Soaking up spirit

Alumni create bright yellow towels to unify football crowds

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Mike Costin and Jim Humbert aren’t interested in beginning a revolution. For the University graduates and business partners, shaking things up a bit inside Notre Dame Stadium will do.

"Sometimes it’s tough getting people to rally behind something," Humbert said. "I wouldn’t even know how to start a movement."

But from offices in their Mishawaka advertising specialty company, Costin and Humbert are quietly, and maybe unknowingly, inspiring change — one 12-by-17-inch piece of fabric at a time.

In response to the football game last fall that turned Notre Dame stadium — and Irish fans' faces — red, Costin and Humbert have designed a towel that the men say will help the Irish take back their field. The small, gold-colored towel is emblazoned in blue lettering with the simple directive: "Play like a champion today."

"The idea grew out of the fact that so much attention was given to the game last year. Surely there were more Irish fans there than Nebraska fans, but every third or fourth red shirt seemed to blend}

The apparent choice of Notre Dame fans with its team colors and designed bright, yellow "Play Like a Champion Today" towels to give fans a standard way to show their spirit.

Philbin plans to visit campus next week

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Regis Philbin is expected to visit the University next week for a ground-breaking ceremony for a major arts center that the television personality has helped underwrite, Notre Dame officials said Thursday.

University administrators are still negotiating with Philbin’s spokespeople to determine when he will appear next week and what his role in the groundbreaking service at the Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts will be, according to Dennis Brown, Notre Dame’s associate director of public relations and information.

Earlier this year, Philbin, a 1953 Notre Dame graduate, made a $2.75-million gift to his alma mater to fund a studio theater in the arts center.

Philbin is the host of the popular nationally broadcast show "Live With Regis and Kelly" and "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" He is the father of 1996 University graduate Jennifer Philbin and third-year Notre Dame law student Joanna Philbin. The center will cost at least $50 million and is being underwritten in part by a $33-million gift from the late Edward DeBartolo.

The building is expected to open in 2003, and is being underwritten in part by a $33-million gift from the late Edward DeBartolo. The arts complex will join DeBartolo Hall, the Mendoza College of Business and the Hesburgh Library Center for International Studies on the quad.

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FlipSide sponsors concert

By ERIN LaRUFFA
News Writer

Two years ago, members of FlipSide decided to plan a concert for the first weekend of the 2000-2001 school year.

However, members of the club, which sponsors alcohol-free events every weekend, realized that they could not create the type of event they envisioned without outside help. After delaying the event for a year, FlipSide members will finally see their vision become a reality tonight in the Joyce Center. The concert features four bands: Right Hand Side, Nine Days, 5R-71 and They Might Be Giants.

"FlipSide began planning this two years ago for a year ago, but it became too daunting a task," said Notre Dame junior Michael Rampolla, co-chair of Flipstock.

Saint Mary's student Sarah Hohbaw and Holy Cross student Amelia Marcum also co-chaired the event.

The concert, called Flipstock, is free of charge and open to students with Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s or Holy Cross IDs. Clubs, dorms and departments from all three schools joined forces with FlipSide to plan Flipstock.

"We want it to be an event for all three campuses," Rampolla said. "We got student input to find out who would put on a good live show."

He added that the bands were also selected based on their availability for the concert date and whether concert sponsors could come up with enough funds to pay the bands. Rampolla said he and his fellow FlipSide members hope Flipstock will show students that there are alternatives to drinking on weekends.

"It's the first weekend night of school," Rampolla said, adding that the concert's date was not picked specifically to draw students away from drinking events.

"If that's one of the effects, then I think we've accomplished the art of showing students there are other things to do," Rampolla said.

"This concert is a big way to do what we normally try to do," she said. Rampolla also plans to hit students that first weekend, when freshmen are setting their social patterns.
INSIDE COLUMN

And then, at band camp ...

Despite the horrible reference to American Pie, I have to be one of those Bandole, you know, the people who actually went to band camp. I breathe it, whether they're in the band or not, I happen to breathe the unfortunate category of "not," and not for a lack of trying on my part.

I first tried out for band as a sophomore (my parents fell for the game). I lost that band leave no time for studying when I was a freshman. I was cut. I came back as a junior and, again, was cut. So I said, I have nothing to lose and everything to gain if I try out one more, one last time.

If you're superstitious you hear things like third time's a charm, but things come in threes, and there's no number four — you're out. I'm not superstitious, but that's how I felt.

I was the only senior trying out for a first shot at the band. I gave the band everything I had this year — I gave it more than I thought I could give. God must have great plans for me, because for the third time I was cut.

I love the Band of the Fighting Irish. I always will. Some people dream about coming to Notre Dame to play football. I came to play a dream to play in the marching band. I guess that not all dreams are meant to come true.

So what am I going to do now ... ? The question hasn't meant the way it did my sophomore year, I'm sure of that. I gave my heart and soul, held nothing back. God meant to come out one more, one last time.

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INSIDE COLUMN

University of Pennsylvania

Professor returns from Washington

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After seven months as a top presidential advisor, University of Pennsylvania political science professor John Dilulio resigned earlier this month from his post at the White House to return to the University. On Aug. 17, Dilulio stepped down as head of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives — a cornerstone of President Bush's compassionate-conservative agenda — and became the first scholar Bush official to resign. Bush brought Dilulio to Washington to head up the faith-based initiative, which was designed to increase the flow of federal funds to religious-based charities and organizations.

But during his seven-month tenure inside the Beltway, Dilulio faced criticism from groups and politicians on both sides of the debate over federal funding for non-profit, religious organizations. Many decried the constitutional legitimacy of devoting federal money to any organizations based in religion, and Dilulio, as the face of the initiative, found himself caught in a national debate.

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The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Friday, Aug. 31.

The University of Pennsylvania to create a 24-hour space in the South Dining Hall's Oak Room, providing food and social space to students around the clock. The 24-hour Oak Room was expected to run on a trial basis beginning September 6, 1988.

BEYOND CAMPUS

Parents sue Cal State-Chico frat members

CHICO, Calif.

The parents of an 18-year-old California State University-Chico student who died of alcohol poisoning last October are suing the fraternity to be held to a higher standard of care in death, negligence and unfair business practices.

First-year student and Pi Kappa Phi fraternity pledge Adrian Heideman died last fall after drinking an entire bottle of blackberry brandy during an initiation ceremony, according to the lawsuit filed in San Francisco Superior Court.

Now, almost a year after his son's death, Michael and Edith Heideman are suing the national organization Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity, the local chapter of Pi Kappa Phi, and fraternity members Brandon Bettar, Mark

Corrections/Clarifications

In the Aug. 29 issue, transfer student Chris Pepe's name was spelled incorrectly.

The Observer regrets the error.

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Lab Tech
New CIO looks to create strategic vision for OIT

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

Gordon Wishon, who was involved in the logistics of information technology support during Desert Storm, tackles his new job as Chief Information Officer for Notre Dame with the same ambitious approach that characterized his Air Force career.

Wishon assumed the newly created position of CIO, which manages 150 full-time OIT employees and an annual budget of $17 million Aug. 1. He has served as CIO of the Air Force Institute of Technology in Dayton, Ohio and more recently at the Georgia Institute of Technology for seven and a half years.

His goal is "to not only provide direction to OIT but to provide strategic direction to the University for its use of technology and to support the administrative needs of the institution," he said.

Although he has only been in his office for a week, Wishon is beginning to formulate a new strategic plan for information technology that will guide Notre Dame through the next decade. The plan is tentatively due out in July.

"We're going to be taking a close look at the organization ... evaluating our ability to meet ever growing demands," he said.

Wishon is in the process of meeting with University vice presidents and deans, and he intends to discuss issues surrounding information technology with students and faculty as well.

Wishon wants to increase the University's ability to keep pace with advances in technology as well as addressing recurring problems facing OIT including Internet outages and e-mail problems. He intends to make security and employee recruitment a priority.

"Recruiting and retaining qualified professionals is one of the primary challenges that higher education faces," he added.

Wishon commended the University's ability to recruit top ranking students and faculty but believes Notre Dame should work equally hard to attract the best staff in information technology.

"A very complex technology environment requires a very good staff," he said. "Recruiting is an essential component of the overall strategy."

In the future, Wishon also hopes to secure a faster, more reliable Internet connection for Notre Dame, but that will be difficult because of the infrastructure in the area.

"The majority of leads just don't go through South Bend," he said.

Wishon sees many challenges facing him, but he is confident that these problems can be worked out.

"Each incoming class has a higher expectation of Notre Dame when they come. Keeping ahead of that demand is extremely challenging but it's the most exciting part of my job," he said. "It's going to be a busy few years."

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Senior John Nahrgang logs on the Pharos printing system in the LaFortune Cluster in order to send a print job. This year, the OI 100sheet limit appears worse than it is.

"One thousand print jobs seem like a lot," Martini said, "But I guess it depends on your major.

"Another student, junior Erin Riley, uses the clusters' printers only occasionally, but has already had problems with the new rules.

"I got charged for printing pieces of paper that didn't come out properly," Riley said.

The printing stations currently only record what has been printed, whether or not the pages have anything on them or if they print correctly.

"I think it would be fair to have some kind of compensation for any malfunction that takes away from your balance," Riley said. "They're not taking money away from your pockets, but they're trying to take it away from a balance."

All of the campus computer clusters have a detailed description of the new guidelines.

According to Rapagnani, the new rule is similar to those of the University's peer institutions.

Rapagnani will meet with the Graduate Student Union later to discuss their concerns on the issue. Rapagnani said the grad students have expressed greater concerns with the new changes than undergraduates.
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Police capture Sacramento killer

Associated Press

CITRUS HEIGHTS, Calif. — Turned in by his own terrified brother, Nikolay Soltys was captured hiding under a desk in his mother's back yard Thursday after a 10-day nationwide manhunt for the Ukrainian immigrant accused of butchering six relatives.

Soltys, 37, had apparently slipped into the yard during the night despite round-the-clock surveillance of the home by detectives, who were carrying a backpack containing a knife authorities suspect he used to kill his pregnant wife, 3-year-old son and four others.

Soltys was barefoot, unshaven, dirty and "looked like he could have been hiding in a field somewhere," the sheriff said.

Sacramento County Sheriff Lou Blanas said the sheriff said Soltys was speaking freely to prosecutors, though he did not yet have a lawyer.

Blanas declined to release details. The capture just a few miles from the scenes of the grisly murders ended a manhunt that had reached all the way to the East Coast. Authorities said they believe Soltys never left the Sacramento area, with his large extended family of relatives.

Deputy Sheriff Bill Samuelson said Stepan Soltys was eating breakfast at around 7:45 a.m. when he looked through a glass back door and saw his fugitive brother under the desk.

Nikolay motioned for the alarm or a phone police had given the family, so the family pried into the car and fled, Samuelson said.

Surprised detectives saw the garage door fly open and the car speed away.

The family drove several blocks to a framing shop, where employee Ray Murphy helped Soltys call police.

"A man came up to me with his cell phone and he was all shaky. He kept pushing buttons 1-1-9, so I knew he wanted to dial 911," Murphy said. "I brought him into the store and dialed 911 for him."

wildfire near Glacier Park: Crews battling a 17-acre wildfire near Glacier National Park braced Thursday for more unfavorable weather and guardedly sized up their progress against the blaze. "We've got a few scratch lines around the tiger, but the tiger's still a tiger," said Bob McKinney, information officer for the Moose fire.

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Central Bank rolls out first euro notes

FRANKFURT Europeans on Friday got a first look at their new currency — seven state-of-the-art value-added notes that are to be the most counterfeit-proof in the world and that planners promise will help unite like never before.

The European Central Bank, which governs monetary policy for the 12 nations that use the euro, unveiled the new currency.

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Officials: football ticket distribution a success

By ERIN LaRUFFA
News Writer

After months of planning, football ticket distribution for the 2001 season was an overall success, according to student leaders involved in the process.

"I thought it was fair. Above all, it accomplished its goal, and that was to get people to sit together with their friends," said Matt Smith, president of the class of 2003.

This year's process involved students receiving lottery numbers on enrollment day and then purchasing their tickets by class on assigned days. The system represented one of many changes made in the past few years in student ticket distribution.

"For the most part, students who saw the process in the past thought that this year was a great improvement," said class of 2004 president Keri Oxley.

Oxley, Smith and senior class president Peter Rossmann were part of the committee that developed this year's ticket distribution system. Other members of the committee included student body president Brooke Norton and vice president Brian Moscona, along with head stadium usher Russell Gagnon and representatives from both the Student Activities and ticket offices.

"Going in, we knew students wanted it as simple as possible," Norton said. "We really wanted to create something we could do year in and year out."

The committee will meet again soon to evaluate the process and decide how to proceed in planning next year's ticket distribution, Moscona said. "We did get a lot of positive feedback from students, though we did get some complaints," Norton said. One of the major complaints she cited involved students having to stand in line. She said the committee will use organizations such as the Student Senate and Hall President's Council to get additional feedback from students.

Committee members said they believed this year's system was an improvement over the previous one. "We think it was so much better than what happened last year. I've talked to 30 or 40 students, and they're very happy," Moscona said. "I think the process ran smoothly, but we're looking for more ways to improve efficiency for the students," said Oxley.

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Five dorms have new leaders this fall as Carroll Hall, Howard Hall, Lyons Hall and Sorin College all welcome new rectors.

Carroll Hall is now led by Father Jim Lewis who served as rector for Notre Dame's undergraduate program in London the past two years.

Prior to his work in London, Lewis did various kinds of social work, serving as a therapist in the psychiatric unit of St. Joseph's Medical Center in South Bend, as well as at Central Professional Group in Joliet, Ill.

Although he enjoys the football games and retreats, Lewis was mainly drawn to the community life at Notre Dame.

"I wanted to contribute to and be a part of such a vibrant communal reality," he said. "In my short time on campus, I've been touched by the generous support and welcoming of a great many people who have been present to me, informative, and inclusive. These are the gifts that I hope to offer as rector."

Lewis has been a Carmelite priest for 18 years and enjoys film, the theater, classical music and the Rocky Mountains.

Kathy Brannock, the new rector in Howard Hall, attended Notre Dame as an undergraduate before graduating from Notre Dame Law School last May.

She is dedicated to service and took a year off between undergraduate and law school to teach for AmeriCorps.

During her law school days she served as the assistant rector in McGlinn Hall. As an undergraduate, she spent most of her time in Siegfried Hall — where she was a resident before it was converted to a men's dorm.

"Not many people remember that [Siegfried] was a women's residence hall originally," she said.

Originally from Albany, N.Y., Brannock had never planned on living in Indiana, but she said something about Notre Dame keeps drawing her back.

She feels blessed to have had so many opportunities at Notre Dame and is excited about her new position.

"I have met many incredible and talented women," she said. "So far my experience has been wonderful, and I am looking forward to a great year."

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service similar to other universities

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
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While similar sized private institutions Notre Dame, Cornell and Stanford compare favorably in terms of technology and availability of computers, Notre Dame's system is much less reliable and experiences longer and more frequent network outages. Notre Dame is one of only two separate daylong Internet outages and e-mail outage last year, exceeded the number of outages Cornell and Stanford experienced.

At the University's network was severely disrupted three times last year: on Sept. 12, 2000 for a full-day of e-mail outage, on Nov. 6-7, 2000 when Internet resources outside of Notre Dame were unavailable for 36 hours and on March 11-12, 2001 when a failure at the University's Internet provider, Genuity, caused outside Internet resources to be unavailable for 18 hours.

Cornell experienced one Internet outage last year, when their third party provider in nearby Syracuse, N.Y. was cut, according to Wes Kahle, director of customer services and marketing at Cornell. However, the outage occurred in the morning and was fixed in the afternoon, less than six hours later.

Stanford University, whose main Internet access is also provided by Genuity, has not experienced any problems this year. However, Ethan Rikleen, a network and systems administrator at Stanford, said if there was a problem with Genuity's Internet service, "they should have similar problems to those that Notre Dame experienced during its two outages.

When the computers are working, all three schools have clusters available for students use as well as room network computers.

Cornell's cluster system is similar to Notre Dame's in that clusters are located at locations such as the student union and the library and are open very late, or in some cases, 24 hours a day.

Stanford offers clusters in both those locations, but also has small clusters in each dorm, with one computer for every 20 students, in each dorm and a complex formula for larger dorms. "There are 75 clusters, the ones in the residence halls ranging from two to 18 computers. Most of them have around five, six or seven computers, but the one in the student center has at least 40 computers," said Rikleen.

Although students do not have to leave their dorms to access a cluster, 95 percent of Stanford students choose to bring a computer and use the clusters mainly to print, use an application they do not have, or as social space.

"Our course registration is totally online and we don't typically have a problem with the number of students registering at one time." Ethan Rikleen, Stanford network and systems administrator

SMC hosts contemporary artists

By JENNIFRA KIRKBRIDE
News Writer

Beginning today, Saint Mary's and the Moeau Center for the Arts will welcome three contemporary artists to display their work in Moeau's main galleries.

A reception tonight in Moeau celebrates the opening of the season and introduces the work of Barbara Campbell, Marcella Hackhardt and Cassandra Hooper. The free reception runs from 5-7 p.m.

Pennsylvania-based painter Campbell displays her own unique interpretation of everyday landscapes in the Sister Roberta Hammes Gallery.

Campbell uses vivid color and form to blend reality and her perception of reality into what is sometimes unrecognizable.

"The physical space encircling us invariably works its way into our interiors, affecting us physically," she said.

The main components of her work include the use of "brilliant color, formal elaborations, areas of heavy painting and areas of light, untouched canvas," the artist said.

A pitiful, shriveled little shrub she encountered one day on her walk home is one of many memories that inspires her art. She noticed that someone had taken the time to carefully place a very small and elaborate fence around its base in order to guard it.

"That act, which seemed so ridiculous in so many ways, really struck me," she said. "It was struck by its poignancy and by an impulse which desires decoration and beautification and a kind of order even in futility. That act right there sums up why I make paintings." Campbell is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley's Master of Fine Arts program, and her work has most recently been included in Miami University's "Young American Painters" exhibit.

The Little Theatre Gallery displays the photographic art of Hackhardt. Her art deals with the conflicting ideas of motherhood from society and the reality of the role of a mother.

"Mainstream images of motherhood evoke a mismatch between what we ought to be feeling and how we feel," Hackhardt said. Her photographs both question and celebrate the paradoxical emotions of maternity, "unity and separation, strength and fragility, intimacy and invasion, and pleasure and resentment."

She sees her work as only one in a "chorus of voices." Hackhardt is currently a professor at Kenyon College in central Ohio. She continues to create and teach art because, "the stakes are high ... art is pivotal in our society."

The final artist welcomed in this exhibition is the mixed media artist Hooper, whose work can be seen in the Hammes Gallery.

"Hooper's work begins with photographs, which are then layered with other art forms including lithography, etching, painting, collage and computer generated imaging," said Cassandra Hooper, director of public relations for Saint Mary's.

She creates surreal environments which expose her audience to spaces of hidden dangers and secrets, inviting them into worlds "that have never been experienced, but seem oddly familiar," according to the artist.

Hooper describes her work as, "invented places and hauntingly real spaces ... which conjure feelings of both isolation and involvement." Her latest series, "Tug," will explore "the struggle between identity and personal introspection."

The exhibit runs through Sept. 28. The gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon; and Sunday from 1-3 p.m.

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Happy 19th Birthday Katie!
Car seat belt use higher than ever

Associated Press

More people than ever are wearing seat belts and fewer children are being killed by air bags, the government says in fresh evidence that a decades-long focus on auto safety is paying off.

Automakers are building safer vehicles, but experts say people's behavior is the big reason for reduced highway fatalities.

"The most crashworthy vehicle, the most well-designed car in the world is not going to help you take the personal responsibility," National Highway Traffic Safety Administrator Jeffrey Runge said.

NHTSA released data Thursday showing 73 percent of people observed in the front seat of vehicles around the country this summer were wearing seat belts — the highest since the agency began keeping statistics seven years ago, when 58 percent wore seat belts.

Experts say more seat belt usage, along with tougher laws and improvements in highway and auto safety, are part of a change in the culture of road travel that emphasizes safety and is responsible for a huge drop in the highway death rate.

Last year, there were 41,800 fatalities, or 1.6 deaths per million miles traveled. There were 47,878 deaths in 1977, and because vehicle miles traveled each year has increased significantly since then, the rate was more than double at 3.3 per million.

The decline has occurred as the federal government has stepped up safety requirements, such as requiring air bags, and consumers have demanded more safety features.

Former NHTSA Administrator Diane Steed said when she was at the agency in the 1980s, automakers said safety didn't sell. Now they ranked sixth out of 26 features.

"We did everything we could when I was there to make it clear that you can choose safety options when buying a vehicle," Steed said. "And you could actually see a change in the way companies were advertising".

In 1980, consumers ranked safety ninth among 12 features they considered when buying a vehicle, according to Maritz Marketing Research. Now it's ranked sixth out of 26 features. NHTSA, insurers and the auto industry spend millions each year on public service campaigns encouraging motorists to buckle up and put young children in car seats — away from air bags.

The Air Bag & Seat Belt Safety Campaign celebrated its fifth anniversary Thursday by releasing a report that shows the number of small children killed by air bags has fallen sharply since 1996.

Government statistics show the number of confirmed child deaths fell from 25 in 1996 to six in 2000, while the number of automobiles with air bags rose from 22 million to more than 80 million.

An air bag comes out of the dashboard at rates of up to 200 miles per hour, faster than the blink of an eye. They were designed to protect adults, and the force can be too strong for small children and can cause head and neck injuries.

At least 191 people, including 116 children, have been killed by the force of deploying air bags, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Air bags have been credited with saving about 7,224 lives.

The government began allowing switches to deactivate air bags in 1995 and recommends the passenger-side air bag be turned off if a child under 13 is riding in the front seat. But Sept. 1, 2003, all vehicles must have advanced air bags that deploy with less force or not at all when children are in the front seat.

While air bag deaths decline, NHTSA says seat belt use continues to climb nationwide, though it varies by region and vehicle type.

Drivers and passengers in cars wore seat belts 76 percent of the time, while those in pick-up trucks did so only 59 percent of the time.

People in the Northeast are least apt to wear seat belts — 62 percent in the most recent survey — while Southern motorists dramatically increased seat belt use from 69 percent to 76 percent since last fall. NHTSA credited the increase to high-profile enforcement campaigns in the region.

NHTSA uses the statistics to target its safety messages.

"It's easy to see that in spite of our great gains, there is much more that needs to be done," Runge said. "It is not time to quit and rest on our successes."
We said "We're here."

Michael Kearney said.

The jackpot was the third-
richest lottery prize in U.S. his-
tory. The holders of the three
other winning tickets in last
Saturday's drawing stopped for-
ward - an ex-
convict from Kentucky, a med-
ical records clerk from
Minnesota and a couple
from
Maine.

Earlier Thursday, co-workers
of Maine winner Pat Wales
dropped their claim to a piece
of the prize.

The facts did not support their
assertion that the winning ticket
had been bought for an office
pool, said John McVeigh, a
lawyer for the plaintiffs.

"Once we got the answers, we
decided to dismiss," McVeigh
said.

In the lawsuit filed
Wednesday, four people who
worked with Wales at Lincoln
Financial Group in Portland
said 19 people had kicked in
pre-
tax payment of $41.4 million,
which they will split equally.

It's kind of shocking to win
that kind of money, so I really
haven't given it much thought," he
said.

Kathleen Kearney said she
waited so long to come forward
because "I never win anything."
They didn't check their ticket
against the winning numbers
till Wednesday.

Unable to reach state lottery
officials by phone, they decided
to drive to the office in Dover,
about an hour from Kathleen
Kearney's home.

"I told Terry that I probably
wasn't going to win anything,"
Kathleen Kearney said.

"I didn't think it was even a
$10 Powerball ticket," he said.

They didn't check their ticket
for a week.

 Terrence Garmey, a lawyer
for Wales and her husband
Erwin, insisted the winning
ticket belonged to the couple,
of-
fering as proof sales records from
the store in New Hampshire
where it was bought.

He said Pat Wales bought 190
numbers for her office pool,
then a few minutes later bought
20 for herself and her husband.

The winning ticket, Garmey
said, was among those 20.

Garmey said Pat Wales was
"devastated" when told her co-
workers might win. "She put
her head on the table and sobbed," he said.

2 more claim share
of Powerball win

Associated Press

DOVER, Del.

The holders of the fourth and
final winning ticket in the $294.8
million Powerball draw-
ing — a first-grade teacher and
her brother from the Pittsburgh
area — stepped forward to
claim their share of the jackpot
Thursday.

"I guess we'll help the
family somewhat," said Kathleen
Kearney, who with her brother
Michael Kearney, won $73.7
million.

Kathleen Kearney said she
will keep teaching despite her
winning, although she will buy
a new car to replace her 8-year-
old Toyota, find a good doctor
to treat her arthritis and maybe
take some trips.

She also will spend some
money on her students. "Certainly
better snacks," she said.

Michael Kearney, a lawyer
with two teen-age daughters,
hadn't decided what to do with
his share of the lump-sum, pre-
tax payment of $41.4 million,
which they will split equally.

"I'm shocked," he said.

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McCain recovering from surgery

Associated Press

PHOENIX

Sen. John McCain was recov-
ering Thursday from surgery
for a benign enlargement of his
prostate and was expected to
make a full and rapid recovery,
his spokeswoman said.

The Arizona Republican
experienced no complications
during the procedure
Wednesday — his 65th birth-
day — at the Mayo Clinic
Hospital in Phoenix, spokes-
woman Nancy Ives said.

McCain was expected to
leave the hospital Friday and
plans to return to work when
the Senate convenes Tuesday,
Ives said.

"He sounds great and is look-
ing forward to coming home,
getting back to Washington
and getting back to work," she
said.

Because of the surgery,
McCain canceled a planned
Sept. 4 speech in Minneapolis,
but it wasn't known whether
he would miss any other public
appearances.

Enlargement of the prostate
is common among older men
and can lead to urinary diffi-
culties. During the procedure,
enlarged prostate tissue block-
ing the urethra is cut away.

Doctors also broke up stones
that had accumulated in
McCain's bladder because the
prostate was large enough to
prevent the bladder from
emptying completely, Ives said.

The stones were too large to
remove without an incision, so
a laser was used to break them
into smaller fragments, she said.
McCain was given general
anesthesia during the opera-
tion, which lasted about 70
minutes.

McCain had said as he
entered the hospital
Wednesday that he looked for-
ward to having "this minor"
problem resolved.

The former presidential can-
didate underwent surgery last
August to remove melanoma,
the most dangerous form of
skin cancer, from his temple
and upper arm. McCain's office
said checkups since then have
found no further signs of can-
cer.

McCain just returned from
a five-day congressional delega-
tion trip to Estonia, Latvia,
Bulgaria and the Czech
Republic.

Saturday Night

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**Flipstock 6:00 pm-1:00 am**
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**ND Crafting Corner**
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For more information visit [www.nd.edu/~sao/craft](http://www.nd.edu/~sao/craft)
**Tournament Time**
11:00 pm in ND Express in the basement of LaFortune Student Center
For more information visit [www.nd.edu/~sao/tournament](http://www.nd.edu/~sao/tournament)

**Saturday, September 1, 2001**
**Dale K Comedy Hypnosis Show**
Show starts at 9:00 pm in Washington Hall
For more information visit [www.nd.edu/~sao/ndafter5](http://www.nd.edu/~sao/ndafter5)
**Karaoke and Music**
10:00 pm to 1:00 am in the Huddle in LaFortune Student Center
For more information visit [www.nd.edu/~sao/music](http://www.nd.edu/~sao/music)

**Clover Comedy Club**
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12:00 midnight in the Ballroom of LaFortune Student Center
Free snacks!
For more information visit [www.nd.edu/~sao/comedy](http://www.nd.edu/~sao/comedy)

**Midnight Breakfast**
12:00 mid to 1:30 am in the North Dining Hall
Free cereal, doughnuts and a DJ
Sponsored by Student Government and the Student Activities Office

**Sunday, September 2, 2001**
**Movie: Chocolat**
8:00 pm Montgomery Theatre LaFortune Student Center
Come out and sample chocolate and enjoy the movie

**Monday, September 3, 2001**
**Movie: Gladiator**
Montgomery Theatre LaFortune Student Center
Questions?? Contact the Student Activities Office at 631-7308 or visit [www.nd.edu/~sao](http://www.nd.edu/~sao) for more information.
Begin planning for mail-in system

This year's student football ticket lottery system has been smooth with little frustration and few problems. The lines moved quickly. The crowds weren't too large. The combined efforts of Notre Dame's student government and the ticket office produced a system that ran as well as can be expected.

Nevertheless, the lottery system should still be scrapped for a mail-in system. Students want a mail-in system similar to ones used at other schools. They want the convenience of filling out one form, sending in their checks and waiting for their tickets.

Even the best lottery systems still require at least two trips across campus, possible interference with class schedules and the hassle of coordinating ticket groups while trying to prepare for the beginning of school.

A mail-in system would eliminate all the frustration. It could be handled in the spring for 75 percent of the student body leaving only freshmen, new graduate students and transfer students to deal with a lottery in the fall.

When Brooke Norton and Brian Moscona took over student government last April, they didn't have enough time to organize a mail-in system. The lottery system is creating a negative, effective stop-gap solution but is by no means perfect.

They have already proven they can create an effective lottery system in just a few weeks. With several months to develop and implement a mail-in system, student football ticket sales can run even more smoothly in the future.

Seeing through media biases

With the advent of cable television came the 24-hour news cycle and the need for cable news programs to latch onto sensational stories. Enter and exit the O.J. Simpson case. Enter and exit President Clinton's impeachment. Enter and exit the 2000 presidential election and post-election selection of a president.

Representative Gary Condit's relationship with missing intern Chandra Levy. It is now time to exit the Condit aspect of the story and concentrate on Levy's disappearance.

Many cable program hosts, most notably on the Fox Cable Channel, have used this story for political reasons. Of course, politics was forever changed for the worse when Newt Gingrich adopted the scour-the-earth and hold-no-prisoners approach to win control of the U.S. Congress in 1994.

Since that time, both Democrats and Republicans use any opportunity to spin a positive light for their causes.

Coverage of Condit has gone beyond news and information. Everyone knows that he is a hormonal hound-dog. Some suggest that it probably comes from his repressive upbringing within the Baptist Church. But that is not news anymore since we could list repressed CATHOLICS or Methodists or whatever religion who act just as badly with their brand of morality. Until Condit was implicated when Levy disappeared, his affairs had no standing regarding his performance as an elected official.

This writer supports the true meaning of "fair and balanced," rather than Fox's fair and balanced "according to the conservative way of thinking" approach that reeks throughout that cable network's reporting. Give me Chris Matthews of MSNBC's "Hardball" any day. While the former Democratic press secretary to ultra-liberal Speaker Tip O'Neill infuriates many Democrats with his criticism of Bill Clinton, he consistently holds to a set of principles regardless of party affiliation.

During the upcoming school year, this column may support and expose the Democratic Party's approach to problems while criticizing the opposition. It may call attention to issues that are uncomfortable for conservatives or Republicans. Unfortunately, in the past, regardless of what appeared in this column, those who disagree seem to read only what they want and misrepresent what is written in their e-mail responses. Despite those misinterpretations, this column will be more like MSNBC than Fox.

With that said, here is one Democrat who sees Condit acting like every other elected official, regardless of party. Yes, he could not come right out and say that it was romantic or intimate or just an act. How did Condit describe it? Oh, yes, he could not come right out and say that it was romantic or intimate or just an uncontrolled urge. For his right pride and immediate denial of his relationship, he has paid a terrible price at the hands of those self-righteous individuals whom should be called "the sex police."

Conservative commentator and self-appointed morality police chief William Bennett told CNN's Wolf Blitzer that adultery alone is not a disqualification to hold public office. Yet in the next breath, Bennett tried to demean Democrats in general by saying that at least Republican frits such as Senator Patrick Leahy and Representatives Livingston and Gingrich chose to resign while President Clinton and Representative Condit did not. Nothing like a little conservative spin to support Republicans and debase Democrats.

Blitzer countered that House Republicans Henry Hyde and Dan Burton, also participants in extra-mari­tal dalliances, did not resign. Bennett said that their trials had occurred years ago and chose to turn the discussion back to attack Condit's current situation, calling Condit a "serial adulterer."

If one focuses on the allegations that Condit attempted to obstruct the investigation in order to hide his personal life, then his fitness to serve as an elected official is correctly questioned. His best approach should have been to admit that he was romantically involved from the start. He could have blamed it on the pres­ sures of office or the long separations with his wife. Or he just could have said it was a weakness for which he was ashamed. It does not matter now, for his political life has already run and be reelected, he will still be neither ineffectual and will always be embittered. Those who are using Condit as red meat for their causes should beware. Casting stones at glass houses tend to splinter everyone.

And all of us, regardless of religion or personal values, have no business cast­ ing the first stone. Try conveying that message in an e-mail to a cable news host when precious ratings are on the line.

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The opinions expressed in this article are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Lexington, Ky.

It is interesting that so many Americans rally behind the U.S. military's efforts to thwart such terrible countries as Iraq, but then take over Kuwait in order to gain the “black gold.”

Joshua Goebeler

There is no question that oil is a resource that is vital to our world. However, it only seems fitting that the money earned from the sale of that oil would go to the people who are in need of help. The fact that the U.S. government has sold oil for less than its worth is unfair and is a crime against the people of the Middle East.

I hope one day we can move past this march toward war and instead strive toward peace.

Kentucky Kernal

\[ \text{Crossing the line with college rankings} \]

\[ \text{CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va.} \]

Kudos to the Princeton Review, whose infamous test-prep gurus in New York City. They have effectively created a set of rankings that no college actually wants to win.

This year, the University of Tennessee was the victim of a non-existent “best party school” national title. Not only is this the dis­tinction ridiculous, it is a nightmare for officials who must deal with the deluge of questions and complaints from media and prospective students.

Admissions officials at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville were ruffled, to say the least, when they discovered that their school had somehow ended up for a title it didn’t deserve. “Best party school” was the name given to the university in the 2000 edition of the Princeton Review's “Best 331 Colleges” book, making the university the uncontested leader in this category.

The same University of Tennessee that is, according to its school web site, investing in research centers and academic programs “to provide an outstanding education for undergraduates and graduate students.”

Vice president and provost Dr. Loren Crabtree said, “students took top priority” in his his welcome letter. With information on “Tennessee's commitment to students' intellectual development and students' accounts of the stimulating social development, prospective students understandably could be confused.

Social rankings simply cause prospective students to color any and everything else that admissions officials say with distrust. Tennessee's admissions office might be extolling its worldwide renown in medieval history research, but that won't prevent the "most beer" distinction from swarming in the backs of prospective students' minds.

The more studious contingent at Tennessee will not be taken seriously, as the school is more commonly known for having the nation's rowdiest party animals—the students who begin partying on Wednesdays and don't stop until the last drop of liquor is consumed on Sunday night.

The Princeton Review may have had prospective students in mind when it selected the University of Tennessee as one of the nation's most beer places. The Princeton Review handles college rankings a bit differently than many other rankings organizations like U.S. News & World Report and Kaplan. Unlike U.S. News, Princeton Review publishes additional rankings based on college students' opinions about the quality of life and campus atmosphere in an attempt to give color commentary to its rather cut-and-dry academic rankings.

But with such embarrassing titles as “best party school,” “professors suck all the life out of the classes” and “students happy,” you can be sure any admissions officials would be more than a tad upset if the school didn't get a name with such fun connotations as “Top Party School.”

Yes, they are for the most part, excusing their students' flamboyant behavior outside of the classroom. This time, the Princeton Review should veer away from student rankings altogether.

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You don't need no stinkin' books

You just dropped five Benjamins on books for this semester. They ran out of used books for your classes the first day. They changed editions after one year, making student to student book deals as common around here as changes to du Lac.

All this hassle begs the question: "What if I just didn't buy books this semester?"

Do you dare? Are you that big of an academic rebel? Can you successfully tell the bookstore to bite you without falling out of school?

As Tony Robbins would say, "Yes, my friends, YOU CAN." You have five classes. I am looking you good people up with strategies that will help you, the poor college student, to have a Hammes-free experience.

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**Strategy #1**

So, inevitably, you will have to read pages 1-50 of Plato before Thursday's discussion. So does that cute member of the opposite sex in your class. Think of your lack of books as a social opportunity. Get together with that person to "discuss the material." You just might "discuss" your way to a passing grade.

Things will get crazy if you actually do this - I checked. That poor bookstore is going to short circuits.

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**Strategy #2**

Visit the library and actually CHECK OUT A BOOK! People actually do this — I checked. That Plato book you need is freely available there for no charge. You may be thinking, "I thought the library was for overworked, underpaid TAs with beards." Not so. They let undergrads in there too.

Unfortunately, the library will not provide you with any sort of books. The library is prude like that.

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**Strategy #3**

With two classes taken care of, we move to our third strategy: listen to your professors. Professors are all different, but have one common thread. They talk about what interests them and what they know the most about, just minute tangent, remember what it was about. They'll test you on that.

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**Strategy #4**

Every office of every department of every college has a big copy machine that can copy like 100 pages a minute. Get a job at one of these places, or get your friends to let you in the office. Then copy the books while laughing hysterically about your victory over the Hammes Bookstore. If anyone's wondering why you're doing this, rub some toner on your hands and face and then say, "This toner tastes like cocoa powder."

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**Strategy #5**

Drop a class. Nothing feels better. But you should have some fun with it. Get up in the middle of the first class and say really loud, "You people are the problem with American lighting. Those students who wish to look for a better deal can try dorm book sales. Typically, students put posters to advertise books for sale in hopes of getting a better return than the bookstore may offer; however, e-mail is a newer method that also catches many students' attentions.

"I got e-mails from people in my dorm who were selling books, but I already bought all my books," said freshman Tessa Garcia.

Some students, usually upper-classmen, do seek other alternatives to bookstore shopping or dorm sales.

"I buy my books at Borders whenever possible," said senior Kyle Demko. "New books are only a couple dollars more than used books at the campus bookstore, and I'm not going to Borders right here. It's just as easy to drive over there.

Online shopping offers students one way to avoid the bookstore's monopoly on prices. However, the search can be intimidating, especially if a student is unfamiliar with online merchants.

"I thought about (online purchasing), but I thought it'd cost more after shipping," said Dunn.

Still, others do utilize the Internet for their book searches. It's quick, convenient and some students claim that browsing Web sites instead of bookstore aisles can save a patient consumer money.

"I go to the Internet first (before going to the campus bookstore)," said senior D.J. Cattin, who has used BarnesandNoble.com to make several online book purchases. "The Internet doesn't have all the books all the time, but sometimes you save money. It depends on how many books you're looking for."

As for those pesky shipping prices, Cattin said they can be avoided with a larger order. "Or, sometimes you can find specials online or use coupons," he added.

Although other choices clearly exist in local bookstores or on computer screens, the majority of students still flock to the campus bookstore. Still, that doesn't stop them from staring in disbelief at the cashier who announces their total. Bookstore cashiers see another side of the book-buying process that few students would ever experience.

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By JACQUELINE OSTROWSKI

Scene Writer

For Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, the semesterly man exodus to the bookstore marks either a fresh start or a biannual hassle. The bookstore and the book-buying processes vary from the students who buy every text (often eager freshmen) and load their arms with piles of books, to the students who forgo the bookstore in favor of online buying or patronizing off-campus bookstores.

High prices seem to be the top concern among students who do frequent the campus bookstore.

"Everybody complains about prices," said Derek Demske, a local high school student who worked at Hammes bookstore during this year's hectic buying season.

Freshman Rebecca Dunn stopped her search for textbooks to confirm Demske's testimony. "It's going along rather smoothly ... except for the financial part," she said.

Some students are lucky enough to have their textbooks make a repeat appearance in another class.

"I'm an English major, so sometimes I already have some books (from previous class)-" said senior David Gonzalez. "But I usually buy all my books at the bookstore."

Still, although Gonzalez has frequented the bookstore each semester, he is far from happy with the process.

"I think it's pretty terrible — the prices and their policy on the buy backs. When you go at the end of the semester to sell, it's ridiculous what they give you back, if they buy them back at all," he said. "It seems kind of unfair to me."

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classes and books ... oh my
eve investigates what bothers you most about it — and where else you can turn.

Another common lament involves weak arms, since so many classes require multiple textbooks. "Core requires a lot of books," said sophomore Jen Gasburn, eyeing the seemingly endless piles of Core texts.

Empty shelves and a lack of used books also rank high on the list of student complaints. The line at the back of the textbook section was busy for most of the afternoon as students tried to find out when their required texts would arrive.

"A lot of people have problems finding books. The tags are confusing, and a lot come in late," said Demsky. Employee Nichole Armstrong, who often helps students with specific textbook concerns, is all too familiar with these situations.

"We get a lot of price complaints, especially when there aren't used books," said Armstrong. "We had 700 used books for Chem 113, but once they were gone, people complained."

However, management at the bookstore notes that used books are a more plentiful option than they had been a few years ago. "The availability of used books has increased dramatically," said O'Connor. "We are aware of the prices of textbooks and we are very sensitive to that."

Interestingly, O'Connor has observed that not all students will choose used textbooks when given the option. "You'll find that students in higher disciplines will choose the new book," he said, attesting that this is the case when students may want to keep the book for future reference.

More Text Book Web Sites

| AllBookstores.com | Check out this site to get price comparisons for over 30 online stores — all with one click |
| Textswap.com | A free site for the exchange of textbooks |
| BookRaven.com | A student network where books can be bought and sold |
| eCampus.com | Sell them your used books and they'll pay the postage. |

These graphics reflect the cost of common first-year texts sold at Saint Mary's Haggard College Center (above) and Notre Dame Hammes Bookstore, compared to the prices of top Internet booksellers. Internet prices do not include the cost of shipping, though average shipping charges are $3 per book.

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(Tony Floyd/Observer)
Cubs rally behind homers by Mcgriff, Mueller

The Observer, Wednesday, August 31, 2001

If the Chicago Cubs make the playoffs, remember this game.

Bill Mueller watches his three-run, eighth inning blast sail over the right field fence during the Cubs 5-4 win.

McGriff and cut the Marlins margin to 4-1. McGriff came up big in the seventh. Brandon Looper came in for Sanchez, and promptly gave up a single to pinch-hitter Corey Patterson. Two outs later, he walked Sammy Sosa.

Armando Almanza relieved, and McGriff sent the 2-1 pitch soaring high into the air. It looked like it might drop, but it carried just enough for the three-run homer that tied the game at 4-1. "I was hoping, but I wasn't really sure," McGriff said. "I saw Miller going back like he had a bead on it. Next thing I knew, the wind had got aloft and it carried and on it went."

The fans gave McGriff's standing ovation continuing to cheer until he came out of the dugout for a brief curtain call.

It was McGriff's first run since joining the Cubs on July 27. He joins Hank Aaron as the only players with 800 hits in 14 or more straight seasons.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Alomar's homer keys Indians to 3-1 win over Sox

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

Just as he's done all season, Roberto Alomar did it all for the Cleveland Indians on Thursday night.

Alomar hit a two-run homer and threw out a runner at third, helping Bartolo Colon and the Indians complete a three-game sweep with a 3-1 win over the fading Boston Red Sox.

Alomar, rarely mentioned as an AL MVP candidate despite having statistics comparable to Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki, home­red off Hideo Nomo (11-6), scored twice, walked and made another Gold Glove season at second base.

Alomar, whose .340 average is second in the league behind Suzuki's .351, leads the sensa­tional rookie in several offensive categories and has had another Gold Glove season at second base.

And still, he's somehow being overlooked.

"I don't know why," acting Indians manager Grady Little said. "He does things day in and day out that help us win games. Whether it's on offense or defense or with something he says to somebody in the club­house. He's a superstar."

Colon (11-10) pitched six innings and was helped by Alomar and Omar Vizquel, who each threw out a runner on consecutive plays in the fourth inning.

Colon, who won for the first time since July 27, had three losses and two no-decisions in August after going 4-0 the previous month. He said he felt his groin pull slightly while warm­ing up before the game.

Cleveland used three relievers to get to the ninth, with Bob Wickman getting three outs for his 26th save.

Once again, Wickman had to pitch out of a jam. He gave up a leadoff single to Mike Lansing and a one-out base hit to pinch hitter Carl Everett before striking out Chris Stynes.

Wickman, who had to get out of a bases-loaded threat in the ninth on Wednesday, then got Manny Ramirez to fly to center field for the final out.

The Indians' sweep was their sixth in the series during the procedure, is expected to be released on Friday and could rejoin the club for the third straight game.

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Or cut down the runner.

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Hatteberg came in standing up and tried to jar the ball loose from Taubensee, who managed to hang on after get­ting flattened.

Jim Thome's RBI single in the first scored Alomar to give the Indians a 1-0 lead.

Boston tied it in the third on Manny Ramirez's two-out RBI double.

Boston, which hasn't trailed by more in the division this sea­son, went 1-0-3 in the series with runners in scoring posi­tion.

"We're pressing a bit in those situations," Kerrigan said. "I think we're trying to do too much. We work the count well with nobody on, but with run­ners on, we're too much of a hurry."

Indians manager Charlie Manuel remained hospitalized following abdominal surgery on Tuesday and Little ran the club for the third straight game.

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Marshall football players suspended

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - The NCAA has suspended 14 Marshall football players for improperly receiving extra work benefits, the school said Thursday night.

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Memphis coaches indicted

Associated Press

MIDWEST CITY, Okla. - Four Memphis football coaches had the opportunity to sign a new recruit under false pretenses, according to a federal grand jury indictment returned Wednesday.

The indictment was returned in United States District Court in the Northern District of Mississippi.

The charges are in addition to those detailed in a federal grand jury indictment returned Dec. 10, 1997, and revised and expanded in an indictment returned March 12.

The indictment alleges that Darrel Young, the former assistant coach at Memphis, Francis Young, a former Memphis line­backer, and Ken Cooper, a former Memphis wide receiver, used the promise of a football scholarship to induce two high school football players to sign a letter of intent to play for Memphis.

The two players were not eligible to sign a letter of intent, which violations were revealed.

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The NCAA said what the extra bene­fits were. A statement issued by the school said the benefits were given prior to February 2000.

Thursday's announcement is unrelated to a current NCAA investigation into study materi­als given to several athletes by an assistant professor two sum­mers ago.

The Associated Press had reported that Bruce McAllister, an assistant professor of anato­my and physiology, gave a study guide to students in his class and told them to read it over. The study guide ended up being the actual exam.

McAllister, who also served as a flex­ibility coach for the foot­ball team, was fired.

Marshall reported those allega­tions in October 1999.

Dave Wellman, the universi­ty's director of communications, declined further comment Thursday night.

"I can't say anything except what's in the statement," he said.

Marshall has been hit with NCAA sanctions at least twice previously.

In 1969, the Mid-American Conference suspended Marshall indefinitely and the NCAA placed it on one year's proba­tion after 144 football recruiting violations were revealed.

In 1989, the school was placed on probation for four years and paying a $100,000 fin­al kick to the team.

The Associated Press was among them.

Marshall has been hit with NCAA sanctions, including probation, in the past.

The penalties will be served immediately while the univer­sity appeals.

"This is an unfortunate, and I prefer to reserve further com­ment on this situation until we know the result of our appeal," Marshall football coach Rob Patruti said.

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Kicker boots her way into Division I football history

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NEW YORK

When things go wrong, as they often do for Marat Safin, he rocks his head and flails his arms like a conductor trying to coax every ounce of drama from a Russian symphony.

There were discordant moments and attacks of angst Thursday at the U.S. Open before despair ultimately turned to triumph for Safin. He nearly exhausted his allotment of tiebreakers but outlasted big-serving Croat Ivan Ljubicic in the second round, 7-6 (5), 6-7 (2), 7-6 (5), 7-6 (5).

For nearly 3 1/2 hours, Ljubicic had the demonstrative defending champion flailing, and then some. Safin buried his head in his hands, slammed balls into the net and directed at least one obscene gesture toward himself.

"I'm like this, I can't change," he said. "It's difficult to play the other way -- to be quiet on the court and nice to everybody. I'm getting angry with me, my coach, my father, everybody."

He smiled and noted: "I'm doing better. I didn't break any rackets today."

Perhaps only because he won, Safin, trying to shake a yearlong slump compounded by injuries, rarely looked like the player who stunned the tennis world by routing Pete Sampras in last year's final.

But in the tiebreakers Safin was poised, aggressive and a little lucky, and he closed out the win with a 136 mph ace.

"I was a little bit scared but passed through," he said. "My tennis is coming back. Each time I feel better and better."

After winning the first-set tiebreak, Safin was up 3-0 in the second when Ljubicic took an injury timeout. ATP trainer Juska gave him treatment to his lower back as the Croatian player lay face down on center court at Arthur Ashe Stadium.

The treatment worked. Ljubicic recovered and the two men traded serves of over 100 mph. Each player managed just one break and their huge serves produced a combined 37 aces. 21 for Ljubicic and 16 for Safin. Ljubicic made 65 unforced errors to 38 for Safin.

The end came on Safin's third match point after he had often been frustrated by mistakes that left him with his head hanging.

Only 21, Safin fears he has already peaked, and he's dubious about recapturing the form that overwhelmed Sampras a year ago.

"It was too perfect," Safin said. "I cannot play like this all the time. It can happen once in my life -- last year."

As if to prove it, in 2001 Safin hasn't won a tournament and has reached only one final. His best Grand Slam showing came at Wimbledon, where he advanced to the quarterfinals before losing to Ivanisevic. He has been slowed by back and knee injuries but says he's healthy now.

Safin went through three coaches in 2000 and this year hired seven-time Grand Slam champion Mats Wilander, who has worked with the Russian on his tactics and temper.

"I'm not so confident like last year, so I have to start from the beginning, from the basics," Safin said. "Had a bad year -- a horrible year, I could say. Better times will come for sure. I want to win a few more Grand Slam tournaments, and it will be perfect."

"And I will win," he added with a laugh. "Otherwise I shoot myself."

Despite the marathon, the Open remained largely upset-free. Four-time champion Pete Sampras won the final match of the night, beating qualifier Andre Sa 7-6 (4), 6-4, 6-5.

"They're all tough," Sampras said. "All these guys are out to knock me out."

Second seed and double U.S. Open champion Andre Agassi survived a second-round scare when he scored a hard-fought 6-4 (7-4), 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (7-1) victory over American Ryan Sweeting.

Massu, playing inspired tennis, kept Agassi on centre court for three hours and 20 minutes as he came back from a break down in the fourth set and saved triple match point in the 10th game to extend a match in doubt until the fourth-set tie-break.

Marat Safin returns a serve Thursday at the U.S. Open, Safin Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic 7-6 (5), 6-7 (2), 7-6 (5) in second round action. Agassi finally asserted himself as he raced to a 6-0 lead in the tie-break before eventually winning it 7-1. A recurrent shoulder injury forced American Jan-Michael Gambill to retire trailing Mikhail Youzhny 6-4, 4-1.

Earlier, ninth-seeded Tim Henman shrugged off a peculiar 6-7 (12), 6-4, 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-4, 6-1 loss to Sergi Brugueras to advance to the fourth round.

Henman, a semifinalist at Wimbledon, has lost in the first or second round of every Open he's played in an odd-numbered year since his debut here in 1995. Now he's in the third round after Thursday's victory.

He won the first two sets, then drifted through the third before putting Meligeni away. Henman shrugged off 38 unforced errors and won 44 of 55 first-serve points.

In other matches, former No. 1 Marcelo Rios defeated No. 22 Andrei Pavel 7-5, 6-4, 6-0.
Charlotte takes first game of WNBA Finals

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. With his Los Angeles Sparks trailing Charlotte by double digits, Michael Cooper didn’t bother with any inspirational speeches or waste his time talking about the NBA championships he won.

Instead, Cooper simply called his team together and asked them if they wanted to win. The answer was a resounding “Yes.”

The Sparks played dominating defense in the second half Thursday night and got 24 points and eight rebounds from Lisa Leslie in a 75-66 victory over the Charlotte Sting in Game 1 of the WNBA Finals.

“Champions find a way to win. If I had to say anything to them that was it,” Cooper said. “I can say all I want, but it’s up to them to get it done. At winning time, they decided they wanted to get it done.”

The Sparks did it by holding Charlotte scoreless for over seven minutes in the second half, finally allowing a basket with 1:09 to play and the game out of reach.

“We can’t go into dialogues against L.A.” Charlotte coach Anne Donovan said. “You can’t not score for seven minutes and survive.”

Leslie showed why she was the MVP of both the regular season and the All-Star game with a dominating second-half performance to rally the Sparks from an 11-point deficit.

“We didn’t make good defensive decisions until the second half and I think it’s fortunate that we won because we waited so late to become aggressive,” Leslie said.

DeLisha Milton added 19 points and Tamecka Dixon scored 12 for the Sparks.

The Sparks need only to win one game on their home floor — where they are 18-1 this season — to close out the best-of-three series and join their counterpart, the Los Angeles Lakers, as champions this season.

Game 2 is Saturday.

But the Sting, who started the season 3-10 before turning things around and winning the Eastern Conference title, are no strangers to adversity. They won their first two playoff series by winning on the opponents’ court.

“We’ve had our backs against the wall before,” said Andrea Stinson, who led Charlotte with 18 points. “We have to go in composed, ready to play and ready to do battle. They are going to come at us, but we’re going to go in there and play hard.”

At first, the game seemed like a showdown between Stinson and Leslie and their different styles of basketball.

They closed out the first half by exchanging baskets — Stinson making fancy jumpers using tricky dribbling and behind the back passes, and Leslie answering by lowering her shoulder and driving the ball to the basket on consecutive possessions.

But Stinson got the last word of the half. She missed on a running jumper in the final seconds of the half, but scrambled for her own rebound, caught it in the air and heaved it back up and in for a 39-35 Charlotte lead at the break.

“Stinson had a very good game, she was just phenomenal coming off the picks,” Leslie said.

Stinson gave way to Allison Feaster at the start of the second half, giving the former L.A. reserve ample opportunities to run the offense. She did, scoring on three consecutive jumpers to pad Charlotte’s lead to 46-39.

Another Stinson layup gave the Sting their largest lead of the night at 50-39 with 16:16 to play.

After that, the Sparks — especially Leslie — seemed to wake up.

Leslie and Dixon started an 18-8 run with aggressive drives to the hoop that resulted in numerous trips to the line. After cutting the lead to 58-51, Leslie converted a pair of three-point plays that pulled the Sparks within one at 58-57 with 8:35 to play.

Dawn Staley answered with a 3-pointer for Charlotte, but L.A.’s stifling defense shut the Sting down over the next six minutes, forcing five turnovers, hurried shots and bad passes.

As Charlotte was self-destructing, the Sparks were taking off.

Ukari Figgs scored on two running jumpers to give the Sparks a 63-61 lead they did not relinquish. Milton hit a 3 only seconds after drawing her fifth foul and Leslie pushed it to 68-61 with a spinning layup.

“We were just trying to get running back even and once we did, we were like sharks,” Leslie said. “We went after them.”

Charlotte Sting Tonya Edwards dribbles past L.A. Sparks Tamecka Dixon during Game 1 of the WNBA Finals earlier this week.

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The excitement of Notre Dame women's volleyball has so far been confined to the practice courts in Rolfs Recreation Center. Tonight, they get to come out and play. Joyce Center fans get their first glimpse of the No. 20-ranked 2001 squad when the Irish take on the Bobcats of Southwest Texas at 7 p.m.

"We're excited about the season, we're excited about the team," said Irish head coach Debbie Brown. "Certainly our main efforts as a coaching staff are getting the team ready to play." Brown also hopes for a strong fan turnout, both from Notre Dame students and the local community. Members of Notre Dame's sports promotions staff have been working overtime to promote this weekend's Shamrock Invitational.

"I think that it being the first weekend with everybody back on campus, and the fact that there isn't a football weekend, it might be great for students to have something here to do with both soccer and volleyball playing," Brown said. Besides taking on three quality opponents, the Irish must re-adjust to their home court. After three weeks of workouts in Rolfs, Friday's workout was only the team's sixth practice in their home arena.

"It's a little bit different because you don't have the walls behind you, so serving and passing and spatial orientation is a little different," Brown said. "I think that our team will be perfectly comfortable in the arena.

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The Irish, led by preseason Big East Player of the Year Kristy Kreher, are the very top-ranked team in the pack, but Brown isn't looking past the competition.

Southwest Texas returns only two starters from last year's Southland Conference championship squad. Because the Irish take on the Bobcats first, Brown isn't sure what to expect.

"The two returners that they have coming back are their setter and their outside hitter," Brown said. "So we know the core of their leadership, but we don't really know the players on their team very well.

The Owls of Florida Atlantic bring six new faces - four freshman and two transfer students. Brown remembers the Owls suffering hard knocks last season, when they finished fourth in the Atlantic Sun conference.

"Florida Atlantic had a tough year last year, but they were really hurt by injuries," Brown said. "At the beginning of the season, they had four starters that were out with injury.

The Vandals of Idaho finished sixth last season in the talented Big West conference.

"Idaho, I think is a pretty strong, competitive program," Brown said.

The three matches serve as preparation for next weekend's USBank/Arby's Invitational in Lincoln, Neb. next weekend. In Lincoln, the Notre Dame takes on three higher-ranked teams, including defending national champion Nebraska.

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Men's Soccer

Irish set to kick off Big East competition

The Notre Dame men's soccer team will kick off its 20th season of varsity competition this Saturday night when it faces off at home against Big East rival Villanova.

After two exhibition wins last weekend, Saturday's game marks Notre Dame's first season and first Big East game.

Last year, the Irish topped the Wildcats 2-1 on Oct. 20 at Villanova. Junior Erick Braun scored both goals to give Notre Dame the edge.

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VOLLEYBALL

NCAA enacts scoring rule change

By KERRY SMITH
Sports Writer

The old adage that defense wins championships may still ring true, but now for NCAA volleyball teams across the country so does this: defense scores points.

The beginning of the 2001 season brings a host of key rule changes in the collegiate women's game.

Adopting the standard international club and men's collegiate scoring rules, the NCAA made three major rule changes to be implemented this season.

First, the NCAA has exchanged its sideline scoring method for what is hoped to be a more fan-friendly and time-saving rally scoring system. Second, teams will still play a best-of-Five-game match, but now the first four games will be played to 30 and the fifth, if necessary, will end at 15. And lastly, the let serve will be ruled legal as long as it lands in bounds.

The changes to the rallying scoring system will be the most noticeable difference. A team no longer must control the serve to score a point. Anytime the ball hits the floor, a point will be scored. While these changes alter the scope of the game, players and coaches alike aren't stressing about the implications.

"We certainly will need to cut down on unforced errors. Before, an error might not have hurt us as badly. Now there is that much more room for error." - Debbie Brown, Irish head coach

The old adage that defense rings true, but now for the women's game.

"There is a sentiment that it makes the game a little more fun friendly," Brown said. "There's a bigger sense of urgency with each serve which makes it easier to get into."

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles look forward to promising start

By B.J. STREW
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The 2001 season is a welcome breath of fresh air for the Saint Mary's volleyball team.

Boistered by the return of four letterwinners and the loss of only one, the Belles are looking to rebound from a frustrating 7-22 record last season.

"There will be a lot of great competition," said head coach Julie Schroeder-Biek, who is entering her seventh year at the Belles' helm. "We're really excited to face scholarship teams like St. Ambrose. We have good returners and promising freshmen adding depth to the lineup this year."

For the upcoming season, Schroeder-Biek intends to quicken the offense and ultimately the team as a whole.

"We always need to be making an attack," Schroeder-Biek said. "Our back row must always be poised to attack, as well."

The invaluable experience of the 2001 squad will no doubt start from the top with captain Angela Meyers and fellow seniors Jaime Dineen, Jolie LeBeau and Denise Langlois. Langlois, however, will not be joining her teammates for the St. Ambrose tournament due to conflicting plans.

In addition to the three seniors on the starting lineup, junior Elizabeth Albert, a transfer to St. Mary's and sophomore Alison Shevik will lend their skills to the team.

Schroeder-Biek said that a freshman might get the coveted sixth spot on the squad, but competition for it is neck-and-neck.

As for the recent change to the rules regarding scoring coach Schroeder-Biek believes fans and players alike will enjoy a more intense atmosphere.

She is excited to see how it will alter the game dynamics, though she does not plan to alter her coaching style, adding, "We just need to stay up and ready for rallying."

A hard hitter, Meyers, who ranked 10th in the nation in the Ambrose tournament due to digs, has experience and leadership qualities that Schroeder-Biek hopes will help the Belles to become one of the top programs in the league.

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Penn State searches for emotional victory

By GREG LADKY
Sports Writer

The story lines will inevitably overshadow the Miami-Penn State game in Happy Valley Saturday night. Joe Paterno is one win from tying Paul Bryant’s record of 323 wins as a college head coach. The Nittany Lions will try to match that record in a newly renovated Beaver Stadium.

The excitement will begin at the game’s opening. Nearly a year ago, Penn State freshman Adam Taliaferro was paralyzed against Ohio State. Doctors told him he might never walk again. Taliaferro responded with a promise that he would lead the Nittany Lions out onto the field someday. This Saturday, he will.

The game itself features the talent loaded No. 2 Hurricanes versus another sub-par Nittany Lions team. The Hurricanes lost four players to the first round of the NFL draft, but somehow return an even more talented team. The strength starts up front with Bryant McKinnie and Joaquin Gonzalez, who form one of the best tackle combinations in recent memory.

McKinnie could have been the fifth Hurricane first rounder, but decided to stick it out in Miami. They are protecting Heisman candidate Ken Dorsey, as well as a slew of talented running backs. Dorsey threw for 2,727 yards and 25 touchdowns last year.

On defense, the Hurricanes have one of the best secondaries around, highlighted by strong safety Edward Reed and rising star cornerback Phillip Buchanon.

Penn State returns just nine starters from a team that went 5-6 last year. Starting quarterback Matt Seneca was mediocre at best in spot duty last year, but Paterno has promised he is the real deal. Six-foot-3, 330-pound Jimmy Kennedy has all-Big Ten ability and heads a strong defensive front for the Lions.

If the Hurricanes keep their heads in the game itself early, they may be too talented for the Nittany Lions. The Nittany Lions need to harness the energy that will surround Beaver Stadium and jump ahead of Miami. Even the talented Hurricanes can’t afford to fall behind in Beaver Stadium.

GAME OF THE WEEK

Miami running back Jarrett Payton, son of the late Walter Payton, runs for a 16-yard touchdown during the first quarter of their 1999 game against Rutgers.

Other Top Games

West Virginia at Boston College
You can bet Bob Davie will tune in as these 2001 Irish opponents open Big East competition in Chestnut Hill. Both programs are coming off bowl game victories and look to join Miami and Virginia Tech atop the Big East.

A lot has changed in West Virginia since their 34-14 home victory over Boston College last year. Rich Rodriguez has taken over for longtime coach Don Nehlen.

Rodriguez’s defense returns nine starters from a unit that couldn’t catch Irish running back Terrance Howard last October. The Mountaineers present double trouble at running back with Avon Colbourne and former Irish player Cooper Rego, first-cousin of current Irish back Ryan Grant. On the other sideline, Eagles star William Green is the best running back no one talks about.

WestVirginia may struggle for a while with Rodriguez’s new offensive and defensive schemes. They need to run the ball well and control the tempo Saturday in order to win. Boston College has good talent at the skill positions and can score points quickly, complicating West Virginia’s transition to a new scheme.

Wisconsin at Oregon
The Badgers are hoping that last Saturday’s game against Virginia prepared them for the storm they will face in Eugene, Oregon. The Badgers are trying to implement a spread attack on offense.

This plan failed versus Virginia. If not for two long touchdowns by wide receiver Lee Evans and several Cavalier turnovers, the Badgers would be 0-1. Coach Barry Alvarez bagged the spread attack at halftime last week and returned to the smash mouth style that has been Wisconsin’s best program in the conference over the last eight years.

The Ducks are hoping to smell roses this year. Their defense is dynamic, led by Heisman candidate quarterback Joey Harrington. The defense lost several starters, but Ali-Pac Ten corner Rashad Bauman claims this defense is the fastest and nastiest Oregon has ever had.

Expect Oregon defensive coordinator Nick Aliotti to stick Bauman on Lee Evans and pose a riddle to the rest of the Badger offense. The Badgers must play their smash mouth football to have a chance.

Eugene has emerged as one of the country’s toughest stadiums for the visitors to succeed. The Ducks posses the nation’s second longest home winning streak with eight in a row.
FOOTBALL

Irish passing game remains untested

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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Uncertainty is the word that best describes Notre Dame's passing game. Nobody knows how good it will be. Nobody knows how dangerous it could be. But more importantly, with the game on the line, nobody knows how the players will respond.

"I don't know what we can do this year," said Kevin Rogers, Notre Dame's offensive coordinator. "I know that we can do more, and that has a lot to do with what the quarterback is capable of. I do know that we have three quality receivers."

Rogers is confident that Notre Dame's top three receivers — David Givens, Javin Hunter and Arnaz Battle — will be potent weapons in Notre Dame's offense. And he's excited to have such a strong group.

Last year, with Battle still a quarterback and Hunter sidelines by injuries, the Irish only had Givens and graduate Joey Getherall. And with untested quarterback Matt LoVecchio at the helm, the Irish didn't throw the ball that much.

"Joey and David ... did a great job of being selfless guys last year, understanding that we didn't have a quarterback," Rogers said. "Last year was a deal where we didn't want to go out there and lose the game on offense. Hopefully we'll take a little different attitude and go out there and win the game this year."

With LoVecchio, Carlyle Holiday and Jared Clark, the Irish have three quarterbacks who have valuable experience with the Notre Dame offense. And as Givens is quick to say, experience is everything.

"I think Matt, Carlyle and Jared Clark all have experience, and with experience comes maturity," he said. "I think we're all more experienced. I think that's a big part of throwing the ball more."

Givens admits that he wants to play a more active role in the Irish offense. And while Notre Dame's top receiver would trade touches for wins in a heartbeat, he wants to play a more personal role in putting points on the board.

"We'll be able to know when we run this stuff under game tested situations," he said.

Rogers isn't concerned about the physical capabilities of the receivers. In Givens, the Irish have a flashy, quick playmaker with great hands. Hunter — if he stays healthy — provides a solid receiver on the other side of the field. And the quarterback-turned-receiver Battle, who has already proven to be extremely dangerous after the catch, could be an attractive man to run the ball on a reverse.

"But nobody knows how effective they can be in a game. And nobody will know until the Sept. 8 season opener against Nebraska."

"The bottom line to us is to get open against bump and run and to be able to throw the ball accurately," Rogers said. "How well we can do that we'll find out soon."

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Senior Arnaz Battle extends to grab a pass during practice earlier this fall. Battle, David Givens and Javin Hunter are Notre Dame's top receivers.
Sophomore forward Amy Warner darts upfield during an exhibition game earlier this fall against Iowa. Warner is one of several underclassmen coach Randy Waldrum expects to start.

"I wouldn't have been able to make the transition (to defense) as easily," Warner said. "Randy, who has worked with all three players, described Pruzinsky has having advantages over both Sobrero and Grubb."

"The thing Vanessa has over both of them is that she was a forward," Waldrum said, commenting on Pruzinsky's career as a high-school striker, where she scored 79 goals. "Vanessa is more skillful than Kate was.

Pruzinsky recognizes the advantages of her striker experience in terms of ball-handling.

"I wouldn't have the comfort on the ball if I didn't play forward," she said. "I try to tacklehard.

That ability for suffocating one-on-one defense, combined with lightning-quick recovery speed has made it difficult to over-emphasize Pruzinsky's work as the soul of the Irish defense and one of the players leading the charge to the NCAA tournament.

Focus and commitment

Notre Dame's legacy of dominant defenders is in the best of hands with Pruzinsky. Nothing more is a testament to her focus and commitment than her 4.0 GPA in one of Foundations of the legacy

The rapid ascension of the Notre Dame women's soccer program to its annual Top 5 position began around the time Sobrero arrived on campus in the fall of 1994. That year would see the Irish advance to the NCAA championship final, eventually falling to North Carolina 2-0.

Sobrero would be an All-American her next four years, eventually securing a spot on the U.S. national team that won the World Cup in 1999.

She was the youngest starting defender on that squad.

Four-time All-American Grubb commanded the back line between Sobrero and Pruzinsky from 1996 to 1999, establishing herself as a hard-nosed defender with a knack for creating offense. Like Pruzinsky, Grubb was a central defender, charged with shutting down opposing forwards in the box.

Grubb is one of only four All-Americans among Irish defenders in NCAA soccer history, and has had two stints on the U.S. national team. As a senior, she also provided a defensive edge to a Notre Dame team led by Pruzinsky, who had always played forward in high school.

"I learned a lot from Jen," said Pruzinsky. "I wouldn't have been able to make the transition (to defense) as easily.

Waldrum, who has worked with all three players, described Pruzinsky has having advantages over both Sobrero and Grubb.

"The thing Vanessa has over both of them is that she was a forward," Waldrum said, commenting on Pruzinsky's career as a high-school striker, where she scored 79 goals. "Vanessa is more skillful than Kate was.

But grades haven't created the tremendous amount of respect from her fellow players that surrounds Pruzinsky the soccer player.

"(The other players) look at her in awe," said Waldrum. "She has the utmost respect from everyone, and she goes along with everyone.

With the Notre Dame defender legacy is in come expectations.

"Vanessa Pruzinski (5) kicks the ball away from two Michigan forwards during NCAA tournament action last season.

Notre Dame's most daunting players change engineerin.

That figure landed her first-team All-American honors, an award unheard of for a player in her sophomore year. She has found a balance between school and soccer that has led to elite success in both.

"Sometimes a soccer player gives me a really nice break from school," said Pruzinsky. "It's hard to find time for everything.

"I want to do everything I can to help the national championship," she said.

Waldrum knows his junior defender is up to the task.

"The torch was passed from Kate to Jen, and now Jen to Vanessa," she said. "She knows the expectation, and she's doing a great job with it."

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The experienced Irish defense, led by junior Vanessa Pruzinsky and seniors Monica Gonzales and Lindsey Jones, should be up to the challenge of shutting down Welsh and her teammates.

The Irish midfielders may have the most difficult task of all against Penn State. They must prevent offensive opportunities for Penn State while at the same time make some critical passes in an effort to give the Irish forwards chances to score.

The midfield will feature senior captain and All-American along with juniors All Lovelace and Ashley Drier. Sophomore Randi Scheller looks poised to replace the retiring Welsh as a vital player at the other midfield position.

Highly touted freshman Gunna Gunnaradottir may also see some time at defense or midfielder on Friday, but she is still recovering from a knee injury she suffered over the summer while playing with Iceland's national team.

Irish goalie Liz Wagner also returns after a spectacular 2000 season. Wagner feels confident about the veteran defense in front of her.

"Our defense and midfield should be real strong because we have a lot of experience there," Wagner said. "Christie Welsh is a very physical presence so our whole team has to play good team defense in order to keep the ball away from her."

In their two exhibition wins over the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the University of Iowa, Notre Dame showed flashes of last year's brilliance, but the players know there is still a tremendous amount of work that needs to be done in order for them to return to the College Cup.

Sophomore forward Amy Warner feels that the team must play with greater intensity and execute better offensively in order to defeat Penn State in the season opener.

"We played decent in the exhibition games, but I know we can play much better," Warner said. "Penn State will be an extremely difficult opening appointment. Our practices have been much better recently, but I think that intensity will carry over for this weekend. It would be great to start off this season the same way that we started last season with a big winning streak.

After tonight's clash with the Nittany Lions, the Irish will have little time to recuperate as they take on No. 25-ranked Hartford on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Alumni Field on the second day of the Key Bank Classic.

This will be a good experience for us to start off against some tough teams in the Key Bank Classic," Waldrum said. "We should immediately figure out what adjustments we need to make as we look to return to last year's form.

Hartford will play Friday night at 5 p.m. against the University of Connecticut prior to Notre Dame's game against Penn State.

Hartford coach Jeff Baltruzak will play Sunday morning at 11 a.m.
THURSDAY "HOROSCOPE"

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Vanessa Pruzinsky steps up as the latest great Notre Dame defender

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"Defense wins championships." "Defense is more important than breathing." Cliches, maybe, but junior defender and preseason Big East Defensive Player of the Year Vanessa Pruzinsky is the latest in a legacy of Irish backliners, including Kate Sobrero and Jen Grubb, proving true every buzzphrase about the importance of defense.

Pruzinsky will form the heart of the Notre Dame defense in 2001, patrolling the center of the field. Pruzinsky, in fact, is one of the few solidified starters on defense, and head coach Randy Waldrum is counting on her leadership and ability to be a steady hand around younger players.

"She's more of a leader by example," said Waldrum. "She's not as vocal as other leaders but she has come in as a veteran player." Pruzinsky recognizes that this year she will have to become a loud leader as well.

"Since Jen Grubb was so vocal, I never felt like I had to be as vocal," Pruzinsky said. "This year I'm going to communicate more.

Another difference between this year and last year is that we're a little younger, but that's not always a bad thing," he said. "We'll probably start five to six freshmen and sophomores, and I expect them to bring a lot of energy and excitement to the field."

The Big East Defensive Player of the Year Vanessa Pruzinsky hopes to continue the legacy started by Kate Sobrero (bottom left) and Jen Grubb (bottom right).