Students say junior class shirt offensive to ND

By AMY GREENE
News Writer

The Board of Governance addressed the controversial shirts printed by the junior class last night. The shirt portrays a young girl, one with an "ND" on a football shirt, the other a French cross, and a young boy kissing the girl wearing the French cross with the "Girl of Choice" written below.

Board members attacked the shirt for potentially hurting relations between the two camps. "I am appalled by the shirt and work desperately hard to maintain good relations across the street," said Crisie Renner, student body president. "This represents everyone on this Board and I have gotten numerous phone calls about it. This brings us backwards from where we were going." "When you put the 'ND' on the shirt, that was a direct attack," secretary Amanda Spica said.

The Board of Governance approved the shirt because it wanted it off and the next thing I know, it's printed. It didn't get conveyed the way I wanted it to," said Amanda Palacz, junior class president.

Controversy surrounding the shirt has been escalating for the past three weeks. "Since day one I have been worried about complaints," said junior class president, Katy Robinson. "I don't want to go through with selling the shirts. We're out $1,300 and I honestly don't know where to go." Robinson said she was unaware of the final design for the shirt. "I told them to take the 'ND' off and the next thing I know, it's printed. It didn't get conveyed the way I wanted it to," said she. "I addressed the issue with the Junior Board and stood alone in removing the 'ND.'

"If we're going to have the mission statement on this shirt, it's not worth anything," said Crisie Renner, student body president. "This brings us backwards from where we were going."
Picture perfect?

A picture is worth a thousand words. But are they always the words we want to say? The picture and words on the back of the T-shirt sponsored by the Class of 2002 board said just about everything that Saint Mary’s women don’t want to hear.

Featuring a crude reproduction of the famous "Il Bacio", the shirt showed a young boy with a Notre Dame T-shirt kissing the cheek of a girl with a Saint Mary’s emblem on her shirt while a forlorn Notre Dame-clad girl looked on. Underneath were the words "Girl of Choice." Imagine the disgust of the student body.

Fortunately, Board of Governance did the right thing and deserves to be commended for purchasing all of the T-shirts from the Class of 2002, keeping them from being sold. But once the words are spoken, it is hard to forget that some of the community found this acceptable in the first place.

Gender relations are nothing to joke about at Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame. Over the past three years since the infamous "Parasite" lecture, Saint Mary’s women have worked tirelessly to break down stereotypes, "Parasite" being chosen for its mind or as a joke and also trivialized the women who made the choice.

Duke's "choice" among Notre Dame and Saint Mary's women that some women still have as an example of a chain of events that have been happening to the Asian community. "We're trying to take this case as an example of a chain of events that have been happening to the Asian community," said Wais. "I think it will be helpful when friends and family visit us.

Dean of students Marc Waiz calls the program a "bold and creative concept."

"I know of no other school in this country that offers their students rental car services," said Waiz.

Rental car service supplies rides at Stanford

STANFORD, Calif.

Starting this fall, the Stanford bookstore is offering rental car services to minimize the inconvenience of off-campus travel, particularly for incoming freshmen.

The Class of 2004 is the first to feel the effects of a policy instituted in the spring of 1999 that denies parking permits to all freshmen.

The university has taken measures to make adequate alternative transportation available, one of which is a contract negotiated with Enterprise Rent-a-Car, one of the nation's largest rental car services. Enterprise will offer Stanford students and faculty a 15 to 20 percent discount off normal rental car rates, as well as special promotional deals set up around the university's academic calendar.

More importantly, Enterprise will allow rentals to students between the ages of 18 and 21, an age group normally denied the privilege because of its high insurance risk. Many agencies will not rent to drivers under 25, and 21 is generally the youngest age people can rent a car.

However, Enterprise will allow rentals to students 18 and over if they provide a Stanford student ID, proof of full insurance coverage and a credit card in their name.

These criteria may still be difficult to meet for some students.

"The insurance might be a problem for me," said senior Margaret Bruce. "But it is worth my options. I think it will be helpful for students and family visit us."

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Vending machines accept ID cards

By HELENA PAYNE
New Writer

The University started its newest project that could make carrying cash on campus unnecessary with the installation of new vending and laundry machines that take Domer Dollars.

"The more people with Domer Dollars use the facilities, it'll be like second nature," said Dean Winter, operations manager of Food Services' vending department.

The new machines still take cash, but the added feature is a place to use University ID cards for Domino Dollar purchases.

"You swipe and the reader will show you what's in your Domer Dollar account," said Winter.

Only Knott, McGlinn and St. Edward's residence halls have the new machines, but by the end of the semester 10 dorms will have them, said Winter.

Originally, the vending department wanted to install the machines in one female and one male residence hall, Knott and McGlinn. However the vending department also put new machines in St. Edward's, because they were already installing the dorm's first laundry room and decided to make the washing machines and dryers Domer Dollar accessible. Winter said the machines had to be installed in the dorms as soon as possible.

"It's kind of laborious, and it's expensive so it'll take a while," said Winters.

The vending and laundry machine project is one of the University's attempts to "broaden the usage of the card system," Winters said.

The machines will not have Flex Points so students who want to use the machines must open Domer Dollar accounts with Food Services.

"Flex Points are part of a meal plan and they're funded by Food Services," said Tina Durski, card services manager of Food Services. "To use Flex Points to wash your socks probably doesn't go together."

Although the new vending machines have been running for only a week, Winter said one students become aware of the Domino Dollar vending machines, they will appreciate the convenience.

"I think it'll be a great service once it gets going," said Winter.

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NEWS ANALYSIS
Bush, Kennedy dynasties draw some parallels

By LAURA ROMPF
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame is not the only institution in America where legacy is important. In the 21st Century, legacy has played a large role in national politics.

When George W. Bush earned the Republican nomination for president, it was the fifth nomination for either president or vice president awarded to the Bush family in recent decades.

These numbers have raised comparisons between the Bush's and another political dynasty of the 21st Century, the Kennedy family.

"The Kennedys only got one nomination for president or vice president, where the Bushes now have five presidential and presidential nominations," said David Shribman, political analyst for the Boston Globe.

However, Shribman said the "Camelot enchantment" surrounding the Kennedys was greater than the Bushes.

"There is less of a mystique with the Bushes but the Bushes have a lot of staying power," he said.

As for staying power, George W. Bush is governor of Texas and currently running for president.

His father, George H. Bush, served as vice president for two terms and president for one term.

His brother, Jeb, is governor of Florida and his nephew, George P. Bush, is a Republican activist trying to recruit the youth vote.

During the 1960s and 70s, the Kennedy dynasty had a similar influence in American politics.

Joseph Patrick Kennedy, Jr., served as ambassador to England and his nine children became politically involved.

Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., had political aspirations and his father dreamed he would become the first Irish Catholic President of the United States.

However, on August 12, 1944, in England during World War II, his plane exploded, instantly killing him and his co-pilot.

John F. Kennedy then took over the family's political aspirations and was eventually elected the 35th President of the United States.

He did not complete his term because he was assassinated on Nov. 22, 1963. Robert Kennedy, the next Kennedy in line, began his path towards the presidency, but was shot while campaigning for the Democratic nomination in 1968.

Today, Edward "Teddy" Kennedy is a powerful senator from Massachusetts since first being elected in 1962. Grandchildren of Joseph P. Kennedy also play leading roles in the Democratic party.

Much like Joe Kennedy played an influential role in his son's political life, Shribman said George H. Bush has played an important role in his son's campaign.

"I think he played a large role in the selection of Dick Cheney (as vice president candidate). Cheney is very close to the former president and his son," said Shribman. "The governor knows that any times he needs passionate, reliable advice with no self interests, he can call his father."

Shribman said Bush is not focused on removing himself from his father's shadow.

"It will be very difficult for Bush (to break away from being called his father's son) and he's not inclined to try to," he said.

Regardless of the outcome in November, "like the Kennedys, the Bushes have left their mark on American politics."

"You won't be able to write a story about the Bushes without mentioning the Bushes, just as you could never write a story about this century without mentioning the Kennedy's," Shribman said.

Assistant News Editor

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visited October 2, 2000

Bush
Clary

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The dorm will also likely have a memorial Mass in her honor later this year, and may plant a tree in her memory. Clary was sarcastic and sweet at the same time. "She had a really funny sense of humor," Downen said. "She could say something obnoxious to you but it was completely in love and jest. She was just funny like that." And that sense of humor showed. During last year's Bookstore Basketball tournament, Clary's team, five Welsh interhall players, came up against a team comprised of the other five Welsh interhall players. The contest got very competitive, and there was tension between the two teams.

"It was the one to step in and say, 'come on you guys, we're friends,'" Racy said. "She just had this personality where, everyone started laughing. She put on this goofy grin and all of a sudden, they were pitty in her hands." While Clary loved basketball, she also loved her friends. And she was her own. "If she was your friend, she was always your friend," said Kate Stephan, who would have been Clary's neighbor this year. "You could always count on her, no matter what, always." Clary, from Tyler, Texas, had stayed off leukemia once before, when she was in high school. But in August, just a week before she was to return to Notre Dame, the disease came back. No one at Notre Dame had known how serious the illness had been in high school, and Clary did not talk about it a lot. Her friends said coming to Notre Dame gave her a chance to be remembered for something else.

"She wasn't that person," Stephan said. "She wasn't the person with the disease." After Clary contracted leukemia for the second time, she fought it off for a month before succumbing. But even during that time, only a few people knew about her illness. That was the way she wanted it.

"So many people didn't know she was sick at all," said her roommate Sarah Miller. "It wasn't anything she wanted to broadcast." Through that time, Clary was, as usual, optimistic, hoping to return in January and making off-campus living plans for next year with her roommate.

"She would say, 'I'm going to try my hardest to get here, I don't know if it'll be next semester, but I'll be back,'" said Ellen Knarr, who also would have lived next door to Clary. But never seeing Clary sick made her death more difficult to deal with, at least for Racy.

"We didn't get to see her between the time that we heard she was sick and last week," she said. "And that was the hardest thing because we couldn't put a sick face on." Several of her friends traveled to Texas for the funeral on Monday, and while there they got a glimpse of where their friend had come from. Clary's high school basketball team came to the service, wearing their red letter jackets, and her strong parents consoled their daughter's friends.

Kate Stephan
Notre Dame junior

"If she was your friend, she was always your friend."

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Residence Life, to create the program. "This year, we may just send letters to the residence halls asking them to offer this type of program. A couple of halls have already held this type of meeting, but we want it to be universal starting as soon as possible," Reali said.

During the presentations, students would be informed about acquaintance rape, date rape drags and how to counsel a friend who is a victim.

"We want to inform students about University policies, so there is no confusion. If a student is assaulted in their dorm room, they need to be aware they will not get in trouble for paroles if they report the crime," Reali said.

The resolution passed unanimously, because most senators said the program is essential. "I think it is important for everyone to realize that this is not just a female issue," said Zahm Hall senator Ryan Becker. "People don't like to think that this actually happens at Notre Dame, but it does. Education is the most important thing we can do."
**World News Briefs**

Russian prosecutors said Wednesday they have officially charged U.S. businessman Edmund Pope with spying, clearing the way for a trial expected to begin next month. Pope, 54, has been held in Moscow's Lefortovo prison since April 5, when Russia's Federal Security Service arrested him and said he had illegally bought plans for a high-speed torpedo. "As the result of the investigation, we've been able to prove espionage," said a statement by the Prosecutor-General's Office. The action was mainly procedural, but prosecutors could take more time to investigate, drawing out the case. Officials have said the trial would take place in October, though no specific date has been set. He faces 20 years in prison if convicted.

**National News Briefs**

Atlantic storm upgraded to hurricane: Joyee, the tenth Atlantic storm of the season, became a hurricane Wednesday while Hurricane Isaac rebuilt its strength after weakening for three days. Both storms were far out at sea and posed no immediate threat to land. However, there was a chance that Joyee, which formed as a tropical storm Monday off West Africa, could reach the northeastern Caribbean islands in five to six days, said James Franklin, a hurricane specialist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

Michigan cop charged with manslaughter: A policeman was charged with manslaughter Wednesday for shooting to death a deaf-mute who approached officers with a rake in his hands. David Krupinski, 23, continued shortfalls in crude oil across the extended his suspension of the state sales tax on gasoline for the third time. O'Bannon said Wednesday they bought plans for a high-volume production method recently patented for a new drug to treat AIDS.

**Indiana News Briefs**

Gas tax suspension extended: Citing continued shortages in crude oil across the nation, Gov. Frank O'Bannon on Wednesday extended his suspension of the state sales tax on gasoline for the third time. "While prices at the pump have declined since this summer's peak of nearly two dollars a gallon, supplies of crude oil and gasoline have not kept pace," O'Bannon said. "We do not want to see prices start their climb again when the five percent tax might resume. Some Republicans have accused O'Bannon, a first-term Democrat, of using the suspension to boost his re-election chances against Republican David McIntosh. The governor has denied that.

**Yugoslavia**

Serbian opposition supporters hold a banner with text "he is finished," referring to Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. They celebrated the victory of the Democratic opposition of Serbia party and Vojislav Kostunica after elections Wednesday.

Milosevic opponents celebrate loss

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**Report: U.S. overpays for drugs**

The federal government reimburses at a rate similar to the publicly announced price, so doctors can make large profits — a practice the report acknowledges is legal. The committee chairman, Rep. Thomas Billey, criticized the Health Care Financing Administration, which runs Medicare, for not doing more to ensure reimbursement rates are more in line with what drug companies actually charge doctors. The report found Medicare is overcharged by $447 million per year. Billey, in a letter to the agency's administrator, Nancy-Ann Min DeParle, said the current reimbursement methods are "so deeply flawed that they invite rampant abuse" and the findings have "shattering implications for public health."

The Clinton administration has proposed reducing the amount it reimbursement physicians for drugs from 95 percent of the wholesale price to 83 percent of the wholesale price, but the idea has stalled in Billey's committee. HCFA does not meet congressional approval to reduce the reimbursement for about 50 drugs for which the Justice Department already has determined drug companies were charging doctors artificially low prices.
SMC makes history with triathlon club

By KATIE McVOY
News Writer

Saint Mary's is on its way to making campus history with the announcement of the first ever Saint Mary's triathlon. This year Saint Mary's introduced the Triathlon Club, the first club to be sponsored only by Saint Mary's. Other club sports in the Notre Dame community are either co-sponsored with Notre Dame, or are exclusively sponsored by Notre Dame.

The club began meeting last year but became an established club this fall.

"This fall we really felt like a formal club," assistant athletic director Gretchen Hildebrandt said. "We have members who are consistent and uniforms for the women.

Hildebrandt, a triathlete, took a leading role in the establishment of the Triathlon Club.

The club will sponsor its first triathlon race at 1 p.m. The course will involve a 400-yard swim, a nine-mile bike ride and a three-mile run. Hildebrandt said, "It's going to be great."

Registration for the triathlon may be done as an individual or as a relay team. Individuals must pay a registration fee of $6, and teams will pay a registration fee of $12. People will go to support the triathlon club.

Participants will time the race and the top finishers will receive awards, including the first three individuals and the first team to complete the course. The race will begin with 20 laps in Regina Pool. Several heats will swim due to the smallness of the pool, so timing will be an important part of the race.

Following the swim portion of the race, participants will head to the commons in front of Regina where bicyclists will start racing according to their swim times. The bike and the running event will be continuous. Although the first triathlon will only have Saint Mary's students for competitors, the club plans to open the next triathlon to the rest of the community.

Due to limited facilities, only 60 individuals or teams can participate in the race.

"I'm a little nervous about turning this on," Hildebrandt said. "We just want to get one triathlon under our belt before we open this to the community.

The next triathlon, tentatively scheduled for sometime this spring, will be open to members of the Notre Dame community as well.

"We want to get Notre Dame men hold control of women to choose," said sophomore president Kristen Mutha.

"To me that shirt is sexist," agreed Kahn. "We need to con­fiscate and prevent any distrib­ution of them.

BOG agreed to absorb the cost of the shirts and ban any distribution.

"We don't discredit the Junior Board," said Michelle Nagle, student body vice president. "This is an opportunity to learn and strengthen our relations with Notre Dame.

"You win some, you lose some," said Richen.

In other BOG news:
• The Board approved a statement supporting The Observer and its independence.
• We, as members of the Board of Governance, support The Observer's efforts in main­taining their independence," said Chairman Nagle.

"The Observer should be granted journalistic freedom," said Nagle.

"I don't feel comfortable sitting on the issue when we know they may get banned. Waiting isn't going to help and they need and want to know our position," said board member Julie Frischkorn.

"It's important to endorse The Observer," said board member Mike Poorman. "If it comes down to them having no freedom even in editorial, [it] would be a travesty.

BOG's support for has become a more vocalized issue at both the College and University.

"University President Father Edward Malloy went ahead without addressing Saint Mary's and in doing so may be taking away our paper. It is important to support The Observer and our voice, heard," said Sutorius.

"The BOG also discussed the Study Day Proposal, which has had very positive feedback from the Administration," said Nagle. "It will now be taken up with the Department Chairpersons and looks promising.

"The Cider House Rules" will play in Carroll Auditorium Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.

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Bomb rocks office of human rights group

Associated Press

JAKARTA — A bomb exploded outside a Jakarta office of a prominent Indonesian human rights group Wednesday, just hours before the corruption trial of former president Suharto was set to resume.

There were no injuries in the bombing, the latest in a series of blasts in Jakarta. Damage was minimal, police said.

The explosion occurred late Wednesday. In front of Kontras, an organization that investigates cases of kidnappings and violence by Indonesia’s security forces.

There have been a series of deadly blasts in Jakarta recently, including a Sept. 13 explosion at the Jakarta Stock Exchange that killed 15 people and another outside the Philippine ambassador’s home on Aug. 1 that killed two.

Some of the blasts coincided with advances in the corruption case against Suharto, leading to speculation that they were the work of his supporters and elements of the security forces opposed to President Abdurrahman Wahid’s democratic reforms.

At least 30 suspects have been arrested.

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Congressman: Army plots coup

Associated Press

An opposition congressman who defected to Fujimori’s party Wednesday, said the army intended to permit the return of the president’s deposed spy chief, Vladimiro Montesinos. He announced Wednesday that he was quitting Fujimori’s party, and added that joining it had been a mistake.

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Miguel Mendoza

Peruvian congressman

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FDA reviews abortion pill RU-486 amid debate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

With a deadline fast approaching, the Food and Drug Administration was poised to decide, perhaps as early as Thursday, the fate of the long-awaited abortion pill RU-486.

Abortion-rights advocates said Wednesday they expected the pill to be approved under certain restrictions designed to ensure women take it safely.

If so, it would be a long-awaited victory for abortion-rights groups. Anti-abortion organizations have battled to keep RU-486 out of the United States since the drug debuted in France in 1988 — and they pledged Wednesday to continue fighting the drug if it is sold here.

Approval has been long expected. The Clinton administration in 1994 persuaded French manufacturer Roussel Uclaf to give U.S. rights to the pill to the nonprofit Population Council, which hired a U.S. marketing company to apply for FDA clearance. In 1996, the FDA declared RU-486, now known by its chemical name misoprostol, safe and effective for early abortion.

But problems piling manufacturing and labeling requirements delayed the FDA's decision. The FDA had set Saturday as its deadline to decide, and could accept or reject the drug or request more information.

Studies show misoprostol is 92.5 percent effective in causing abortion when taken within the first seven weeks of pregnancy — earlier than most surgical abortions.

But it does require at least two, sometimes three, doctor visits, to ensure the abortion is complete and finish it surgically if necessary. Women swallow misoprostol, which blocks a hormone essential for maintaining pregnancy. Two days later they swallow a second drug that causes uterine contractions to expel the embryo.

"This is an extraordinarily safe and effective method for terminating a very early pregnancy," said Vicki Saporta of the National Abortion Federation, noting studies found less than a 1 percent rate of complications.

Expecting approval, the federation beefed up its hotline Wednesday in preparation for calls seeking misoprostol.

Cops erroneously stop Clinton aides

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Two White House aides said they were traumatized, embarrassed and humiliated when gun-wielding police stopped them in a Washington suburb, erroneously believing they were driving a stolen car.

Bob Nash and his wife, Janis Kearney, both of whom are black, said in a three-page statement Wednesday in response to media inquiries that they were victims of racial profiling and were stopped for the "bogus crime of driving while black.

The incident occurred Sept. 6 in suburban Montgomery County, Md.

The county's police chief, Charles A. Moose, has denied the case involved racial profiling but said during a radio call-in show, "We're very sorry that this happened. We're not perfect.

Describing the incident, the two White House staffers said after they were stopped by police, who, aiming pistols and shotguns, surrounded their vehicle, patted them down for weapons and handcuffed them.

"Pistols and shotguns were aimed at us until we were handcuffed ..., " Nash wrote in the statement.

"We were traumatized as a result of the stop."

Bob Nash
White House aide

Mayor reacts to turf war shooting in middle school

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS

Amid concerns that an ongoing turf battle may have led to a school shooting, the mayor sought to turn the discussion toward why children have such easy access to guns.

"Neighborhood and school rivalries are as old as the city. What changes is that when children have access to guns," Mayor Marc Morial said Wednesday. "That takes an innocent shooting and turns it into a violent incident."

Darrell Johnson, 13, and William Pennington, 15, traded gunshots in the crowded breezeway of Carter G. Woodson Middle School shortly before noon Tuesday, police said.

Johnson got the gun from a 13-year-old friend outside a chain-link fence and shot Pennington; Pennington then grabbed the gun and shot him in the back, police said.

Johnson's mother, Catrice, seemed caught off guard by her son's alleged involvement in the shooting.

"I feel like somebody at school should have known something. My son is not a troublemaker," she said. "I'm not saying he's a perfect kid, but he's not a bad kid."

The boys were upgraded to stable condition Wednesday, said Jean Patterson, Charity Hospital spokeswoman.

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Gore prepares for first debate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

In the vice presidential dining room, Texas wineisque Paul Begala drewled zinger after stinging zinger, winning applause as a dead ringer for Republican Jack Kemp. Gore insisted aids replicate the debate hall exactly — right down to room temperature. Gore said he's not going to be as picky this time.

"I don't think it matters that much," he told reporters Wednesday aboard Air Force Two. "I'll be doing more same reading. We'll probably do a couple of practice sessions. It's a unique event in American politics. You know you, never know what's going to happen. You try to do the best you can."

He admitted some concern that he could score points on substance, but lose to Bush on style. "I think it's the same question people ask about how people vote: do they vote on the issues or on the person? Both.

How do you separate them out? — It's above my level of expertise. I just feel my way along." The candidate bunched down Tuesday night in his Des Moines hotel suite with briefing materials after a dinner of takeout barbecue with Hunger and son-in-law Drew Schiff. But most other debate rehearsals were staged at Washington's Naval Observatory, Gore's official residence, where the dining room is the only room with space enough to set up.

"It's not complicated. You try to guess at the subject areas — the three or four that will come up in each" debate, said campaign chairman William Daley. Beyond that, Daley didn't want to talk debate strategy for fear of giving away intelligence to the other side.

Daley emphasized Carter Eskew and speechwriter Bob Shrum are among the tight circle of advisers involved in debate rehearsals to date.

GOP, Dems argue about Medicare

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Republicans and Democrats in Congress agreed Wednesday that prescription drug coverage for Medicare recipients is more important than partisan politics, then swiftly resumed campaign-season warfare over the issue. "Democrats were AWOL" when Republicans pushed their legislation through the House earlier in the year, charged Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif. As for Vice President Al Gore and his campaign rhetoric on the subject, Thomas said the Democratic presidential candidate "appears to be a pathological prevaricator" — a liar in planner dictionary terms.

House Democrats rolled wheelchairers pooled high with empty drug vials along a sidewalk outside the Capitol in a made-for-television event, designed to dramatize the urgency of helping Medicare recipients cope with the high cost of medicine. Senior citizens walked alongside, some empty their pill bottles aloud.

"For months Republicans in Congress have blocked these benefits in the name of sham bills that don't provide universal coverage — that don't help people who truly need it — and that the president will not sign," said Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri. "They have blocked these benefits so far to the pharmaceutical companies and the insurance industry."

With rhetoric hardening on both sides, the prospect for legislation appeared dim beyond an effort to allow reimportation of drugs from Canada, where they are less expensive than in the 50 states.

Poll favors Bush after new shifts in campaign

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

George W. Bush has reclaimed some momentum in the presidential race, attracting women and senior citizens, focusing on his best issues and — benefiting from concerns about Al Gore's truthfulness.

After several weeks when the campaign appeared to be moving in the Democrats' direction, evidence pointed to a Bush comeback fueled largely by his renewed appeal to female "swing voters" and seniors.

"It was a combination of two things," said nonpartisan political analyst Stuart Rothenberg. "Gore was back on the defensive, back on his heels on the question of integrity and truth-telling. And Bush was back on the issues that he's good on — like education — and not merely reacting to the political process, like he was doing for four weeks."

When Bush wasn't talking about education in the past week, he was criticizing Gore's plans for Medicare and energy policy.

A new Los Angeles Times poll, which gave Bush a 48 to 42 percent lead, suggested senior citizens supported Bush slightly more than Gore — 47 percent to 41 percent. However, the elderly prefer Gore's approach to Medicare and healthcare care generally. Gore was up by almost 20 points among this group in a poll in early September.

Bush and Gore are currently about even in other national polls. Both Republicans and Democrats said Wednesday they feel the race is very close, maybe the closest since 1960.

In the past week, Bush made well-received TV appearances on "Oprah," "Live with Regis" and CNN's "Larry King Live." Rothenberg said, "Next, I expect to see him on the Food Channel."

The Times poll suggested Bush has reclaimed an edge on such personal traits as trust and likability after Gore had pulled even on most personal trails following the summer political conventions. Gore retains the advantage on such issues as health care, education and Medicare.

The shift toward Bush in recent days is largely caused by a bloc of swing voters not affiliated with either party, a majority of them women, said GOP pollster Linda Divall. Polls suggest they are often lower-income women.

Democratic pollster Celinda Lake acknowledged: "Bush has understood better than any Republican we've ever seen how to target women voters."
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Same-sex benefits remain in question

The University of Vermont is one of the first workplaces in Vermont to withdraw their same-sex benefits clause.

"How odd that UVM should stand out as one of the first workplaces in Vermont to withdraw their same-sex benefits clause," wrote one state employee member in an e-mail to University President Judith Ramaley. "The ink on the civil union law is barely dry."

New employees will have to certify that they are married or civilly united to get spousal benefits, which include health and life insurance, access to university facilities and free tuition. New employees from out of state who want domestic partner benefits will have 90 days to enter a civil union to get the benefits.

"We wouldn't be in a civil union if we didn't want to be," said Bruce K. Schell, a professor at the Institute for Economics and Traffic at Dresden University of Technology.

The computer models reflect the conditions of a room from which people are trying to escape but cannot use or see exits. The virtual victims appear as particles that reflect an average person's speed, size and desired direction from other people.

"The researchers also used the computer model to study crowd panic that was a plaintiff in the lawsuit that resulted in a state law declaring that people are trying to escape but cannot use or see exits. Normally, people would be forced to leave slowly and then the tragedy begins," Helbing said of the approach.

"This approach assumes crowds flow through the exits like fluid through a pipe," he said.

"This traditional approach assumes that the crowed is made up of identical, unthinking elements," said de la Haba. "If a fluid particle cannot experience fear or pain, cannot have a preferred motion, cannot make decisions and cannot stumble and fall."
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Lawyer points to major flaws in Lockerbie case

Associated Press

CAMP ZEIST
A defense attorney in the Lockerbie trial sought to discredit the prosecution's key witness Wednesday, claiming his testimony was riddled with "carefully crafted lies."

"I did not lie...I did not lie," the Libyan witness, who became a CIA spy four months before the bombing on Dec. 21, 1988, said in response to relentless questioning by Bill Taylor.

Taylor's client, Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi, is accused with co-defendant Lamen Khalifa Fhimah of sending the suitcase bomb that blew up Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people.

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Taylor claimed the prosecution's key witness, identified by the pseudonym Abdul Majid Giaka, fabricated evidence about the bombing on Dec. 21, 1988, said the Libyan witness, who became a CIA handler recommended cutting off $1,000 monthly salary "until such access can be proven."

"You were giving pretty low-level information and you had to do better, otherwise you'd be cut off," Taylor reminded the witness.

"I don't remember that I was blamed for anything," said Giaka. On Tuesday, Giaka claimed that in late December 1988 he saw the bombastic carry a brown Samsonite suitcase - similar to the one that contained the Lockerbie bomb - through Malta's Luqa airport, where he was assigned as a Libyan Arab Airlines employee.

Prosecutors say the suitcase bomb was sent from the Mediterranean island of Malta, a regular transit point for Libyan VIPs and intelligence agents.

Taylor pointed out "a deafening silence" in CIA debriefers' reports about that incident, suggesting Giaka fabricated it.

Giaka also testified the Libyan witness, who became a CIA informant. Although Giaka testified the TNT was still locked in an office desk when he was debriefed, CIA documents record him as saying it had been removed months earlier.

Taylor said the Libyan witness had "no memory of the more than 500 people aboard, who panicked and started jumping overboard, rescue officials said. A port official also suffered a heart attack and old people were missing."

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**Greece**

Ferry sinks with more than 500 aboard, British Navy responds

Associated Press

PAROS
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Thirty years ago (when I was young and virile), I regularly played golf with three close friends. Tom was the character in the group. He was 15-20 years older than the rest of us and the celebrity, as a prominent attorney and a member of a well-known Notre Dame family.

Tom was one of those guys who always had a clever quip. When one of us would chill-dip a shot, Tom would yell out, "It's the battle of the humpty." When he would sink a putt to win a hole (and the dimer per hole we always bet he would shout) "How the money rolls in!" when I would hit an occasional (OK—periodic) fat shot, Tom would call it a "humpty-bumpty liner."" Tom was always great fun on the golf course. He never took a practice swing, preferring to blast away, right after he placed his ball on the tee. As he uncorked his 6 "5 frame and let loose with all he had, he could hit the ball a mile, or a foot. In both cases, he would continue to talk even while he was in his swing. Nothing fluttered him, but he was a "carrier." He flustered us. But, he was so much fun, we loved to have him in our group. You couldn't help but smile when Tom was around.

Tom had been a pretty good baseball and softball player in his youth, so he could really crank out a long drive. I saw him miss a double eagle at Erickson Golf Club by two inches. He left a iron on the lip, from over 220 yards. As unusual, Tom never saw the ball, since he did a complete corkscrew on his swing.

Thirty years ago, at age 43, Tom seemed older than that. He was often bewildered. He never arrived on time, usually running to join us on the second tee, sometimes telling us he had gone to the wrong course or showed up on the day before and waited for us. He usually had some chill spilled on his shirt. No matter how many times we played a course, Tom never seemed to know where the next hole was.

A couple of years ago I learned from Tom's family that he was suffering from Alzheimer's. Tom liked to winter in Florida. His family had to bring him home because he was unable to find a way to walk back across the street when he left his home. Knowing the kind of guy Tom was, I couldn't imagine a worse sentence than to have lost his mind. I remember some of the things Nancy Reagan has said about President Reagan and how cruel the disease is. Imagine my surprise, a few weeks ago, when I looked up from my desk in the Security Building and there was Tom. He looked around the same as he looked 30 years ago, like he remained in a time warp (maybe my eyes are no longer young and virile). He walked toward me and said "Hello Capper. You look funny without a golf club in your hands." He asked me about "Fat" my golf partner of 30 years ago whom neither of us has seen in 25 plus years. He asked if Mike and I were still playing golf. It seemed like a miracle had taken place. He asked me about my job at ND. After a while, a friend of Tom's came by and told him they had to get back to "the home." Off Tom went.

I did some checking with Tom's family and learned that he is in that stage where he can be somewhat normal, when zeroed in on the past, but that he has zero short-term memory. When I asked Tom about his five kids, he could recite their names in birth order, but he couldn't remember where they all were. Tom has an ex-wife, Shirley, who will be on the express train to Heaven when her time comes. Shirley has assumed a big role in looking after Tom. She spends time with him and arranges for friends and family to look in on him. I volunteered to take a shift on Tuesday. When I pulled up to the Milton Home, across from Memorial Hospital, there was Tom, sitting in the sun, along with an elderly woman. He greeted me just like the old days.

Anyone who saw me driving the Notre Dame Security Golf Cart around the campus on Tuesday afternoon would have seen Tom having the time of his life, waving to all the people we encountered. He really enjoyed seeing the lakes ("I used to go swimming here with my dad," a former Notre Dame professor), the Grotto ("We used to burn up those candles at exam time"), the pretty girls on the campus (it was a chore to repeat the same answer, each time he asked me how many female students we had, every time we passed one) and the football stadium. "No, what do you do here at Notre Dame?" I could have said that I was the Strength Coach, or the Grantland Rice, because he kept asking.

While I was driving the golf cart back in my car, to drive Tom home, he asked me 10 times where he had parked his car. He thanked me profusely for my time. He called himself a "lost soul." I kidded Tom about the woman who had been sitting in the yard with him. He said, "I'm afraid I've taken the vow of celibacy again" (reminding me that he was once a CJC seminarian).

Tom's brother and I have talked about how Tom's 30 year old befuddlement might have been his coming into the twilight of this awful disease. I'm sorry to see Tom this way, but I'm thankful that he can't see it.

Cuppy Gagnon '64 sometimes gets chuckles from student workers everyon, Liz and Abbie, whenever he confuses their names or acts befuddled.

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Pursuing better education for all

Leaving no child behind

Schooling not only focuses adolescents on perfecting a certain task but provides a sense of accomplishment for improving self-esteem. This also removes problematic elements from learning environments to increase intellectual stimulation. While Vice President Al Gore has been in office, American students have increased as a national issue. Placing students who do not want to be in school into their two consecutive terms; in fact, it only grew.

Many problems in schools result from a lack of emphasis on character development. Putting youths in stimulating, positive environments will help build character and decrease problems in school. Prior to the plan, federal funding in character education and expanded community organizations for at-risk youth to positively focus children's energies.

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By GUNDER KEHOE

At age 15, Cameron Crowe was tasting fame as a freelance journalist for Rolling Stone, shadowing the Allman Brothers, touring with Led Zeppelin and collecting memoirs for the film "Almost Famous," a coming of age story set amidst the heyday of Rock 'n' Roll.

Imagine the opportunities of 1973: the concerts, the after parties laced with drug use, the sexual favors. Now throw in the innocent eyes of a young writer to capture it all. Under the nostalgic direction of Crowe, this atmosphere finds its way on film and exudes an indescribable energy that holds each viewer's head on the screen.

William Miller (newcomer Patrick Fugit) is Crowe's 15-year-old stand-in. Since he's in his senior year of high school, William's social scene never finds its stride. Oh well, at least he has a prodigal writing talent and a job with Rolling Stone as a fallback option.

Adored only with his notebook and a passion for Rock 'n' Roll, William devises headfirst into the hipsterist world of Stillwater, an up-and-coming band that's walking the tight rope between fame and failure.

Stillwater's universe is a movie within a movie, a stage where everyone is wearing a mask. Jeff Bebe (Jason Lee) is the "cool" lead singer, Russell Hammond (Billy Crudup) is the guitarist with mystique and Penny Lane (Kate Hudson) is their self-proclaimed muse who inspires musical riffs.

Although he may look young, William handles his environment with composure and, aside from the occasional party, resists boom and recreational chemicals. Besides, he has a mother (Frances McDormand) to track his every move and a legendary music writer, Lester Bangs (Philip Seymour Hoffman), to warn him of the occupation hazards.

William not only experiences the coolest week-long journey a 15-year-old could take, he learns a lot about love, life and why musicians make their music.

Fortunately, Crowe's initial big-name cast (which included Brad Pitt) didn't pan out because the ensemble is perfectly balanced. The addition of a movie star could have lopsided the film.

As a novice actor, Fugit is both charming and awkward but the true stars are Hudson and Crudup, who both radiate a God-given magnetism. It's hard to imagine an actress at the ripe old age of 21 brimming with such confidence, but Hudson shines like a newly polished pearl.

Crudup is what you expect a rockstar to look like: long mustache, shoulder-length hair and a guitar always straddling his lap. He nails the silent performance of a man who puts all words and emotions into the strumming of his instrument.

Aside from the music, "Almost Famous" captures the adolescent ability to love and admire earnestly without the cynicism that comes with age. William falls in love with Penny, he's too honest and "uncool" to get his love returned. Everyone can sympathize with falling for that unreachable person who clearly likes you but is afraid to admit it.

William may never get his interview with the elusive Russell, but the rock idol still treats him like a younger brother. It's sweet justice to see the tables finally turn for William. His brush with fame doesn't last long, but it's worth more than four years atop the high school social ladder. For once, he is no longer the runt. He can hold his head up high while strolling the halls and smelling death high above the Midwest. Then, he walks up a stairway to his room and he's back in reality. The people are forever scattered and all that's left are blurred memories, a few Polaroid's and scraps of paper that need to somehow fit the pages of Rolling Stone. William's experience should inspire everyone to buy a pen and notepad and begin recording their own life.

At the heart of this sprawling road piece are the sounds of '70s Rock 'n' Roll. Music isn't so much the focus as it is a backdrop for William's journey, but Crowe affectionately treats his music like another character in the story. Whether it's a needle hitting vinyl or young hands sifting through records, one can see the director's adoration for music on the big screen. Today, music and fast-food are pretty much the same. Both are manufactured quickly and, while they feel good at first, their sensation turns sour. It's refreshing to see an era when "recording artist" was an honest title.

"Almost Famous" is episodic and plays like vignettes of pure character and '70s atmosphere. For some, it might feel choppy, but this is part of the film's charm. We move briskly from scene to scene like they're pages ripped from William's journal. The best part about "Almost Famous" is that, like the music on its soundtrack, it will only play better with time.

In the semi-autobiographical "Almost Famous," Cameron Crowe enlists the acting talents of Patrick Fugit (far left) to portray William Miller, a young writer thrust into the world of 1970s Rock 'n Roll. Penny Lane (Kate Hudson) and music critic Lester Bangs (Philip Seymour Hoffman, on right) aid William on his journey.
**MOVIE REVIEW**

**"Sunshine"**, an epic historical drama recounting the lives of three sons.

By JUDE SEYMOUR

"Sunshine" is based on an original story by director Istvan Szabo. It recounts the tale of the Sonnenschein family, an upper class Jewish family residing in Hungary. The movie's opening monologue explains the connection: Sonnenschein is transliterated as "sunshine" and it is the name of the family's prized elixir, known for its healing qualities.

The movie explores three generations of the Sonnenschein family, starting with Emmanuel Sonnenschein to his son, Ivan, and, in addition, is the story of his son, Adam. As the story progresses, each child of the generation will have to make an important political or religious choice, and bear the consequences of that choice.

Ignatz, a fencing master, is the father of Emmanuel Sonnenschein. As the story begins, he is the spiritual guide. He changes his name from Sors to Sonnenschein, and the movie explores the family name to bear the Hungarian government. He soon realizes that the government he works for is not interested in helping the Jews. In fact, Ivan is asked to make a political or religious choice, because the Hungarian government now views them as an organized threat.

Disillusioned, Ivan returns home to find the last recipe book for the "Sunshine" elixir, hoping to make something of his life. In his searching, he finds a letter from Emmanuel Sonnenschein to his Ignatz. In it, Emmanuel explains that the family has been successful for one reason. It is not that short-sightedness is what the elixir brought; it was never a political allegiance, and never a search for glory of having power. It was a strict adherence to Jewish tradition: a faith in God that has guided the family long before there ever was an Ignatz or an Ivan.

The letter is written as a desperate plea for Ignatz to reconsider his craving for power, and keep his family's heritage. It is a new spiritual guide. He changes his name from Sors to Sonnenschein, and the movie explores the story of three sons, and how they escape the watchful eye of Ignatz's land.

And the third amazing sequence is the remarkable Hungarian Fencing Championships set. The fencers are in the middle of a striking multi-leveled structure in which, on every floor, captivated observers watch each black and strike. This is a beautiful looking film. Even more impressive is the multiple roles undertaken by Fiennes ("The English Patient"). Fiennes, already an accomplished actor, is able to build each character's identity uniquely. He gives us three different roles, each as remarkable as the next. This helps alleviate any confusion when the stories overlap. Fiennes is able to draw out the misery, the euphoria and the passion of every character he plays. No performance is weaker than the other two, and the story thrives on this ability to involve the audience in wanting to witness the lives of Ignatz, Adam and Ivan.

"Sunshine" is well made on so many levels, from its intricate story to its unblemished acting by its stars. As the history, this movie could draw for some viewers, and those already familiar with the political upheaval in Hungary could find the amount of time spent explaining the political situation a bit too much. However, the power of the three stories should make this a well-liked movie. Those who have seen "Sunshine" and are attracted to the themes of love and coming of age should also explore the 1988 Italian Drama, "Sorrentine," which is nothing short of a masterpiece.

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**VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK**

"Last Seduction" offers a modern twist on film noir.

By MATT NANA

Assistant Scene Editor

Despite a title that sounds like a cheap erotic thriller, "The Last Seduction" made over 30 critics Top Ten lists in 1994 — and rightly so. This dark, tongue-in-cheek film noir raises a new spin on the old genre, audaciously mixing dark comedy and suspense for a unique blend of laughs. lust, betrayal and murder.

The typical classic noir follows the male hero, usually solving a mystery or becoming entangled in one, at the center of which is a deadly woman: the beautiful femme fatale. Here, the plot unfolds from the perspective of the femme fatale: the sly, wicked, clever and utterly heartless Bridget Gregory (Linda Fiorentino).

And, like the classic noirs, this one has a lot to say about the darkness at the hearts of women and men. As Bridget is at most of the time, she simply gets what she wants by giving men some version of what they want. Which isn't always pretty.

The story is firmly in the hands of the luckless unfortunate to cross her is her husband (Bill Pullman), who makes the mistake of taking her to a back for his quick pick-up of the new girl in town. Big mistake. In Bridget's world, she's the boss and he's the sex object.

It takes Bridget a lot longer to seduce Mike to murder than it did to bed. This final seduction builds to an unexpectedly clever denouement that is essentially a victory lap for the protagonist.

"The Last Seduction's" plot does have the requisite twists, turns and surprises, but none of them are particularly jaw-dropping. Dahl and writer Steve Barrar are more concerned with tone and character, and deliver in both categories.

But if there is one aspect of the story that is truly impressive, it's what doesn't happen. The formulaic qualities of so many movies have conditioned viewers to expect a set formula for character arcs like Bridget; however, at crucial moments when it seems that she's made a critical mistake, she's still one step ahead.

Most movies give us villains who are wrapped in layers of complexity that peeled away, may offer explanations. It is an interesting change to watch Fiorentino create a straightforward, malignant villain who has no ounce of hypocrisy about her intentions and believes she is entitled to everything she wants.

Although it is polished as any drama starring, "The Last Seduction" was made for and first screened on cable television in the U.S., then went into theatrical release. Why it was ineligible for Academy Award consideration is a mystery. This role is influential, which is what the filmmakers found out when they challenged the Oscar Academy in the American courts.

That's too bad, because all three actors deserve a major award for their work. Bill Pullman ("Spaceballs" and "While You Were Sleeping") is terrific as the husband bent on revenge, and Peter Berg ("The Great White Hype" and TV's "Chicago Hope") is perfect as the local guy way out of his depth.

But it is Fiorentino's mocking, sharp-tongued meanness that sustains the film. She seems wrapped in a self-confidence that allows her to play Bridget exactly as she is: no excuses, no explanations and no false notes. Her heartlessness is an art. Which in large part is what makes "The Last Seduction," described quite rightly as "a sexy modern film noir," so enjoyable.
Derek Rivers, 11, Yankees 1
Joey Gueren, Ozzi Limmons and Fred McGriff homered as Tampa Bay again punished New York from clinching the AL East.

Cory Lilly (4-6) limited the two-time defending World Series champs to five hits in seven innings. The last-place Devil Rays won for their fourth straight game against a playoff contender.

New York, which lost for the 11th time in 14 games, saw its last gasp for a first-place tie in the AL East buried in the fifth inning because of the injury to the elbow.

Eldred, who had elbow ligament replacement surgery in 1996, helped the White Sox since July 26-Aug. 1.

The Indians have four games left and need at least one shutout and Mike Sweeney and Joe Gerber staff the embarrassment of

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

M's to discuss future of Piniella, Rodriguez

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Mariners CEO Howard Lincoln plans to sit down with manager Lou Piniella and All-Star shortstop Alex Rodriguez after the season to talk about their futures in Seattle. Piniella is in his last year of his contract and Rodriguez is eligible for free agency after the World Series.

"We're going to sit down with Lou after the season," Lincoln said before Wednesday night's game between the Mariners and Texas. "We'll do the same thing with Alex." He cited a report in the Toronto Globe this week that said sources close to Mariners general manager Pat Gillick and Boston manager Jimy Williams already have an informal agreement that Williams will be named Seattle's manager after the World Series.

"That story is total nonsense. It has no basis," Lincoln said. "It really does everyone a disservice. Besides, Jimy Williams is under contract in Boston and we're not in the tampering business."

Piniella, 57, is in his eighth year in Seattle. He reportedly is earning $1.3 million to manage the Mariners this season.

Under Piniella, the Mariners are trying to win their third AL West title. Piniella managed Cincinnati to a World Series title in 1990, and managed Seattle to division crowns in 1995 and 1997.

Piniella has hired an agent and said he doesn't want to think about his future until after the season.

"We're going to sit down with Lou and have a glass of wine and see what we're going to do," said Lincoln, who said Gillick and team president Chuck Armstrong also will be at the meeting. "I think he's comfortable with that."

"Lou's done a tremendous job this season," Lincoln said. "He's done a great job of managing."

The Mariners promised Rodriguez, 25, a four-time All-Star and the first player taken in the 1993 June draft, that they would not talk contract during the season. Lincoln said in spring training that the team, if it was in contention, would not trade Rodriguez this season although there was the risk of losing him as a free agent at the end of the season.

"We'll talk to Alex and see where it goes from there," Lincoln said. "I feel good about our decision in spring training. We felt the best way to keep Alex was to have a winning team and we've had a winning team. We'll see where it goes from there.

Seattle has lost two franchise players in the past three seasons.

Hurt dies in Toronto hotel

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Bob Hurt, the driver who broke his neck trying to qualify for the 1968 Indianapolis 500 and became a paraplegic, has died.

He was 61.

Hurt died in his sleep in a Toronto hotel room Sept. 23, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway announced Wednesday.

At the time of his death, Hurt was fighting prostate cancer in Toronto while taking outpatient treatments.

Hurt's death ended a 32-year battle against paralysis.

"He was a tough guy," said his brother, Doug Hurt, of Galtersburg, Md.

Hurt never accepted being a paraplegic for the rest of his life.

Since the accident, he made trips to Russia and Sweden to undergo radical experimental treatments and also participated in special treatments in the United States.

Born in Champaign, Ill., Hurt was a star high jumper and played on two Illinois state championship basketball teams.

He turned to auto racing at 19, driving modified stock cars and sports cars.

He drove his own Ferrari to victory in the Puerto Rico Grand Prix in 1962 and competed in a Lotus 18 as well as driving USAC stock cars in 1963.

Hurt never drove in the Indy 500.

In 1964, he passed his rookie test but did not make an attempt to qualify.

In 1967, Hurt qualified at 161.261 mph, but he was bumped from the field by a faster qualifier.

Before his accident he drove in 21 champ-car races, with a best finish of sixth in the Trenton 200 in 1967.

In 1968, rain marred practice and qualifying for 23 consecutive days, so an extra qualifying day was added May 27 to fill the field.

Hurt was injured in the morning practice period.

Hurt was taken to Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis where he spent nearly two months before being transferred to the Rusk Center Institute of Rehabilitation in New York City.

During his long ordeal, Hurt never once blamed racing or lost interest in the sport.

He regularly appeared at the Indianapolis 500.

In 1999, Hurt received cancer treatment in Toronto and then was driven to Indy in time for the race.

Survivors include his brother, Doug, and sisters Ann DeFranceaux of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Linda Andreux of Paris.

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Mariucci puts Owens incident to rest

Associated Press
SANTA CLARA, Calif. - Steve Mariucci spoke to Terrell Owens on Wednesday for the first time since the San Francisco coach suspended Owens for a week.

Now Mariucci hopes he can stop talking about Owens - at least until the 49ers' top receiver returns to the team following San Francisco's game against Arizona on Sunday.

"He's going to have some time to sit back and reflect on the week, and I trust that he'll come back in here full speed ahead and blend right in," Mariucci said Wednesday. "Hopefully we can finish this off.

That may be easier said than done. Mariucci "excused" Owens from team activities for a week and fined him $24,294 Monday after Owens' flamboyant touchdown celebrations in Dallas on Sunday drew widespread condemnation and embarrassed many of his teammates.

The controversy doesn't appear ready to die just yet, with the 49ers' players seemingly divided on the appropriateness of Mariucci's punishment and Owens remaining less than contrite about his actions.

In a conference call with reporters on Tuesday, Owens said he didn't feel he had done anything wrong by twice running to the center of Texas Stadium and celebrating on the Cowboys' star logo.

Owens has grown frustrated with his performances this season - only one from starting quarterback Steve Young, who has caught just six passes this season - only one from starting quarterback Jeff Garcia.

Owens has been inundated with phone calls, letters and e-mails about the happenings, and he said public opinion was running in favor of his decision.

"There's a lot of passionate fans out there, a lot of people who care," Mariucci said. "It sure has stirred up a lot of tension and interest nationwide. I find that real interesting. We're going to get over it and get through it, and then we'll go forward." With Owens out of sight, the 49ers turned their minds to the week, and I'm only focusing on that," Stokes said. "Everybody has to step up their game to make amends for (Owens' absence). It was a harsh decision the coaches made.

There seems to be a sharp divide among the 49ers as to the appropriateness of Mariucci's punishment. Fullback Fred Beasley stopped short of condemning Owens but said he agreed with the suspension, while Stokes refused to make any comment, saying only that "Terrell is with us in spirit."

"It doesn't really matter what any of us think, because he's the coach and it's his call," Garcia said.

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Two Worlds. One Faith.
The Canonization of American Blessed Mother Katharine Drexel and African Blessed Mother Josephine Bakhita
By Chandra J. Johnson

On this Sunday, October 1 at 10:00 p.m. in the Log Chapel, a Mass will be celebrated to rejoice the canonization of American Blessed Mother Katharine Drexel, and African Blessed Mother Josephine Bakhita, women who used their lives as opportunities for change. On Sunday, their life and ministry will be solemnized by Pope John Paul II in Rome, and parishes nationwide. It is a time in our Church history when two Catholic women, one black, one white, one wealthy, one a former slave, will be honored for their meritorious and Christ-centered Catholic witness. Born a decade apart in opposite parts of the world, Blessed Katharine and Blessed Josephine will take their place among other extraordinary yet ordinary Christians who lived lives dedicated to the uplift and honor of the human experience.

Born in 1858, Blessed Katherine Drexel became a millionaire at age 28. Her father, a wealthy Philadelphia banker of Austrian and German origin, died, and left his children a trust worth $14 million dollars. She used her inheritance and influence in the Catholic Church to evangelize Native and African Americans at a time when doing so was looked down upon, in some circles. But Blessed Katharine was taught at an early age that being Catholic meant much more than going to Church every Sunday. Being Catholic meant casting one's vision and experience beyond what was comfortable and socially acceptable.

In 1887, she began looking for missionaries to help her in her work. During a private audience with Pope Leo XIII, he encouraged her to become a missionary herself. In 1889, after much prayer and reflection, she joined the Sisters of Mercy in Pittsburgh, with the intent of founding a religious order dedicated to the Catholic formation of Indians and African Americans. On February 12, 1891 at age 33, she made her profession as the first member of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People. Throughout her lifetime until her death on March 3, 1955, she founded 14 schools and parishes in 9 different states, including Xavier University of Louisiana, the only Black Catholic university in the nation, and catechetical and social centers on reservations in the rural South and in large urban areas, to ensure that people of these races, who, proud of their own culture and heritage, would become leaders in the nation and the Church. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1988.

Half way around the world in 1869 in Sudan, Africa, Blessed Josephine Bakhita was born into a loving and prosperous East African family. At nine years old, she was kidnapped and sold into slavery, and suffered humiliation, torture, and mutilation for the next several years. At age 13, she was sold to a Turkish general whose mistress administered a horrendous tattooing ordeal in which 60 designs were cut into Blessed Josephine's breasts, stomach and arms. In her words, "...it was a miracle of God I didn't die."

Blessed Josephine was sold twice more between 1883-85. She was taken to Italy as a servant for her mistress' child who attended a boarding school run by the Daughters of Charity. It was there that Blessed Josephine began to learn about the Catholic faith. Several years later, Blessed Josephine learned she was being sent back to Africa. She announced her intention to stay with the sisters, be baptized and have an opportunity to practice her new faith. Despite her mistress' anger, with the help of the sisters and Italy's prohibition against slavery, Blessed Josephine was permitted to stay. Baptized in January 1890, she took the name Josephine and studied for four years. On December 8, 1896 at age 41, she took her final vows as a member of the Daughters of Charity. She spent the rest of her life as a cook, seamstress, sacristan and doorkeeper. When her life story was published in 1930, she became a renowned example of charity and holiness. At her death at age 78 in Italy on February 8, 1947, she lay in state for three days, as mourners touched her body and prayed for her blessing. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II in May 1992.

Two women, different cultures, different experiences, same faith. Blessed Mother Josephine Bakhita and Blessed Mother Katharine Drexel have much to teach us. We have much to learn from them. Join us as we celebrate their lives and recall the memories and impact of their faith in action. All are welcome!
For the first time ever, the New York Mets are going to the playoffs in consecutive years.

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The last night game in Milwaukee County Stadium history was followed by a fireworks show. The teams close out the venerable stadium's 48-year run with a sold-out afternoon game Thursday.
Faine

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Though he never played in a game, Faine served as senior John Merandi's backup. When spring came, Faine was thrust onto the first team. He joined veterans Jim Jones, John Trousdale, Mike Gandy, Jordan Black and Kurt Vollers and soon became the natural replacement for Merandi.

Faine was the first member of a strong group of offensive linemen in the Class of 2003 to see action.

Three of the quintet (tackle Brennan Curtin, guard Ryan Gillis and guard Sean Milligan) are currently reserves while Neal Ambron left school in the spring.

Besides the obvious need for a center, Faine also believes his high school background has helped him adjust to a quicker, more physical game.

"I was fortunate to have a good weightlifting coach in high school," Faine said. "A lot of offensive linemen come in that aren’t as strong, that aren’t as muscular. I’m not saying I’m that muscular. But I had a pretty good base when I came in."

Thus far this season, Faine has started every game. And in addition to the pounding he takes each day, Faine also feels mental anguish as the anchor of the line.

"There’s a lot of calls for the center to make," Faine said. "We base all of our protections and make a lot of calls on the run. So it’s a pretty heavy mental game."

Last week against Michigan State, Faine sprained his ankle in the first half and struggled, according to coach Bob Davie.

"He had some missed assignments," Davie said of Faine’s play against the Spartans. "But overall, if I assess his performance for the year, it’s been pretty darn good."

That includes his off-the-field well-being as well. Faine has switched majors from engineering to an undeclared arts and letters discipline, maybe economics. His study habits have improved and he is on the verge of becoming another great Irish offensive lineman.

But whether he becomes an All-American or just a solid starter, Faine will never forget those first few months last year.

"I wish every freshman knew that it’s as tough as it is," Faine said. "You’re going to be away from home. You don’t know anybody. You don’t know who’s your friend or enemy. But in the end, you find everybody’s here to support everybody else."

Irish Items:

- The quarterback position remains open for competition. Matt LoVecchio, Gary Godsey and Jared Clark all took equal snaps at Wednesday’s practice, according to Davie. "It will probably be a game time decision," Davie said. "I don’t want it to be but we’ve got a long, long way to go. That thing will probably be an ongoing issue the rest of this football season."

Despite the indecision, Davie said LoVecchio is "probably" in the lead. "Hight now it looks like Matt LoVecchio, as I’ve said before, has a slight edge," Davie said. "He’s a little more mobile and he played pretty well with his opportunity."

Sophomore center Jeff Faine gets set to snap the ball in Notre Dame’s victory over Texas A&M earlier this season.

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The Last Entry

Waldrum's last recruiting victory of last year may prove his biggest yet. Oddly enough, Warner was a virtual unknown as late as last winter, when most schools have already decided who they would target for the February signing period.

In a case of blind luck, assistants Edwards and Chura stumbled upon Warner at a Christmas tournament in Florida. There they saw a player, who unlike most high-culber high school players, had no Olympic Developmental Team experience. And she was taking the journey by storm.

Warner, a lightning-quick sparkplug from New Mexico just might have been the best player nobody had ever heard of.

Because she also competed in track while in high school, Warner never made a full-time commitment to soccer and therefore went unnoticed for the vast majority of the recruiting period.

The Florida tournament served as her coming out party. Edwards and Chura rushed back to headquarters with the news — Warner was a player they thought was for real and a player they very much wanted.

Waldrum went to see Warner for himself in February after pleading with her not to sign with anyone else before he did so. By this time Warner was being deluged with phone calls from all over the country. Her secret was out.

Waldrum was a believer almost instantly.

"She was the real deal," he said. "You could tell she was going to make an impact."

Warner, too, needed little prodding to play in the shadow of the Golden Dome.

"I think she always kind of wanted to come here," he said.

Finding their niches

Landing the recruits, Waldrum knew was only the first step. Knowing full well the earliest thing for freshman to do is to adjust to the college game, Waldrum decided to take advantage of an NCAA rule that allowed teams to take a foreign tour once every four years.

In going south to Brazil, Waldrum hoped to provide his stars in waiting with a chance to make the adjustment. The experiment was a success.

"I think it was a great experience," Waldrum said. "Amy was used to being the key player on her club teams so she had to learn how to play with 10 other good players on the field at the same time."

Warner was able to make adjustments rapidly as was Guertin who also enjoyed the trip.

"It was a great bonding experience," Guertin said. "It gave us a good chance to get to know all of the veterans."

Beyond expectations

While Waldrum expected both Guertin and Warner to make an impact, he could never have imagined how good they would be in their freshman years.

Warner is among the team leaders in scoring and is a threat to find the back of the net every time she touches the ball.

"She's played such a huge part in the offense," Waldrum said. "She brings a ton of athleticism and speed."

"Warner's ability to run forces teams to play extremely cautiously in their own half of the field."

"She's so fast," Waldrum said. "She can beat you anywhere from one half of the field to the other."

Indeed many of Warner's goals have been worthy of the late night highlight films. Time after time she has demonstrated an uncanny ability to juke past a swarm of defenders on her way to the net.

While impressed by the speed of Warner, Waldrum has been equally taken with the composure demonstrated by Guertin.

"She is tremendous around the goal," Waldrum said. "She has such a calmness to her.

Though only in her first year, Guertin has played like a veteran. With an even keel nature, Guertin has scored several huge goals for the Irish already this season.

Edwards

Last Friday, tied with the West Virginia Mountaineers in overtime, Guertin struck for the game winner, a play most freshmen just aren't supposed to be ready to make.

"I'm not sure how many first year players could do what she has done," Waldrum said. "We never anticipated how fast Amy and Amanda would impact our team."

Obviously Guertin and Warner aren't most freshmen.

Amy Warner dribbles upfield in a game earlier this season. She has been an impact player in her freshman campaign for the top-ranked Irish.
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**WOMEN'S GOLF**

**Belles take second in tourney**

By KATIE MILLER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s golf team took second in a league tournament on Wednesday. Following Albion College’s low score of 356, the Belles’ overall total was 370. Hope College followed with a total of 378 while Kalamazoo came in fourth.

Coach Theresa Pekarek was pleased with the results.

“It was a difficult course and our scores were low today,” Pekarek said. “We proved that we could finish first in the future. We can definitely play better.”

Team captain and senior Kyle Veltri placed fourth overall in the tournament with 87, the lowest Saint Mary’s score. Junior Mary Clare Hathaway followed Veltri with a 92. Veltri was pleased to see the team reach second place.

“I was very pleased to see where we were standing as a team,” Veltri said. “I feel it’s been a consistent season. We set goals as a team at the beginning of the season and we are where we want to be at second in the conference.”

Both Pekarek and Veltri look forward to Saturday’s tournament at Winding Creek Golf Course.

“Winding Creek Golf Course is fairly simple considering weather conditions,”Veltri said. “I’m pretty sure everyone will play well and maintain standings.

“I think that we will do well. We had never seen the Medalis where we played today. We are familiar with Winding Creek, and I expect we’ll do as well. Hopefully, we will finish first.”

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**Sorenstam taking aim at Webb**

Associated Press

NEW ALBANY, Ohio

Anika Sorenstam can’t wait. She gets her shot at Karrie Webb.

“I’m fired up,” Sorenstam said. “I don’t like being in second place, and for me to have a chance to beat Karrie. I’ve got to play as well as I can and I’ve got to play some flawless golf. I really think I’m on the right track.”

The two go at each other beginning Thursday in the New Albany Golf Classic, the second year of the $1 million tournament. Last year, Sorenstam won and proceeded to turn around her season. Despite raw, windy weather, she birdied six of the last nine holes of her second round, giving her the lead she never lost. She went on to shoot 19-under-par 269 and won by three strokes over Marvi L uses.

It started a streak that has carried over to five victories this year — one fewer than Webb.

“When I came to Columbus and the way I played, that was the best I’d played in a really long time,” Sorenstam said. “I realized how much I enjoyed playing well. It was so much fun, and I just wanted to go back to work and grind and play like this all the time, because I love being in the top spot.”

The Sweden will have to get past Webb, whose six wins include two majors — the Nabisco Championship and the U.S. Open. Webb has earned more than $1.6 million, about $500,000 more than Sorenstam.

“I’ve really had a good year,” Webb said. “I’ve played very consistently and I’ve been in contention a lot. And that’s all I can ask, just to give myself as many chances as I can and try to close the deal.”

Sorenstam finished fourth at last weekend’s Safeway Golf Championship in Portland, Ore.

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You have them eating out of your hands. Happy 21st Birthday Erica Love, Mom & Dad
By RACHAEL PROTZMAN
Sports Writer

Junior Kristy Kreher has come out from the shadows of second and third in Irish volleyball statistics to set the pace as she has finally topped the lists for Notre Dame.

Even as the statistical leader of the Irish, Kreher still gets plenty of advice and criticism from her teammates.

"During matches we have a team policy where people on the sidelines let us know what we're doing and what we need to do better," Kreher said. "We get constant feedback from the team. If I'm not putting my weight on the court, someone will let me know. It's a team effort in every game."

As a freshman Kreher was named as an all-Big East Rookie as she totaled a .264 hitting percentage with an average of 2.07 kills per game. She racked up 272 kills in 1999 out of 592 attempts with just 85 errors for an .377 percentage in the conference. Following her sophomore year, Kreher moved into second in Notre Dame's career hitting percentage mark with a .294 percentage in two years.

Following a spectacular season in 1999, Kreher now leads the team statistically in nearly every statistical category with 172 kills on 364 attempts with 59 errors for a .310 hitting percentage in the 13 matches played so far in 2000. Kreher also leads the team with 196 digs.

"It's exciting," Kreher said. "I don't feel myself as any different in this year as compared to past years. It's cool to know that teams will look at you and think that this is a player that we have to watch. But I don't feel that my role is that much different. I still want to go out there and get as many kills for the team as I can and do my job for the team.

"To be able to do that I need my team behind me. As long as our team is doing well, I feel that I can do well. Volleyball is such a team sport that you can't have just one good player on the team, you have to have six or even 12."

Kreher also topped the 1997 record of kills in a four-game match with 32 kills in the Notre Dame versus Loyola Marymount match on Sept. 21.

She was named to the Shamrock Invitational all-tournament team and the adidas Invitational all-tournament team, both played earlier in the 2000 season at the Joyce Center.

"I think that the reason I'm getting a lot of kills is due to Denise [Boylan]," Kreher said. "I'm used to her consistency in getting me the ball. That's one of the things that has helped me a lot. I give a lot of credit to my teammates and my coaches. Being pushed by my teammates in practice is one thing that has helped. Sometimes I'm up against harder things in practice than in games."

"I want to improve in every aspect of my game. I'm struggling right now with blocking and defense, so I've been trying to get better at that in practice," Kreher said. "I want to keep improving my all-around game."

Kreher will have her chance this weekend as the Irish volleyball team faces Villanova and Georgetown in the first Big East match of the season.

"It's very exciting for our team this year. I feel that we've improved so much," Kreher said. "We've been playing such big powers across the country now and it's exciting that we can play with the top teams in the country. We just have to keep battling every day."

Junior Kristy Kreher is having a sensational season for the Irish. She leads Notre Dame in nearly every statistical category.

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Sports Writers

In a game that could propel one team into the playoffs and destroy all hopes for a postsea- son for the other, Breen-Phillips defeated Farley, 18-0. Top play by both teams set up the field in a defensive battle that was broken open late by big plays. Unfortunately for the fans of Farley, the big plays seemed to only bounce into the hands of the BP offense.

The first half was defined by strong play from the lines of both teams. The BP offense was led by the strong arm and swift feet of quarterback Shawn McFarland. After a Farley fourth down blitz, McFarland was forced to scramble and weave her way downfield nearly 40 yards before she was caught from behind inside the 20-yard line.

That was as far as the offense ever got as the Farley defense regrouped and stopped the BP drive on the 7-yard line. BP didn’t seem phased by the defensive stand as they came up big themselves with great pressure from their defensive line, forcing Farley to punt. The defense came up with play after play for several drives until the end of the half. Led by two long gains from McFarland, BP was able to punch in a last minute touchdown before half time.

McFarland connected with Kelly Deckelman for a short pass into the back of the end zone that just went past the outreached hands of the Farley defensive backs.

The point after try was batted down, leaving BP with a 6-0 lead going into halftime.

The second half started with the ball on the Farley half. McFarland set up a 25-yard pass play to McFarland that brought BP within a scoring distance yet again. Two plays later, a Farley blitz forced McFarland out of the pocket and looking for a target.

With a desperation throw into the end zone, three people touched the ball but only BP wide receiver Tricia McFarland gained possession. Another failed PAT attempt gave BP a 12-0 lead. Breen-Phillips never looked back after this point. The defense consistently shut down the explosive Farley offense including great plays from lineman Natasha Potter and defensive back Donna Conlon.

Another interception for BP by Keppel gave the ball back to the offense for one more late attack. After a few strong run plays and a couple short passes, McFarland finally connected with Montenaro for the third touchdown making it 18-0

With less than two minutes to go, the refs then called the game a victory for BP in accordance to the "mercy rule."

The loss dropped Farley’s record to 1-3, which still leaves hope for the postseason.

The BP squad played particularly well but were unable to come up with a few breaks. Captain Reeca Datz is hoping the team plays hard the rest of the season and will be looking for some losses by teams ahead of them in the rankings. Farley’s next game is on Sunday against Off-Campus.

This victory gave Breen-Phillips their first win of the year, advancing its record to 1-1-1 and keeping playoff hopes alive.

The Breen-Phillips bench attributed the victory to the hard work and leadership of the upperclassmen as well as their ability to create big plays on offense and defense.

BP returns to action on Sunday against McGlinn.

McGlinn 6, Walsh 0

There are no crazy Nebraska names like some other women’s interhall football, but the McGlinn girls didn’t seem to mind.

They huddled in excitement after their 6-6 tie against Walsh on Tuesday night, ecstatic about the win. McGlinn was among the teams that were hoping to create big plays on offense.

Mary Lenzini scored a touchdown early in the first half for the Shamrocks, setting the mood for an intense game. "I was thinking, I really hope I catch the ball," Lenzini said. "Then I was thinking, holy s---, I caught the ball."

McGlinn’s key plays came from Sarah Valtert’s four completions and a great running game by quarterback Judy Greaney.

"I was sick of losing. I don’t take losing well," Greaney said. "We weren’t sure what to expect from McGlinn. All we knew was that their record wasn’t that strong."

Said Walsh captain Melissa Beiting: "We had two 10-yard penalties and that made us a little sensitive. We had to get past that and refocus."

Tight end Jennifer Lynch was Walsh’s wildest women on Tuesday, scoring a mid-second half touchdown to tie the game.

McGlinn hopes to build on the momentum generated by the game. "We’re not losing again this season," Lenzini said.

Badin 0, Off-Campus 0

A hard-fought game on Tuesday night at Stepan between Badin and Off-Campus resulted in a scoreless tie.

In what is becoming the theme of both teams’ seasons, the defenses kept both teams in the game. The 0-0 tie was the second scoreless game that both teams have been involved in, each starting the season with one: Badin against PW and Off-Campus against Walsh.

The tie pushed Off-Campus’s record to 1-0-2 and Badin’s record to 0-0-3.

Off-Campus’s physical defense has held their opponents to a total of six points in three games, the lone touchdown scored by Breen-Phillips.

"We were expecting to do better than we had in the previous game," Off-Campus co-captain Katie Leichti said. "This was not a good showing from the offense. We didn’t capitalize on the opportunities that we had."

Badin moved the ball up and down the field all day, repeatedly getting first downs. Even though Off-Campus’s defense bent, it refused to break. Defensive backs Erin Barks and Anna Benjamin both had acrobatic goal-line interceptions to save touchdowns.

After two ties and a loss, Badin desperately needs to win their next two games to return to the playoffs for the second straight year.

"We are tired of ties and losses," Badin free safety Beth Rinkus. "We want wins."

After a bye week, Badin looks to rebound against Farley before closing out their season against McGlinn.

Off-Campus is also looking to finish the season strong in order to also qualify for the playoffs.

"We need to get more out of practice," Leichti said. "Our toughest games are coming up. We have to get our act together."

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Are you lost?
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Are you lonely?
I will not leave you desolate; I will come to you… Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. Jn 14:18, 27
USA's Gardner upsets Russia's Karelin to win gold

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The upset was so stunning that virtually no one in the crowd in the Sydney Exhibition Hall, outside of Gardner's immediate family, could believe it. Nor could Karelin, who, Gardner said, "Mumbled a few words at me in Russian toward the end. I don't know what he said."

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But Gardner, a former University of Nebraska wrestler, who walked onto the football team but quit to wrestle full-time, said beforehand that he had a strategy to counter Karelin's dreaded lifts and relentless pressure. That is, he even expected to "have some fun with Karelin." Gardner, his chest spilling out of his tight blue U.S. singlet, proved early that he wouldn't be outmuscled by a wrestler of any kind came in the 1987 Soviet championships.

Karelin, whose wrestling skills are so renowned that he has a lift named for him, tried to throw Gardner around in the first eight innings, setting up a pulsating "face-off," with the Americans standing on the front step of their dugout and a U.S. flag flapping in the wind, and adjusting their momentum for the start of the inning.

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Frosh Guertin, Warner making immediate impact

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

Oftentimes recruiting in college sports is a bit like playing the lottery. A coach will target a select group of players he thinks will best help his team, before sitting and waiting, hoping his efforts pay off. That being the case, Notre Dame women's soccer head coach Randy Waldrum hit the jackpot when he took to the recruiting trails last year.

This year's freshman recruiting class has been nothing short of sensational.

The likes of first-year players Amanda Guertin and Amy Warner have combined to produce a potent scoring tandem that has allowed an Irish team that was supposed to rebuild to instead remain a national power.

The Problem
When Waldrum and his assistants, Amy Edwards and Barb Chura began recruiting in the summer of 1999 they knew they were facing a formidable task.

Knowing that the coming year would be their last with All-Americans such as LaKeysia Beene, Jenn Grubb and Jenny Streifer, the coaches knew they needed nothing short of a blockbuster recruiting class.

The pressure was squarely on the coaches to find the players that could make a seamless transition to the college level, players who could make an immediate impact.

Waldrum's recruiting strategy is like that of many of his counterparts. He divides the country into four regions and assigns his assistant coaches to chart two of those sectors apiece. After Edwards and Chura have done much of the preliminary work, Waldrum steps in to do the majority of the official recruiting, visiting the players while trying to steer them in the direction of Notre Dame.

"Amy and Barb do such a great job," Waldrum said. "I give them a lot of credit."

The First Step
Waldrum needed little help in landing one of the first major recruits of the class of 2004. Indeed Waldrum had his eyes on Guertin for almost five years. Guertin hails from Grapevine, Texas, which is close to Waldrum's home. Always on the lookout for talent, the Irish coach kept tabs on Guertin throughout her high school career. When it came time to decide whether or not to officially recruit Guertin, Waldrum had no doubt of her abilities.

"It was a no-brainer," he said. "I considered her the best player coming out of Texas.

But recruiting a player is only half the process. After the player has heard the sales pitch the decision is his hers alone to buy the product. For Guertin the purchase was easy.

"I've kind of always had a thing for Notre Dame," Guertin said. "When Coach Waldrum came there from Baylor that just kind of made things perfect for me."

The cooperative, eager Guertin was Waldrum's first recruiting coup of the season. The freshman was also pursued by national powers such as Stanford and Santa Clara.

By TIM CASEY
Assistant Sports Editor

Jeff Faine felt the pain.

Around this time last year, as a freshman, Faine sat on the bench during games, was getting knocked around on the practice field and struggled in the classroom.

Not exactly what the high school All-American anticipated.

"For the first half of the first semester [last year], I didn't think I had to study," Faine said. "When that first test came out..."

Just say he studied after that. For Faine, currently Notre Dame's starting center, receiving the grade on the exam was the culmination of a rocky freshman campaign.

He arrived here with all the typical honors: first-team All USA Today, consensus top 100 national prospect, All-State selection. But like many of his teammates, Faine had second thoughts about his college choice during summer practice.

"Two days are not fun," Faine said. "Every day I came home [to his dorm] wanting to go home. I was everything coming in, then when we were here with just the freshmen, I was still everything. When the first day of pads came, with the university coming back, I went to the back of the line."

He did not stay there for long.

Sophomore center Jeff Faine celebrates during Notre Dame's victory over Texas A&M in the season opener. Faine has started all four games at center this season.