Students robbed on Corby Street

By KATE NAGENGAST
News Writer

Three male Notre Dame students were robbed at gunpoint around midnight Sunday after parking their car less than two blocks from an off-campus party in the 500 block of Corby Street in South Bend.

The students, two juniors from Merrimack Manor and a sophomore from Keenan Hall, said two men, one of whom was waving a gun, approached them behind a car parked across the street as they climbed out of their vehicle. The men told them to drop their wallets and the students complied.

Donald Crawford, Lorenzo Elam and Abralynn Feodorico were all been expelled from the University after the former football players were charged with rape, conspiracy to commit rape and sexual battery.

Crawford and Elam will be the first two to go before the court on Oct. 20. Crawford and Elam are all charged with rape, conspiracy to commit rape, criminal deviant conduct and sexual battery. Crawford is charged with criminal deviant conduct, conspiracy to commit rape and sexual battery.

Shoup's trial is scheduled for Oct. 28. He is charged with rape, conspiracy to commit rape and sexual battery.

Mersich confirmed the case had been forwarded to the detective's bureau and that it would continue to follow up on any leads.

As of Tuesday night the students' wallets had not been recovered.

Mersich said that more than 300 people were present at the Corby Street party when he arrived.

There are always a lot of parties the first week back, [so] and these guys were just in the wrong place at the wrong time," said Mersich.

Shoup said Notre Dame would not be following the men's lead any time soon, although the University regularly reviews its policies.

"I think that Harvard is just a really different university for how they decide to make changes and I don't know that most universities would agree with how they've come to decide these cases," Shoup said.

Currently, the University investigates rape and assault allegations separately from the local police departments.

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ND officials unveil alcohol changes

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

School and student leaders are cooperating on this fall on a plan to roll out changes to the Notre Dame alcohol policy, five months after announcement of the changes sparked controversy.

University officials this summer approved the historic alcohol changes that last spring put administrators at odds with student government representatives. Following a summer of drafting the revisions, both groups say what's key now is helping students understand specifics of the new policy.

Residence hall staff members will be the primary means of conveying the changes to students, said Jeff Shoup, director of Residence Life and Housing.

"Section and hall staff should have already been meeting with their residents in the dorms to talk about the different rules," he said. The changes—the most significant rewrite of the alcohol policy since 1986—affect mainly on-campus students. Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, feared student activity was becoming alcohol-centered when in March he announced three sweeping changes:

• the ban of "hard" alcohol in residence halls
• the outlaw of in-hall dances
• and the apparent loosening of tailgating rules to allow off-campus students to host and attend parties where alcohol is served on Saturdays before home football games.

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INSIDE COLUMN
Bishop, Foley hold promise
At first, I imagined Labby Bishop and Trip Foley curled up in sleeping bags and selling ghost stories to peer the night hours outside the Office of Student Affairs this summer. If they weren't making any headway with administrators on the alcohol policy then at least they would be in peer pellets heaven.
Either way, a promise is a promise. And Bishop — in front of hundreds of her classmates last spring — had made a promise of one.

Jason McFarley
Editor in Chief

WHAT'S INSIDE
CAMPUS NEWS
Notre Dame hires six new hall rectors
Meet the new hall rectors and get an insight to who they are and what they aspire to achieve at Notre Dame.

WHAT'S GOING DOWN
NDPD finds missing bikes
On August 26, 2002 NDPD recovered and returned two missing bikes to their owners. The bikes were first reported stolen on May 32, 2002 at 6:00 a.m. from a campus location.

WHAT'S COOKING
North Dining Hall

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WHAT'S Happening @ ND
- ISLA Fall Reception, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. McKenna Hall, Center for Leadership Development, Auditoriums 112-11 & Atrium
- Latino Freshman Open House, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. 102 Coleman Morse Center

WHAT'S Happening @ SMC
- "Circle of Blessing" 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. beginning at Holy Cross Hall and ending at Le Mans Hall.
- Office of Multicultural Affairs First Year Orientation 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Haggard College Center, Welsh Parkar
SMC construction progresses over the summer

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD  
News Writer

Returning Saint Mary's students found an addition to campus Saturday upon arrival for the new school year. When they left in May, the new student center and dining hall consisted of a large dirt pit dug next to the present dining hall. Upon returning, students revolved at the progress completed on the project over the summer.

The foundation and base for the new structure of the Noble Family Dining Hall now stands firmly in the center of campus and outlines promise for future construction of the student center. "I was actually really happy to see that they are making progress and it isn't still just a hole in the ground," said junior Fran Dunker.

H.G. Christian Construction Company of South Bend began working on the building in March. So far, they have faced only minor setbacks.

In the early stages of construction, the company found a natural gas line running through the site that needed to be removed. Although it took longer than expected, workers were able to successfully remove the pipe.

John Delee, director of facilities at Saint Mary's, assures that the building will be completed on schedule, and he foresees no immediate threat of a postponement. "Weather like rain at this point of the project can always cause delay. Once the roof is completed and the building is in the dry, delays are less likely," Deelee said.

The construction itself is divided into phases. The first phase, the re-designed dining hall, is anticipated to open by June 2003. The second phase includes demolishing of the current dining hall and replacing it with a new student center.

The student center will include a cyber cafe, small theater, snack bar and convenience store. The three-level, 80,000-square-foot structure is due to appear in December 2004.

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ND football ticket sale prices increase

By JOE HETTLER  
News Writer

Watching Notre Dame football games just got a little more expensive.

The University has increased ticket prices to Irish home football games for students and the general public alike.

Last season, students were charged $114 dollars for all six home games. This year, however, the prices have increased by $2.50 per game, making student season tickets $129 for season tickets.

General admission ticket prices have increased from $38 to $43.

According to Jim Fraleigh, assistant director for ticketing, the increased revenue will be used to help pay for Olympic grants and aid for student athletes.

"The University wants to increase aids to its Olympic sports," Fraleigh said. "The ultimate goal is to provide full grants and aids to these athletes in the next few years."

According to Fraleigh, the NCAA allows a maximum of 300 scholarships each year for Olympic sports. Notre Dame's goal is to provide its athletes with the full amount of scholarships the NCAA allows per year.

Fraleigh also said any money left over will be used by some of Notre Dame's 26 varsity sports.

Compared to away game prices, ticket prices for Notre Dame football games still seem reasonable, despite the new increase.

Tickets for the Kickoff Classic against Maryland at the Meadowlands are $48. Michigan State football tickets are $42. Florida State are $35. Air Force are $30, and the University of Southern California has the most expensive tickets at $55 per game.

As for future price increases, Fraleigh said that the University reevaluates its prices before every school year begins.

He said, as of now there is no plan to change the prices in the next few years.

Note:  
• Another change regarding ticketing concerns the new "All-American" section. The section was created for Notre Dame graduates who wish to continue to participate in student traditions such as standing throughout games.

To secure seats in this section, ticket buyers must check the appropriate section in their ticket forms. The University will then have a lottery to determine who gets these new seats.

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Notre Dame is a buzz with construction

By TERESA FRALISH
News Writer

Over the summer construction progressed on a number of projects, renovations and additions at Notre Dame. According to Jim Lyphout, vice president for business operations at the University, all projects are moving ahead as scheduled.

Hesburgh Library

The library is a scene of much transformation. According to Marsha Stevenson, renovation coordinator and director of reference at the Hesburgh Library, study space will be improved and the library's basement renovation will also add compact shelving for book storage and shelving. In addition, the new basement will contain a service desk and the library's holdings stored on microfilm and microfiche.

"It will be transformed," said Stevenson.

Further renovations to the library are planned and Lyphout believes that current renovations will be finished by early next summer.

"We will update the buildings as funds become available," said Lyphout.

Stepan Chemistry Hall

The addition to Stepan Chemistry Hall should be completed by the end of October, said Lyphout. At a cost of $5.5 million, the new addition will provide more research and laboratory space.

Post Office and Security Offices

A construction worker works on the new security building and post office. The new building overlaps part of the Stepan basketball courts. Construction began over the summer.

A new building for the post office and security offices will replace part of the Stepan basketball courts. Construction began over the summer and is expected to be finished by the summer of 2003, said Lyphout.

DeBartolo Center

On the south side of campus, the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts is scheduled to be completed by April 2004, said Lyphout. In addition to a 900-seat concert hall and other larger performance arenas, the DeBartolo Center will contain a 100-seat cinema, a 100-seat studio theater, rehearsal rooms and offices for the department of film, television and theater.

O'Shaughnessy Hall

On the South Quad, work continues on the renovations to O'Shaughnessy Hall and should be completed by November of this year, said Lyphout. The renovation will add an office suite for the College of Arts and Letiers dean's office as well as space for the enrollment office.

Indiana School of Medicine

As a result of a cooperation project located near Leahy Drive south of the Loftus Hall should be completed by November of this year, said Lyphout. The renovation will add an office suite for the College of Arts and Letiers dean's office as well as space for the enrollment office.

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President Bush confronts Saudi Arabian prince

Associated Press

TEXAS

President Bush confronted Saudi Arabia’s top diplomat Tuesday over Iraq and other issues, brushing aside lapses in communications between the uneasy allies, calling Saddam Hussein “a menace to world peace.”

In an hourlong session with Saudi ambassador Prince Bandar bin Sultan, Bush expressed exasperation with the kingdom for failing to meet its commitment to provide financial assistance to the new government in Afghanistan.

Bush also cited “crying human misery” as he accused the kingdom of dragging its feet in response to children abducted from the United States to Saudi Arabia.

The president did not sway Bandar on Iraq; U.S. officials said the Saudis still oppose potential military action against the Iraqi president.

Just hours before the meeting, Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah’s foreign policy advisor said his inspectors can sustain any threat posed by Saudi Arabia “without firing a single bullet.”

“You have no country I know of supporting the use of force in Iraq at this time,” Adel al-Jubeir said in an Associated Press interview in Washington. “Your allies in Europe don’t. Your allies in the Middle East don’t.”

AP Online

President Bush meets with Saudi Arabian ambassador Prince Bandar bin Sultan Tuesday at Bush’s ranch in Crawford, Texas. Bush told the Saudi ambassador that Saddam Hussein is “a menace to world peace,” and expressed disappointment at the lack of financial support given to Afghanistan.

Experts fear deadly toll in African hunger crisis

Associated Press

ZIMBABWE

As many as 300,000 people in southern Africa could die from preventable diseases, including cholera, within six months if hunger and malnutrition are not addressed, disease and declining health services have made the lack of food faced by 14 million people chronic in the region’s worst humanitarian crisis, said Gro-Harlem Brundtland, head of the World Health Organization.

“A famine is about food. Health shortages are followed by illness ... food aid must be combined with health services,” she told a meeting of regional and international health officials in Harare.

HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and other diseases have increased the risk of death in vulnerable, impoverished groups suffering from malnutrition and food shortages.

The meeting of officials from U.N. agencies and 10 regional governments was held Wednesday in Harare, capped by a scheduled travel on to the World Summit on Sustainable Development in neighboring South Africa.

Carol Bellamy, head of the U.N. Children’s Fund, said AIDS and the recruitment of health professionals in countries outside the region drained already weakened health services.

In areas where up to a third of all adults were infected with the virus that causes AIDS, “young girls are selling themselves for shelter and food,” she said.

“When the word food comes up, it is difficult to get anyone to focus on anything but food. Our new crisis is deeper. The implications of what we are confronting are enormous,” she said.

In Zimbabwe alone, nearly half of the country’s 12.5 million need immediate help in getting enough food.

Health Minister David Parirenyatwa said the hungry included 1.6 million children under the age of 5.

Zimbabwe is suffering its worst economic crisis since attaining independence in 1980.

As a result, health services are having shortages in personnel, drugs and money needed for new equipment and medication.

The health ministers have blamed acute food shortages on political violence and the often violent seizures of white-owned farms in the agriculture-based economy in the past two years, along with drought.

AFRICA

Palestinian parliament to convene: Israel would allow the Palestinian parliament to convene a special session to set a date for elections and discuss political reforms, the government said Tuesday. Another official statement, however, barred Parliament’s leadership to the white powder spilled from it, which was opened Tuesday by an office manager and was sent Tuesday at Al Gore’s Nashville office in area hospitals, city officials said.

Two men listed for months as missing in the attack on the World Trade Center are confirmed alive in area hospitals, city officials said.

President Bush telephoned Crown Prince Abdullah on Monday to assure him the recommendation did not reflect his views.

As for Iraq, Bush told Bandar he had not decided whether to U.S. military force, and promised to consult with the Saudis.

"The president made very clear again that he believes that Saddam Hussein is a menace to world peace," Fleischer said.

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Natural News Briefs

Powder found in mail at Gore office: A suspicious powder spilled from an envelope opened Tuesday at Al Gore’s Nashville office in what one FBI agent referred to as an "anthrax hoax case." Gore spokesmanJano Cabrera said the envelope was received in the mail Monday. It was opened Tuesday by an office manager and the white powder spilled from it, Cabrera said. He described the piece of mail as "smaller than a usual envelope." The contents of the envelope were being tested. "No one has been transported to the hospital for medical reasons, and no suspects have been identified," said Jon Stephens, spokesman for the FBI in Nashville.

N Sync singer gets NASA approval: 23-year-old N Sync singer Lance Bass won the endorsement of NASA and other space agencies Tuesday in his bid to fly to the international space station this fall.

Men missing since 9/11 found alive: Two men listed for months as missing in the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center have been discovered alive in area hospitals, city officials said Tuesday.

In addition, the city medical examiner’s office reached by telephone Tuesday at the Rockland Psychiatric Center in Orangeburg, N.Y. where he has been a patient. Vaughan has been removed from the city’s official list of people missing after the attack, said Ellen Borakove, spokeswoman for the city medical examiner. She said another man, George Simms of Newark, N.J., whose family recently learned he was alive and in a New York hospital, has also been removed from the list released last week. Borakove said investigators have found at least five other people on the city’s missing list who are alive.
New rectors bring variety to dorm life

By TERESA FRALISH
Notre Dame welcomes six new rectors this fall to its tradition of residence life.

After living as a priest-in-residence at Keenan Hall, Father Mark Thesing will serve this year as the hall's rector. Though new to the position of rector, Thesing has been a part of Notre Dame for many years. He earned a bachelor's degree in science in 1981 from Notre Dame, as well as a master's in divinity and master's in business administration from Notre Dame.

Thesing is eager to begin the school year and earn Keenan's title as Dorm of the Year again. "I'm anxious for the students to arrive," Thesing said. "My goal is to be the best dorm on campus."

Anne Napoli comes to Badin Hall from Yale University where she has recently completed her master's in arts degree in religion. Napoli is returning to South Bend, where she graduated from Saint Mary's in 1994. Badin's new rector brings a wide variety of service experience to Notre Dame, including experience with Americorps and as a teacher and counselor at the Youth Center for Change in New Haven, Conn.

Betsy Bright joins the women of McGlinn Hall on West Quad as their new rector. Prior to coming to Notre Dame, she worked as a supervisor at the Northbrook, Ill. Department of Public Works. Bright holds a bachelor's in arts degree from Marquette University and a master's in arts degree from DePaul University and has previous experience in youth ministry through service at her parish.

Welsh Hall's new rector, Candace Carson, arrives at Notre Dame from Cleveland, Ohio where she worked as an associate for Ernst & Young. LLP. Carson graduated from Notre Dame with a bachelor's of arts degree in 1977 and has worked as a paralegal, college instructor, and served in the U.S. Air Force.

Carson credits her experiences at Notre Dame as being instrumental in her decision to become a rector.

"I wanted to see what I can give back to the community," said Carson. "I'm looking to build a community and a real sense of welcome."

The third new West Quad rector, Edward Mack, prepares to take charge of O'Neill Hall. Mack previously served as the assistant principal and dean of men at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio. After spending 33 years in Catholic secondary education, Mack looks forward to beginning the year at Notre Dame and fostering a sense of unity in O'Neill Hall.

"I am very excited to watch as the University opens its academic year," said Mack. "My goal is to continue to build up the community spirit and brotherhood of O'Neill."

New to St. Edward's Hall, Dr. John Mojzisek returns to Notre Dame after graduating from the University in 1987. Mojzisek received his doctorate in pastoral counseling from Loyola College this year and has served as a teacher, counselor and campus minister before coming to St. Edward's Hall.

Having attended Notre Dame himself, Mojzisek knows that he will have a significant influence on the men of St. Edward's.

"I know well the pivotal role which rectors have the potential to play in the lives of students. I am hoping to be able to play that role and make a difference," Mojzisek said.

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KEOUGH INSTITUTE FOR IRISH STUDIES

The Keough Institute for Irish Studies welcomes all First-year students to Notre Dame. Sections of Irish 101 are still available but filling fast; Irish 101 is a pre-requisite for the Irish Studies Minor and gives students a distinct advantage when applying for the Dublin Program.

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In response to a $25 billion lawsuit filed by Enron investors and former Enron employees, Andersen Worldwide SC has agreed to pay $40 million in compensation.

**Andersen settles Enron suits**

*Associated Press*

Washington, D.C., the international umbrella organization that includes auditing firm Arthur Andersen LLP, has agreed to pay $40 million in settlement suits from Enron Corp. investors and employees.

The settlement, announced Tuesday, is the first to emerge from a $25 billion lawsuit filed on behalf of Enron investors, led by the University of California, and another lawsuit filed by former employees in the aftermath of the failed energy company's swift collapse last year in a swirl of accounting scandals.

Andersen Worldwide serves as the coordinating entity for the international network of Arthur Andersen firms. Arthur Andersen LLP, its Chicago-based U.S. arm, remains defendant in the suit.

"We regard this settlement only as a first step in obtaining recovery for the class, and will continue to pursue damages from the remaining defendants, most of whom had far deeper involvement in the Enron debacle than the overseas Andersen firms," said James E. Holst, general counsel for the university.

Bill Lloyd, an attorney with Sidney Austin Brown & Wood in Chicago who helped negotiate the settlement, declined comment Tuesday. Arthur Andersen LLP spokesman Patrick Horton also declined comment.

The settlement is subject to approval of U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon in Houston. The university said the $40 million settlement includes $15 million that will be available to pay costs associated with the suit, but not attorney fees in the ongoing litigation. Robin Harrison, one of the attorneys who represents employees, said lawyers haven't yet determined how to distribute the money.

"Andersen Worldwide denied any liability or wrongdoing with regard to Enron, the university said.

In April, Andersen Worldwide said Arthur Andersen LLP, which was Enron's outside auditor for 16 years until fired in January, was the only proper defendant in claims relating to audits of faulty financial statements. The U.S. arm, like other offices around the world, operates autonomously from the umbrella organization, Andersen Worldwide said.

"This first settlement recovers millions of dollars for the class and demonstrates that even relatively minor actors may face substantial liability to Enron's investors," said Bill Lerach, the lead plaintiff's attorney in the lawsuit.

Arthur Andersen LLP was convicted in June of obstruction of justice for shredding and doctoring documents related to Enron audits. The crippled firm has lost hundreds of clients and offices throughout the U.S. and in other countries have bolted to join other firms. The firm, which has said it expects to formally end any remaining audit business next week, will be sentenced by Harmon on Oct. 17.

Negotiations to settle civil claims against Arthur Andersen LLP broke down before the obstruction of justice trial began May 6. Negotiations to settle claims against Andersen Worldwide and Andersen firms outside of the U.S. then began, the university said.

The university also said Enron and its creditors won't part of the settlement with Andersen Worldwide and will not receive a portion of the $40 million.

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**TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS**

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**IN BRIEF**

Dow down 95; Nasdaq down 44:

A sharp drop in consumer confidence stifled investors' enthusiasm for stocks Tuesday, sending the market sharply lower and more than wiping out Monday's gains. Technology suffered the worst of the selling, following bearish comments from Intel's chief executive. But because the market was primed for profit-taking anyhow following five winning weeks on Wall Street, analysts were pleased that a bigger sell-off didn't develop. "The market is getting some heartburn today from the consumer confidence number," said David Sowerby, chief market analyst, Loomis, Sayles & Co. in Detroit. "But at the same time, what gives me some encouragement is that the rally that started on July 23 is not being derailed."

Judge proceeds with KPMG suit:

A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit by Lernout & Hauspie Speech Products shareholders against accounting firm KPMG's United Kingdom, International and Singapore operations, but will allow the case to go forward against KPMG Belgium and KPMG U.S. The order by U.S. District Judge Patti B. Saris, dated Aug. 19, and made available Tuesday, attempts to untangle a complicated web of defendants who have been sued by shareholders for alleged complicity in accounting fraud at L&H, which filed for bankruptcy in 2000 after acknowledging "errors and irregularities." The 52-page ruling says notes that KPMG's U.S. division, though independent from the Belgian division that officially handled L&H's books, was listed as a "principal auditor" and that KPMG officials were allegedly involved in reviewing the company's accounts. A "panoply of red flags" strongly suggests the inference that "KPMG U.S. acted with recklessness or actual knowledge" in instances including the preparation of L&H's annual 10-K filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission in 1999, Saris wrote.
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distinguishes these beverages from less-concentrated beer and wine, Shoup said.

Poorman's July 26 letter didn't address specifics of the other changes, such as where
dehcp dances will be held in lieu of the dorms and the registration
process for students 21 and older to host tailgaters.

University officials over the summer identified more than
two dozen on-campus venues to hold dances, among them
the Hesburgh Library, Rockne Hospitality Room, Rockne Memorial
museum and Warren Golf Club House. Most of the locations would be free
or charge only operating costs, Student Affairs officials said. In addition, Poorman has promised $1,000 to each resi
dence hall to help with dance expenses.

Tailgate registration will be
an online process, said Brian
Coughlin, director of Student
Activities. Drinking-age stu
dents may register through a
link on the Student Activities
Web site from 8 a.m. Monday
to 7 p.m. Thursday. The week of
a home football game. Between
10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Friday, regis
tered students can pick up a
hanging tag in the Student Activities Office that allows them to host a tailgater in Blue
Field South on Saturday.

To register, students must
answer questions about their
cars, whether they will serve alcohol at the parties and whether they will be-hosting the tailgaters with other stu
dents, Coughlin said. Student Activities each week will give a
list of registered parties to Notre Dame Security/Police.

Campus security and Student
Affairs officials will patrol the
parties on Saturdays and con

tinues last fall's crackdown on underdrinking, said Shoup, of Residence Life and Housing.
Enforcement of the ban on
hard alcohol in dorms, howev
er, isn't likely to be as successful.
Hall staff will implement the
new rules "with enforcement similar to previous years'" enforcement of other hall rules.

"This truly shouldn't bring a
change in enforcement," said
Student Body President Libby
Bishop, who met with adminis
trators twice a week this sum
mer to review the policy. "The idea of privacy in dorm rooms is not changed.
Bishop, who has had "President Trip Foley last spring launched a campaign to mix the
to a new policy. "If we are not..." changes, said once University
officials approved the changes, her office's main goal became to help implement them.
Bishop and Foley plan to visit hall Masses and buy advertise
ments in The Observer to dis
perse information about the
new policy.

"If people are really confused
or having problems, we'll be
more proactive, hold meetings, visit dorms more," she said.

Residence Life and Housing
director Shoup said the student handbook, duLac, also will be
important for making students familiar with the changes.

Oregon to seek indictments in death of teens

OREGON CITY, Ore. Police don't believe there are
any more bodies at the proper
whe the remains of two
missing teens were found.

Investigators returned to the
property on Monday with
Poorman's home in this
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SMC adds Intercultural Living

By MELANIE BECKER
News Writer

In an attempt to bring more cultural awareness to Saint Mary’s, the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership (CWIL), Campus Ministry and Residence Life brought Intercultural Living to campus this year.

The purpose of Intercultural Living was for participants to learn about cultural diversity and share their findings with the student body. Faculty and staff saw Intercultural Living as a way to bring a community of students together that would not only benefit from the experience, but also bring cultural understanding and sensitivity to both the campus and South Bend community.

"The world looks a lot different than this campus. We need to be able to communicate with everyone, be it an African-American or an American-Indian," said junior Romona Parks.

Student input is the key to the program. While Tracy Robison, director, will oversee the program, the hope is that the participants will run it. Four women will be elected to make up an advisory board and will be responsible for creating a mission and a theme for the program.

Each Intercultural Living resident is responsible for planning one social awareness activity per semester, either individually or as a team. Additionally, they must attend four activities as well. The residency is sponsored by CWIL, and was given $10,000 to plan and run activities for the year.

The 22 participants span most of the fourth floor of Regina North. The committee hopes to see Intercultural Living expand to a larger range and number of students in years to come. Current participants are encouraged to form a community that is more closely knit then most residence sections and are expected to share reflections and learning with each other.

Preliminary ideas include bringing speakers to campus, attending conferences and putting on theatrical performances. Intercultural students were presented with a journal to track their personal progress and growth. The group also agreed to create a quilt that would be left on display at the culmination of the year.

The residents are planning an Intercultural Ball with a target date in early October, which will be the first of its kind at Saint Mary’s.

Judy Fean, director of campus ministry, is the liaison between the program and another source of financial support to the program.

"Intercultural Living is a vision of a broader aspect on campus," Fean said.

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We gather together
Panel decides spy plane too costly for ops

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

A highly promoted, high-flying unmanned reconnaissance aircraft may be getting too expensive to use in risky operations, a congressional committee says. The military says costly new enhancements are necessary to make the craft an effective target-hunter.

With new capabilities sought by the military, the cost of the Global Hawk spy plane, which made its combat debut in the Afghanistan conflict, is expected to reach $45 million to $45 million a copy, or as much as an F-16 fighter, Air Force officials say.

At issue are the competing visions for one of the Pentagon's latest technological wonders, the unmanned aerial vehicle, known as UAV.

With a proposed price tag of $10 million each, the Global Hawk was proposed years ago as a cheap substitute for manned reconnaissance planes like the U-2, whose pilots are at risk whenever they cross enemy territory to snap photographs or eavesdrop on communications.

The House Intelligence Committee, in a recent report on its classified intelligence budget, says the military has gotten away from that vision, however, opting to load up UAVs with expensive cameras and other sensors.

"You are no longer dealing with a cheap aircraft," said Rep. Michael Castle, R-Del., a member of the committee. "While not disposable (at $10 million), you could at least afford to lose them. Now you're dealing with something you don't want to risk losing."

But some in the military say the idea of expendable UAVs is out of date, and money spent to equip a Global Hawk with the best cameras and electronic eavesdropping technology will pay off in better intelligence on America's adversaries. Military officials say they fully expect the planes to go in harm's way and survive.

Senior Pentagon chiefs are standing by the planes. They say efforts are under way to reduce the cost.

"It's a tremendous platform," Pete Aldridge, an undersecretary of defense who is the Pentagon's chief weapons buyer, said in an interview with reporters. "To start all over again and design yourself a high-flyer like that -- it's going to cost just as much. It's just a matter of fixing it."

The plane's military value has increased to the point that the Pentagon wants to add defensive countermeasures to protect it from attack, which would add still more to its cost, officials said.

The Global Hawk is designed to fly well above any battlefield, at about 65,000 feet, safely out of range of many anti-aircraft weapons. It can loiter over a target area for more than a day to transmit reconnaissance pictures back to base. It carries no weapons.

Its endurance also allows it to photograph an area as large as Illinois in a single mission, said Air Force Lt. Col. Douglas Boone, who oversees the program.

Six have been built, and a seventh is to be completed this year. Three have crashed, including two that were used in the conflict in Afghanistan, leading some to question its reliability.

Although military officials say such crashes are to be expected in a new aircraft program, the Air Force has grounded the remaining three to seek the causes.

Beginning next year, the military wants to build at least 50 more, and the entire Global Hawk program is expected to cost $3.8 billion.

Another House criticism of the Global Hawk is it performs essentially the same mission as the U-2 -- taking many photographs from far away -- while the mission of the retired SR-71 Blackbird remains unfilled. The SR-71 performed what the military calls "penetrating reconnaissance," flying closer to a target for high-quality pictures.

The SR-71 could safely fly over enemy territory because it was so fast no missile or plane could catch it. A new plane, either with a pilot or without, probably would use stealth, rather than speed, to escape.

Plans for a proposed UAV, the DarkStar, which would have performed this mission, were scrapped in 1999 after a prototype crashed.

Boone expects the Global Hawk to replace the U-2 in a decade or so. Any replacement for the SR-71 requires more money from Congress, he said.

The Air Force envisions Global Hawk as the largest of a family of three UAVs. Another is the Predator, a smaller, lower-flying plane that can transmit video. At least 70 have been built and 24 lost, including some in combat. The CIA has armed several Predators, which it has used to strike at suspected al-Qaeda targets in Afghanistan.

These are more affordable than their big brother at about $4.5 million each.

A third plane, called the Predator B, also is in development. Boone describes the Predator B as a hunter-killer that would fly higher than the Predator and lower than the Global Hawk. It would be designed to carry short-range missiles or guided bombs.

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Prof. Brad Gibson will have a final meeting to inform you of deadline dates and the application process on Sept. 2nd in Haggar 117 at 4:30 p.m. If you are unable to attend this meeting, information may be obtained at the Fellowship office in 99 O'Shaunessy Hall.
Los Angeles school board votes on soda ban

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

The board of the nation's second-largest school district voted unanimously Tuesday night to extend the ban on carbonated soft drinks to all its schools in an effort to combat childhood obesity.

An audience of about 100 people burst into applause as the ban was adopted after 2 1/2 hours of debate. It will take effect in January 2004.

Board member Julie Korenstein, who co-sponsored the measure, said it was needed to fight obesity among students. But a soda industry official complained that banning drinks isn't the solution.

"Physical education and physical activity are by far more important in combating obesity than banning soft drinks from students' diets," said Sean McBride, a spokesman for the National Soft Drink Association.

He added: "In the end, this is really about the couch and not the can."

Los Angeles Unified District, which has 748,000 students on its 677 campuses, already prohibited carbonated drink sales at elementary schools.

Still permitted during school hours are water, milk, beverages with at least 50 percent fruit juice and sports drinks with less than 42 grams of sugar per 20-ounce serving.

Many Los Angeles Unified schools rely on soda sales to fund student activities such as sports and field trips.

Sodas sold in vending machines and student stores generate an annual average profit of $39,000 per high school and $14,000 per middle school.

In California, an estimated 30 percent of children are overweight or at risk of being overweight, according to the California Center for Public Health Advocacy.
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Utah polygamist sentenced to 5 years

Associated Press
NPHI, Utah

A polygamist was sentenced Tuesday to spend five years in prison for a child rape that occurred when he took a 13-year-old girl as his "spiritual" wife more than a dozen years ago.

It was the lightest possible sentence for raping a child. He could have received a minimum of 15 years in prison, the judge said.

Before the sentence was handed down, Tom Green cried as he told the judge he was wrong to have married Linda Kunz when she was so young.

"I recognize, under the law, she was not capable of consenting to marriage," Green said.

Green, who drew the attention of prosecutors when he appeared on a half-dozen nationally televised talk shows, already has served a year of his five-year sentence for bigamy and failing to pay child support.

This latest sentence will run concurrently with the bigamy sentence, and Green could be out of prison in four years, his attorney said.

Green was convicted in June of child rape for marrying and conceiving a child with Kunz in 1986 when she was 13 and he was 37.

"I do not consider myself a victim," Kunz said, sobbing as she begged Judge Donald Eyre for leniency. "I'm a 30-year-old woman who has seven children."

"It was me who pursued him. It was me who fell in love," Kunz said.

Eyre said his sentence was influenced by the Green's strong family relationship and Linda's defense of her husband.

Green and Kunz's 15-year-old son, Melvin, also took the stand.

"I don't consider myself a victim of my father or the product of a crime," the boy told the judge.

Green, now 53, has held out his practice of plural marriage as a God-given path to salvation. Until he was imprisoned, Green lived with five wives and 29 children in a cluster of trailer homes in Utah's west desert, 126 miles southwest of Salt Lake City.

Kunz was Green's stepdaughter before their "spiritual" marriage. A Utah court declared the two legally married as part of Green's earlier bigamy trial.

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Welcome to Notre Dame. Going to college is a magical time of year when these halls are already filled with new faces, new stories, and reviews. The Observer is here to welcome his brother, a member of The Observer.

To what extent do you understand the new alcohol policy?

Vote at NDToday.com by Thursday at 5 p.m.

Ahhh, Freshman Orientation — that magical time of year when these hallowed grounds ring with the laughter of a co-ed cohort of 18-year-olds playing "Red Rover." When giant football players sit in the dining hall with their tiny, bespectacled roommates, together for the first and last time.

Gender relations
This school was made co-ed 30 years ago, but to go along with the retro craze, everyone here has decided to pretend that it just happened a few weeks ago. Girls here definitely have a real deal. They have the more sadistic hall staffs, they have to constantly endure declarations from their male friends that "Notre Dame girls are ugly" and they have the added stress of 2,000 aggressive competitors across the street.

Classes
The academics here can be as easy or as hard as you want them to be. If you want an easy schedule, following the lead of our varsity athletes is never a bad idea. Or you can do what so many other Domers do and enroll at the business college. Try to avoid any class before 11 a.m. on a Friday or taught by someone whose name you can't pronounce.

Parties
There's no hard and fast rule as to how much partying is too much, but if you walk into a store and find yourself surprised that empty plastic cups don't cost five dollars a piece, you might want to dial it down a notch or two.

Weather
It may be nice now, but come January and February, you'll wonder why God decided that this particular latitude and longitude was the armpit of the world. The weather isn't all bad, of course, as it provides people with all the awkward small talk they can handle. Nothing fills those empty minutes before class like phrases such as, "I can't believe how cold it is," "Cold, isn't it?" or my personal favorite, "Cold enough for today?"

Football
This might be the reason that many of you came here in the first place. While our team has fallen upon hard times lately under the barely competent leadership of former coach Bob Davie, team morale seems to have gone way up under new coach Ty Willingham. We have a solid team, and barring any unforeseen injuries or sexual assaults I think we have a chance this year.

I must say that, even to a jaded old cynic like myself, the Notre Dame home football weekend is an impressive event, filled to the brim with the mystique that is Notre Dame football. Of course, nothing kills that mystical faster than puking in the bushes outside the stadium.

Being a Freshman
Guess what: You're a freshman and everyone knows it. Don't try to pretend you're not. Who else would be walking around the campus wide-eyed, cursing lines in the dining halls and cursing the weather: it's too cold! There's nothing wrong with being a freshman, so enjoy it. This marks the beginning of your two-month long grace period. It's the only time in your career here that you're allowed to stand at the JACC stands for, mess up the Fight Song or get forced by upperclassmen to take seven shots and go to dinner in your boxers. Enjoy your grace period. Meet some people, drink some brewskis, don't forget to breathe and remember: spicy sea nuggets equal death.

Joe Muto is a junior FTT and English double major who would like to welcome his brother, a member of the class of 2006. BC's loss is ND's gain.

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"Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving wordy evidence of the fact."

George Eliot
philosopher

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Don't bomb Iran to punish Hussein

John R. Crane

The Metropolitan

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I pledge allegiance to save my neck'

Taryn Fears

The Daily Vidette

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Each year over 14 major and a host of smaller theatre productions are performed on the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses. With a combined student population under 10,000 and even fewer considering the number of abroad students, the theatre scene on campus is thriving and improving each year.

Of course, the major component of college theatre is the college part; almost every show is open to students of school. In fact, outside of the respective departmental shows of Notre Dame's Department of Film, Television and Theatre and Saint Mary's Communication, Dance and Theatre Department, the majority of participants in campus theatre activities are non-theatre majors.

"Theatre is a great opportunity for students to get involved on campus," senior JJ Marler, director of the Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company's fall show, said.

The 2002-2003 theatre season line-up ranges from light farces like the COT's "The Odd Couple" to dramatic heavyweights like the NSRSC's production of "Hamlet." But whether making the audience laugh or cry is your cup of tea, you can only do it if you try-out. Auditions tend to be early in the semester and easy to miss.

The Department of Film, Television and Theatre

FTT will perform three shows this year beginning with Niccolo Machiavelli's slightly sinister sexual comedy "The Mandrake," directed by Siiri Scott. The play is a twisted look at courting behavior complete with aphrodisiacs and corrupt priests. Auditions for "The Mandrake" are tonight and Thursday night at 7 p.m. Callbacks will be held on Friday at 7 p.m. All take place in Washington Hall. Those who audition are encouraged to prepare a monologue. Special audition information and materials are available online at http://www.nd.edu/~warons/HILTD/audition.html, though it is possible to do a cold reading from the play itself. FTT will perform Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" in the second semester. Auditions will be held Jan. 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. Callbacks will be held on January 22 at 7 p.m. More audition information will be available later this year. Watch the FTT Web site, www.nd.edu/~ftt, for more information.

The Communication, Dance and Theatre Department

COT will be performing Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple: The Female Edition," directed by Katie Sullivan. Auditions will be held on Sept. 18 and 19. The department will present "Medea" in the second semester. Further information is available from the department itself, call (574) 284-4640.

"Rip-away pants action at the 2002 Keenan Revue. The randy skit comedy fest is a campus favorite, though only Keenan men may perform."
student theatre opportunities

The Pasquerilla East Musical Company

Founded in 1997, the PEMC produces one of the biggest and highest quality shows around. The group will be performing Stephen Sondheim’s “Into the Woods,” an iconoclastic Shakespearean musical, though cold readings from the play will be accepted. There are 15 male parts and five female parts available. To join the PEMC’s e-mail list, send a message to Katy Kertez at kkertez@nd.edu. Check the Not-So-Royal Web site, www.nd.edu/~pemusic, for updates.

Auditions will be held on Sept. 9 from 7 to 10 p.m. and a combined callback/audition will be held on Sept. 10 from 8 to 10 p.m. in 204 O’Shaughnessy Hall.

Those who are auditioning are asked to prepare a short dramatic Shakespearian monologue, though cold readings from the play will be accepted. There are 15 male parts and five female parts available. To join the PEMC e-mail list, send a message to Katy Kertez at kkertez@nd.edu.

Check the Not-So-Royal Web site, www.nd.edu/~nsrsc, for information on the company’s second semester show “The Taming of the Shrew.”

The Saint Edward’s Hall Players

The SEHP will be presenting Christopher Durang’s “Betty's Summer Vacation,” a comedy about repressing the truth, in the second semester. Auditions will be during the first week after fall break. Contact the director, senior Bill Kalman, at wkalman@nd.edu for more information. There are five male parts and four female parts available. The SEHP participants do not need to live in Saint Edward’s Hall (obviously, as there are four female parts; well, then again).

A number of other show crop up throughout the year; watch for signs calling for auditions around campus. Joining a group’s e-mail list is also a good way to keep up with audition schedules. Getting up the courage to audition is the biggest hurdle in getting into the theatre scene on campus. Aspiring actors shouldn’t be afraid to audition for more than one show. Each production has a limited number of parts and not getting casted doesn’t mean that you aren’t good enough or they didn’t like you. Remember that everyone in the room is there for the same reason, especially in student run theatre groups. And if all else fails, grab a few friends and head over to the administration offices and start your own group.

The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company

The NSRSC will be presenting the Bard’s magnum opus “Hamlet” in the first semester.

Auditions will be held on Sept. 9 from 7 to 10 p.m. and a combined callback/audition will be held on Sept. 10 from 8 to 10 p.m. in 204 O’Shaughnessy Hall.

Those who are auditioning are asked to prepare a short dramatic Shakespearian monologue, though cold readings from the play will be accepted. There are 15 male parts and five female parts available. To join the NSRSC e-mail list, send a message to Katy Kertez at kkertez@nd.edu.

Check the Not-So-Royal Web site, www.nd.edu/~nsrsc, for information on the company’s second semester show “The Taming of the Shrew.”

The COT’s “Learned Ladles” production last spring demonstrated phenomenal production value and fluency in two languages.

Kat Walsh, choreographer, The Pasquerilla East Music Company

“I want to explore some things in the show that weren’t done in the Broadway musical.”

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Contact C. Spencer Beggs at beggs.3@nd.edu
Oakland gets 14th straight win to build lead

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Mark Mulder pitched a three-run rally in the fourth inning Tuesday night, matching their longest streak since the team moved to the majors since the third straight start.

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NBA

Francis agrees to extension

Associated Press

HOUSTON

Stevie Francis soon will be cashing paychecks befitting his nickname.

Steve Francis, heading into the final year of a four-year, $14.1 million contract with the Houston Rockets, has agreed to a six-year extension at the NBA maximum, which should be between $80 million and $90 million once the new salary cap is established.

"They're willing to put that significant amount of money on the line that we can get some results," Francis said Monday. "I'm prepared to do what I think we can have one of these seasons (this year) that we'll be able to remember.

Francis is among the Rockets trying to get healthy. He is recovering from surgery on his right shoulder and is treating an inner-ear disorder that caused debilitating headaches last season.

The injury and the headaches, diagnosed as Meniere's Disease by the Mayo Clinic, kept Francis out of 25 games. He said Monday his ear treatment is going well and doesn't anticipate headaches to recur this season.

Also returning from injuries to the Rockets are Maurice Taylor, who missed all of 2001-02 with an injured right Achilles tendon and guard Glen Rice, who was lost in January with a hurt right knee.

Owner Les Alexander gushed at the prospect of his returning veterans joining first-round picks Yao Ming, the 7-foot-5 center from China who was the NBA's No. 1 overall choice, and Slovenian forward Bostjan Nachbar.

"The talent that's coming back now is just unbelievable," Alexander said.

Despite Yao's much-anticipated arrival, the contract solidifies the 25-year-old Francis as the Rockets' go-to guy, as the headstrong of his white Mercedes-Benz that sport the embroidered word "Franchise" aloft.

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Seminoles chopped down in poll

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — A close game with Iowa State on Saturday night dropped Florida State one spot in the latest USA Today/ESPN coaches poll, released Monday.

The Seminoles fell from fourth to fifth, switching places with Tennessee, after a season-opening 38-31 victory over Iowa State in the Eddie Robinson Classic. Linebackers Kendell Pope and Jerel Hudson stopped quarterback Seneca Wallace at the 1-yard line on the final play of the game.

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden passed Bear Bryant and moved into sole possession of second place on the all-time Division I-A wins list with his 324th — but not before the Seminoles nearly squandered a pair of 24-point leads.

Defending national champion Miami, which opens its season Saturday against Florida A&M, remained at the top of the poll. The Hurricanes will take a 22-game winning streak into the 2002 season.

Miami received 42 first-place votes — eight more than in the preseason poll — and 1,466 points in the nationwide poll of 61 coaches.

Four of the top eight teams in the poll are from the Big 12 Conference, including No. 2 Texas, which received 10 first-place votes and 1,424 votes, and No. 3 Oklahoma, which got seven first-place votes and 24 points behind the Longhorns.

No. 6 Colorado and No. 8 Nebraska are the other Big 12 teams in the top eight.

Nebraska was one of six ranked teams in action last weekend, routing Arizona State, 48-10.

Florida State received the remaining two first-place votes. Florida, which begins a new era under coach Ron Zook, is seventh in the poll.

Washington and Michigan, a pair of teams that meet Saturday in Ann Arbor, complete the top 10.

Ohio State is 11th and switched places with Georgia after opening its season Saturday with a 45-21 win over Texas Tech.

Washington State is 13th and is followed by Louisiana State, Oregon, Florida Tech, Michigan State, Louisville, Southern California and Maryland. Virginia Tech stayed at 16th after a 63-7 win over Arkansas State on Sunday.

South Carolina, Marshall, Penn State, North Carolina State and Wisconsin complete the poll. Wisconsin dropped two spots despite a 23-21 win over Fresno State. North Carolina State advanced one spot after a 34-14 win over New Mexico.

The coaches' poll is part of the Bowl Championship Series formula that determines the participants in the national championship game. The top two teams in the ratings meet in the game, which this season is the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 3.

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Associated Press

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Champion struggles to advance

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Former champion Marat Safin battled his temper and some booming serves from Nicolas Kiefer to advance in the first round of the U.S. Open on Tuesday with a draining 6-3, 4-6, 4-6, 7-6 (4) victory.

Safin smashed two rackets during the match, which lasted 4 hours, 31 minutes. In the end, the German gave in to fatigue and cramps.

Kiefer that exceeded 6 hours, 31 minutes. In the

Safin raced from one corner to the other to save a point. Both players were iced for cramps in their upper legs as the match neared the end. Safin was flat on the court being stretched while Kiefer sat in his chair as the trainer worked on him.

"He tried as much as he could. It was unbelievable."

Marat Safin tennis player

Safin had 15 aces and 64 unforced errors to 12 aces and 59 unforced errors for Kiefer. Twelve double faults hurt Kiefer’s chances for the upset.

Fending champion Lleyton Hewitt advanced 6-2, 6-3, 6-3 over Nicolas Coutelot, riding 14 aces to the victory.

Carlos Moya, awarded his highest seed at the U.S. Open in three years at No. 9, advanced to the second round of the season’s final Grand Slam by defeating Adrian Voinea 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (4). The victory was a grind for Moya, a clay-court specialist who came into the Open after winning at Cincinnati — just the second hardcourt title of his career. Ten of his previous 11 victories were on clay, and he won at Cincinnati by defeating No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt in the final.

Former finalist Mark Philippoussis, hounded by knee trouble, was forced to retire from his match against No. 24 Sjeng Schalken after winning the first two sets. Moya came into the Open with four titles this year, tying Andre Agassi and Hewitt for the most on the tour.

It’s the first time since 1995 that Voinea has lost in the opening round of this tournament.

Philippoussis, runner-up in last year’s tournament, lost his first round match to No. 22 Guillermo Coria of Argentina.

The Australian struggled to his feet and, after Spreen worked on him, he was able to continue for a while, even winning another game. But on a changeover Spreen examined him again.

"I hurt," he told the trainer. "A few moments later, Philippoussis retired from the match, allowing Schalken to advance 6-7 (1), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

He left the grounds to get an MRI on his knee.

Agassi, Sampras team up

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Andre Agassi is joining Pete Sampras as an investor in The Tennis Channel, a 24-hour cable network launching this year.

Agassi, a seven-time Grand Slam tournament champion, will be a spokesman for the channel, which will help promote the Andre Agassi Charitable Foundation.

His association was among a series of announcements made Tuesday by the 24-hour network, which will be a basic cable service.

Deals to broadcast seven pro tournaments: WTA Tour stops in Charleston, S.C.; Manhattan Beach, Calif.; Sarasota, Fla.; and Paris; ATP Tour events in Chennai, India; San Jose, Calif.; and Houston.

An original series called “No Strings,” billed as “an intimate look at the glamorous lifestyles of professional tennis players off the court,” will star Sampras, Lindsay Davenport and Andy Roddick will be featured in the first three episodes.

TV rights for World Team Tennis

A multiyear advertising deal with Wilson Racquet Sports, a division of Wilson Sporting Goods.

The Tennis Channel hasn’t said when in 2002 it will launch, but it currently has deals that would put it in 38 percent of the country’s cable households.

The network now has rights to more than 1,400 hours of tournament tennis, including five WTA Tour events and seven ATP Tour events.

Its programming lineup will be about 40 percent tournament play, 40 percent instructional shows and 20 percent news or features.

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Bonds aims for the fences and the title

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

**SAN FRANCISCO**

Willie Mays knows Barry Bonds better than almost any one. Mays counsels his godson on everything from the perils of fame to the difficulties of hitting in San Francisco's famously fickle weather.

So when Mays says Bonds is capable of becoming a first-time batting champion at 38, it's not wise to take the Hall of Famer's opinions lightly. "I think Barry can do exactly what he wants," Mays said. "He's trying for the batting title this year. Whatever Barry does, he knows I'm behind him. ... He's still a young man. He'll have a lot of records to chase when he quits. He's got a lot of records now, but he'll have more. "Don't even worry about the batting title." He'll get that. It's not even a goal." For the store nearest you, our...
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**College Basketball**

**IN BRIEF**

**New York, San Francisco possible 2012 hosts**

Chicago - New York and San Francisco were selected Tuesday as the U.S. finalists to host the 2012 Summer Olympics, while Houston and Washington, D.C., were eliminated as contenders. The U.S. Olympic Committee’s board of directors will pick the U.S. candidate for the 2012 Games at a Nov. 3 meeting. That leaves the international competition, where things still appear serious.

As many as a dozen cities — including possibly Toronto, Rome, Paris, Moscow, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil — are expected to be in the mix. The international Olympic Committee will pick the host in 2005.

**Vikings suffer another loss**

Eden Prairie, Minn. - The wife of Minnesota Vikings offensive lineman Lewis Kelly died of pregnancy complications, the second consecutive year of pre-season tragedy for the team.

Rakiva Kelly, 24, was four months pregnant, said commander Chamberlain said. Chamberlain and coach Mike Tice were with Kelly when her wife died just before midnight Sunday at Methodist Hospital in nearby St. Louis Park.

"We had a tremendous tragedy," Tice said Monday. "Right now we're feeling a little bit as a family. We'll battle our way through it... and we will all pick up the slack for Lewis Kelly." 

**Charges against Erickson dropped**

A second-degree assault charge against Baltimore Orioles pitcher Scott Erickson was dropped. Prosecutors interviewed the player's live-in girlfriend, prosecutors said.

Erickson was arrested July 22 after an argument with Lisa Ortiz that spilled out of their Inner Harbor condominium and into a hallway and elevator. He was scheduled to appear before a domestic violence judge Sept. 6, but court records show that prosecutors decided earlier this month not to press the charges.

"The victim was interviewed by the prosecutor, and her testimony bordered on a recantation," state's attorney spokesperson Marty Burns said. "With no other independent evidence, the case just could not proceed." Scutt Shellenberger, Erickson's attorney, said he was "extremely pleased," with the decision.

"After reviewing the facts, they determined that Mr. Erickson did not commit a crime, which is what Scutt's position has always been," Shellenberger said.
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during which he rushed for 77
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Notre Dame trailing Purdue
by three, Grant rushed for 14
yards and crossed the goal
line for the first time in a
Notre Dame jersey.

But will he add more touch­
downs to that total?

"Absolutely. As many as I
can," he said.

Despite Jones's unexpected
exit, Grant is confident that
he's ready to be a top player.
After all, he didn't come to
Notre Dame to watch from the
sidelines.

"I came to Notre Dame to be
that type of guy," he said. "I
didn't come here to sit and
watch. If you want to be a
competitor, you want to be in
the spotlight.

Wilson, too, is ready to step up
to the role that's been
to him. Although he was not
expecting his chance to come
this early, he was nonetheless
prepared for it.

"I've been preparing myself
whether I'd been second
string, first string, no matter
what," he said. "It came a lot
sooner — my chance — I
guess. I'm ready."

As fall camp ends, the two
runners are feeling comfort­
able in both their new roles
and in the new offense. The
pro-style offense of Notre
Dame's new coach Tyrone
Willingham will be a distinct
change from the run-heavy
offense former coach Bob
Davie ran last season. Neither
Grant nor Wilson can count
on carrying the ball as often
as they would have in the old
offense. But there are expec­
tations that, when it counts,
the ball will still come to
them.

"I still think that we're
gonna run the ball," Grant
said. "I have the utmost confi­
dence that they're going to
run the ball and get in a good
position to run the ball."

And the benefit of a pass­
heavy offense for a running
back?

"It keeps the defense hon­
est," Grant said. "They can't
blitz all the time, they don't
know where... the ball is
going to go. That helps you
out a little bit."

Grant claimed that he
doesn't have too many pre­
game jitters. Whether Notre
Dame plays a tough oppo­
nent like Maryland near his
hometown, or an oppo­
nent that presents fewer
challenges far way, football
is football.

"You have to take every
game as that is," he said.

Wilson, however, has no
game experience. He saw no
playing time last season after
injuring his foot during fall
camp. His nerves aren't quite
as steely as Grant's.

"I'm a little bit nervous, but
I'm ready to play football," he
said.

Grant claimed that he
would go in the spotlight.
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injuring his foot during fall

"Come to Notre Dame to be
that type of guy. I
didn't come here to sit
and watch. If you want to
be a competitor, you want

Ryan Grant
running back

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Grant is confident that
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Indiana, the spotlight, the pressure and the expectations were all Holiday's. LoVecchio never discussed why he left Notre Dame, saying only that "personal reasons" were behind his decision. But Irish offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said he could see LoVecchio's transfer coming. When Diedrick visited LoVecchio and his father, Larry, in mid-May, Diedrick said months later that, among the mustache, the faint smell of alcohol and the striplings of crumbly cheese that seemed to stick to his feet, LoVecchio would start. The offensive coordina-
tor wouldn't give it to him and LoVecchio was headed to Bloomington, Ind., without a word of explanation to coaches or teammates.

"Apparently they made their decision for whatever reason, and if it was guarantees that they wanted they weren't going to get guarantees," Diedrick said. "He had the guarantee to compete for the job, then if he felt like he didn't want to compete for the job, he could leave and go someplace where it was guaranteed. That's what he did."

That left Holiday standing alone at the mountaintop, in charge of running a complex pro-style offense that few outside the Notre Dame program had confidence he could han-
dle effectively. Last year, the Irish threw an NCAA-worst four touchdown passes and Holiday himself only completed a modest 50.7 percent of his passes in the 10 games he started.

But a determined Holiday buckled down as soon as he got the offensive playbook.

"Offensive line man Jordan Black joked guar-
"He's kind of taken the ball

and more on his mind - a
game he calls the

friend or f
classmate. The days of Holiday tucking the ball and scrambling along the line of scrimmage with the ball, as he did so often last year, appear to be long gone. The run is still

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"I don't really care what they

where you really didn't have to think as much," he said. "Now, you have to make a lot of decisions now and I'm just going to have to
test my knowledge right now.

"The thing that I don't want to
do is shackle him and put handcuffs on him," Diedrick said. "I want him to be very free-flowing as the system will allow him.

Everyone who has seen Holiday in practice claims the junior is a much different play-
er from the battered and bruised option quarterback who limped through the end of the season.

The change in Holiday's per-
sonality is drastically different, as well. No longer is he quiet and reserved, clutching his helmet behind his back in interviews. Now, Holiday speaks with a voice that exudes confidence and can't wait to step onto the field against Maryland in the Irish's first game this Saturday.

"Four touchdowns, that's not a lot by any

standard," said Holiday, referring to N o t e

Dame's total p a s s

touchdowns last season. "I think this year is going to be very different.

We're going to stretch the field a little bit, we've got great offensive at all positions, and we're going to allow them to make their own plays.

Still, Holiday knows he has doubters who love to bring up the game against Stanford last year. Engulfed by a maelstrom of questions about the future of Bob Davie and swirling around the
team's vitals, Holiday had to rely less on his legs and more on his mind - a
change he relishes. The days of Holiday tucking the ball and scrambling along the line of scrimmage with the ball, as he did so often last year, appear to be long gone. The run is still an option, of course, but Holiday says it's the last option.

"Last year there were a lot of
touchdowns, but at the same
time, your head is a much bet-

lower point of last season.

During the summer.

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doubters who love to bring up the game against Stanford last year. Engulfed by a maelstrom of questions about the future of Bob Davie and swirling around the midst of a losing season, Holiday completed just 1-of-16 passes in cold and rainy condi-
tions — a game he calls the

low point of last season.

But he's not focusing on the
quarterback he was last year.
He's focusing on the quarter-
back he can be this year.

"I don't really care what they
believe," he said. "I know what I can do, my teammates know what I can do. Everyone else will just have to wait and see."

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Football

Safely filling vacated positions

By KATIE McVOY
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When Maryland throws its first pass against Notre Dame on Saturday, the effects of the tumultuous Irish off season may become glaringly clear. Depth at the safety position took the biggest blow with rape allegations involving four football players.

Donald Dykes, Justin Smith and Abe Elam, all safeties, were expelled from the University, leaving only Gerome Sapp who had real, consistent game experience at that position. But, according to secondary coach Trent Walters, if spring was the time for the players to deal with the shock of losing teammates and friends, fall camp was the time to get focused on what lies ahead—a season opener.

"A couple of the guys [who were expelled]... they were personal friends of theirs," Walters said. "We felt the effect of it in the spring but this fall it seems like they've concentrated and focused on the upcoming season and it really hasn't been a big issue. I think right now our focus is on the upcoming game and getting better."

And the safeties have reason to focus. In addition to losing Dykes, Smith and Elam, the Irish also lost Ron Israel to graduation. Aside from Sapp, the only other player returning with game experience is senior free safety Glenn Earl, who has a long history of nagging injuries.

Earl, a reserve defensive back for the Irish during the 2001 season, suffered a quad injury against Nebraska and missed the next two games, left play early against West Virginia due to injury, suffered a separated shoulder in the Tennessee game and had a concussion against Stanford. His game experience, at best, was inconsistent. But the 6-foot-1 Illinois native is feeling healthy now.

"I feel good," Earl said. "Everybody's trying to get their legs back. Everybody's trying to get over these little nagging ailments.... But I feel good about myself. I feel good about the team."

Although Earl is aware that an injury could hit at any time, especially considering his unfortunate history, he's not letting that take any focus away from his preparation for playing a full season as a starter.

"You can control what you can control," he said. "You can play hard, just play the game, you know, just take it one game at a time."

Sapp, who returns to the Irish as the most experienced safety on the squad and was rated the defensive MVP following the Blue-Gold game last spring, will be counted on as the leader. Last season he was an Irish reserve safety until he made his first start against Pittsburgh. Sapp, who grabbed his first two fumble recoveries against Navy, is feeling very comfortable in his new role as the senior-most player in terms of being in the game. "I don't really think that experience makes me better than any other safety,... I just use all that experience to be a leader, as kind of an inspiration to be a leader and go out there."

The real problem for the Irish lies in depth at the safety position. They return only two other players at the position—sophomores Quinten Burrell and Lionel Bolen and freshmen Jake Carney and Mike Richardson, forcing the coaching staff to put some serious concentration into training the inexperienced.

"The first thing you can say is we've given them a lot of attention, special attention, working with them and trying to get them to be better so they can be a starter or a back-up," Walters said.

No one player has stepped to the forefront of the coach's mind as the go-to guy for the back-up position, but Walters is counting on that as a good sign that they're all being competitive. According to Walters, the staff will come to a decision about who will back up the position later this week.

Despite the depth problems and the inexperience at the safety position, the Irish think they can hold their own against Maryland on Saturday. If nothing else, they're excited to play.

"I guess right now, I'm just kind of anxious to see these guys play," Walters said.

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Jack Monahan

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FOOTBALL

Taking roll call

Holiday outlasts other quarterbacks, claims role for himself

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

The message on his answering machine left Carlyle Holiday bewildered.

All Holiday heard from Matt LoVecchio, his friend, colleague and competition for the starting quarterback job was that LoVecchio was transferring from Notre Dame. At the time, LoVecchio didn’t know where he was going to go, just that he didn’t want to be at Notre Dame anymore.

Before Holiday pushed the button on the answering machine, he was in a neck-and-neck race for the starting quarterback position at Notre Dame. After LoVecchio’s words settled into his brain, Holiday realized he was the man.

“I was a little bit surprised, we were competing hard and nobody was No. 1 or anything like that,” Holiday said. “We were all shocked, he’s a great friend of ours, and we didn’t see any reason why he would leave.”

Now, the Irish are counting on Holiday to execute the complex pro-style offense after he earned the starting job by outlasting his competition.

When Holiday arrived on campus as a freshman with LoVecchio and Jared Clark, Arinz Battle appeared to be the quarterback of the future. After Battle went down with a broken wrist, Gary Godsey stepped in for two games before coaches replaced him with LoVecchio.

LoVecchio led the Irish to seven straight wins and a berth in the 2000 Fiesta Bowl but lost the starting job to Holiday three games into the 2001 season. Clark’s shift to tight end in the spring outlasted Holiday for the starting job – Battle had long since moved to wide receiver and Godsey was now a tight end. And when LoVecchio decided to transfer to Tennessee game and the Navy game before a hypersensitive elbow sat him down for Stanford.

His real break, however, came in the last game of the Irish season, a game

Irish regroup to end weekend with split

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

If the preseason is any indication, the Notre Dame women’s soccer team once again be a national force.

Despite playing, at times, without six projected starters, the Irish finished last weekend’s IPFW Soccer Showcase with one win and one loss against two of last year’s NCAA Tournament teams.

On Friday night, Notre Dame suffered a 4-2 defeat at the hands of perennial power North Carolina, but the Irish regrouped on Sunday to defeat Kentucky 2-1, thanks to Ashley Drier’s last minute heroics.

The senior midfielder’s goal with only 39 seconds remaining proved to be the difference maker in the hard-fought contest.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum was extremely pleased with his team’s effort in both contests, but he acknowledged the Irish need to improve in several phases of the game, particularly on defense and maintaining intensity for the full 90 minutes.

“We had a lot of problems defensively and we still have not decided on a goalie,” said the fourth-year coach. “I was extremely happy with our play start to finish except for Friday night against North Carolina, but I was just as disappointed two days later against Kentucky

BASEBALL

Reaching new heights

The Irish reached the College World Series for the first time since 1997 last June. On their way, they knocked off the nation’s top-ranked team three times and attained the program’s highest ranking. Inside is a recap of their season and the path they took to Omaha after classes let out in May.

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FOOTBALL

Safely filling vacated positions

After the departure of four key safeties, seniors Genese Sapp and Glenn Earl will try to lead a young, inexperienced batch of safeties as the Irish open their season against Maryland on Saturday.
Reaching new heights

**Historic season ends with first World Series appearance in 45 years**

By CHRIS FEDERICO and JOE HETTLER

Sports Editor and Associate Sports Editor

It began with a shaky 7-6 victory in New Orleans and ended as one of the most memorable seasons in Notre Dame sports history.

After a break 12-10 start, including an 0-4 Big East record during its season-opening 22-game road trip, the Notre Dame baseball team turned its early disappointment to where no Irish team had in 45 years – Omaha, Neb., and the College World Series.

Early-season injuries depleted the Irish lineup, as shortstops Matt Macari and Matt Edwards were lost for the season, leaving a gaping hole at that position. Further injuries to Steve Sollmann, Andrew Bushey and Brian Stavisky forced Irish head coach Paul Mainieri to find replacements and continually change line-ups.

"There were such high expectations on our team going into the year," Notre Dame associate head coach Brian O'Connor said. "The injuries that we've suffered really show when you go on the road and play in the conference.

"Once the Irish finally got healthy, they exploded for 35 victories in their next 40 games. During this run, Notre Dame won the Big East Tournament for the first time since joining the conference in 1995.

"The Irish hosted the four-team NCAA Regional tournament against no. 1 seed South Alabama, Ohio State and Kent State. After winning the opening game against the Buckeyes 8-6, the Irish trounced South Alabama 25-1 before clinching the Regional crown by defeating Ohio State for the second time 9-6.

"From there, Notre Dame faced the task of trying to beat the top ranked team in the country, Florida State, at the Seminoles home park in a best-of-three Series.

"In Game 1, the Irish silenced the hostile crowd, who gave the northern team little chance to upset the ACC champions, winners of 25 straight games. Freshman right-handed pitcher Grant Niesel, who allowed a run, and catcher Paul O'Toole, leaving a gaping hole at that position.

"We feel at this particular time."

With the hallmark wins, Notre Dame advanced to the College World Series for the first time in 45 years.

"I'm sure we shocked the college baseball world this weekend," Mainieri said at the final press conference of the series. "It's a feeling you Mainieri can explain. We really believed that we could come down here and do it. But to come down and actually do it, you just can't have words to describe the way we feel at this particular time."

Irish centerfielder Steve Stanley slides safely into third base during Notre Dame's first World Series game against Stanford. Notre Dame lost the game 4-3. It was their first World Series game since 1957.

"I've never had something I'll never forget. Besides maybe the College World Series is something that I'll never forget. Besides maybe the 1997 team, this is the best Notre Dame baseball team in the last hundred-some years. And I'm very proud to say that."

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**player of the series**

Huston Street
Texas Longhorns

The Texas closer shut down each of the four games for the Longhorns, earning three saves and allowing only one run.

**quote of the game**

"This is the greatest baseball experience I've ever had. This is something I'll never forget."

Steve Stanley
Irish centerfielder

**stat of the game**

23 runners left on base

Notre Dame stranded 23 runners on base in their three games. Scoring two or three of these runners may have gotten the Irish more wins.
**The perfect place for baseball**

**Fans soak up atmosphere circling College World Series at Rosenblatt stadium**

By JOE HETTLER
Associate Sport Editor

OMAHA, Neb. — Omaha is the perfect place to host the College World Series. Just ask anyone who's spent the week there.

"It was electric, it was a wonderful atmosphere," said a Clemson fan outside Rosenblatt Stadium. "The atmosphere couldn't be duplicated. The fans were great. All the fans around us were just very complimentary and pleasant. They bellowed and we cheered. It was the greatest atmosphere I've ever experienced at a sporting event."

These are the reason why college baseball's National Championship has stayed in this city of just over 750,000 people.

The College World Series moved to Omaha 53 years ago after spending two years in Kalamazoo, Mich., and one in Wichita, Kan.

During the first few years of the tournament, each geographical region of the country sent its best team to play in the College World Series. Now, the NCAA has grouped teams into a four-team regional, followed by a two-team, best-of-three super regional and finally an eight-team World Series field.

According to ticket vendor Joe Dervin, the atmosphere surrounding the Series has greatly increased over the past 20 years.

"When I first started out it was small, and over the last 20 years it's really gotten commercialized, which is good for the players and the teams for notoriety," Dervin said. "The best part about it is that the players are out there playing their hearts out, and it's just good baseball. It makes for a good environment, and that's why it's gotten so popular over the last 10 to 20 years."

Former Michigan head coach Don Lund is one of many fans who noticed several other changes in the college game as the years have passed.

"Metal bats are a heck of a difference," Lund said. "I believe metal makes an ordinary hitter a little bit better. The ball goes a lot farther. [Metal bats] make it a difficult judgement where you're judging some guy as far as power is concerned, and he hits a ball that looks like an ordinary fly ball and it goes out of the ballpark."

Lund also believes Omaha is the right type of city for the tournament.

"I'll tell you one thing, the NCAA made a good move by having this tournament in Nebraska at Omaha, because everybody supports it thoroughly and the town gets behind them," Lund said. "They were talking about moving it to major league ballparks, but they kept it here, and it was the best move they ever made."

While Lund originally made the trip to Omaha to participate in the CWS, most fans simply come to follow their team or to simply watch some good baseball.

"You get a variety of fans because you're getting some fans from out of town and they have their own reserve seats," one longtime fan, George Howard, said. "That's part of the strength and variety of the mixture [of the crowd]." You've got people who originally came because they were following a team. Then they end up buying seats every year and have reserve tickets. They just keep coming back.

The popularity of the CWS was evident during Notre Dame's experience there. During the Texas-Rice game, the tournament director announced that the CWS had amassed over 5 million fans since it began in 1949.

With so much excitement surrounding this event, the CWS shows no signs of slowing down.

"It's just a wonderful thing," South Carolina fan Bill Goding said. "This is baseball's best. It's the finest place in the world where the kids could ever experience. It's tops in the nation. The people in Omaha are outstanding people. They do a good job here, and its just fantastic."

As new teams reach the CWS each year, more fans are exposed to the Omaha experience. These fans continue to follow their teams all the way to Omaha and keep the fun of the College World Series at an all-time high.

After all, five million fans can't be wrong.

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Stanley proves clutch

By CHRIS FEDERICO

OMAHA, Neb. - Irish centerfielder Steve Stanley had 999 at bats in his collegiate baseball career. But none of them was as big as his 1,000th hit in Notre Dame's second game of the College World Series against the Rice Owls.

With the Irish down one run and just two outs away from elimination, Stanley drove a 3-2 pitch from Rice pitcher Justin Crowder to the gap in right centerfield and hustled into third for the triple. Steve Sollmann would later hit a line drive up the middle to bring Stanley home.

Heading into what could have been the last inning of its season, the Irish squad had confidence that Stanley could still make something good happen.

"I didn't feel the game was over at all when I came up in the bottom of the ninth, I thought we had it all the way," said Irish coach Paul Mainieri. "You could just see it in his eyes that there was no way he was going to be denied, and then he hits the triple."

The hit was huge, considering Crowder had allowed only two hits in 5 2/3 innings of relief, and had set down 13 of the last 14 Irish hitters. "Steve did it to Crowder what he does to every pitcher, every game of the season," Mainieri said. "He battles, and he's never going to go down without a fight. That was just a great at bat."

On top of the rally-sparking triple, Stanley had not one, but two game-saving catches in centerfield, continuing the stellar defensive play that has highlighted his career.

With the score tied and Rice runners on first and second in the sixth inning, pinch hitter Enrique Cruz cruised a ball to the left field gap off of freshman pitcher Chris Nosel. The crowd reacted as if Cruz had a bases-clearing double. But Stanley proved them wrong when he made a leaping catch and slammed into the outfield wall to end the inning.

"Steve's been playing great defense for us all year. That's just what he does out there in centerfield," Niesel said. "He gives it 100 percent every time he goes out there. He's the hardest worker, hardest runner on the team. You just know when you go out there with Steve Stanley in centerfield, any ball hit to center is going to get caught."

Stanley had another acrobatic catch up his sleeve in the very next inning as he stole a base hit from Rice shortstop Paul Janish with a diving catch in shallow centerfield.

But what else could be expected from Stanley, the senior co-captain who has been the backbone of the Irish for the better part of four years? In fact, Notre Dame's second game marked Stanley's 255th consecutive start — that's every game since he's been at Notre Dame — tying the NCAA record.

In that time, Stanley has played 98.9 percent of Notre Dame's innings.

Stanley's other accolades are too many to list. His .383 batting average ranks third in Irish history. He's had 383 hits and scored 255 runs — both Notre Dame career records. But no hit was as big as that triple against Rice.

"It kept the season alive. It kept the team in Omaha. And it kept Steve around to see at bat 1001," Niesel said.

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Stanley centerfielder Steve Stanley takes a pitch during Notre Dame's game against Rice. Stanley would later hit a triple and scored the game-tying run in the ninth inning. The Irish won 5-3.

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Notre Dame opens its season with a 7-6 win over the University of Missouri.

Freshman infielder Matt Edwards' season ends when he breaks both bones of his lower leg when chasing a pop fly.

Notre Dame is swept in its first Big East series by Connecticut, dropping its record to 9-9. Centerfielder Steve Stanley breaks the Irish record for consecutive games played (205) and ties the record for career hits (295).

Notre Dame wins 25 of its 27 games during this time, including a 15-game winning streak, to improve its mark to 34-12 and 13-6 in Big East play.

Notre Dame wins its home opener for the seventh straight year, beating BYU 1-0 behind a three-hit shut out from junior J.P. Gagne.

Freshman shortstop Matt Maci!i season-ending "Tommy John" surgery to repair his shoulder, which had kept him from playing infield since early March.

Notre Dame defeats Detroit 23-1, the largest Irish victory in 89 years.

Notre Dame sweeps Boston College in a three-game series to end its regular season with a 41-14 record, 16-6 Big East record.

Notre Dame goes 3-1 in the Big East Tournament, defeating Rutgers 3-2 in 10 innings in the championship game for its first Big East Tournament title.

Left-fielder Brian Stanisky hit a game-winning double to score Steve Sollmann and send the Irish to the NCAA Regional tournament.

Notre Dame hosts the Regional Tournament at Frank Eck Stadium as a No. 2 seed. The Irish outscore their opponents 42-12 and finish the tournament undefeated to advance to the NCAA Super Regionals where they face No. 1 Florida State.

Notre Dame surprises the FSU crowd of 5,388 fans by defeating the nation's top-ranked team 10-4.

Florida State scores eight runs in the top of the first inning en route to beating Notre Dame 12-5 and tying its best-of-three series at one game apiece.

The Irish defeat Florida State 3-1 in the decisive Game 3 of the NCAA Super Regionals to advance to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., for the first time since 1957.

In their first game of the College World Series in 45 years, the Irish fall 4-3 loss to Stanford.

Trailing the Rice Owls 3-2 with one out in the ninth inning, Senior Steven Stanley drives a triple to right center and is hit by Steve Sollmann. The next batter, Brian Stanisky, keeps Notre Dame's season alive by blasting a game-winning, two-run home run to right field.

For the second time in three days, Notre Dame faces to Stanford, this time by a score of 5-3 and is eliminated from the College World Series. The Texas Longhorns would eventually win the Series by defeating South Carolina.
Heroes for a week

Players become superstars for week in Nebraska

By JOE HETTLER
Associate Sports Editor

OMAHA, Neb. — There stood Notre Dame center­fielder Steve Stanley, signing autographs and posing for pictures just minutes after seeing his Irish get knocked out of the College World Series 5-3 at the hands of Stanford.

Despite the disappointment at his collegiate baseball career being finished, Stanley didn’t even think about telling a kid “No” to an autograph. Instead, he just kept on signing.

For players and coaches at the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., the week is a time to undertake the role of a superstar and hero to kids and adults alike.

“I never gets old. It’s a tremendous experience for me personally and for all of our players,” coach Paul Mainieri said before the team’s final game against Stanford. “Our players walk around and realize they’re celebrities. Everybody wants their autograph — everybody wants to take their picture. It’s really their day in the sun. I wanted them to enjoy every moment of it.”

The media and fans followed the Irish players from the day they arrived in town. Before, during and after practice and games reporters and fans constantly attempted to get a few seconds of the players’ time. After losing to Stanford and being ousted from the Series, Irish third baseman Andrew Bushey still couldn’t walk out of the stadium without a group of young girls yelling, “Hey, Number 12, could you please come back here and sign this ball for me?”

The demand placed on the players by the media and fans could be overwhelming for a group of guys that usually saw roughly 600 to 800 fans come to each home game at Frank Eck Stadium.

“This is an experience that I’ve never, ever had before, but it’s so exciting that you don’t really sit back and think about it too much,” Stanley said. “It’s the first time we’ve been on national television. It’s the first time our team, in 45 years, has been to the College World Series, so we’re soaking every minute of this up. It’s been a great experience.”

Stanley seemed to be the most sought after member of the Irish during their stay in Omaha. Young children to older adults and everyone in between wanted to ask Stanley for an autograph or picture. Before warming up for his final game in a Notre Dame uniform, Stanley signed more autographs by the dugout and answered questions posed by a pair of 12-year-olds.

Stanley had heard “Can you please pose with my son really quick?” more than a few times, yet he, along with the rest of his team, always found that extra second to say “yes.”

“Signing autographs and posing for pictures never gets old,” Mainieri said. “I would do it, if I could, for the rest of my life. People sometimes, in the big leagues, complain about having to sign autographs — it’s ridiculous. Little kids come and want your autograph, during a press conference people ask you questions — it’s a dream come true for me and something that’s very exciting. I never get sick of it.”

Performing well in Omaha also causes a stir among the media and fans. Just ask Irish left fielder Brian Stavisky, who blasted a two­run, walk­off home run against Rice in Notre Dame’s first elimination game to lift the Irish to a 5-3 victory.

After the game, Stavisky was stopped several times to sign autographs before being interviewed by a local radio station. When that interview was finished, Stavisky went back to signing more autographs.

“Kids, they want autographs all the time, but it’s great,” Stavisky said. “It’s our chance to give something back to the little kids. And who knows, they’re where we were 10 or 15 years ago, looking to get here, so maybe they’ll end up here when they’re a little older, too.”

When the Irish were on the field, crowds as high as 24,000 people greeted them. After the initial shock, Stavisky, along with the rest of the Irish, enjoyed the large crowds of Rosenblatt Stadium.

“This has been an awesome atmosphere, and it never gets old,” Stavisky said. “We’ve been able to play in front of good crowds back home over the past couple years and we’ve done well. Lots of people have come out to support us, but it’s been nothing like this. This is the pinnacle of college baseball. You have great crowds and not only our own fans, but neutral fans cheering for you and cheering for good plays.”

Although the Irish didn’t win the College World Series, they became part of another experience that none of the players will soon forget. During their stay in Omaha, Notre Dame’s team transformed from everyday college­legiate baseball players into heroes. For a few short days, these players got a taste of play­ing in the big leagues, with all the hoopla and excitement that comes with the territory.

Yet, isn’t that what the College World Series is all about? The event gives young adults a chance to live out their dreams in front of the entire country and for just a few days feel like the players they looked up to as little children.

Only difference is, now, they’re the heroes.

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