Senators discuss possible violations

By ERICA THEISING
Assistant News Editor

A debate about election bylaws and constitutional procedures headlined Wednesday’s Student Senate meeting as candidates for the student body presidential and vice-presidential election brought their concerns to the floor.

The candidates presented two main issues: the eligibility of the Miriah Murphy/Michael Palumbo ticket and the approval of posters for Sean Deschone and Mike Ivers.

Murphy’s original running mate, Julie Reising, withdrew from the race Sunday for personal reasons. On Monday, Murphy selected Palumbo as his new vice-presidential candidate. While it is not required by the constitution, the pair completed a petition with the 150 signatures in support of their ticket.

Wally Poirier, a presidential candidate, addresses the Student Senate as it discusses whether or not a constitutional violation occurred in the presidential race.

From independence to the Big Ten:

Penn State

Penn State found an academic treasure trove in the Big Ten

By COLLEEN MCAFHRY
Assistant News Editor

When John Cahir thinks of what joining the Big Ten’s academic organization has done for Penn State University, he has an unequivocal answer.

“Just joining the Big Ten’s CIC [Committee on Institutional Cooperation] has been a big plus for us and continues to be so,” said Cahir, vice provost and dean of undergraduate education at Penn State.

“We’ve been delighted with it. The association with the CIC and the collaboration have been fantastic. We like to think that we brought good things to the other institutions in the CIC too when we joined.”

For Cahir and his university, the academic benefits have been numerous. The 11 Big Ten institutions, the University of Chicago and the University of Illinois at Chicago provide opportunities for access to

Penn State football lost its independence to the Big Ten in 1990

By ANTHONY BIANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

And then there was one.

Once upon a time, the most dominant association of football teams did not belong to the Atlantic Coast Conference, the Pac-10, the Big 12, or even the Big Ten. There was a time when the powerhouses were grouped together simply by the fact that they were “independents.”

But in a matter of years, Penn State’s entrance to the Big Ten conference sparked an exodus of top teams from the independent ranks to one of the many established athletic organizations. Florida State and Miami’s entrance to the ACC and Big East, respectively, in the early 1990s left Notre Dame as the only big name in its makeshift “conference.” And it all occurred at a time in which the independents were the
A holiday for stalking?

No one will send me roses next weekend. Valentine's Day will come and go. Couples will sing love songs to each other and exchange heart-shaped boxes of chocolates, while single people merely join in the fun.

Gita Noreen Gillespie, News Writer

Outside the Dome

Rejected applicants claim discrimination

SAN FRANCISCO A coalition of civil rights organizations and minority students slapped UC Berkeley with a federal class action lawsuit Tuesday over its admissions process, which they call "discriminatory." "Stalking is much easier, and

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Louisiana State University

Instructor files sexual harassment suit

BATON ROUGE, La. An instructor who recently resigned from the College of Business filed suit Monday against the University, alleging sexual harassment by a co- worker. Joy Irwin filed the suit with the 19th Judicial District Court, naming Thomas Clark, dean of the E.J. Ourso College of Business Administration as the harasser. According to her attorney, Jill Craft, Craft is also representing Diane Piper, an assis­

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ROBBY ROGERS, Los Angeles

There is fair in its face, but it operates in a "merciless" way to deny admission to those who do not fit the profile of "merit". This is the rationale behind the lawsuit brought to the Judicial District of Berkeley's fall admissions process in violation of federal civil rights laws. Though it is unfair to its victims, and brings to the UC Berkeley's fall admissions policies are unacceptable. According to the plaintiffs' lawyers at the press conference Tuesday, the lawsuit was filed by high-profile, civil rights groups including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the American Civil Liberties Union of California, MALDEF. Named as defendants in the case are UC Berkeley Chancellor Robert C. Bierdahl, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Robert L. Rogers and UC President Richard Atkinson.

Speaking at an early morning press conference at the San Francisco Federal Building, the plaintiffs' lawyers said they did not receive a fair chance to become UC Berkeley students under the campus' admissions policies, and added that the lawsuit is an opportuni­
ty to make major changes in the treat­ment of future applicant pools.

"I want to change the policy at UC Berkeley and allow fairness for all," said Gregory McConnell, one of the rejected UC Berkeley students who is named as a plaintiff.

Each of the students suing the uni­
vity had stellar academic and extracurricular credentials. However, UC Berkeley's admissions policy, which places emphasis on Scholastic Assessment Test scores and weighted grade point averages, was the cause of last fall's drastic drop in minority student admissions, the plaintiffs' lawyers said at the press conference.

E.J. Ourso College of Business Administration as the harasser. According to her attorney, Jill Craft, Craft is also representing Diane Piper, an assis­

tant professor in the College of Mass Communication who was subjected to a sexual harassment lawsuit against the University on Jan. 15. Irwin resigned from her position as instructor in the college on or about Dec. 18, 1998, according to the lawsuit. "This was a very agonizing decision for her and her family to make," Craft said. "It was something that she and I talked about for a long time before she decided to take the third party in the suit is the defendant. Louisiana law places LSU in a position of responsi­

ity for all its employees' actions, Craft said.

Brown University

Police seize drinks for investigation

BROOKLYN, N.Y. As part of a pending sexual assault investigation, Brown Police and Security collected drinks samples from Phi Kappa Psi's Phi Psi "Deep Freeze" party last Friday night, according to Colonel Paul Verrechichi, chief of Brown Police and Security. Police and Security will test the samples for the so-called "date rape drugs" such as Rohypnol (known as "roofool") - it is confirmed that a sexual assault actually occurred. Verrechichi said that Police and Security is currently looking into an alleged sexual assault that occurred last Friday night in the Chi Omega house, which neighbors Phi Psi. A member of Alpha Chi Omega - who requested that The Herald with­

out her name - said that she had left her door unlocked, when she left her room Friday night. When she returned, she found a woman lying on the floor passed out, with her shirt pulled up and her pants pulled down.

South Bend Weather

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ND students win lawsuit against landlord Kramer

By MAGGIE TINUCCI

Notre Dame alumni were recently awarded damages in a lawsuit brought to Indiana small claims court against Mark Kramer for failure to return their security deposits for the 1997-1998 school year. Kramer owns 20 South Bend houses, which he rents to off-campus students.

Pete Kalin and Eric Anderson, both class of 1998, won their suit based on an Indiana statute stating that if the landlord does not return the full security deposit within 45 days of the conclusion of the lease, he then owes the full deposit and any attorney fees needed to regain it.

Kalin and Anderson filed the lawsuit after they received their security deposits in June 1998. Kalin's refund was $15.74 for an original security deposit of $280. "I was the last one to move out, making sure it was as clean as it was when we moved in," said Kalin. "I did not expect to get the entire deposit returned because there was basic wear and tear and I still owed the last month's utilities. We were charged late fees that were not in the lease anywhere. That would be a breach of our contract."

Originally they filed the lawsuit on the basis of the late fees, and incidentally found the statute, which strengthened the case.

"Late fees were where we felt the wrong was," Anderson said. "They had no clue as to the statute. Without that it would have been our word against his. Basically they weren't prepared."

Kramer's office admits it was not aware of this statute prior to the lawsuit.

"Ultimately, the only reason they were successful in winning was because of the statute. The judge even said that if we had not violated the 45 days, we would have won the argument," said Kramer. Despite a settlement offer from Kramer, Kalin and Anderson went to trial in an attempt to represent their other roommates and to recover legal fees, in addition to the security deposits.

"We went to court on principle. By that point the money didn't really mean anything," said Anderson.

"Basically the judge told them (Kalin and Anderson) their claim was not an argument to bring to trial," said Jim Masters, attorney for Kramer. "They had no right to represent others. They are not attorneys."

According to Masters, there has been a few other claims brought against Kramer for similar situations, which were all resolved out of court.

"We were not trying to withhold what is owed. There was a mistake. We were willing to resolve it. They wanted something more than they were entitled to and they didn't get it," he said.

Kramer cites his actual loss of $800, taking into consideration damages done to the house and cleaning fees. "We have the right to recover damages but, [thus far] have elected not to. We let that stuff go trying to be decent," Kramer said.

Masters agreed they did not gain anything by going to court. "I don't think they proved anything."

Kalin and Anderson view the lawsuit as "a victory for the average student."

"We surprised them. They weren't ready for us," said Kalin. "They were not aware of the laws and were counting on the students not knowing the laws either."

Dan Maloney, currently a law student at Valparaiso University, uncovered this statute in the Indiana Code during a legal writing class. He and six others were the roommates Kalin and Anderson attempted to represent. They are currently pursuing their own suit against Kramer.

Initially, Kalin and Anderson looked into the lawsuit because of a $5 charge deducted from their security for each day their individual check was late, after a five-working-day grace period.

Kramer said he sent a letter to each individual describing the late fees. "I also verbally told them of the late charges," he said.

After receiving no response to a letter and phone call, Kalin met with Kramer in August of 1998 to discuss the security deposit. "He produced a photocopy of a letter he supposedly had delivered to our door explaining what the late fees were," said Kalin. "Regardless of the fact we didn't receive the letter, it's not legally binding because no one signed it."

"Kramer figured no one is going to do anything about it," Maloney said, inspiring the house to pursue actions against him.

Kramer contends he sent two notices to each individual student, rather than to each house: "Had we known that our notification (method) wasn't the way to do it, we would have gone another way. It's a valuable lesson for us."

Kramer cites extending circumstances (from the Kramer said. Consequently, the rate of late fees being charged has dropped significantly. "It's working better for the students because they're all aware of it."

Kramer has also stopped including utility fees in the rent. "Students now have utilities in their own name," he said. "Like the old adage says, some people rent it for others. We saved the student about $400 by keeping utilities in our name. You try to be as accommodating as possible as a landlord, but you can't let people slide because you get stuck.

"We operate off trust, as the students do. We willingly gave Pete and Eric their money. Laws are laws and we abide by them," Kramer said.

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The house at 722 LaSalle where Pete Kalin and Eric Anderson lived from 1997 to 1998. The students won a settlement of $2,326.57.

Patti:
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Love Steph and Margie
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strength of college football. Flexibility was the key throughout the 1980s. Three independent teams — Penn State, Miami, and Notre Dame — won six of the decades' championships. Miami's freedom associated with not having to play in conference-determined bowl games to take on No. 1 Oklahoma in the 1988 Orange Bowl brought independence to national champions.
Penn State was No. 2 in both 1983 and 1987, played the No. 1 teams in the bowl games, and also won titles. This "conference" was so strong that Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany referred to the '80s as the "decade of the independents." But before the decade was even finished, Penn State had plans for the future that did not include staying with the independent powerhouse houses, something it had been committed to since the Nittany Lions began playing football in 1887.
It started with football coach Joe Paterno's plan in the early 1980s to form an eastern all-sports league that his football team could compete in. It failed and attention soon refocused on winning national championships.

The two titles did not keep Paterno and Penn State from looking for a conference to join. As the "decade of the independent" was coming to a close, the University realized that its time as an unaffiliated football program, which in turn meant that Penn State was forced to pay numbers of strong rivals that had developed, including series with Boston College, Notre Dame, and Pitt. But according to Thalman, associate athletic director for communications at Penn State, "the decade was not the only schedule change the Lions would face as members of the Big Ten. Joining meant Paterno's teams were scheduled to play eight of the 11 regular season games against conference teams."

With only three games scheduled against non-conference teams, Penn State was forced to enter a number of strong rivals that had developed, including series with Boston College, Notre Dame, and Pitt. But according to Thalman, the switch has given Penn State a new set of rivals each season. "There's some sacrifice in everything. We gave up a lot of regional opponents and we took on a Big Ten schedule. The conference was the new rivals wouldn't be as strong, but Michigan and Ohio State have proven to be great competitors."

Rivals or not, with the more Midwestern teams of the Big Ten — Penn State is the east-most school in the conference, more than 350 miles away from Ohio State, the nearest — the Lions could draw a following from the East. Originally a member of the Atlantic Coast sports other than football, Penn State continues to remain rooted in the East, from recruiting to television coverage.

Much like with the current debate over Notre Dame's possible entrance to the Big Ten, Penn State was concerned that recruiting would suffer, as Paterno now have to compete with the rest of the Big Ten. "I think Penn State will have to work harder to get those kids from the East," said Penn State safety Lee Rubin in 1993. "I'm a New Jersey boy, and the reason I went to Penn State was that it was an independent. When you're from the East, you never think about playing Wisconsin or Iowa or Northwesterns."

Thalman believes that recruiting has not changed much since his school's entrance to the Big Ten. "Traditionally, we've recruited heavily in Pennsylvania and contiguous states. If anything, being in the Big Ten has taken us into Michigan and the Midwest."

As far as television markets, Rudner and the Big Ten believe that their conference has always held a large national audience, but Penn State brought in another element. "It opened up the East," Rudner explained. "We've always had national success, but from a local standpoint, [Penn State] added a significant number for us."

The factors affecting the decision Penn State made almost a decade ago have all come together for what Thalman describes as "the most enlightened decision ever made for Penn State." Though the factors remain the same 10 years later for its wish, "it is different people, different times."

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Senate Democratic leaders strike back

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WASHINGTON

Senate Democrats threatened on Wednesday to turn President Clinton's impeachment trial into a party battle if the Republicans go through with plans to vote on a declaration of wrongdoing before deciding his fate.

As House GOP prosecutors questioned the third of three witnesses in the case, Democratic leader Tom Daschle said his party's rank-and-file lawmakers were solidly opposed to any trial testimony on the Senate floor. He also raised objections to the immediate public release of Monica Lewinsky's videotaped deposition.

But what sparked the Democrats' sharpest criticism was a GOP proposal for a formal finding of wrongdoing as a measure that would require a simple majority for passage rather than the two-thirds needed for conviction on impeachment.

"If Republicans insist in demanding live witnesses and demanding more depositions, and demanding extra legal devices like findings of fact, the more it becomes a Republican trial," Daschle told reporters.

On Thursday, the White House also renewed its proposals to dismiss the trial because of the Democrats and other witnesses, both in written transcripts and videotapes. He suggested they could remain under seal for a limited period of time.

For his part, the chief House prosecutor, Rep. Henry Hyde, said he wants approval for live testimony by Lewinsky, presidential friend Vernon Jordan and White House aide Sidney Blumenthal, the three witnesses who testified in private depositions this week.

A scaled-back request is also possible, requesting live testimony by one or two witnesses or the showing of portions of the videotapes.

GOP Senate leaders conceded it would be difficult to secure enough votes to prevail on a call for live testimony, particularly with public opinion in favor of a swift end to the proceedings.

The Democratic maneuvering came as Blumenthal was questioned in a heavily secured room in the upper reaches of the Capitol.

YUGOSLAVIA

Albanians demand independence vote

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DRAGOBILJE

Separatists in Kosovo demanded a guarantee Wednesday that a vote on independence for their province would be part of any peace accord with Serbia — a move that dimmed prospects for this weekend's peace talks in France.

The rebel Kosovo Liberation Army has accepted the U.S.-European summite's peace talks in France. And in Belgrade, the government gave its strongest signals yet Wednesday that Serbia — Yugoslavia's dominant republic — will also join the negotiations. Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's Socialist party hinted at attendance, saying that Yugoslavia supported voting on Kosovo independence "through political means."

Serbia's hard-line Parliament, under Milosevic's de facto control, is due to decide Thursday whether to accept the sum-}

matory to talks scheduled to start Saturday in Rambouillet, France, outside Paris. NATO is threatening to attack if the Serbs and eth-

nic Albanians don't start
talking by Saturday and strike a deal by Feb. 29 to end 11 months of fighting.

The allies are pushing a peace deal providing for a three-year period of autonomy for Kosovo, where ethnic Albanians make up some 90 percent of the population — possibly followed by talks on the province's future.

Most of Kosovo's Albanians demand independence, a goal that the allies have opposed for fear of stirring up the Balkan's volatile ethnic mix.

Kosovo's moderate Albanian leader, Ibrahim Rugova, announced that he would attend the talks.

European Union envoy Wolfgang Petritsch said after meeting Serb officials in Belgrade that the gov-

ernment was "seriously considering" attending the talks. U.S. envoy Christopher Hill, who also met Serb offi-

cials, was more cautious. "I will decline the honor of making a prediction. I will hope that they will partic-

ipate," he said.

Serbia's state-run television allowed hours of air time Tuesday evening to a moderate, Deputy Premier Vuk Draskovic, who sup-
ports participation in the talks.
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the other universities' libraries, summer research opportunities and a broader exchange of ideas among professors, administrators and students from the school.

"The cooperation that occurs at the academic level of the CIC is substantial," said Cahir. "It works to the benefit of all students and professors alike."

Currently, the CIC is developing programs to share courses. A professor at Penn State is teaching a class that students at the University of Iowa are able to take through collaboration and technology.

"We have a formal set-up for doing things like this," said Cahir. "That's a benefit of the CIC."

Additionally, Cahir praised interactions with administrators from other institutions in the CIC.

"The deans meet frequently," said Cahir. "I meet with my counterparts and we share information, notes, take positions on issues and set up conferences."

He said this dialogue also carries into the collaboration between professors. Professors involved in the same fields are often able to e-mail or discuss common problems or issues that they are facing, said Cahir.

Penn State has also seen a significant increase in the enrollment of minority students since joining the CIC.

"If you looked at the number of minority students we had in the 1960s, it was low," said Cahir. "Our numbers have since improved dramatically. I believe it is due to the CIC and the additional resources it brings to our students."

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With Big Ten universities generating over $1 billion in research each year and being known for their strong graduate programs, questions arise about how an expanded graduate program at Notre Dame would affect undergraduate education. Cahir had words to quiet those concerns.

"Undergraduate education has felt the positive effects of the CIC," said Cahir. "The CIC has greatly helped us in moving to a much better situation with undergraduate programs." Cahir also has help during this revolution of large universities bringing students to the forefront of learning and concentrating on the success of undergraduate students.

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Spike Lee: Racial images in movies, TV need changing

By CHRISTINE KRALY

Movie mogul Spike Lee turned heads and challenged minds at Valparaiso University Wednesday night when he spoke to an audience of students, faculty and local community members.

Hundreds packed the Valparaiso chapel to hear the controversial writer, director and producer address issues such as race, filmmaking and education.

"The focus is messed up," he said, adding that films do not always accurately portray African Americans.

"I have underserved..." Lee, who reminded everyone that February is Black History Month, said it is important that society recognizes the need for change in the way blacks are viewed, especially in the film industry.

"We need to expand what 'black' means. We're in this business to make money. We've got to turn it around..."

The problem with television

Much of American television today has a racial image problem, according to Lee, who said he has seen at least one dramatic show on TV with blacks as the main characters and that takes life seriously.

Shows such as Eddie Murphy's "The PJs" do little to enhance the image of blacks in America, in Lee's opinion, and of late he has been vocal in his criticism of the FOX show.

"To do a show about the projects like 'The PJs'..."

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Lee's fondest memories have been made in last year's "Dead Presidents," "Malcolm X" and "Do the Right Thing." He has also directed "Jungle Fever" and "Mo' Better Blues." The next film he plans to work on is a movie about the Negro Resistance Movement in the United States.

Lee said the problem lies with the networks themselves. Television networks like the WB and UPN, which Lee refers to as the "W-Brothers" and "U Peoples Network," respectively, need to be aware of the damage they are causing to the image of African Americans.

"Sometimes (people) don't think (they) have power," he said, but that people should write and raise their voices against demeaning programming and network heads will listen.

Changing Times

"The landscape of filmmaking was a lot different back then than it is now," stated Lee, reminiscing on how he first started out in the entertainment industry.

"Growing up in Brooklyn, I had no idea I wanted to be a filmmaker."

Lee spent most of his time at Morehouse sifting through elec-
tives, trying to figure out what he wanted to do with his life. It wasn't until the summer between his sophomore and junior years, however, that he realized his dream of filmmaking.

He then applied to the three top film schools in the country: the University of Southern California, UCLA and New York University. Being rejected by USC and UCLA helped form Lee's view on admission testing.

"I still feel that standardized testing cannot be the only criteria to judge and individual's merit or worth," he said.

Plagued by innocent anticipation, Lee's early days in filmmaking were stressful and unproductive.

"I was young and dumb..."

Lee said he has since learned that there is "no such thing as overnight success."

"We're making movies after 10 years of hard work and eating Spaghetti-Os."

His advice to aspiring filmmakers is "Don't expect to make a hit..."

Lee said he lost that overambitious ignorance that guided his pre-famous film work.

"I don't make movies to win awards, I said. "I don't imagine that any more."

When asked what he believes was his greatest obstacle in achieving fame and prestige, Lee wants to leave race out of the discussion.

"I refuse to believe that being African American has been my hardest struggle."

What he does not hesitate speaking out about is the difficulty society in which today's youth live.

"I've been doing drugs and crime have unfairly forced children to grow up early," according to Lee, whose fondest memories include the days when he would play with friends and spend afternoons in a movie theater.

"No one should be robbed of just being a child."

Spike Lee discussed race, filmmaking, and education Wednesday night at Valparaiso University.

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Arafat, Clinton plan joint prayer

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat affirmed Wednesday he intends to carry out the stalled West Bank accords with Israel. Protests were, meanwhile, over his planned meeting with President Clinton at a prayer breakfast.

Arafat, on a brief U.S. visit, is due to discuss peace prospects with Clinton at a prayer breakfast Thursday. But the spokesman for the breakfast chairman, Rep. Steve Largent, R-Okl., said Largent had asked Clinton last Friday "not to politicize the breakfast by having the meeting."

The spokesman, Brad Keene, said Largent supported Arafat's attendance but disapproved of Clinton's taking up controversial issues at the breakfast with the Palestinian leader.

Hundreds of Christian leaders plan to attend the 47th breakfast sponsored by members of Congress. But several Christian and Jewish groups have called for a boycott and accused Arafat of an unpatriotic terrorist past.

U.S. state department comments on release of Palestinian prisoners

Demonstrations are expected outside the breakfast hall called that evidence the breakfast had stalled the peace process.

"I am insistent on following up the peace process," Arafat told reporters Wednesday, after a 40-minute meeting with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

The process is stalled, with Arafat refusing to yield more land until Arafat's Palestinian Authority imposes tougher restraints on terrorism and promises to arrest suspects.

Arafat, in a brief exchange at the doorway of the State Department, did not say how he thought the process could be revived.

On another touchy subject, he said Palestinian leaders were grappling with the question of a Palestinian state. "This can't be commented on now," Arafat said.

The Clinton administration has urged Arafat to stop declaring his intention to set up a state next May if negotiations with Israel fail to produce what he wants.

In her meeting with Arafat, Albright also raised concerns about whether terrorist suspects are treated honestly by Palestinian authorities, State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said.

They also surveyed the stalled West Bank process and agreed to hold a meeting in mid-February of a joint U.S.-Palestinian commission to develop trade, scientific and cultural initiatives.

The Palestinian leader got a rare chance to argue his case, though, when the State Department announced it had no evidence to support Israeli assertions that suspects in attacks on Americans had been set free.

"Those charges, so far as we can tell, are simply not provable," Rubin said.

Rubin said the administration did not support a unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state which the Palestinians are not an option and will not be recognized by the United States, Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., said.

Rubin said the administration of the AIDS drug, for pregnant women to prevent mother-to-child transmission.

The death of two children in a French AIDS study has raised possible concerns about drug combinations used to prevent HIV-infected mothers from passing the virus to their babies during birth.

The use of the drug AZT to stop mother-to-child transmission of HIV is often cited as one of the greatest successes in efforts against AIDS. The drug can cut in half the risk, which is typically around 20 percent to 25 percent.

Since AZT's benefit in this area were shown five years ago, doctors in the United States and France have largely switched to using AZT in combination with 3TC, a similar AIDS drug, for pregnant women.

On Tuesday, Dr. Stephen Blanche and others from INSERM, the French research organization, presented preliminary results from a study that compared AZT alone to AZT plus 3TC. Of 194 babies born without AZT, two who took the drug combination developed a rare disorder and died in their first year of life.

AIDS drug combination may cause death

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Rubin said that would undermine the ability to negotiate a permanent status issue.

"We have made that point very clear to Mr. Arafat that a unilateral declaration of a Palestinian state is not an option and will not be recognized by the United States," Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., said.

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The disorder is caused by genetic damage to the mitochondrial DNA, which is a possible hazard of drugs like AZT and 3TC.

"We don't know if there is any link at all between the deaths and these drugs," cautioned Dr. Joseph Saba of the United Nations AIDS program. Indeed, experts cautioned that the two cases could be coincidental, and the drugs may not be involved in any way.

Blanche presented his data at "the 7th Conference, on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections. At the same conference on Monday, Saba released data from a study in Africa showing that giving just one week of the AZT-3TC combination significantly cuts the risk of transmitting HIV during childbirth.

Saba said that even though the treatment is widely used in industrialized countries, no one has seen any trend of mitochondrial damage or other unusual side effects in babies.

Dr. Kevin De Cock of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta said the CDC will investigate U.S. data to see if it turns up any health problems in the babies of women taking the combination.

In all, the French study will investigate the effects of 32 weeks of AZT and 3TC during pregnancy in the babies of 460 women. They will be compared with 499 who got AZT alone.

The preliminary results found that HIV was passed on to 3 percent of babies whose mothers got the combination and 7 percent receiving AZT alone.
WASHINGTON

A NATO-led peacekeeping force could be needed in Kosovo for three to five years to enforce any peace accord and might include up to 4,000 American troops, the Clinton administration told Congress on Wednesday.

In testimony at a Senate hearing, and in private briefings with lawmakers, President Clinton's national security team sought to persuade Congress for the possibility of a second U.S. ground commitment in the Balkans. U.S. troops have been in Bosnia for the past three years.

The Clinton team encountered considerable skepticism. The administration also shared with lawmakers a draft of a U.S.-sponsored peace plan that would dramatically reduce Serbian control over Kosovo and give the province considerable self-governance powers — while allowing some continued Serbian military presence.

The administration also pledged to provide a series of " benchmarks" to be used as a basis for extricating U.S. troops once they are introduced, congressional and administration sources said. Kosovo's ethnic Albanians have agreed to participate in weekend peace talks demanded by the United States and NATO allies as pressure increased on Serbia's hard-line government to join the talks. NATO has threatened airstrikes if Serbia and the rebels aren't talking by Saturday and closing a peace deal by Feb. 19 under talks organized by the United States and five European powers.

Some U.S. ground presence could be crucial to any peace accord because Kosovo's Albanians "would not feel confident of having a NATO force that doesn't have some representation by the United States," Defense Secretary William Cohen told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"They feel that, in fact, by participating in some measure on the ground, would give them the confidence they would not be attacked by Serb forces," Cohen predicted a three- to five-year stay, if troops are introduced, but said the U.S. ground presence would be "relatively small," and that Europeans should make up the bulk of the peacekeeping force. The United States would retain the lead responsibility for any airstrikes, he said.

"And in the most detailed description yet of what such a force might look like," Gen. Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the committee he envisioned an overall NATO presence of from 20,000 to 30,000 troops.

"Our numbers could be very low, down maybe as low as 2,000 to 4,000," Shelton said. "And I would see that being the maximum number that we would be asked to contribute, even if they decided to go in with 10,000." Shelton stressed that his figures were hypothetical because "the numbers are still being worked. The numbers that we would be asked to give would depend on what the Europeans say."

The administration had its work cut out for it in lobbying a Congress weary of the long entanglement in Bosnia and concerned about a decline in military readiness.

Sen. John Warner, (R-Va.), chairman of the Armed Services Committee, said that the administration had wide support in Congress for airstrikes if necessary, to force Yugo's sides to the bargaining table. But, he said, a U.S. ground presence was another issue — one for which the administration would have to make a persuasive case if a peace plan is put in place.

"At this juncture, there is a fork in the road," said Warner, who has advocated a U.S. ground presence for some time.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and National Security Adviser Sandy Berger later joined Warner and Shelton to give a private briefing to senators on the situation.

Later, Albright made a hostile presentation to deliver a major policy address on Kosovo to a foreign policy audience at the State Department.

A senior official, asking not to be identified, said Albright planned to explain why Kosovo was important to the United States. The official declined to say whether Albright planned to make any major disclosures in the speech.

The crucial issue is whether the People's Army of Kosovo would be under a U.S. or NATO command.

A draft of the peace plan shown to lawmakers would reduce the number of Serbian troops in the province from the current 25,000 to about 4,000, according to administration and congressional officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The plan would grant the province significant powers of self-government while limiting the future Serbian presence mainly to that of a border patrol.

At the State Department, spokesman James Rubin defended U.S. military presence in the province. "The fact of the matter is that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is a country, Kosovo is not." People might want to wish away the existence of Serbs, Rubin added. "But there are Serbs there. And there have been provocations on both sides in Kosovo."

Cohen said that any agreement leading to U.S. troops in Kosovo would have to be accepted by all the rival factions, including a commitment on the part of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and the Serbs. "There must be a shared burden," Cohen said. "Lawmakers expressed skepticism. "We have seen in Bosnia, we have been there for more than three years, and it wasn't just one deadline lapse — it was three," said Sen. Olympia Snowe, (R-Maine). "I just don't think anybody really knows exactly when the end point will come."

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Gephart aims to recapture House

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Acknowledging it was "the worst day of my Senate career," House Minority Leader Dick Gephart formally told Democratic lawmakers Wednesday he will forgo his last chance to lead the House for president and focus on winning back the House for his party.

"I have been flat out over the past few days," Gephart told more than 200 House Democrats and aides at a raucous pep rally in a Capitol hallway meeting. "When the 107th Congress convened in January of 2001, I went into that session with one clear goal: to recapture the House on behalf of the American people."

Since 1995, the 58-year-old Missouri Democrat has presided at the opening of three successive Congresses and tacked heavily to rechrist consecutive Republicans have controlled, giving the gavel to GOP Speaker Newt Gingrich and his successor, Dennis Hastert.

As House leaders swapped white-on-blue "Speaker Gephart" signs, Gephart called for "a new era of civility for a Congress that reflects the hopes and dreams of the people rather than the undisciplined rhetoric and small-mindedness on imposing their will on an entire nation."

Gephart never mentioned in his 11-minute speech that he had voted against seeking his par- ty's presidential nomination next year, nor did he mention the front-runner, Vice President Al Gore.

Gephart later by reporters, he said his prospects for winning that nomination or raising the millions of dollars needed to do with his decision.

"I made this a personal deci- decision for what in my heart and my mind would make the best contribution I could make for public service," he said.

Gephart supporters, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Gore's decision to step back the House was as important to Democratic initiatives as retaining the White House.

Gephart also believed he had a better chance to become speaker or president, they said.

Asked if he would endorse Gore — with whom he had breakfast Wednesday — Gephart said, "I haven't made any decision on any of that."

The vice president's absence, campaigning in New Hampshire, refused to say whether Gephart promised to endorse him or whether Gore requested his endorsement. "I have pledged to do everything in my power to help Democrats win back the House and make Dick Gephart speaker," Gore said.

He met with him earlier Wednesday, President Clinton called to express his regret that Gephardt had come back from his vacation Wednesday, the vice president said.

The House was expected to pass legislation to end a weeklong government shutdown, and the vote is scheduled to be Wednesday evening.

Association President Richard Trumik, attending a conference here, told reporters that his company will press lawmakers for legisla- tion giving companies access to cable's highest-speed lines. He also said US West will seek legisla- tion preventing it and the nation's four other Bell compa- nies to move across local calling boundaries, something they aren't allowed to do now.

AOL and Mindspring are going among groups urging the FCC to force cable giant Tele- communications Inc. to provide rival access to its high-speed lines as a condition of merging with AT&T. Analysts are saying that the FCC is not expected to impose that condition on the merger.

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Editorial: Lead, Don't Follow: Approve Clause Amendment

"They (homosexuals) must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination against them must be avoided."

When the University kicked GLNASC off campus in 1995, it kick-started an emotional and heated chain of rallies, controversies, and theological debates about gay rights at Notre Dame. As it stands, homosexuals receive no legal protection from Notre Dame against sexual orientation-based discrimination. This must change.

On Friday, the Board of Trustees—uninterested, it seems, in what makes the Church reject the active lifestyle and romantic feelings, the Church rejects the active lifestyle and romantic feelings.

Notre Dame contends that "frivolous lawsuits" could ensue from the clause amendment. But victims of discrimination need legal legs on which to stand, and by denying homosexuals undeserving of such protection, Notre Dame is sending its own discriminatory message.

This University should not or look down upon its homosexual students and faculty. Christ proclaims "love thy neighbor" because he loved and accepted all people; at a Catholic institution, it is rational to expect that each person would not only understand the spirit of that love, but protect it by it.

The Spirit of Inclusiveness was a good first step, but without the law behind it, it lacks backbone. The Spirit of Inclusion simply suggests that no one is discriminated against.

In terms of athletics, the powers-that-be have not even cited any genuine benefits of entering a new conference. There is the assertion that Notre Dame’s geographical centrality among its potential Big Ten opponents would decrease travel time and expenses. But the probable switch from air travel to bus travel for away games would increase travel time in many cases. Also, Big Ten scheduling nuances are projected to cause more class absences for certain athletes.

Volleyball coach Debbie Brown expressed excitement about the strength of composition in the Big Ten, but even she cannot justify the switch from the Big East.

"I just looking at what’s best for our kids.

"If you eliminate smoking and gambling you will be amazed to find that almost all Enlishman’s pleasures can be, and mostly are, shared by his dog."

— George Bernard Shaw
Yesterday, the front page of the New York Times blared: "DAMAGED BY TRIAL, SENATE'S STANDING SINKS IN NEW POLLS." The additions to the headline contain a gloomy forecast of Republican losses in the 1997 elections. The combination of the securely moored polling truth that, in contrast.

Brandon Williams

was Senate secure and a polling truth that, in contrast. the media places some first year law students, the media places the case for the impeachment trial, air attacks on IRAQ, the media places a new New York Times poll of a little over 1,000 American adults. Initially, the story is that the American people still approve of President Clinton (an effective steward of a booming economy) and approval of Republican presidents, the effective steward of a booming economy.)

My question is, who cares? According to the poll, 56 percent of the American electorate approves of the way the Senate handled the impeachment trial. Fifty-one percent would have been more satisfied if the trial was conducted in a manner that was "neutral" and 55 percent agree that the allegations of sexual misconduct are "serious and substantial enough and the matter should be deferred". In all the veracity dressing of "The Poll" as the voice of some new authoritative deity called "The people," only 19 percent of respondents said that they had been following the trial closely. In other words, although these people aren't, the political reversal alien-love goes on. "Abortion for everyone!" The crowd boos again. Thinking for a moment, he then proclaims, "Abortion for those to a deep love which would gladly lead to sharing with others. The Pope argues that the greater and more substantial concern is for those in need of food and shelter. The Pope argues that the greater and more substantial concern is for those in need of food and shelter.

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He was justified reforms, as the poor were The Poor: "The rich," Chrysostom states, "are in possession of the goods of the poor, even if they have acquired them honestly or inherited them legally." If the rich allow the poor to go hungry (as nearly a billion impoverished persons go hungry in our world today), they are "a species of bandits."

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strength of reverence is not what makes Notre Dame special. Its dedication is to the needs and concerns of its student-athletes is what makes Notre Dame special. Indeed, Notre Dame football has flourished outside the confines of a conference. Independent status paved the way for a lucrative television contract with NBC, which not only provides Notre Dame with a major source of revenue, but also creates national exposure for the football team.

Additional exposure emanates from the geographic diversity of the teams that highlight Notre Dame's yearly schedules. Since the members of the class of '99 were freshmen, the football team has played games at Washington, Texas, NCAA, Stanford, Boston College, Pittsburgh, LSU, Hawaii and four major Big Ten schools. The benefits of this exposure in the recruiting process cannot be underestimated. Though some coaches have indicated that their recruiting philosophy and focus would not change with Big Ten membership, there can be no doubt that many players would have second thoughts about attending Notre Dame without its television contract and inter-regional schedule. And despite the coaches' attempts to present a positive outlook on the situation, it seems that none would choose Big Ten membership over continued independence. Recruiting Midwest's talent is not what makes Notre Dame special. Its ability to capture the hearts and souls of students from far and wide is what makes Notre Dame special.

Ironically, the Big Ten's historical rejection of Notre Dame is the reason that the football program remains independent. According to Murray Sperber, author of Upward to Victory, anti-Catholic sentiment was a strong contributing factor in the conference's repeated decisions of the University's applications for admission throughout the early part of the century.

Neither the Big Ten nor the CIC currently boasts a Catholic member. In fact, almost every one of universities that comprise the CIC are publicly operated and have an absolute obligation whatsoever to take the concerns of a Catholic university into consideration. Given the Notre Dame administration's endless use of rhetoric regarding the Catholic character of the University for the purposes of defending its outdated and discriminatory policies toward particular members of the Notre Dame family, the desire to form a partnership with the Big Ten is outrageous.

Ultimately, the Big Ten and CIC are organizations that have discriminated against Notre Dame in the past on the basis of its Catholic character, and they are organizations that reserve the right to engage in research and other activities that fly in the face of Catholicism our university purports to uphold. In accepting a partnership with these organizations' members, Notre Dame is selling its soul for the secular interests of a powerful few. According to the Student Senate, the Campus Life Council and the student body president, the undergraduate population of Notre Dame opposes Big Ten affiliation. According to Elizabeth Tiernan, president of the Alumni Association, the alumni who had contacted her were strongly opposed to membership in the conference. According to several professors, the Faculty Senate vote in favor of CIC partnership was not representative of the faculty as a whole.

Administrative bullying and greed are not what make Notre Dame special. Its dedicated students, loyal alumni and passionate faculty are what make Notre Dame special. The fact could on end on, but the central point remains: If Notre Dame continues to join the Big Ten and the CIC are not for Notre Dame.

Why am I fasting? In short, I am fasting in support of Catholic values. There is a popular bumper sticker that reads "Hate is not a family value." Since the Laramie, Wyoming, Ramparts and Family Life Center are presenting "Hate is not a Family Value," I am fasting in support of Catholic values. Discrimination is hate. Discrimination is anti-Catholic. Discrimination is wrong. As Pope John XXIII put it: "This is why I am fasting. Meg Petersen Center for Civil and Human Rights.

Mary Margaret Penrose
LIM Candidate, Notre Dame Law School Center for Civil Human Rights

February 2, 1999

REVIEWPOINT

Hypocrisy?

Hmmmhhh ...

THUS, HERE YOU QUESTION IF WE SHOULD EVEN ROTHER WITH A DEBATE THAT CENTERS ON ENSURING/DENYING THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF A MINORITY GROUP. SOUNDS A LOT TO ME LIKE THE KIND OF ARGUMENT THAT PREVENTED THE NAACP FROM FUNCTIONING HASSMENT-FREE IN THE SOUTH IN THE 1960's. OR THE KIND THAT PUTTED BON-FIRES OF BOOKS IN GERMANY 60 YEARS AGO.

Throughout the course of this year, I have followed closely the ongoing debate over the non-discrimination clause, one which will be resolved in South (alas in theory) this week-end in London. Time and again during this period I have noted with amaze ment that with each passing week arguments seem to grow more spirited, and their respective components more impassioned. I must admit that by no means am I as focused in this issue as many of my fellow students, and that this fact likely contributes to my naivete of my convictions.

This is not, however, the real cause for concern; the major concern is not what make the arguments for and against the inclusion of the non-discrimination clause in the past few months, but it seems to me that this year's Mr. Hannan has little at all to do with this issue. For it seems to me, you are by no means indicting one side, rather the fact that the argument is one of principle, or rather the fact that the argument is one of principle, or rather the fact that the argument is one of principle.

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Just last weekend I checked on democracy it was supposed to do the same thing. Perhaps if other, once considered "petty" problems had been addressed in places such as Laramie, Wyoming, and the like, it would have been a feasible discussion.

Paul A. Caramazza
Catholic Student Union, Farmhouse, Dillon Hall

February 3, 1999

Letter to the Editor

Fast against Discrimination, Fast for the Family, Fast for Catholic Values
Fun in the sun: Spring Break

For those of you who love to wait to the last minute to make Spring Break plans, Scene provides you with some alternatives to spending the week in South Bend.

Still contemplating Spring Break? Do visions of warm beaches, tropical mixed drinks and tiny bathing suits float through your mind?

Not to be the bearer of bad news, but, this dream is about to shatter. As Spring Break approaches, flights begin to fill up and the ultimate party package that a couple of months ago seemed reasonable will now break your budget. But, for you — the one in the computer lab at four a.m. last night — there is still hope for the hopeless procrastinator.

Thanks to United Limo, the full flights out of South Bend won’t stop you from making your ultimate spring break get-away a reality. For those big spenders out there, the sky is the limit. How about a trip to Jamaica? It’ll only cost you from $637-717 based upon a four or five person estimate. This trip includes hotel, tax, flight, a party package, transfers to and from the airport and a room at a cliff-side property.

For the less adventurous, who have visions of domestic beauties and books in mind, Key West is your ultimate destination. Imagine you and a member of the opposite sex in a warm, parochial-free environment. While you snuggle up to that irresistible other, remember that you are enacting the ultimate Notre Dame romance (after all it’s destined to be over within a week). This trip will cost $259-800 for a seven-night stay at a hotel and $400-450 for a flight out of Chicago.

While Cancun and Orlando are popular destinations, it seems like there’s always room for more. For those of you who don’t have free access to your father’s bank account, this trip is for you. A flight to Orlando, five nights in a hotel and tax will cost $288. And sorry, free covers at Pleasure Island aren’t included. Cancun, however, does offer all the free covers and drinks you want, but, I’ll let you decide if you’re getting a deal. This trip includes beach-front property, a flight out of Chicago, tax, transfers and a party package for $745.

“If you have friends studying abroad, call them up, write out and send some-care packages,” says former Anthony Travel employee Bridget Holland. Often times flights to Europe are cheaper than those in the U.S. Flights to London are $288 out of O'Hare plus a $17 tax. But you can’t procrastinate much longer.

If the typical spring break meat market isn’t your thing, then there may still be a possibility to take a seminar in Washington, D.C. through the Center for Social Concerns. As you plead with the staff at the CSC, you’ll think it’s still DART time because the official application due date was January 28. But according to Jay Brandenburger, director of the seminar, applications are still being accepted.

“All the other seminars are full, but the seminar on violence and nonviolence in American life might still be accepting applicants,” said Brandenburger.

This one credit program provides an understanding into the problem of violence in the United States and an exploration into its solutions. Yes, out-of-class assignments are included, but this is one Spring Break trip you can feel proud of after your return home.

As my assignment ends yours is just beginning. According to Anthony Travel agent Kayleen Carr “things have been pretty picked over,” so it’s time to put aside the dawdling and get going. While Spring Break seems zoom away to the typical college student, the long lines at the travel agency will surely inject a dose of reality into any procrastinator.

Still looking for that ultimate Spring Break getaway? Check out these prices.

**Orlando:**
- Five nights stay in hotel and round-trip airfare: $828
- Jamaica:
  - Hotel, tax, flight and party package: $863-717
- Key West:
  - Seven nights stay in hotel: $259-800
  - Round-trip airfare: $425
- London:
  - Flight only (out of Chicago): $288, plus international tax
- Cancun:
  - Hotel, flight and party package: $745
SCENE THROUGH OUR EYES

Parrothead Wisdom

By SARAH DYLAG
Scene Editor

Tropical Islands, late nights and long sunny days on the beach spent sleeping off hangovers. Welcome to Spring Break. But, for those of you planning seven days of fun in the sun during the first week of March—don’t make the mistake of thinking you’re not going to learn anything on your vacation. Sure, you’ll pack your books away and vow not to study. You’ll boycott the reading assignments your professors gave you and promise to try any extra brain cells under the afternoon sun or in the midst of evening activities. But you can’t escape it. Because in the background of your tropical paradise, somewhere, someone will be playing Jimmy Buffett music. It’s almost a requirement for any true Spring Break adventure. And, thus, as the music floats to your ears through salty, ocean air, you will acquire vast and unparalleled knowledge.

All you really need to know about life comes from a Jimmy Buffett song. Philosopher, engineers, poets and overprotective parents may debate this fact, but the truth cannot be ignored. When it comes to adventure, money, romance, relationships and fun, Buffett has it all figured out. Take, for example, the advice he offers about life in general in “Now and Then.” With infinite wisdom, he tells his listeners, “If you leave it then somebody else is bound/ to find that treasure that moment of pleasure/ when yours, it might have been.” Although he never defines the elusive “it,” the message of the line is clear—“carpe diem.” Don’t be afraid to reach out and chase after what you want because if you don’t take a risk, you might never know what could have been.

Perhaps you need some advice about money. Look no further than the insightful “A Pirate Look at Forty.” Here, Buffett explains how he “had enough money to buy Miami, but pissed it away so fast. Never meant to last.” In other words, money slips through your hands like water and it can’t buy happiness. A trite cliche, perhaps, but one that we all need to remember as we set out trying to figure out the rest of our lives. Instead of money, look for something more meaningful and you’ll probably be a lot more successful.

Or, maybe you’re just looking for a little adventure in your life. Of course, the king of crazy adventures has all of the answers—To have adventure, one must stay open to new experiences. As the story in “Last Mango in Paris” ends, “There’s still so much to be done.” Setting and reaching goals is always an accomplishment, but it doesn’t end until you stop breathing—so don’t ever stop. Life will throw you new adventures everyday.

The list could continue, but the lyrics will be more effective if you pick up a Buffett CD for yourself—there are more than enough to choose from. Let it play in the background while you soak up the Spring Break rays and you will return to this Midwestern paradise a much smarter and highly enlightened individual.

Once you grasp the simple Parrothead concept that life does not have to be as serious as we make it, a lifetime of adventures can begin. You can live happily ever after, every now and then. And you’ll have Spring Break to thank for it.

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NBA

Knicks lose Oakley, Starks, sign Sprewell

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The most important change to the New York Knicks might not be the addition of Latrell Sprewell. It could be the subtraction of Charles Oakley.

The Knicks enter the lock-out-shortened 1999 season with a drastically altered roster. The talent seems to be there so there's no toughness has been reduced.

Gone are Oakley, the heart and soul of the 1993-94 championship team. He was traded to the Toronto Raptors for Starks, the spark plug off the bench, and veterans Chris Mills and Terry Cummings.

In their place are Sprewell, the three-time All-Star known for his toughness and scoring, and a host of others including Marcus Camby, Kurt Thomas, Dennis Scott, David Wingate and Janeth Dean.

"It's a whole different team in there," said Herb Williams, who along with Patrick Ewing is the only holdover from the Knicks that went to the NBA Finals just five years ago, losing its seven-game series to the Houston Rockets.

No longer will opponents fear the Knicks' Oakley when they drive the lane. The addition of Latrell whether Starks will come off the bench to quickly sink three-pointer.

Now, opponents will struggle to know which Knicks is the best, and problems could develop to make it past the second round of the playoff picture. The additions of Houston, Larry Johnson, Chris Childs, Charlie Ward and question marks others.

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2)Former SIU guard Larry Hughes

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Lakers look to sign Rodman

LOS ANGELES

Dennis Rodman and the Lakers would be a marriage made in hell, Hollywood, and the team is definitely interested in the seven-time rebounding champ.

However, a couple of pressing questions remain. For one, does Rodman really want to play for Los Angeles? For another, when will he officially hire an agent, or will he represent himself?

The Los Angeles Times reported today that Lakers executive vice president Jerry West spoke Tuesday with Rodman's new agent, Steve Chasman, and was awaiting word from the 37-year-old forward.

Rodman has played on five of the last 10 NBA champions, including the last three with the Chicago Bulls.

"We've discussed it, but everyone's putting the cart before the horse," West told the Times. "We don't have any idea whether there's any interest on his part."

According to the newspaper, Chasman plans to discuss the situation with Rodman, who has said he would like to stay for the Orlando Magic, but also has shown interest in the Lakers. Houston and Minnesota are also interested.

However, leave it to the zany Rodman to do things differently. Chasman is not a certified agent with the players' union, meaning he can't negotiate a contract for Rodman.

Dwight Manley used to represent Rodman, but ended his affiliation with him last week. So from a legal standpoint, Rodman is currently without an agent, union spokesman Dan Wasserman said.

Players can represent themselves and have counsel or a lawyer present during talks, but they cannot have that person sign or negotiate for him if he is not certified with the National Basketball Players Association.

"The player is entitled to represent himself, and he can seek advice from anyone he chooses, but that person can only advise him," Wasserman said.

Wasserman said there are a number of players, such as Milwaukee's Ray Allen and the recently retired Buck Williams, who don't have agents and negotiate their own contracts.

The Lakers can offer Rodman a veteran minimum starting salary of $1 million under the new labor deal. Rodman has earned $18 million in the last two seasons with the Bulls.

Court to decide Tyson's fate

WASHINGTON

The two men Mike Tyson attacked at a tender bender think the former heavyweight champ shouldn't go to jail.

The prosecutor feels otherwise.

The opinion that counts is that of Judge Stephen Johnson, who on Friday will determine whether Tyson's latest comeback is done after just one fight.

Johnson will sentence the fighter on two counts of second-degree assault, prompting a decision in Indiana on whether Tyson violated his probation for a 1991 rape conviction.

"If he goes to jail here, it's much, much more likely he'll go to jail there," said Paul Kemp, Tyson's lawyer.

Johnson must determine whether Tyson is "nothing less than a time bomb buried in our back yard" — as argued by Montgomery County State's Attorney Douglass Gansler — or a "different Mike" who has taken well to therapy and has become a more caring person — as put forth by his assistant Shelley Finkel and others.

On Aug. 31, Tyson kicked one motorist and punched another after a minor three-car accident in the Washington suburb of Gaithersburg. On Dec. 1, Tyson pleaded no contest — meaning he neither protests the assault charges nor admits guilt — and could receive up to 20 years' imprisonment.

He acted inappropriately that day, Tyson's wife, Monica, who was driving when the accident occurred, told The Washington Post. "But he never intentionally struck anyone."

The two victims, Alonzo Sandoval and Richard Hardner, were paid an undisclosed amount to avoid a civil suit shortly before Tyson's plea.

Both will be present Friday, ready to testify on Tyson's behalf.

"Any inference that we've been purchased or bribed is the whole truth," said Sandoval's lawyer, Glenn Culpepper.

"From the very beginning, my client said he didn't want him to be convicted, he wanted him to be helped."

Tyson's lawyer, who will ask for probation, plans to call character witnesses, including one from a Washington homeless shelter where Tyson has been doing volunteer work.

He will also point out Tyson's goodwill acts while training in Arizona — he visited teen-age inmates and paid for the funeral of a 2-year-old girl shot to death.

Tyson, who lives in Bethesda, Md., is undergoing therapy at Georgetown University.

"I think that his actions speak for themselves. You're seeing a different Mike," Finkel said. "This was a minor accident. The two defendants united with him and said they wanted him to get help, and that's what happened. What more can you ask?"

The prosecution sees things differently. The prosecutor quoted the November Playboy interview in which Tyson called himself a "hailful individual" and said, "I know I'm going to blow one day."

"The state need go no further than the defendant's own statements to arrive at the conclusion that (he) is not only volatile, but dangerous," Gansler said.

Gansler also details Tyson's rape conviction in Indiana, seven brushes with the law as a juvenile, as well as the infamous fight in which Tyson bit off part of Evander Holyfield's ear in June 1997. Tyson subsequently had his boxing license revoked for a year before returning to knock out Francois Botha in a comeback bout last month.

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Saint Mary's falls short against Kalamazoo

By MOLLY McVOY
Sports Writer

Once again, just when it seemed the Belles might turn the game around, a weak second half keyed a 75-49 loss to the Hornets of Kalamazoo.

"They didn't show up," said assistant coach Darcy Nikes of the Belles' second-half performance. "Everything we taught them in practice just left their minds."

The Belles had a six-point lead at one point in the first half and appeared to have control in the beginning of the game. But it was Kalamazoo that came to play in the second half, shooting .621 from the floor, .909 from the free-throw line and a perfect record from behind the three-point line.

At one point, the Hornets went on a six-minute scoring spree, taking the game from 41-36 with 12 minutes remaining to 56-36 with 6:15 left to play. But playing with this energy, the Hornets erased what seemed like one of the Belles' better first halves of basketball.

Going into the second half, Saint Mary's was only behind by four, and they had the momentum of the game. "In the first half, the defense was great," said Nikes. "We really played with a lot of confidence and control."

The full court press the Belles instituted in the first half seemed to stop the Hornets, but after half-time Kalamazoo figured out the Belles' defensive strategy and shut down their offense.

Kalamazoo's leading scorer, Robin Fullman, helped the Hornets outscore Saint Mary's 48-26 in the second period of play. "We knew what we had to accomplish," said Fullman. "In the first half, we didn't execute, but, in the second half, we came out to play."

A major factor in that scoring ability was Kalamazoo's rebounding. Saint Mary's was out-rebounded 35-14 at their basket — if the Belles' first shot did not drop, that was their only chance.

This inconsistency has actually typified the season for the young Belles. With only five league games left, they need to prove they can play competitively for the full 40 minutes and rise above their 0-11 league record this week.

The Belles face Calvin College on Saturday and then head to Alma and Albion before returning home to face Defiance.

The Saint Mary's basketball team hopes to rebound from its 75-49 loss to Kalamazoo when it faces Calvin College this Saturday.

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The Recovery of Black Presence in the Bible is the second part of our 2-part series on Africentric Spirituality at the University of Notre Dame. Just as we have revived the history of Black Catholics, we continue Black History Month by recovering the personal histories of our Black biblical ancestors. Whether examining the life of Moses in Exodus or the Ethiopian Eunuch in Acts of the Apostles, resurrecting our stories and reclaiming their virtue is key to recovering the cultural experiences and perspectives of Black people in the Bible. Africentric Spirituality is the sacred intermingling of African and African American cultures and the Christian faith. Traditionally, people of African descent believe that the spirit of God is present in both the sacred and secular, as life and its unfolding reflect God’s intimate and eternal relationship with humanity. For Black people, it is in the storytelling, the sharing, the sacred writings and songs that remind us of the power inherent in God’s gift of sacred scripture. Africentric spirituality is the outward expression of this gift. We seek and embrace God’s presence through the language, thoughts, insights, and social and religious philosophies revealed in the personalities and experiences recounted in the Old and New Testament. Like Hagar, men and women of African descent permeate the pages of the Bible. We are challenged to recast and reconstruct their stories and experiences in the power of their personal testimonies.

On Wednesday, February 10 and Thursday, February 11, Campus Ministry will continue the Black History Month celebration by welcoming renowned scripture scholar Rev. Dr. Randall C. Bailey to South Bend. The Andrew W. Mellon Assistant Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. Bailey will present the lecture entitled The Black Presence in the Bible: Reading the Book of Joshua - Through the Eyes of the Indigenous People: The Task for Oppressed People in the U.S. He will encourage us to read the Book of Joshua by examining the story of the liberation/resistance struggle of the Canaanites and Gibeonites, the indigenous - people of Canaan at the time of the Israelite occupation. Searching for the voices of the marginalized and dispossessed will expand and challenge our traditional view of Old Testament social history.

Dr. Bailey will present the lecture twice: once at Notre Dame in the Hesburgh Library Lounge on Wednesday, February 10 at 4:30 p.m., and again on Thursday, February 11 at 7:00 p.m. at Greater St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Dr. Billy Kirk, pastor. All are invited as we offer this challenging and thought provoking biblical perspective to the entire South Bend community.

Black History Month at the University of Notre Dame will be the recovery of our sacred memory as we reflect on those who have touched our lives and left a lasting mark on how we see God and the world. From prophet, king, and Messiah to pope, bishop and religious educator, an Africentric cultural consciousness has contributed faithfully to the life and ministry of the Judeo-Christian church. This two part series will take us through a journey which exposes an unwavering conviction of a people who were and continue to be faith manifest. Please join us in our celebration.

Chandra J. Johnson
Assistant to the President
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Sophomore Mary Letters and the Irish volleyball squad received a major boost yesterday when Kaitlin McEwen signed a letter of intent.

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Notre Dame roster gains new recruit

Special to The Observer

While most students kept their eyes on the football team during national signing day, it wasn't the only sport in which players were being admitted.

Yesterday afternoon, the Notre Dame volleyball team announced the signing of middle blocker Kaitlin McEwen to part of Notre Dame's class of 2003.

"We're very pleased to have her," head coach Debbie Brown said. "She's not some-one who's that well-known, but we believe she has the potential for tremendous growth.

McEwen, a native of Dallas, Texas, who moved to Baton Rouge, La., played her senior season at Bishop Sullivan High School.

During her time there, she was an all-state selection, district MVP, a two-time all-tournament selection and a composite all-state academic team honoree.

As a team captain, she led Bishop Sullivan to a bi-district championship and an undefeated district record with 293 kills, 181 blocks, 114 digs and 56 aces on the season.

"When I took my visit, it was so overwhelming," McEwen said. "I loved the coaching staff and fit in with the team very well. It just seemed like it was the place I wanted to be."

During her junior volleyball season at Lake Highlands High Schools in Dallas, McEwen averaged 4.4 kills per game and recorded 320 kills, 89 blocks and 194 digs while starting on the basketball team.

"Kaitlin is someone who we believe has a very high top end," Brown said. "She'll be able to learn a lot her freshman season with training, patience and hard work."

Currently, McEwen plays for the New Orleans-based Cajunland volleyball club team after playing for the Lake Highlands Volleyball Club while in Dallas.

"I'm looking to contribute in anyway I can," McEwen said. "I don't know what my role on the team will be, but I'm sure I'll find it when I arrive there."

Current members of the Notre Dame volleyball team were positive about the decision.

"We're so happy that she's coming," sophomore middle blocker Jo Jameson said about the decision. "She's got really big shoes to fill with the departure of senior Lindsey Treadwell, but she'll be able to fill them."

Waldrum continued from page 28

Angels Skyhawks and the Indianapolis Baredevils of the American Soccer League.

"I am anxious to meet the team," Waldrum said. "I've worked with some of them with the under-20 national team so hopefully that will make the transition easier. The people at Notre Dame have been very welcoming and I'm looking forward to earth throughout the whole process. They really gave me a comfortable feeling."

Waldrum becomes the third coach of Notre Dame women's soccer which has been in existence since 1988. Petrocelli coached the Irish for nine seasons and was preceded by Dennis Grace, who coached for two.

Waldrum was not the initial candidate for the vacant position at Notre Dame. Clive Charles, director of soccer at Portland, rejected the offer to coach Notre Dame soccer. In addition to his duties at Portland, Charles coaches the U.S. National men's team.

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McGraw leads Irish to national success

By ANTHONY BLANCO
Assistant Sports Editor

Through most of Notre Dame's record-breaking season, it has been the players who have garnered all the accolades.

But as the Irish entered the week ranked sixth in the nation by the Associated Press, it was time for Coach Muffet McGraw to get a glimpse of the limelight.

By mentoring the Irish to their best-ever start, an 18-2 record that has them leading the Big East, McGraw has guided Notre Dame to three-straight NCAA tournament appearances and five overall — the only Irish coach to lead a team to the tournament.

In 1997, the Irish capped a miracle season with a trip to the Final Four as Notre Dame claimed the East Regional championship. Last season, her squad finished with a 22-10 mark and advanced to the Sweet 16.

Yet McGraw is leading a team she believes well will surpass all of the above.

"I look at this team, and compared to our [1997] Final Four team, I think this team is much better," she said. "I think that we can be even better than we are right now."

Getting better, commented senior forward Niele Ivey, takes the right kind of coach.

"She's brought us where we are today," Ivey said. "I came in as a freshman and we were in the Final Four and she wanted us to get better. I knew she was that kind of coach, she knows what to say, she knows the game so well, she really knows how to get us going."

"One of 15 finalists for the award, which is sponsored by the Atlanta Tipoff Club, McGraw represents the Big East along with Geno Auriemma (Connecticut) and C. Vivian Stringer (Rutgers)."

With its 74-59 win over Boston College, the Notre Dame women's basketball team improves its record to 18-2, rebounds, but today they had 20. I think that was the biggest difference," McGraw said. "We made some mistakes in that we fouled her a lot. She took some off-balance shots, but I think we let her off the hook by fouling her.

"Danielle Green had a double-double (14 points, 11 rebounds) and McMillen added 13 points.

"They've got too much balance," Mangina said. "They've got kids that can drive from the outside, McMillen's a threat from the three-point line and they have the big one inside. Even though they had a bad shooting night, had too many weapons. We couldn't just set everyone on Riley. We had to be honest with all their players."

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Women's boxing club takes off on campus

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

In its second year as a club sport, the Notre Dame Women's Boxing Club has gained as much attention as it has participation.

One-hundred sixty women joined the club in its novice season last fall, while 60 members are currently participating in the spring veteran program.

"We got a huge amount of women in the novice program because of the novelty of the sport," said senior co-captain and club founder Aimee Catrow. "The women come to find out what boxing's all about.

The novice program is coached by the five captains of the squad and teaches newcomers in the sport the fundamentals of boxing, while providing intense strength and conditioning training.

"Most of the women come in never having fought a day in their life," junior co-captain Brittany Crawford said. "They're fresh and new so we teach them from the ground up.

The four- to five-week session in the fall focuses on mastering of basic boxing techniques, such as stance and footwork, as well as individual and combination punches.

These lessons are coupled with a daily workout routine that typically consists of a three-mile run, 200 push-ups, and as many as 500 crunches.

"Our goal for the novice season is to get everyone up to speed with the basics," said senior co-captain Carrie Hanagan. "We try to spend more time with the beginners to increase the individual skill level of the women and increase the strength of the program as a whole.

The entire season brings together women who have completed the novice program in the fall and experienced boxers from past seasons and focuses on sparring and more advanced technique.

Club members do not compete in tournaments, but do spar with each other in the ring.

"The point of sparring is to learn how to box and display our skills, not just beat each other up," said sophomore co-captain Meghan McCarthy. "It's very controlled.

The captains stress that boxing is a complicated and skilled sport.

"There's a misconception about boxing," said Crawford. "It's not what you see on television. It's just as much a mental challenge as a physical one."

This season, the club plans to organize the sparring matches differently than in past seasons.

"In order to have more matches, we have to go to a bracket system, not according to weight, but according to skill," said Catrow. "It will help on an organizational level so that the women can spar with all the women with the same skill."

Dedication and a commitment to hard work define the attitude of the members of the Women's Boxing Club. With no tournaments in which to compete, participants often receive little recognition for their accomplishments.

"That these women pour out sweat and tears everyday at practice shows their love for the sport," said Catrow. "The club has gone beyond all of my expectations."

The generosity of others has helped the club grow tremendously. University regulations require a couch to be present during all sparring bouts.

Volunteer coaches from the Men's Boxing Club regularly attend practices and provide further instruction and supervision of the stand up amateur fighting. An anonymous donation of 60 pairs of boxing gloves this week will also benefit the club as it seeks to attract even more participation in the coming seasons.

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BRITTANY CRAWFORD
WOMEN'S BOXING CLUB CO-CAPTAIN

Senior Jenn Bonita practices her boxing techniques as women prepare to spar next week in one of Notre Dame's most popular clubs.
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Arlington, Texas

"He's an anchor at the defensive tackle... He's got extremely quick feet, quick hands and he's an anchor in the middle... He's great against the run and also has the explosiveness to put a lot of pressure on the quarterback. I think he could be a great defensive tackle," says Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming.

Notes: A USA Today first-team All-American defensive lineman, Hilliard had 72 tackles in '98, including 11 for losses. He also caused five fumbles and blocked two kicks while helping lead the last high school football team to a 9-2 record. He was ranked the 21st best prospect in the country by Tom Lemming.

SEAN MILLIGAN
Offensive Line
6-4, 285
Norcross, Georgia

"He's probably one of the toughest, most aggressive, hard-nosed linemen I've seen in the country this year. He'll probably end up playing guard, but he has no prisoners attitude. He's one of the top five or six linemen in the country."

Notes: A great run blocker, Milligan was named to USA Today's All-American second team as an offensive lineman. He was recently rated the 86th best prospect by ESPN.com and 40th nationally by the Chicago Sun-Times. He was also named one of the 50 top prospects and one of six offensive linemen in Georgia by the Atlanta Journal Constitution.

NEIL AMBRO
Offensive Line
6-7, 305
Littleton, Colorado

"Another very athletic offensive lineman. He can play both guard and center. He's got a frame to get over 300 pounds. He may be the fastest of the bunch... I think he has a high ceiling in his potential," says Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming.

Notes: He is described as one of the stronger and tougher recruits. At Littleton High School, he played both on both the offensive and defensive lines. Ambron earned USA Today honorable mention All-American selection. The Chicago Sun-Times listed him as the 86th best player.

 DARRELL CAMPBELL
Defensive Line
6-4, 245
South Holland, Illinois

"He may have the highest ceiling of all the defensive linemen in the Midwest this year... I thought he was the fastest offensive player in Chicago... They're ecstatic about him, Greg Mattison and all the people who saw him thought he was one of the best in the country as they had seen..."

Notes: A USA Today honorable mention prep all-American pick who the Chicago Sun-Times ranked 82nd. He was first-team all-state pick in Illinois by the Chicago Tribune. A versatile player, Campbell played defensive end as a sophomore, linebacker as a junior and nose guard as a senior. He made 67 solo tackles as senior in '98, along with 13 tackles for loss and four sacks.

GLEN EARL
Defensive Back
6-1, 195
Naperville, Illinois

"He was another guy who came out of nowhere in Chicago... He's one of the fastest in the world and not the most physical but he's got a presence and always seems to be around the ball."

Notes: A USA Today honorable mention pick, Earl played wide receiver and defensive back at Naperville North High School and has good cover skills and size for a cornerback. In addition to being named first-team All-State and DuPage Valley's top defensive player, he made 58 tackles and four interceptions while leading his team to a 10-3 record.

JOSEPH HILDBOLD
Kicker/Punter
5-10, 170
Fairfax, Virginia

"He's a good, steady punter with a very good hang time."

Notes: Hildbold is the most probable choice to take over as punter following Hunter Smith's departure. He averaged 39.7 yards per punt in '98, while earning Virginia first-team all-state honors. For the season, opponents only gained 22 yards in punt returns against him, while 21 of his 37 kickoffs were for touchbacks.

JULIUS JONES
Running Back
5-10, 185
Big Stone Gap, Virginia

"He's more of the thoroughbred type back. He's got good size, good speed and good moves. He's got everything. People say he's better than his brother Tom Jones who's a star back at Virginia.""--- Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: A honorable mention USA Today prep All-American. Jones helped the Powell Valley High School football team to 28 straight victories and two state titles in '97 and '98. For his career, he had 5,788 yards rushing with 95 TDs. His senior year, he had 2,244 yards and 37 TDs. Julius' brother, Tom, was the University of Virginia's leading rusher this season.

JIM MOLINARO
Defensive Line
6-6, 245
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

"I think he can possibly wind up being an offensive lineman. He's tall, athletic and has good feet. He's got a frame where he can put on more weight... He probably needs a bit of work and it's way up in a couple of years but he's a big guy with athletic ability," says Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming.

Notes: Possibly the best defensive lineman in Pennsylvania. Molinaro had 29 assists, one and a half sacks, six forced passes and three fumbled passes this season while helping his team to a 7-4 record. As a junior, he had 46 tackles, six of them solo, to go along with two and a half sacks and 14 forced passes while being named the East Penn Conference outstanding offensive lineman.

JEFF FAINE
Offensive Line
6-3, 230
Saint Mary, Florida

"Faine is the top center in the country-a hard-working guy... He's explosive, technically sound and especially real strong. He's got all the tools to be the center in a couple years."

Notes: A USA Today first-team prep All-American, Faine was one of the five offensive linemen from Florida to be offered a scholarship to Nebraska; He had 77 pancake blocks as a senior while being named to the Super Southern 100 team by the Atlanta Journal Constitution. A powerful lineman, he was named 68th best prospect by the Sporting News.

JASON BECKSTROM
Defensive Back
5-10, 185
Jenks, Oklahoma

"I think he's got great potential as a cornerback. He's an extremely quick guy, anticipates well and shows great range and he can be physical when he wants... He's got outstanding skills and could be a big addition to the cornerback position."

Notes: He is a quick player who helped Jenks High School team to its third straight Oklahoma Class 6A state title and seventh straight district title. His high school defensive unit didn't permit more than nine total yards in a game over the last four regular-season contests.

JOEL POREE
Offensive Back
5-10, 185
New Orleans, Louisiana

"He's the top cornerback prospect in Louisiana. He's not a very physical or aggressive kid but he's excellent at one-on-one pass situations and that's what Notre Dame needs at a cornerback."

Notes: Poree should make an impact at the corner back position for the Irish. As a senior, he made 58 tackles while intercepting five passes and forcing four fumbles. The most obvious talent is his speed; he returned two punts for touchdowns this season and can run the 40-yard dash in 4.35 seconds.
BRENNAN CURTIN
Offensive Line
6-7, 295
Palm Springs, Florida
"He's a player that has potential. He definitely has the size and the athleticism. He's so far as his will and desire will take him."
— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: A USA Today honorable mention prep All-American. He was one of 10 offensive linemen on Atlanta Journal Constitution Super Southern 100 team. He was a four year starter in a wing-t offense who started tackle as a freshman sophomore and at guard his last two seasons. He is a tenacious blocker who runs fast for his size.

PAT RYAN
Linebacker
6-3, 220
Billings, Montana
"I didn't know much about him until December but what I've seen on him, he makes almost every play on the field. He's very aggressive, quicker than he looks... He's one of the sleepers in this class. I think he's gonna be an outstanding player."
— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: Ryan is an unheralded recruit who dominated the competition in Montana. A three-time All-State selection and Gatorade Montana Player of the Year, he had 194 tackles in '98 while helping his team to a 10-1 record and its second straight state title. Another versatile player, he also played tight end and quarterback during his career at Billings West High School.

NICK SETTA
Kicker
6-0, 180
Lockport, Illinois
"He's probably got the strongest leg in the country as a place kicker... Setta can kick them out from anywhere, from any part of the field it seems like... like most kickers at this age, he needs to work on accuracy and if he does that, he could be their best kicker since Greg Hentrich."
— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: Another fine catch for Davie and his staff. Setta earned All-America nods from Parade and USA Today. As a senior he punt 39 times for a 47-yard average for Lockport Township High School, along with 29 of 31 PATs. In his sophomore year, where he kicked a 59-yard field goal, which is still an Illinois state record.

JAMAAR TAYLOR
Wide Receiver
6-4, 200
Mission, Texas
"They got the one guy they needed. Jamaar Taylor can spread a defense, which is what they really needed... After he catches the ball, he can run away from defenders. He's shown good separation speed and has good hands."
— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: Taylor is widely considered to be one of the nation's finest receivers. He runs a 4.3 40-yard dash and was rated the 45th best recruit in the nation by the Chicago Sun-Times. He played running back as a senior with 1003 yards rushing and 35 receptions for over 500 yards. In his sophomore and junior years, he averaged 20 yards a catch.

GARY GODSEY
Tight End
6-7, 255
Tampa, Florida
"I'm thinking he might be a better defensive end than tight end. He's an explosive ballplayer and a great athlete, I think if he stays healthy, he'll be in the NFL someday."
— Recruiting Analyst Tom Lemming

Notes: Godsey is a truly versatile player, having played tight end, quarterback, center, defensive end and long snapper in high school. During his senior year at quarterback, he threw for over 1,800 yards with 22 Tds. He was named a USA Today All-American honorable mention, and rated the 55th best prospect by Sporting News.

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POSITION BY POSITION BREAKDOWN

LINBACKERS

RUNNING BACKS
JULIUS JONES
COURTNEY WATSON
CHRIS YURA
DEFENSIVE LINE
DARRELL CAMPBELL
CEDRIC HILLIARD
JIM MOLINARO
OFFENSIVE LINE
NEAL AMBROTON
BRENNAN CURTIN
JEFF FAINE
RYAN GILLIS
SEAN MULLIGAN
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GARY GODSEY
JAMAAR TAYLOR
KICKERS & PUNTERS
JOEY HILDHOLD
NICK SETTA
Safety new jewel in recruiting crown

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

At this time every year, the recruiting gurus select a few players who they believe are can't-miss prospects and who are destined for greatness at the college level.

While this labeling is premature, every college in the country dreams of landing one of these players, and are willing to do just about anything to attract them to their universities.

One such player will be wearing the Blue and Gold next year: Gerome Sapp, a 6-foot-1, 200-pound safety from Houston, Texas. The consensus top safety in the land, Sapp dominated the competition this year with 130 tackles, 5 forced fumbles, 3 fumble recoveries and 5 interceptions, returning two of them for scores.

Sapp was a three-year starter for Lamar High School and is projected as one of the top fifteen players in the country, regardless of position. He joins a long list of current and former Notre Dame players who were star prospects coming out of high school, including Tony Driver, Brad Williams and the legendary Kory Minor, who was the 1994 USA Today Defensive Player of the Year coming out of California.

Head coach Bob Davie sees Sapp as a great person as well as an outstanding player, who may contribute to next year's team. He will step into the secondary in competition with Deke Cooper, Deveron Harper, Brock Williams and possibly A'Jani Sanders and Tony Driver. Although he's inexperienced, he should provide, at the very least, good competition for his fellow backfield mates.

"Gerome Sapp, first of all, is a tremendous, tremendous young man. He's a tremendous kid for Notre Dame," Davie said Wednesday. "We had him in our summer camp and he's a guy who I think will have an opportunity to play early. He's strong and mature and I can see him having an opportunity to play and help this football team.

Mike Frank of the Irish report sees Sapp as a player who has a bright future and has the ability to be a star at Notre Dame.

"Sapp's a big-time hitter and very fast for his size, too. He's a legit 4.4 guy... He definitely hits very, very hard. He's the number one safety in the country and everyone knows it. I think if there's a guy that's destined for greatness in this class, it would be the most likely," said Frank.

Sapp's coach at Lamar, Tom Nolan has had the chance to see Sapp up close and personal on a regular basis, and believes he's a great athlete but more importantly a good kid with his priorities set.

When asked why Sapp chose Notre Dame over some of the other top flight programs, Nolan was quick to reply, "Education — there's a lot of great football programs but I think the size of the school, the tradition and especially the education that Sapp is only 18 years old and cannot expect an All-American player next year.

But he seems to have a great attitude and the physical skills if and he continues to improve, Sapp could be the next star for Notre Dame.

1. QB Chris Simms
   2. RB Nick Maddox
   3. LB Cory Redding
   4. WR Reggie Brown
   5. LB T.J. Duckett
   6. QB Chris Massey
   7. QB Anquan Boldin
   8. TE Bo Scaife
   9. QB Chris Lewis
   10. RB Paul Arnold
   11. RB Dontao Walker
   12. TE Derek Smith
   13. DL Albert Hallbacks
   14. OL Bryce Shoals
   15. DB Gerome Sapp
   16. WR Lito Sheppard
   17. WR Jason Geathers
   18. WR Kareem Kelly
   19. QB Colby Freeman
   20. DB Mike Waddle
   21. DL Cedric Hilliard
   22. RB Bruce Thornton
   23. DL Honolulu
   24. OL Vernon Carey
   25. TE Gary Godsey

*as compiled by Tom Lemmings

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though — I think everyone here sees the talent and the future that Arran Battle has," Davie said. "I'm not gonna dodge around it, we're very excited about the quarterback we wanted and it just didn't work out.

Some experts questioned Leah's handling of the process.

"I think we were Notre Dame any good — he told them they couldn't recruit any other quarterbacks or he wouldn't go there, and he led them on all the way until he faxed his letter of intent to Wake Forest," said Tom Lemmings, a recruiting expert from Chicago who publishes the Tom Lemmings's Prep Football Report. "I don't think he should have a lot of class there. I don't know what his reasons were, maybe he had good reasons to switch at the end but a day or so ago, he told me he was still leaning to Notre Dame.

A big part of this year's overall success could be that ten of the 21 players who signed with the Irish had previously been to Davie's camp to the summer. Davie stressed the importance of this because the coaches were able to work with the players and evaluate them on a week-long basis in order to make good decisions about who they were targeting.

"I think the single biggest recruiting tool we have is our summer camp, and at least one of the biggest, is the summer football camp. You get these young players here in the summer, when there's no grass and some leaves on those trees and this is a spectacular camp. Plus you have the opportunity to have them along the coaching staff for an extended period of time and you get a chance to work with them and teach them," said Davie. "Also, you look at getting Gerome Sapp and Cedric Hilliard; both these players were in our summer camp and I don't know for sure...that could have gone into Texas and got the No. 1 and No. 3-ranked players (if they hadn't visited summer camp).

Davie stressed that getting the best players is still the most important thing in improving and winning in college football. With his success in the past two recruiting classes along with this year's 9-3 rampage, Davie sees a brighter future for the Irish.

"We've still got the magic. You go around this country and see how positive it is towards Notre Dame football and the fact that we are improving. Davie said. "We've still got the right players and the right fit for Notre Dame and they're sincere about academics and they're sincere about coming to a place where there's good people, we still have the magic and we can still go and get the top players in this country. I think this class and last year's class attests to that.

Besides addressing the recruiting and state of the current team, Davie also commented on the biggest issue on campus right now, the debate on joining the Big Ten.

"I'm glad I'm not in the decision-making process on this because it encompasses so many more things than just Notre Dame football," Davie said. "I'm not educated or competent enough to give an opinion on what that does for us as we move forward but if you just ask me my opinion as a football coach, I'm very comfortable with where we are.

"I go living into these homes and I like salling the fact that we are unique and that we are Notre Dame, so some degree on a limb in our own conference," he continued. "As long as we have the NBC contract and as long as we have that second-tier alliance, which is in no way to me compromises what our goals are, we're trying to do, but it's a reality. With these two things in place, I'm totally comfortable right now with being an independent. I also see the position in the Big Ten — I see it as a win-win situation for football but I like the aspect of being independent."
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2. Toasted food
3. Watering Donor, author
4. Say quickly
5. The art of weakening
6. Remains in Rad Square?
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8. Holder of combs, partings, etc.
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By KATHLEEN LOPEZ
Sports Editor

On national signing day, Notre Dame inked more than just top football recruits.

The Irish women's soccer program signed Randy Waldrum to the head coaching position, filling a void left in December when two-time Coach of the Year Chris Petrucci resigned.

Waldrum has commanded the Baylor Bears program for the past three years. In his stint as head coach, he earned a record of 46-14-3 for the young program and won Big12 Coach of the Year honors, finishing the season with a mark of 15-5-1 and a 9-0-1 record in conference play. Baylor earned its first bid in the NCAA women's soccer championship.

"I am looking forward to the challenge and making the change," Waldrum said. "Chris Petrucci did a great job and those are tough shoes to fill."

Petrucci left Notre Dame's program, which he took to national prominence in nine years of coaching, in order to build the fledging program at the University of Texas.

"Notre Dame has been a great place for me and my family," Petrucci stated at the time of his resignation. "It has enabled me to grow as a coach and accomplish things many people felt weren't possible. I'm sad to be leaving such a great place like Notre Dame."

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NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S SOCCER HEAD COACH

Waldrum enjoys working with everyone at Notre Dame, especially within the athletic department. Texas presents me with a great opportunity to build another program. I can only hope we have to close to the amount of success that Notre Dame has had."

He assumes almost identical responsibilities to those which had while coaching Notre Dame.

Petrucci signed two former Notre Dame soccer players to help with his new coaching responsibilities — former Irish All-American Jen Renola and Tony Capasso will assume the job of Longhorn assistants. Prior to his coaching stint at Baylor, Waldrum coached the men's and women's teams at the University of Tulsa. He spent six there and compiled a mark of 66-33-6 with the men's team. The women's team earned a record of 56-29-9 and were ranked 18th in 1993 and 23rd in 1992.

Waldrum also served as the state coach for the Olympic Development Program. He has also served as an assistant coach of the U.S. women's under-18 national team in 1998 and for the under-20 national team at the 1997 Nordic Cup. He played collegiate soccer at Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas.

After being a four-time all-district player, he played professional soccer with the Los Angeles Gauchos, the Fort Lauderdale Strikers and the Chicago Fire, before taking his coaching career to the collegiate level.

Waldrum also had three seasons of coaching experience at the junior college level, which he used while coaching the Olympic Development Program.

He was named Head Coach of the Irish women's soccer program during a press conference Thursday afternoon at the Joyce Center. Petrucci had served as the program's co-head coach since 1991.

Waldrum was introduced as the new head coach at the Observer Thursday, February 4, 1999.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

ND inks 21 new recruits

By TIM CASEY
Sports Writer

Bob Davie and his staff continued their recruiting magic Wednesday, once again landing in one of the top classes in the nation.

The Irish signed 21 players that are expected to challenge for starting roles right away — including four first-team All-America Today performers.

Headlining this class is a mammoth offensive line as well as two defensive stars from Texas, Gerome Sapp and Cedric Hilliard, who were both first-team All-America Today performers and the state's first- and third-ranked prospects, respectively.

At the skill positions, running back Julius Jones out of Virginia, receiver Jaunaray Taylor from Texas and tight-end Gary Godsey from Florida could make an immediate impact on the Irish. The Irish also signed two kickers, Nick Setta and Joey Hildbold, both of whom Davie sees as having a good opportunity of handling the kickoff and punting duties next year.

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Earlier in the day, it had been announced on the Internet that Leak had faxed his letter to the Irish, and he was expected to commit to Notre Dame Wednesday afternoon. Leak had never taken an official visit to Wake Forest, although he had a few unofficial visits earlier this year. Irish head coach Bob Davie briefly commented on the situation in his press conference.

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Last night was no different. Junior guard Nicole Ivey stole the show this time at the Joyce Center and led the Irish 12-12 to a 74-59 victory over No. 20 Boston College.

"That was a huge win for us," said head coach Muffet McGraw, whose team fell to B.C. earlier this season. "I think Boston College is a great team. They had tremendous defense, especially in the first half, and they really took us out of our inside game, but I thought Nicole really stepped up for us. She played a great game. In the first half when Ruth was on the bench, she took over the scoring load. That's something she's able to do all the time, but she's a very unselfish player.

Ivy caught fire and helped keep the Irish in front early with 13 first-half points. She also dished out seven assists and finished with 17 points on 4-of-6 shooting from downtown.