Holy Cross may offer bachelor’s degrees

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Writer

Holy Cross College could expand its degree programs to offer four-year bachelor’s degrees in the near future, according to proposals currently being developed at the College. Pending accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Holy Cross wants to offer a four-year bachelor of arts degree in addition to the two-year associate’s degree it currently offers.

The College is in discussion stages with the association about timing and there is no firm schedule for the site visit that is necessary to become accredited. The Board of Trustees are currently creating a proposal and have not announced what the time frame is for implementation, according to William Mangan, vice president of Academic Affairs.

"One of things in the forefront of our thinking is that any bachelor’s degree program cannot negatively affect our associate’s degree it currently offers," Mangan said.

The push for the four-year degree is also coming from alumni and students.

"Many times we hear from alums and students who say that they would love to stay for four years," Mangan said.

The college considered implementing a bachelor’s degree program last year and has been looking into it this academic year, which is also the College’s 35th anniversary celebration.

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Do you have character?

Modern America, through its frank discourse into previously unmentionable topics, has found itself embroiled in a constant debate about character. What is character? The seemingly rhetorical question is often left without an answer. Does the President have character? Who has the best character? Who has the strongest character? On a national level, these answers seem almost impossible to find. We are only privi­
ged with information provided to us by the media. The public can only learn about events who earn their wages by twisting and turning words and events into scenarios of benefit to their clients. On the local level, however, we are given much more depth.

On the Notre Dame campus, for instance, who has more character? The students and fans who run Web sites degrading and even slandering a man and his family? The alumni who have gone so far as to send threatening and profan­
etical evidence pertinent to the case.

Bob Davey, former head football coach on being fired Sunday

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former head football coach

on being fired Sunday

“This is hard for me to hide my disappointment that I won’t be back as the head football coach of Notre Dame. But with that said, I accept the decision.”

Bob Davey

Operations Manager

“I had good intentions to do service when I first came here to Notre Dame, but then I got busy with other things.”

Melissa Rauch

senior on community service

“IT can’t even tell you how many times I’ve cried thinking that this was going to be my last game with these guys. I don’t even know how I would cut off my arm for these guys.”

Anthony Weaver

senior football player

Beyond Campus

University denies mishandling sex-crimes

BOSTON

A lawyer for Boston University on Friday denied allegations made by former student Kristin Rosloski, who claims the University covered up her alleged rape and released the potentially defam­
eral evidence pertinent to the case.

Rosloski filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education last week claiming BU violated her civil rights by mishandling the investiga­
tion into her alleged rape, attempting to discredit her claims, misrepresent­
ing campus rape statistics and creat­
ing a hostile environment for rape victims. Her lawyers sent a demand letter to BU on Nov. 5 threatening to sue the University for $1.4 million.

BU Counsel Robert Smith said the University would work with the DOE and believed any possible investiga­
tion would back the University’s case.

Dartmouth College

Student pleads guilty to professor’s death

James Parker, one of the two teenagers charged in the murders of two Dartmouth College professors, will plead guilty to accomplice to second degree murder in the death of Susan Wiley, the New Hampshire attorney general’s office announced earlier Monday afternoon. The parties have reached an agreement and a plea hearing has been scheduled before the Grafton County Superior Court on Friday, Dec. 7 at 9 a.m.

“We have reached an agreement with the state of New Hampshire which resolves the case against Jimmy,” Parker, lawyer for Cathy Green said in a statement. “Jimmy has made the decision to accept responsibility for his actions, and is hopeful that his plea will enable his family and that of the Zanetos to begin the healing process. He is now 17, and will pay a very heavy price for his role in this tragedy.”

Friday, the state is expected to present the full terms of the agreement, which would include a proposed sentence; the agreement still has to be approved by a judge.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Family of missing professor hires PI

While police have emphasized the possibility that missing Harvard University professor Don Wiley com­
mited suicide, Wiley’s family members said Saturday that investigators have told them there is no evidence besides his rental car — found abandoned on a bridge — to support that theory. “I hate that suicide keeps getting brought up as the possibility rather than one of many,” Wiley’s sister-in-law, Susan Wiley, said in her home Saturday. “I just don’t think he committed sui­
cide.”

Wiley, Loueb Professor of Biophysics and Biochemistry, was last seen on Nov. 5 at the family’s home in Clifton Hall on Nov. 5, 2000, according to witness statements released by BU. After returning from a failed search to find a party in the Ashford Street area, Rosloski said friends pulled her into a lounge where she kissed and fed­
eral evidence pertinent to the case.

On Friday, the student she later accused of raping her, according to a police affi­
davit.

Later that morning, Rosloski went to the student’s room where she said she had been verbally abused by one of the other students allegedly raped her with a knife.

BU police investigated, but no crim­
inal charges were ever filed. After an investigation by the BU Office of Judicial Affairs, Rosloski was sus­
pended until May 31, 2003, for sexual harassment and alcohol violations. Her alleged assailant was punished for alcohol violations. BU spokesman Colin Riley said last month.

Local Weather

5 Day South Bend Forecast

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Bush warns public to stay alert during war

WASHINGTON President Bush urged Americans on Monday to return to a high state of alert for holiday season terrorist strikes after Tuesday's warnings on war. Bush said that "terrorism" is not tied to the weekend attacks and retaliation....

The FBI put 18,000 law enforcement agents on the highest level of concern Monday was not any greater than for the two previous alerts.

They said Ridge pushed for the alert because of the new information and out of the apprehension that U.S. intelligence officials reported a high state of alert since Sept. 11 hijackings, said the information does not point to a specific target or type of attack, either in the United States or abroad.

"The convergence of information suggests, ladies and gentlemen of America, you know, we're at war, be on alert," Ridge told reporters in the White House briefing room.

"Now is not the time to back off," Ridge said, echoing a warning he issued the nation's governors in a conference call Monday.

The FBI put 18,000 law enforcement agents on the highest state of alert because of threats called from intelligence sources across the globe, he said.

"Unfortunately, we cannot do that," Ridge said.

Americans can help by reporting suspicious activity to police, Ridge said. The action comes in the middle of the holiday shopping season, an important time for recession-wary retailers.

"A terrorism alert is not a signal to stop life. It is a call to be vigilant, to know that your government is on high alert and to add your eyes and ears to our efforts to find and stop those who want to harm us," Ridge said.

Bush added a section to work with local law enforcement. He also stressed the case of Robert Hanssen, a veteran FBI agent who pleaded guilty to a decade and a half of spying for Moscow, exposed serious flaws in the FBI's internal security.

FBI reorganizes to fight terror

WASHINGTON FBI Director Robert Mueller said Monday the bureau is being restructured to strengthen its ability to fight terrorism and cybercrime and to improve internal security and intelligence gathering.

Responding to terrorist attacks and congressional misgivings about the bureau's management, Mueller reorganized the FBI to respond more quickly to threats against national security including possible terror attacks and threats against the nation's computer infrastructure.

More agents will be added to new counterterrorism and cybercrime divisions in Washington. The FBI will be expanding under the counterterrorism division our resources, in particular to address intelligence and prevention," Mueller said in a briefing with reporters.

Investigations into the Sept. 11 and anthrax attacks will not be affected by the restructuring, he said.

Approved by Congress last Friday, the plan takes effect immediately. The next phase of the restructuring will involve field offices backing away from certain investigations, such as bank robberies and drug crimes. Mueller said he first wants to assess whether local law enforcement or other federal agencies can take over those duties.

Mueller added four new assistant directors who will act as his top deputies, in addition to new intelligence, computer, technology and security divisions. He also added a section to work with local law enforcement.

Many of the changes address problems with technology, document handling, internal security and intelligence sharing that have dogged the FBI in recent years.

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A core of 30 students in order to test the new program. These students would be enrolled in 17 or 18 hours per semester. The current program outline requires students to take a career planning class, fulfill community service hours, participate in a foreign travel program and complete an internship through the college. The emphasis is on service and to gain an understanding of all aspects of the employer-employee relationship.

Established in 1966 by the Brothers of the Congregation of the Holy Cross, the College’s mission has been to provide a liberal arts education with the intention of transferring to a four-year college program. The College is being conscious about remaining within the original mission of the school.

The general consensus of the administration, faculty, and staff, according to Dr. Mangan and Marcum, is that the addition of the bachelor degree program would be beneficial to Holy Cross.

"The faculty has said we can educate in four years within the liberal arts program. We think we can do it and do it well," Dr. Mangan said.

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Brances debate Reich nomination
◆ Top Latin American post becomes new political tug of war

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

The White House and the Senate are deadlocked over the State Department’s top Latin American position, nine months after President Bush first proposed Otto Reich for the post.

Senate Democrats, led by Christopher Dodd of Connecticut, refuse to hold a confirmation hearing for Reich, whom they consider unqualified. The White House won’t withdraw his name, saying he is the victim of a smear campaign.

Any attempt to pull back Reich’s nomination probably would upset Cuban-American leaders in Florida — an important base of support to both President Bush and his brother, Jeb Bush, who will seek re-election as Florida governor next year.

Reich’s supporters have urged Bush to bypass the Senate and give Reich a one-year appointment during Congress’ recess. But Bush advisers say that is not being considered seriously.

A recess appointment would be seen as an affront to Senate Democrats at a time the administration is stressing bipartisanship against terrorism.

Moreover, a recess appointment may not be an option. Lawmakers are considering skipping the recess planned for this month because of the war on terrorism. Some Republicans say Democrats may be trying to prevent the possibility of recess appointments — including Reich’s.

Without a recess appointment, Reich’s nomination as assistant secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs is stuck. It’s up to Dodd, chairman of Foreign Relations’ Western Hemisphere Subcommittee, to schedule a hearing.

Dodd has said that Reich’s nomination is dead.

"Mr. Reich clearly lacks bipartisan support and I would hope that the administration would select another nominee quickly so that the Senate could act before going out for the year," he said in a statement Monday.

But Secretary of State Colin Powell has continued to push for a hearing. He has called Reich the most important among State’s unconfirmed nominees.

"He has done nothing — nothing at all — in his career in government that should be seen as disqualifying for this job," Powell said recently. "He has been looked at, he has been investigated, we’ve been over all of those investigations, and Otto Reich is an honorable man."

Dodd and other opponents of Reich have criticized his work in the 1980s as a State Department official heading an office accused of putting out illegal domestic propaganda against Nicaragua’s Sandinista government.

They also suggest that Reich, as ambassador to Venezuela in the Reagan administration, helped to a Cuban exile suspected of bombing a Cuban plane enter the United States.

And they question whether his work as a lobbyist for companies involved in Latin America presents conflicts of interest.

The Bush administration and Reich’s other supporters strongly reject accusations of wrongdoing and say he should be given a hearing to defend himself. They say Reich, a Cuban-American, is being punished for his political views, particularly his strong criticism of Cuban leader Fidel Castro.

Dennis Hays, executive vice president of the anti-Castro Cuban-American National Foundation, said he doesn’t expect White House support to waver.

"We’ve never heard anything other than a firm commitment to Ambassador Reich," he said.

Dan Fisk, of the conservative Heritage Foundation said the White House “should be willing to support him to the extent that he wants to hang in there.”

Reich has declined interviews since the White House announced plans to nominate him in March. He has left his lobbying firm and is working without salary at the State Department.

Bernard Aronson, the State Department’s top Latin American affairs officer in the first Bush administration, said U.S. relations with the region are hurt by the lack of an assistant secretary backed by both the president and the Senate, someone who can keep Latin America high on the political agenda.

"Historically, the United States has failed to pay important sustained attention to the region on a regular basis and that is usually when we’ve gotten in trouble in the region," he said.

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World News Briefs

Pakistan fights extremists: With a new anti-terrorism law and international support, Pakistan plans to crack down on Islamic and ethnic extremists responsible for killing hundreds of people every year, a senior official said Monday. Pakistan enacted the tough anti-terrorism law in August following a spate of religious and politically motivated killings.

Afghan talks continue despite rift: Afghanistan's Northern Alliance said it was prepared to release names of its candidates for an interim administration Monday night, after U.S. envoy James Dobbins accused the alliance of obstructing talks on the Asian nation's future. For the last several days, the Northern Alliance delegation in Germany and leaders back in Kabul have been giving conflicting statements on what they would find acceptable.

National News Briefs

Philadelphia mob boss sentenced: In another blow to Philadelphia's already crippled Mafia family, former boss Joseph "Skinny Joey" Merlino was sentenced to 14 years in prison Monday for racketeering. Merlino's lawyer said that with good behavior and time already served, his client could be out in about nine years. Going back more than two decades, every Philadelphia mob boss since Angelo Bruno has either been murdered or sent to prison.

Cosmonauts repair ISS dock: Two spacewalking cosmonauts removed an old rubber seal stuck to the international space station, clearing the way for space shuttle Endeavour to lift off Tuesday on a flight to the orbiting outpost. Launch is set for just after sunrise amid unprecedented security to guard against terrorist attacks. Endeavour will deliver a new crew to the space station.

Indiana News Briefs

State targets deer poachers: Indiana conservation officers are cracking down on poachers who employ a host of illegal methods — including spotlighting that temporarily mesmerizes deer — so they can bag an animal. Since firearm deer hunting season began Nov. 17, conservation officers have had four sweeps in eastern Clark County and parts of Scott, Washington and Jefferson counties to look for people who are spotlighting. More extreme cases can result in the seizure of a hunter's gun or a judge's ruling preventing them from hunting in a certain area.

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White House presses Arafat

Former exile unable to stop suicide bombers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Yasser Arafat has come back from exile and from U.S. rebuke as a terrorist to gain American recognition and a Nobel Peace Prize. His failure to stop suicide bombers from killing Israelis, however, is causing the Bush administration to question his credentials as ultimate leader of the Palestinians.

He could be losing his grip, in the view of top American officials, as he approaches a last chance to crush Hamas and other Palestinian-based terror groups.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's declaration of war against terrorism Thursday, and missile attacks on the West Bank and Gaza, are seen within the U.S. administration as a warning, not the start of all-out war with Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

Arafat still has a chance to rein in the terror groups, but it could be his last chance, a senior U.S. official told The Associated Press on Monday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Engaged in its own struggle against international terror, the Bush administration decided after at least 26 Israelis were slain and hundreds injured by suicide bombers over the weekend that Palestinian terrorism will not get a free ride.

"Terrorism has got to stop," said Philip Blokker, a State Department spokesman, said. "You can't pick and choose. And that's the message we are giving the Palestinians."

Similarly, Bush and his aides are endorsing Israel's right to defend itself, with limited qualification. Targeted assassinations of suspected terrorists, the latest of which occurred last Friday, still is considered beyond the pale.

Once the bombers struck in Jerusalem and Haifa, the United States abandoned its traditional evenhanded call for restraint and stopped imploring Israel out to provoke the Palestinians.

What has changed, the senior U.S. official said, was the depth of the violence committed against Israel and the U.S. commitment to punish terrorists and their supporters grounded in the Sept. 11 attacks in New York and Washington.

The big unanswered question as U.S. policy shifts is what the United States would do if Arafat fails to shut down Hamas and the Islamic Jihad, the two main terror groups in territory controlled by Arafat's Palestinian Authority.

Robert Satloff, executive director of the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, said, "What is lacking from U.S. policy right now is consequences for Arafat's refusal to fight terror."

3 Taliban militiamen claim to be American

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Three people who claim to be American citizens and who fought on the side of the Taliban militia are now under the control of U.S. forces or allied opposition forces in northern Afghanistan, senior defense officials said Monday.

A man identified as John Walker is receiving medical care from U.S. forces after being discovered among captured Taliban troops and al-Qaida fighters who had held up a fortress in Mazar-e-Sharif. CNN reported that Walker, a convert to Islam, had suffered grenade and bullet wounds.

In an interview posted on Newsweek magazine's Web site, his parents identified him from photos as John Walker Lindh, 20, of Fairfax, Calif.

Two other people who claim to be Americans are under the control of the northern alliance, a defense official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The official knew few details about these two, whose identities have not been established and whose physical condition could not be determined.

Asked about Walker, Rear Adm. John Stufflebeam, the deputy director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said he could not say whether Walker is a prisoner of war or whether he would be returned to the United States.

Stufflebeam said Walker's status has "not yet been defined."

"The only thing I can say about this individual is that this is somebody who claims to be an American citizen," he said. "That claim is being respected for the moment, until facts can be established."
Canada
U.S. strengthens border security
Associated Press

MONTREAL
The United States and Canada signed far-reaching agreements Monday to increase border security and coordinate immigration policies to secure the world's largest trade relationship.
Attorney General John Ashcroft and Canadian officials, including Solicitor General Lawrence MacAulay and Immigration Minister Elinor Caplan, signed agreements that move the North American neighbors a step closer to the perimeter security concept of preventing terrorists and other undesirables from entering either country from abroad.

The two agreements — one on border security and immigration issues and the other on shared fingerprint technology — include posting about 600 National Guard troops at U.S. border posts to assist beleaguered customs and immigration officials and allowing Canada to be the first foreign country to share information from the FBI's fingerprint imaging system, Ashcroft said.

Joint investigative teams comprising U.S. and Canadian forces will be expanded, and the number of immigration officers deployed overseas by both countries would increase, he said.

"The United States and Canada have chosen to work together against terrorism, and North America is safer ... as a result," Ashcroft said.

In appearances at the border between Detroit and Windsor, Ontario, and then at the billing signing in Ottawa, Ashcroft and the Canadian officials emphasized the agreements were required to combat terrorism after the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States.

Enron lays off 4,000 employees
Associated Press

HOUSTON

Employees carrying boxes, plants, Enron Corp. mugs and other personal items filed out of the company's headquarters in a steady stream Monday, after the energy trader told 4,000 workers they were out of a job.

The job cuts, which represent nearly 20 percent of Enron's work force, come a day after the former energy trading giant and 13 subsidiaries filed for bankruptcy protection in one of the largest corporate bankruptcies in U.S. history.

Most of the layoffs were at Enron's Houston headquarters. The remaining 3,250 or so employees in the 50-story mirrored glass tower were sent home. Spokeswoman Karen Deine said later those employees would return to work Tuesday.

The cuts amounted to nearly 3 percent of downtown Houston's work force of about 150,000.

Employees were informed during four large meetings Monday morning.

Their reaction ranged from anger and frustration directed at Enron's management to fear and uncertainty about how they would be able to support their families while looking for new jobs in a soft economy.

"It's three weeks before Christmas, and I have nothing," said Joann Masland, a human resources coordinator who was let go. "I thought we deserved to be treated better. It's devastating." The steady and slow stream of vehicles that motored on a narrow side street in front of one of the building's entrances, where somber employees waited for rides home, resembled a funeral procession.

As Houston police officers — on foot, horseback and in patrol cars — observed and directed traffic, employees handed their belongings into backseats and car trunks and drove away into uncertain futures.

Senate plans terror bill
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Senate Democrats prepared a $35 billion anti-terrorism package Monday that ignores a veto threat by President Bush, and could force Republicans to vote against a wartime Pentagon spending bill.

The anti-terror plan, which the Senate Appropriations Committee planned to vote on Tuesday, exceeds the amount Bush wants by $15 billion. It would add billions for food inspections, state and local preparation for bioterrorism attacks, border security, protection for airports and nuclear facilities, and aid to New York and other areas hit by the Sept. 11 attacks.

"It's a great gamble if he gambles and wins," committee Chairman Robert Byrd, D-W.Va., said of Bush's call to postpone additional spending until next year. "But God help us all if the gamble loses." Byrd, the chief author of the proposal, plans to try adding it to a $318 billion defense bill when his committee votes Tuesday on that measure.

The panel is expected to approve Byrd's package, which would bring the overall measure to the floor of the Democratic-controlled Senate, probably on Thursday.

A master of the Senate's parliamentary rules, Byrd has structured his proposal such that minority Republicans supporting Bush might have to block the entire defense package to kill the additional spending.

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Cloning is no way to operate a civilized society

"We should not as a society grow life to destroy it." In these words President Bush summed up the only civilized response to the cloning of a human embryo by scientists in Worcester, Mass.

"Biologically, the entities we're creating are only cellular life. They're not a human life," said Dr. Michael West, president of Advanced Cell Technology, Inc. (ACT). He is, of course, wrong. Each human embryo is a human being. What else could it be?

Cloning is either therapeutic or reproductive. The ACT cloning was therapeutic in that the embryos were created for the purpose of extracting their stem cells for possible use in treating Parkinson's and other diseases. Embryos are killed when stem cells are removed. In reproductive cloning, the cloned embryo would be implanted in a woman's womb and carried by her to birth. Various technical problems remain to be solved before efficient human cloning of either type becomes a practical possibility. Nevertheless, as Lorrie L. Andrews, director of the Chicago-Kent Institute for Science, Law and Technology commented, "What they're doing is taking us one step closer to the human reproductive cloning. ... The next step - implanting embryos into women - is not experimental at all. We do it with in vitro fertilization. So if these scientists show us a way to create cloned human embryos - ostensibly for therapeutic purposes - what they're also doing is showing us a technique to clone human beings."

Cloning is not illegal, although federal law forbids the use of federal funds for human cloning. ACT receives no federal funds. Last summer the House of Representatives voted to ban all human cloning: the bill is pending in the Senate.

What is the relation between cloning and embryonic stem cell research? Advances in research on stem cells derived from adults may render the use of embryonic stem cells unnecessary. Last Aug. 9, President Bush announced his support for federal funding of research only on embryonic stem cells which had already been harvested at that time. However, use of embryonic stem cells, or stem cells derived from other adults, for transplant into a patient involves possible rejection of those cells by the patient's immune system. The rejection problem would be avoided by use of stem cells taken from an embryonic clone of the patient himself.

This is one reason why therapeutic embryonic cloning will probably be outlawed. Another reason is that "therapeutic" cloning of human embryos is a potentially profitable enterprise. "By rushing into print preliminary experiments in creating ... embryos through cloning," noted the Wall Street Journal, "scientists at [ACT] can get ... a leg up in the effort to turn the technology into a viable business."

For a more basic reason, it is unlikely that either type of human embryonic cloning will be banned. Our culture tends to liberate technology from moral and restricting law. John Paul II insists that: "Science and technology require ... respect for the fundamental criteria of the moral law ... [T]hey must be at the service of the human person ... accord­ing to the design and will of God."

Unfortunately, as author Kirkpatrick Sale predicted, "In a world that ... modifies gene-splicing, amniocenteses and in vitro fertilization, there cannot be any lasting legal restrictions on ... reproductive technology ... [When the Supreme Court found in 1980 that patenting genetically created life was legal, and thus that people could make profits from it, it opened a floodgate."

A further reason why human cloning will not be effectively prohibited is the dominance of the contraceptive ethic. In contraception, like cloning and in vitro fertilization, couples deliberately separate the unitive and procreative aspects of sex and, as John Paul put it, they "act as arbitrators of the divine plan." They "claim a power which belongs solely to God: the power to decide, in a final analysis, the coming into existence of a human person. They [act not as] cooperators in God's creative power, but as] the ultimate depositaries of the source of human life. In this perspective, contraception is ... so profoundly unlawful as never to be, for any reason, justified ... [T]o say the contrary is equal to maintaining that ... it is lawful not to recognize God as God."

It is futile to try to put the brakes on human cloning, or abortion or euthanascia, without restoring the conviction that God, and not man, is the arbiter of when and how life begins and ends. This requires a reassessment and rejection of contraception.

Sometimes we can learn even from politicians. "Therapeutic cloning," said Sen. Sam Brownback (R-Kan.), "is the process by which an embryo is ... created for ... the purpose of subsequently killing it for stem cells ... it turns a child into property. The child's sole purpose in creation is to be destroyed for someone else's benefit. This is no way to operate in a civil society."

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Students appreciate Davie's character

Remember Davie as a good role model

I am simply writing to thank The Observer and Mike Connolly for their positive articles on Bob Davie and his dismissal. We all know his record and, yes, Notre Dame football has seen better days. Davie, however, is a good guy and I think that this started to get lost these past few weeks. People all over campus began judging Davie as a person based on his coaching skills. Personally, I will not remember Davie as the only Notre Dame football coach to be officially fired from the University. I won't just remember the losing record of my senior year. In the big scheme of things, those are trivial.

Indeed, I will remember the advice that he shared with Mike Connolly at one of the most difficult times of his career. I will remember the Davie who admitted when he was at fault even though the easy thing would be to blame it on the team, the refs, the weather, anything. I will remember the Davie who would not resign because he had signed a contract and wanted to show how the world, the University and his own family that he would honor what he put his name to. I will remember the coach who had his priorities straight and who left a pep rally early to go support his daughter as she found out whether or not she would win her high school Homecoming crown.

Thank you to The Observer for recognizing a great role model and a great man.

Elizabeth Emerson

Education does not preclude activism

Many have said, however erroneously, that if, at 20, you aren't pro-revolution, you don't have a heart, but if, by 30, you're not pro-institution, you don't have a brain. Aaron Kreider, the most irreverently liberal figure on campus, would have us believe that the progression is a simple matter of choice. Choose to study or be condemned as another pathetic sigh of a lazy soul bellowing, "I don't like the level of activism and a liberal environment, Mr. Kreider? Want a liberal education but don't like the level of activism and a liberal environment? Then go attend a liberal college."

While haphazardly interchanging the terms "science" and "education," Kreider objects to the terms "education," "education," and "education," Kreider objects to the "required neutrality of academia."

Hmm ... Science. Anywhere else on Earth, the term demands objective study, devoid of sentiment. In Kreider's Liberal Excuse-ville, science and education somehow become conjoined in a counterproductive, sterile dissection of mankind. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Nor could Kreider's explanation of why he cannot continue his studies. Kreider himself touches upon the real reason for his escapism saying, "I do no think I am inherently lazy.

Think about it, Mr. Kreider. The trade-off between study and activism is not characterized as you might suggest by a mutually exclusive relationship. Were it so, it would not follow that the most avid accomplished activists of all history were also some of the most highly educated individuals of their time. Martin Luther King, Jr., Ghandi and such similar figures were indeed all successful activists, but, moreover, were accomplished scholars with the wisdom, obtained through study, to do good. Now, of course, Kreider's typical leftist reaction would be to remind us that such men did not attend year after year at educational institutions. I would remind Mr. Kreider, however, of his need to think about his definition of education, question and resist supporting the all too convenient liberal stereotype of education as the enforced conformity of the individual.

Instead, think about what it means to be educated or learned: simply that one learns, spends significant time dedicated to studying and mastering his mental, relational and productive faculties. The great activists I've mentioned correctly recognized education as an investment of time in their cause. Only after studying necessary social skills like proper communication and composition, and then specific issues were the great revolutionaries equipped to make a difference.

Education isn't necessarily that which helps you to win a debate or to succeed in a course. It is the acquisition of the skills that are necessary to be a responsible, educated, well-rounded individual in a real world.

Chris Hoffman

Band expresses gratitude

On behalf of the Notre Dame Band and Band Staff, we would like to take this opportunity to express special thanks to you, our students and fans here at Notre Dame.

Sometimes you need to visit other places to appreciate what you have at home. Last weekend we had the opportunity to travel to Purdue and perform. It became immediately evident that the student body has been wonderful in their support of the Band at pregame and halftime. We especially enjoyed the fantastic response as our Band comes out of the tunnel into the greatest football stadium in the nation. In addition, we have enjoyed the student participation in our performances at halftime — from the poignant moments on Sept. 22, during "Amazing Grace" — to the wonderful sing-a-long atmosphere of "Lean On Me" in our salute to the Class of 2002.

Without the support of our students and the special traditions at Notre Dame, we would be just another band at another game. It is you, the students and fans, that have made it a wonderful experience for 114 football seasons — and we look forward to putting together the best band ever for the 115th. You are what makes Notre Dame a special place.

Thank you.

Ken Dye and the Notre Dame Band

Dec. 3, 2001
Ludacris flows with style and humor on Word Of Mouf

By LAURA ROMPF
Scene Music Editor

Ludacris’s sophomore album, Word Of Mouf, covers all the bases. It will make you laugh, it will make you dance. Heck, it might even make you reminisce.

The first single off the album, “Rollout (My Business),” has a catchy beat and will have crowds at Bootclub and Heartland throwing their arms in the air. Ludacris flows with ease over the bouncy lyrics. He says, “Man that car doesn’t come out til next year! Where in the **** did you get it? 80,000 bucks gone! Where in the **** did you spend it?”

The album has another single, familiar to MTV and BET viewers. “Area Codes” is a frequently played hit from the past summer. Accompanied by Nate Dogg, Ludacris sings about all his women from different areas of the country.

The song has a lively beat and the lyrics illustrate Ludacris’s talent as a writer who can not only make people sing along—they’ll be laughing at the same time. His humor is infectious. No doubt, people will be repeating lines off Word Of Mouf just like they reenact scenes from Dumb and Dumber.

Two skits on the album are especially funny. In “Nowhere,” Ludacris continues a comedy skit found on the song “Holida” from his debut album Back For The First Time. A friend calls Ludacris and asks where he is. “At the Texas410 filling up,” Ludacris answers.

The friend asks for a girls number, which Ludacris claims to have lost. “You can’t check your Holodex,” the friend says. Ludacris then asks if the girl is from “Chicag40” or “U410.” The skit continues in this witty fashion, showing Ludacris’s cleverness.

“Greatest Hits,” a second skit on the album, is even funnier. It starts off with “Better than college girls gone wild. It’s more off the chain that late night with Mrs. Cleo. Disturbing the Peace Entertainment presents Ludacris’s Greatest Hits Album, done by (a dramatic pause) Random White People.”

The skit then continues with “Rand0m White People” performing the hits off of Ludacris’s first album, including “Southern Hospitality,” “What’s Your Fantasy,” and “Ho.” Then the voice over repeats: “It’s random white people. Uncut, unprocessed off beat as ****.”

Although he has a talent for humor, on “Growing Pains,” he shows he can do serious songs too. While he raps about memories every child of the ’80s would get nostalgic about — transformers, G.I. Joes, Starter Jackets and Koolaid. He also tells of the obstacles a child has growing up poor.

The song features Fate Wilson and Kasey Bryan and the chorus says, “We were trying so hard! Hard to survive! Cause even though we were young! We had to stay strong! So matter what we went through/ It was me and my crew/ And that’s how we were/ When we were kids.”

Overall, the album has quite a variety of songs—a couple which will make it big as radio hits. So regardless of whether Word Of Mouf is making you dance, laugh or reminisce, undoubtedly this latest release of Ludacris covers all the bases. Heck, it may even be a home run.

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More focused, Dilated blows up on Expansion Team

By SAM DERHEIMER
Assistant Scene Editor

Despite the name of their new album, Expansion Team, the Dilated Peoples aren’t new to this game. They blew up in the late ’90s as a leader of the L.A. hip-hop renaissance and have stamped their name down in the underground scene with a force that came together over a number of years. Expansion Team was put together at once, with a focus and organization the group never quite attained on their first album.

“This album was recorded as a complete piece, so it will show more continuity and flow,” said Rakaa.

And for once, we can actually take a rapper at his word. Expansion Team flows with the sharp, spliced cuts, thick beats and “battle rhyme skills” that brought this underground team into the sunlight in the first place. And with song titles like “Hard Hitters,” “Pay Attention” and “War,” the Dilated Peoples aren’t making any fronts, they came to play this time around.

Joining the team, Dilated recruited a who’s who list of heavy hitters from the underground scene. Tha Liks, Blackthought (the Roots), Phil Da Agony and Defari all make guest appearances lyrically, and the Alchemist, DJ Premier, Juzu (of Beattu$ Kings fame) and the Beat Junkies are among those to take turns producing tracks. What results is a masterful explosion of pure hip-hop in a scene still dominated by flash and a “bling, bling” mentality.

Tracks like “Live On Stage,” “Worst Comes To Worst” and “Hard Hitters” blaze with sophisticated backdrops and smooth, clever rhymes. “Pay Attention” funks the flow up as it jams with a slow jazz beat. “Dilated Junkies” is a showcase of Babu’s chunky “ill-turntablism.”

One track after another, the songs on Expansion Team continue to build the strength of the album as a whole. And perhaps more importantly, they continue the messages of inner strength, resolve and growth Dilated strive to present. This is one hip-hop group that has its priorities straight, “When worst comes to worst/ my peoples comes first.”

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**MUSIC COLUMN**

Still His Guitar Gently Weeps

In memory of George Harrison (1943 - 2001)

"Sunrise doesn't last all morning! Cloudburst doesn't last all day! Seems my love is up and has let you with no warning! It's not always going to be this grey! All things must pass! All things must pass away..."

Julie Bender
Scene Music Critic

As a loyal devotee to the Hare Krishna Society, Harrison gave the Krishnas much publicity by speaking publicly about the group and donating large sums of money.

Harrison did not let early failure discourage his love for music, but when he tightened the strings, the instrument fell to pieces.

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The Beatles' music with the use of the sitar on songs like "Norwegian Wood" and "Love You To." And it was Harrison who encouraged the Beatles to go to India to study transcendental meditation under the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi.

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Harrison tried to craft his own triple album in 1970 entitled All Things Must Pass, which is regarded by some as the best solo work of any ex-Beatle. Harrison helped found the band The Traveling Wilburys with the likes of Bob Dylan, Tom Petty and Roy Orbison among others. He later went on to win a Grammy for the album released by the band.

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The Beatles

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Basement Jaxx - Where's Your Head At?
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Mobb Deep - Infamy

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Master P - Game Face
Nas - Stillmatic

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**Indianapolis**

Guided By Voices
Birdys
Dec. 8
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Murat Egyptian
Dec. 10
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Tony Orlando
Paramount
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Big Jam II
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There is one thing that stands out. Harrison said it best in his own words, "You can have my love, you can have my love, can have my love."

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Nebraska on verge of BCS comeback

Associated Press

Nebraska is perhaps on the verge of getting its first taste of the Bowl Championship Series stand. The Cornhuskers were ranked No. 2 ahead of the title chase after a 26-36 loss to Colorado on Nov. 23, would play No. 1 Miami, the defending champion, in the Rose Bowl. LSU beats Tennessee on Saturday. The Tigers, coming off a 10-5 victory over Oklahoma, have yet to lose.

The Associated Press poll, released Monday, ranked first, Miami, Tennessee second and Nebraska third — ahead of fourth-place Colorado, the team it lost to by 26 points — and fifth-place Oregon.

Expect Huskers fans everywhere to listen to the words "Tiger Bowl" and tune in when LSU plays Tennessee for the title. The Cornhuskers are an excellent football team and that is in play when LSU plays Tennessee for the title.

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Nebraska coach Frank Solich said his team deserves to be third in the standings, adding that unlike Miami, Tennessee and Oregon, his team didn't have any close-call victories.

"All of the games we won, we won by at least 10 points. We didn't have to win a game by having a lucky bouncer or a field goal at the end," Solich said. "None of them came down to a 2-point conversion or went to overtime. The points were there for us in the first half or before the middle of the fourth quarter.

And what about the loss to the Buffaloes in Boulder? "We should have done better," he said. "Colorado is an excellent football team and that is in play when LSU plays Tennessee for the title.

BCS officials must be hoping for a Vols victory to avoid having a team on the sideline for a national title game.

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But the Cornhuskers will need to polish off their own business first, starting with Tennessee Saturday.

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NBA
Jordan to miss tonight's game

Associated Press

More than eight years and two retirements later, Michael Jordan is finally going to miss another NBA game because of an injury. Jordan had fluid drained from his right knee Monday and will miss the Washington Wizards' game against the Chicago Bulls Tuesday, the start of a four-game road trip. An MRI revealed no serious damage to the knee, so Jordan might return for Thursday's game at Houston.

My body is sending me messages, and I need to listen," Jordan said Monday. "I hope to be ready to play on Thursday.

Jordan hyperextended his knee during a postseason game, and this was the second time he has had fluid drained from it. He has been bothered by soreness and swelling in the knee — on top of the tendinitis he has felt in both knees since he resumed workouts earlier this year.

At 38, Jordan has barely been able to practice for more than a week. When he does, he can't make it through the entire session.

Jordan is averaging 24.8 points and 38 minutes per game and is shooting just 40 percent, well below his career average. He also leads the league in shots taken and shots missed.

"We're pleased with the results of Michael's examination," Wizards coach Wes Unseld said. "Michael will rest the knee for a few days and continue his treatment so that he can return as soon as possible.

Unseld said that "Michael wants to play every minute of every game," but that coach Doug Collins "will manage Michael's minutes in an effort to minimize the soreness in the knee."

Jordan last missed an NBA game because of injury on March 5, 1993, also against San Antonio. It was the second of two games he missed while hospitalized with a foot infection.

The wear and tear of an NBA schedule on Jordan's body seemed the biggest obstacle in his second comeback. He was slowed by back spasms and two cracked ribs as well as the knee tendinitis in workouts to get in shape over the summer. He has also been playing with a sore right wrist.

Nevertheless, when he announced his return, he said he planned to play all 82 regular season games.

Instead, he made it through the first 16 before having to take this break. On the court, he has been obviously slower than his old self and no longer commands regular double-teams. His jump shots have often been flat and short — usually the result of tired or injured legs.

NCAA FOOTBALL
Texas, USC going to Holiday Bowl

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO

The Texas Longhorns will put on their best faces and head for Southern California in late December — to San Diego, not Pasadena.

The No. 10 Longhorns (10-2), who blew a shot at playing in the Rose Bowl with their turnover-filled loss to Colorado in the Big 12 championship game, accepted an invitation Monday to play No. 8 Washington (8-3) in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 28.

"It's a good matchup, even though both teams are coming off disappointing losses," Texas had its national championship hopes wrecked in its 39-37 loss to Colorado, and Washington was overwhelmed 65-7 by No. 1 Miami two weekends ago.

Texas coach Mack Brown put the best spin he could on the return trip to the Holiday Bowl, where the Longhorns lost to Oregon 35-30 last year.

"Not many teams have a chance to win 11 games and finish in the top 10, and that's something we want to do," Brown said. "But Colorado has been a very good team all year and it's going to be a great game.

Texas quarterback Chris Simms had three interceptions and lost a fumble against Colorado. In last year's Holiday Bowl, the Longhorns still managed to convince the Associated Press to rate them higher than the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, the nation's top college football team. It was the first time since the AP released its Poll in 1936 that Colorado was ranked higher than Notre Dame.

In the Associated Press, Colorado had the nation's No. 10 quarterback, Jimmy Clausen, who threw for 25 touchdowns and 3,021 yards. The No. 24 Longhorns were led by quarterback Garrett Gilbert, who had 26 TD passes and 2,472 yards.

Regardless of how Texas' QB controversy plays out, Holiday Bowl officials are hoping for another exciting game. After lackluster games through most of the 1990s, the Holiday Bowl returned to its adrenaline-rush reputation when it started matching the Pac-10's No. 2 team against the third pick from the Big 12 in 1999.

In order, Arizona beat Nebraska 20-17, Kansas State beat Oklahoma 44-12, and Oregon beat Texas by five.

"We've got two teams with a mission," said Bruce Binkowski, the Holiday Bowl's executive director. "This could be a great game. It could be interesting. We want another last-second finish.

"Hey, 8-3 versus 10-2, you can't beat it."

Washington will play in the Holiday Bowl for the third time in six years. While the Huskies are 0-2 in the Holiday Bowl, their coach, Rick Neuheisel, is 1-1. He coached Colorado to a 33-21 win over Washington in 1998.

"We're excited about facing a team the caliber of Texas," Neuheisel said. "Washington and Texas have great football traditions and it's hard to imagine they have not played each other since 1979. It should be a big-time matchup for the Holiday Bowl."
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ND SOFTBALL

Gumpf signs 5 recruits

Special to The Observer

The beginning of practice for the Notre Dame softball season is less than a month away, but the next era of Irish softball is off to a strong start after signing five standouts during the summer recruiting period. Head coach Deirdre Gumpf has officially announced the incoming freshman class for the 2003 season and the first Notre Dame recruiting effort under her leadership will be measured among the top classes in the nation.

Right-handed pitcher Heather Booth, catcher/infielder Mallorie Lenn, infielder/outfielder Kellie Middleton, infielder Meagan Rutschau and middle infielder/outfielder Sara Schoozaert have all signed national letters of intent and will make up Notre Dame's softball squad of 2006.

"It is an awesome group of players and I am excited that this is my first recruiting class because I am very proud of it," Gumpf said. "It is also an exciting time for our program. We had been watching these players for a long time and I have verbally committed early, which helped us compile a great class." Right-handed pitching ace Heather Booth plays for Martin Luther King High School in Riverside, Calif., the same hometown as current Irish All-Central star Andrea McCarthy. Caldwell is the ace in the pitching circle and on the volleyball court. The 2001 softball team MVP, Booth received the team's Coach's Award and Scholar Athlete Award last year. She posted 126 strikeouts over the course of the 2001 season with a 1.60 ERA and also batted .398. "Heather is the whole package," Gumpf said. "She has great mechanics and has ball two on one of the best pitching coaches in the country. She also throws hard, holds her position well and is an outstanding hitter, "

Gumpf had kicked around balls from Pacifica High School in Garden Grove, Calif. widely regarded as having one of the best swings in the country. Lenn backed up her reputation by smashing a home run at the 2001 summer league nationals off one of the top Division I pitchers in the nation. She was a 2000 NFCA All-American Scholar-Athlete and earned both offensive and defensive player-of-the-year accolades during her career.

"Mallorie is one of the best hitters in the country," Gumpf said. "She has great mechanics and techniques at the plate. She works very hard and is just a phenomenal hitter." Megan Rutschau is a member of the La Serna High School team in Whittier, Calif. She has hit over .300 every year of high school and has been a standout in ASA competition since she was nine years old. Her teams have finished no lower than fifth at each ASA national tournament in which she has competed. Last season as a infielder with La Serna, she hit .359 with 25 RBI and earned two tournament MVP awards.

"Megan is a determined and passionate person," Gumpf said. "She is very driven and plays that way each day. Her energy and drive shows in every game that she plays. She really gets after it and will be a great player for us."

Infielder/outfielder Kellie Middleton will bring an impressive mixture of speed and power to the Irish lineup next season. She is a member of the Marist High School softball team and owns most of the team's school records, including most homers, most stolen bases, most triples and most doubles. Middleton was named the offensive MVP last season and is a three-sport standout (softball, basketball, volleyball). She seemed (timed at 12:00 in the 100-meters) allowed to steal eight bases during the season going 10-for-12.

"Kellie is really going to turn some heads," Gumpf said. "She has power, speed, and a great arm. She possesses all the tools of someone that is going to get better and better at the collegiate level."

The fifth member of the Irish class is infielder/outfielder Sara Schoozaert from Clear Lake High School in Houston, Texas. Also a member of the Houston Diamonds club team, she helped lead the team to a fifth-place finish at the 1999 AFA National Tournament and earned Freshman of the Year honors on the Clear Lake squad.

"Sara is Notre Dame," Gumpf said. "She is a great, great player who lives and dies with the University. She belongs here and will be a great addition to our program."

With the Irish are coming off the most successful season in school history, Gumpf and her staff (assistant coaches Charmelle Green and Kris Knaus) were able to carry over the momentum of Notre Dame's stellar 2001 campaign into the recruiting season.

"We knew we wanted to recruit some great athletes," Gumpf said. "We went out there thinking we wanted to find the best athletes we can. All five of these girls will have an immediate and lasting impact on our program."

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Hockey

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The Ultimate frisbee club's men's and women's squads continue to improve as they advanced in the Vanderbilt Invitational this weekend. The women posted a 4-2 record, opening with an 11-3 rout of Vandy before dropping a one-goal game to the Commodores. The Irish moved into a tie for sixth place in the CCHA with a 4-4-3 record in league play.

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The Irish dropped a tough 6-5 decision to Tennessee in the second round despite continuing the stellar defensive play of Alanna Lunsford and Diona Boy. The club then faced both Wake Forest, 11-4, and Towson, 11-1, with relative ease, as the passing of Erin Fleming to Julie Schutte and Naomi Colle contributed much of the scoring. On Sunday, the club split a pair of returns, defeating Vanderbilt 8-4 before dropping their final game to Vandy.
Batteast earns rookie honor

University of Notre Dame freshman forward Jacqueline Batteast has been selected as the Big East Conference Rookie of the Week, the league office announced Monday. It’s the first weekly award of Batteast’s career, and she is the first Irish player to earn the conference’s top rookie award since Alicia Raty garnered the honor for the sixth time on Feb. 21, 2000.

Batteast, the 2001-02 preseason Big East Rookie of the Year, averaged 17.5 points and 10.2 rebounds per game last week as Notre Dame defeated Army, 89-57, and lost to No. 16 Michigan, 78-68. Batteast notched her second double-double of the season in the win over Army, finishing with game-high totals that performance up with 17 points and nine rebounds in Sunday’s loss to Michigan.

Notre Dame returns to action Thursday at 7 p.m. when it heads to West Lafayette for a battle with No. 10 Purdue at Mackey Arena. It will be a rematch of last season’s NCAA championship game which was won by the Irish, 68-66.

Irish freshman forward Jacqueline Batteast looks to pass earlier this ses- son. Batteast was named Big East Rookie of the Week on Monday.

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"I'm very eager to see who they bring in first of all, then meet that coach and meet the staff and get a good feel for them," said Hannum, who has a 4.24-yard dash time. "But like I always tell people, I picked Notre Dame for more than the coaching, and I'm 99.9 percent sure that I'm going to be at Notre Dame."

Offensive lineman Scott Raridon has planned on attending Notre Dame for a while, and has no plans of changing that decision either.

"I definitely plan on staying with Notre Dame," said Raridon. "I want to play for Notre Dame. Unless I really don't get along with the new coach. But the three top candidates all look pretty good to me."

Even players who strongly liked Davie are still bosturing their commitment to play at Notre Dame next year. "I really like coach Davie and I thought that I had a good relationship with him and the whole staff," said Jake Carney, a safety from Lexington, Ky. "But I'm still committed to the University because I didn't just commit to the staff, I committed to the whole pro- gram."

Despite the comments from White yesterday, the football banquet planned for this weekend was can- celled. The banquet was mainly used to culminate the season, and also allowed recruits to understand more about the football program at Notre Dame. Due to this cancellation, players, like Olsen and Carney had their visits cancelled and moved to January.

"I was planning on coming up (to Notre Dame for the banquet)," said Carney. "But after talking to some of the coaches, they deferred my visit to January 17-19."

The possibility of Jon Crutien, Bob Stoops or Tom Coughlin being the next Notre Dame head coach has also played a major role in keeping the recruits from changing schools.

"I haven't met all of (the top candidates for head coach), but I'm sure whoever is hired is going to a great job (at Notre Dame)," said Carney.

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**MEN'S TENNIS**

Bayliss announces five signings

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame men's tennis coach Bob Bayliss has announced the signing of five incoming freshmen for the 2002-03 school year. Patrick Buchanan, Shannon Buck, Eric Langenkamp, Sergey Leonyuk and Steve Roszak have signed national letters of intent to enroll at Notre Dame next year and join the Irish tennis team in the fall.

"I'm really excited about this new group of people who will eventually, I believe, leave their mark as one of the greatest classes in the tennis history of Notre Dame," said Bayliss. "Each of these players has a great upside in their game with potential for significant improvement. This class reminds me of the class of 1993, which when they were juniors, reached the finals of the NCAA championships."

Buchanan will join the Irish after graduation from Servite High School. A year ago, he was ranked 27th among United States junior players 16 and under.

"Patrick has the reputation of being one of the toughest competitors in junior tennis," said Bayliss. "He makes you earn every point and has a terrific backhand. We feel very fortunate to land him."

Buck was the fifth-ranked junior player in the U.S. last year in the 16-and-under division and is currently ranked 22nd in the 18s. Buck is ranked 131st among American high school seniors.

"Shannon is very consistent and one of the best competitors in junior tennis," said Bayliss. "His game is poised for a step up as he looks to become more aggressive. His fundamentals are very sound." Langenkamp is a senior at Scarsdale H.S. Langenkamp was ranked 34th nationally in the 16s last year and is currently No. 67 among 18-and-under players in the United States.

"Eric's game really grew last summer. He had strong showings in the National Junior Davis Cup and the Nationalals in Kalamazoo, Mich. He has showed signs of taking his game to the next level by playing up in the court and taking the ball on the rise," Bayliss said.

Leonyuk is a native of Moscow, Russia, who now trains at the International Tennis Academy in Boca Raton, Fla. He has done well in International Tennis Federation junior tournaments and Bayliss expects him to play at the level of a top 10-20 junior in the U.S.

"Sergey has a powerful and aggressive all-court game with a big serve and dominating forehand," said Bayliss. "We hope he can be an impact player. I normally do not recruit internationally, but Sergey researched many schools and decided that Notre Dame seemed to be a great fit for him."

Roszak comes to Notre Dame from the Pembroke Hill School in Kansas City. Last year, he was ranked 84th nationally in the 16s. Roszak recently won a designated sectional tournament in the MUTA. "Steve has big weapons—a strong serve and dominant forehand," said Bayliss. "He plays an aggressive game, which should peak in college. I believe his best tennis is ahead of him."

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running their record to 7-0 after an 82-55 point shellacking over DePaul last Saturday. On the other hand, the Hoosiers once again find themselves in a bit of hot water with a record of 4-2 after suffering an upset loss against Southern Illinois, 72-60 last Saturday.

"Just like last year, this game is very important for us. We've lost two games to schools from mid-major conferences," said Davis. "The jury is still out on us this season. This is our first home game of the season after being on the road. Another big performance from Tom Coverdale would be nice. Jared Jeffries needs to have a big game, but I expect all of our guys to play well."

Last year, the Hoosiers out-rebounded Notre Dame 42-33, while Hoosier guard Tom Coverdale was simply unstoppable. Coverdale easily penetrated past Irish point guard Martin Ingelsby on his way to a career-high 30 points on 11-of-15 shooting.

The athleticism of sophomore swingman Jeffries could pose some problems for Notre Dame as well, but this year's Irish team is different. For starters, last year's Mr. Basketball from the state of Indiana, Chris Thomas, will now be responsible for shutting down Coverdale. The one-on-one match-up between Thomas and Coverdale could prove to be the difference in tonight's game.

Just as Thomas must play well defensively, Coverdale will have to contend with Thomas's quickness off the dribble. Thomas is averaging nearly 15 points per game, while his team-leading eight assists has been crucial to jumpstarting Notre Dame's balanced offensive attack.

No longer able to rely on the departed Troy Murphy to generate baskets, the Irish have spread the wealth offensively. Four of Notre Dame's five starters boast double digit scoring averages.

Five of the Irish's seven wins have been by 27 points or more. Notre Dame head coach Mike Brey's squad is averaging 88.7 points per game, and has limited its opponents to just 56.4 points per contest.

Most impressive for the Irish has been their strong play inside the paint. Senior Ryan Humphrey is having an unbelievable season leading the Irish with 23.4 points per game on nearly 70 percent shooting from the field.

The Irish are much deeper this season, also. Brey now has the luxury of going nine players deep on his bench, allowing his starters to stay fresh throughout the entire game. Last season, only seven Irish players saw significant action.

Davis is keenly aware of the Irish's potent offense.

"Notre Dame will be the strongest team we have faced this year," said Davis. "Their big guys are extremely tough on the inside. They are an outstanding perimeter shooting team, also. We must play well defensively."

This will be a critical game for Notre Dame as they face their first test in a hostile environment. Notre Dame currently holds a 12-game losing streak at Assembly Hall, dating back to 1973.

**Notes:**

- This evening's game will be the second of a critical five game road trip for Notre Dame, who do not return home until Dec. 30 against Colgate.
- This game also marks the first time the Irish will play on national television this season. The game will be televised by ESPN.
- Notre Dame nearly cracked the top 20 in Associated Press Poll, falling 23 points short of No. 25 Western Kentucky. The Irish ranked 27th overall.

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coaching at Notre Dame, that he is a comfortable living in the Bay Area, that he wants to stay in the N.F.L. all his life," Bob said. "And by not doing so, he's driving Notre Dame crazy."

There are many reasons why Gruden appears to be such an attractive choice for the Irish. His father, Jim, was a position coach for the Irish under Dan Devine, who grew up in the South Bend area, graduated from Notre Dame and was a huge fan of the Irish. In a diary posted on NFL.com, he said the following about his son after walking around Notre Dame's campus because of the tradition and the history. And his alarm reportedly wakes up every morning with the Notre Dame Victory March. Smith Bendl Gruden also is drastically different from Davie. Gruden is young, fiery, dynamic and energetic. He plays sidelines during games and his language on the field can be described as colorful.

In the past, when looking for a new head football coach, administrators have usually sought a candidate more differ­ent than his predecessor. For example, in 1982, Gerry Faust was named coach following four dismal seasons under the disgraced Joe Kuharich. But Devine was seen as someone calmer than Parseghian. Gerry Faust was supposed to rally the players that Devine couldn't. Lou Holtz was brought in to restore dis­cipline and enthusiasm. Not unlike Faust. And Davie was hired to ensure the academic integrity that had slowly eroded under Holtz.

But there are several things that could keep Gruden out of South Bend. Gruden has one year left on his contract with the Raiders. It is unknown if he has a clause that allows him to leave for a college head coaching position, but if he does, university owner Al Davis probably wouldn't let him go.

Even if Gruden is hired, with the Raiders in the N.F.L. playoff hunt, it's unlikely he would leave Oakland until the Raiders are out of the race, which could negatively affect recruiting and the smooth transition White hopes will happen.

And while the fans may think he is the ideal coach, he has to be interviewed by White. The athletic director wouldn't say what criteria he would use to evaluate the new head coach, only that he would have to fit some institutional profile. And Gruden has never been a head coach at the college level.

While said he already has a short list of finalists to replace Davie, but would not say who on that list.

"As soon as there's something to report, you'll hear it from me," White said. "But until you hear it from me, any­thing you might hear will be nothing more than speculation." And until White says something, Gruden will remain at the top of the fans' list of potential coaching candidates.

Dear Davie: An era-ending letter

Bob Davie got fired on Sunday. I'd be lying if I said a coaching change hasn't been on my Notre Dame football wish list since sometime during my freshman year, way back in 1995.

But, by him being the head football coach and me being some sort of hack sports writer, our paths have crossed numerous times, even though it's predominantly just been on paper in my weekly ramblings.

Now at the end of Notre Dame's Bob Devine era, I want to write a letter that gives some closure to the situation. Not for him, of course, because I don't think my witty critiques have kept him up at night. However, the topic of Davie has dominated this column for more than three years, so it's only fair, given his dismissal, that we wrap it up once and for all.

Dear Coach Davie:

First of all, I hope you and your family are doing well after an obviously disappointing day for all of you.

If you've had a chance to glance through my column over the past few years, you know that I've long felt there was something missing that Davie didn't offer. Lou Holtz was brought in to restore discipline and enthusiasm. Not unlike Faust. And Davie was hired to ensure the academic integrity that had slowly eroded under Holtz.

You became the Notre Dame Coach, more a symbol, an untouchable image, than a person, which makes you easier to attack. I know at times you've been overzealous in my criticisms, maybe partly for that reason.

Your last game against Purdue on Saturday (which probably seemed like 10 years ago now) really showed everyone some of Davie's weaknesses. Between four dismal seasons under the disorganized Joe Kuharich, that's not become reality often enough for all of you.

Tie game, 24-18, shows you never lost your character as a coach. For that, we thank you and your players — our classmates — for all your work in representing Notre Dame.

However, as Athletic Director Ken White said, academic and athletic achievement can coexist. Your charge to your players is to start getting ready for next year so they can have a great season shows you share this belief in their ability to win on the field.

Unfortunately, this belief did not become reality often enough during your five years as head coach, especially against college football's better teams.

That being said, I really appreciate you've handied this season, one in which every­day, some different "expert," such as myself, was calling for you to be fired.

I admire the way you refused to resign. While I think Notre Dame made the right choice, in no way should you have been coerced from stepping down when you weren't ready. You made the university do its job.

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I think the saddest thing in all of this, Coach, is that it's really easy for us as fans to forget you've just like us. Ralid, criticism hurts. It hurts your family. It hurts your players.

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Yet we all know that comes with the territory of being a public figure. You, somehow, seem to accept that better than anyone else I've ever seen.

At the end of your press conference, you actually thanked the media, saying you under­stood the job we had to do over the past few years and just hoped that you had earned respect for how you had con­ducted yourself.

Like I said, Coach, Notre Dame made a decision on Sunday that I feel was overdue. However, the delivery of the news wasn't as exciting as I thought it would be a few years ago.

For that to have been the case, there would need to have been some lastling out, or maybe even recolling in, on your part. We didn't see that because that isn't you.

I think I'm wrong to see how someone couldn't have respected Bob Davie, the man, on your last day as coach.

Good luck.

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FOOTBALL

Man in demand

Jon Gruden emerges as odds-on favorite to succeed Bob Davie

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Just two days after Bob Davie was fired as the head football coach, names are being dropped left and right about who could replace him.

And no name is hotter right now than Jon Gruden.

The current head coach of the Oakland Raiders appears to be the odds-on favorite to replace Davie, at least according to the average Notre Dame student. A sign hanging on the north side of Alumni Hall read, "All I want for Xmas is Jon Gruden."

And a poll on NDVoter.com said 85 percent of the people who voted would select Gruden as the next head coach. The second place candidate, Bob Stoops, had just five percent of the vote.

While some rumors claim Gruden has already been offered a contract, White said Sunday that was not the case. In fact, White said he hadn't approached anyone about the head coaching job.

"I made a commitment to Bob that I would not contact anyone about this job until he had first heard from me concerning his status, and I have honored that commitment," he said. "I've made no contacts with potential candidates or their employers before now, nor has anyone authorized by me, and I don't expect to comment on the contacts that we do make during the search."

After Oakland's 34-31 loss Sunday, Gruden said he had not been contacted by Notre Dame.

"I'm not going to sit here and speculate," Gruden told Newsday. "I've got a great job and I'm proud to be here. That's all I've ever said. Everything else is speculation and rumor — I have not had any conversations with anybody. If I did, I would tell you."

But that doesn't mean he isn't interested. Gruden has had multiple opportunities to say that he isn't interested in

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Men's Basketball

Irish run into reeling Hoosiers

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Replacing a legend is never easy. Just ask Indiana men's head basketball coach Mike Davis. At this time a year ago, Davis and his Hoosiers were reeling with a 2-3 record as they entered a pivotal road match-up against the then No. 10-ranked Irish.

Loyal Bob Knight supporters were calling for Davis's ousting, criticizing him for not being able to effectively lead the Hoosiers the same way Knight had done for the previ­ous three decades, but Davis refused to allow his critics get the best of him.

"The beginning of last year was difficult for the kids because of the circumstances of Coach Knight's departures," said Davis. "I didn't look at it like I was replacing Coach Knight. I looked at it as an opportunity to put my own stamp on the program and lead Indiana back to the NCAA Tournament."

Davis and his team were in desperate need of a victory over Notre Dame to turn their season around.

"We were 3-3 entering that game. Notre Dame was ranked in the top 10," said Davis. "We knew we would be in for a battle, but our guys stepped up and played extremely well. That game was the turning point in our season."

Despite the daunting task of succeeding Hoosier icon Coach Knight, Davis did not with

under the intense pressure and scrutiny associated with being the interim head coach at Indiana last year. The victory over Notre Dame was the springboard for Davis as he led his team to a second-place finish in the Big Ten Tournament and another birth in the NCAA tournament.

In the process, Davis removed the interim tag from Coach Knight because I don't want to put any more pressure on myself," said coach. "I want to build upon last year's success and win the NCAA tournament."