NDTV hits the airwaves and gets in line for club status

By ANDREW THAGARD
Assistant News Editor

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Prior to this new policy, international stu­dents were expected to provide the full cost of a Notre Dame education and were required to sign a statement on their admis­sion application agreeing to this fact.

Over the past few years, statistics for international undergraduate students tripled, said Potts. Likely due in large part to the financial aid now available.

At Georgetown University, financial aid has correlated with high numbers of inter­national students. Georgetown currently has about 2,000 international students enrolled, a figure double that of Notre Dame's.

"The newly available financial aid has allowed the University to expand its recruit­ment and increase options for students from third-world countries," said Peterson-Miller.

"As a Catholic University, our commit­ment is to international students overall, but especially to students from developing nations," Potts said. In particular, the University has focused recruitment efforts on students from Latin American countries who may have previously been unable to find the necessary funds to attend Notre Dame, Potts said.

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Overall, international undergraduates said their experiences and transitions to the University were positive and they were excited to see the addition of financial aid

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Dancing to the death

When most people think about competitive childhood sports and activities, a few stand out. They see hockey dads fighting cheerleading moms murdering the competition and Little League baseball coach starting multisinging campaigns against opposing teams.

But there is another, less obvious cutthroat subculture, which would pop into the minds of very few people: Irish step dancing. As members of the community of the Fighting Irish, we are all familiar with Irish dancing, as we try to do the Irish jig at home games, watch the Irish Guard perform the victory clog and attend the annual Farley Fes.

But the real world of Irish dancers is a highly-structured realm of vast ambition and ruthless competition, one which takes dancers all over the globe and embroils them in countless petty rivalries.

Irish dancing teachers must be certified by an international board of instructors in order to establish schools which will be able to compete in all the mainstream feis (Irish dancing) tournaments. A ridiculous number of these teachers have one another, and they purposely foster hardened rivalries between their respective schools.

My own Irish dancing instructor (I danced until I was 13) encouraged an unspoken cutthroat attitude in her dancers, who were consequently hated by other schools. I couldn't stand half of them myself, and I despised Mrs. Glade (name changed to protect the guilty) most of all. Once I accidentally stumbled in the corner of the studio, banging a black wooden stick on the floor in time to the music, and the other has broken or sprained every toe and both ankles at least once.

And for some reason, the Glade Academy parents bought into her warped win-or-die, Irish-dancing-is-life attitude. They drove their children hours each weekend to every single feis and spent hundreds of dollars on intricate costumes imported from Ireland. I arrived at a young age, having moved to a bedroom in their home into a practice studio with a 12-year-old daughter, coated with finished wooden floors and mirrored walls.

And all of this existed before the blood incident. The show had not yet hit Broadway, and Michael Flatley had not yet piled up his dogs, raised his hand in the air and declared Flatley-time. There was really no professional outlet for Irish dancers, yet their parents and teachers still pushed them with ridiculous zeal. And I can only imagine how much the situation has worsened since I left and the mainstream schools appeared.

So the next time you hear a jig played or see one performed, don't just associate it with a flippancy, merry dance done by leprechauns. The Irish dancing pastime is an all-encompassing subculture and it is surprisingly structured, demanding and ruthless.

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Female sports professionals discuss women in athletics

By JOE TROMBELLO
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Thursday night in McKenna Hall, entitled “Women In Sports Through the Media’s Eyes,” featured four prominent females in the world of sports and their opinions on topics ranging from Title IX to gender equity in sports to media representation and coverage of women’s athletics. David Haugh, sports columnist for The South Bend Tribune, moderated the forum, which included Coquese Washington, assistant Notre Dame women’s basketball coach and WNBA athlete; Nancy Armour, Associated Press sports writer; Christine Brennan, USA Today columnist; and Nan Tulchinsky, South Bend Community School Corporation director of athletics.

Panelists illustrated the opportunities available to young women as a result of Title IX that did not exist in their childhood.

“I would have been one of those girls who would have probably played on three soccer teams a week and be fighting boys for playing in Little-League baseball,” Brennan said. “I kept my [high school] letter jacket in the closet. I was personally proud of my athletic accomplishments but I didn’t want anyone else to know it. Look how far we have come!”

Tulchinsky, a Saint Mary’s alumna, talked about the opportunities that did not exist in her generation with respect to women’s athletics.

“As a youngster, there were no soccer nor allowed to play against boys in the gymnasium or the playground — only in my driveway. I felt the same kind of desire to play [as women athletes do now] but I couldn’t,” she said.

Washington, a current member of the Indiana Fever WNBA team and former member of the championship-winning Houston Comets, lamented on the experiences available to her because of Title IX.

“In addition to coaching and playing professionally, Washington is also an attorney, having earned her law degree from Notre Dame in 1997.

“With Title IX, my adult life would be different. I probably be wearing pumps and a power suit (rather than) I’d probably do anything (for recreation),” she said.

The panelists also addressed the recent changes made by Title IX with respect to concerns that men’s college sports programs like wrestling or gymnastics have been cut as a result of the legislation.

Brennan said 80 percent of American universities are not yet in compliance with Title IX legislation. She said individuals blaming Title IX for men’s program cuts are presenting a “ridiculous” argument, while Armour instead said university athletic directors are responsible for the poor allocation of resources.

“The idea of [Title IX] was to create opportunities for women, not cut them for men. Athletic directors have to take a real hard look at how they are spending the money, Title IX has been a convenient [excuse] for people who are not balancing the budget,” she said.

Brennan particularly criticized the large number of scholarships that universities provide to football players and said that most football programs cannot even cover their own expenses. She found particular problems with athletic directors who deny that Title IX regulates their football programs and then challenge these directors to cut the number of football scholarships from 85 to 75.

“Title IX is a law for superencing sports issues,” she said. “There are two groups of men and women, not men, women and football players. What if they [football] went down to 72 scholarships? Wouldn’t that create parity anyway? Wouldn’t that make college football more competitive?”

Although all four panelists stressed the far-reaching effects that Title IX has had in advancing gender equality and increasing opportunities for women athletes, each participant commented that much work remains to be done, particularly with respect to media coverage of women’s sports.

Brennan described the typical sports editor of many professional newspapers as a white 50- to 60-year-old male. Because of these demographics, she said, editors either choose not to emphasize women’s sports or attempt to isolate women’s athletics by creating separate pages or publications specifically for women’s sports.

“The idea is that we [the media] are doing a terrible job of covering women’s sports. The sports section should be covering women’s sports. With more coverage, you’ll see more scholarship opportunities available for young women, girls who want to play sports. She said young girls now have role models in female athletes that did not exist before.

“Just the fact that there is coverage, that [women’s] leagues exist, has a huge impact on women’s sports. With more coverage, you’ll have more women who feel empowered playing women’s sports,” she said.

The “Women in Sports” panel was presented by The South Bend Tribune and the Northern Indiana Center for History, which is currently showing a nationally-exclusive exhibition that highlights turning points and superstars in women’s athletics. The audience included four members of the All American Girls Professional Baseball League, highlighted in the movie “A League of Their Own.”

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Rickard appointed to interim position

By LAURA CORISTIN
News Writer

Saint Mary’s College president Marilou Eldred appointed Marcia Rickard as interim associate dean of faculty and director of the Center for Academic Innovation at the College late last month.

Rickard’s appointment came after Patrick White assumed the duties of interim vice president and dean of faculty when Karen Ristau resigned.

Rickard joined the Saint Mary’s faculty in 1978 as an associate professor in the art department. She was named professor in 1978 as an associate professor and dean of faculty when Karen Ristau resigned.

As interim associate dean, it is Rickard’s responsibility to advise the vice president and dean. She will serve on a number of committees, including committees for curriculum assessment, rank and tenure, and faculty grants and the general education task force.

Rickard’s responsibilities as director of the Center for Academic Innovation deal not only with faculty but with students as well.

“As director of the Center for Academic Innovation I am basically trying to create a place where intellectual ideas can take shape and form for both students and faculty,” Rickard said.

She referred to the Department of Academic Innovation as one of three centers of distinction at the College. The other two centers are the Women’s Center for Intercultural Leadership and the Center for Spirituality, she said.

“We are trying to create a kind of intellectual ‘incubator’ of ideas and collaborate in a way that enriches the whole academic community.”

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for international students.

Guillermo Munoz, a junior from Spain, said Notre Dame admission counselors were one of the main factors in his decision to study at the University, adding that financial aid would significantly improve his opportunities for foreign students to attend Notre Dame.

“The counselor really got me intrigued with Notre Dame,” Munoz said. “There would be a greater pool of applicants (with the aid).”

Senior Grace Augusta, from Indonesia, said she was excited about University initiatives to increase awareness of the school abroad.

“Notre Dame is not well-known abroad. I think financial aid would be really helpful for international students,” she said. Augusta said that many Indonesian students she knows were interested in attending the University, but simply unable to consider it because financial aid was previously nonexistent. In addition, she said, she would like to see Notre Dame develop additional support programs for foreign students.

She said, “The support for international students here is not as great as in other schools.”

Despite limitations, current international support programs are helpful in transitioning students to the United States, said freshman Mary Catherine Magee, from Canada. “It was a nice surprise because they had a special orientation for international students,” Magee said. “Knowing other international students (through special programs) is helpful because you can go talk to them.”

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No more games, American officials tell Iraq

Bush called Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar on Thursday, and the two leaders "expressed full solidarity in demanding that the Iraqi regime disarm."

"I'm very concerned about the situation in Iraq," Powell said. "We are discussing ways to advance the ultimate goal of disarmament."

The president has said repeatedly that it is up to the United States to lead a "coalition of the willing" to disarm Iraq.

The weapons inspectors are to resume their searches of illegal caches by Dec. 23 and are to report to the Security Council 60 days after they start looking. Iraq has until Dec. 8 to give a full account of all of its banned weapons programs as well as programs to develop long-range missiles and remote-controlled aircraft to deliver them.

At any point, inspectors are to report to the Security Council the event of failure by Iraq to live up to its obligations combined with any false statements or omissions in the list. Administration officials have said the resolution also prohibits Iraq from firing on U.S. and United Nations personnel patrolling no-fly zones over northern and southern Iraq. The United States set up the zones after the 1991 Persian Gulf War, saying they would ensure U.N. inspectors' ability to enforce an automatic trigger for war. Powell said Iraq's reactions to the enforcement of no-fly zones would be looked at with "all seriousness if they continue to do that" and that Iraq must understand the threat of military action.

"The United States has demonstrated considerable patience over the last two months," Powell said. That patience will continue. But at the same time, there should be absolutely no confusion or misunderstanding. "If the Iraqis do not comply," Powell continued, "there will be consequences. Those consequences will involve use of military force to disarm them, to change the regime."
Health, Cultural Competence seminar to be held

By EMILY FORD
News Writer

Saint Mary's College will host a Health and Cultural Competence Community Leader's Seminar Saturday, one of 11 workshops designed to explore contemporary health issues in terms of gender and culture.

The event was organized by Marcia Good-Mauz, a fellow in anthropology with The Center for Intercultural Leadership. The idea for this event originated from this summer's Community Leader's Seminar, "Tagging the Wellsprings of Wisdom," in which over 100 local women participated.

"There was such interest and enthusiasm that generated out of that experience that we made a commitment to continue providing four opportunities throughout the year to continue exploring women's leadership and intercultural issues together," said Bonnie Bazata, director of community connections with CWIL.

"Health and wellness was a key focus from the summer and so we continued that theme here within an intercultural focus." Mayadene Paysoure, a community member who volunteers at Memorial Hospital's Sage-ing Center, said she is looking forward to offering insight into health as part of the aging process.

"I want to inform people about a spiritual eldering tool called life review and life repair that helps people to tend to their inner and social energy and other health topics," Bazata said.

The second half of the day will be one of the community members participating in the workshop.

Bazata also said that these workshops provide the community with a chance to learn not only about health and well being, but to communicate with different cultures as well.

"One of the things that makes these experiences so dynamic is the mix of age, race, culture and experience," Bazata said. "This is a unique and powerful opportunity for students to not only learn about a given topic, but also develop confidence, develop new relationships, learn more about the community and possibly even find a mentor."

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Caribbean Student Organization of the University of Notre Dame (CSOUND)

CSOUND President Habibah Bell said members have plans to increase diversity on campus through the recruitment of Caribbean students.

"The purpose of this club is to educate the Notre Dame community about the many rich cultures and traditions found in the Caribbean," he said. "And we have a little fun at the same time." The most recent event was an "Island Jam" dance party.

All of the other regions of the world have representation on campus, Bell said. She added, "It was about time to bring a taste of the Caribbean."

Notre Dame Fly-Fishing Club

"Our mission is to bring together people who share an interest, a passion, in a place that you wouldn't really expect to find something like this," said President Johnny Burns.

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would likely pique the curiosity of the South Bend community.

"The biggest reason for us to seek club status is that I think Student Activities has the resources needed to promote the show," Johnson said. "They can help us get the word out. Activities night would be huge.

The group also said club status would help to relieve some of the financial burden of producing the program, a burden that has fallen mainly on the executive producers so far. Additional funding, however, was one of the reasons for pursuing University recognition, according to Johnson.

"I realized that we wouldn't get a lot of money," he said. "The funding we would be getting would be nominal compared to what it costs to run the show."

Seeking University approval

The producers began the official process of pursuing club status last April when Johnson submitted a form of intent to Student Activities. Over the summer, Johnson also drafted a club constitution and completed the additional paperwork required.

"The review process was scheduled to begin on Aug. 1," he said. "We were hoping to be approved before Student Activities Night." Meanwhile, the organization finalized plans to begin taping the show. The four producers received approval from the South Bend cable access channel to broadcast their program on Thursday afternoons and launched a campaign to recruit two students to anchor the show. After completing tryouts, Brian Phillips junior Cheryl Terski and Kenan Hall sophomore Tony Easterlin were chosen.

The first installment of NDTV aired at the end of last month. It featured coverage on the recent elections, an interview with Notre Dame football coach Tyone Willingham, a spotlight on a student band and a segment in which a reporter questioned taggers.

Executive producers said the show was a success, although they are unsure how many people tuned in. The cable channel which airs the program does not track ratings, and even if it did, Johnson said, the television on campus are not equipped to record viewer voting.

"I've had numerous people tell me they saw the show and were looking forward to seeing the next one," Johnson said. "My guess is that viewership is quite small, though."

Freshman Christina Chapman, one of the executive producers and the first episode.

"I liked how it was really informal," Chapman said. "I remember watching and thinking that if they had school funding for the show could be ten times better than it is and it is already interesting."

Hitting a roadblock

Club status, however, proved more elusive than the executive producers bargained for, they said.

Student activities night passed without the go-ahead from the University to broadcast their program — which currently affects all prospective clubs involved in the application process — was due in part to restructuring within Student Activities and the DoubleCoordination Council (COO), said Geist and Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities. The University also needed additional time to review NDTV's application because of the unique nature of the student organization, Coughlin said.

At the beginning of the school year, Coughlin and Student Activities challenged all student leaders to formulate strategic plans as part of a University-wide analysis on Notre Dame's future. Student Activities and the CCC planned to approve new clubs until after the plans were completed in order to determine how they would affect prospective clubs, according to Coughlin.

Drafting the strategic plans was a longer, more involved process than Student Activities originally anticipated, he said. The interrelated aspects of the CCC also made it difficult to simultaneously approve new clubs and draft the strategic plans, Geist added.

"We discovered that the different pieces of the CCC are linked to each other," she said. "One impacted six others. It took us longer than we anticipated. We want all the clubs to be successful and we want to determine what all the clubs can do to gain a better foothold."

Rolling again

In an effort to speed up the process for student organizations already actively seeking club status, Student Activities will resume reviewing those applications that have already been submitted, Coughlin said.

Geist is already in the process of contacting all applicants to determine if they are still interested and if so, she said, complete the reviews by the end of the semester.

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However, not having club status at this time does not bother Johnson, as the organization is currently focusing on establishing a quality program. University recognition, he believes, will come in time.

"I think we've been able to show that we can do it," he said. "I hope that the University will see that we just want to make the show and we don't care whether we get on the University."

Johnson, however, said he was somewhat frustrated by the delays.

"Initially it seemed that things were going really well but come mid-September it seemed like everything was going downhill," he said. "[Student Activities] are just doing their job and I can't really complain because we're an exceptional situation."

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Midterm election brings era of civility

Gary J. Caruso

Capital Comments

Last week's midterm election finally ended the Clinton era for those who have observed Congress over the past 12 years. The results were a sweeping rebuff to the degree that they misread this column and voice objections with nasty, anonymous e-mail messages. Now they can proudly point to President Bush who has led a successful election that was not tarnished with voting snafus, one which returns Republicans control to both houses of Congress.

Democrats should consider the 2002 midterm election as much of a loss as the 2000 presidential election. On the other hand, Bush would not celebrate as much as 2000 either. The 2002 midterm election was one of the most-interpreted, yet perhaps most misunderstood election since World War II. In 1998, Bill Clinton did not lose congressional seats because the American public opposed the President's policy, but to impeach him. That year, Americans are not rejecting anything as much as the cohesion and civility in government. The so-called impressive win by the president and his party translates into a net gain of two Senate seats, one of which Paul Wellstone (D-Minn.) would have retained had he not perished in a plane crash. On the other side of the coin, had Tim Hutchinson (R-Fla.) returned to the House after Bush entered office, he would have retained his Republican seat.

None of those situations happened this year. Not one House seat in the country that had been rated leaning, likely or solidly Democratic in mid-October went Republican. Republicans simply won seven out of 11 of the toss-up races. Only one Senate seat was likely. The Republicans won, possibly due to incumbents having been embarrassed by the recent scandal involving President Clinton. Regardless, Republicans controlled the Senate after Bush entered office, something they would have done had the election been held in 1998.

Democrats may need communications revisions for their next campaign messages, but the bitterness of the 2000 election and the Gingrich years has vanished. Republicans, especially Newt Gingrich on post-election interviews, explained how they interpreted their victory without the nasty tones of the past.

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Letters to the Editor

Asking for stop to chalk amendments

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Republicans must stop global warming

Regarding the letter, "What would Democrats do differently?" by Ty De Long in the Nov. 12 issue of The Observer, I am astonished Mr. De Long sees no difference between the Republicans and the Democrats on global warming. The voting records on environmental issues clearly show that Republicans have voted against environmental protection while Democrats vote for it. You can see for yourself their respective voting records on the League of Conservation Voters' website (http://www.lcv.org/scorecard/index.asp).

Incredibly, Mr. De Long asserts that "It makes no difference what ... one country does." He obviously is unaware that as the consumer of some 25 percent of the earth's energy resources and as the most polluting nation, what the United States does makes a big, big difference. By refusing to be a partner in the international Kyoto Accords, which are designed to reduce emissions of the gases that cause global warming, President Bush has taken a major step backwards. During the presidential campaign, his Democratic opponent, Al Gore (author of a perceptive book titled "Earth in the Balance") made it clear he would champion the Kyoto Accords.

President Bush and many other Republicans are so busy worrying about the Accords' possible effects on our economy they cannot see the disastrous consequences that global warming will have on our climate, on our environment and probably on our economy as well. The irony is that our economy is one of the strongest in the world, yet other countries are leading the way to progress in environmental protection while we skulk on the sidelines.

Indeed, Mr. De Long, the differences are enormous.

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Nov. 15
Above, Maria Conticelli plays Florence, recently broken up with her husband of 14 years. To the left, Heather Muth plays Olive, who takes Florence in as a roommate. Below, Olive and the girls play trivial pursuit.

By C. SPENCER BEGGS

Neil Simon’s 1966 smash hit, “The Odd Couple,” is one of the most recognized farces of the writer’s career. In 1980, Simon reworked the show and recast the leads as women and updated a lot of the humor. The result: “The Odd Couple (The Female Version).”

It was only a matter of time until Saint Mary’s Communications, Dance and Theatre Department took up the challenge. The play follows Olive (Heather Muth), a successful television news anchor who lives in a bachelorette pad in New York. When her friend Florence (Maria Conticelli) arrives in hysterics to the weekly girls’ night out Trivial Pursuit party, the girls come to calm her down as she reveals that she and her husband of 14 years have broken up. Olive takes Florence in as a roommate until she can reconcile with her husband.

Unfortunately, the brash and messy Olive and passive aggressive and anal retentively tidy Florence are not exactly a match made in heaven. Cabin fever sets in and the two are at each other’s throats, culminating with a date Olive has set up with two Spanish brothers from upstairs, played by Vmce DeDario and Curtis Bittle.

To get the New York accents in the show together, Director and Associate Professor of Theatre Katie Sullivan called in Modern Languages professor Nancy D’Antauno to teach the girls a Brooklyn accent. Spanish professors Jennifer Zachman and Jose Antonio Rico-Ferrer helped the men put the lisp into word “espaftol.”

Getting the cast to perform as an ensemble in character was vital to the show. Sullivan felt that it was essential for the cast to get to the same energy level for the fast-paced banter to work.

“This seemed to me to require the cast to work boldly and broadly and yet still try to base everything in truth or believability... it’s easy to play the punch line, but I hoped that we could discover relationships and human foibles that we all share,” Sullivan said.

To ward off unbelievability and prevent the cast from becoming one-dimensional machines, Sullivan threw two Trivial Pursuit parties for the cast. Each member of the ensemble was required to improvise in character during the 90-minute party. More importantly, they had to engage in banter with each other.
While the cast has worked hard on their accents, Sullivan chose to not use the Jewish New Yorker attitude for the show. Attempting to perform a Simon show without this comedy staple is usually certain death for any ensemble. Still, Sullivan's cast manages to get big laughs without it, though there are a number of punch lines that fall flat on their faces in its absence. The cast muscles through this error marvelously, but it still feels like there's an element missing to their repertory.

The cast of this show really shines as an ensemble. Muth and Conticelli rule the show. The chemistry between them is electric and they manage to keep making the show feel more and more urgent as their petty arguments boil over. Muth has gotten into her character so much, in fact, that she seems to be a completely different person than her pleasant and soft-spoken real life personality. Conticelli plays a strong straight woman for Muth's sharp jibes. She expertly plays with the contrast between Florence's strict demure decorum and tempestuous rage.

Bittle and DeDario rise splendidly to match to Muth and Conticelli. The men's Spanish accents tend to move from the Iberian Peninsula and throw in a Mexican dialect and even a bit of Italian. Though technically incorrect, it's hysterically funny on stage and entirely forgivable.

Not only are Muth and Conticelli living roommates Olive and Florence on stage, the pair actually lives together in Annunciation Hall. Muth pointed out that their offstage relationship was, in some part, similar to their onstage one.

"It's sort of funny because in real life, Maria is the neater roommate and I'm the messier roommate, so it worked out perfectly. It was helpful that we were roommates in real life because we already had a good chemistry together," Muth said.

Of course, the pair actually gets along famously in real life. Muth added that the show will speak to college students who have had the experience of having a difficult roommate.

"I definitely think this is an appropriate choice in a college atmosphere, because I think we all can relate to having a roommate that we all couldn't necessarily get along with and having to put up with their bizarre quirks and tendencies," Muth said. "I think this show is a good way to look at how those little disagreements can get blown out of proportion and get out of hand."

"The Odd Couple (The Female Version)" opened Thursday in the Little Theatre. General Admission is $16.50, $14.50 for students and seniors, $8.50 for members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities and $7.50 for students. The show runs tonight and Saturday night at 8 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Call Special Events to reserve tickets at (574) 284-4626.
Oakley’s 2 blocks in final seconds preserve win

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

In a game that already had three 39-point scorers, Washington Wizards coach Doug Collins dusted off one more fossil for the rough-and-tumble stretch run.

Charles Oakley, who hadn’t played since a brief appearance in the season opener, entered in the fourth quarter and became a defensive enforcer right up to the final buzzer, twice disrupting DeShawn Stevenson’s potential game-winning shot in the Washington Wizards’ 105-102 victory over the Utah Jazz on Thursday night.

“Tight,” said Oakley, who took the bench next month, “but I still have a feel for the game. I’m a warrior, I want to play, and I think he [for my turns].”

Michael Jordan (age 39) scored 19 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter, and became a defensive presence right up to the final buzzer.

Collins said, “I see the last two plays he made? Like a cat.”

Jordn called Oakley his “Breakfast Club workout guy.”

“He’s there in the morning,” Jordan said. “He’s been patiently waiting his chance, because we needed him.”

Oakley’s big finish overshadowed Bryon Russell’s revenge performance in the season opener.

Oakley had 16 of his 16 points in his first game against his old team. He and Matt Harpring had one of the double technica.

“Every time we play them, we’re going to whip ‘em,” Oakley said. “We’re going to play hard. I’m going to make sure of that.”

Malone (also 39) scored 26 points, and Stockton had 17 assists before fouling out in the final minute.

“We didn’t have a lot of enthusiasm,” Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. “Just give me the ball and I’ll do that instead of getting upset after people... Some guys look like they’re trying to do us a favor if we ask them to run.”

Jordan made just 17 of 34 shots in 34 minutes. The Wizards went 36-39 from the free-throw line, while Utah was 17-28 in 34 minutes.

The Wizards built a big lead in a turnover-filled first half, but the Jazz closed the second quarter with a 19-6 run to trail 49-40. Washington had 11 turnovers at halftime, while Utah had 12, matching the Wizards’ total for the entire game in a victory at Madison Square Garden.

Stockton and Malone scored 16 of Utah’s first 18 points to start the second half, and the Jazz took their first lead, 56-55, on Stockton’s pull-up jumper with 6:29 left in the third.

Philadelphia 99, San Antonio 94

With a big first half from Brian Skinner, Allen Iverson, and a second-half stretch duel with Tim Duncan, Iverson scored 13 of his 37 points after halftime.

Oakley and Skinner battled a potential tying drive by Duncan with 25 seconds left, lifting the Philadelphia 76ers to a 99-94 victory over the San Antonio Spurs.

The last two NBA Most Valuable Players staged a thrilling back-and-forth duel in the last six minutes.

Four times, Philadelphia knocked a tie, only to have San Antonio even things once again.

With the score tied at 93, Iverson lifted into the lane, twisted between defenders and scored a shot that banked in with 43 seconds left.

The Spurs went to Duncan, who scored eight of his 29 points in the last six minutes. He drove left on Skinner, a reserve forward who was stepping for first-stringer Keith Van Horn. Skinner blocked a shot, and the Spurs grabbed the loose ball.

Iverson was fouled and made both free throws for a 97-93 lead with 21 seconds to go. Iverson added a breakaway layup after Stephen Jackson missed a desperation 25-footer.

Philadelphia improved to 5-0 at home. San Antonio has lost consecutive regular-season games for the first time since dropping three in a row from March 27-27 of last season.

Orlando 101, Los Angeles Clippers 80

Tracy McGrady wasn’t going to lose to the Los Angeles Clippers twice in a week.

McGrady scored 35 points and thoroughly dominated the game as the Orlando Magic rolled to a 101-80 victory over the Clippers in the opener of a six-game road trip.

On Sunday, McGrady scored 32 points, but the Magic stumbled down the stretch and suffered a 120-117 home loss to the Clippers. Back at home, Los Angeles was looking for its first season sweep of Orlando since 1991-92 but didn’t come easy.

McGrady had a lot to do with that, making 14-26 shots. The NBA’s scoring leader attacked the basket in the third quarter, when the Magic extended a six-point halftime lead to 78-58.

By drawing double-teams, McGrady opened the floor for teammates like Pierce and Meeks, who made four 3-pointers in the third period and finished with 14 points.

Grant Hill added 17 points and nine rebounds for Orlando, which snatched a two-game slide and improved to 3-1 on the road.

First home loss to Orlando since 1994.

First NBA win over newly-formed Clippers.

First home loss to Los Angeles this year.

First NBA season sweep of Los Angeles.

First NBA sweep of any team in the season opener.

First NBA season sweep of any team.
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

High-priced Hampton could be headed to the Marlins

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. Mike Hampton will rethink blocking a proposed six-player deal that would send him from Colorado to the Florida Marlins, the pitcher’s agent said.

The Marlins and Rockies agreed to a tentative trade that would move Hampton and outfielder Juan Pierre to the Marlins for catcher Charles Johnson, outfielder Preston Wilson, left-hander Vic Darensbourg and infielder Pablo Ozuna. Hampton and Johnson both have no-trade clauses and have until midday Saturday to decide whether to waive them. Before the deal was agreed to by the teams, Hampton said he would block it.

“It was probably premature,” Hampton’s agent, Mark Rodgers, said Thursday. “We owe it to the Marlins to at least let them make their best sales pitch to Mike. I think they’ll have that opportunity.

“Mike is not going to summarily dismiss it and say no way to the Florida Marlins. He might as well take advantage of this time to do what he needs to do to make a good, thoughtful decision.”

Johnson, who signed with the Marlins to live close to his home, also is “deliberating,” according to his agent, Scott Boras.

“We’ll look into it. It’s a big change,” Boras said. “He went to Florida for a reason. He knows there’s an opportunity in Colorado. It’s just something he’s beginning to think about.”

Rockies general manager Dan O’Dowd would not speculate on whether the deal would go through, saying, “I’m in a holding pattern on that.”

Florida general manager Larry Beinfest refused to comment on specifics but did say, “I’m hopeful that the work we did here can culminate in something happening.”

“We’ll see what happens,” he said. “I’m optimistic about the way we did and the way that we moved through on a couple of different areas.”

Hampton, a 30-year-old left-hander, was 7-15 with a 6.15 ERA this year — the highest in the major leagues among pitchers who qualified for the ERA title.

He is 21-28 with a 5.75 ERA since leaving the New York Mets to sign a $121 million, eight-year contract with the Rockies in December 2000, the richest deal for a pitcher.

Following a 9-2 start in 2001, he is 12-26 with a 6.62 ERA.

Johnson, a 31-year-old catcher, hit .217 this season with six homers and 36 RBIs in 244 at-bats.

The tentative trade was first reported Thursday by the Rocky Mountain News, Palm Beach Post and South Florida Sun-Sentinel. Hampton was quoted in Thursday’s editions of the Denver Post as saying he would not approve a trade to Florida.

“It’s not going to happen,” Hampton told the paper when told a deal was possible.

“They’re pretty much in the same situation we’re in,” Hampton said. “They’ve been in a cycle where they’ve been trading good players and going young. If I am going to be traded, I wanted to go to a team that could win right away.

Rodgers said Hampton was open to reconsidering.

“Mike was caught off guard,” the agent said. “Mike said to me this morning that this says a lot about the Marlins. They’re trying to make their team better. Hampton is owed $84.5 million in salary through 2009, plus $19 million in deferred money from his $21 million signing bonus.

Johnson is due $25 million over the next three years — plus $1 million extra in 2005 if he is traded.

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TENNIS

Agassi loses twice in Masters Cup, loses grip on No. 1

Associated Press

SHANGHAI, China
Andre Agassi’s second loss in the season-ending Masters Cup means Lleyton Hewitt will finish the year with the world No. 1 ranking.

Agassi double-faulted on match point, handing Juan Carlos Ferrero a 7-5, 2-6, 7-6 (6) victory. Shortly after the match, Agassi withdrew from the tournament with a hip injury.

Thomas Johansson of Sweden will replace Agassi.
Agassi came into the eight-player tournament with a chance to overtake Hewitt in the rankings and finish the year No. 1. But he failed to reach the semifinals after his second straight loss.

Hewitt then celebrated his top ranking by handing Marat Safin his third straight loss, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

“I think Lleyton obviously has had a great year,” Agassi said. “He’s again proven himself to be the best out there, and that’s not easy to do.”
Agassi’s second straight defeat also clinched a semifinal berth for Switzerland’s Roger Federer, who ran his record to 2-0 by stopping Jiri Novak 6-0, 4-6, 6-2.

The round-robin portion of the tournament ends Friday when Carlos Moya takes on fellow Spaniard Albert Costa, Ferrero plays Novak and Federer meets Johansson.

Safin cruised through the second set, when Hewitt served a miserable 28 percent, and had an early break in the final set. Hewitt, however, broke back.

In the ninth game, Safin won the first two points before eventually losing his serve. It was the opening Hewitt needed, and he held serve in the next game to close out the victory.

Ferrero, one of three Spaniards in the field, lost his serve only twice in the match — and both came in the second set when Agassi raced out to a 4-0 lead.

In the third set tiebreaker, Ferrero had triple match point at 6-3. But Agassi won the next three points before Ferrero held for a 7-6 advantage and his fifth match point.

This time, Ferrero clinched the win.

“Right now I’m playing with a lot of confidence,” Ferrero said.
Federer, the first Swiss player to qualify for the season-ending championships since Jakob Hlasek in 1988, played well against Novak.

Federer took the first three games of the final set, then easily held serve the rest of the way to become the only undefeated player in his Gold Group.

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After three round-robin matches, the top two players in each group advance to Saturday’s semifinals. Hewitt is trying to become the first player since Pete Sampras in 1996-97 to win this event in consecutive years.
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NFL

Peppers suspended 4 games, will appeal

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Carolina Panthers rookie defensive end Julius Peppers was suspended for four games by the NFL for violating the league’s substance-abuse policy, his agent said.

Agent Marvin Demoff said the league office told him that Peppers had tested positive for a banned substance in a dietary supplement. A source close to Peppers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Peppers did not test positive for steroids.

Demoff said Peppers would appeal the suspension, meaning he can play in Sunday’s game against Tampa Bay.

In a statement released together with one from his agent, Peppers said he couldn’t discuss the suspension until there’s a ruling on his appeal.

“I would like to provide the fans with more information due to the legal ramifications I cannot comment on the situation and I will not be able to until the appeal process is complete,” he said.

Peppers practiced with the Panthers (3-6) on Thursday, but did not make himself available to reporters.

The 22-year-old player was an All-American at North Carolina, and after he decided to leave after his junior year, the Panthers kept him in his home state and made him the No. 2 overall pick in the draft.

The 6-foot, 283-pound player has made an immediate impact, leading the NFL with 10 sacks.

He also has one interception.

Peppers can keep playing while his appeal is heard.

“My understanding is, he will be our starting left defensive end this Sunday,” said coach John Fox. “And all of my focus — and his, too — is on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.”

If the suspension is not overturned, Peppers would begin serving it immediately.

Normally, appeals are heard on a Tuesday, the regular day off for NFL players.

Panthers linebacker Mark Fields said the situation did not create a distraction for the team Thursday.

“It’s not that serious, so we’re not looking at it like it’s that serious,” Fields said. “We’re playing Tampa Bay on Sunday, and he’s playing.”

If Peppers is suspended for all four games, he would lose $215,000 in salary. He signed a seven-year, $62 million contract in July, the richest deal in team history.
**NHL**

**Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division**

- New York Rangers: 10-4-4-2
- Philadelphia Flyers: 9-5-3-2
- New Jersey Devils: 9-5-5-1
- Pittsburgh Penguins: 8-6-4-1
- Boston Bruins: 7-7-1-4
- Buffalo Sabres: 6-9-5-2

**Eastern Conference, Northeast Division**

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**Eastern Conference, Southeast Division**

- Atlanta Thrashers: 4-9-1-1
- Carolina Hurricanes: 6-2-2-2
- Florida Panthers: 6-3-3-2
- Tampa Bay Lightning: 8-9-2-2
- Washington Capitals: 8-7-9-2

**Western Conference, Central Division**

- Detroit Red Wings: 5-5-6-2
- Chicago Blackhawks: 4-4-3-2
- Columbus Blue Jackets: 5-5-3-2
- Minnesota Wild: 10-5-2-2
- St. Louis Blues: 10-3-4-2

**Western Conference, Northwest Division**

- Vancouver Canucks: 7-4-4-2
- Calgary Flames: 5-5-3-2
- Edmonton Oilers: 6-3-3-2
- San Jose Sharks: 6-1-6-2
- Winnipeg Jets: 7-4-2-2

**Western Conference, Pacific Division**

- Los Angeles Kings: 2-9-2-2
- San Jose Sharks: 6-1-6-2
- Phoenix Coyotes: 8-10-0-2
- Dallas Stars: 10-4-3-1
- Anaheim Ducks: 7-5-5-2

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**NCAA**

**IN BRIEF**

**Memphis downs Syracuse**

For openers, Memphis and Syracuse put a couple of hometown freshmen in the Madison Square Garden spotlight in the first major college basketball game of the season Thursday night, and Jeremy Hunt and Carmelo Anthony shrugged off the pressure.

Hunt and Memphis won the fresh-

man showdown 70-63 after letting a

17-point lead melt away when

Anthony put on a one-man show.

I'm not used to playing 40 minutes.
I've got to work on it.”

Mike Cragg, an assistant athletic
director, said Krzyzewski was taken
to Duke Medical Center for X-rays.
Cragg said Krzyzewski had a check-

up on his hip last week, and doctors
said he was doing fine.

It was unclear whether

Kryzewski would be admitted to the hospital, a school spokes-
man said.

The sixth-ranked Blue Devils won

102-74, with top assistant Johnny
Dawkins taking over for Krzyzewski.

“I know Coach, and he's in terrible
shape," Dawkins said. "I think he's
going to be great, but that's just my
instinct. I do know him, and he's a
heck of a fighter, and if there is any
chance he'll be out there, he will."
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Senior linebacker, Watson missed the first two games of the season with an illness. However, when he returned to the field, he made it clear that he would be a leader on the Notre Dame defense.

"I said earlier in the year that when he stepped back into the lineup, it had a very calming effect on our football team and not just a defensive statement," Willingham said. "It was a team statement because of his discipline, because of his knowledge and because of his will to be successful."

Watson said that his will to be successful despite his illness, is just another example of the Irish football team's return to national prominence. "I think it just exemplifies our entire program this year, how everything has just turned around in a new direction and a new commitment by the players on the team," he said.

Although Willingham may be disappointed, the Irish coach probably won't see the award renamed anytime soon. "Now please understand, it is very appropriate for the award to be named for Dick Butkus," he said. "But I feel so strongly about what Courtney has brought to our football team and just our community, that I think in a kind of lighthearted manner, it would be successful despite his ill health."

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Tournament Selection Committee named Notre Dame a host site for first- and second-round games. Friday's action opens with Purdue facing Eastern Illinois at 4:30 p.m. The Irish will then take on the Big Ten Tournament Champion Ohio State at approximately 7 p.m. or at the conclusion of the earlier game. The winners of the opening round will square off in the second round scheduled for 1 p.m. at Alumni Field.

"To be honest, I was a little surprised," said Irish coach Randy Waldrum. "There are so many good teams in our region this year. I really thought Purdue would host since they defeated us this year in head-to-head competition, but I think the committee recognized the strength of our schedule. Playing at home in the tournament is a definite advantage because it allows the kids to stay in a routine and not have to worry about traveling. We really need the home crowd to come out and support us this weekend."

Notre Dame finished the regular season ranked No. 19 in the country with a record of 11-7. After a midseason loss to Purdue, in which Notre Dame saw its record drop to a modest 7-6, the Irish rebounded emphatically at the end of the season with four wins in their final five games. Even more impressive, three of those wins were against top 15 teams. The Irish hope to carry their late-season momentum into this weekend's action.

"We're really playing our best at the right time of the season," said Warner. "Practice has been really good the last few weeks. Everyone's really eager to play this Friday."

Just like Notre Dame, the Buckeyes saved their best soccer for the end of the season. While Ohio State holds a record of only 10-10-1, they are coming off the heels of a surprising Big Ten Tournament Championship run. Last week, the Buckeyes claimed the Big Ten's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament after defeating both No. 12 Penn State and No. 14 Purdue in games that ended in penalty kick shootouts.

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Wolverines dominated Big Ten

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**MENS SWIMMING**

Swimming ventures southwest for meet

By JOE HETTLER

Notre Dame's men swimming team lost to Air Force earlier this season. So did Texas Christian University, the Irish opponent this weekend.

However, some members of the Notre Dame swimming team don't think that's a good comparison of the two teams.

"When we lost to Air Force, it wasn't really comparable to when [Texas Christian] lost to them," freshman Patrick Davis said. "We lost to them at Air Force, which is 7,000 feet above sea level and [Texas Christian] lost to Air Force at home. It kind of makes a difference because of the differences in sea level."

Looting to Air Force may be the only thing that the Irish and Horned Frogs have in common. The teams have opposite strengths and both will look to take advantage of these. Notre Dame should dominate the distance meets, while Texas Christian has the edge in the sprint meets.

"They are very strong in sprints, but we're strong in distance," Davis said. "We expect to get a lot of points in distance."

Davis also added that the team is very excited to make another trip this early in the season. Davis said the freshman are especially excited. "I'm not used to making these big trips," Davis said. "It's really cool to go across the country and swim against these other teams.

Notre Dame is also hoping to gain some momentum after beating Michigan State Nov. 8 at home. The Irish have been led by strong performances from the 400-medley team of Jason Fitzpatrick, Frank Krakowski, Doug Bauman and Tim Randolph. The team's depth in the 1000-meter freestyle was noticed against Michigan State, when Notre Dame's Patrick Davis, Matt Berke and J.R. Teddy took second, third and fourth, respectively.

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**MENS BASKETBALL**

Irish anxious for first real game

By ANDREW SOKUP

Sport Writer

Now it's for real. After a summer spent sweating in the Joyce Center, three weeks of practice, countless scrimmages and a pair of exhibitions, Notre Dame finally takes the court Sunday for its first regular-season game.

"We can't wait," senior Matt Carroll said. "We've been working so hard to get to this point. It's time to start playing the real thing."

The Irish will square off against Belmont at 4 p.m. Sunday in the first round of the Guardians Classic. If Notre Dame wins, the Irish face the winner of the Brown-IUPUI game Monday night and automatic­ly advance to the tournament's semifinals next week.

Notre Dame initially decided to hub into the Guardians Classic as a way to add a pair of home games early in the season before the Irish begin a rigorous non-conference schedule. But the tournament gives the Irish a chance to start addressing a pair of problems that surfaced in their first two exhibition games - finding rotation in the post and communicating on defense.

Irish coach Mike Brey attributes the relative lack of defensive communication to his team's general reserved attitude on the court. But in a defense where players routine­ly switch on screens, the Irish say they have to start being a little more vocal.

"It's just a matter of having a bunch of new faces," Dan Miller said. "We're getting used to playing with each other, and as weeks go on, we'll know where our guys are. Right now, we still have to work on it."

The Irish are also searching for an established rotation in the low-post.

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Matt Carroll

Irish guard

"For us, it's just a matter of having a rotation. We're not going to worry about it."

The eight-team Guardians Classic counts as an exempt event. Four teams - Notre Dame, Belmont, Brown and IUPUI - play at the Joyce Center while the other four - Creighton, Texas Arlington, Furman and Alabama State - compete at Creighton's gym.

The four winners of Sunday's games advance to the semifinals, held next week in Kansas City. The four losers of Sunday's games will play a consolation game Monday before the four winners play to determine second place in the semifinals.

The way the bracket is designed, the Irish could potentially face Creighton, who upset Florida last season in the NCAA Tournament.

"If you run into a Creighton, it would be a good match-up for us," Brey said. "It would be like a Big East game."

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Volleyball

Fourth straight conference title not enough for the Irish

Two wins this weekend will give Irish perfect season in Big East

By MATT LOZAR
Sport Writer

The Big East regular season title is in their possession for the fourth straight year, but that isn’t enough. The Irish want to run the table.

Facing its toughest conference road trip of the season, the Notre Dame volleyball team (21-5, 11-0 in the Big East) plays Miami (22-4, 8-3) Friday and Virginia Tech (18-10, 8-3) Sunday. To complete the fourth consecutive and seventh undefeated conference season in eight years, the Irish will have to defeat the second-place Hokies and first-year volleyball conference member Miami.

"It is the goal, probably one of our highest goals right now," middle blocker Lauren Kelbley said. Virginia Tech, Miami, Connecticut and Pittsburgh each have eight conference wins. With only the top four teams in the Big East qualifying for next weekend’s postseason tournament, the Irish recognize their opponents this weekend are playing for more than usual.

"[Miami and Virginia Tech] need to win these games to make the Big East Tournament, so it is do-or-die for them," Kelbley said. "We know that and have to play at a high level."

Notre Dame and Miami have never met before tonight’s matchup mainly because Miami’s volleyball program wasn’t restored until the 2000 season. The Hurricanes lead the Big East in hitting percentage (.271), assists per game (14.89) and kills per game (16.58). Miami started the season on a 15-game winning streak.

The Irish defeated the Hokies last year in the first matchup between the teams. Outside hitter Ana Lang leads Virginia Tech, averaging 3.77 kills per game. Middle blocker Cheryl Stinson ranks fifth in the Big East with a 1.25 blocks per game average.

After falling to Syracuse in the country in blocks per game, the Irish reclaimed the top seven blocks in last weekend’s sweep over the Orange. Freshman middle blocker Lauren Brewster led the Irish with six blocks and is ranked sixth nationally with a 1.64 blocks per game average.

Having wrapped up a berth in the postseason tournament, the Irish know they could be facing these two teams next weekend in Pittsburgh. Dropping a match to the Hurricanes or Hokies could damage the Irish’s aura of invincibility.

"The road trip is not necessarily our hardest, but probably the most important. If we win, it shows that we deserve to win Big East," Kelbley said. "Nothing is more important than going into the Big East Tournament."

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McGraw announces signings of top 20 recruiting class

**Guard and forward headline 2003 class**

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

For the seventh consecutive year, the Irish announced a top 20 recruiting class. On Thursday, coach Muffet McGraw announced that Crystal Erwin and Susie Powers committed to the Irish program.

"It's good for us to continue to have top 20 recruiting classes because that's where we want to be," Muffet McGraw, Irish coach.

Erwin will be joining the Irish from St. Paul High School in Santa Fe Springs, Calif. She is a senior forward. Erwin's senior forward averaged 22.6 points per game and 14.5 rebounds last season. She holds school records in career points and rebounds.

But what McGraw likes best about Erwin is not her 14th national ranking by Blue Star Basketball nor her third national ranking by All-Star Girls Report. Instead, the Irish coach impressed by the depth Erwin will add to the current Irish team. "Crystal [Erwin] brings a lot of things that we really need," McGraw said. "She's a very aggressive player, someone who doesn't back down from anyone. She's physical, she likes a physical game."

McGraw noted that Erwin's physical style of play would add a lot to an Irish team that does not play very physical basketball. Erwin, who is expected to play right away for the Irish, could add a new dimension of aggressiveness. "I don't consider us a physical team," McGraw said. "I think she's somebody that's going to really come down and bodies are going to be flying. That kind of physical is really a good thing."

Powers could also add some versatility to the Irish game. The Denver, Colo. native from Highlands Ranch High School is a point guard, but can also play shooting guard or small forward. "Susie Powers is a great passer," McGraw said. "She's going to help us at the guard spot with passing, shooting. She's very intense and she works hard. I think she gives us some versatility."

"If we want to be in the top 20, we have to continue to recruit good players."

Muffet McGraw
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Note: McGraw was named as one of seven people to be inducted into the Saint Joseph's University Athletics Hall of Fame in Philadelphia this weekend. McGraw played point guard for Saint Joseph's for four years and was team captain in her last two seasons. She set the Hawks' single-season record for steals with 102 in 1976-77.

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He's also recorded three interceptions that he returned 34 yards for a touchdown against Stanford.

"I think so much of that should be credited to him because of his leadership," Willingham said. "Being named a finalist for the Butkus award comes near the end of a season that had anything but a pleasant start for the Irish." Watson's talent at the linebacker position has been instrumental in the Irish's success this season. With a three-week layoff since their last game as a result of not qualifying, the Irish are eager to begin their second season against Ohio State this Friday night in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. With a three-week layoff since their last game as a result of not qualifying, the Irish are eager to begin their season. The Irish host Ohio State Friday at 7 p.m.

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