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Rice nominated as secretary of state

'75 graduate keeps Notre Dame ties strong

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Her legacy lies ahead in the White House, but Condoleezza Rice's roots are at Notre Dame.

President Bush's nominee for the next Secretary of State — who earned her master's degree from the University, served on the Board of Trustees and received an honorary doctorate when she delivered the commencement address in 1995 — first visited the school at the urging of University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh.

Rice, a star pupil at the University of Denver, "was going to look at colleges out east — Harvard, Yale," Hesburgh said. "So I said, 'Well, you can't get there without going by Notre Dame so you've got to [come] see us first.'"

Rice obliged, touring the campus with her father — who at the time was the University of Denver's president — and with Hesburgh, who gladly answered her questions about Notre Dame's political science and international studies programs. She never made it out east.

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national security advisor,
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Profile:
Condoleezza Rice
MIKE HARKINS/Observer Graphic

Campus connects to VoIP

ND makes 5 year deal with SBC for network

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

SBC Communications announced plans Tuesday for a multi-million dollar, five-year deal with Notre Dame that will make the campus home to one of the largest, state-of-the-art Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) networks in the country.

The VoIP system will replace the current phone network with an Internet-based system that will link users to advanced features like a single inbox for voice and e-mail messages, "click-to-call" functionality from computers and "find me, follow me" call routing options, according to an SBC press release. Additionally, a "plug-and-play" service allows for the addition of new phones and service and location changes.

Accessible campus-wide and via the internet, the network makes users reachable outside the office — a problem with the current, Centrex-based system.

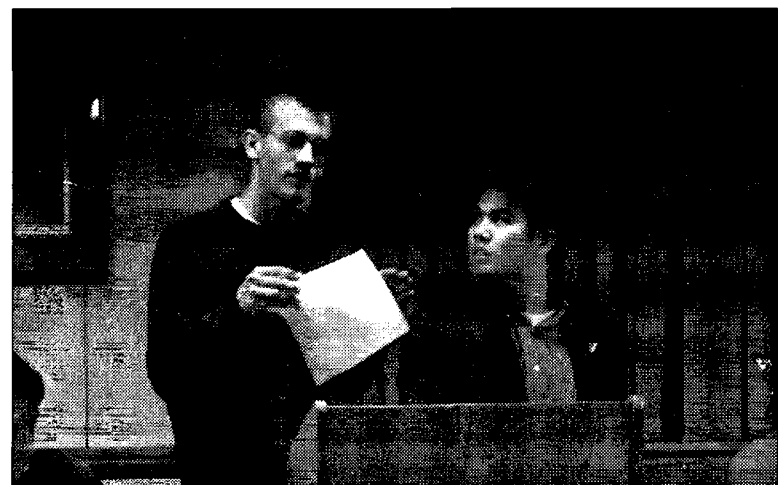
"We're not just replacing phones, we're outfitting the University with a completely new network which enables to bring together voice and data systems into single network," SBC representative Sarah Silva said.

Though a press release from

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SENATE

Group discusses courses, election reform



CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer
Jeremy Staley, left, and Jeremy Lao present a new course evaluation proposal at Student Senate Wednesday.

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

The Student Senate unanimously approved two resolutions concerning Teacher Course Evaluations and a student discount at the bookstore and discussed a third regarding election reform at its last meeting for two weeks.

Three years in the making, the resolution on TCEs sets forth a comprehensive outline for a two-pronged system of course evaluation for students.

The first part of the pro-

posal calls for faculty members to "communicate a vision of their courses in advance of the DART registration period," according to the resolution. This would include loading information about course times, descriptions, goals, syllabi and evaluation methods onto a web-based platform accessible by students.

The second part allows students to voice their opinion in a questionnaire handed out at the same time as traditional TCEs, and to view the results of

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Campus supports 'Gay? Fine By Me' demonstration

Students wear orange shirts, show solidarity

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

The color orange, spotted yesterday on students sporting "Gay? Fine by Me" T-shirts and on a large spray-painted closet in front of South Dining Hall, helped promote awareness of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and queer issues at Notre Dame Thursday.

Students were welcomed to "come out of the closet," which did not necessarily mean as a gay or lesbian. For example, one girl came out as "one hungry anal-retentive accounting major."

"This isn't about a particular issue, but showing this campus is not homophobic, a

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer
Graduate student Carl Nebett "comes out of the closet" on South Quad Wednesday to show support for the "Gay? Fine by Me" campaign at Notre Dame.

Thayer speaks about gay, lesbian rights

By MADDIE HANNA
News Writer

Andy Thayer, founder of the Chicago Anti-Bashing Network, spoke about inequality and discrimination directed at gays and lesbians members of the South Bend community Wednesday night at the Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns.

"If we're going to combat the problem of anti-gay violence, we need to go to the root of the problem. The question is, what gives rise to this hatred of gay people?" Thayer asked.

In answering that question, Thayer blamed the government.

"If the government says it's okay to dehumanize humans, it sends a message to society at large," he said. "The fact of the

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INSIDE COLUMN

ND means hibernating all winter

When applying to Notre Dame, my high school counselor once said, "Well, it's a beautiful place, just gorgeous — but the winters there are cold as snot!" Now, beside the fact that the actual temperature of snot really has nothing to do with cold winters, I assumed he meant the weather over here gets pretty dang cold and went from there. This comment, though strange, did cause me to reflect upon the situation as well as what I would do when winter finally did come.

Dustin Mennella

Photographer

Last Friday, departing from my 4 to 6 p.m. class to almost complete darkness I recalled the words of my counselor and realized the time for dorm room hibernation is almost upon us. Soon, Internet lecture notes will become essential, and don't forget to restock those vital food items before it's too late. You know the type — Cheez-its, granola bars, that huge bear shaped tub of animal crackers, nilla wafers... the list goes on and on.

Though we may be confined to our dorm when winter hits, there are still plenty of things to do — being from rainy Seattle, I am used to not seeing the sun for weeks at a time and staying off cabin fever while trapped inside on particularly wet days.

Catching up on that list of movies-to-see is a good activity. For those who need a bit more physical activity, hallway soccer or football is always a hit. And who could forget — Halo 2 is now out. Regardless of the weather, that alone will keep many students indoors for quite a while and I get the sinking sensation that GPA's will soon be dropping. But not all indoor activities have to be electronic. Sometimes a night spent with a deck of cards, whether the game is poker or hearts, can be quite entertaining. And we can always look to nature for examples as well; bears hibernate all winter, why can't we? Sleep is definitely a good thing, and I never seem to be able to get enough of it.

Time marches on as it always does. However, what it means for us now is simply freezing noses and fingers, and a fond farewell to grass for the next few months. Predictions of snow, though as of yet unfulfilled, exist nonetheless, and the chilly nights are a constant reminder of how extremely difficult making it to those 8:30 a.m. classes will soon be.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: Do you have a secret crush on anyone?



Heather Booth
junior
McGlinn

"No, but my friend Sarah does."



Chris Brown
freshman
Keenan

"There's this girl Carrie and she works in South Dining Hall."



Tommy Wang
sophomore
Alumni

"There is this girl at my high school, but I don't see her anymore."



Phil Hicks
freshman
Dillon

"Yes, she is vicious and she is in the military."



Justin Rugby
senior
Alumni

"No, I don't."



RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer

Small, floating Chick-fil-A promotion cows dropped from the ceiling of the Joyce Center Wednesday during a timeout at the Duke-Notre Dame men's basketball

OFFBEAT

Woman sentenced in split-personality case

FREEHOLD, N.J. — Nira Nevins said only one of her many personalities robbed a bank, but they're all going to jail. Nevins, 55, woman maintains that an alternate, childlike personality came over her the day she robbed the bank.

"I am so ashamed of our actions," she told Superior Court Judge Edward M. Neafsey on Tuesday.

The judge ordered Nevins to serve 18 years in prison for kidnapping the bank's head teller and forcing her to drive from the scene. He also imposed a concurrent 13-

year prison term for the armed robbery of the bank in 2002.

Nevins must serve 15 years and three months before becoming eligible for parole.

Cleveland anchor appears nude in TV report

CLEVELAND — A television news anchor appeared on the air nude in a first-person report about an artist's photographs, drawing a record number of viewers for the time slot, the station said.

Sharon Reed was one of hundreds of people who participated in Spencer Tunick's nude photo installation in Cleveland in June. Her

report, shown Monday on the 11 p.m. newscast on WOIO-TV, showed far away angles of her nude and some closer seminude shots, as well as other participants.

The report comes in the midst of increased attention to the airwaves, following Janet Jackson's breast-baring performance during the Super Bowl halftime show. The Federal Communications Commission proposed a record fine of \$550,000 against CBS, WOIO's parent network. The network is protesting.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The lecture "Is War Rational? The Extent of Miscalculation and Misperception as Causes of War," will be given by Daniel Lindley today at 12:30 p.m. in C-103 Hesburgh Center.

The Nanov Institute will present a screening of the Italian film "I Cento Passi (The Hundred Steps)" at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. tonight in the Browning Cinema.

The Student Union Board will sponsor a screening of "The Bourne Supremacy" at 10 p.m. Thursday in DeBartolo Hall.

Malachy McCourt will be in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore on Friday at 4 p.m. signing his book "Malachy McCourt's History of Ireland."

Saint Mary's Basketball Tip Off Classic game will be Friday at 6 p.m. at Angela Athletic Facility against Hanover College.

The Notre Dame men's basketball team will face off against Harvard Friday at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center Arena.

The Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will perform Friday at 8 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

The Notre Dame Percussion Ensemble will perform on Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Band Building.

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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Giri advocates gender justice

By APRIL THOMAS
News Writer

World-renowned women's social activist Dr. V. Mohini Giri brought her message of gender justice to Saint Mary's College Wednesday.

No stranger to the spotlight, Giri is the daughter-in-law of the former president of India, the late Shri. V. V. Giri. She is also the founding president of the War Widows Association, a former chairperson for the National Commission for Women, and author of "Kanya- Exploitation of Little Angels" and several other gender-based works.

Giri casually noted that her preferred lecture audience is men.

"Women don't need to hear they're subjugated," Giri said. "They already know they are."

Giri's life in India has given her inspiration to change the culture of female submission, which she feels is upheld both by patriarchy and social norms. Giri said that in India it is common for a woman to be tortured for her dowry debt. Some women may be expected to throw themselves on their husbands' funeral pyres, or are confined to a dark room for forty days of isolation following their spouse's death.

"My job as a social activist is to stop these harmful norms," Giri said.

Violence against women also emerges as a social normalcy.

"Alcohol is a great curse in India," Giri said.

Many men spend their incomes on alcohol, leaving their wives and children undernourished. Giri noted that female infanticide and poverty also specifically targets Indian women. Most women have no land rights or means of individual economic survival.

"Women are the poorest of the poor," Giri said. "We must mobilize women toward self-sufficiency."

Giri explained that her work strives to spread this self-sufficiency through three modes of empowerment — women must be informed of their legal and social rights, women must be given leadership training and they must have access to micro-credits, or pooled community financial resources, enabling women to pursue entrepreneurship.

"Only 80 percent of Indian women can read and write," Giri said. "Just 1 percent can enter college."

Thus, to encourage widespread delivery messages of empowerment, Giri's organizations create dramas, street plays and songs to reach women from all walks of education, not merely the literate.

Giri addressed the political arena as a crucial position for women to establish a voice in policymaking. Giri asserted that she will push for 33 percent female representation in Indian parliament, a step of affirmative action.

"The situation of women in politics is very sad. India has only 8 percent women represen-

tatives," Giri said. "In the United States, it is only 14 percent."

Giri's activism resonated with Saint Mary's junior Katie Kelly.

"She's a visionary," Kelly said. "She is very passionate about women obtaining political positions. It's not about power, but social change."

Anita Houck of the Saint Mary's religious education department organized Giri's visit.

"I knew she was a perfect fit for what we're doing here with justice education, women's studies and religious studies," Houck said.

Giri's adamancy of peace addressed both India's three wars with Pakistan, and the United States' current war with Iraq. Speaking from her experience collectively reaching out to Pakistani women during war, Giri called for dialogue and insisted that women play a vital role in establishing harmony.

"Peace and women are interconnected," Giri said. "And without peace there is no development."

Though conditions now are far from favorable, Giri insists that education is vital in establishing gender equality — especially developing courses in men's studies. Female submission is not merely "women's problem."

"We need to help teach men to be responsible husbands, sons, brothers and friends of the women in their lives," said Giri.

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the Office of Information Technologies indicates otherwise, the service is only for the approximate 7,000 administrators, faculty and staff at the University and at offices across the country, said Silva.

"The student body is not part of the transition, though including them is in review and consideration," Silva said. "As of now, students will not be affected by the change, only staff and faculty and administration."

The OIT release puts the number at 16,000 users and includes students. Silva could not speak to the discrepancies between the two plans and said she did not know where OIT's numbers came from. OIT officials were not available for comment.

Implementation of the system will begin in 2005 and continue over the next two to three years, according to Silva.

"This is not like an all-at-once, grand restructuring," Silva said. "It's a gradual phased migration."

Silva also said that SBC expects the transition process to be relatively hassle-free.

"Because they're both SBC systems, we can integrate the systems as you move from wireline into VoIP infrastructure to make the transition smooth," Silva said.

The VoIP network — technically called SBC PremierSERV Hosted Internet Protocol Communications Service — was introduced by SBC in November 2003 and is in use in 69 metropolitan areas across the country.

Technologically-speaking, the VoIP system works by converting voice calls into data packets and treating them with the same protocol used to transmit data on computer networks.

"We are excited to work with the University of

Notre Dame in implementing one of the largest migrations to hosted VoIP to date," Cathy Coughlin, president of Business Communications Services, SBC Global Services, Inc. said in a press release. "We have provided reliable solutions to educational institutions of all sizes for more than a century, and we believe the University of Notre Dame's forward-thinking approach will serve as a model for other customers with large, complex campus environments that are looking to migrate to a hosted IP solution."

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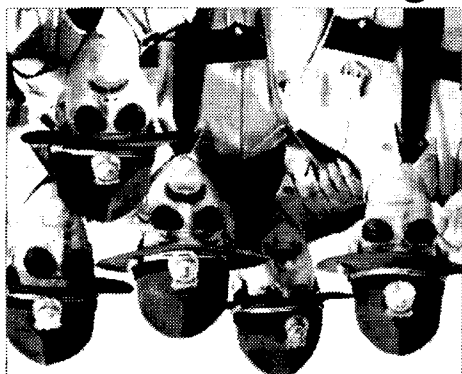
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matter is, when the government says, 'We're going to call out this whole class of people, who don't have the same rights as other folks' — that dehumanizes you, makes you a target."

Thayer said that the loss of constitutional rights for gays would endanger the rights of all Americans.

"You allow the far right in this country to pick on, to vilify any group of Americans — you allow them to get away with that, and it sets a horrible precedent for other people," Thayer said.

Switching to the topic of gay marriage, Thayer said that 1,138 federal rights are obtained by marriage. They include access to pension and Social Security survivors' benefits, immigration rights, medical care, and the ability to adopt children, among many others.

"Many gay and lesbian couples are forced to immigrate from this country because they can't get their partner naturalized," Thayer said.

Recalling one woman's complaint about the immigration laws, Thayer said, "She told me, 'I can bring my dog into this country, but I can't bring my wife.'"

Thayer said that 52 percent of heterosexual couples are currently raising kids. However, what many people don't know is that a full 33 percent of gay couples and 42 percent of lesbian couples are also bringing up children, Thayer said.

"Marriage is a survival issue for many people in the gay and lesbian community," Thayer said. "The issue here is civil marriage. The government, which all of us pay taxes to — is it going to treat us as human beings?"

Thayer also referring to the ability of gays to marry in Canada and the Netherlands.

"There are truly equal marriage rights, and you can't say the sky is falling in [because of them], he said. "Maybe the Netherlands [has] something up on the U.S. The U.S. is a world leader in family dysfunction."

Thayer also talked about former Speaker of the House Next Gingrich's criticism of the gay community.

"Those who vilify us are some of the best destroyers of the family. For example, take Newt Gingrich," he said.

Pointing out Gingrich's flawed history as a family man, Thayer referred to the former Speaker of the House's multiple divorces.

"They [critics of gay marriage] can never seem to map it out how our marriages affect theirs. They must be truly insecure in their own marriages," he said.

Thayer criticized former presidential candidate John Kerry and the Democrats for not taking a clear stand on gay rights in this month's election.

"Civil rights and equality is like a light switch — it's either on or off. Equality or discrimination?" he said.

Thayer also said that gays and lesbians should not settle for civil unions, but stand up for themselves.

"Things can change in some of the worst circumstances if people are willing to get out into the streets and work for it. This is why we do what we do," Thayer said.

GRADUATE STUDENT UNION

ND students focus on graduate conference

By PAUL SPADAFORA
News Writer

Attendance at the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students conference and upcoming legislation in the U.S. congress concerning graduate students were the main concerns at Tuesday's Graduate Student Union meeting.

President John Young and co-vice president Amanda Matthews talked with the other GSU members about the recent conference by the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students in Pittsburgh. "NAGPS serves two functions. The first is to meet the needs of International Graduate students on campuses across the nation, and the second function is to act as a lobbying group for graduate student interests in Congress," Young said.

Matthews said she felt that the conference helped to foster good working relationships with other graduate students and contacts from other schools.

"Our objective was to seek out and make contacts with those organizations, and we were able to achieve that," she said.

After the overview of NAGPS' main functions, Young also discussed two pieces of legislation up for consideration in the coming year that the NAGPS will focus on. The outcome of both pieces of legislation, Young said, would be extremely important for graduate student interests in the future.

The first would make all future graduate student stipends tax exempt. The second, which will be addressed later in the U.S. Congress' agenda, is the renewal of the Higher Education Act.

"Title IV of the Higher Education Act states that students can consolidate loans at a fixed interest rate. If that title isn't renewed, it will make it much more difficult for students to pay off their loans," Young said.

He proposed that Notre Dame send graduate students to Congress later in the year to help the NAGPS with their lobbying efforts.

"I think we [The GSU] have the funds to send a few graduate students from Notre Dame to help lobby" Young said. "[This legislation] is something that has been in the works for 4 or 5 years, and it would behoove us to be involved in this."

Matthews said the NAGPS conference provided a way for graduate students to help promote their needs in a setting where they can be effective.

"We think that Graduate students have a very strong voice, we just need that to be represented within our national government," Matthews said. "We think that if we give our students an opportunity to speak we feel that they can voice our concerns clearly and strongly. We're just trying to

provide the means and mode of communication."

In other GSU news:

♦ The initial details of this year's annual GSU blood drive were discussed in the meeting. A tentative date of Feb. 3 was proposed for the blood drive. Erica Pirnie, Health Care Committee Chair, said the GSU blood drive was an excellent way to promote Graduate Student civic participation.

"It's something that helps get Graduate Students involved in [aiding] their country," she

said.

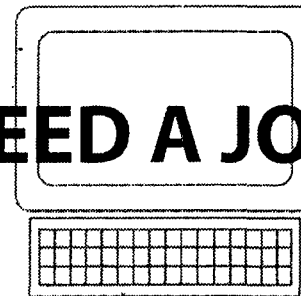
♦ The GSU Social committee has begun planning events for the Spring semester. Some of the events that the GSU is considering for the graduate students are an Easter brunch, Mardi Gras party, wine tasting and attendance at various theater events around South Bend. Social chair Krupa Hegde encouraged the council to submit other ideas.

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"Our objective was to seek out and make contacts with those organizations, and we were able to achieve that."

Amanda Matthews
co-vice president

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Pacific Rim ministers convene

SANTIAGO, Chile — Top ministers from 21 Pacific Rim nations convened high-level talks on free trade and global security Wednesday, while police battled university students protesting the summit and a weekend visit by President Bush.

Several hundred demonstrators who tried to gather in downtown Santiago were confronted by riot police, who doused them with tear gas from fast-moving jeeps and knocked them to the ground with blasts from water cannon trucks.

There was no immediate report of injuries and the protest occurred miles away from the suburban Santiago venue for the annual Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum.

Accusations made against Iran

VIENNA, Austria — Iran bought blueprints of a nuclear bomb from the same black-market network that gave Libya such diagrams and continues to enrich uranium despite a commitment to suspend the technology that can be used for atomic weapons, an Iranian opposition group said Wednesday.

Farid Soleimani, a senior official for the National Council for Resistance in Iran, said the diagram was provided by Abdul Qadeer Khan, the Pakistani head of the nuclear network linked to clandestine programs in both Iran and Libya.

"He gave them the same weapons design he gave the Libyans as well as more in terms of weapons design," Soleimani told reporters in Vienna. He said the diagram and related material on how to make nuclear weapons was handed to the Iranians between 1994 and 1996.

Mark Gwozdecky, spokesman for the International Atomic Energy Agency said, "we follow up every solid lead," but added the U.N. nuclear watchdog would have no further comment.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush names Miers to counsel

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Wednesday named Harriet Miers, a longtime Texas associate, as White House counsel.

Miers succeeds Alberto Gonzales, nominated by Bush to be attorney general, said White House spokesman Scott McClellan.

"Harriet Miers is a trusted adviser on whom I have long relied for straightforward advice," Bush said in a statement.

"Harriet has the keen judgment and discerning intellect necessary to be an outstanding counsel," the president said. "She is a talented lawyer whose great integrity, legal scholarship and grace have long marked her as one of America's finest lawyers."

Miers came with the president to the White House as his staff secretary, the person in charge of all the paperwork that crosses the president's desk.

GOP seeks to repeal labeling law

WASHINGTON — Telling consumers where their meat, fruit and vegetables came from seemed such a good idea to U.S. ranchers and farmers in competition with imports that Congress two years ago ordered the food industry to do it. But meatpackers and food processors fought the law from the start, and newly emboldened Republicans now plan to repeal it before Thanksgiving.

LOCAL NEWS

State says dam needs repairs

NEVADA MILLS — A dam that regulates water levels in five northeastern Indiana lakes popular with tourists will likely need immediate repairs to leaks that could cause it to fail, a state official said.

Private consultants are studying the Nevada Mills dam to pinpoint the leaks and recommend repairs.

Causes of church dissent cited

Catholic Cardinal condemns media, partisan forces for attacking U.S. bishops

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Washington Cardinal Theodore McCarrick blamed the media and partisan activists for unjustly attacking U.S. Roman Catholic bishops who spoke out this election year on whether dissenting Catholic politicians should receive Communion. He accused them of spreading internal dissension among church leaders.

In a speech delivered behind closed doors and released Wednesday, McCarrick pleaded for unity among his colleagues.

"The media or partisan forces sometimes tried to pit one bishop against another. I look around the room and see bishops who have been unfairly attacked as partisan, others who have been called cowards," he said during a private session of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. "That is not who we are. We are united in our defense of life and the dignity of the human person."

The bishops wound up at the center of a nasty national debate over religion and politics after St. Louis Archbishop Raymond Burke said he would deny the Eucharist to Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry, a Catholic who supports abortion rights.

Anti-abortion advocates pressured more bishops to follow Burke's lead. Other Catholics lobbied the prelates to highlight a broader range of moral issues in the election, such as war and poverty.

Kerry supporters joined the fight, accusing Catholic leaders of trying to help re-elect President Bush, a Methodist whose position on abortion is more in line with Catholic teaching. Bush won the Catholic vote.

McCarrick, head of a



Bishop William Skylstad of Spokane, Wash., incoming president of the U.S. Conference of Bishops, addresses a meeting in Washington on Wednesday.

bishops' task force on Catholics in public life, became a target of critics himself after saying he opposed using Communion as a sanction.

The American Life League, a group of outspoken abortion opponents, took out ads denouncing his stance.

The cardinal said it has been a difficult year. Bishops were accused of being "single issue" if they spoke out on abortion, and if they didn't, they were derided as indifferent to the "destruction of unborn human life," he said.

"We do not believe that our commitment to human life and dignity and our pursuit of justice

and peace are competing causes," he said. "While we do not believe that all issues have equal moral claims, we will work to protect those whose lives are destroyed by abortion and those who are dying of hunger. We will strive to protect human life from the moment of conception until the moment God calls us home and we will strive to pursue peace ... This is who we are and what we believe."

In an interview, McCarrick said that the bishops' position on Communion has been widely misunderstood.

Only a few of the more than 250 American bishops said that dissenting lawmakers should be

denied Communion. A dozen or so other prelates said the politicians should voluntarily abstain from the sacrament, but would not be denied if they sought Communion.

Most bishops took the same position as McCarrick.

"The vast majority of bishops are in the center and the center is holding," he said. Last June, the bishops issued a statement in Denver saying politicians who supported abortion rights were "cooperating in evil," but also affirmed church law that individual bishops can determine how to respond to those politicians.

Iraqi suicide bomber blasts convoy

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide car bomber blasted an American convoy north of Baghdad and U.S. troops battled insurgents west of the capital Wednesday as a wave of violence across Iraq's Sunni Muslim heartland killed at least 27 people.

American forces pursued their search-and-destroy mission against the remaining holdouts in the former insurgent bastion of Fallujah, and to the north, American forces pressed an offensive to reclaim part of the city of Mosul from militants.

November became one of Iraq's bloodiest months as the U.S. death

toll in the war in Iraq reached 1,206 with new Defense Department identifications Tuesday night and Wednesday, according to an Associated Press tally.

On Wednesday, a suicide attacker drove his bomb-laden car into a U.S. convoy during fierce fighting in the town of Beiji, 155 miles north of the Baghdad, killing 10 people and wounding 12, including three American soldiers. Another attack on a convoy of civilian contractors in Beiji caused no casualties.

Elsewhere, a three-hour gunbattle between militants and U.S. forces after nightfall left seven people dead and 13 hurt in Ramadi, a

city west of Fallujah.

Insurgents fired rocket-propelled grenades, mortar and Kalashnikov rifles at American forces in the city center, Zayout district and along the main highway in town, said Abdel Karim al-Hiti of Ramadi General Hospital.

Ramadi, about 70 miles west of Baghdad, falls within the restive Sunni Triangle area north and west of the capital where the bulk of insurgent attacks have erupted.

Although fighting has ebbed in Fallujah, it has not ceased. The U.S. military said pockets of insurgents remain even though the city is fully occupied by American troops.

Rice

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"She said, 'Daddy we don't have to go any further — I want to come here,'" Hesburgh said.

Though she graduated in 1975 after a two-year stint of concentration in Russian studies and Soviet affairs — beginning her trajectory to government positions in foreign relations — Rice is still passionate about her Notre Dame ties.

This July, Rice hosted about 30 administrators, donors and trustees in the West Wing office that she occupied for the last four years as the president's national security advisor, where blue and gold memorabilia is proudly displayed on the walls, said Lou Nanni, vice president for University Relations.

"She's a huge football fan," Nanni said, recalling the "candid" Q&A session that ensued, with topics ranging from the war in Iraq to Rice's biggest surprises in the White House to her personal recollections of Sept. 11, 2001.

"She [is] somebody who just by her persona commands respect," Nanni said. "Obviously people of goodwill are going to differ about policies she would advocate as a part of the Bush administration, but nobody would question her integrity, her commitment to service and her high ideals."

Greatest among these ideals is

Rice's selflessness, said Irish football coach Tyrone Willingham, who worked side by side with her at Stanford University when he coached and she served as provost for six years in the 1990s.

"What I saw of Dr. Rice primarily is a woman that is well-balanced, that is intelligent, that has the best interest of her organization at heart and does not ask for anything herself," Willingham said, adding that Rice has demonstrated a "team in front of self" mentality in the White House as well as in academia.

"I think she's shown that she can do that," he said, "and do it in an intelligent manner and have the best interests of the president and the country at heart."

Rice's close relationship with the president — who she has counseled since his father's term in office — has been called her biggest asset and her biggest liability as she moves to the State Department.

"One of the strengths she brings to the job is having the president's ear," said Dan Lindley, an assistant professor of political science at Notre Dame. "In that way she'll be better off than Colin Powell," her predecessor who often appeared to be a lone voice of dissent alienated from the rest of Bush's cabinet.

In Rice, Lindley said, Bush sees a trusted confidante who fits the pattern of his second-term cabinet appointments — friendly faces and familiar voices.

"We're not seeing new blood, we're not seeing new points of view," he said.

Political science colleague Peri Arnold agreed.

"I think the president is making a choice to guarantee that there will be more unanimity in the foreign policy establishment," he said. "Condi has demonstrated that she's happy going along ... she's personally so close to Bush that it's difficult to imagine how she could play an oppositional or counterbalancing role."

And while the State Department could gain clout within the administration due to Rice's influence with Bush, it could also lose ground to the Defense Department because she lacks Powell's penchant for inter-agency battles, Lindley said.

"She has a reputation for not taking the strongest positions, for being more of a sounding board," he said. "If she maintains the quiet pressure she won't be taking full advantage of the State Department pulpit ...

hopefully she'll grow into the job."

Rice won't have much time to adjust, as she faces immediate challenges in the Iraq war, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the developing nuclear programs of Iran and North Korea, HIV/AIDS initiatives in Africa and damaged relationships with U.S. allies, said Gerard Powers, director of policy studies at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

Overseeing State Department operations as a visible management presence — rather than individually advising the president from the background — presents another test, Powers added.

"As former national security advisor, she is well-versed in the major substantive issues she will have to address, but taking over the helm of State's large bureaucracy will present new challenges that will test her leader-

ship abilities," he said.

Rice's abilities and instincts are impressive, Arnold said, but may not be enough.

"She's a woman with many talents, but this is going to be demanding," he said. "She really becomes the face of the administration's foreign policy ... One wonders, is she up for that?"

Nanni thinks so. "Clearly the Secretary of State role is going to call for a great more diplomacy," he said. "But she is about as articulate and persuasive a person as I have met. She's also someone who's not easily daunted."

These traits were a welcome contribution on the Board of Trustees, Nanni said, and may eventually become an asset to the University again.

"Our hope is that when she chooses to step down from her role in public service is that she'll be able to resume her role with Notre Dame in one capacity or another," he said. "I think we're proud of our association with her, as I think she is proud to be a part of the Notre Dame family."

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IN BRIEF

Utility holding company pays up

CINCINNATI — A Cinergy Corp. affiliate agreed to pay a \$3 million fine to settle federal regulatory charges that two traders in the energy company's Houston-based natural gas trading operation falsely reported information on gas deals.

The U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission announced the fine Tuesday, saying two traders with Cinergy Marketing & Trading knowingly reported inaccurate information from August 2000 to July 2002 to two McGraw-Hill publications that compile prices used to settle trades in natural gas markets.

The company admitted no wrongdoing but agreed to the fine to end the case, Cinergy spokesman Steve Brash said Wednesday. Cinergy fired one of the traders and transferred the other to another job off the trading floor, he said.

An number of false trades were submitted by e-mail and telephone, the commission said.

Kohl's sued over look-alike shoes

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. — Wolverine World Wide Inc. has filed a patent-infringement lawsuit against Harbor Footwear Group Ltd. and Kohl's Corp., claiming the companies copied and sold popular styles of Wolverine's Merrell brand of shoes.

The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in Grand Rapids and seeks an unspecified amount of money. It also asks that the defendants be prohibited from making and selling specific styles of Harbor's GBX brand of adult and children's shoes.

"While the footwear community typically respects the creative rights and the intellectual property developed by other companies, some in our industry find it easier to copy successful patterns rather than develop their own styles," said Jacques Lavertue, president of Wolverine's Outdoor Group. "Merrell will not tolerate the violation of our innovative and proprietary designs and will aggressively defend our intellectual property through the courts."

A man who answered the telephone Tuesday at Port Washington, N.Y.-based Harbor said the company would not publicly comment about the lawsuit.

Kmart-Sears deal raises stocks

Market soars as investors welcome \$11 billion merger of U.S. retailers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks surged Wednesday as investors shrugged off a fresh indicator of rising inflation and welcomed an \$11 billion deal that combines retailers Kmart Holding Corp. and Sears, Roebuck and Co.

The merger, the largest such transaction involving U.S. retailers, and strong data on industrial production overshadowed a worrisome reading of the Consumer Price Index, the government's most closely watched inflation barometer.

"It's quite obvious that the merger itself is good news, and of course the fact that we had industrial production taking off has helped strengthen the market," said Peter Cardillo, chief strategist with S.W. Bach & Co. "On the inflation front, that's not such good news, but the effects of \$50-plus oil prices are beginning to show up in the numbers, and going forward, that could make the Fed (Federal Reserve) more aggressive" in raising interest rates.

In afternoon trading, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 60.37, or 0.58 percent, at 10,548.02.

The broader gauges were also higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 6.89, or 0.59 percent, to 1,182.32. The Nasdaq composite index was up 17.60, or 0.85 percent, at 2,096.22.

Discount chain operator Kmart soared \$15.63, or 15 percent, to \$116.85, on its plan to merge with Sears, a deal that will create the nation's third-largest retailer. Sears stock skyrocketed after the deal was announced, rising \$9.97, or 22 percent, to \$55.17.

The combined company is expected to have \$55 billion in annual revenues, 2,350 full-line and off-mall stores, and 1,100 specialty



Sears, Roebuck and Co. and Kmart Holding Corp. combined Wednesday in a \$11 billion merger to create the nation's third largest retailer.

retail stores, meaning it will trail only Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Target Corp. Wal-Mart shed 48 cents to \$56.41 on the news, while Target was up 11 cents at \$51.49.

Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia rose \$1.68, or 9.7 percent, to \$19.08, as investors bet the merger would lead to a broader merchandising agreement. Kmart sells Martha Stewart products in the United States, while Sears sells the company's products in its stores in Canada.

Rising costs for energy and food sent the Consumer Price Index up 0.6 percent in October, the biggest advance in five months. The Labor

Department's latest snapshot of the inflation climate makes it more likely that the Fed will raise interest rates when policy makers next meet, on Dec. 14.

Excluding volatile energy and food prices, "core" inflation increased by a more modest 0.2 percent in October. Both readings were higher than economists had forecast.

Coming after a sharp increase in the Producer Price Index on Tuesday, analysts said the market was pleased with the CPI reading because it suggests it may be easier than previously believed for companies to pass along rising costs to consumers. That suggests that down

the line, corporate earnings may not get squeezed as much by rising inflation.

"Obviously higher prices are a concern, but the fact that they're able to pass a lot of these costs along makes it less of a concern, and not as big a negative as investors feared yesterday when they saw that whopping PPI number," said Jack A. Ablin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank.

Separately, industrial production shot up 0.7 percent, a reading that suggests the sector is gaining momentum. Home buildings showed strength after the Commerce Department reported a 6.4 percent jump in housing construction last month.

Consumer prices in Europe surveyed

Associated Press

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Norwegians pay the most for Big Macs, while Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians pay the least, a comparison of consumer prices among 18 European countries found Wednesday.

While the findings for Norway and neighboring Sweden and Denmark weren't surprising — the Scandinavian countries are considered some of the most expensive places to live in the world — other Europeans are getting good bargains on everything from plasma screen TVs to movie tickets.

The survey, conducted in October by Pricerunner AB, a Stockholm-based

consumer price comparison Web site owned by ValueClick Inc., looked at prices paid by consumers in 18 European countries for goods as varied as a McDonald's Big Mac meal to ticket prices for an evening showing of "The Bourne Supremacy."

"Particularly with new countries joining the EU, this year's survey has revealed even greater gaps, but it has also highlighted some interesting facts," said Pricerunner spokesman Patric Blixt.

Britons, for example, pay the most to see a movie at a cinema, on average about \$18.55. Lithuanians pay an average of \$5 for a ticket.

Those who prefer to see their films on DVD would do well to buy them in

France, where a Sony region-free player can be had for \$121.81. The same player goes for \$160.69 in Finland.

In the market for a 32-inch Sony TV? Head for Greece and pay \$972, but avoid buying it in Sweden, where the same model goes for \$1,283.

The Swiss have the best price on Apple's iPod mini, which retails for an average of \$311, but the same device will set you back more than \$425 in Finland.

That Big Mac? Depends on where you are.

A Big Mac meal from McDonald's, including medium fries and a Coke, ranged from \$3.50 in Estonia to \$11 in Norway.

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the survey online. Questions for the survey would be drafted by a committee composed of students, faculty representatives and a staff member from Institutional Research. Directions would note the purpose of the questionnaire, and unlike the TCEs, results

could not be used in faculty reappointment, tenure, promotion or salary decisions.

"We need collaborative support with the faculty ... and we want everyone to be a part of this process," former student body president Jeremy Lao said.

Committee for Academic Affairs chair Vijay Ramanan said they will be meeting with representatives from the Faculty Senate today to gauge

response.

There were no objections to approval of the resolution.

Sarah Bates, chair of the committee for Resident Life, presented a resolution recommending that the bookstore implement a student discount on merchandise.

"This is a step we have taken based on unresponsiveness from the bookstore in my previous attempts to contact them," Bates said. "We're hoping to pass this resolution and be able to take it to the bookstore and show them exactly what we want."

The resolution reasons that faculty and staff currently receive a 20 percent discount on everything except class textbooks — for which they receive a 10 percent discount — and that students should be given the same consideration.

"If you give us a discount, more students will shop there and off-set any loss in profit from the discount," Siegfried senator James Leito said.

Again, the resolution passed without objection.

Finally, in a continuation of discussion from last week's meeting, senators debated amendments to the section in the constitution regarding undergraduate student body elections.

The two points of contention were the articles

granting senators the power to vote against the will of their dorms in the event a tie, and removing the option for abstention on the run-off election ballots.

Ramanan spoke out against allowing senators to "vote by their conscience," even if odds are against an exact vote tie putting the election in Senate's hands.

"I know we're trying to remove the wheeling and dealing that happens when the vote comes to Senate, but this isn't going to help," Ramanan said. "I trust 99.5 percent of the senators elected, but it's that .5 percent that scares me."

Cavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni said the decision to give senators the power was based on the idea their dorm puts faith in a senator's decision-making abilities when they elect them.

Director of Student Activities Brian Coughlin issued a word of warning.

"Senate should be careful what they wish for when granting this power," Coughlin said. "In the event that an election comes down between a presidential candidate that's a senator and one that isn't, and Senate votes in favor of the senator, you could have a pretty good size uprising on campus."

Zahm senator Mike McGinley brought up prob-

lems with the removal of the option to abstain on run-off election ballots (abstention would still be available in the primary).

"Abstention makes discontent public," McGinley said. "Even if it doesn't make a difference in who is elected, it's a matter of political expression."

Fisher senator Sujal Pandya disagreed.

"We use elections to elect a leader, not to gauge the popularity of student government," he said.

Senate came to no definite conclusions, but the amendment must pass on the Dec. 1 meeting if changes are to be implemented for this year's election.

In other Senate news:

◆ Meghan Hanzlick spoke to the Senate regarding a letter-writing campaign to U2 frontman Bono, asking him to return to campus for a conference to raise awareness of AIDS in Africa.

She encouraged senators to get students from their dorm to sign and mail a form letter she provided to Bono to try to convince him to come back to Notre Dame.

"We don't want him just for the concert, but for awareness of AIDS and other African issues, which is what Bono and his involvement in DATA stands for," Hanzlick said.

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12 films compete for Oscar

Academy documentary nominees announced

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The fast-food indictment "Super Size Me" is among 12 films competing for best documentary at the Academy Awards.

Other documentaries on the list of contenders released Tuesday by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences include "Tupac: Resurrection," an examination of the life of slain rapper Tupac Shakur; the surfing chronicle "Riding Giants," the first documentary ever to open the Sundance Film Festival; and "Born Into Brothels," a look at the harsh lives of children of Calcutta prostitutes, which won Sundance's audience award for favorite documentary last January.

"Super Size Me" hilariously traces director Morgan Spurlock's physical and emotional deterioration during a month he spent on an all-McDonald's diet.

The film is one of the highest-grossing documentaries ever with \$11.5 million at the domestic box office. "Super Size Me" ranked behind "Fahrenheit 9/11," which grossed \$120 million, as the No. 2 documentary of 2004.

Shirts

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safe space for people who live alternative lifestyles," Anna Gomberg, graduate student and co-coordinator of the unrecognized student group AllianceND, said.

She said this is the second year the orange T-shirt demonstration has occurred. Sponsored by the Notre Dame department of sociology, the Graduate Student Union and other student groups, yesterday's events had no official connection to AllianceND.

Although Gomberg said there had been some negative feedback to the events, overall, she was very pleased with the reaction and the "positive energy" she had witnessed.

"I think Notre Dame has a long ways to go in terms of becoming a comfortable place for people of all sexual orientations, but I think that it has come very far," she said.

Gomberg also said that around 500 shirts had been sold already this year.

Students choose the date for the demonstrations and events to coincide with the opening of the play "Angels in America" in Washington Hall.

Freshman Scott Dilts expressed regret that these events were even necessary.

"It's sad that we need to have a day like this. There shouldn't be any question that homosexuals deserve our respect, or that any other

group of people does," Dilts said.

However, Dilts also said he didn't think the shirts would be effective in changing people's opinions.

"You wear it if you support gays and don't wear it if you don't. It's just a declaration of the position you already hold," he said.

Eugene Walls, graduate student, fully supported yesterday's events, saying,

"It's a good way to keep the dialogue going. We feel that on campus, it's really a monologue," he said.

According to Walls, the campus culture is ready to support a Gay Straight Alliance.

"Six hundred plus people wearing this shirt is probably the largest show of solidarity on this campus. The administration, that's the only culture here that's not ready," Walls said.

Sophomore Monica Nanda said also considered the day's events very effective.

"I think this is awesome. It's a bigger success than last year, which is saying a lot," she said.

However, some students commented negatively on the shirts and closet.

"It's pretty anti-Catholic," freshman Blake Jones said. "It seems to me that we can be accepting without wearing

shirts and putting closets on the quad and trying to force our opinions on people."

Jones said that he thought the shirt demonstration was unnecessary.

"If you're going to be gay, that's fine, but you don't need to broadcast it to everyone. Besides, there's plenty of other things people get excluded for that nobody parades around," he said.

Like Jones, sophomore Tommy Forr criticized the shirts and closet, saying both events went too far as public demonstrations.

"The closet's a little overboard," Forr said. "[The

"I think Notre Dame has a long way to go in terms of becoming a comfortable place for people of all sexual orientations."

**Anna Gomberg
Gay? Fine by Me
organizer**

shirt] is just too ambiguous for me to wear. I think we need to accept them [gays and lesbians] as people, but the shirts imply we should accept a lifestyle, and I'm not going to do that."

Senior Chris Christensen organized a counter demonstration for students to dress up instead of wearing the orange shirts.

"First, it does not insult. But, it gives us the opportunity to explain what we really think about the gay and lesbian issue — that we don't hate gays and lesbians, but we simply disagree with their choices and see those choices, not the individuals, as objectively immoral, like we

see stealing or lying," Christensen said.

He said that dressing up could even show respect for gay students.

"At the prompting of a friend, I think it's a very good idea for us to dress up as a show of respect and even honor for those who struggle with homosexual tendencies," he said.

Senior Monica Kolf also dressed up for the occasion.

"It's not that we're focusing on homosexuality, but on marriage," she said.

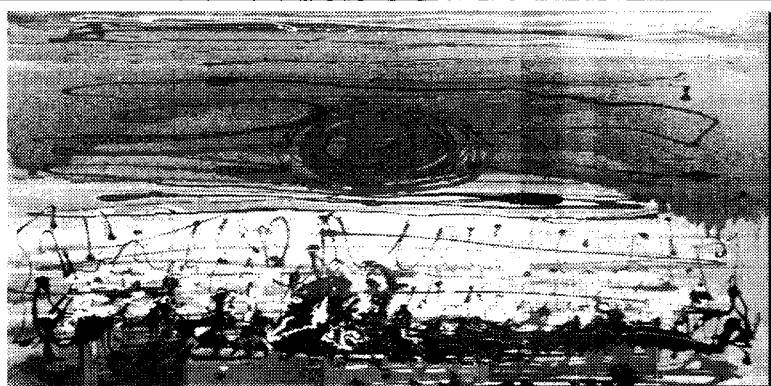
Even with the presence of these negative opinions, some thought the Princeton Review's ranking of Notre Dame as number one for "Alternative Lifestyles not an Alternative" was largely inaccurate.

"I don't think we deserve the number one ranking on Princeton Review at all. I think students in general are pretty accepting — it's more of the administration not accepting AllianceND," Stagl said.

Sister Mary Louise Gude, advisor to the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, said that she did not consider the stereotype perpetuated by the Princeton Review to be valid.

"I don't think it's the case, and I don't think the gay and lesbian students would say that either. If you're out on this campus, you're well treated — that's what the gay and lesbian students would say," she said.

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Thursday, November 18
McKenna Hall Auditorium
7:30-9:00 p.m. Keynote Address
"Shouts or Whispers? Faith and Doubt in Contemporary American Literature"
— Gregory Wolfe, Image

Friday, November 19
8:00-9:10 a.m. Colloquium Sessions
Session 1: Examining the Works of Flannery O'Connor
Session 2: Art and Nature
Session 3: Architecture and Urban Planning
Session 4: The Visual Arts and the Imagination
Session 5: Theology and the Arts
Session 6: Philosophy and Literature
Session 7: Case Studies in Film

9:40-10:50 a.m. Colloquium Sessions
Session 1: Medicine and the Arts
Session 2: Case Studies in Literature
Session 3: Sacred Architecture
Session 4: Philosophical Perspectives on the Arts
Session 5: The Arts in Modern Society
Session 6: Case Studies in Painting
Session 7: Depicting the Human Face

11:20 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Invited Papers
Session 1: "What Makes a Painting a Religious Painting?" — Alasdair MacIntyre, University of Notre Dame
Session 2: "Isolation, Community and the Artistic Life" — Barbara Nicolosi, Act One: Writing for Hollywood
Session 3: "J.R.R. Tolkien: Our Post-Modern Contemporary" — Ralph Wood, Baylor University

2:00-3:10 p.m. Invited Papers
Session 1: "The Passion and Reaction" — Jorge Garcia, Boston College
"Chance or Providence? Kiesowski, God, and Contemporary Film" — Thomas Hibbs, Baylor University
Session 2: "Poetry and Evangelizing" — Kevin Hart, University of Notre Dame
"The Epiphany of Fiction" — Ralph McInerney, University of Notre Dame

Session 3: "First, Kill All the Lawyers: Intellectual Property and the Re-Feudalization of Culture" — Leo Linbeck III, Rice University/Linbeck Corporation

3:40-4:50 p.m. Colloquium Sessions
Session 1: Musical Performances
Session 2: Art and Politics
Session 3: Relating Art and Religion
Session 4: The Soul of the Artist
Session 5: Working Artists Discuss Their Methods
Session 6: The Place of Art in Philosophy
Session 7: Tour of the Snite Museum: Christian Images in History (Snite Museum of Art)

7:30-9:00 p.m. Lecture-Concert: Olivier Messiaen's Visions de l'Amen (Annenberg Auditorium)
Pianists: Hyeseok Kim, Calvin College
Stephane Lemelin, University of Ottawa
Lecturer: Stephen Schloesser, Boston College

9:30 p.m.-1:00 a.m. Musical Performance: Mark Lang and Nadina Bembe (LaFortune Ballroom)

Saturday, November 20
8:00-9:10 a.m. Colloquium Sessions
Session 1: Music and Culture
Session 2: Conversion Narratives
Session 3: Expressing Catholicity through Culture
Session 4: Relating Beauty to Truth and Goodness
Session 5: Educating Young People through the Arts
Session 6: Appreciating Religious Themes in the Arts
Session 7: Art as Cultural Expression, Part I
Session 8: Philosophy, Faith and Fiction (Hesburgh Center Auditorium)

9:40-10:50 a.m. Colloquium Sessions
Session 1: Educating the Imagination
Session 2: The Arts and Language
Session 3: Christian Aesthetics and Literature
Session 4: Image and Word
Session 5: Goodness and Beauty in Secular Films
Session 6: Panel: The 20th Century Catholic Novel and Christian Morality in a Post-Christian Culture: Three Studies (Hesburgh Center Auditorium)
Session 7: Art as Cultural Expression, Part II
Session 8: Panel: The Moral and the Aesthetic

11:20 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Invited Papers
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Ecce Homo

"I think Jesus probably existed," said the man in the pub, before proceeding to explain that his message had been corrupted by the Church. Having only met the man that evening it felt a bit early to get into a debate about

Jesus, but in hindsight I brought it on myself by making it clear that I had no interest in soccer. Upon meeting a countryman who doesn't follow soccer, an Englishman is liable to go through a process somewhat akin to grief, quickly cycling through stages of denial, confusion, anger and negotiation, before finally reaching a resigned acceptance. Then he is likely to panic and start talking about something that matters.

Jesus' true message, the man opined with some conviction, had been about love (Jesus was for it) and tolerance (he was in favor of that too). But the Church had twisted that message and made it about rules and, while we were on the subject, Christians are hypocrites too.

Although the man clearly took some pride in his insight, there was nothing particularly original about his idea; it was the view of John Lennon, and it could fairly be described as orthodoxy amongst those who are always explaining that while they have no time for organized religion, they are nevertheless very spiritual people.

Jesus has a strong claim to be the most influential person who ever lived; Napoleon, Lincoln and Mao are footnotes by comparison. Students of history, believers and nonbelievers alike, must sooner or later confront the fact that a Jew from an obscure province of the Roman Empire shaped the course of history and changed the way we see the world in ways too profound to fathom. "How should we feel if we had never heard of Christ?" Wittgenstein once

asked, fully knowing that the question was unanswerable.

The first systematic attempt by scholars to get behind the gospels to the Jesus of history began in Germany in the 19th century, at more or less the same time that Leopold von Ranke, the father of modern historical scholarship, offered the novel suggestion that the historian should limit himself to describing the events of the past as they had happened. Scholars wrote widely-read and controversial tomes offering to reveal the man behind the myths. When George Eliot translated one of these works, David Strauss' "Life of Jesus," the public was scandalized.

The common flaw of these 19th century lives of Jesus was diagnosed by Albert Schweitzer, a missionary doctor and musicologist who himself has a fair claim to being one of the most remarkable men to have ever lived. Schweitzer surveyed the work of these historians and concluded that the authors had all constructed an image of Jesus which corresponded with their own moral convictions. The historical Jesus was a mirror in which people saw, not their own reflection, but the personification of their ideals.

Schweitzer was only concerned with the historians, but his lesson applies more generally: tell me what you make of Jesus and I'll tell you who you are.

When we read William Blake calling Christ an artist it tells us a lot about Blake but nothing about Jesus. Oscar Wilde had the talent to be a professor of Greek, thought not the temperament, and when he was a prisoner in Reading Gaol he sustained himself through a close reading of the Gospels in the original Greek. And yet even those of us who have to rely upon a translation can see that the conclusion he drew, that Christ was a supreme poet, was largely a result of his wishful thinking.

In the Gospels we find what we are

looking for, and nothing else. To some Jesus is nothing more than a font of "I'm OK, you're OK" banalities, a YMCA camp counselor who somehow got mistaken for the Messiah.

To others he appears to be a martyred advocate for their favorite cause. Jesus said "Blessed are the peacemakers," which has a nice ring to it, and is just vague enough to secure the nodding of heads from almost any audience. He also said "I have not come to bring peace, but a sword," although I don't expect you'll see that chalked onto a sidewalk any time soon.

Some are as interested in Jesus' silence as in his teaching. As far as we know, Jesus never explicitly condemned same-sex intercourse, although that seems like slim evidence for the conclusion that he was the only rabbi in the first century who saw nothing wrong with it. But he was not silent about heterosexual lust or the love of wealth, and taught that both were serious spiritual dangers. We should not be surprised if those who disagree with the Catholic position on homosexuality have little patience with those who quote scripture only when it forbids that for which they have never felt desire.

In preparation for writing this article I resolved to reread the Gospels. It proved harder than I expected. W.H. Auden once said that a real book is not one that we read, but one that reads us. The Jesus of the Gospels is rather like that. Whereas the Jesus we know is a comfortable figure; the Jesus who knows us is altogether more frightening. But if that wasn't the case, what could his forgiveness mean?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"There are more things in heaven and earth,
Horatio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

William Shakespeare
from "Hamlet"
playwrite

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Notre Dame football: bringing back the glory days

Enough about football



In response to all the writers who have contributed their valuable opinions of the Notre Dame football program, I would like to pose a simple question: Why?

This is a real (read: fake) conversation I had with an alumnus:

Alumnus: The world is going to end if we keep losing.

Me: No, it won't.

Alumnus: Huh, I never thought of it like that.

Every day, I read the words of an outraged letter to the editor, bemoaning our "mediocre" football program. And every day, I lose a little respect for my fellow Domers. Football is just a game, but it has become an obsession; students and alumni alike have been brainwashed to believe that a university is only as good as its football team.

I would expect that kind of obsession from state schools like Florida, Tennessee, Oklahoma and whomever else is good these days because that's all they have. And that's all they will ever have. But I don't expect that from us. By getting sucked into the hype, we merely bring ourselves down to their level. Personally, I wouldn't care if we lost every game during my four-year experience. I would still be proud to call Notre Dame my alma mater.

I know this is controversial, but I'll take a risk in saying it: I believe Notre Dame is more than its football program. I could do all sorts of research on the awards and honors that Notre

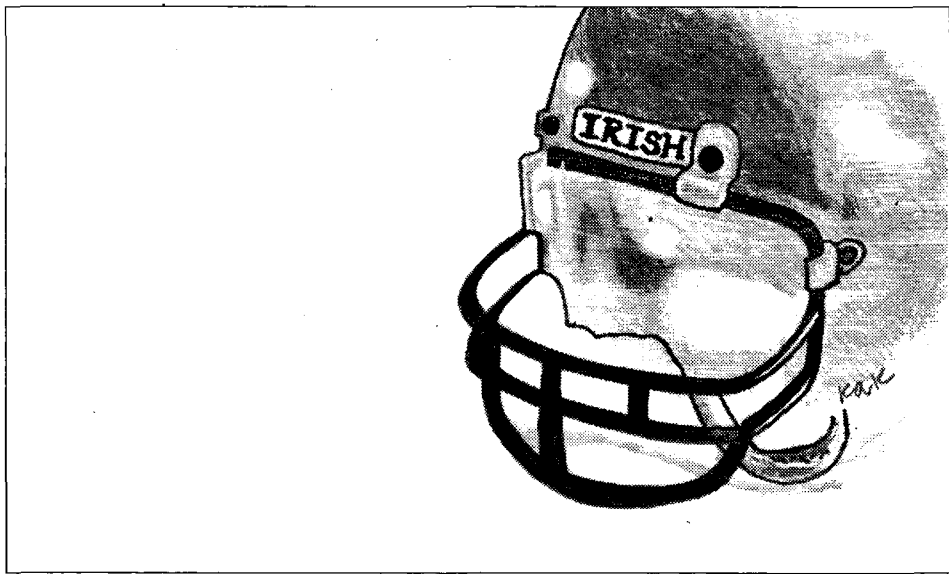
Dame has received for its amazing faculty, curriculums, social service, students, golden domes and the like, but I do way too much research as it is, and we all know that Notre Dame is the best college in the country.

While most of us enjoy football, we came to Notre Dame, first and foremost, for an education. We came to learn about ourselves, each other and the world around us. The Notre Dame experience is about the people here, who quickly become our friends and "family." Notre Dame is about acceptance, love and learning. Thus, our football record of late is almost a blessing in disguise, forcing Notre Dame to achieve as a thriving University and a unified community instead of seeking a foundation in its football team.

I greatly appreciate Notre Dame football. It is entertaining to watch and it brings the students together; I believe that is the point for us. It brings publicity and millions of dollars to the University; I believe that is the point for them. And when the season is over, whether we had a winning record or a losing one, the heart of Notre Dame beats on. Because in the end, we are left with a single, simple truth: "We are ND."

Stephen Dick
senior
Keenan Hall
Nov. 17

Responsibility and accountability



The saying that "Whatever needs to be done eventually should be done immediately" has never been as applicable as it is today with regards to the state of the Notre Dame football program.

As others have outlined, there is more than enough evidence that major changes are required at the head coaching position. Who is responsible for this decision, and how accountable should he or they be? I believe that these are important questions to ask and discuss.

When Kevin White accepted the job of Notre Dame athletic director, he had to know that his number one responsibility was to enhance and protect the tremendous legacy of the University's football program. If he did not, he should never have accepted the job. If he feels incapable of or inhibited from doing so, he should relinquish his position. White's successes in other athletic areas should not provide an excuse or pardon for failure with the football program. White has a lot of soul searching to do. It is always easier to acquiesce, avoid making the tough decision or rationalize inaction.

One of the three pillars upon which

the University of Notre Dame has been built and sustained is being allowed to slowly slip into insignificance. It has been going on for many years. This is not a time for weakness or indecision. The effort requires a clear sense of purpose unencumbered by extraneous pressures or perceived negative reactions. It may require strength and courage to confront internal forces opposed to change. However, this is White's job. He must act or make room for someone who will.

I believe that accountability is a fundamental quality that ensures integrity within any organization, and not only at the head coaching level. It carries on to the athletic director, the administrative leaders and ultimately the Board of Trustees. All of these individuals have a responsibility to the athletes who represent the Notre Dame football team, the students, alumni and to the well being of the University itself to do without delay what they all know in their hearts is correct. Will they act responsibly?

Tim Kelley
alumnus
class of '64
Nov. 17

Let the light of '# 1' shine again

I remember the light that used to shine down upon us from the "#1" high above campus during the 1988 and 1989 seasons and the sense of spirit and confidence that accompanied it. I imagine that the students on campus today must look up at its darkened framework and wonder about the magic of a not-too-distant yesteryear.

I fondly recall traveling from New York to watch the Irish do battle during the late '70s under coach Dan Devine, a few fleeting moments of glory under coach Gerry Faust during the early '80s and, of course, my years as a student under coach Lou Holtz. I arrived at Notre Dame during the fall of 1989 on the heels of the national championship. Our team was number one in the land and the prevailing thought that year was not whether we would win but rather if the opposition would score. The campus was disappointed by narrow victories, somewhat sated by blowouts and devastated by that awful defeat at the callous hands of our archrival, the Miami Hurricanes. Ah yes, Catholics v. Convicts.

Much has changed. The landscape of college football has been altered and the

24 hours a day, seven days a week banter of cable television has enabled a multitude of schools to achieve somewhat comparable exposure. Granted, scholarships have been lessened and perhaps the playing field has been leveled but Notre Dame is not a University that has made a habit of relying on advantage. Just the opposite. Our school is one that has separated itself and risen to the top despite the fact that we are always at somewhat of a disadvantage.

In regard to football, we cannot attract players who yearn for warmer climates and athletic dorms — we cannot accept the individual whose main goal is the pursuit of sport at the absolute expense of academics — and we cannot assume that the nature of Notre Dame's campus life is for everyone. Since its founding by Father Sorin, Notre Dame's glory has been born

from the seeds of adversity, and that adversity has led directly to our unique and welcoming grandeur. Our nickname, the Fighting Irish, is just one not so gentle reminder of that.

I am a committed alumnus and a diehard fan who was born and bred in the stereotypical Notre Dame family with a father who earned a degree in the '50s and two sisters who attended the University before me. My love for the University and my somewhat fanatical devotion to the football program would make it easy for me to criticize this coaching staff. But I cannot. I find myself backing them and supporting them in the face of all the Notre Dame naysayers that I encounter everyday.

Although I have rarely been as frustrated with a Notre Dame team, perhaps that frustration is an initial spark signaling our bright future. I did not experi-

ence that level of frustration very often over the course of the last 10 years. But this current team is different, and they evoke those troubling emotions because they are capable of doing and achieving so much good. Perhaps the coaching staff must be held accountable for failing to realize this potential on the playing field but the potential is there, and we must attribute a portion of that to the efforts of coach Tyrone Willingham and his staff.

I truly believe that there is a light at the end of the tunnel and that Willingham will guide our University toward that light if he is given the chance. Better yet, maybe that light is not at the end of the tunnel but high above campus, festering in that all too dormant "#1," which waits to shine down on the current student body once again. Then they will know that the old "#1" it is not mere legend, that the light did shine and can and will shine again.

Peter Bevacqua
alumnus
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ALBUM REVIEWS

Eminem coasts in cruise control

By KENYATTA STORIN
Assistant Scene Editor

Simply put, "Encore" is hands down the worst album of Eminem's career. He showed signs of a slight decline on his last release, "The Eminem Show," since it lacked the originality of his previous efforts, but it was still a solid rap album and better than most of its competition. Unfortunately, if his latest album is the long anticipated "Encore" to that show, then fans might be better off heading to their cars early to beat the traffic.

Listen to either "The Slim Shady LP" or "The Marshall Mathers LP" and you will hear an emcee distinctly different from the one on "Encore." Love him or hate him, the old Eminem was funny and clever, and would spout creative rhymes and images that other rappers would never even think of. He was a brilliant storyteller, and never afraid to speak his mind no matter how many people he offended. Even if you could not stand him, you had to respect his talents.

But that Eminem left the building a long time ago, and left a cardboard cutout of his former self to do the duties for

"Encore." Yes, this new Eminem still says whatever he wants, pokes fun at celebrities, makes the usual references to his daughter, ex-wife and Dr. Dre, and makes obscene, juvenile jokes — but that is exactly the problem. Eminem uses the same old tricks, but like an aging basketball player, he fails to execute them with the same grace and finesse as he once did.

One cannot help but get the impression that Eminem did not put a whole lot of thought into "Encore." Most of choruses are too silly to be funny, with lines like "You're really just a big weenie, big weenie" or "you make my pee pee go / da doing doing doing." Even worse, Eminem sings on a number of the choruses, which is about as pleasant as listening to the various farting, burping and puking sound clips littered throughout the album. Furthermore, even the targets of Eminem's jokes are questionable. The album's first single, "Just Lose It," is dedicated to poking fun at Michael Jackson, which is rather cliché considering that Jackson has been the brunt of jokes for years. He also devotes "A-- Like That" to insulting Triumph the Insult Comic Dog (from "Late Nite with Conan O'Brien"). Not only is this song not particularly witty



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Eminem's latest album, "Encore," is not even in the same league with his other three.

or funny, but one has to wonder what was going through Eminem's mind when he decided to spend an entire song insulting a puppet.

Despite these problems, Eminem is too talented to let the entire album drag. He still has his humorous moments, like the track "Rain Man," where he admits at the end, "I just did a whole song and I didn't say [expletive]." But most of his best moments actually come when he is serious and honest. For instance, although "Mosh" has a dull beat and repetitive rhyme patterns, Eminem spouts some clever rhymes attacking President Bush: "Strap [Bush] with an AK-47 / Let him go fight his own war let him impress daddy that way." Eminem also speaks from the heart on "Like Toy Soldiers," expressing his regrets over the Ja Rule / 50 Cent feud: "I'm just willing to be the bigger man if y'all can quit poppin' / ... / I'm not gonna let someone else's coffin rest on my conscience."

Like on his other albums, he sheds more light on his relationship with his ex-wife on "Crazy for Love," but he gives a fresh, honest perspective on it, admitting he needs her: "But your essential to me,

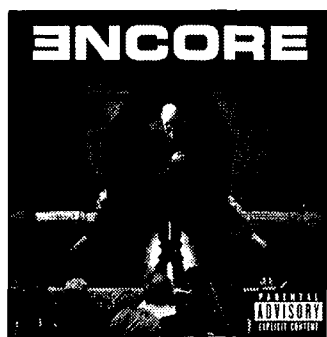
you're the air I breathe, I believe if you ever leave me I'd probably have no reason to be."

Eminem and Dr. Dre split production duties on the album. Although the beats have their moments, they are not up to the level of Eminem's previous works. Dr. Dre is particularly disappointing because he is often looked upon as one of the best in the business. In fact, the best beat on the album turns out to be Eminem's simple piano and snare beat of "Like Toy Soldiers."

It is difficult to ask any artist with the fame and track record of Eminem to maintain the same high level of quality with every release. However, he falters much more than he should on "Encore." This album is simply not in the same league as his previous full-length releases, and shows an Eminem who is just going through the motions, rather than trying to change the game. Fans can only hope he gets the fire back that he once had, or else Eminem will disappear into obscurity like many popular rappers before him.

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Encore Eminem Aftermath



Second Sanctus Real album a success

By BECCA SAUNDERS
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When most people hear anything about Christian music they immediately think of the commercials advertising praise and worship songs being sung to a crowd with their arms raised in praise. Is this an entirely accurate assumption? Not really, since there is much more to Christian music than praise and worship bands. This is shown in bands such

as Sanctus Real that fall into the "Christian Rock" genre.

"Fight the Tide," Sanctus Real's second album released on a label is a perfect example of an album composed of consistently solid rock songs. The only major difference is found in the lyrics, which are generally provocative and challenging throughout "Fight the Tide."

Sanctus Real first came onto the Christian rock scene with "Say it Loud" in 2002. Since then the four-piece rock band has come far in terms of the substance of its songs,

both musically and lyrically. With catchy beats and lyrics, "Fight the Tide" showcases Sanctus Real as a serious band with a strong message. The message is no coincidence.

"'Fight the Tide' is about maintaining spiritual integrity," lead singer Matt Hammit said. "It's about what we do in the face of struggles, fears and temptations. We have a choice to whether we will throw in or towel and accept defeat, or accept God's strength and do the right thing."

The message is one that comes through clearly on "Fight the Tide," but does not overtake the album, which conveys solid messages without being overly overt in doing so.

The first single of the album, "Everything About You," is a rock song with a hint of praise, making it a generally memorable song. The "Christian-ness" of the song is a bit heavy-handed, with a chorus centered around singing "Hallelujah." Even so, the melody of the strong is very catchy and promises to be stuck in listeners' heads for days.

The strongest songs of the album are a bit softer in their lyrical nature, and in such convey more complicated messages. "Alone" is one such song. Seemingly more about a girl than

God, the song works to either end as Hammit sings, "Two hearts entwined, yes, you are mine / And I'll be yours forever / I've done the math, I'm less than half / we're better off together." It is a catchy song with endearing and memorable lyrics that does not leave much to ask for. "The Fight Song" and "The Show" are another couple of great rock songs on "Fight the Tide."

Sanctus Real shows a slower and more reflective side on "Fight the Tide" very successfully in "Change Me." Still maintaining heavy guitar and drums, the song is slower and a bit more reflective than most of the other tracks asking, "Would you change me from / who I've been lately? / 'Cause I know I'm nothing / without you." With a bit more of a ballad feel to it "Change Me" is one of the few slow songs on the album.

Overall, Sanctus Real shows Christian Rock is more than people give it credit for in "Fight the Tide." As a great album with terrific and memorable songs, "Fight the Tide" deserves the chance to be in any rock fan's music collection.

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Fight the Tide Sanctus Real Sparrow



ALBUM REVIEWS

John Mayer hits his stride

By BECCA SAUNDERS
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The best version of John Mayer is him in concert. Live, Mayer often extends his songs to upwards of 10 minutes, feeling every chord he plays as he grooves across the stage. Mayer's talent exceeds what any listener can grasp from his studio albums, and as such the "As/Is" album is a little piece of soulful heaven for any Mayer fan, and is at least an interesting album for others. For anyone who wants to belt along to many of Mayer's hits over the entire span of his career, "As/Is" is a good album. But for anyone who wants to hear a spectacular guitar player and musician hit his stride, "As/Is" is the album.

The "As/Is" collection has only recently been released by Mayer on iTunes.

For sale as an album only, Mayer's live performances from his tour this past summer in Houston, Cleveland, Philadelphia and Mountain View, Calif. are each on a separate album titled "As/Is: Houston," etc. However, available on an actual album is a collection of live performances, from a larger variety of venues. Recordings from Ohio, New Jersey, Texas, California and even a Kansas show compose the two-disc set of 15 songs.

The majority of the songs are ones nearly anyone remotely familiar with Mayer will recognize. The hits are there, "No Such Thing," "Your Body is a Wonderland," "Come Back to Bed," along with others. However, there are also a couple of tracks that are a bit harder to find, such as the most successful song from his first independent release, "Comfortable." The real novelty



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"As/Is" is a must have for any John Mayer fan who has never seen him in concert.

comes in the form of "Blues Intro" and "Inner City Blues (Make Me Wanna Holler)." Both tracks feature Mayer playing a bluesy beat, with a little funk twist in "Inner City Blues," which features a DJ and shows a different side of Mayer's musical prowess.

For the most part the songs sound similar to their studio recordings. They are just extended and expounded upon by Mayer musically and vocally. With only seven tracks on the first album and eight on the second, it is obvious the songs are extended in length quite a bit. Generally the songs are all between five and 10 minutes, often doubling, and sometimes almost tripling, the time of the studio recorded versions. This gives Mayer time to play music related to the song, and at times seemingly completely

unrelated to the song, but even the improvisation is better than what many people release after months in the studio.

"As/Is" is a must for any Mayer fan who has never seen him in concert. Live Mayer cuts loose and lets the music control the show and thus the pure music is very obviously the driving force on "As/Is." There is only a slight bit of irritating crowd background noise and participation, but when it exists, it is not extremely distracting. "As/Is" is Mayer at his best. The album may not be easy to get a hold of (it is chiefly only available online), but it is well worth the trouble.

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As/Is

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Brooks and Dunn do it again

By COURTNEY WILSON
Scene Music Critic

Picking up where they left off in 1998, Brooks and Dunn's "The Greatest Hits Collection, Vol. 2" oozes chart-topping hits. With many records under its cowboy hats, this dynamic duo knows exactly what to do to satisfy its fans and pick some new ones up along the way.

Consistently at the top of their game, Leon "Kix" Brooks and Ronnie Dunn have created a style of music now referred to as "New Traditionalist Country." Still maintaining its honky-tonk image, the vocal duo has effectively added the influences of pop and rock, and pushed its fan base beyond the limits of country enthusiasts.

"The Greatest Hits Collection, Vol. 2" is basically a guaranteed favorite for

Brooks and Dunn fans, since it includes all of the duo's most recent radio frontrunners. The reminiscent and romantic songs, "Red Dirt Road," and "My Heart is Lost to you," are two of the more mellow ballads the duo have chosen to present. Also brought in are foot tapping songs "You Can't Take the Honky-Tonk" and "Ain't Nothing 'Bout You." Naturally the hit "Only in America" is included, with lyrics that shout, "Only in America / Dreaming in red, white and blue / Only in America / Where we dream as big as we want to / We all get a chance / Everybody gets to dance." It was an uplifting patriotic broadcast following the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Along with previously released favorites, three new songs are also thrown into the mix. "That's What it's All About," has already reached air waves, and made its way all the way



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Brooks and Dunn's "The Greatest Hits Collection, Vol. 2" will be hanging out at the top of the Billboard charts for a long time to come.

up to the No. 1 spot on the "Hot Country Singles" Billboard chart. The song must be a parental favorite with lyrics that include, "Well, they won't go to bed / or do what you said or eat their food / They cry and they fuzz and you can't / even cuss 'cause they'll say it, too / You're tired and you're numb / and you're stressed and you're mad / and she smiles and says 'I love you, Dad.'"

The other new tracks are "Independent Trucker," and "A Man This Lonely." Both are excellent additions to the ever popular collection.

The group has come a long way since the release of its debut album "Brand New Moon," which propelled it to almost instantaneous fame. The song "Boot Scootin' Boogie," from the album is considered a country music classic. With Dunn leading vocals, and Brooks working the guitar, the vivacious twosome has established a hefty

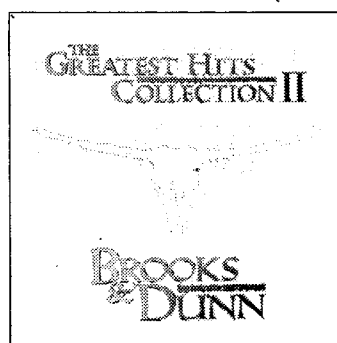
collection of awards and accolades. This year marks the 10th year Brooks and Dunn has taken home the much-esteemed "Vocal Duet of the Year" Country Music Award. The two have also received the "Top Vocal Duet" American Country Music Award for a total of seven years.

Their compilation of smash hit records and animated songs are no doubt proof this record will be hanging out at the top of the Billboards charts for a reasonably long time. Finishing up its third week on the charts since its Oct. 19 release, "The Greatest Hits Collection, Vol. 2," comes in at an impressive No. 6 position. New listeners and long-time fanatics alike can easily enjoy this CD, which is jam-packed with the group's best hits since 1998.

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**The Greatest Hits
Collection, Vol.2
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NBA

Hornets only attempt two foul shots in a loss to Suns

Grant Hill scores most points in over 4-and-a-half years as the Orlando Magic cruise to victory over the Utah Jazz

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Amare Stoudemire scored a career-high 38 points, leading the Phoenix Suns to a 95-84 victory over the winless New Orleans Hornets on Wednesday night.

The Hornets attempted only two foul shots, tying an NBA low and breaking the team mark they set in Milwaukee on Saturday night when they took only three free throws. Cleveland also went to the line just twice against Golden State on Nov. 26, 1994.

Stoudemire shot 16 more free throws (10-of-18) than the entire New Orleans team.

One night after he scored 34 in a victory at Dallas, Stoudemire was too strong underneath for any of the Hornets who tried defending him — be it Jamaal Magloire, P.J. Brown or David West. Stoudemire constantly received the ball in the low post and turned it into easy points, many of them on dunks. He also benefited again from the play of Steve Nash, who had 12 assists to go with his 16 points.

Shawn Marion scored 23, leading consecutive 3-pointers after the Hornets nibbled a 12-point deficit down to five early in the fourth quarter.

David Wesley's 19 points led the Hornets, who are 0-7 under new coach Byron Scott, the worst start in franchise history. Brown had 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Sonics 79, Nets 68

A night of ugly basketball failed to blemish the Seattle SuperSonics' surprisingly good-looking record.

Despite starting the first half 0-for-10 and the second half 0-for-8, the Sonics got some timely offense from Rashard Lewis and improved the NBA's best record to 8-1 Wednesday night with a victory over the New Jersey Nets.

Seattle's eighth straight win came against a Nets team that had more fouls (29) than field goals (26) and committed 23 turnovers.

Though the Sonics have been a picture of success since losing their opener by 30 points to the Clippers, their latest victory was anything but a work of art. In a sloppy game that featured poor shooting and careless ballhandling, Seattle was still good enough to get past the league's worst offensive team.

Lewis scored 17 points and Ray Allen, Danny Fortson and Vladimir Radmanovic added 14 each as Seattle improved to 2-0 on a six-game, 10-day road

trip.

Richard Jefferson had 20 points, and Travis Best scored all 13 of his points in the fourth quarter for the Nets as they lost their fourth in a row.

Seattle began the night leading the NBA in 3-point accuracy and ranked third in scoring, but those attributes were largely absent in the Sonics' second game in two nights.

Magic 107, Jazz 92

Grant Hill scored 32 points, his most in 4 1/2 years, and Steve Francis had 33 points and 11 assists, both season highs, to lead the Orlando Magic over the Utah Jazz on Wednesday night.

Mostly shooting jumpers over Andrei Kirilenko, usually a dependable defensive stopper, Hill shot 13-for-18 in his best offensive performance since scoring 36 points against Minnesota on April 10, 2000.

Playing a season-high 41 minutes, Hill added five rebounds and five assists. It was the kind of all-around display that had become a distant memory for Hill because of his repeated ankle woes since he signed with Orlando before the 2000-01 season.

At one point, shortly after the Magic's fifth fast-break basket of the third quarter, Hill told Kirilenko, "I'm not tired."

Francis scored 23 points after halftime, 14 in the final eight minutes as the Magic ran away from the Jazz. He also had nine rebounds.

Hedo Turkoglu added 12 points off the bench.

Dwight Howard grabbed 11 rebounds, giving him double figures in his first eight games. That's the longest streak to begin an NBA career since Shaquille O'Neal went 12 games with at least 10 rebounds.

Carlos Boozer led Utah with 27 points and eight rebounds. Mehmet Okur scored 13 points, and Kirilenko added 12.

Pacers 93, Hawks 86

Rick Carlisle knew Al Harrington would be pumped up for his first game against his former team.

Carlisle watched as the Atlanta forward almost beat the Indiana Pacers all by himself Wednesday night.

Almost.

Jermaine O'Neal's big game spoiled an otherwise happy homecoming for his good friend Harrington. O'Neal had 25 points and 13 rebounds to offset a dazzling performance by Harrington in the Pacers' victory over the Hawks.

"This is what Al's capable of

doing," Carlisle said. "He's capable of being a top-level, big-time player and he showed that tonight."

Harrington, who spent his first six seasons in Indiana before being traded in the off-season for Stephen Jackson, scored 30 points on 12-of-19 shooting. That was nearly enough.

Austin Croshere added 13 points, 13 rebounds and two electrifying dunks in the fourth quarter to help the Pacers ward off the pesky Hawks.

Harrington dropped a pretty 18-foot fadeaway over Ron Artest to give the Hawks a 74-71 lead with 6:28 to play, but the Pacers responded with a 16-4 run to take control. Croshere had two dunks and O'Neal hit a nifty turnaround in the lane during the spurt.

"It was the best-case scenario," Croshere said. "Al had a big game and we won."

Wizards 110, Celtics 105

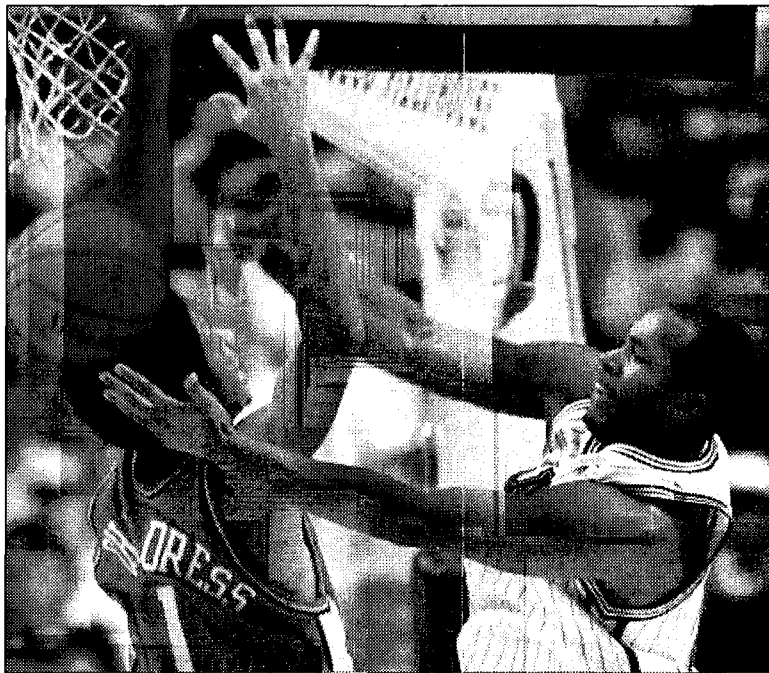
It was a collapse so familiar to Washington Wizards fans. A decent halftime lead disintegrated in a third quarter marred by nine turnovers, three technical fouls and a whopping 42 points for the opposition.

Yet, surprise! The Wizards didn't tank this one. A fourth-quarter rally and a near shutout performance in overtime Wednesday night made for a victory over the Boston Celtics.

"We lost our composure a little bit," said Larry Hughes, who nearly cornered the stats market with 21 points, 12 rebounds, seven assists, six steals and five turnovers. "That's normal to say 'Here we go again,' but we're not the same. We don't feel like we're the same old Wizards. We feel like we can slow it down, take a step back, get our composure, come out, get some stops, put the ball in the buckets, and come out on top."

Antawn Jamison added 27 points and 10 rebounds, and Gilbert Arenas had 25 points for the Wizards, but the true hero of the night was probably Jared Jeffries.

In his first start of the season, Jeffries scored a career-high 15 points and helped Paul Pierce to 8-for-25 shooting. Jeffries blocked a jumper by Pierce in overtime and later drew a crucial charge on the Boston star forward. Pierce led the Celtics with a season-high 37 points, but 18 of the points came on free throws and he didn't score in overtime until a 3-pointer with seven seconds



Pacers guard Fred Jones, right, grabs a rebound over Hawks forward Josh Childress in the Pacers win Wednesday night.

remaining.

Detroit 93, Timberwolves 85

Larry Brown was coaching again, Ben Wallace and Chauncey Billups were in the lineup again, and the Detroit Pistons defense showed up, too.

After allowing more than 100 points in back-to-back losses, Detroit shut down the Minnesota Timberwolves down the stretch en route to a victory Wednesday night.

"Having Chauncey and Ben back was more important than me, that's for sure," Brown said. "Losing those two has a big effect on your team."

Billups, who missed the Pistons' loss in Utah with a sprained ankle, had 15 of his 21 points in the third quarter.

"I just wanted to be aggressive out there," he said. "We played the way we play — good defense and we took stuff away from Minnesota."

Wallace was out two games because of a death in his family, but returned to help Detroit hold Minnesota scoreless during a key six-minute stretch of the fourth.

"That's our game," he said. "Our legs were fresh and we were able to play tight defense."

Nuggets 112, Raptors 106

Carmelo Anthony scored 30 points and Kenyon Martin added 24 points and 16 rebounds, helping the Denver Nuggets hold off the Toronto Raptors Wednesday night.

Denver overcame a sluggish first half by making 14 of 23 shots in third quarter and 30 of 34 free throws overall after

entering the game shooting 69 percent from the foul line. Andre Miller had 14 points and seven assists, and Bryon Russell added 12 points.

The Raptors didn't shoot well after a scorching start to the first quarter, but spread the scoring around with six players in double figures. Jalen Rose had 30 points — going 15-for-16 on free-throw attempts — and Chris Bosh had 15. Vince Carter added 14 for Toronto, which has lost five of six since a 3-0 start.

Earl Boykins put Denver up with 2 1/2 minutes left with two free throws, then made it a four-point game with 1:07 to go on a left-handed runner after Anthony blocked Jerome Moiso's shot in the post.

Heat 113, Bucks 106

Shaquille O'Neal scored a season-high 26 points and Eddie Jones had 27 to help the Miami Heat defeat Milwaukee Wednesday night for their second victory over the Bucks in four days.

Dwyane Wade added 18 points and seven assists, but just missed extending his streak of six consecutive games with at least 20 points. He fouled out with 1:11 to play and was called for a technical foul.

Michael Redd scored a season-high 33 points, Keith Van Horn 23 and Desmond Mason 18 for the Bucks. Mike James, activated from the injured list before the game, added 11.

Damon Jones had 17 points, including eight free throws in the final minute to keep the Heat in control.

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I assume they are loud people

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what's happening

Main Office (CoMo 319) & Retreats Office (CoMo 114), Monday through Friday 8 am to 5 pm.
CM Welcome Center (room 111) Sunday through Thursday 8 am to midnight.

thursday 11.18

Prayer from
Around the World Series
Muslim Prayer
7:00pm-
Coleman-Morse 330

friday 11.19

Freshman Retreat #55
Friday-Saturday
Sacred Heart Parish Center

Notre Dame Encounter #83
Friday-Sunday
Fatima Retreat Center

Sign Up for Retreats!
Freshman Retreat #56
(Dec. 3-4)

Applications are available
in 114 CoMo or online at
campusministry.nd.edu!

saturday 11.20

Solemn Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Every Saturday - 9:00am
Alumni Hall Chapel

Asian Allure
7:00pm
Washington Hall

monday 11.22

Eucharistic Adoration
12:00 noon - 7:00pm
Every Monday - Thursday
Coleman-Morse Chapel

tuesday 11.23

Advent Bible Study
Tuesdays thru Dec 7
7:00 - 8:00pm
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Halaqa: A Qur'an Discussion and Conversation Circle
7:00 - 8:00pm
Coleman-Morse Meditation Rm

Weekly Trip to the Grotto
Sponsored by the Asian American Association
11:00pm
Meet at Bond Hall

wednesday 11.24

Notre Dame Book of Prayers
LAST DAY FOR PICK-UPS!!
Sophs, JRs, & SRs
Coleman-Morse Welcome Cntr

Have a blessed and safe Thanksgiving holiday, from all of us at Campus Ministry!

considerations...

The Reason(s) Why We Sing

by Karen Schneider-Kirner
Director, Handbell and Celebration Choirs
Assistant Director, Folk Choir
Assistant Organist, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

This coming Monday, November 22, we mark the feast day of Saint Cecilia, patroness of church music, virgin and martyr. This is an important feast day for the hundreds of students who serve weekly in hall chapels and in the Basilica as ministers of music. Members of Campus Ministry choirs will gather at the 5:15pm Basilica Mass tomorrow to celebrate the saint's upcoming feast and gather in fellowship.

Saint Cecilia, Pray for Us!

Who exactly was St. Cecilia? Many details of her life will forever remain unknown, but appearing around the middle of the fifth century was a document entitled "Acts of the Martyrdom of St. Cecilia," which related the story of her life. A Christian by birth to an upper class family, Cecilia was given in marriage by her family to a noble pagan youth, Valerianus. She, however, was determined to uphold her virginity, having dedicated herself to God. On her wedding day, while musical instruments were playing, she appeared to be "singing in her heart alone to God." She was said to have professed, "Make my heart and body pure that I may not be confounded."

At a time when Christianity was illegal in Rome, she ended up converting her husband and his brother to the faith. Not long after, they were beheaded for this. Cecilia was discovered not long after and was ordered to meet a similar fate. The first attempts at execution were miraculously unsuccessful, and during this time of suffering she saw to it that her assets were given to the poor and that her house would be used as a church.

There are many medieval portraits of the saint from the 14th and 15th centuries where Cecilia is represented playing the organ. When the Academy of Music was founded in Rome in 1584, she was named patroness of this institution, at which time her veneration as the patroness of church music became more universal.

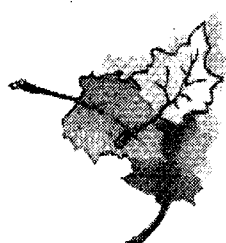
Musicians have a very important role in the Church, and we musicians on the staff of Campus Ministry are very indebted to the generosity and talents that our students share so willingly week after week. As the U.S. Catholic bishops' document "Music in Catholic Worship" states, "Among the many signs and symbols used by the Church to celebrate its faith, music is of preeminent importance." Why might this be true?

As the document continues, "Music should assist the assembled believers to express and share the gift of faith that is within them and to nourish and strengthen their interior commitment of faith. It should heighten the texts so that they speak more fully and more effectively. The quality of joy and enthusiasm which music adds to community worship cannot be gained in any other way." This is a huge responsibility, and this is why musicians train so long and hard to perfect their craft.

Music is unquestionably a great gift from God. Music lifts us up when we feel downtrodden, helps us express what is in the depths of our hearts, deepens our prayer when words can go no further, and unifies many disparate voices into one great voice of praise. While styles of music and choices of instruments may vary from Mass to Mass, when all strive to make Mass a prayer, the end result is that men and women of faith are proclaiming and sharing their faith in prayer, so that Christ may grow among us all. We are so blessed to be at Notre Dame, which celebrates the intertwining of faith and intellect, with so many opportunities for spiritual development. *Soli Deo Gloria!*

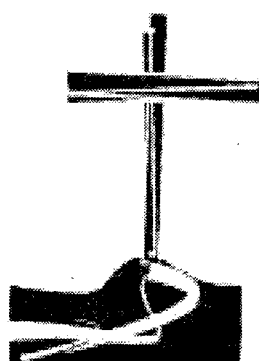
words of wisdom...

**God grades on the cross,
not the curve...**



*But may I never boast
except in the cross of our
Lord Jesus Christ, through
which the world has been
crucified to me, and I to the
world.*

~ Galatians 6:14



mass schedule

Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday, November 20

5:00 pm Vigil Mass
Rev. Edward A. Malloy, csc

Sunday, November 21

10:00 am Sunday Mass
Rev. Edward A. Malloy, csc

11:45 am Sunday Mass
Rev. Paul F. Doyle, csc



Solemnity of Christ the King

Around Campus (every Sunday)

1:30 pm
Spanish Mass
St. Edward's
Hall Chapel

5:00 pm
Law School Mass
Law School Chapel

7:00 pm
MBA Mass
Mendoza COB
Faculty Lounge

Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

2nd: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43

NFL

Dolphins looking for motivation with 7 games left

Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — Ricky Williams retired in July, Dave Wannstedt resigned last week, and the rest of the Miami Dolphins would probably prefer to call it quits on a season gone sour.

Seven games remain, however. So even though the Dolphins have a lousy record and no shot at the playoffs, they dutifully practiced Wednesday, with interim coach Jim Bates seeking to motivate his team.

"Most of the time when you make a mistake in practice, you just go back to the huddle," tight end Randy McMichael said. "Now he's making you sit out a play and run to the fence and back and think about what you did. It's funny."

The Dolphins certainly need a few laughs — and all the motivation they can muster. They share the NFL's worst

record at 1-8, and a defeat Sunday at Seattle would ensure their first losing season since 1988.

Wannstedt's resignation likely was just the start of an organizational housecleaning. Fan and media focus over the next couple of months will be on changes to come, rendering the remaining games a footnote.

"They may be meaningless to people who aren't playing," defensive end David Bowens said. "To us — the people playing and the coaches — the games matter."

Although little has gone right since the ill-timed departure of Williams, the Dolphins' effort came into question only once this season under Wannstedt — in a lopsided Monday night loss to the New York Jets on Nov. 1. They staged a late rally in their most recent game, only to blow the lead and lose to Arizona.

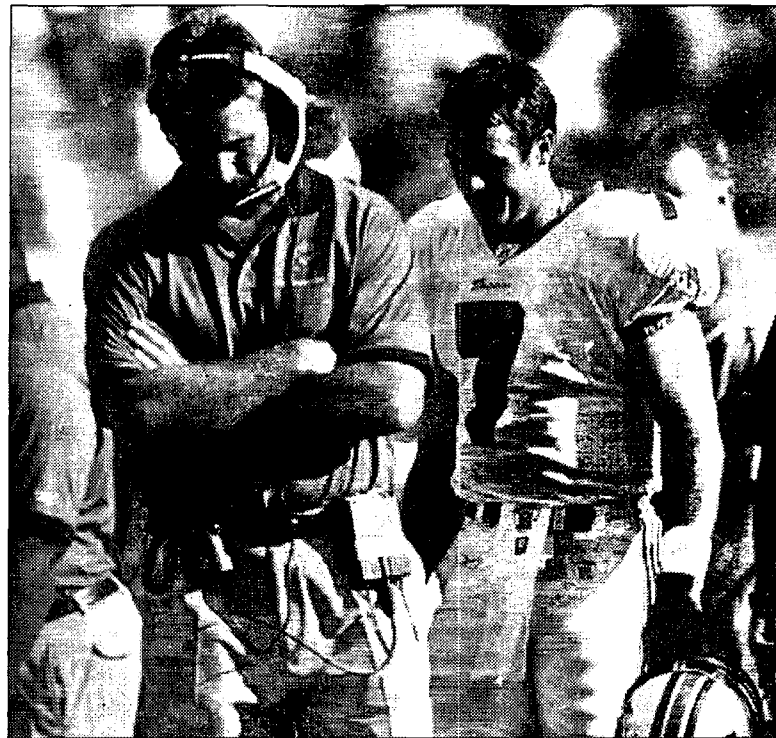
Both defeats were embar-

assing in different ways, and there's a desire to avoid further humiliation.

"We don't want to be the laughingstock of the league," Bowens said. "We want to finish with a better record than people predict."

There are individual incentives, too. For A.J. Feeley, the remaining schedule offers a chance to prove he's Miami's quarterback of the future. Bates decided to bench fifth-year starter Jay Fiedler in favor of Feeley, who said the coaching change provides "a breath of fresh air" for the Dolphins.

"Our motivation is to forget about what happened the past 10 weeks and make this a new season for ourselves," Feeley said. "We want to come out of this thing strong so that going into next year, we're feeling pretty good about ourselves and have an idea as to what the identity of our team is going to be."



Former Miami coach Dave Wannstedt and quarterback A.J. Feeley stand on the sideline during a 24-23 loss to Arizona on Nov. 7.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Thomas rushing past football greats

Associated Press

DENTON, Texas — North Texas tailback Jamario Thomas has already matched Barry Sanders and Marcus Allen. Now he has Ron Dayne and Marshall Faulk in his sights.

The nation's leading rusher at 189.9 yards per game, Thomas needs 155 yards to surpass Dayne's NCAA Division I-A record for most yards rushing as a freshman.

With four more touchdowns, he'll tie Faulk's mark for most TDs by a freshman. Faulk's freshman record of 158.8 yards per game is destined to fall to Thomas, too.

And if Super Jamario can reach his season high of 291 yards Thursday night against Arkansas State, he'd do something that no freshman

has ever done in Division I — run for 2,000 yards in the regular season.

"He's oblivious to a lot of the things around him," North Texas coach Darrell Dickey said. "He knows about the records, but he's not obsessed with them. It just hasn't sunk in yet for him."

In fact, the shy and unassuming Thomas disliked football while growing up in Longview.

"I really don't think about it," he said. "I guess when I get really old I can tell my grandkids about it."

Thomas has an NCAA-record six 200-yard games this year, including five straight to tie another mark held by Allen and Sanders.

The only thing that might be able to slow him down is a hamstring injury he suffered

while leading North Texas to its fourth consecutive Sun Belt Conference championship in a win over Idaho. The win was the Mean Green's 24th straight in conference win.

If he doesn't get to Dayne's mark against Arkansas State, he'll get another chance Dec. 14 in North Texas' fourth straight New Orleans Bowl.

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Associated Press Top 25

| | team | record | points |
|----|----------------|--------|--------|
| 1 | USC (51) | 10-0 | 1,608 |
| 2 | Auburn (6) | 10-0 | 1,536 |
| 2 | Oklahoma (8) | 10-0 | 1,536 |
| 4 | California | 8-1 | 1,409 |
| 5 | Utah | 10-0 | 1,316 |
| 6 | Texas | 9-1 | 1,301 |
| 7 | Michigan | 9-1 | 1,279 |
| 8 | Louisville | 7-1 | 1,279 |
| 9 | Wisconsin | 9-1 | 1,012 |
| 10 | Florida State | 8-2 | 1,004 |
| 11 | Georgia | 8-2 | 979 |
| 12 | Miami | 7-2 | 834 |
| 13 | Boise State | 9-0 | 797 |
| 14 | LSU | 7-2 | 786 |
| 15 | Tennessee | 7-2 | 733 |
| 15 | Virginia Tech | 7-2 | 733 |
| 17 | Iowa | 8-2 | 626 |
| 18 | Virginia | 7-2 | 541 |
| 19 | Boston College | 7-2 | 490 |
| 20 | Arizona State | 8-2 | 442 |
| 21 | West Virginia | 8-2 | 330 |
| 22 | Texas A&M | 7-3 | 274 |
| 23 | Oklahoma State | 7-3 | 223 |
| 24 | UTEP | 7-2 | 152 |
| 25 | Bowling Green | 8-2 | 42 |

ESPN/USA Today poll

| | team | record | points |
|----|----------------|--------|--------|
| 1 | USC (51) | 10-0 | 1,514 |
| 2 | Oklahoma (6) | 10-0 | 1,435 |
| 3 | Auburn (4) | 10-0 | 1,433 |
| 4 | California | 8-1 | 1,311 |
| 5 | Texas | 9-1 | 1,222 |
| 6 | Utah | 10-0 | 1,203 |
| 7 | Michigan | 9-1 | 1,191 |
| 8 | Florida State | 8-2 | 999 |
| 9 | Wisconsin | 9-1 | 948 |
| 10 | Georgia | 8-2 | 947 |
| 11 | Louisville | 7-1 | 880 |
| 12 | Boise State | 9-0 | 827 |
| 13 | Miami | 7-2 | 774 |
| 14 | LSU | 7-2 | 771 |
| 15 | Virginia Tech | 7-2 | 688 |
| 16 | Tennessee | 7-2 | 580 |
| 17 | Iowa | 8-2 | 519 |
| 18 | Virginia | 7-2 | 501 |
| 19 | Boston College | 7-2 | 433 |
| 20 | West Virginia | 8-2 | 419 |
| 21 | Arizona State | 8-2 | 411 |
| 22 | Texas A&M | 7-3 | 272 |
| 23 | Oklahoma State | 7-3 | 229 |
| 24 | Bowling Green | 8-2 | 117 |
| 25 | UTEP | 7-2 | 87 |

Women's Volleyball Top 20

| | team | record |
|----|-------------------|--------|
| 1 | Washington | 22-0 |
| 2 | Hawaii | 23-0 |
| 3 | Nebraska | 23-1 |
| 4 | Penn State | 23-2 |
| 5 | Minnesota | 24-4 |
| 6 | Southern Cal | 16-4 |
| 7 | Ohio State | 24-2 |
| 8 | Colorado State | 22-3 |
| 9 | Stanford | 19-6 |
| 10 | Florida | 23-3 |
| 11 | Texas | 21-3 |
| 12 | Tennessee | 26-2 |
| 13 | Texas A&M | 16-6 |
| 14 | California | 14-9 |
| 15 | San Diego | 19-4 |
| 16 | Saint Mary's (CA) | 22-3 |
| 17 | UCLA | 15-9 |
| 18 | UC Santa Barbara | 21-3 |
| 19 | Utah | 21-4 |
| 20 | Kansas State | 17-8 |

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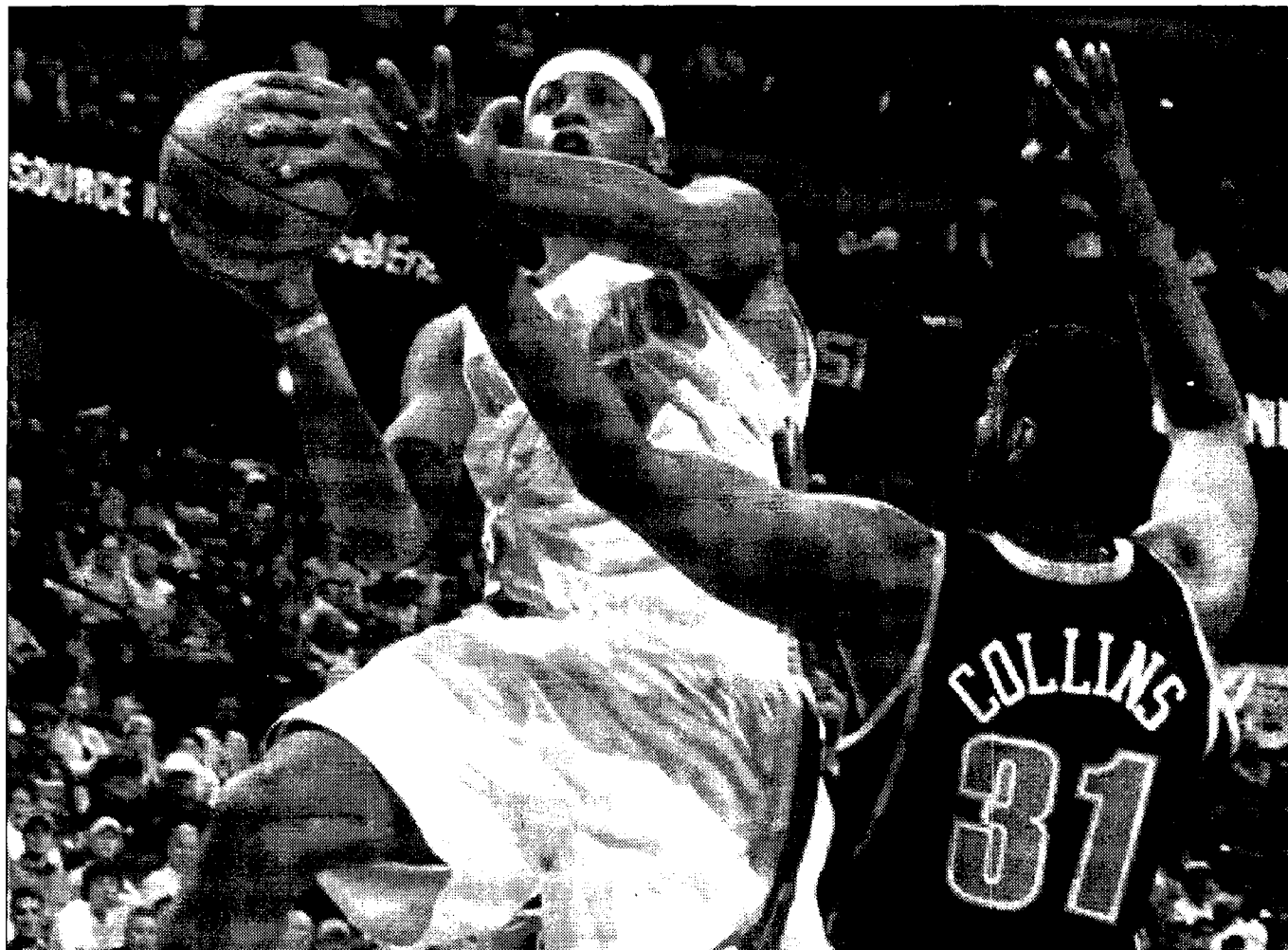
NBA

San Antonio at Philadelphia 7 p.m., TNT
NY Knicks at Houston 9:30 p.m., TNT

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Maryland at Virginia Tech 7:30, ESPN

NBA



Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony, left, goes up for a shot against Utah Jazz forward Jarron Collins. Anthony had charges of marijuana possession against him dropped on Wednesday.

Marijuana charges dropped against Anthony

Associated Press

DENVER — Prosecutors dropped a marijuana possession charge against Denver Nugget star Carmelo Anthony on Wednesday, saying it would be tough to get a conviction after a friend claimed the drug was his, not Anthony's.

Anthony was charged with possessing less than 1 ounce of marijuana on Oct. 15 after a bag with the drug was found in his backpack as the team waited to board a flight to Milwaukee for a preseason game.

Anthony said the drug

belonged to a friend, James Cunningham. Cunningham signed an affidavit saying it was his.

Cunningham, who often stays with Anthony when he is in town on business, said he borrowed the backpack without Anthony's knowledge and accidentally left the marijuana in it.

"Carmelo is happy to have been vindicated by the case being dismissed," said Anthony's attorney, Daniel Recht. "From the beginning, he has said he was innocent and never intended to possess the marijuana."

Shortly after Anthony was charged, Nuggets gen-

eral manager Kiki Vandeweghe sent Cole a letter saying Anthony had passed four random drug tests last season and that his tests from the U.S. Olympic Committee at the Athens Games this summer were also negative.

"He has passed every drug test with the Nuggets because he does not take illegal drugs," Recht said. "The case has upset Carmelo a great deal because he does not want his fans, especially the kids, to get the wrong impression of him."

Anthony faced a fine of \$100 and no jail time for the petty offense, but the

hit to his image would have been much more difficult to take.

But there also have been some growing pains for the 20-year-old.

Anthony refused to go back into a game last season after his teammates complained about his shot selection, and he was relegated to the bench in Athens after Team USA coach Larry Brown called him a selfish player.

Anthony also was involved in a scuffle at a New York bar after some-one reportedly spit on his girlfriend, MTV host La La Vasquez.

IN BRIEF

Colts could be missing both starting guards

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts could be playing the Chicago Bears Sunday without their starting guards.

Tupe Peko didn't practice Wednesday because he hurt his right foot in last week's 49-14 victory over Houston.

Guard Rick DeMulling has been limited in practice because of a bruised chest. He was replaced in the starting lineup last week by rookie Jake Scott.

But the Colts were dealt another blow Wednesday when backup guard Makoa Freitas could not practice because he hurt his back lifting weights Monday. If Freitas can't play, coach Tony Dungy said rookie Ryan Lilja would likely make his first NFL start.

The Colts also put offensive lineman Trevor Hutton on the active roster, signed offensive lineman Joe Iorio to the practice squad and

released tight end Bryan Fletcher. Thompson to step down at end of season

RALEIGH, N.C. — East Carolina football coach John Thompson will step down at the end of the season, a school source told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Thompson, 3-18 in two seasons, was to announce his resignation Wednesday at an afternoon news conference on the school's campus in Greenville, according to the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Thompson will coach the Pirates in their last two games, the source said.

The Pirates (2-7, 2-5 Conference USA) play Memphis on Saturday, then finish their season Nov. 27 against North Carolina State.

The move comes about two months after Terry Holland was hired as athletic director at East Carolina.

Thompson was the defensive coordinator at Florida when he was hired to take over from Steve Logan in December 2002. The East Carolina

job was his first head coaching assignment after 20 years as an assistant at eight schools.

Percival agrees to two-year deal with Tigers

DETROIT — Free agent Troy Percival and Detroit agreed Wednesday on a \$12 million, two-year contract, giving the Tigers two closers for their bullpen.

Percival, 35, was 2-3 with a 2.90 ERA and 33 saves last season with the Anaheim Angels, who made no attempt to re-sign him. He was fourth in the AL in saves, reaching 30 for the seventh straight season, the longest streak by an active pitcher.

"We're extremely pleased to have a person of his makeup and his ability to bolster the bullpen," Tigers president Dave Dombrowski said.

On Nov. 5, Detroit exercised a \$4 million option on Ugueth Urbina, who was 4-6 with a 4.50 ERA and 21 saves in his first season with Detroit. He left the team after his mother was kidnapped Sept. 1 in Venezuela.

HOCKEY

Irish sign 7 players to national letters of intent

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Irish coach Dave Poulin recently announced the signing of seven players to national letters of intent to play for Notre Dame. Four of the seven players will join the team in the 2005-06 season, while the remaining three will defer for until the 2006-07 season.

Forwards Eric Condra (Livonia, Mich.) and Christian Hanson (Venetia, Pa.) along with goalie Jordan Pearce (Anchorage, Alaska) and defenseman Jamie

Silverson (Thunder Bay, Ont.) are the four who signed to play next season immediately. Defenseman Kyle Lawson (New Hudson, Mich.) and forwards Kevin Deeth (Gig Harbor, Wash.) and Ryan Thang (Edina, Minn.) will defer and play one more year of junior hockey before coming to the Irish.

Condra, Hanson, Pearce and Silverson will step in next season to help fill the void left by the graduating class of 2005 that will include current senior forward Cory McLean, goalie Morgan Cey and defenseman Joe Zurenko.

Pearce will especially be a big

part of the future of the Irish, and should continue the line of impressive Notre Dame netminders, joining current sophomore David Brown and junior Rory Walsh in the mix for goaltending next season.

The 6-foot-1, 195-pound goalie is currently one of the best goaltenders in the United States Hockey League, playing for the Lincoln Stars. Pearce is already familiar with the Joyce Center ice, after playing with the U.S. National Team Development Program Under-18 hockey team in an exhibition last year.

Pearce started the game against the Irish, making 25 saves in Notre Dame's 4-0 victory over the Under-18 team.

"This might be the best goalie recruit in the country," Poulin said. "You're looking at a kid who is excelling in Lincoln and who continues the tradition we're making of being a program for outstanding goalies."

Silverson could be another player in the mold of current sophomore defenseman Wes O'Neill — a big tall defenseman with skills. The 6-foot-4, 225-pound defenseman is currently a member of the

British Columbia Hockey League's Salmon Arm Silverbacks.

He was a teammate of O'Neill and current Irish freshman forward Victor Oreskovich on Ontario's Under-17 team at the 2002 Canadian Championships in Nova Scotia.

"[Silverson] is probably even bigger than Wes," Poulin said. "[Silverson] was Wes' defensive partner on that U-17 team and they complimented each other real well."

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WORLD CUP QUALIFYING

Jamaica plays United States to a 1-1 draw

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Jamaica failed to advance in World Cup qualifying, tying the United States 1-1 Wednesday in a game the Reggae Boyz needed to win.

For the Americans, the match was merely a tuneup and a chance to give several young players World Cup qualifying experience. The Americans, who got a goal from Eddie Johnson, won a spot in next year's six-team regional finals with a 6-0 win over Panama last month.

Panama advanced to the regional finals with a 3-0 win over El Salvador on Wednesday.

Johnson scored in the 15th minute for the Americans on a lofting pass from Pablo Mastroeni. Andy Williams tied the score in the 27th minute on a penalty kick.

The Jamaicans played with the ferocity of a team that had everything to lose, winning the ball in the air and challenging the U.S. defense in the second half by pulling all of their players up the field.

Wet grass — there had been heavy rain all day — con-

tributed to the physical play that dominated throughout. There were 38 fouls — 13 for the Americans and 26 for Jamaica.

Jamaica would have advanced with a win, or a tie coupled with a Panama tie or loss. The Reggae Boyz were seeking to return to the World Cup after qualifying in 1998 and falling short in 2002.

Up-and-comer Johnson scored for the fifth time in three games. Mastroeni lofted a pass over the Jamaican defense line, and Johnson gave the ball a quick tap with his right foot then knocked it past diving goalkeeper Donovan Ricketts with his left.

Johnson, 20, a forward on the MLS' Dallas Burn, has scored five goals in only 61 minutes of play on the U.S. team.

The Jamaicans evened the score after a defensive miscue by an American player making his first World Cup qualifying appearance.

Ramiro Corrales threw himself in front of Ricardo Fuller to break up a run to the goal. Williams' penalty kick sailed low, past a diving Kasey Keller.

The Americans went a man down in the 73rd minute when defender Oguchi Onyewu collected his second yellow card for a hand ball and was ejected.

The Reggae Boyz were unable to capitalize. Their best scoring chance in the second half came in the 84th minute when substitute Marlon King broke free near the goal. He could only manage a weak shot that went directly into the hands of Keller.

The Americans began the game conservatively, focusing on short passes in the midfield. In the fourth minute, Johnson collected the ball in front of the goal after Ricketts tried to clear but only got a piece of it. Instead of taking the shot from 10 yards out, Johnson passed it back.

The Americans came back in the second half with two forwards instead of three, and bunkered in front of the goal to prevent a loss.

The U.S. extended its unbeaten streak to 13 games, the longest in team history. Their only loss in 2004 was to the Netherlands in February.

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FOOTBALL

Irish believe they can take down the top-ranked Trojans

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Despite their role as huge underdogs against Southern California in Notre Dame's last game of the season, the Irish still believe they can hang with the Trojans.

They really don't have a choice.

"Everybody that gets on that plane to go to California had better be convinced we can win this game," Irish senior linebacker Mike Goolsby said. "You can't go into an atmosphere like that and be successful if you don't totally believe you have a shot to win."

For the Irish to pick up that upset victory, Goolsby says it all comes down to one simple goal — stop the run.

"First step for any defense at any level of football is to stop the run," he said. "Work on that, and then you can focus in on [quarterback Matt] Leinart and their receivers."

Notre Dame's defense has been rather inconsistent this season — six times the Irish have allowed 20 points or more to an opponent. But the one aspect of defense that

has been consistent this year is the team's ability to stop an opponent's rushing game.

The Irish are averaging allowing just 95.5 yards rushing to their opponents during the 2004 season, and have only allowed five rushing touchdowns. Goolsby and his two fellow senior linebackers, Brandon Hoyte and Derek Curry, have been the cornerstone of that impressive run-stopping defense.

"One of the biggest things we pride ourselves on going into every game [is to stop the run]," Goolsby said. "Even against a Purdue team that's going to throw the ball a lot, your first goal and mindset is to stop the run."

"I think with our front seven we have the ability to do that; we've got a lot of older guys up front and really have the ability to do that."

Yet even with their success against the run, the Irish have not been able to perform consistently in the secondary, and the results show in the final scores.

Against Brigham Young, Notre Dame allowed just 22 yards rushing, but lost 20-17. The Irish allowed 99 yards against Purdue, but were blown out by the

Boilermakers 41-16. And in its most recent game against Pittsburgh, Notre Dame held the Panthers to 98 yards rushing but still allowed the Panthers to score 41 points.

So why does the team think stopping USC's run will make a large difference?

"Look at LenDale White," Irish coach Tyrone Willingham said of USC's number-one running back. "When he touches that ball, somebody is going to pay. It's that attitude, not the play of the quarterback, but it's his play that gives that team spirit, gives them heart, and makes them the good team that they are."

"If you can take that aspect of the offense away from them, you can really take the heart of that team."

The Trojans have a varied offense that makes use of both their running backs' unique abilities. White is a bruising power back, while sophomore phenom Reggie Bush is a quick shifty back who is also a threat out of the backfield catching the ball.

"That will be a major job of ours to see if we can contain [White]," Willingham said. "But you also



Irish defensive end Justin Tuck, left, bears down on Pitt quarterback Tyler Palko during the second half of Saturday's game.

have to factor in Bush. He's going to have his six to 10 plays and on any one of those he can go the distance. So we've got to do a great job of team defense against the run and team defense about just putting ourselves in the right position to make a play."

There's little doubt that USC has some talented and athletic players, and the Irish coaching staff acknowledges that discipline will

be one of the biggest keys to stopping the potent Trojan offense.

"If one guy makes a mistake — and when you have great players on the other side they're going to make you miss sometimes — then that's when his teammates need to be there to make the next tackle," Willingham said.

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WATER POLO

No. 9 Irish host, open national championships Friday

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Finishing second in the Great Lakes Conference but penciled in during the preseason as the host of this year's championships, the No. 9 nationally ranked Notre Dame men's water polo team received an automatic bid into the CWPA national championship tournament and will play No. 3 Michigan at 9 a.m. Friday to begin the weekend.

The No. 16-seed Irish will look to hand the one-seed Wolverines revenge for an 11-9 defeat in a tournament at Miami (Ohio).

"They've got a very fast team," junior captain Greg Szweczyk said. "They jumped out early with the counterattack on us. But once we

shut down the counter attack and slowed down the pace of the game, we were able to come back."

Notre Dame (13-8) played most of its regular season games in tournament mode, traveling to compete at Miami (Ohio), Toledo, Michigan State, Western Michigan and Northwestern already this season.

Fifteen conferences make the trip to nationals, with the host team getting the final bid. Teams are seeded by where their respective conference finished at nationals the previous season.

Eight losses is a hefty amount for a team in the tournament, and the Irish only qualified because they are this year's host. But holeman Matt McNicholas, who plays a position comparable to center

midfielder in soccer, said the team's record is deceiving.

"Don't be fooled by our record," McNicholas said. "We're 13-8, but five of those losses were by two goals or less. Four of them were by one goal against teams ranked in the top five nationally."

Meanwhile, Notre Dame has

outscored opponents 238-134. And the Irish were close to a conference championship before Grand Valley State scored a last second goal to win.

"We feel like we can play with anybody," Szweczyk said.

The CWPA National Championships is a single-elimina-

tion tournament, but losing teams still play throughout the weekend to fill out the schedule and compete for consolation. If Notre Dame wins Friday morning, the Irish play their next match Saturday.

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while Stires does the play-by-play.

"I'm just trying it out," Riley said of the radio broadcasting. "I'm just excited I got to catch the first two games, and broadcasting is something I'm interested in. So when I am in town, Sean lets me be his sidekick. He does his job and lets me talk a little bit. And I'm calling Notre Dame games, so it makes it a little easier for me."

Riley, a member of the 2001 Notre Dame national championship team, returned to Notre Dame with yet another award, as she was part of the U.S. women's basketball team that won the gold medal in Athens. However, she was not originally selected to the team. But when DeLisha Milton-Jones went down with an injury, Riley was asked to join the team. And as a result, she won gold.

The women defeated Australia for the gold medal by a score of 73-63 on Riley's 25th birthday in August. Riley averaged 3.4 points and 2.4 rebounds in seven games for the United States.

"It was amazing to be there," Riley said of her trip to Athens. "[In the] Opening Ceremonies, you're with so many different countries, athletes from all over the world, playing different sports, and you're all there together, competing trying to get the same goal. Being able to

represent your country is such an honor — to be over there and wearing a jersey that says 'USA.'"

For the girl from small-town Macy, Ind., being an Olympian has been a life-long dream.

"Since I was little [I wanted to play in the Olympics]," Riley said. "The WNBA wasn't around, so that wasn't a goal when I was growing up. So when you're sitting there, a little girl watching the Olympics, that's what you dream of, that's the ultimate level of accomplishment. So I'm blessed to be able to do that."

And when Riley stood on the gold medal stand with her teammates, listening to the national anthem being played, she said it was an amazing feeling.

"It's hard to put it into words," she said. "You're standing up there, seeing your flag being raised, you're listening to the national anthem and knowing that so many people back home are supporting what you do, and knowing that you put so much hard work into getting to that point — it's just awesome."

For Riley, the gold medal is just another accomplishment to add to her laundry list of accolades. Riley was named the Most Outstanding Player of the 2001 Final Four, where she scored 46 points and grabbed 20 rebounds to lead the Irish to the championship with wins over Connecticut and Purdue.

From there, Riley went on to the WNBA's Detroit Shock, where she picked up where she

left off. With Notre Dame grad Bill Laimbeer as her coach, she led the Shock to its first-ever WNBA title in 2003, and was named the Most Valuable Player of the Finals. She remains the only athlete in Notre Dame history to be named the MVP of both the NCAA tournament and a professional championship.

In the WNBA, she has been outstanding, much like her tenure at Notre Dame. Riley averaged 9.6 points and 5.9 rebounds per game in 2003, including her inspirational 27-point performance in last year's title game.

Riley said that all three of her championships are equally special to her.

"It's kind of hard to compare the three because they're so uniquely different," Riley said. "All are just awesome experiences for me."

But regardless of what she has accomplished, Riley maintains the humble attitude that she had in 2001 when Notre Dame won the national championship.

"I'm just blessed," she said of her success. "I've put in a lot of hard work, and I've had a lot of great coaches along the way, good teammates who've helped me and sometimes made me look like a better player than I probably was at that point. But it's just amazing. And I'm just excited about what I've been able to accomplish and hoping to do more in the future."

And with a NCAA Championship, WNBA Championship and a gold medal under her belt, who knows what Riley will find to win next.

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Boxing

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Bouts tonight at 7 p.m. in auxiliary gym 1 of the Joyce Center.

Modeled after the Bengal Bouts, the Baraka Bouts will raise money for Holy Cross mission schools in Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. Admission is \$2 and T-shirts featuring the Baraka Bouts logo and a quote from Muhammad Ali will be sold for \$15.

"This year is the first year we're actually having a tournament," club president Amanda Borys said. "So we're really excited about it."

There isn't a specific dollar amount the club wants to raise but Borys believes a figure around \$10,000 would satisfy her.

"It would be a nice, round number to shoot for," Borys said. "I think it can be done but it's going to take a lot of hard work and a lot of people coming."

The club has been around for nine years. However, the women were not allowed to fight in public until spring 2003 when a number of club members fought on the under card to the Bengal Bouts. Last fall the club held its first independent event, featuring 19 exhibition matches.

Tonight there will be 11 brackets with boxers seeded according to experience and ability. Champions will be crowned in each four-person bracket.

"The more experienced boxers are obviously seeded higher than some of the less experienced boxers," Kwiatt said. "But pretty much everyone is around the same area of skill level so we should see some good, clean

fight."

The club has been practicing since the first week of school under the assistance of first-year coach Stefan Borovina, a 2004 Notre Dame graduate and two-time Bengal Bout heavyweight champion. Since most of the girls have no boxing experience prior to college, they must rely on Borovina's knowledge and their own skills acquired playing other sports.

Borys played basketball, volleyball and soccer in high school and likes the competitive atmosphere the boxing club provides for her at Notre Dame.

"I think that in the club there's people that want to do it for fun, people that want to learn how to box and then there's people that have that really competitive, killer instinct," she said. "I might be one of those people."

The competitive nature of the sport was one of the draws for Kwiatt, but there were also other aspects that drew her to the club.

"Probably the best part of boxing is really getting to know a great bunch of girls who are out to challenge themselves mentally, emotionally and physically," she said. "But, at the same time, doing it all for a good cause."

Senior Melanie Irvine joined the women's boxing club three years ago when a friend of hers was competing in the Bengal Bouts.

"I saw that there were women involved [in boxing] and I was really interested because it seemed like a unique thing to be doing," she said. "So I went out the next year and loved it so much I never turned back."

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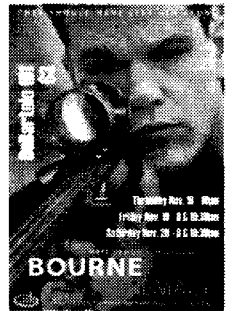
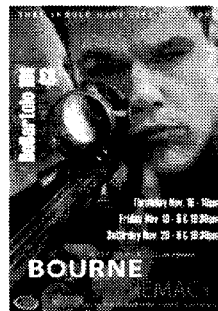
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Duke

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But for the Irish, it wasn't just Batteast. She was joined by three other Irish players in double-figures. Freshman Charel Allen played the best game of her young career, finishing with 16 points, three assists, three steals, two blocks and three rebounds. She was a spark for the Irish off the bench, playing 32 minutes. Allen also played solid defense on Duke's star, Monique Currie, limiting her to 14 points on 6-for-19 shooting.

"I thought the story of the game was Charel Allen," McGraw said. "To have to guard

Monique Currie, who's one of the best players in the country, and she did an excellent job on her."

The game started with the Irish being down most of the first half. Duke dominated the offensive boards, pulling down 14 in just the first half. But even without Batteast, the Irish hung in there, with the help of a solid defensive effort that limited the Blue Devils to 28 first-half points, while countering with 26 of their own.

To start the second half, the Irish found themselves down 39-32 with 16:08 to play, the biggest lead for either team at that point. Batteast was on the bench with three fouls, and McGraw decided to bring her

back in, despite the fouls.

"I thought if the game is going to get out of hand, we need to get her back in there," McGraw said.

Batteast responded with a steal, a 3-pointer and two assists, and the lead was cut to 44-41 with 13:48 to play.

Then with eight minutes to play, the senior took over, scoring 10 straight to put the Irish up 65-58, and Notre Dame never looked back.

"I thought down the stretch, we got great shots from Jackie and big rebounds from everybody," McGraw said.

Notre Dame switched to play a 2-3 zone, and the Duke offense was shut down. The Blue Devils were outrebounded by the Irish

42-39, despite playing no player shorter than 5-foot-10.

"I was really pleased with our defensive effort overall," McGraw said. "I thought we did a really good job of playing the zone. I think that changed the game. We switched from man to zone, and that broke the game open for us."

Megan Duffy hit 9-for-10 from the free throw line, all in the second half, to ice the game, and the Irish defense held strong.

"I was really pleased with the way we handled ourselves with poise down the stretch," McGraw said.

Duffy finished with 15 points and seven assists. Also in double-figures was Courtney LaVere, who scored 13 points

and grabbed 11 rebounds.

For the Blue Devils, Currie was joined in double-figures by Mistie Williams (10 points, eight rebounds) and Alison Bales (11 points, seven blocks).

With the win, Notre Dame advances to the finals of the pre-season WNIT, where it will face No. 10 Ohio State at home Saturday at 7 p.m.

Notes:

♦ Irish guard Tulyah Gaines was not dressed for Wednesday's game. She suffered a neck injury Friday night against Illinois State. McGraw said she does not expect Gaines back until next week.

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With the Blue Devils desperately trying to stop hot-handed Jacqueline Batteast in the second half, Allen slipped into the crevices of Duke's zone defense. Twice Allen knocked down critical 3-pointers that brought the Irish within three points at the 13:48 mark of the second half and tied the game at 9:37.

"She came of age today — she's no longer a freshman," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "She just played a spectacular game."

Allen finished with 16 points, three assists, three rebounds and two steals in 32 minutes. When Notre Dame needed a turnover, a basket or anything in between, Allen seemed to be there.

"She killed us," Duke head coach Gail Goetsenkos said.

Aside from Allen's outstanding play, Notre Dame won because it learned quickly that letting the physical Blue Devils do as they pleased wasn't going to work.

Erwin decided to do something about it.

Down three points with about 14 minutes left, McGraw put in

Erwin to give the team a lift. The 6-foot-1 sophomore entangled herself with the aggressive Williams on several possessions before finally getting into the Blue Devil forward's face. Even though Erwin picked up a questionable technical foul for the confrontation, she did much more for the Irish by sparking the Joyce Center crowd, and her teammates.

After Duke star Monique Currie made one-of-two free throws, Notre Dame took over the game. Trailing by four at the time, the Irish ended the game with a 35-20 run.

"I really think Crystal Erwin helped us [be aggressive]," McGraw said. "She gave us energy and changed the whole tone and gave us a positive, upbeat attitude coming into the game. That was really big."

Notre Dame was a good team last season, but it took them 13 games and a mediocre 7-6 start, to realize just how good. This season's squad has shown the ability to not only establish itself as a contender, but as a team to be feared. The Irish have the talent — that's not a surprise to anyone. But what else they learned Wednesday is how to

play with a swagger. They weren't intimidated by the No. 6 team in the nation coming to South Bend for an early-season matchup.

When the Blue Devils threw a punch, the Irish came back with a combination. When Duke tried to get physical under the glass, Notre Dame didn't shy away. And when one of the nation's best teams — a team with a legitimate shot at a national title — wanted to rumble, it was McGraw's squad who said "Bring it on."

The 2004-05 Irish have proved in the beginning stages of the season that they will be in the national spotlight for the long-haul. This is a team that has all the parts to advance much farther than last season's Sweet 16 group did.

McGraw put it best in the post-game press conference:

"We're light-years away from last year at this point," she said.

That's scary for anyone in Notre Dame's way this season.

Just ask No. 6 Duke.

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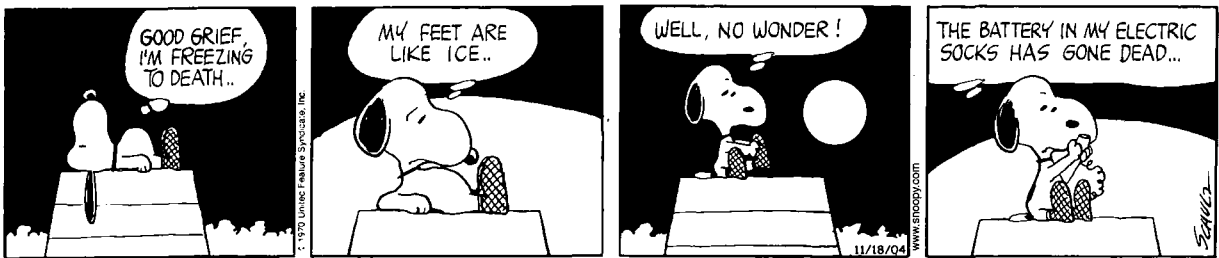
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

GINOR
GLIEB
YNOFLE
ZOLENZ

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

A: BY
(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: AWASH TYPED WHOLLY WAITER
Answer: When the surfers saw the big waves, they said it was — WORTH THE "WADE"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME



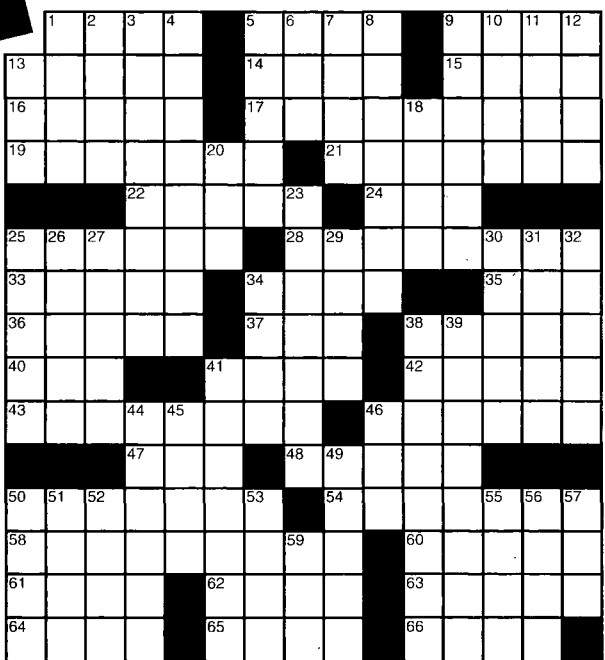
CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Subject for Ovid
 - 5 Go well together
 - 9 "Splendor in the Grass" screenwriter
 - 13 Obviously surprised
 - 14 North Carolina county named for an early governor
 - 15 Hand-colored frames
 - 16 "I'm not gonna stand in their way"
 - 17 Like some diamonds
 - 19 Crunchy bowlful
 - 21 Followed
 - 22 Skirt
 - 24 New Deal inits.
 - 25 Grid
 - 28 With 37- and 43-Across, one who takes after dad
 - 33 Faraway
 - 34 Sugar suffixes
 - 35 Piniella of the Yankees
 - 36 Bygone prison
 - 37 See 28-Across or 4-Down
 - 38 Just below 90
 - 40 Tauromachian chant
 - 41 Jacob ___ Park, in Queens
 - 42 River of Orléans
 - 43 See 28-Across
 - 46 Dove competitor
 - 47 Fair-hiring inits.
 - 48 "All I gotta do ___ naturally" (Beatles lyric)
 - 50 Certain red
 - 54 City near South Bend
 - 58 Beat around the bend?
 - 60 Bacall's love
 - 61 1847 novel set on Tahiti
 - 62 Norwegian saint
 - 63 Uniform shade
 - 64 Number 10 on a table
 - 65 "Ode to the Confederate Dead" poet Allen ___
 - 66 TV's warrior princess
- DOWN**
- 1 Sun, to skin
 - 2 Spy ___ Hari
 - 3 Undeveloped expanse
 - 4 With 37-Across and 38-Down, -step taken after an airline accident
 - 5 Kenyan tribesman
 - 6 Atty.'s title
 - 7 Out of business
 - 8 Hot spots
 - 9 One in the pole position?
 - 10 Thin part
 - 11 Sticker
 - 12 Founded: Abbr.
 - 13 Afr. country
 - 14 Sitarist Shankar
 - 20 Bagel shop order
 - 23 Brightly colored pullover garment
 - 25 Squinting Mr.
 - 26 Have ___ in the conversation
 - 27 Like most bathrooms
 - 29 Bee chasers
 - 30 Man with Stan, familiarly
 - 31 Rare trick takers

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

LEGS HIT IT BASS
ALOT ANISE ARCO
HOWARD KEEL YEAR
RINGO DELAWARE
GAZA ABA
ACE DANIEL STERN
DUN SPIRAL CLUE
HOST MIT HUNT
OMOO PASSES DOW
CORDELL HULL ENT
IRA PI AF
GREENTEA SLEET
LOAF ORRINHATCH
IMSO OGIVE PARE
BEER NODED STUN



Puzzle by Patrick Merrell

- 32 Things useful when put in a box
- 34 Ear-related
- 38 See 4-Down
- 39 Cabin brightener
- 41 Plant plight
- 44 Source of hope?
- 45 Nightly TV star beginning 5/25/92
- 46 Berkeley campus, for short
- 49 Start court proceedings?
- 50 Masked critter
- 51 Journalist Brit
- 52 Langston Hughes poem
- 53 "To Live and Die ___"
- 55 Opposin'
- 56 Racehorse ___ Ridge
- 57 It gives support in sport
- 59 Clean a plate

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Clarke Isaac Hanson, Daisy Fuentes, RuPaul, Danny DeVito

Happy Birthday: You will be a little ahead of your time this year. That doesn't mean you should abandon what you are working toward, but you should give others a chance to catch up. Take the time to double-check all the ins and outs so that your work is flawless. Your numbers are 5, 19, 26, 30, 43, 49

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Form alliances with people in your industry or peer group. Travel, group discussions and partnerships will all lead to a better future.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take notice of what your competition is up to. If you lose sight of your goals it will be difficult to get back on track. Rely on family and close friends.**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Plan to socialize and you will enrich your life. Take part in activities that will make you think and test your endurance. Your creative ideas will be worth developing.*****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take a moment to figure out how to make your home life better. Change is in order and must be carried out. Once you make your move, your stress will be lifted.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Love should be on your mind. You will attract attention if you get involved in community activities. Short trips will give you a new perspective.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't let the little things get to you. Focus on your work and doing a good job. The people around you will respect you for your efforts. Advancement or a new position is likely.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Luck is in your corner so take advantage of everything that is going on around you. Let your ideas be known and focus on getting what you want.*****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Not everything will be out in the open. You will have a hard time making the right decision. Protect yourself from someone who wants to lead you astray.**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't give up on someone you care about. This person will come around if you show your support. Love can be confusing but you will be hard to resist in the end.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Work and money will be highlighted today. The more you can do to get ahead, the better. Follow your gut instinct and you will capture interest.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll have plenty of opportunity to pick up information that will lead you in a new and exciting direction. Someone will show an interest in what you are doing as well as in you.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be interested in a unique offer. Money can be made, but it will require changes to your current lifestyle. Follow the path that beckons you.***

Birthday Baby: You are inventive, curious and interested in what everyone else is doing. You are a crusader with a strong will. You are not likely to let anything or anyone push you around or hold you back.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Big game, big performances

Batteast scores 10 straight to put away No. 6 Duke 76-65

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

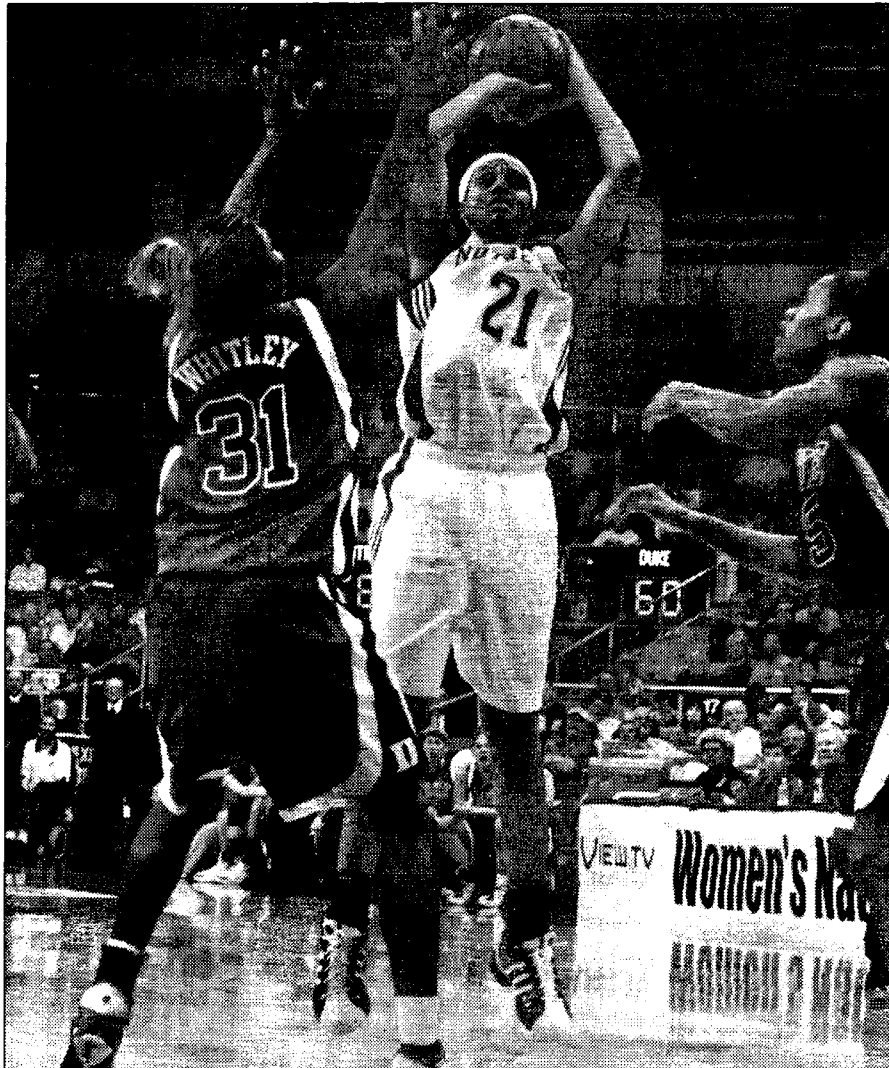
Notre Dame kept itself in the game just long enough for Jacqueline Batteast to come back in the game after two early fouls. Then she took over, as No. 11 Notre Dame knocked off No. 6 Duke 76-65 Wednesday night at the Joyce Center in the semifinals of the preseason Women's National Invitation Tournament.

Batteast scored 10 straight points to give the Irish a 65-58 lead with 4:50 remaining. Batteast had only played 10 minutes in the first half due to foul trouble, and she picked up her third foul just over two minutes into the second half. However, she came back strong on offense, despite the fact that two of her fouls were offensive fouls.

"I just tried to be aggressive," Batteast said, who finished with 17 points, seven assists and five rebounds. "I know that I had a couple of charges before. But the coaches told me to keep taking it. And once a couple started falling, I thought it was better if I shot."

It was the most physical game the Irish have played this season, as pressure defense was played from start to finish. But Notre Dame's 50-point second half was too much for Duke.

"I thought it was a very hard fought game, and I thought they played an exceptional second half, hit some big shots, some big 3s and just really wore us down," Duke coach Gail Goetseniors said.



Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast shoots over Duke's Wynter Wintley in Notre Dame's 76-65 win. Batteast finished with 17 points.

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Irish see freshman Allen grow up, Erwin fight back

Notre Dame got pushed around for the first two minutes of its game against No. 6 Duke Wednesday night. After that, the Irish pushed back — and did so with surprising toughness and aggression.

Freshman Charel Allen hustled after every loose ball, every Duke pass that came within 10 feet of her slim 5-foot-11 body and then made every big shot all night, despite playing with an apparent injury for much of the game.

Crystal Erwin bullied and bumped her way around in the paint, and, at one point, got face to face with her counterpart, Duke's Mistie Williams. Teresa Borton and Courtney LaVere battled for offensive and defensive rebounds with Duke's 6-foot-7 tower, Alison Bales.

And Notre Dame displayed some intestinal fortitude in its 76-65 win against the Blue Devils in the semifinals of the preseason Women's National Invitation Tournament that last season's team simply never had.

A big reason for that change was Allen. The thin guard from Monessen, Penn. rarely shows emotion on the court. Allen simply does anything her team needs, all the while keeping that same stone-hard, unassuming stare on her face.

Wednesday evening, Notre Dame fans got to see just how good this rapidly rising star will become in an Irish uniform.



Joe Hettler

Sports Writer

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WOMEN'S BOXING

Women to hold first tournament



Aileen Wu boxes during a Baraka Bouts practice in preparation for the first tournament ever held by the club.

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Anne Kwiatt shrugged at the thought of getting punched in the face.

"It doesn't hurt as much as it looks," the former high school

golfer and current member of the Notre Dame women's boxing club said. "It's really more of a shock."

Whether it hurts or not, Kwiatt and 40 other women will participate in the first-ever Baraka

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Riley continues basketball success

Former Irish center won gold in Athens

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

Sunday afternoon at the Joyce Center, she took off her headset and was swarmed by 10 people. They just kept coming.

"Ruth, will you sign my shirt."
"Ruth, will you take a picture with me."

Ruth Riley returned to Notre Dame as even more of a celebrity than she was to begin with after winning a gold medal in Athens, Greece.

"I get a great reception when I come back," Riley said. "Not only am I an obvious figure walking across campus, but so many people support and love and still support me, whether I'm at Detroit, or at the Olympics. It's nice to know that when you come back here, peo-



Former Irish great Ruth Riley won a gold medal this summer in Athens with the U.S. women's basketball team.

ple have appreciation for what you do."

The 6-foot-5 center was broadcasting with ESPN Radio's Sean Stires during the Irish basketball games Friday and Sunday when she was mobbed

by fans of all shapes and sizes for autographs and pictures. Riley is just enjoying the experience of being on the sidelines, doing the color commentary

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

FOOTBALL

Irish focus on USC rushing game in preparation for Saturday's game.

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MEN'S WATER POLO

No. 9 men's water polo team will play No. 3 Michigan in the first round of the CWPAA tournament.

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HOCKEY

Irish coach Dave Poulin recently announced the signing of seven players to letters of intent.

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WORLD CUP SOCCER

United States tied Jamaica 1-1 in a World Cup qualifying match.

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NBA

Denver's Carmelo Anthony had charges dropped against him for possession of marijuana on Oct. 15.

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NBA

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