all that before. That's a story I did before, and I stick by that and that's the end of it," he said.

"Unfortunately, everything always comes out when it's a special moment for me and my teammates," he said. "Same thing happened the first day of spring training, the same thing happens the first day of the playoffs. I'm looking forward to getting it behind me and moving forward."

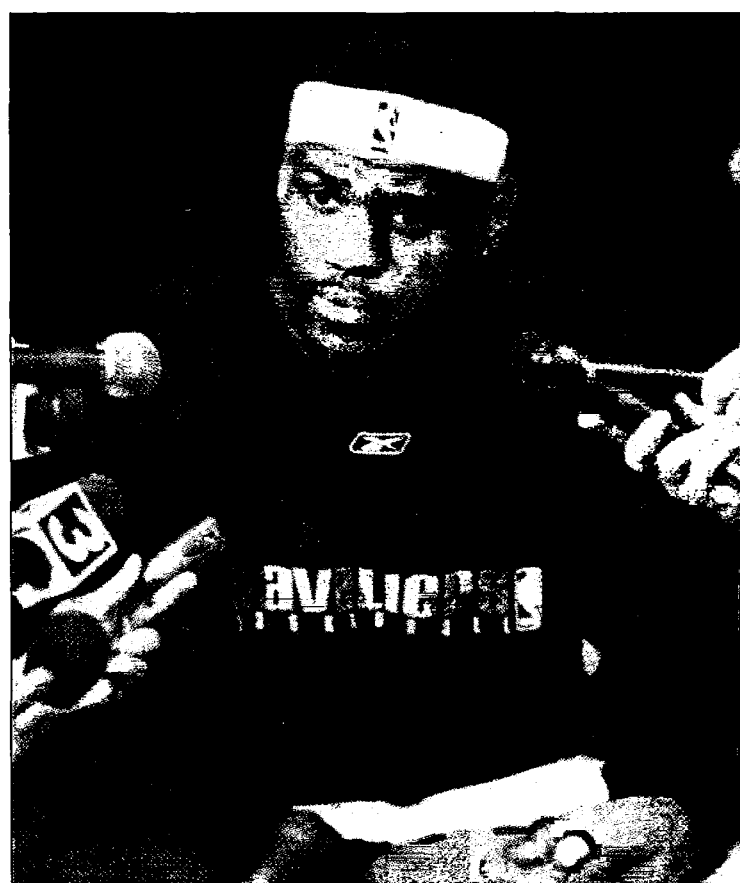
"Sheff had to deal with this in spring training. He's all baseball, as far as I'm concerned," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "I guess if you're going to play in any town that gets you used to distractions, it's this one."

"So maybe he's had some practice, being able to focus on what he needs to focus on."

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Gary Sheffield
Yankees outfielder

NBA



Cleveland's LeBron James answers questions from reporters during the team's media day Monday.

James has baby with long-time girlfriend

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James had a good reason for missing practice Wednesday. He became a father.

The Cavaliers star guard and his longtime girlfriend, a 19-year-old Akron woman, had a baby boy Wednesday. No other details were available.

James left the team's training camp in Columbus to be with her and his new son. He was expected to rejoin the team Thursday as he prepares for his second NBA season.

During the team's media day Monday at Gund Arena, James wouldn't comment when asked if he were about to become a father. He has always been guarded about his private life.

Fatherhood should fit James

well. The reigning rookie of the year, who turns 20 in December, is most relaxed when he is among children. This summer, he donated money to refurbish basketball courts and youth community centers in Akron. He has also donated supplies to the city's schools.

James was raised as an only child by his mother Gloria, who was estranged from James' father when he was a youngster.

"That's my main goal, to try and be a better father than the one I had," James told the Akron Beacon Journal. "I didn't know him. I didn't know the situation he was in."

Another father figure in James' life, Eddie Jackson, is serving a three-year prison term for mortgage and mail fraud.

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NFL

Thomas predicts Williams won't come back

Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — With running back Ricky Williams ready to reverse directions and come out of retirement, his former Miami Dolphins teammates were mixed in their reaction Wednesday.

Defensive end David Bowens said he would like to see Williams rejoin the Dolphins, in part because they're 0-4. But Pro Bowl linebacker Zach Thomas said he doubted that help from Williams is on the way.

"He will not be playing for the Dolphins," Thomas predicted. "He's got too many things with the fans and too much with the media, and that's the reason he ran from it in the first place. He wouldn't come back here."

Thomas might be right. Gary Ostrow, an attorney who has represented Williams, said the 2002 NFL rushing champion hopes to receive clearance from the league to play again before the Oct. 19 trade deadline so he can be dealt by Miami.

Williams asked the NFL for a hearing to clarify his status following repeated violations of the league drug program. The Dolphins say their understanding is he must serve a suspension for the rest of this season, and the NFL has declined to comment.

"It's very murky water, and Ricky has asked for a clarification," Ostrow said. "He would like the option to play for another team."

Contributing to Williams' change of heart about playing was an arbitration ruling Sept. 24 that he must repay more than \$8.6 million to the

Dolphins for breaching his contract. There's also the \$3.5 million salary he has done without while traveling the world.

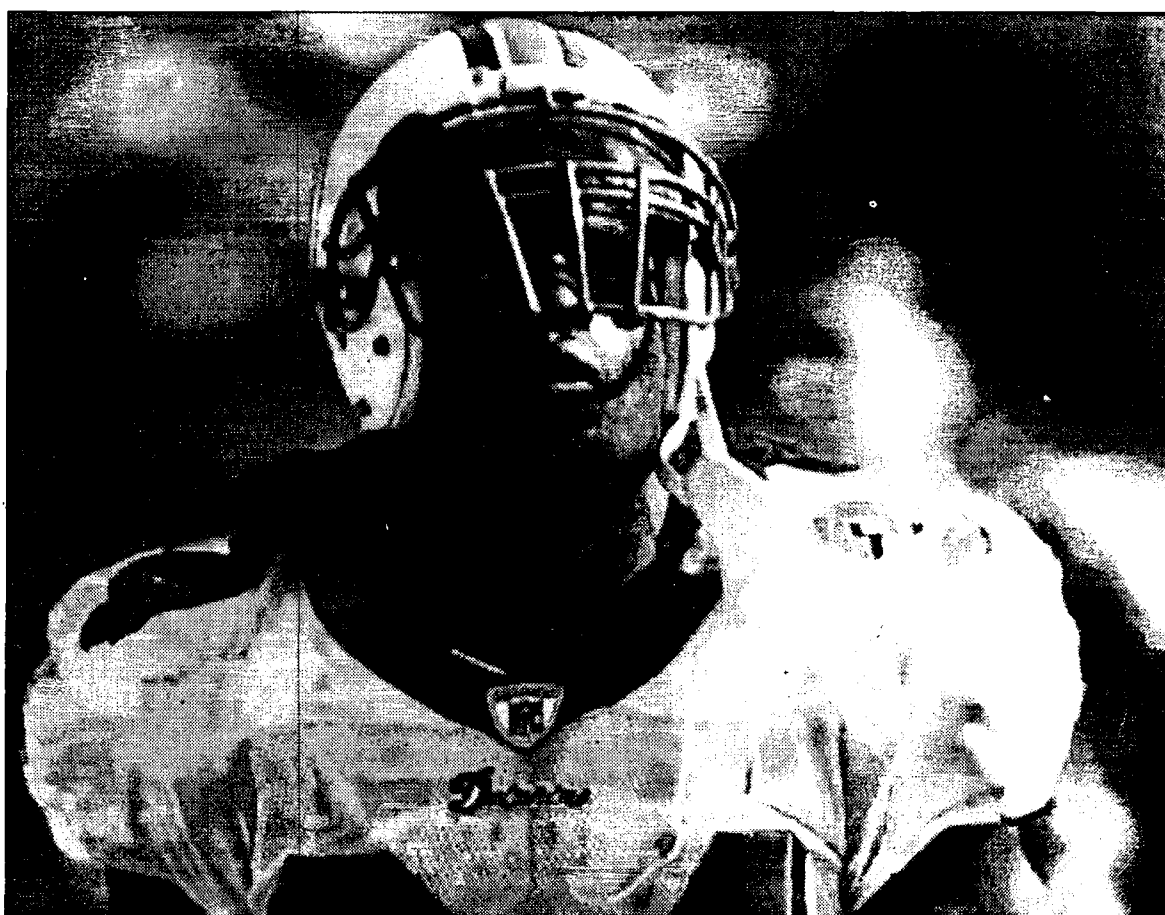
He's expressed an interest in playing for the Oakland Raiders. Their coach is Norv Turner, who was Williams' offensive coordinator during his two seasons in Miami.

"The Raiders would fit Ricky's personality better anyway," Ostrow said. "But he may not have many options other than going back to the Dolphins. How many teams are going to have an interest in him other than Norv, who has a relationship with him?"

Whether Miami would welcome him back is uncertain. He caused a lot of resentment by retiring in July, shortly before training camp. The Dolphins haven't won a game since he left, and at 0-4 they're off to their worst start in 38 years going into Sunday's game at New England.

"It has been very difficult," coach Dave Wannstedt said. "The guy was 65 or 70 percent of our offense. I don't think we would have redone our whole offensive line and started from scratch if we knew we were going to have to start from scratch at the running back position."

In the days following Williams' retirement, center Seth McKinney called it selfish and stupid. Williams in turn disparaged McKinney's blocking. Williams said players had no respect for Wannstedt, and even poked fun at the coach's mustache. Defensive tackle Larry Chester said Williams was acting like a bitter girlfriend and owed the team an apology.



Former Dolphins running back Ricky Williams looks up at the scoreboard during a game against the Patriots last season. Williams retired during the offseason but might be coming back. AP

Given so much baggage, would the Dolphins embrace Williams' return?

"There are really two lines of thought, and I'm kind of debating between the two," guard Taylor Whitley said. "You can either say, 'To heck with the guy. While we've been going 0-4 here, he's been out having a good time.' Or we can say, 'Hey, we need the help. Come on back.'"

The Dolphins have scored two

touchdowns this season, and because of injuries, they're on their fifth running back while Miami appears headed for its first losing season since 1988.

So Bowens would like to see Williams return, and he thinks

some teammates feel the same way.

"At 4-0 it would be a different story than being 0-4," Bowens said. "If we were winning, I'm sure people would be a little bit more negative."



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NCAA Men's Soccer Top 25

	team	record
1	Santa Barbara	8-0-1
2	North Carolina	8-0-1
3	Indiana	7-2-0
4	Duke	11-0-0
5	New Mexico	8-0-0
6	Virginia Common	6-2-1
7	California	7-0-2
7	Southern Methodist	7-3-0
9	Penn State	5-1-4
10	Virginia	7-2-0
11	Creighton	7-2-0
12	Boston College	6-2-0
13	St. John's	6-3-1
14	South Florida	6-0-2
15	NOTRE DAME	7-2-1
16	Santa Clara	9-1-0
17	South Carolina	7-1-1
18	William and Mary	6-2-2
19	Michigan	7-1-2
20	Stanford	5-1-3
21	Hartwick	5-2-3
22	Brown	4-2-2
23	Seton Hall	6-3-1
24	Memphis	7-2-0
24	Alabama	6-3-0

NCAA Men's Cross Country

	team	points
1	Wisconsin	420
2	Stanford	404
3	Arkansas	384
4	Iona	383
5	Michigan	358
6	Colorado	336
7	Georgetown	334
7	NC State	318
9	NOTRE DAME	296
10	Butler	276
11	Villanova	268
12	Cal Poly San Luis	266
13	Air Force	257
14	BYU	245
15	Arizona State	230
16	Providence	185
17	Minnesota	172
18	Florida State	161
19	Indiana	141
20	Oklahoma State	137
21	Colorado State	121
22	Miami Ohio	113
22	William and Mary	113
24	Ohio State	88
25	Oregon	75

NCAA Women's Cross Country

	team	points
1	Stanford	389
2	Providence	378
3	Michigan	362
4	Colorado	336
5	NOTRE DAME	334
6	Duke	327
7	Arizona State	313
7	North Carolina	297
9	Tennessee	277
10	Missouri	248
11	Villanova	243
12	Wake Forest	232
13	Southern Methodist	216
14	Santa Barbara	209
15	Georgia	206
16	Columbia	202
17	BYU	189
18	Michigan State	178
19	Baylor	174
20	NC State	149.5
21	Arkansas	134
22	William and Mary	116.5
23	Idaho	102
24	West Virginia	100
24	UCLA	79

GOLF



Golf superstar Tiger Woods sits in a small dive boat off the coast of Barbados with his wife, Swedish model Elin Nordegren, in black bathing suit, along with her twin sister, Josefin, after their luxurious wedding ceremony.

Woods ties the knot in private ceremony

Associated Press

SANDY LANE BEACH, Barbados — Tiger Woods married Swedish model Elin Nordegren at an exclusive resort in Barbados during a sunset ceremony that reportedly cost \$1.5 million.

The wedding, held in a white-netted pagoda decorated with red roses, took place Tuesday evening as the sun painted a spectacular array of colors across the sky.

"Elin and Tiger want to keep this as a family thing," the bride's father, Thomas Nordegren, told The Associated Press by telephone from the resort. "I'm

sorry I can't give you any more information."

Michael Jordan, Charles Barkley and Oprah Winfrey were among more than 120 guests seen by an Associated Press reporter perched on a hill overlooking the club house of the Sandy Lane resort and golf course, which went to extraordinary lengths to shield the ceremony from journalists.

The Barbados Daily Nation quoted unidentified sources as saying that the event cost \$1.5 million. Woods reportedly imported 500 red roses for the ceremony.

The rock group Hootie

and the Blowfish performed, witnesses said, before fireworks lit the night along Barbados' west coast. The couple spent their wedding night on a yacht, which was named "Privacy."

As the sun rose Wednesday, a rainbow arched over the yacht and the couple sailed ashore on a skiff. They were accompanied by the bride's identical twin sister, Josefin.

Nordegren, 24, met Woods three years ago while she was the nanny to the children of Swedish golfer Jesper Parnevik.

At the ceremony, Nordegren wore an off-

white sleeveless gown, according to the witnesses, while Woods, 28, wore a beige suit.

Charles Barkley, second from right, arrives with Michael Jordan at the country club of the luxury resort that hosted Tiger Woods' wedding.

Woods' father, Earl, arrived at the resort about 3 p.m. in a silver Rolls-Royce. At the reception, he cried after giving a speech, the witnesses said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Earlier in the day, the couple appeared to be adhering to the tradition of not seeing each other before taking their vows.

IN BRIEF

Judge allows Furcal to play in playoffs

MARIETTA, Ga. — Atlanta Braves shortstop Rafael Furcal was cleared Wednesday to play in the postseason despite a probation violation on a drunken-driving charge.

The ruling came hours before the Braves opened their divisional playoff series with the Houston Astros. Furcal must remain in home confinement for the rest of the season. He has to return to a hotel if on the road, Judge David Darden said.

Darden sentenced Furcal to 21 days in jail to be followed by a 28-day in-house treatment program. The judge delayed the start of the sentence until the day after the Braves' season ends.

Furcal also must blow into a portable breath-testing machine when called by a monitoring service affiliated with the probation department. The machine, hooked up to a cell phone and video camera, will relay the test results to officials.

"Don't take it lightly," Darden said. "The court is concerned a second violation might indicate he has a problem with judgment with regard to alcohol."

Cassell's agent says point guard will report to camp

MINNEAPOLIS — Sam Cassell and the Minnesota Timberwolves apparently are back on good terms.

Cassell's agent said the point guard would report to practice Wednesday after skipping the team's media day and the first day of workouts. Cassell, 34, was unhappy about not getting a contract extension.

Charles Tucker, Cassell's agent, said his client would be at the team's camp in Collegeville in time for an afternoon practice.

Tucker wouldn't comment when asked if the Wolves did anything to address Cassell's unhappiness, other than to say Cassell "has a better understanding" of the team's plans for him in the future.

Cassell's contract calls for him to

be paid \$5.65 million this season and \$6.1 million next season.

'Big Dog' still has some bite left for 76ers

DURHAM, N.C. — The Big Dog needed a smack on the nose.

After a season plagued by injuries and a bad attitude, Glenn Robinson recognized it was time to get serious, get in shape and get ready to prove he still has some bite in his game.

After only two days of training camp at Duke, Sixers coach Jim O'Brien has already singled him out as one of the team's standout players.

"I think sometimes when you have a guy that has had the type of career that Glenn has had, you've got to throw out certain years," O'Brien said.

Last season was one to toss out as Robinson missed a career-high 39 games because of a league suspension, sprained ankles and elbow surgery. He averaged 16.6 points.

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL GOLD LEAGUE

Teams fight for playoff spots

Badin and Welsh Family square off tonight

By KEVIN BRENNAN,
RYAN KIEFER AND
BRIAN CARDILE
Sports Writers

Playoff seedings will be on the line tonight when Badin and Welsh Family meet at 9 p.m. at Riehle West field.

As the postseason rapidly approaches, Badin (3-1) and Welsh Family (3-0-1) are part of a group of teams jockeying for the top spots in the Gold League standings.

"It's a really, really close race," Badin captain and quarterback Stephanie Heath said. "There are several teams with only one loss, and Welsh Family has just the one tie. This game is really important for us."

The Whirlwinds will be looking to rebound from their disappointing tie with Howard on Sunday.

"We had a breakdown on Sunday and it was a reality check for us," Welsh captain Mary Pendergast said. "I think we came into the game complacent. We need to improve on both sides of the ball."

Badin fully expects that Welsh will come prepared to play.

"They weren't happy with their last performance, so I know they are going to bring the intensity," Heath said.

Heath cites both the Whirlwinds' explosive offense and the team's stingy defense as reasons for concern.

The Bullfrogs, however, will fall back on their potent aerial attack. Heath has developed quite a rapport with Badin's stable of talented receivers, particularly Erin Diminick and Meg Charlebois.

Welsh will have its hands full trying to slow the Badin passing game. Both teams believe that defense will determine the outcome of tonight's game.

"The key is defensive execution," Pendergast said. "We know we have the tools. We have the athleticism. We just need to execute."

Heath feels the Badin defense must create turnovers and prevent the Welsh offense from getting into a rhythm. The captain is confident her team can slow the Whirlwind attack and come out on top.

"We just need to play our game and hopefully that will be enough to win," Heath said.

Lewis vs. Off-Campus

Defense will be the name of the game when the Lewis Chicks and Off-Campus collide tonight at Riehle Field.

Both teams are coming off sluggish offensive performances; the two teams combined for seven points in their games on Sunday.

Off Campus (0-4) will need to improve on both sides of the ball as they have suffered two lopsided defeats in a row. Captain Lauren Blum realizes her team's weaknesses.

"Our team has reached a plateau," Blum said. "We need stronger play on both sides of the ball to break through this week."

The team has struggled to find its stride in its initial season, but Blum feels her team can build on its unity to win its first game tonight. She and receiver Megan Furman will be critical to sparking the recently struggling Off-Campus offense.



RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer

A Lewis wide receiver evades a Lyons defender Sunday. The Chicks play Off-Campus tonight in the Gold League.

Lewis (1-2-1) comes into the game striving for consistent play as it has had an up and down season. The Chicks are coming off a scoreless tie against a proven Lyons team on Sunday. Captain Shelia Daves will look to continue to lead strong defensive play tonight against Off-Campus while quarterback Meg Bustin will look to jump-start a Chick offense that has scored only 19 total points in four games this season.

A low scoring defensive slugfest is to be expected tonight as two hungry teams with disappointing records look to earn a much-needed win.

Pangborn vs. Howard

Tonight's interhall matchup between Pangborn and Howard pits two teams who have recently regained respectability among the women's interhall ranks.

After four years of futility in which the Phoxes won just one game, Pangborn has reasserted itself into the women's interhall mix with a 26-0 victory over defending champion Badin and a 14-7 upset of Lewis, last year's runner up. These wins give the Phoxes a 2-1 record, putting them in good position to make a playoff run.

The Ducks of Howard have had similar troubles of late, beginning the season with two shutout losses and an 0-3 record. With a game against top-ranked Welsh Family looming, a fourth straight loss seemed inevitable, but the resilient Ducks played the No. 1 team to a 13-13 tie on the strength of a last-minute goal line stand.

With these impressive performances behind them, both teams have newfound confidence in their abilities and a bright outlook on their seasons' outcomes. At 2-1, the Phoxes are likely candidates for playoff contention and Howard — despite having yet to register a victory — remains in postseason consideration. When asked if the Ducks could use the momentum from their impressive performance to get the two wins necessary for a playoff bid, Duck captain Callie Whelan simply responded, "Totally."

"We're just having fun now," Whelan said. "We played 'capture the flag' at practice". Whelan hopes that the freshman, who constitute the majority of the

starters, will be mature enough to help carry the team to victory on tonight against Pangborn.

The Phoxes are equally optimistic about their chances in tonight's match, hoping the ride the momentum from two impressive victories. Whatever the result, tonight's game will feature two tough teams with newfound hope and excitement. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

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NFL

Farve feels better, but Pederson may be done

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Brett Favre skipped practice Wednesday, still feeling the effects of a concussion to go along with a softball-sized bruise on his left leg and a loose left shoulder.

And he's the healthy one.

Backup quarterback Doug Pederson has a cracked bone in his back, a broken rib and a torn muscle in his side, all the result of Keith Washington's wicked sideline hit Sunday in Green Bay's loss to the Giants.

"We're getting old," said Pederson, a year older than Favre, who turns 35 next week. "We are getting old and we're fragile and that's the thing that even Brett realizes. I mean, he's no spring chicken, either."

Favre has been knocked out of his last two games, but while he prepares for his 213th consecutive start (including playoffs) Monday night against Tennessee, Pederson is preparing himself for a possible trip to injured reserve.

On Wednesday evening, Favre's brother-in-law died after crashing an all-terrain vehicle on the player's property in Sumrall, Miss.

Casey Tynes, 24, the brother of Favre's wife, Deanna, was riding the ATV without a helmet when it flipped, Lamar County Sheriff Danny Rigel said. Tynes suffered head injuries, was transported to Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg at 6 p.m. and was

pronounced dead 20 minutes later, Deputy Coroner Randy Beck said.

The Favre family did not immediately issue a statement.

Pederson, who has a broken transverse process, a small bone off the vertebrae where muscles and ligaments attach to the spine, said he'd consider retirement after the season if he's placed on IR.

"Knowing the extent of the injury and where I'm at in my career, it's definitely a reality that I'll have to face," Pederson said.

Favre suffered his third documented concussion, but first in nine years, Sunday when William Joseph beat center Grey Ruegamer, making his first start for injured starter Mike Flanagan, and dumped the quarterback on his head.

Favre went back in two plays later and threw a touchdown pass on fourth down, which turned out to be his last play of the game because he couldn't answer doctors' questions correctly and had memory loss.

"I remember it all now," Favre said Wednesday in his first public comments since the injury. "Probably toward the end of the game it all came back to me. ... I didn't remember anything at first. It's probably a good thing I didn't know it was fourth down. Maybe I would have been a little more cautious."

"Then again, I'm glad I did what I did. If you're going to come back in for a play, that's the way to do it."

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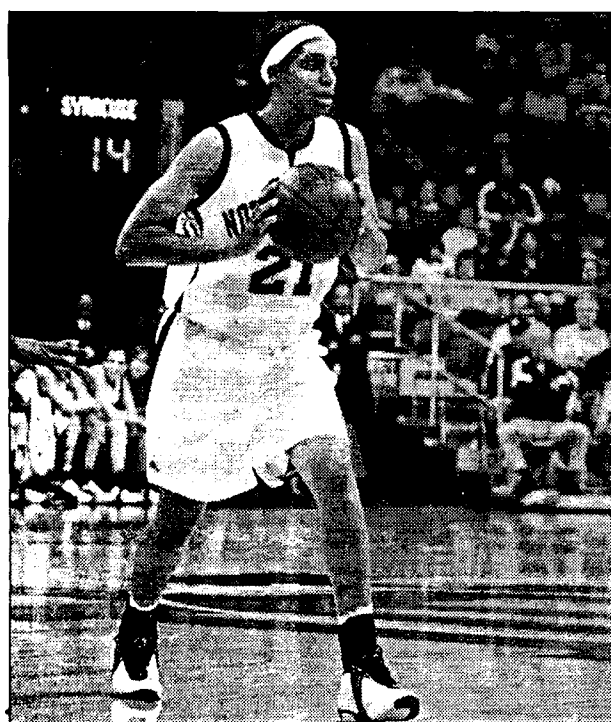
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Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast and her team will face tough teams throughout this season.

Notre Dame 2004-05 Women's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent
Nov. 3	PREMIER SPORTS (Exhibition)
Nov. 6	HOOSIER LADY STARS (Exhibition)
Nov. 12	ILLINOIS STATE (Preseason WNIT)
Nov. 14-20	Preseason WNIT
Nov. 22	COLORADO STATE
Nov. 26	at USC
Nov. 30	at Valparaiso
Dec. 2	MICHIGAN STATE
Dec. 9	at Dayton
Dec. 11	WASHINGTON
Dec. 19	at Marquette
Dec. 30	at Northern Illinois
Jan. 2	SETON HALL
Jan. 5	SYRACUSE
Jan. 8	at Villanova
Jan. 12	CONNECTICUT
Jan. 16	PURDUE
Jan. 19	at Syracuse
Jan. 23	RUTGERS
Jan. 26	ST. JOHN'S
Jan. 30	at Connecticut
Feb. 2	BOSTON COLLEGE
Feb. 5	at Pittsburgh
Feb. 9	at Providence
Feb. 12	GEORGETOWN
Feb. 15	at Boston College
Feb. 19	at Rutgers
Feb. 26	WEST VIRGINIA
Mar. 1	at Seton Hall
Mar. 5-8	Big East Tournament
Mar. 19	NCAA Tournament begins

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preseason All-American Jacqueline Batteast and point guard Megan Duffy. Last year's team finished 21-11 and made a Sweet 16 appearance for the fourth time in five years. The Irish return four starters and seven monogram winners from last year's squad. They will take a 20-game home winning streak into the 2004-05 season.

Notre Dame's Big East schedule will be especially challenging. Conference play begins Jan. 2 with Seton Hall at home and then continues three days later with Syracuse. Nine Big East teams qualified for the NCAA tournament last season. After those two games, the Irish play three consecutive games against NCAA qualifiers — Villanova, Connecticut and Purdue.

Connecticut will return to the Joyce Center Jan. 12 after being upset 66-51 last year by the Irish almost exactly a year earlier (Jan. 13, 2004). The matchup with Purdue is part of ESPN2's Big East/Big Ten Challenge.

"We are also excited to be playing in the nation's toughest conference against some very talented, established teams and some other teams that are quickly on the rise," McGraw said.

Other non-conference opponents include assistant coach Carol Owens' alma mater, Northern Illinois, who the Irish face Dec. 30 in DeKalb, Ill., in preparation for conference play. The Irish also face Michigan

State (Dec. 2), Dayton (Dec. 9), Washington (Dec. 11) and Marquette (Dec. 19).

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Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

The Irish close the season with five of their last eight games on the road. They face Pittsburgh, Providence, Boston College, Rutgers and Seton Hall during the final February stretch.

The Big East Tournament is set for March 5-8, with the NCAA Tournament set to begin March 19.

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WNBA

Bird back in Conn. for championship

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Sue Bird had a distinguished college basketball career at Connecticut, leading the Huskies to two national championships.

Now she'll lead her Seattle Storm against the Connecticut Sun on Friday night in Game 1 of the WNBA Finals at the Mohegan Sun Casino in Uncasville, Conn.

"I think it's quite a feat for us to be here right now," Bird said after Seattle beat Sacramento 82-62 Tuesday night in Game 3 of the Western Conference finals. "This is our first step toward a championship in Connecticut and I couldn't think of a better place for me."

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Sue Bird
Storm guard

Bird played Game 3 after undergoing surgery Monday to reposition the broken nose she suffered in Game 2 of Seattle's first-round series against Minnesota. With a small cast on her nose Tuesday night, Bird had 10 points and a playoff-record 14 assists.

"I've been playing against her for a long time, and this year you can really see the difference in her game because she has more weapons at her disposal," Sacramento's Kara Lawson said. "She's definitely a quarterback out there."

Seattle built big leads in Games 1 and 2 of the conference finals, only to see Sacramento rally, winning Game 1 in overtime.

The Monarchs trailed 44-43 early in the second half of Game 3, but were held scoreless for nearly eight minutes and the Storm ran off 20 unanswered points to finally put Sacramento away.

Seattle hit 12-of-16 3-pointers in Game 3 and set playoff records for 3s made in a game and in a half (10). Lauren Jackson led all scor-

ers with 27 points and her five 3-pointers in the second half was a playoff record as well.

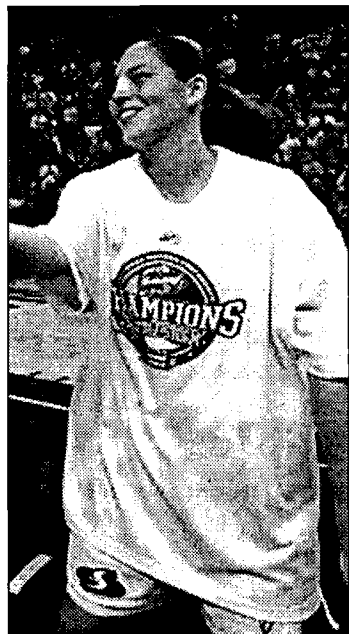
"We found openings and knocked down good, solid shots," Seattle coach Anne Donovan said. "That did surprise me, but that will teach me never to underestimate this group."

There was no rest for the Seattle players, who flew cross-country Wednesday morning in preparation for the next round. Meanwhile, Connecticut has not played since Sunday after sweeping New York with a 60-57 win at home in Game 2 of the East finals.

The Storm and Sun met twice during the regular season, each team winning

on its home court. Seattle won 68-63 on June 11, but Connecticut played without starting point guard Lindsay Whalen. The Sun knocked off the Storm 71-64 on Sept. 12.

The series returns to Seattle for Game 2 on Sunday, and Game 3.



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Sue Bird, a former Connecticut Husky, returns to the state for the finals.

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make a major focus for us. We have to complete drives," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said. "That is one of the big differences on good offensive teams, [and] that is not just about yardage."

The Irish gained 536 total yards against Purdue on Saturday and finished with 16 points. But, more importantly, Notre Dame rushed for just 76 yards on 36 carries.

In its five games, Notre Dame has only won the three times it has rushed for over 100 yards. Establishing a solid running game is just as important as finishing drives, and on Saturday against the Boilermakers run defense, the offensive line never got a strong push.

"It's that same old good and bad [on the offensive line]," Willingham said. "We've done some good things. To be able to throw the ball as many times as we did Saturday and produce the yardage that we produced, you have to have some good things in our protection. [But] you look at our run game, [and] we did not run the ball as well as we'd like to, [and] therefore, some things we did not finish and we didn't complete."

The line gave Quinn sufficient time on most of his passes, allowing the sophomore quarterback to complete 26-of-46 passes for 432 yards, a Notre Dame Stadium record. For most of the season, the offensive line has given Quinn time to throw in the pocket.

The offensive line lost only left tackle Jim Molinaro and oft-injured guard Sean Milligan to graduation after last season, when Notre Dame rushed for 4.0 yards per carry. This season, the starters — left tackle Ryan Harris, left guard Bob Morton, center John Sullivan, right guard Dan Stevenson and right tackle Mark LeVoir — entered the season more experienced and more familiar with one another. But a seven-sack, 76-rush yard performance against Purdue had coaches giving the Boilermaker's defensive line credit for neutralizing the Irish at the line scrimmage.

"Some of it has to be the guy that you're playing across from,"

Willingham said. "Sometimes they do some good things that make it very difficult for you to do your best at certain areas."

But Notre Dame has struggled rushing the ball against unlikely opponents. While the Irish gained 135 yards on the ground against a Michigan team that gives up 47.2 yards per game, Notre Dame rushed for a mere 11 yards facing a BYU defense that surrenders 113.2 yards per game.

When the Irish tried to rush the ball against Washington to run out clock in the second half of a blowout victory, the line could not get a push and Notre Dame had to punt. The Irish finished with 146 rush yards, while Washington has given up a much greater 227.2 yards per game over the course of the season.

Against Purdue, the Irish had no answer in the running game. Now, coaches must prepare the line to face a Stanford defensive front that gave up only 99 rush yards to USC in their last game. The front includes imposing 6-foot-2, 320-pound nose guard Babatunde Oshinowo, who has 11 tackles.

"Well, I don't think it's just him. I really think it's their entire defense [that] is aggressive," Willingham said. "They are doing a great job because the stat that you mentioned is quite impressive. I think they have had only one team in the four games that has had over 300 yards."

The Irish know a solid running game is crucial to the team's success.

"We think our chances are much better to have success if we have our ground game with us," Willingham said. "But if not, if it's not there, we have to find another way to be successful."

There may not be another option. While Quinn picked apart Purdue's secondary, Notre Dame is 0-7 in games which Quinn throws more than 40 passes.

"The only time that a team wins when it passes for a lot more than 300 yards is when two teams pass for 300 yards," Willingham said. "Usually when you're throwing the ball that much that many times, ... it doesn't mean that you win and we are aware of that. That's why the run game — the addition of the run game — is so important to what we do."

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FOOTBALL

Willingham faces former team

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Stanford holds no grudges — at least none that are visible.

During the 57-7 Cardinal home loss to Notre Dame last season, critics gasped when the Irish attempted a fake punt in the fourth quarter. Punter D.J. Fitzpatrick threw 14 yards to Chinedum Ndukwe on fourth-and-17, and the Irish turned the ball over.

Stanford junior center Brian Head said he and his teammates not only have turned the page on that play — they also are not phased by facing their former coach.

"I think about all of our opponents in pretty much the same way," Head said. "To me, it doesn't make much of a difference that we're playing against coach Willingham. I just want to go out there and beat them in their house."

Willingham expects the attitude Head exudes.

"Even though some of the [Stanford players] were recruited by myself, hopefully they have some fond memories of our relationship," Willingham said. "But when the game starts, I'm quite sure that they will forget who is on the other side and see only that they want to defeat Notre Dame."

Willingham said he does not expect a game like last season's blowout.

"Stanford is coming to town probably the best that

we've seen them in the last two years," Willingham said. "They are coming in here a very confident team. They have got one loss, that one loss to co-national champion USC, and they took them right down to the wire."

But Willingham would not rule out using the same fake punt — in any situation.

"If we were to get the same rush which we had, we've had it twice this year in games, and if we are that situation where we're not backed up on our goalline and the percentages are not favorable, we'll try to complete [the play again]."

Injury report

Running back Ryan Grant and wide receiver Maurice Stovall are not listed as starters on the Notre Dame depth chart this week. Darius Walker is listed as the starting tailback, and Matt Shelton is penciled in as a starting wideout along with Rhema McKnight.

Willingham said at the beginning of the week that the statuses of both Grant and Stovall were unknown.

"We'll see as we progress through the week," Willingham said. "Tuesday is usually our first day when we have an opportunity to really see him on the field. We start to evaluate today to pace them on the week and see where they are at."

Walker has filled in for Grant and taken the majority of snaps in the backfield, with Marcus Wilson seeing the field along with Walker against Purdue. The Irish,



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Irish coach Tyrone Willingham coached at Stanford before coming to Notre Dame.

though, could use Grant's leadership and physical talents to compliment Walker, and vice versa.

"Ryan Grant has a leadership presence, he has a performance presence and he has an experience presence," Willingham said. "And all of those things you count on in a play in your system; that players around him feel very comfortable with what he adds to our football team. His running style is that of a slasher, so therefore, he can do things that some of the other backs can't do."

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Hornets sting Belles in tough MIAA contest

Kalamazoo snaps Saint Mary's three-game win streak

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

The Belles got stung Wednesday night when the Kalamazoo Hornets beat them in three games. Saint Mary's came into the match with

high expectations and on a three-game winning streak. But Kalamazoo proved to be too much for the Belles winning 30-27, 30-20 and 30-22.

The Belles played hard in the first game, but fell short in a close match. They were unable to overcome an early deficit as the Hornets picked apart their defense and held back Saint Mary's offensive threat.

In the first meeting of these two teams, Saint Mary's had a

similar experience as Kalamazoo prevented a comeback by improving throughout the match.

Michelle Turley was one of the few bright spots for the Belles. She finished the game with a balanced game of 10 kills on offense and 13 digs on defense. Shelly Bender provided some help for the team by collecting nine kills to go along with her 10 digs.

Ann Cusack has played consistently well all year for

Saint Mary's and ended up with 10 defensively. Cusack, who is only a sophomore, leads the team with 194 digs on the year.

The loss drops the Belles to 4-6 in the MIAA and 4-9 on the season.

However, first-place Alma knocked off Adrian College putting Saint Mary's in a tie for fifth place.

The Belles have now gone 4-4 over their last eight games and must keep themselves from sliding any farther down in the standings. During the run, Saint Mary's has been able to win the first game in the set a total of five times.

Saint Mary's must continue

to improve offensively and defensively in such a tight division as senior Michelle Gary said earlier in the week. Hope College has drawn nearer and is within striking distance of the Belles.

Now the Belles must regroup from their loss and prepare to face Calvin College Friday. Calvin is in second place in the league and has already defeated the Belles earlier this season. The Knights are 8-1 in the conference and will provide the Belles with a good measurement of their progress.

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Pitt

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ing, you've just got to keep taking one game at a time."

Last year, the Irish used a sharpshooting offense to defeat the Panthers 2-0 on their home turf. However, the 2002 matchup was a different story, with Pittsburgh squeaking out with a 1-0 overtime victory at Alumni Field. This year, the Panthers have already upset former Big East leader Seton Hall.

"The last time Pitt came here they beat us 1-0 in overtime," Clark said. "I think any of the boys who were around will remember that

... they're coming in obviously on a high, knowing they beat Seton Hall [this season] and they beat us here two years ago when they last visited."

After sitting out the beginning of the season with a nagging leg injury, Kevin Goldthwaite is back in action for the Irish and was named Big East Defensive Player of the Week on Monday.

"I think whenever you lose a player of Kevin's stature ... whenever somebody like that goes out, you lose something."

"September is always a tough month. [It's] just where the team is fighting to come together and hopefully by October you're starting to see some semblance of seeing us as a real team."

Bobby Clark
Irish coach

Clark said. "Benny [Crouse] stepped in and did a good job but it is great to have Kevin back, no question about it, and he adds so much."

Goalkeeper Chris Sawyer was also named Big East Goalkeeper of the Week for the first time this season. He looks to extend a 273-minute scoreless streak against Pittsburgh tonight.

Clark is pleased with the way the team has come together in recent weeks.

"You've suddenly got to fill instant leadership," he said. "You've got to fill positional places ... and it takes you a little while to piece everything together."

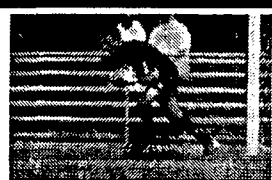
The Irish faltered twice in September, losing to top-ranked Indiana and conference foe West Virginia.

"September is always a tough month," "[It's] just where the team is fighting to come together and hopefully by October you're starting to see some semblance of seeing us as a real team... hopefully you'll see us putting things together for the run in."

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less a rookie netminder. His save percentage of .925 and 2.32 GAA led the Irish, with Cey not far behind with a .924 save percentage and 2.42 GAA.

Notre Dame's offense also suffered a big hit this season, with graduated seniors Rob Globke and Aaron Gill accounting for 36 of the 108 Irish goals last season.

Junior Mike Walsh finished third on the team in scoring last year with 12 goals, and will be expected to contribute even more this season. Irish captain Cory McLean is the only senior on offense, and tied for fourth on the team last year with 24 points.

"I know what I'm going to get from Cory McLean," Poulin said. "I think the key for this year is really going to be that junior class. I'm really expecting those guys to pick it up on offense and show what they can do."

Altogether, 17 of Notre Dame's 26 players this season are either sophomores or freshmen. That's quite a contrast to Minnesota-Duluth, who has 11 seniors on

its team's roster.

Despite the loss of Hobey Baker winner Junior Lessard to graduation, the Bulldogs still sport a team that is capable of scoring at will. Last year, Minnesota-Duluth averaged 4.11 goals per game — the second-best average in the NCAA.

Senior center Evan Schwabe led the NCAA in assists with 38, and was the Bulldogs' second-best scorer with 57 points. As Minnesota-Duluth's captain this season, he heads an offense that should again be one of the best in the nation.

In net, the Bulldogs have a solid veteran in junior Isaac Reichmuth. Reichmuth's 2.68 GAA average last season was a big part of the Bulldogs' success, and he especially stepped it up in the post season on the way to being named the Most

Valuable Player at the Grand Rapids, Mich., NCAA Regional.

The Irish open their season against the Bulldogs tonight with face-off scheduled for 7:35 p.m. The two teams will meet again Friday with the puck drop scheduled for the same time.

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Tim Wallace skates last year with the puck. The Irish open their season tonight against Minnesota-Duluth.

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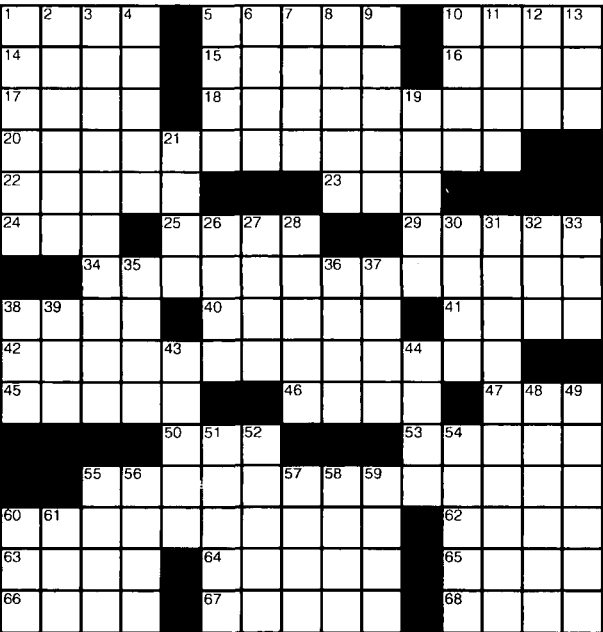
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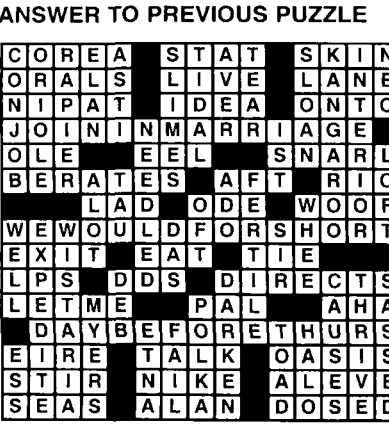
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): This is not the day to give unwanted advice. It's best to listen and observe. You'll damage your own reputation if you insist on gossiping about others. Friends will get quite upset if you take sides. ***
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): It is best to make your own arrangements if you don't want to be disappointed or left out. Don't be dependent on others. Instead, you should do things for yourself. ***
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You will have a thirst for knowledge. Listen and you will pick up valuable information. Travel should be a part of your plans for the day. Short outings will bring about love possibilities. ****
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Expect to have sudden changes regarding your relationships. Residential moves will be to your benefit in the long term. Larger quarters or more people on your domestic scene loom. **
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Expand your circle of friends. Don't be afraid to volunteer for positions that involve working within your community. New connections will lead to adventure and excitement. ****
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Spend time with those who could use your help. You need to be around individuals who you find stimulating. Look into personal changes that will make you feel better about yourself. ***
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Use extra discipline to enable you to control bad habits. Limitations may develop if you have children who need your attention. Beware of poor financial maneuvers. ***
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Social activities will enhance your love life. Don't deal with legal documents or personal papers today. Your anger will mount if a joint venture isn't working out. ***
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Follow through with projects that you can do by yourself. Dealing with those you love could lead to upset. It is best not to discuss personal matters today. ****
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Slow down and enjoy life. Rethink your intentions and you won't find yourself in an awkward position. Minor mishaps can be expected if you don't think about what you are doing. **
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your intuitive insight will give you the upper hand when dealing with others. You need to spend time with those who have the same intellectual interests. ****
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your overactive imagination may lead to bad dreams. Try to put your personal life in perspective. Stop running away from your problems. You can't make changes unless you're willing to acknowledge what needs to be done. ***
Birthday Baby: You have a will of your own. You are strong, determined and willing to do whatever is necessary in order to do things your own way. You were born with the ability to intellectually manipulate others. You are a born leader and a no-nonsense individual.

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HOCKEY

Back on the ice

Team takes to the rink against No. 4 Minnesota-Duluth

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

He's lost his two leading scorers from last season, and three defensemen from last year's NCAA tournament team have also graduated.

This year, his team is opening its regular season with a two-game series at the Joyce Center against No. 4 Minnesota-Duluth, who made it to the Frozen Four last year before losing to eventual champion Denver in the semifinals.

Irish coach Dave Poulin, are you insane?

"I think it's a tremendous challenge," Poulin said. "What better way to start a season? When you look at last year and our NCAA run, one of the reasons we got there was the strength of our non-conference schedule.

"There's only going to be two freshmen on defense [tonight], so it's not like we're going to be throwing guys out there who have never played before. And we've got great goaltending backing us up."

The Irish open this season

with a defense that features only one senior in Joe Zurenko and one junior in Chris Trick — the rest are sophomores and freshmen.

That's a far cry from last season, when graduated seniors Tom Galvin, Neil Komadoski, Brett Lebda and T.J. Mathieson combined for 486 career games on Notre Dame's blueline. This year's returning defensemen — Zurenko, Trick, and sophomores Wes O'Neill and Noah Babin — have played 201 career games.

With such a young defense, Notre Dame will look to its goalies to step up even more than last year — when the Irish netminders combined for a 2.42 goals-against average (GAA) and a .923 save percentage.

Sophomore David Brown and senior Morgan Cey enter this season as two of the best goaltenders in Notre Dame history. Cey, barring a complete collapse this season, will annihilate the Irish records in GAA, save percentage and shutouts.

Brown, meanwhile, only had one of the best years in the country for any goalie, much

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Tim Kacmar/The Observer
Dave Brown makes a save last season against Boston College. The Irish open their season tonight against Minnesota-Duluth.

MEN'S SOCCER

Irish look for more shutouts

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

In physics, the formula for momentum is simple to calculate. It's harder for a soccer team to figure out the best way to utilize individual talents, but the Irish are finding their stride and riding their momentum after three straight shutout victories into tonight's matchup against conference-rival Pittsburgh.

"We're making progress every game," Irish coach Bobby Clark said. "You've got to take something from every game and try and move on a little bit."

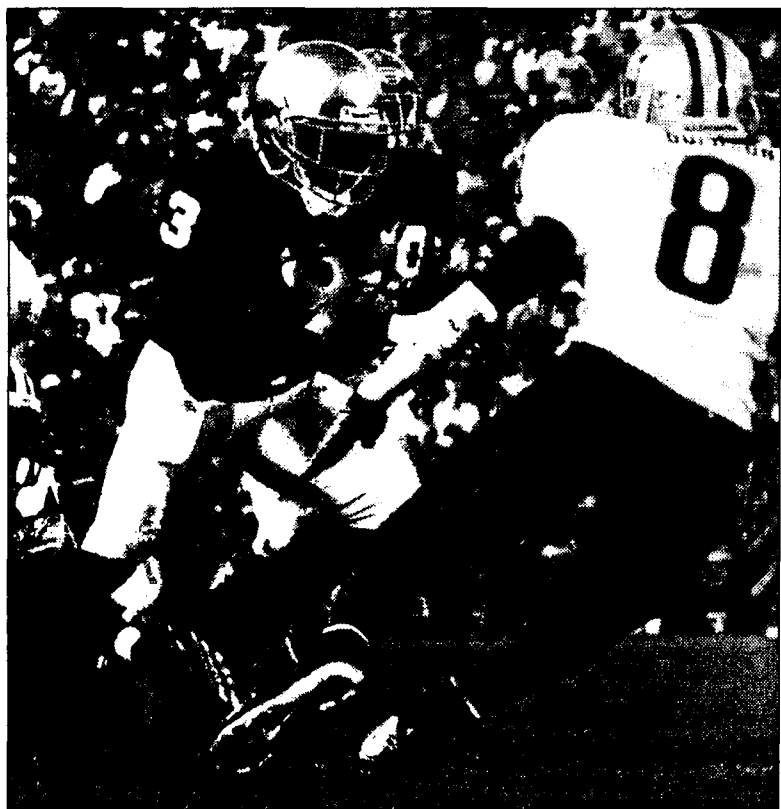
The No. 9 Irish are 7-2-1 overall and 3-1-0 in conference play, having recently posted victories against formidable foes Villanova and Boston College.

"It's one of the strongest conferences in the country for soccer," Clark said of the Big East. "You've got to keep play-

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FOOTBALL

Running game will be key



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer
Darius Walker carries against Washington two weeks ago. Notre Dame must run the ball well to get back in the win column.

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame had the ball on Michigan State's three-yard line midway through the first quarter Sept. 18, and the Irish struggled to score.

On first and second down, Ryan Grant ran for one yard each. On third down, Rashon Powers-Neal made no gain. Brady Quinn faked a handoff on fourth down and ran — ball raised high — into the end zone for the touchdown.

But the message was clear: it took Notre Dame's offense four tries to score from the three-yard line against a Spartan defense that surrenders 162.4 rushing yards per game.

"That's something that we work on and we talk about and

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Schedule released for 2004-05 season

Irish to face two top-10 teams, nine NCAA qualifiers

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

The Irish will tip off a 2004 season that includes two top-10 teams and nine NCAA qualifiers from last year with the Preseason Women's National Invitational after two exhibition games against Premier Sports (Nov. 3) and the Hoosier Lady Stars (Nov. 6).

The schedule, released Wednesday, has the Irish playing 13 games at the Joyce Center, where they were undefeated last season.

The Preseason WNIT is filled with tough teams, including NCAA Elite Eight participant

Duke, Pac-10 co-champion Arizona State and Ohio State.

"With the schedule we have lined up, we expect to be tested right from the opening tip this season," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said in a release Wednesday. "Playing in the Preseason WNIT will give us a good indication of where we stand early in the year and it will help to prepare us for the other strong teams that will come later in the season."

Notre Dame is scheduled to be on national television four times, including contests at Connecticut, last year's Big East champions and against Purdue, ranked No. 9 to end the year. Both will be on ESPN2.

This year's schedule will be a tough one for the seasoned 2004-05 Irish team, led by

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Kalamazoo 3
Saint Mary's 0

The Hornets snap the Belles' three-match win streak with a three-game sweep.

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Olympian Michael Phelps will swim in six events at the World Short Course Championships.

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