Eldred makes first appearance at group's meeting

President fields questions about Performa group

By EMILY MCCORMICK

Tuesday's Board of Governance meeting marked the first appearance by Marilou Eldred since the start of her presidency.

Eldred commended the Board for its leadership and energy at the meeting.

"The spirit on campus is really positive and the credit for the good feeling is due to the Board of Governance and its leadership," Eldred said.

Eldred answered questions about the Performa Group, a consulting company, which has compiled a report that will make recommendations for handling increasing student population in coming years. The Performa Group has met with students, faculty and staff to determine what changes need to be made to the Saint Mary's campus to accommodate the increasing student population and will meet with the Administrative Council today to present a detailed report, Eldred said. The Board also agreed to

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Saturday's Board of Governance meeting was attended by 10 African American students from Saint Mary's.

The group also decided to put money towards a contribution that the St. Jude's Government Association makes to Bengali Boat, which benefits the Holy Cross missions in Bangladesh. In other BGS news:

- The Student Academic Council reminded the Board that the major of the week is Humaneic studies and next week's major of the week will be Religion Studies.
- Nancy Midden, student government vice president, also encouraged members to attend a luncheon in Haggan on Monday which will highlight women's roles in entrepreneurship. There will be three women speakers.
- Student Activities Board coordinator Janet Horvath announced that the movie "Every After" would be showing this Saturday at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

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I'd like to start out by congratulating USC on ousting the Notre Dame defense, minus its starting quarterback. Enjoy it while you can. Last Saturday's Trojan victory carried the combined weight of those of The Observer. As for anybody still harboring hateful feelings toward the Venus De Milo at an arm-wrestling contest. At least she's what I've been told by my friends from Southern California who keep sending harassment e-mails.

Fortunately, we have more important things to worry about at Notre Dame. We even have a vast number of wannabe hippies to ponder style and other pressing issues. As for my past, we have important things such as cutting down trees in old-growth forests, and I don't hunt spotted owls as regularly.

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Male stripper pleads innocent

Associated Press

PLEASANTON, Calif. A male dancer who allegedly stripped nude at a Halloween party pleaded innocent to four felony counts of sexual contact with teenage girls, saying he didn't know the high school freshmen and sophomores were underage.

Steven Schmitt was paid to perform a 45-minute routine for as many as 50 girls — most of them 14 and 15 years old — at the party on Oct. 30.

"He was exploited," said his attorney, William Gagen, after Monday's arraignment. "He wouldn't have been there or stayed there if he had thought the girls were underage."

Gagen and Deputy District Attorney Deborah Strelitzer said his client had no knowledge he would be hired without her daughter, Carye McGrath, 39, was arraigned Tuesday in Alameda County Superior Court on one count of exposing minors to lewd enthrainment. She was scheduled to enter a plea Wednesday.

Schmitt was charged with three counts of unlawful sexual contact with minors 14 or 15 years old and one count of oral copulation with a minor under 16. If convicted, Schmitt could face up to 12 years in prison.

McGrath told investigators that Schmitt was hired without her knowledge but she let him perform rather than embarrass her daughter.

William Gagen
Schmitt's Attorney

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Seth Privacky was arraigned Tuesday on five counts of open murder. Privacky said he would have had to move out Sunday — the day of the shootings, prosecutor Tony Tague said.

The teen said he shot the five in their heads at close range, execution-style, Tague said.

In a letter to Muskegon's Juvenile Court on May 22, 1997, Linda Privacky said a family doctor prescribed an antidepressant medication for Privacky and referred the family to a psychologist for therapy.

After the arraignment, Tague told reporters that Privacky made his confession about an hour before the arraignment.
Space station still nameless

CAPE CANAVERAL

If it were up to kids, NASA would be blasting off Thursday to build the Dudsphere. Or the Milky Way Bar Stop. Or the Totally Hasp Space Place. With hours remaining before the first space-station construction flight, the international space station still lacks an official name. For lack of anything better, NASA will call it the International Space Station - or ISS for short.

Lea Raymond, CEO of Exxon Corp., toasts on as Lucio Noto, CEO of Mobil Corp., speaks to reporters at a news conference Tuesday in New York. The merger of the two petroleum giants will create the world's largest oil company.

Lee Raymond, CEO of Exxon Corp., toasts...
God’s ‘life’

Within the darkly wood paneled chapel at St. Gregory’s Abbey, Three Rivers, Michigan, the sun shines through oversized skylights, reminiscent of how sunbeams break through the clouds after a spring rain. Of 22 choir stalls, only eight are occupied with robed Benedictines chanting the Psalms. There is a blessed peace here, but the question arises for those witnessing these prayers from the guest chapel: are the young men? The religious vacation crisis has touched almost every Christian church in modern times—times when materialistic success is stressed in both the family environment and by society in general. God’s call to serve is when materialistic success is stressed in both the world that there is More to life. For young men and women who seek More than the weekly paycheck and confusion has led them away from the bustling city— as the author and not necessarily those of The St. Benedict, is prayer.

The monks rise before the sun does most days. The most important duty, according to the 15-century-old Rule of St. Benedict, is prayer. Their focus on God has led them away from the ordinary routine, this is where to look. The monks appear to be "on hold" while college majors of law, architecture or accounting merit so many "notoriety." This is a true shame, since serving God merits eternal life. Becoming a slave to the "almighty dollar" leaves a soul nothing but dust in the end.

The young men who might fill the 14 vacant choir stalls at St. Gregory’s are where they have been urged to go. And, after years of being urged toward influence and success, it takes a special kind of faith to sift through the "clutter" and hear the Divine Voice that still whispers, "Come, follow me." Young men who participate in St. Gregory’s Summer Vacation Program are offered an opportunity to get in touch with that Voice. They may appear because they are curious, or they want a bit of time away from the ordinary routine, or they have heard of the Abbey’s international reputation. After two weeks or more of prayer, work and silence, they may leave with the sense of a renewed relationship with God. One or two may ask to return at a later date and try the Benedictine life as a monk. It is not an easy life. The monks of St. Gregory’s have acres and acres of trees that are farmed using environmentally responsible methods. Though not directly in charge of this farming, there are countless other duties to perform: cooking, cleaning, tending the vast library (over 11,000 books), studying, answering correspondence, welcoming guests, answering queries of "Abby Letter" and attending conferences or meetings outside the Abbey. The most important duty, according to the 15-century-old Rule of St. Benedict, is prayer.

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Is ND Cheap? Tell me so I can not Listen

I am but a lowly freshman at this fine institution and as such have been on campus for only three short months. In this time I have become a relatively discontented reader of the Observer and have noticed, as was documented in its past "Inside Corin" from earlier in the week, that the issues which most raise the ire of our student body are, if nothing else, repetitive. In addition, the article noted, some students relate these complaints with such frequency and tenacity that the "Letters" department has become little more than a collection of the most vocal group which speaks out. In short, some people complain, while I merely complain about the complaining.

I must admit that I have yet to feel so completely as to actually sit and compose my thoughts. It call apathy if you will, but I think the universal powderkegs planted by both the students and administration have generated this apathy. Unwittingly I have run smack into an issue which I can not get past. In the face of facts at least potentially each and every student on this campus regardless of their age, race, gender and yes, even sexual orientation.

I am not sure that Notre Dame will ever be accused of being insensitive. In fact I'm sure 'tis not. Cheap on the other hand, well that's a different story. This morning the conclusion of my gym class, I was informed in order to save money and improve my goalball skills during my free time, I'd better not play. So there I am with a bunch of giggles, biggest kept me from hanging around to find out how much ...

If you're interested, call The Rock. When I got back to my room and vented this frustration on my dormmates who, incidentally, enjoy the occasional late night watch of ping pong available at our state of the art Rits Fitness Center, they laughed at me. Oh you didn't know? Ping pong balls are a dollar too. For one. I suppose the legitimate complaint would have researched such a game and found that playfully where money goes, (probably the same place the mandatory ten dollar ticket to Phil does) but I decided I didn't have to. Unfortunater what answer I received would be in adequate. Whether the cost is two, three bucks or two bits, I'm wondering why I have to pay (AGAIN) to use the on-camp- us facilities? Don't my parents, really don't all of our parents, already pay enough? Could they possibly try and tell me that the dollars is a gran of my bodily health while I play ping pong, or is something else, say, a hidden stash fund to commission new and exciting modern art sculptures for the quadrangles, in the words of one of our Profes only wonder. Maybe I'm being a little overzealous but I do believe in the development of the other. I am not talking about the motherly freshmen has who come to college and is dying for a cause of my own... maybe as I write this I am in own crystallization (and believe me, I am a lover of this genre as I am being forced to spend endless hours of torment and embarrassment the likes of which could be assuaged only through the force of less crediting, BIG, 10 school, has compelled me to think this is a reality of high pratical. If there is an answer out there I'd invite anyone, someone, to provide it as soon as possible. Not I'll listen to your argument, but then isn't that what writing these letters are all about?

Mary Margaret Nussbaum

What Does African Reconciliation Have to do With Us?

Here's a photograph — it's a view November day afternoon of Bluefiveminite, South Africa. The sky is brightest blue. Long grass the color of honeyed toast carpenters, trying to puzzle out which is the bigger bush and rives. There are no fences or phone lines. In the middle of the frame, at the end of an overgrown pair of wagon tracks, stands Johannes Krakaeshoe, a wily little man, his body just over five feet tall, has jutting cheekbones and squinted char coal eyes. The 'Cat' tractor company hat floats on head of his thick black curls, while his eyes seem to regard you as if to ask: what answer could be assuaged only through the force of less crediting, BIG, 10 school, has compelled me to think this is a reality of high pratical. If there is an answer out there I'd invite anyone, someone, to provide it as soon as possible. Not I'll listen to your argument, but then isn't that what writing these letters are all about?

Paul A. Camarata

We Learned More From a Three-Minute Record, Baby

Mary Margaret Nussbaum

This November, with 15 other Griquas and a small herd of cattle, he came home. This, perhaps, is when hope and history rhyme. The South African government, under the leadership of Nelson Mandela and the African National Congress, is trying something new. They are
**Scene Review**

**Believe It or Not**

**R**ecently the trend in the music world has been to follow up a couple of succesful studio releases with a live compilation. Bands such as Counting Crows and Dave Matthews Band have released strong live albums that have nicely complemented their small amount of studio work. Now 311 is trying to stick to the trend with their latest album simply titled Live. A couple summers ago, I was coerced to attend a 311 concert with a few of my buddies. This unremarkable experience gives me great insight to attempt to review the crap 311 has packaged and made available for the American public. Some of the same silly shenanigans that occurred at that concert are regurgitated on this CD. Only this time the pain is not as severe because I am able to stop the CD player whenever I want.

**Live** is high on energy and low on musicianship. The album starts out with the explosive track "Down." The expert drumming of Chad Sexton, probably the only good musician in the group, anchors the song. Even the rapping of vocalist SA Martinez is fairly tolerable, ignoring the fact that he is from Omaha, NE and not Compton. Other tracks offer rays of hope, such as the party song "Freak Out" and the adrenaline-filled "Homebrew." It's too bad that the band only shows glimpses of being decent as they plow through their short songs. Guitarist Tim Mahoney could be decent if his guitar wasn't so heavily distorted on every single song. Although his work on "Beautiful Disaster" is acceptable, his solo on "Nin Hex" is so cheesy and distorted that it sounds like a stereo shorting out. Bassist P-Nut (yeah, that's what they call him) is a mediocre bassist that tries to be like Flea on every track, including "Feels So Good."

Co-lead vocalist SA Martinez could be somewhat entertaining, that is if his darndest voice wasn't higher than my eight year old sister's. His rapping on "Galaxy" is simply ridiculous. And that brings us to the leader of the band: Nick Hexum. This man has the most annoying voice on this planet. He tries to rap, it doesn't work. He tries to sing, it doesn't work. He tries to sing reggae; that definitely doesn't work. His songs, designed to accommodate the attention span of a chimpanzee, are very short and very pointless.

Some bands should just not be putting out live albums. Ok, if I had it my way some bands wouldn't be putting out any albums at all. 311 has shown with this album that they are an annoying group with bad songs and bad musicians. They should regroup before their next studio album, and probably never release another live album again. Do not be fooled by the funky cover art: 311's Live is a dead effort.

**Peter Wolf**

**Fool's Parade**

For reading the heading to this review, you are probably wondering who this Peter Wolf character is. Is he some new, groundbreaking, solo artist that is emerging from obscurity to superstardom? Or, is he the next Snoop Doggy Dogg? You probably don't have a clue even though I'm sure you've heard his music before.

For years, Peter Wolf sang in the J. Geils Band. Who, in case you're not familiar with The J Geils Band, was responsible for the timeless 80s anthem, "Centerfold." Yes, the gnaw, wavy guy dancing on the top of school desks and drawing on chalkboards in the video is Peter Wolf. So, now you at least get a picture of who I'm talking about.

Since The J. Geils Band broke up in 1983, Wolf has gone on to pursue a solo career. He has released four, barely noteworthy, albums before this current release of Fool's Parade. All of his previous albums just seemed to be missing something. But Fool's Parade is different. Wolf, himself, calls this his "most intimate and personal work." The album is dedicated to his mother who passed away just before he went into the studio to record this album.

The music on Fool's Parade is good. Wolf begins the CD with the soulful and reminiscent "Long Way Back Again," which really summarizes his attempt, after his success with The J Geils Band, to climb back to the top. His soulful sounds invoke images of the great soul singers. His songs remind you of Al Green, Wilson Pickett and Otis Redding. This album also sounds a little like Wolf's friend and former roommate, Van Morrison.

His songs are personal and true. They are pretty easy to relate to your own life. He sings about struggling, hard lessons finally learned and the cost of a lost love. My favorite track on the album is "The Cold Heart of the Stone." It's a look back into the crazy days of his youth.

On this album, Wolf tugs the heartstrings and forces you to relate the songs to your own life. Fool's Parade is a powerful album that provokes philosophical thought on life and hardship. Which isn't too bad for a white guy that used to sing about his anger, the centerpiece and something called a freeze frame.

Although this album is reminiscent of those great artists, I don't think Peter Wolf will be mentioned in the same breath. On the whole, Fool's Parade is a good album. Wolf provides the slow jams and the rock 'n' roll. The only problem is Wolf doesn't do anything that hasn't been done before. These songs of heartache and remembrance have been sung by many and will be sung by many more. Wolf can definitely sing them, but because he wasn't one of the first, he won't be recognized as one of the great soul singers. That doesn't mean you people can't listen to him though.

How many more times can you stand listening to "Brown-Eyed Girl" and "Souledance" anyway? How many more 311 or Bush albums can you listen to? Who can take all that aggression all the time? If you're sick of hearing distorted, post-grunge and old classics all the time, give Peter Wolf a listen. Take a class in good old rock 'n' soul he was making records before the guys in 311 and Bush were born anyway.

**Geoff Rahie**

**Peter Wolf***

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San Francisco's Bryant Young (97), who fractured both bones in his right leg, underwent surgery Tuesday. Theismann never played for the Giants' Lawrence Taylor. It was Taylor who immediately after the tackle began reeling and we needed to make the tackle. Young said Norton was a Joe Theismann-type injury. It's something you just hate to see."

Theismann was playing for Washington when he suffered a broken leg in a 1985 Monday night game after being hit by the New York Giants' Lawrence Taylor. It was Taylor who immediately after the tackle began frantically for a doctor. Theismann never played again. With the exception of Young, perhaps no one took his injury harder than Norton, who played the rest of Monday night's game in a fog and then left for the hospital, where he stayed at Young's bedside until the early morning. It seemed like it was only a recurring nightmare for Norton, who was also involved in the hit during a 1994 Monday night game that left Los Angeles Raiders running back Napoleon McCallum with a career-ending knee injury. "This game is so strange," Norton said. "You're so fortunate to play it, but I don't think people realize the chances we take this play we can take this play we can play this game. Everybody is one play away from something like this. It knocks you out. It's a big hit in the chest. It's very hard to live with." Marucci said Norton was devastated by his injury. "He feels as bad as anybody does and Kenny has to get over it, too," Marucci said. "It wasn't his fault.

Marucci said for new, Young would be replaced with a three-tackler rotation using Brenton Buckner, Shane Bonham and Gabe Wilkins. The 49ers also plan to activate defensive tackle David Richie from the practice squad after the fairness of placing running back Napoleon McCallum with a career-ending knee injury. "This game is so strange," Norton said. "You're so fortunate to play it, but I don't think people realize the chances we take this play we can take this play we can play this game. Everybody is one play away from something like this. It knocks you out. It's a big hit in the chest. It's very hard to live with." Marucci said Norton was devastated by his injury.
NFL's performance leaves much to be desired

By JOHN COPPOLELLA
Sports Columnist

Whatever happened to the National Football League? Only a short time ago, the NFL was a league of power and panache, blessed with proud teams like the Washington Redskins, Chicago Bears, Kansas City Chiefs and Cleveland Browns. Today, the latter team will repair the league under expansion auspices. Meanwhile, the former three teams have become disgraces to the league. When did the NFL turn into the predictable and disappointing entity that it has become this season?

The answer does not lie so much in "when" as much as in "why." The five following reasons allude to "why" this might possibly be the worst NFL season in recent memory:

The NFL has more crybabies than the NBA. Lairell Sprewell, meet Kerry Collins. Collins is the epitome of what many NFL stars have become. As the first pick in the history of the Carolina Panthers franchise, Collins was expected to carry the Panthers into the next century. After leading them to the NFC title game two years ago, something happened.

Between breaking his jaw, denying a serious drinking problem, and making racist remarks about teammates, Collins became one of the worst quarterbacks in the league. A few weeks ago, he "quit." Saying his heart was no longer in it, Collins begged himself and left his teammates stranded, all the while collecting his paycheck. He was eventually released, and picked up by the New Orleans Saints. Also a game against the Saints, Collins was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

He is currently starting for the Saints, which in not much of an accomplishment, and feels that he has finally been freed from expectations. Other players who could join Collins and Sprewell include Bryan Cox, Dermont Thomas, and Ryan Leaf. The NFL should throw away the refs and bring back instant replay. In a recent poll on ESPN.com, 60 percent of those polled felt that the best way to solve the problems in officiating would be to bring back instant replay.

The Indianapolis Colts-San Francisco 49ers game in Week 7 was given to the 49ers by the referees, a mistake later admitted by the league. Routine problems could be solved through instant replay, and the games could be decided by the performance of the players on the field, not by the opinions of the guys in black-and-white running around like chickens without a head. It could even solve really difficult problems, like say the calling of the coin toss. Even if it is brought back, the referees need some other assistance i.e. classes, fines, etc.) to help them make the right calls they have been missing all year.

The Denver Broncos have become the Chicago Bulls of the NFL. I am not a Broncos fan, but even I enjoyed watching them win last year's Super Bowl after all the times that they and John Elway had fallen short in the big game. When he decided to return this year, I thought it was a bad decision. Was I ever wrong.

There are only two teams that can stop the Broncos: the Vikings and themselves, and, as good as the Vikings are, the latter team poses a much more serious threat than the former. Broncos games have become more farcical, with鲁by Brister leading Denver to fee-touchdown victories. Sure, it's fun to watch complete domination ... for a quarter.

The NFC East, a traditionally dominant division, has become football's answer to baseball's American League Central. This year, the Dallas Cowboys are leading a division that seemingly nobody wants to win. Like the AL Central, a record over .500 (never a problem for perennial division-winner Cleveland) guarantees you a division crown.

As bad as the Detroit Tigers, Minnesota Twins, Kansas City Royals, and Chicago White Sox were last year, with a combined record of 287-370, the NFC East has been worse (a combined record of 15-32). This division, with the Cowboys, New York Giants, and Washington Redskins has won the most Super Bowls since 1987. The two other members of the league are the Philadelphia Eagles and the Arizona Cardinals. Ugh. The Eagles were once respectable, but so was Matt Schiesser. The Cardinals may be the future of the division, but that alone should concern you.

The Atlanta Falcons are in first place. I have nothing against the Falcons and applaud their resurgence, even if it is in a division that is perennially the worst not only in football, but in all sports. It is the NFC West, with members such as the Panthers, Saints, and St. Louis Rams.

However, the Falcons base their success on three factors: control the clock, run the ball and play good defense. Watching a Falcons game is about as exciting as going to The Boat Club if you're the designated driver. If the Falcons do make it to the playoffs, their style of play will turn fans off and further hurt NFL ratings.

Is there hope for the NFL? Of course. Young stars like Moss, Peyton Manning, and Charlie Batch have given their teams a charge, and eventually powerhouse like the Broncos and the Green Bay Packers will fade. In the meantime, however, I'll dream of the NFL of a few years ago rather than reminisce about last week's Falcons-Blame "game."

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program in the last several years than a coach might expect to lose in a 10- or 15-year tenure. Far too many people feel like they are better off elsewhere. Some coaches at the premier programs in the nation have the same problem, but their players are blinded by the dollar signs awaiting them in the NBA rather than galvanized by a desire to play for and earn degrees from schools like Pepperdine, Virginia or Oklahoma State.

There were more reasons for Gottlieb’s departure than playing time, coaching style or hometown. Gottlieb had his infatuation with running up the bill at Spence with his roommate’s credit card, which led to his transfer to Oklahoma State and its team.

But the others leave too many questions to be deemed normal and there have been too many to be acceptable. You simply can’t return a program to where it should be when you can’t keep your players. It’s not quantum physics we’re talking about.

MacLeod recruited some talent, but it certainly wasn’t the right talent. For one reason or another, they didn’t find their home under the Dome. Potentially more dangerous than losing current players is losing future ones. If those kids are just thinking about all the playing time they’ll see their freshman year, their parents, who still hold quite a bit of influence over the decision, certainly will ask those questions.

MacLeod certainly isn’t making kids miserable with severe tongue-lashings like those seen at the Indiana University bench Tuesday night. None of the transfers have bad-mouthed MacLeod, his program or the University. They just didn’t fit. It’s MacLeod’s responsibility to make sure the seniors in high school who sign letters of intent to play for Notre Dame fit. MacLeod needs every one of the four years out of his recruits. Freshman David Graves and Troy Murphy are the team’s leading scorers and Harold Swanigan shows promise.

When their senior year rolls around, or if their senior year rolls around, their experience, talent and some help from other classes could bring the Irish back to prominence. But that’s another couple of years away.

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Ironically, Knight's post-game press conference sounded like it was after a loss, but MacLeod's sounded like the game was a win as he was-out-shouted by the play of his freshman.

"David (Cravens), Harold, and Troy are going to play key roles in Notre Dame basketball for the future," MacLeod said. "They're not afraid and they trust their talent and they are looking forward to these games."

"We have to be pleased with our ability to win," said Knight. "Notre Dame played with a lot of young kids. I told John after the game that they are going to get better and better."
Tyson in court to face assault charges

Associated Press

ROCKVILLE, Md. — Mike Tyson pleaded no contest Tuesday to misdemeanor assault, a decision that could return the former heavyweight champion to prison.

Although the plea to the two counts is not an admission of guilt, Tyson faces up to 20 years in prison — 10 years on each count — when he is sentenced early next year by a Maryland judge. He also could be fined up to $2,500 on each count.

The charges stem from an Aug. 31 traffic accident in Montgomery County, Md., involving Tyson's wife, Monica. Tyson was accused of kicking and punching two motorists after the accident.

"You understand that this plea could affect your parole," Judge Steven Johnson told Tyson before accepting his plea.

"I'm truly aware of that," said Tyson, who was released from prison in 1995 after serving three years of a six-year sentence for a 1992 rape conviction in Indiana.

Tyson, who is scheduled to fight Francois Botha on Jan. 16, would not discuss his case outside court.

It will be up to Indiana authorities to decide whether the no-contest pleas violated his probation.

By late Tuesday afternoon, Marion County (Ind.) Superior Court Judge Patricia Gifford had not heard from probation officials about Tyson, her clerk, Becky Wagner, said. She said probation officials would decide whether to request a violation hearing for Tyson.

George Walker, chief probation officer for Marion County, was out of the office until Wednesday.

Tyson told Johnson he did not expect leniency or a lighter sentence in return for entering the no-contest pleas.

The prosecutor urged that jail time be included in the punishment.

"The state opposes any probation before judgment," said Assistant State's Attorney Carol Crawford.

Tyson's lawyer, Paul Kemp, said the plea was an appropriate resolution to the case.

"Mr. Tyson certainly concedes that things occurred that were inappropriate," Kemp said.

Following the August accident, Ablimiel Saucedo and Richard Hardick said Tyson attacked them. They have reached a settlement with Tyson to avoid a civil suit.

Hills earns Big East basketball honors

Notre Dame freshman Sherisha Hills (Tampa, Fla.) has been named the co-Big East Rookie of the Week, after averaging 12.5 points and 3.5 rebounds in two wins last week as the Irish beat 25th-ranked Illinois (1-0-92) and San Francisco (7-4-43). The Irish rookie shares the honor with freshman forward Tamika Williams of Connecticut.

Hills becomes the third Irish player in as many weeks to claim a Big East honor. Junior Niele Ivey and senior Danielle Green garnered player-of-the-week honors in the first two weeks of the season.

In the win against the Illini, hills came off the bench to score nine points, while adding four rebounds and three assists. She scored a career-best and game-high 16 points in 29 minutes of action, grabbed three rebounds and made four steals. In the two games, she shot 10-for-20 from the field.

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Rasmussen completes ND all-transfer team

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Monday afternoon, sophomore center Hans Rasmussen took the path of too many Notre Dame basketball players in recent years.

He walked into the Joyce Center, into head coach John MacLeod’s office, and told him of his decision to transfer.

This comes on the heels of a disastrous northern excursion where the Irish captured seventh place in the eight-team Great Alaska Shootout, edging out Southern Utah by four points.

Rasmussen joins forwards Gary Bell and David Lalazarian and guards Keith Friel and Doug Gottlieb on the MacLeod all-transfer team that has formed in the last three- and-a-half years.

Rasmussen, a native of Portland, Ore., pointed to homesickness and decreased playing time as the reasons for his departure.

"Honesty, I wasn’t in a good situation here," Rasmussen told the South Bend Tribune. "One thing that was hard for me was being 2,000 miles away from family. I just want to go home, take some time off and re-evaluate everything in my life."

Said MacLeod, who is becoming all-too-familiar with these speeches, "We wish him the best. He’s a great young man. We hope that everything works out for the best for him."

"We don’t want to see him transfer," MacLeod continued. "We're not holding him here hostage. He feels like he’ll be better off elsewhere.

MacLeod has seen more players leave his