Scully’s post remains vacant
Malloy temporarily assuming executive vice president duties

By SHEILA FLYNN
News Writer

Nearly two months after Father Timothy Scully’s resignation as executive vice president became effective, the position has yet to be filled.

Scully announced May 2 that he intended to leave the administrative post, and the resignation took effect June 30. He did not state his reasons for the decision and the only comments from the University came in a statement largely outlining Scully’s achievements.

“Every man and a woman of his dynamic decision-making and high standards for performance will continue to influence this University long into the future,” said Fr. McCartan, chairman of the Board of Trustees, in the statement.

“Respect the personal nature of the decision he has made to step down but look forward to a continuing relationship with him as a member of the Board of Fellows and the Board of Trustees and as a valued member of the faculty.”

As executive vice president, Scully’s duties included the administration of an annual operating budget of more than $500 million, an endowment of more than $26 billion and a construction program of $600 million.

While the position remains vacant, University President Father Edward Malloy is overseeing both his normal responsibilities and those normally performed by the executive vice president, University spokesman Matt Storin said.

Storin also said the choice of Malloy temporarily assuming executive vice president duties reflects his long history with the University, his understanding of the College’s mission, and his importance in the region and for the University.

Malloy, a University of Notre Dame alumnus, joined the University as assistant director of admissions in 1971. He was later named director of admissions, vice president for Enrollment Management and Institutional Development, and executive vice president.

Severe weather disrupts campuses

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

A tornado warning for St. Joseph’s County temporarily affected daily operations in the South Bend area Tuesday, including those at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s.

Mike Hoffman, WNDU-TV’s chief meteorologist, said that while the tornado sirens went off at approximately 2:30 p.m. and 3:40, there were no confirmed reports of a tornado and he was unsure why the second siren sounded, as weather conditions at that time did not warrant an emergency. He said Emergency Management would sound the alarm even if there were no warning.

“I surveyed [South Bend] from my chopper and in my opinion there was damage from a tornado,” Hoffman said. “It was a downburst south of South Bend and Mishawaka.”

Hoffman said there were confirmed reports of a tornado and in my opinion the Trustees began the process to find a successor to Father Malloy.

ND hikes ticket prices

By WILL PUCKETT
News Writer

Many students were surprised Tuesday by a $15 increase when they purchased football tickets for the upcoming season.

The price jump, combined with that of last year, means that Notre Dame students now pay about $30 more for home game tickets than they did two years ago.

Jim Fraligh, assistant athletic director for community relations and ticket operations, said the increases are part of the department’s effort to expand student athlete scholarships.

“Two years ago, the University approved funding all scholarships that are allowed by the NCAA,” Fraligh said. “As a result, in excess of 64 scholarships have been added, and a big portion of the ticket increase goes toward that.”

The University now funds 26 teams at the varsity level in NCAA sports. Prior to the decision, many Olympic sports did not have the maximum number of scholarships funded.

Student reaction to the ticket price increase has been mixed.

“I didn’t notice the increase, and I don’t really think it’s too much,” sophomore Pete Murphy said.

“I think it’s to help programs, and it’s to be expected with college athletics,” said senior Mike Diamond. Not all students share this view.

“I don’t see why they have to do this,” junior MEGHANNE DOWNES

SMC continues with presidential search

By ANNELEISE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary’s Editor

The search for a successor to Saint Mary’s President Marilou Eldred has progressed during the summer, maintaining the search process instituted last April.

The College’s Presidential Search committee and Board of Trustees began the process after Eldred announced March 5 that she will retire from her position. She agreed to stay on until a successor is named.

In early July, the Saint Mary’s Board of Trustees hired Korn/Ferry International to conduct a search for a qualified candidate to fill the position.

The firm was chosen based on its notability and experience, said Colleen Ryan, a Saint Mary’s trustee and chair of the Presidential Search committee. Korn/Ferry International demonstrates an understanding of the College’s needs and holds an impressive record of success in finding presidents for colleges and universities, she said.

Based out of offices in 40 countries, Korn/Ferry

Football rape trial begins

Former Irish safety Abram Elam enters the county courthouse Tuesday in South Bend.

SOUTH BEND — The trial of Abram Elam — the first of four former football players accused of taking part in the rape of a woman at an off-campus party nearly two months ago — began Tuesday with opening statements and testimony from the victim.

Elam, a former Notre Dame safety, is the only one of the four not charged with rape. He is charged with conspiracy to commit rape and is accused of holding the then-20-year-old Notre Dame student down while the others attacked her. He is also charged with criminal deviate conduct and sexual battery.

The woman told police she met the men at a bar, and they lured her to a house by saying there was a party.
INSIDE COLUMN

Reliving time abroad

Everyone knows "that girl." She returns from studying abroad in a musical montage, impossible-to-ignore version of her former self. She insults America at every opportunity, spouting irritable theories of European superiority. She finds her stories hilarious and worships her abroad pictures to the point that everyone she meets wants to knock her out with her own precious photo album.

I wish that I wouldn't be "her." Over the summer, I was pretty good. But I reserve the right to write one column about my abroad experience. Here it is. Probably the best decision I've ever made was to leave the house, but every other bizarre occurrence possible managed to happen last semester.

One of my best friends and I discovered a dead body in the mountains of Spain. My flight almost landed directly on top of another plane. I lost my wallet, sustained three permanent scars and slept for 12 hours on the floor of a bro- ken-down train. One member of our program had his ACL torn in an unfortunate run with a bull (I am not kidding!). Another group was on a train that derailed and ran into a river after hitting a flock of sheep. People fell down stairs, fell for each other, got tattoos and got engaged on a passing whim. And I miss that.

I realized, over the summer, that we'll never get any of that back. Never again will we trip over cobblestones in the rain and we will never get our 12-hour nap in the middle of the night off the floor of a home that we didn't know how to drive, and others were nearly jailed by gun-toting Eastern European guards when they ran out of currency.

That's just an inkling of what went on. It was great.

Steve Carroll
Senior Off-campus

David Kil
Junior Off-campus

Bob Prin
Junior Usher

Greg Coleman
Senior O'Neill Hall

Mike Goolsby
Senior Dillon Hall

Bubba Gerndt
Junior St. Ed's Hall

It's definitely a loss to our team, but we think we can recover.

It's his loss, I don't know why anyone would want to go to Miami or Virginia.

That's why football recruiting evokes. Too bad for the Owls, they'll be missed.

"He'll learn from the worst end in the nation. Kellen Winslow."

"It's a big loss to the team, but we have enough talent to pick up the loss of Greg and Chris."

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

CORRECTIONS

In the Aug. 23 issue, a Black Hawk helicopter was mistakenly identified as an Apache helicopter in the captions on page 13. The Observer regrets the error.
Peters's duties still cut
Former Sorin rector remains inactive

MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

Former Sorin rector Father Sam Peters is still prevented from public ministry after he admitted in May to an inappropriate relationship with an adult female.

Peters, 53, served as rector at Notre Dame's province from 2001 until Sept. 2001. He is currently not undergoing the "extensive" process to defrock a priest, which involves both the province and the Vatican. Peters's future is yet to be determined by the province, and he could theoretically be granted faculties, Nussbaum said. It is uncertain whether Peters will be able to resume public ministry.

"It is pretty clear he won't be able to perform priestly duties in the immediate future," Nussbaum said.

In early May, the University abruptly fired Peters for what University spokesman Matt Storin called an "inappropriate sexual relationship with an adult female." Storin declined to comment in May on whether Peters was a student, saying the University would protect her identity.

A member of the woman's family alerted University officials of the relationship, but that it was clear it had occurred prior to the 2002-03 school year.

A May statement from the Indiana Province apologized for Peters's actions. "It will be important for him to re-examine his life priorities and his fidelity to them," the statement said.

Peters told Notre Dame Magazine for a spring 2003 article on Holy Cross priests, "I'm the happiest guy you've ever met who's poor, celibate and obedient."

Several Sorin residents said in May Peters frequently talked about how happy he was with his celibacy.

The Vatican originally delayed Peters's ordination because, as a recovering alcoholic, he could not drink wine at the altar. In September 2001 he made his religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. A year later, the Vatican granted Peters a special dispensation and he was officially ordained a priest.

Before becoming rector at Sorin, he served at St. Joseph's High School and Christ the King Catholic Church in South Bend and St. Plus X in Granger.

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Boat Club lawsuits dismissed, postponed

By TERESA FRAULISH
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Approximately 40 lawsuits filed against Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students who were cited in the Jan. 24 Boat Club raid have been dismissed and the remaining 150 trials have been postponed until Sept. 23.

In April, Millennium Enterprises, the company that owns Boat Club, filed suits for $3,000 each against Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students cited in the raid.

In his order granting the motion to dismiss the lawsuits, St. Joseph County Superior Court Magistrate Richard McCormick said Millennium Enterprises failed to show adequate legal precedent for its claim. McCormick said he did not agree with The Boat Club's argument that undergraduate students admitted to the bar were responsible for damages the bar could incur as a result of the raid.

South Bend attorney Ed Sullivan, who filed the motion to dismiss in June, said he realized the cited students broke the law, but did not believe they were solely responsible for any penalizes the bar faces. "Even if the factual allegations are true, the law doesn't allow this type of claim," Sullivan said.

In its brief to the court, Millennium Enterprises claimed that the "Defendant(s) knowingly made false statements ... of their age for purposes of inducing Plaintiff to allow defendant to gain admission to defendant's business establishment ... the Plaintiff has sustained damages, expenses, losses, costs and attorney fees due to the fraudulent actions of the Defendant."

The Boat Club faced sanctions from the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission and was given the options of losing its liquor license or paying a $5,000 fine and selling to new owners.

Sullivan said that several states do not allow this type of lawsuit. "We cited those other states in our brief to the court," he said. Sullivan believes that the other suits may be dismissed as well. "I think it's likely," he said. "That ruling can be applied to any case. The facts are identical."

Millennium Enterprises has until Sept. 2 to appeal the decision to the Indiana Court of Appeals. Sullivan said he feels confident he would win any appeal.

Boat Club attorney Mitch Heppenheimer did not return Observer phone calls seeking comment on the suits.

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students who were cited for the Class C felony "Minors in a Tavern" paid court fines of $220. The Office of Residence Life and housing required cited Notre Dame students to complete 40 hours of community service.

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SMC ranks first in Midwest colleges

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

For the ninth time in the past 10 years, "U.S. News and World Report" ranked Saint Mary's College was ranked the number one Midwest Comprehensive College offering bachelor's degrees.

The 109 colleges in this category are institutions in the Midwest that focus on undergraduate education, but grant fewer than 50 percent of their degrees in liberal arts disciplines. In addition, comprehensive colleges include institutions where at least 10 percent of the undergraduate degrees awarded are bachelor's.

"U.S. News" evaluates schools in six key areas: peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

Saint Mary's earned an overall score of 100, ranking highly in areas such as freshmen retention rate, average graduation rate, alumni giving and student-teacher ratio.

"The faculty at Saint Mary's is second to none," said Melanie McDonald, director of public relations at Saint Mary's. "They are a major reason for the College's excellent reputation, which is measured in our peer assessment category. They also greatly influence Saint Mary's scores in the categories of graduation and retention and indication and faculty resources. Combined, these three areas amount to 70 percent of the total assessment."

The College said it welcomes the recognition and publicity brought by the annual study.

"These rankings are well recognized by parents and students and are therefore an important third-party endorsement of the College's success," said Saint Mary's College President Marliou Eldred. "The guidebook also brings greater visibility to smaller institutions like ours that are often viewed as hidden treasures."

Holding the top position for so long also leads to increased publicity for the college.

"Any college that consistently ranks in the top of its category is clearly an academically sound institution with a well-established tradition of excellence," McDonald said. "When you're number one out of 10 years, it isn't a fluke."

Students find the ranking impressive but not necessarily a point of persuasion. Freshman Eileen Boyce said, "I think it's very good for your future prospects."

"We've inherited a lot of tradition here, and that's quite a plus," King said. "Our first week-end got rave reviews from parents and students alike."

Father Tom Eckert, the new rector of St. Edward's Hall, graduated from Notre Dame in 1995. The fourth rector to head St. Edward's Hall in the past three years, he said he sympathizes with the adjustments his upperclassmen residents have had to make to each new rector's expectations.

"When I was a student, I had three rectors in four years, so I know where they're coming from. Patience has to be the name of the game when we're all adjusting to one another," Eckert said.

Eckert entered Moreau Seminary in the fall of 1995, graduating with a Master of Divinity degree in 2002. He was ordained a Holy Cross priest in 2003.

Eckert is the only female dorm to add a new rector this year, welcoming Saint Mary's students to the largest dorm on campus. She was the first rector to be a female in Sorin College.

Religious Studies student Beth Skinner said her hall staff has also been extremely helpful.

"When I was a student, I had no idea how to do anything from the Office of Faith Communities," Skinner said. "I was not even aware of the existence of these offices, and now I can't believe how much help the staff can be."

"We're inherited a lot of tradition here, and that's quite a plus," King said.

"I see my main role as one of providing leadership and direction for the women of this dorm," Skinner said. "It is very important to me to get and keep the dorm more organized than last year, especially in terms of following through with policies and organizing hall functions."

Skinner said her hall staff has been extremely helpful in her adjustment to the job.

Zahm Hall welcomes new rector Dan Parrish, who will be ordained a Holy Cross deacon Sunday. This past week has been amazing — I am so excited to be here at Zahm," he said.

Parrish praised the strong presence of community that is alive in the dorm, saying that he believes Zahm's hall spirit to be the best sense of family at Notre Dame.

"On top of social and athletic activities, the freshmen paid a 3 a.m. candlelit visit to the cemetary to see Father Zahm's grave. We talked about how he lived his life and how it's a call for us to live our lives — how Fr. Zahm lives on through us."

Parrish graduated from the University of Portland in 1996 and earned a Masters of Divinity degree from Notre Dame in May of 2003.

"I was very excited about this position," Parrish said. "I am looking forward to seeing the growth of the dorms and the interactions of the students."

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KAPLAN representatives will be in O'Shaughnessy's Great Hall on Wednesday 8/27, Thursday 8/28, and Friday 8/29 from 9am - 3pm to answer questions and accept enrollments for fall classes.

Phase One of the Hesburgh Library renovation is complete; the Lower Level is now open to the public. We hope that you enjoy this state-of-the-art library space for learning, study, and research.

- Which books are being moved? All books with call #s which begin with Q-Z (excluding TR) are being transferred to the Lower Level.
- The microfiche general collection, the government documents microfiche collection, and books with the call # A, have already been transferred and are now located in the Lower Level. Other collections are being moved in a project that will take between 9 and 12 months to complete.
- During the shift, daily updates will be posted by the First Floor elevators and at http://www.nd.edu/~renovate indicating which call #s are in transit. If you need assistance locating books in a call # range that is in transit, please contact the Circulation Desk. Books will be retrieved and available at the Circulation Desk within 24 hours.

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Shuttle report blasts NASA

Panel finds lax safety measures helped doom Columbia, seven crew members

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — NASA's overconfident management and inattention to safety doomed Columbia every bit as much as the chunk of foam that struck the shuttle with deadly force, investigators concluded Tuesday without drastic changes, they said, another accident is likely.

In a scathing 248-page report coming almost seven months to the day after the space shuttle disintegrated over Texas, the Columbia Accident Investigation Board said the shuttle was not "inherently unsafe," but issued a series of recommendations for a safe return to flight.

"The board strongly believes that if these personnel, policies, and procedures were not resolved, the scene is set for another accident," the investigators wrote.

They added: "NASA's blind spot is it has a strong safety culture."

The board said the space agency lacks "effective checks and balances, does not perform an independent safety program and has not demonstrated the characteristics of a learning organization."

Board member John Barry put it this way: "NASA had conflicting goals of cost, schedule and safety. Unfortunately, safety was left out." NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe, prepared in a statement. The pilots were presumed dead.

Rescuers stopped the search at night at about 7:30 p.m. without any bodies presumed dead.

Two feared dead in plane crash

YARMOUTH, Mass. — A commuter plane with just two pilots aboard crashed Tuesday off Cape Cod after the crew reported an emergency and tried to return to the airport, officials said. The pilots were presumed dead.

Rescuers were suspended for the night at about 7:30 p.m. without any bodies being recovered, said Mark Foley, a spokesman for the NTSB, the National Transportation Safety Board.

The Eastern Airline Administration said the Colgan Air crew declared an emergency shortly after takeoff and was returning to land because of bad weather.

The plane was a Beechcraft 1900D, a 19-seat, the FAA said.

More pilots packing in-flight heat

WASHINGTON — After a slow start in training pilots to carry guns, the government said Tuesday that it will be looking at alternate training options for pilots of a new national security program.

The Air Force said its in-house test pilots were trained and deputized to carry weapons since Congress ordered the program in November.

Local News

Indiana soldier killed in Iraq

DENVER — A soldier from Indiana has died in a combat-related incident in an auto accident in Iraq, the military said Tuesday.

Spc. Ronald D. Allen Jr., 22, was serving in Iraq with the 8th Infantry Division, the Pentagon said.

Allen was from Mitchell, Ind., about 30 miles south of Bloomington.

U.N. says Iranians have uranium

Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — U.N. inspectors found traces of highly enriched uranium at an Iranian nuclear facility, a report by the U.N. nuclear agency says.

Iran said Tuesday the traces came from the spread of atomic weapons.

Some of the changes urged by the Columbia board — eliminate as much fuel-tank foam shedding as possible, toughen the vulnerable thermal shielding on the wings, give astronauts inspection capabilities and repair kits — are needed before shuttle flights resume, Gehman said. The culture issues will take longer, he said.

Key members of Congress are promising close scrutiny, the first round of hearings begins next week.

The board has done its job, "now it's time for us to do ours," said Rep. Bart Gordon, D-Tenn., a member of the Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee.

Separately, Salehi also said Iran was ready to negotiate an IAEA request that it sign an additional protocol allowing more intrusive inspections.

Salehi said the offer, made Monday, indicates "for the first time ... that the government of Iran is ready to enter negotiations into the additional protocol."

He said talks would likely begin after two IAEA meetings next month, one on Sept. 8 by the agency's board of governors on the Iran report and another the week after when the full IAEA assembly convenes.

IAEA spokesman Mark Gwozdecky called Iran's overture "a positive step."
Gov. Bush intervenes in feeding tube case

Associated Press

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Gov. Jeb Bush asked a judge Tuesday to set a date for removal of a brain-damaged woman's feeding tube so that a guardian for Karen Ann Quinlan can be appointed.

In a letter to state Circuit Judge George W. Greer, Bush said that Terri Schiavo be kept alive until a court-appointed guardian can "independently investigate the circumstances of this case and provide the court with an unbiased view that considers the best interests of Mrs. Schiavo."

Schiavo has been in what doctors call a persistent vegetative state since collapsing in 1990. Her heart stopped from a pneumonial meningitis. Since Sunday, she has been hospitalized with pneumonia and other problems.

The 38-year-old woman has been at the center of a legal battle between her parents, Bob and Nancy Schiavo, and her husband and legal guardian, Michael Schiavo.

The parents want her kept alive; her husband says she never wanted to be kept alive artificially.

Bush said his office has received 27,000 e-mails from people asking him to intervene in the case.

Greer said he is bound by court rulings and probably will not delay the removal of the tube and is "not inclined" to appoint a guardian.

"Frankly, I think I'm operating under a mandate from the 2nd District Court of Appeal, and frankly I don't think I can stray from that mandate," Greer told The Associated Press.

In a Friday, the Florida Supreme Court refused to intervene in the case, clearing the way for Greer to set a date for removal of the feeding tube and is "not inclined" to appoint a guardian.

Michael Schiavo called Bush's intervention "craziness," accusing the governor of "bending to pressure from certain individuals who have taken up the e-mail campaign."

"This case has been in litigation for five years, and if all of a sudden Gov. Bush wants to be involved," Michael Schiavo said. "This isn't his concern, and he should stay out of it."

Crowded dorms squeeze students

By ANDREW THAGARD

News Wire

For the third year in a row, Notre Dame students returned to campus to discover dormitories filled to capacity, and some freshmen assigned to live in West Quad and Mod Quad dorms found themselves setting into converted study lounges.

This year, between 75 and 100 freshmen and transfer students are living in overcrowded dorms and fewer study areas also mean cramped quarters for all of the students who are living in these overcrowded dorms.

"It's a challenge, there's no doubt about that," Shoup said. "I think this is the most stressful day in lounges since Flanner and Grace (halls) went offline."

The reason for the overcrowding is that, he said, is larger-than-expected class sizes both this year and two years ago. The class of 2007, with close to 2,000 students, and 2005, which entered with 2,038 students, represents the two largest classes in Notre Dame history.

Although the Office of Admissions has continued to accept approximately the same number of applicants each year, more and more students are choosing to accept those invitations, said James Biley, assistant director of admissions. This year, for example, applicants accepted invitations for admission at a rate of 59 percent, he said.

The additional students have posed a challenge for the Office of Residence Life and Housing.

"But Shoup said the situation is under control because newer dorms, including those on Mod and West quads, were built with study lounges designed to be converted into doubles if needed."

The rooms may lack a sink, but they are equipped with phone and Ethernet lines and carpet. "Those are nice rooms," said Keough Hall rec­­tor Father Peter Jarret.

Some students, in fact, prefer them to standard rooms.

"It's really hit or miss whether people like the (con­verted) rooms," Shoup said. "Every year at room picks we have people who have lived in study lounges and want to live there again but we don't allow that situation."

In the future, the University will likely address the problem by reducing occupancy in older dorms and constructing new dorms around campus, Shoup said.

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Welsh Hall freshmen Lauren Lew and Jackie Donahue are living in a converted study room this year. According to expected class sizes in recent years have created the need to adapt many existing rooms to accommodate more students.

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New literature course in Chinese offered by East Asian Languages & Literatures

Fall, 2003

3679 LEEA 392:01 Cultural Performances in Contemporary China

Cross-list ANTH 392E

MWF 9:35-10:25

Prof. Jonathan Noble

This course asks students to engage and analyze different types of "cultural performances" in China from the 18th to the present day. How do we interpret the "diversity and complexity of cultures in contemporary China"? How is this diversity represented (or "perceived") within and between different types of mediums, disciplines, and socio-cultural activities? After establishing an understanding of the historical context for the period under question, the course will examine different types of "cultural performances" within a broad range of areas, including film, television, theater, advertising, the Internet, and popular music and leisure activities. Particular focus will be examinations on the intersection of "cultural commerce and consumption, the role of the government, the state, and nationalism, tradition and modernity, globalization and transmission, and the role of the individual in school or at home and in major cultural activities."

The course will provide a basic introduction to theories of performance and performativity. Students will view, analyze, and discuss an array of "cultural performances" through the lens of the Internet as an interface for collecting views from China and across China. The course will be applied to their own research projects.

No prior knowledge of Chinese language, culture, or history is required.

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Thousands watch Mars at observatory

By WILLIAM PUCKETT

News Wire

A one-in-a-lifetime event occurred last Friday and Saturday nights, as the Department of Physics & Center for Astrophysics opened the observatory on top of Nieuwland Hall for Mars Nights. The occasion? Mars is now closer than it has been for roughly 60,000 years, or will be for another 284 years. The Center had expected few people to show up, but the turnout was far greater than they had anticipated.

"We were expecting a di­nal turnout, but we were surprised by how many people showed up," said Suzanne Aleva, a senior administra­tive assistant who helped coordinate the even. In fact, 1,500 people were able to participate on Friday night, while 1,300 got to look through a telescope Saturday night.

Both nights saw people turn away around 11:15, when the lines were cut off because of the high-than-expected turnout. Lines had been forming outside Nieuwland since 8:30, with the program beginning at 9:30.

According to associate pro­­fessor Peter Garnavich, the nights were originally sched­­uled in case one night was too cloudy to use the telescopes. However, this proved not to be the case.

"The weather turned out to be really great, and we were able to see a lot. We were really happy with that, especially considering the number of people who came," Peter Garnavich associate professor of Astrophysics

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In Brief

Justice Dept. blocks SBC move COLU MBUS, Ohio — The Justice Department on Tuesday ordered seven related companies to stop competing for customers that purports to be from another retailer said in a statement. Spoofing is a technique used by marketers to boost sales and consumer confidence in their products, while driving down prices at other retailers. The suits, filed Monday and Tuesday in federal court in Columbus, are part of a broader effort by the department to crackdown on fraudulent schemes.

Two suitors remain for Universal PAR IS — Vivendi Universal on Tuesday narrowed the field of bidders for its entertainment assets to two — General Electric Co.'s NBC Universal and Viacom Inc., which had expressed interest in the theme parks.

Amazon launches anti-spoof suits		

Amazon has launched a series of anti-spoofing lawsuits against 11 e-mail marketers, contending they faked their e-mail addresses to appear as if the messages were sent by Amazon.com, the company said Tuesday. The suits, filed Monday and Tuesday in several U.S. district courts and in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice in Canada, seek injunctions to stop the alleged e-mail forgers, as well as millions of dollars in punitive damages.

The lawsuits are part of a broader effort by Amazon.com to stop e-mail "spoofing" of the company's name, the Seattle-based Internet retailer said in a statement. Spoofing is a practice in which outsiders send e-mail to consumers that purport to be from another company.

H&R Block posts rare 1Q gain KANSAS CITY, Mo. — H&R Block Inc. on Tuesday reported a first-quarter profit for only the second time in its history, helped by a strong performance in the company's financial services division.

The Kansas City-based tax preparer reported earnings of $10.6 million, or 6 cents per share, in the quarter that ended July 31, beating the 1 cent per share consensus estimate of analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call. The earnings were higher than the $3.5 million, or 1 cent per share, reported in the year-earlier period.

The CBO: Budget deficits to continue

WASHINGTON The federal government is in store for at least eight more years of budget deficits, including a record $480 billion shortfall in 2004, congressional budget analysts said Tuesday. The Congressional Budget Office also warned that the federal government will become more dire if the White House and Congress fail to act on deficit spending. The CBO, a nonpartisan group, said the budget will edge back into the black in 2012 and 2013, but will record an accumulated deficit of almost $1 trillion in the 2004-2013 period. In March, it predicted a surplus of $891 billion in that period.

Democrats seized on the report as proof that the Bush administration's policy of cutting taxes while demanding more for defense and homeland security was threatening the nation's economic viability. "I think this is a moral problem more than an economic problem," said Rep. John Spratt of South Carolina, top Democrat on the House Budget Committee.

He said the administration was draining the government's ability to pay for Social Security and Medicare at a time when 77 million baby boomers are approaching retirement, while saddling future generations with repayment of a debt that could double to $7 trillion by 2013. The White House and GOP leaders, however, argued that the deficit was manageable, only a small percentage of an ever-larger national economy, and that they could reduce it by strengthening the economy and holding down spending.
Attorneys want less smoking in movies

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Attorneys general from 24 states are asking the nation’s movie studios to reduce the amount of smoking in films to prevent teens from taking up the habit.

In a letter Tuesday, the attorneys cited a June study from Dartmouth Medical School that said children who watch movies in which actors smoke have three times more likely to smoke themselves than those exposed to less smoking on-screen.

The letter to Motion Picture Association of America President Jack Valenti did not offer any specific steps.

"We’re not saying any law has been broken," said Tom Dresslar, a spokesman for California Attorney General Bill Lockyer, one of the officials who signed the letter. "We’re just asking out of a concern for the health of our kids that the industry do what it can to ensure that kids don’t start smoking.

MPAA spokesman Rich Taylor said Valenti had received the letter and would respond appropriately.

"Smoking is, if you will recall, a legal activity," he said when asked what the MPAA was currently doing to reduce seen smoking. "That being said, he’ll be reading carefully the letter and the study it references."

Brendan McCormick, a spokesman for Philip Morris USA, said the major tobacco companies agreed in the nationwide settlement signed in 1998 not to pay permission to films that want to feature their cigarettes. He declined to comment on the letter.

The Dartmouth study involved 2,603 children who were between 10 and 14 at the start of the study in 1999 and had never smoked when they were recruited. They were asked at the beginning of the study which movies they had seen from a list of 50 movies that aired between 1988 and 1999.

Investigators counted the number of times smoking was depicted and determined how many smoking incidents each of the adolescents had seen. Exposure was categorized into four groups, with the lowest level involving between zero and 531 occurrences of smoking and the highest involving between 1,665 and 5,308 incidents.

Twenty-two of those exposed to the least on-screen smoking took up the habit, compared with 107 in the highest exposure group, a fivefold difference. However, after taking into account factors known to be linked with starting smoking, such as rebelliousness, the effect was reduced to a threefold difference.

The letter was signed by the attorneys general of Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Washington and West Virginia, as well as the Northern Mariana Islands.

All chocolates do not provide health benefits

Associated Press

After a sweaty health club workout, don’t kid yourself that the candy bar in your gym bag is health food. Despite the recent buzz over the concoction’s heart-protecting qualities, new research suggests that not all kinds of chocolate are beneficial.

European researchers say eating milk chocolate, which is mostly commonly used in candy bars, does not raise antioxidant levels in the bloodstream. They found the same discouraging result among patients who drank milk while eating dark chocolate.

The results suggest that milk and other dairy products somehow discourage the body’s ability to absorb the protective compounds in chocolate. Only subjects who ate dark chocolate showed a temporary increase in their antioxidant levels.

Details of the study appear in Thursday’s issue of the journal Nature.

"This puts in question the possible protective effects of (chocolate) milk shakes or ice cream or other dairy products," said co-author Alan Crouter of the University of Glasgow.

Nor does Crouter endorse the idea that eating dark chocolate is healthier. It still contains plenty of fat and sugar.

"Don’t think by eating five or six bars a day you’re doing yourself any good," he said.

Cocoa beans contain plant chemicals called flavonoids, a kind of antioxidant polyphenol present in many fruits, vegetables, teas and red wine. Some studies indicate flavonoids protect the heart from damaging effects of unstable oxygen compounds called free radicals that, among other things, can damage blood vessels.

A German study published Wednesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association suggests that eating dark chocolate can lower blood pressure. Other experiments show cocoa flavonoids may reduce harmful blood clotting properties and decrease low-density-lipoprotein (LDL), known as the "bad cholesterol."

The JAMA study involved adults with untreated mild hypertension who ate 3-ounce chocolate bars daily for two weeks. Half of the patients got white chocolate, half got dark chocolate.

Blood pressure remained pretty much unchanged in the group that ate white chocolate, which does not contain polyphenols. But after two weeks, systolic blood pressure — the top number — had dropped an average of five points in the dark-chocolate group. The lower, or diastolic, reading fell an average of almost two points.

In 1998, a Harvard study of nearly 8,000 of its male graduates determined that eating the equivalent of two bars of chocolate a month lowered the risk of death by 36 percent as compared to abstainers.

In the latest experiments, which were conducted without industry funding, Crouter and researchers in Italy first determined the antioxidant levels of dark chocolate and milk chocolate in the lab. Dark chocolate had twice as much, Crouter said, in part because milk chocolate contains only about half as much actual chocolate.

The researchers then gave chocolate bars to seven women and five men who were between 25 and 35 years old. All of the participants were nonsmokers, had normal blood lipid levels, took no prescription drugs or vitamins and were not overweight.

After they ate dark chocolate bars, the antioxidant potential measured in their blood increased an average of 18 percent and remained elevated for three hours.

Lead author Mauro Serafini said the subjects’ antioxidant potential did not rise noticeably when they consumed a glass of whole milk with the dark chocolate, or when they ate milk chocolate. He said it’s possible that antioxidants bind with milk proteins making absorption more difficult.
Summer reading required for ND frosh

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

In between internships and reality television, the Class of 2007 had another task to occupy their summer vacation, required reading.

For the first time, incoming Notre Dame freshmen completed assigned reading in preparation for an academic convocation titled "The United States and the Middle East: Do We Face a 'Clash of Civilizations'?" Saint Mary's and Holy Cross College did not require the assignment or a similar task for their freshman classes.

Scott Appleby, professor of history and director of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, will moderate the Sept. 23 convocation discussing Seyyed Hossein Nasr's book "The Heart of Islam: Enduring Values for Humility" and four supplementary articles.

Appleby said the reading requirements and convocation will introduce incoming freshmen to how scholars analyze issues such as the tension between the United States and the Middle East.

"The idea behind the summer reading requirement and academic convocation was not to provide even one percent of the knowledge of the Middle East that professors pass to their courses — that would be impossible in so short an assignment," Appleby said. "Rather, the goal was to demonstrate how scholars think about such topics." 

First Year of Studies dean Ellen Kolman said the convocation marks a new academic tradition at Notre Dame. She and Appleby worked together to refine the idea, after which Joseph Amar, director of the program in Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies, and fellow colleagues Asma Afsaruddin and Guo were invited to finalize the reading list.

"Although they [Amar, Afsaruddin and Guo] did not choose the topic, their interest certainly helped to refine our approach," Appleby said. "Additional faculty from other departments are being invited to participate in the convocation."

Amar said that he learned of the convocation while viewing the First Year of Studies Web site and petitioned to include his department in the convocation.

"The faculty of the Program in Arabic and Middle East Studies are scholars in the cultures, histories, religions, and languages of the Middle East. We were anxious to make a contribution," Amar said.

Amar said his department had some initial concerns with the approach of the convocation, and some suggestions they made were later included. But he said his department has not received information regarding the convocation's format or its participants and were not consulted to help select the convocation's theme.

"Our single and most serious reservation had to do with the tone and approach. From our point of view, the tone was journalistic and provocative. We thought the topic deserved more serious thought than it had been given," Amar said.

Kolman said consultations with other departments were somewhat limited because of a time crunch. She said she is working with other departments to sponsor follow-up sessions and is encouraging first-year instructors to discuss topics relating to the reading and convocation in their classes if deemed appropriate.

"The Convocation will be a start-point from which I hope many faculty and departments will raise more questions and provide additional perspectives," she said.

Appleby said he believes Kolman intends to repeat both the summer reading and convocation in the future, and that more departments and faculty members will be consulted. He also said the current list incorporates numerous issues to which many departments in the University could contribute.

"This year's program is a good start, but we surely will revise the convocational process if this is to become something of a Notre Dame tradition, as we hope," he said.

Lara Flynn, an advisor in the First Year of Studies Office, agreed that the summer assignment should be continued.

"It is my hope that, through this summer reading and convocation experience, students will become knowledgeable about the process of making an argument, forming an opinion and expressing themselves in an academic atmosphere — a process that will be repeated several times at Notre Dame," she said.

But at least one incoming freshman expressed mixed opinions about the summer reading requirement.

"Although I find the topic of the academic convocation both pertinent and interesting, I think the reading requirement was a bit stiff," Breen-Phillips freshman Catherine Provenzale said. "I'm just not sure this particular book will hold the interest of a first-year student and/or adequately prepare them to intelligently discuss the dichotomies existing between our culture and that of Islam."

Provenzale also said that, after finishing the book, she does not feel as comfortable with the material as she expected to be, although she said she had not read the supplementary articles.

"I just hope I don't have to answer any questions and can just listen to what the speakers have to say so I don't feel so well-versed on the subject as I'd like to be," she said.

SIS Provenzale said she expects the assignment will be a worthwhile educational experience.

"I truly am looking forward to the convocation because the issues that will be discussed are so important at the present time," she said.

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John Meiser, a freshman from Knott Hall, unpacks his summer reading assignment while moving into his dorm Thursday.

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Catherine Provenzale
GAZA STRIP

Man killed in botched strike

Associated Press

GAZA CITY

Israel's fierce campaign to eliminate Palestinian militants claimed a civilian victim when an elderly water-pipe vendor died in a botched missile strike in the Gaza Strip.

Israeli helicopters have killed seven Hamas militants in two precision raids in Gaza since one of its activists blew himself up on a Jerusalem bus last week, killing 21 people. The violence has darkened the prospects for a U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan and highlighted the reluctance of Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas to confront the armed groups.

In this week's operation, an Israeli helicopter fired three missiles at a car stuck in a traffic jam on a residential street just north of Gaza City. Three Hamas members were able to flee their car before missiles struck it, witnesses said. Doctors said the water-pipe vendor was killed and 26 other bystanders were injured, including five children.

Shadi Tawas, who owns a bookstore in the area, said "the people in the car jumped out and ran in two different directions" after one rocket hit near the front of the white car. After the men fled, two more missiles hit. Hamas sources said the car was carrying three of its men, including Khaled Masoud, the brother of a Hamas military wing commander killed in an Israeli airstrike in Gaza three months ago.

The sources said Masoud was wounded in the shoulder and face and was recovering after treatment in a private clinic.

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reports of 65-mph gusts. Other
gusts may have blown at high-
er speeds.

Most of the
damage Hoffman
said he saw
were
downed trees,
though he did see
one barn that
was flattened
and a business
with its roof
blown off.

Though offi-
cials at both
schools said their
campuses did not
sustain serious damage, emer-
gency sirens sounded at both,
and administrators and stu-
dents took cover in basements
and inner hallways as a pre-
cauton.

When the first
siren sounded
people in build-
ings were evacu-
ated to a safer
location within
the building and
security officers
at both campuses
advised individu-
als not to leave buildings until
the last warning
ended.

Kevin Cole, a sophomore
from Dillon, was at a sopho-
more business orientation
meeting in the Mendoza
College of Business when the
siren sounded.

“We went to the
campus and everyone seemed
calm and there were a lot of people
down there.” Cole said. “A
campus did not
large group of people were
standing under a large glass
window at the end of the spiral
staircase which didn’t seem
very smart.”

University spokesman Dennis
Brown said the tornado sirens
sounded again for about 15 min-
utes. Though operations at the
annual beginning-of-the-year
picnic was moved from DelBarilo
Quadr in the Joyce Center
“When many other
areas of the
county were hit
far harder than
we were ... we were
Fortunate.”

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Recent survey finds American
teaching force lacks diversity

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

Even as public school class-
rooms get more diverse, the
schooling force remains over-
whelmingly white and has its
lowest share of men in 40
years, a survey by the nation’s
largest union finds.

Only 10 percent of roughly
3 million teachers are
minorities, and just 21 per-
cent are men, the National
Education Association report
finds. Among students,
about 40 percent are
minorities, and about half are
male, according to govern-
ment figures.

“It denies many young peo-
ple the opportunity to have a
minority or a male as a role
model,” said NEA President
Reg Weaver. “Many young
people come to school with-
out having a father at home,
and when they’re able to
have access to a male teacher
as a father figure, it certainly
bodes well for them — and the
same thing with minorities.”

Overall, students are most
likely to be taught by a 15-
year veteran with a growing
workload and slightly eroding
interest in status with the
profession, the survey finds.

Those teachers face rising
expectations. Federal law
requires that every teacher of
a core academic subject must
be highly qualified by the end
of the 2005-06 school year.

That includes a provision
that teachers must prove their
competence in every subject
they teach.

Six in 10 teachers said they
would choose teaching again
if they could go back to their
college days and start over,
but that number dipped in
2001 after rising steadily
since 1981.

The trend reflects growing
frustration among teachers
over working conditions and
pressures to gear teaching
 toward standardized tests,
Weaver said.

The survey results, based on
responses from a national-
representative sample of
5,467 teachers, have a mar-
gin of error of plus or minus
2 percentage points.
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International is currently the world's leading executive search firm. Its consultants have placed over 200 presidents and chancellors of major colleges and universities throughout the world. The firm worked closely with the College's Presidential Search committee, composed of members from both the Saint Mary's and South Bend communities.

"This is an important transition in the life of any institution," said Nancy Cook, managing director of Korn/Ferry International's Philadelphia office in a July 7 press release. "At Saint Mary's, the next president will be in a position to build upon the momentum and successes begun under the leadership of President Eldred."

Cook, who specializes in the recruitment of senior executives for universities, health systems and other non-profit entities, is leading the Saint Mary's search until a presidential candidate pool looks and plans it holds for us and we're pleased with what we're looking for," said Ryan. "Candidates looking at the school can come on, see the position specifications, get an overview of what the school is... it's just a great way to get our name out there."

The site will be updated regularly and will reveal the direct presidential candidates once they are named, said Ryan.

For now, she is confident the search process will remain on schedule and is looking to the next step.

"Now that we have candidates and when we identify the three to bring forward, we'll invite them to campus to meet faculty, staff and students so people can get an idea of who they are."

The College's Board of Trustees retains its original goal to name a president-elect this December.

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there. She said she was raped repeatedly on March 28, 2002.

Elam, receiver Lorenzo Crawford and safeties Donald Dykes and Justin Smith say they are innocent. Crawford, Dykes and Smith face rape charges. Like Elam, they also face charges of criminal deviate conduct and sexual battery. The four were expelled from Notre Dame for sexual misconduct.

Elam is accused of holding the woman captive in a bedroom against her will and forcing her to remain in the room until six days later because she was afraid. Her testimony was interrupted by the tornado warning Tuesday afternoon and is expected to continue today.

On Aug. 1, Judge Roland Chambliss Jr. ruled that statements made by the former players during ResLife hearings can be used as evidence during the trial. The players said they believed these statements would remain confidential and said they felt they were forced to make statements in order to retain their scholarships.

Chambliss rejected this argument.

"The question of the pressure these men may have felt in trying to opt between remaining silent and making a statement of any sort to try to save their opportunity at scholarship does not rise to the level of coercion requiring suppression of these statements," Chambliss wrote.

Bill Kirk, associate vice president for residence life and housing, was in the courtroom lobby today and could be called to testify in the trial. ResLife officials did not return calls requesting comment on how the defendants might change ResLife hearings in the future.

Currently, ResLife hearings are conducted without attorneys and students are often not specifically advised beforehand why the hearing is being held.

Jurisdiction is scheduled to begin in Dykes' trial Sept. 8. Crawford's trial is scheduled to begin in October and Smith's in November.

The Associated Press and WNDU contributed to this report.
Travel industry sees promising increase

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

A nation that largely stayed home between the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and the war in Iraq got out of the house in July, a trend that’s expected to continue this Labor Day weekend.

Independence Hall saw a 48 percent jump in attendance last month over July 2002, and hotel occupancy was up 2.4 percent across the nation, the first significant increase this year. New York City and San Francisco both saw July occupancy rise more than 6 percent over 2002. Chicago was up 5.7 percent, Philadelphia 4.4 percent.

AAA says it expects 33.4 million Americans to travel more than 50 miles from home this holiday weekend, the most since at least 1995. "Travel definitely has picked up," said Jennifer Busey, manager of Franklin Travel in Champaign, Ill. "The stock market goes up, prices have been going up, room prices have been going up, and hotel occupancy has been going up," she said.

Amtrak tickets and got a free night at a hotel. "The whole package was very good," she said.

Gas prices, at near record highs nationwide, have been pushed up in part because of steep demand. From July 19 to Aug. 15, Americans used 9.4 million barrels per day, the highest four-week period on record, said Doug Macintyre, an analyst for the Federal Energy Information Administration. "If gasoline demand is up, that would lead to the conclusion that either there’s more cars or they’re being driven more often," he said. "The assumption is that maybe due to some of the poor weather people put off their vacations until the end of the summer."
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Hurry up and wait

The start of school has always been associated with standing in long lines to fill out paperwork and perform other administrative chores. While this tedious culture has been improved by conducting enrollment and vehicle registration online, one major activity still does not harness the power of the Internet to perform administrative tasks: football ticket distribution.

Before the current seniors arrived on campus as freshmen, students camped out all night with their friends for football tickets. Because of problems such as absentee drinking, the administration halted this practice and is not likely to let it begin again.

Yet students must still go to the Stadium twice to obtain tickets. They must meet with the group of friends they want to sit with, or at least get their IDs, and stand in line twice — on one day to receive a lottery number and on another to purchase the tickets based on the results of the lottery.

Off-campus and Saint Mary's students also have to wait in line to obtain their ticket application, which is mailed to Notre Dame students living on campus.

Clearly, this process is not fun, so the event itself is worse.

A Web-based system would nearly eliminate the need to stand in line and the confusion that accompanies it. Students would still receive a ticket application possibly through e-mail, but it would contain a unique passcode for their football passes.

Then, on enrollment Monday, students could get together in small groups and print tickets based on the results of the lottery.

Tom Petty is blaring from the speakers of my Toyota Camry as I drive along the flat Indiana landscape. Farms are everywhere but yet I don't see many farmers tending to their fields. The twins I must have drove them there.

The heat of August is never more prevalent than it is right now. The sun is beating down on the countryside and I see waves of heat rising off the pavement in front of my car. I give silent thanks for the air-conditioner that Toyota has provided and turn up the radio as I begin to sing to "Free Falling." It's not long before the fields of corn and tobacco turn into gray city buildings. I can't wait to get back to the countryside and I see waves of heat rising off the pavement in front of my car.

I feel like I'm turning my back on the city and I see the fields of corn and tobacco turn into gray city buildings. I can't wait to get back to the countryside.
A reflection about teaching

You could be a professor of 20th century French literature interested in the psychological and emotional qualities of certain fictional characters, such as those we encounter in the human condition. Or you might be a historian of philosophy weighing the implications of Platonic and Aristotelian thought on the development of pre-classical science. Then again, you might be a professor of engineering on the verge of finding a novel way to develop light, nano-fiber enhanced materials of greater tensile strength than steel. Or you could be a physicist, gazing at the cosmos intent to find convincing evidence that the universe has been exposed to much more rigorous and rigorous testing procedures than classical theory would predict.

You've just sent two articles for submission to a prestigious journal in the field. Your summer is now over and the beginning of a new academic year stands before you. With it comes the task of teaching an elementary course in the general area of your scholarly expertise. One fine and sparkling autumn day you step into your classroom and— as on so many occasions before — you are unable to begin. Sitting before you are several dozen sophomores just back from the summer. Having settled into their dorms, they are excited about the upcoming football season and look forward to the weekend's concert by the Dave Matthews Band. Their passions are light years removed from yours.

You begin a conversation whose purpose is to draw your students in — draw them into an appropriately central way, into the "face" of your subject, the meaning and the challenge of your subject. You need to build a bond among your architect — draw up the blueprints and set a timetable. You organize the materials, tools and machinery and get them hauled to the scene. You put in place plans to test components of the structure. The construction commences. Together you lay the foundations. Girders and trusses swing into place. The members of your team shape the planks, first tentatively and then more confidently. They inspect the beams and check to get an understanding of the tensions and compressions in the structure. Your goal at the end of the day is for your students to have an understanding of the nuts and bolts and the central themes of your subject and a sense of its beauty and its utility.

The specific strategies will depend on your course and your students. They are the details where the challenges reside. Which parts of your subject do you emphasize in your presentations and which texts and readings will you ask the students to absorb? How do you make sure that your students pursue these? Do they know that you care and if they can reach the horizon that they themselves will have become, they will exceed them. If your students rise to the challenge of being able to absorb sophisticated materials, analyze and organize these and see the relevance of the other side of this technological coin, however, lies an obligation to limit "face to screen" and to nurture "face to face." If your interaction with your students conveys an ongoing sense that you care deeply about their learning, you will enhance their experience and your. To paraphrase a recent reminiscence of Amar Bose of stereo speaker fame about his teaching at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology: "If you know that you care and if they can reach the solution of the problems three after they have understood the approach to problem two, then your students will not only meet your expectations, they will exceed them." If your students rise to the challenge of being able to absorb sophisticated materials, analyze and organize these and if they rise again to present them articulately, confidently and effectively to the critical audience that they themselves will have become, then they and you will have succeeded.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

 Remember lessons learned abroad

I write to you as assistant provost for International Studies, as a professor of French here at Notre Dame and as former director of the study abroad program in Angers, France. I appeal to all students with an important message about being a citizen in our present international situation.

As most of you know from your own experience, living abroad from day to day can be exciting, liberating and tiring. It is difficult to live in a state of suspended identity. It is difficult to learn, let alone master, another country's complex and traditional rules of speech, conduct and manners. It is difficult to represent the United States in a world that has become increasingly polarized as of late by competing political realities and an economy that is ever more dependent on international cooperation. It is difficult to be alone and far from home. Studying abroad forces you to react to cultural differences carefully and with caution. It is a means to self-impose a certain kind of heightened awareness on your mind.

But what happens when you come home? I want to remind you of the responsibility you have to keep your eyes open to the international scene here in the United States. Our nation needs citizens who are aware of the complexities of international politics. We need a citizenry who makes the effort to understand other kinds of moral, social and economic realities. Our nation needs a citizen who speaks more than one language, a people sensitive to different ideas, open to learn how other people think. We need more leaders for the future, who will bring an active engagement in the world's changing reality. Continue your foreign language studies. Keep informed about what is going on in Europe, Asia, South America and Africa. Seek out opportunities to meet and talk to people from cultures other than your own. Compare, reflect and let their words sink in. Don't let what happened last year on this campus repeat itself.

What happened last year in France? We were some 43 Americans living in France, and despite all the ugly rhetoric of Anti-Americanism in France that was propagated by the American media, all of us who lived in Angers in 2002-03 felt an outstanding level of sympathy, friendship and support from our French hosts. On the other hand, one of our friends, a young French student, traveled from Angers to Notre Dame in January 2003 to do a linguistic internship as part of a new exchange agreement with the Universite Catholique de l'Ouest. But within weeks of her arrival on campus, she was verbally attacked by hostile Notre Dame students. Inflamed by their righteousness, these men threatened our friend, and made her fear for her safety on campus. Those of us in Angers were shocked, embarrassed and saddened to learn of this attack. It remains to be seen if any other French students will follow in her steps, given that bad experience.

Shame on you, the perpetrators of this attack, and on all those who witnessed it in silence. I exhort you all to end such boorish behavior on our campus, and in our country. Remember the lessons you learned while studying abroad. Offer our international guests a civil welcome, just as you were welcomed in your countries. You owe it to all of us, and to Notre Dame.

Julia Douwhoate Assistant Provost for International Studies Notre Dame French professor August 26, 2003
Viruses sweep across the Internet infecting personal computer networks as they continue to be passed along by users unawares.

By SARAH VABULAS
Scene Editor

Throughout the past few weeks, viruses new and old have swept across the Internet all over the world. These viruses are bringing viruses like Blaster and Nachi, including Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, causing frustration and anxiety for both the computer savvy and the not-so-computer savvy alike.

On Aug. 11, Microsoft began investigating a worm reported by Microsoft Product Support Services, a service developed to keep Microsoft and its programmers in touch with users and the problems that most commonly occur due to holes left in the programming of software. This worm became known as the Blaster Worm, and made headline news, scaring many Windows users. Later a variant of Blaster began to circulate through the Web in a similar way, becoming known as the Nachi Worm.

These two viruses exploit a security issue that was addressed by Microsoft in Security Bulletin MS03-026. This issue concerns a vulnerability in the Remote Procedure Call (RPC), a function in the script that makes Windows NT 4.0, Microsoft Windows 2000, Microsoft Windows XP Professional, and Microsoft Windows Server 2003. Users of Windows Millennium (Windows Me), Windows 98, Windows 98 Second Edition (SE), and Windows 95 were not affected by the issue. However, these products are no longer supported. Users of these products are strongly encouraged to upgrade to later versions.

When this message appears on a computer screen, it is the main indication of the Blaster Worm infection, yielding the user unable to complete any tasks before the computer resets. However, this required people to update their computers using a Microsoft Web site called Windows Update, and not all users heard about the patch, or simply chose to ignore the download.

The Blaster Worm, or W32.Blaster Worm, locates the IP address of a computer, or essentially the social security number of any computer that has ever surfed the web, and infects it. Whenever a computer logs onto an Internet Service Provider, or an ISP, it is issued an IP address that can be found from anywhere in the world to identify where the computer is located and where on the web it visits. By simply being logged onto a network, a computer can be located and infected. Blaster is not earned, and the only way to keep it from infecting a computer is to make sure the patch has been downloaded onto the computer, closing the hole in the code yielding the file worthless.

Symptoms of the virus include a warning message of having about thirty seconds to shut down all programs before the computer restarts, the computer simply restarting, or having a program called maliblaster.exe found running in the Processes tab of Windows Task Manager, a program opened by pressing the keys control-alt-delete simultaneously. With the patch not been patched, their computer needs to be patched for without the patch their computer is most likely infected, and that if they are infected, they are contributing to the network problems Saint Mary's is having on campus. She is also including the instructions for cleaning the virus, while directing them to Fixit, a service of ResNet for students who are having computer problems, if they find it difficult to install the patch. The Web address for Fixit is fixit.saintmarys.edu. If deemed appropriate, a Residential Computer Consultant, or an RCC, will visit the student and aid the student in fixing the problem. But before posting a problem report form, students should attempt to resolve the problem on their own with the directions provided in an email sent out last week and on a webpage made specifically to aid students in the removal of the worm found from the ResNet page at the Saint Mary's home page.

Microsoft provides the patch found on the front page of the Microsoft main site, along with further information for users who are more interested in what exactly the virus targets. Along with the detailed technical description, Microsoft published directions on how to scan a computer to remove the virus, how to remove it if found, and how to prevent the computer from becoming infected with the virus the characteristics from making it into the file system of a PC.

These directions include installation of virus scanning software, implementing encryption, or a way to prevent traffic that is for the most part unwanted and potentially harmful to the computer and/or network, ensuring that a computer remains isolated from the network to protect it in the future, and finally, removing the infected files from the computer.

To update the Windows operating system with the latest security files, visit the Microsoft Windows Update website at http://www.update.microsoft.com, or an address: http://v4.windowsupdate.microsoft.com/default.aspx.

Most viruses are sent through e-mails, ones that don't even realize are sent from their computers and email accounts to addresses of people found in address books and the cache of a computer's temporary Internet file folder.

Much to the chagrin of Apple Corporation, there are no known viruses made for Macintosh's most recent operating system, Mac OS X. Each time a new virus is announced, Apple uses it as an advertising campaign for PC users to switch to Macs. Macs needed to have a stable operating system, but despite this, more users choose to stick with PCs when purchasing new computers.

Viruses like Blaster, Nachi and SoBig are mere examples of viruses that make their way onto the Web on a daily basis, infecting millions, while even managing to puncture through new security features in the newest operating systems. With the advancements in technology, the race to design the best virus continues, as well as efforts to bring down large corporations merely for the amusement of the people who control the program.

Viruses are an everyday part of computing, but ways to cope and prevent viruses do exist. Users should become more responsible and knowledgeable in order to avoid problems that come along with owning an infected file on a network.

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Message

Windows must now restart because the Remote Procedure Call (RPC) service terminated unexpectedly.

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Apple’s iTunes music store allows users to buy legal music

By TOSHA SMITH
Scene Writer

As college students began classes during past years, Morpheus, Kazaa, Napster, WinMX and other file-sharing software programs became a part of most students’ computers. These programs provided a way for students to download numerous music, television and movie files onto their personal computers free of charge. Initially, it was a way to preview music; however, with the development of high speed connections and better computers, these programs became a common convenience, encouraging users to download songs instead of buying music.

Major record labels representing several genres of music began to protest the actions of these copyright violators. The Recording Industry Association of America has begun to target computer users who download or share copyrighted files.

In light of these actions, computer companies are now developing programs that provide the ability to legally download music files to a computer for a small fee. One such program that has boomed since it was introduced is iTunes Music Store, a creation of the Apple Corporation. This program allows a user to surf for high quality music files online, sample them and then download songs of their choice onto their computer. The cost of each song is $.99. Music lovers can also download entire CDs, allowing them to view the CD lining online and giving them the rights to the song. This way, users can play the music on several personal computers without violating any copyright laws.

Apple’s marketing and design team enhanced the digital downloading music experience with the introduction of the iPod, an MP3 player and storage device. This device is lighter than two CD’s and less than two inches thick. The iPod is available in 10 GB, 15 GB and 30 GB models. The highest model holds up to 7,500 songs, which would allow a user to play one new song a day for the next 20 years. In addition to providing organized play lists, the iPod can be synchronized with either an Apple or IBM personal computer and serve as a calendar, alarm clock and mini hard-drive to transport files to and from other computers.

Prices for iPods began $299. Additionally, Apple offers student discounts of $30 off any iPod and up to $200 dollars off an iPod purchased with an Apple computer.

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Cordero leads improbable comeback over Phillies

Associated Press

MONTREAL

Scott Rolen's go-ahead home run in the 11th inning off reliever Randy Johnson highlighted an improbable victory. Cordero hit a pair of two-run doubles as Montreal rallied from an eight-run deficit and beat the Philadelphia Phillies 14-10 Tuesday night.

"He's done a terrific job the last two weeks or so coming up with, big, big hits," Expo manager Frank Robinson said. Montreal fell behind 8-0 after five innings, and were trailing 10-4 before scoring seven runs in the seventh, highlighted by Cordero and Jose Vidro's two-run doubles.

"How exciting was that," Vidro said. "We came back — unbelievable, one of the most exciting games I've played since I've been in the big leagues."

The Expos won their third straight and moved within two games of Philadelphia and Florida for the NL wild card. "It's unreal. You see it happening but you don't believe it," Robinson said. "That was a great win for this ballclub, this organization, and for the fans and for this city. It's just a great win and it's what we really need to do.

Ricky Lede had his first two-homer game and drove in four runs, and Mike Lieberthal had three hits and two RBIs for the Phillies, who have lost four straight at home for the first time in 14 games at the SkyDome Stadium this season and moved a half-game ahead of the Cardinals for second in the tight NL Central and a half-game behind Houston. It was the first of eight games in 11 days between the rivals.

White Sox 13, Yankees 2

The long fly ball Frank Thomas sent into the glove of left fielder Dave Dellucci may have clinched off the foul pole, way up near the upper deck.

It was a huge grand slam for Thomas over Roger Clemens, and a big win for the Chicago White against the New York Yankees. Magglio Ordonez followed with another long home run and a grand slam for the White Sox beat up the Yankees 13-2 Tuesday night in a matchup of division leaders.

"It's very hot," Thomas said. "Everybody's howing on how bad we are on the road."

Ordonez and Paul Konerko homered twice, and Joe Crede also connected for Chicago, which hit six homers in a game for the second time this season.

Blue Jays 12, Red Sox 9

Vernon Wells kept the Toronto Blue Jays in it with his glove and put them ahead for good with his bat.

Wells made a sensational catch in the seventh inning, then hit an RBI double that keyed a five-run eighth inning as the Blue Jays ended Boston's five-game winning streak, beating the Red Sox 12-9 Tuesday night.

"He's one of the best players in the league," Toronto manager Carlos Tosca said. "And it's going to be that way for a long, long time. We really need to put up a shutout every time, I'm not trying to go out and strike out 10 guys, I'm not trying to put up a shutout every time," Prior said. "My job is to keep them from scoring many runs as we do, and that's the bottom line."

The Cubs cooled off for only the third time in 14 games at the SkyDome Stadium in the last two seasons, and moved a half-game ahead of the Cardinals for second in the NL Central and a half-game behind Houston. It was the first of eight games in 11 days between the rivals.

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Yankee pitcher Jeff Weaver fires a strike during his last start against Kansas City. Weaver was optioned to Class A Tampa Bay Tuesday.

**Weaver sent to low minors**

**Righty shipped to Class A, lefty Orosco designated for assignment**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jeff Weaver and Jesse Orosco, standing in adjacent lockers, packed up their equipment bags Tuesday. Weaver plans to return to the New York Yankees next week. Orosco does not.

Carefully manipulating their roster to get ready for the postseason, the Yankees optioned Weaver to Class A Tampa of the Florida State League and designated Orosco for assignment. The moves cleared space for left-handers Chris Rios, standing in infielder Erick Almonte and Jesse Orosco, standing in the disabled list, and Felix Heredia, who reported one day after he was claimed on waivers from Cincinnati.

"It's hard for me to comprehend and understand," Weaver said. "Hopefully, this will be the change that I need."

New York plans to make at least one more change by Sunday, the deadline for postseason roster eligibility. Jose Contreras is likely to be optioned to the minors and infielder Eric Chavez recalled from Triple-A Columbus; moves that would allow the Yankees to carry just 10 pitchers on their postseason roster.

Contreras and Weaver would be recalled from the minors on Monday, when active rosters expand to 40, and both would be eligible for postseason play because New York has two pitchers on the disabled list.

Weaver has struggled since the Yankees acquired him from Detroit in July last year. He is 7-9 with a 5.85 ERA this season, lost his spot in the rotation last week when Contreras was activated and gave up a home run Monday night in relief against Baltimore's Larry Bigbie.

"Maybe 10 years from now I'll say 2003 is the year that built me as a pitcher and a person," Weaver said.

Orosco, at 46 the oldest player in the major leagues, had a 10.38 ERA in 15 games since the Yankees acquired him from San Diego on July 22.

"The toughest one was Jesse," Yankees manager Joe Torre said of the moves.

Orosco has pitched in 1,248 games, the most in major league history. He made his big league debut in 1979 under Torre.

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**Giles traded to Padres for two players, cash**

Associated Press

PIITTSBURGH — Brian Giles, one of the NL's most productive players for five seasons, was dealt Tuesday to the San Diego Padres in a long-rumored trade that further depletes the talent-thin Pittsburgh Pirates.

In an uncommon late-season deal involving a name player going from one non-contender to another, the Pirates get promising left-handed starter Oliver Perez, minor league outfielder Jason Bay and a player to be named.

After acquiring Giles, the last-place Padres sent All-Star outfielder Todd White to the Kansas City Royals for two minor league pitchers.

"Over our last 10 or 11 games, we've been pounded by left-handed pitchers lately in the game," Kansas City general manager Allard Baird said. "This certainly gives us another option."

Giles, a San Diego native, has averaged 35 homers and 100-plus RBIs since being traded by Cleveland before the 1999 season. He is hitting .299 with 16 homers and 70 RBIs this season despite sitting out a month with a knee injury.

The Pirates, headed for an 11th consecutive losing season, are rebuilding from the ground up with younger and lower-priced players.

"There's a lot of disappointment — and satisfaction," the 32-year-old Giles said. "It's disappointing because when I signed here, I wanted to play for a championship club here, but it just didn't work out. But I'm excited to go back and play in my hometown."

The Pirates have dealt their top starting pitcher (Jeff Suppan), two best relievers (Mike Williams and Scott Sauerbeck), two most productive position players (Aramis Ramirez and Giles) and center fielder Kenny Lofton since mid-July. The trades came after Kevin McGeary revealed losses of as much as $30 million since PNC Park opened in 2001.

That's why the Pirates initially tried to include catcher Jason Kendall in the Giles trade. Kendall has $42 million remaining on his 360 million, six-year contract, and the Padres wanted the Pirates to pick up most of the salary.

"What was worrisome from our standpoint was taking on that salary," Padres general manager Kevin Towers said. "Since we were able to separate the two, we were able to agree.

Kendall, Giles' best friend with the Pirates, declined to comment on Giles' departure or his own status. He apparently was under the impression he would be included in the deal.

"Obviously, he wanted to come to San Diego with me," Giles said. "Unfortunately it didn't go through the way we thought it was going to go through. From my understanding, they are still interested in Jason."

White was hitting .278 with 18 homers and 46 RBIs and now joins a team contending for the AL Central title.

White, scheduled to arrive in Kansas City on Wednesday, could spell either shortstop or center fielder Carlos Beltran. Beltran, manager Tony Pena said, "I've still got a game to worry about tonight."

The Padres got left-hander Cliff Iriart and right-hander Brian Sanches for White. San Diego also sent some cash to Kansas City, but will save some money on White's salary that it can apply to Giles, who will earn a little more than $1 million the rest of the season.

General manager Dave Littlefield said the Padres didn't wait until the off-season to trade Giles because the offer was too attractive.

"We felt this was the trade that made the most sense and achieved the most talent," Littlefield said.

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Buckeyes hope to overcome loss of Clarett

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State beginning the defense of its national title should have been the biggest story heading into Saturday night’s game in Columbus.

Instead, it might rank as low as third.

After tumultuous offseasons, the second-ranked Buckeyes and No. 17 Washington should be looking forward to opening their 2003 campaigns at Ohio Stadium even though both do so without key members of their teams.

Ohio State may have to survive half of its season without star running back Maurice Clarett. The junior running back without star running back Maurice Clarett. The Buckeyes’ upset of Miami in the national championship game against Miami. Clarett will not dress for the team’s opener against Washington.

Entering his senior season, Van Pelt poses many problems for any defense, according to Colorado junior defensive lineman Matt McChesney.

"He’s a good player and he’s going to make plays," McChesney said. "You just can’t hold everybody to nothing but we definitely need to contain him. He keeps it most of the time on the option. We’ve got to stop him."

The Buffaloes didn’t do that last season, and Van Pelt wound up accounting for 242 of the Rams’ 320 total yards, passing for 168 and rushing for 74.

"That’s the kind of guy he is," Barnett said. He took it over and ran right down our throats," said Colorado defensive coordinator Vince Ohruch. "That’s a tribute to him, not only as a physical player, but the mental toughness he possesses."

Colorado hopes to end a streak of four consecutive season-opening losses when it kicks off the campaign against Colorado State at Invesco Field.

There was a time when the Rams, ranked 23rd in the AP preseason poll, would get intimidated playing their more famous in-state rivals. However, four wins over Colorado in the last five years is evidence that the Buffs no longer feel like the state’s second team.

Three of Colorado’s opening game defeats since 1999 have come by seven points or less, including last year’s 19-14 setback at Invesco on Aug. 31.

Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett carries the ball during the 2003 national championship game against Miami. Clarett will not dress for the team’s opener against Washington.

"We want Joel to run our offense and be effective with it," Barnett said. "Don’t turn the ball over and let the defense do their thing. As he matures and gets better he can become the center of the offense."
Oakland receives $34.2 million

A jury determined Oakland coliseum officials lied to general manager Al Davis and the Oakland Raiders.

The verdict in the lawsuit was far less than the $570 million to $833 million the Raiders sought to compensate for weak ticket sales and the declining value of the franchise.

Both sides promised to appeal the verdict — reached after more than 10 days of deliberations. The jury heard nearly four months of testimony from 45 witnesses and had more than 600 pieces of evidence to consider.

After the verdict was read, Raiders lawyer Roger Dreyer said he was disappointed with the award, but hours later he said the decision was a vindication for the team.

"The jury has determined that the Raiders were lied to, that the public was lied to, and that they were deceived." Dreyer said.

It was not immediately clear where the coliseum would get the money to pay the award because the coliseum commission, a nonprofit corporation, has no assets, said defense lawyer James Brosnahan.

"The Raiders have known that all along," Brosnahan said "It's really a hollow victory.

The case dates to 1995 when Davis, the legendary Raiders owner, maneuvered to get his team out of Southern California after revenues waned, the team's stadium was shaken by an earthquake and a deal collapsed to build a new stadium.

The deal gave the Raiders a $53 million loan, $10 million for a training complex and $100 million to renovate the coliseum, which is shared with the Oakland Athletics.

Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum, its chief negotiator Ed DeSilva and the now-defunct Arthur Andersen accounting firm were accused of intentionally misleading the team with its promises of sold-out games.

The jury ruled the coliseum acted negligently, but said none of the defendants intentionally misrepresented ticket sales.

The coliseum's lawyer said any box office flop should be partly blamed on high ticket prices and the Raiders' poor performance on the field upon their return to Oakland.

The Raiders are one of the most storied franchises in the NFL, from their days as an AFL power in the 1960s to their return to dominance in the last three years.

During that time, Davis' lengthy career has been marked by a bruising style of play on the field and an aggressive business approach that has made the organization the most litigious in the NFL.

The coliseum suit was similar to one the Raiders lost two years ago in Los Angeles, Davis claimed the NFL owed him $2 billion for spiking the deal to build a new stadium at the Hollywood Park race track.

A judge ordered a new trial because of juror misconduct, but the NFL is appealing.
USA BASKETBALL

Americans avenge loss in 94-86 win over Argentina

O'Neal scores 22 points, plays solid defense

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico -- America couldn't do it again. not with Jermaine O'Neal taking a huge first step on the road to redemption.

With an improved United States team showing greater degrees of poise and talent down the stretch, the Americans avenged a ground-breaking defeat of a year ago by defeating Argentina 94-86 Tuesday in the second round of the Tournament of the Americas.

Fittingly for the U.S. team, the star was O'Neal -- one of only two U.S. players held with last summer's team that finished a disappointing sixth at the World Championships.

O'Neal scored 22 points and made one of the biggest plays of the game at the defensive end, blocking a shot by Fabricio Oberto with 1:13 left -- a play that led to a fast-break dunk by Vince Carter off a pass from Allen Iverson for an 89-83 lead.

It was the only missed shot for O'Neal, who finished 8-for-9.

"Regardless of what happens, I'm always going to be marked in the record books as being on the first (U.S.) team to lose using NBA players," O'Neal said.

"That doesn't matter to me anymore. My goal now, and I think the only way I can see redemption, is to win the gold medal in the Olympics."

The United States remained undefeated in this Olympic qualifying tournament and improved to 22-0 in qualifiers. The Americans are 64-3 when using professional players in international tournaments, all three of the losses coming last summer.

With a contingent of Argentinian fans singing "Don't forget what happened last time," the teams played an intense four quarters.

The score was tied 74-74 with 6:11/2 minutes left before the U.S. team closed the game by scoring 20 of the final 32 points.

"The thrill comes from watching this group continue to mature," said U.S. assistant coach Gregg Popovich, who also was an assistant on last summer's U.S. team. "I still think about that once or twice a week."

We just won an NBA championship in San Antonio, and I probably think about (losing to Argentina). Yugoslavia and Spain as much or more than I do about the NBA championship because I'm a sick coach and I think about those things.

"It's not about redemption or anything else. They won that thing, you can't take that away. That hurt will be there forever. This is a new deal," Popovich said.

Tim Duncan scored 19 points, playing most of the fourth quarter with four fouls. Iverson had 13, and Carter and Mike Bibby scored 11 apiece.

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The second round continues on Thursday at 6 p.m. for the semifinals.

"If we have to play them again, it'll be a great game," U.S. coach Larry Brown said.

"We were very fortunate to win, that's obvious."

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Romanowski apologizes for fight with teammate

Raiders could face serious charges for incident

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Two days after Bill Romanowski seriously injured teammate Marcus Williams during a fight in practice, the Oakland Raiders' controversial veteran defensive end was remorseful and apologetic.

“I hold myself accountable,” Romanowski said of his latest episode of bad behavior. “It was a classic mistake by me.”

An apology might not be enough for Williams, whose eye socket was broken in the fight. The reserve tight end was placed on injured reserve — and he isn’t ruled out legal action, according to his agent, Lee Kolligian.

“There is no excuse for potentially ending a player’s football career?” Kolligian asked. “He’s kind of waiting to see the extent of the damage. ... We’d rather not (su) but, if it comes down that this man has ended his football career as a result of this incident, then I would hope we can get some compensation.”

Romanowski ripped off Williams’ helmet and punched the reserve tight end in the face, breaking his left orbital bone and chipping his tooth. The fight came at the end of a running play during a 9-on-7 drill Sunday.

Williams, a second-year pro who played mostly on special teams last season, was taken to a local hospital for a series of tests. He had eye specialists examine him and was told to rest at home for a week until the swelling goes down, but Williams still has double vision.

While trimming their roster Tuesday, the Raiders placed Williams on injured reserve, ending his season.

“It’s a little scary, if anything,” Kolligian said. “Especially he’s going to have no film. They’re not going to tape anything, not to market himself to another team next year, if that’s necessary.”

Romanowski was suspended for two games from Monday’s practice and fined an undisclosed amount by the team; but he was back in Alameda on Tuesday.

Romanowski said he had spoken with Williams since the incident. “I made my apologies,” Romanowski said. “I said what I had to say to him. I pretty much told everybody what I had to say. You can try to make excuses, but there’s no excuses. It just won’t happen again.”

Kolligian also apologized to the rest of the team prior to Tuesday’s practice. Afterward, some Raiders players seemed almost indifferent toward the incident.

“I don’t see it as a big problem,” linebacker Eric Johnson said. “It’s just something that happened. Bill is a part of the family, and so is Marcus. Brothers fight all the time.”

Raiders spokesman Jim Kuhn said the league won’t get involved in what it considers a team matter, leaving any discipline to the Raiders.

Romanowski has a history of on-field altercations during his 16-year NFL career — most notably for spitting on 49ers receiver J.J. Stokes. He has been fined several times by the league.

He had off-field troubles as well. Romanowski was acquitted in July 2001 on charges of illegally obtaining a prescription diet drug in 1994, and related charges against his wife, Julie, also were dropped.

He signed with Oakland before last season, and he finished second on the team in tackles while helping the Raiders to their first Super Bowl appearance since 1980. His influence on Oakland’s defense has been praised, and he hadn’t been in any trouble with the Raiders until this incident.

“Everybody knew what they were getting when he (Romanowski) came here,” guard Frank Middleton said. “As long as it doesn’t happen again, it’ll be fine.”

Romanowski, who spoke with coach Bill Callahan on Monday afternoon, denied having an anger problem.

“I’ve never really had problems controlling my temper,” Romanowski said. “I am an emotional guy. There are times I sometimes get carried away. I got carried away two days ago. I’m just going to make the best of this point forward. Can I move forward? I have no choice.”

“The punishment is not about a fine or about missing practice. It’s about what you learn as a person. You’ve got to look at yourself in the mirror and say, ‘I screwed up.’ There’s two reasons I play this game: One is my love and respect I have for the game, two is to win the Super Bowl, and I can’t do it without (teammates). I let my teammates down, and I apologized to them.”

Callahan didn’t speak to reporters on Tuesday, even though the Raiders made several cuts and roster moves.

McGahee to miss time

Willis McGahee will miss at least the first six weeks of the season after the Buffalo Bills placed the first-round draft pick on the reserve non-football injury list Tuesday.

The move was expected. The former Miami star running back continues to recover after tearing two ligaments in his left knee against the Miami Dolphins in a Super Bowl game in Miami last January.

Under NFL rules, McGahee could begin practicing between the end of week six and the end of week nine of the season. The Bills would then have a three-week window to determine whether to activate McGahee or sit him out for the rest of the season.

“This was totally expected and fair for the course,” said McGahee’s agent, Drew Rosenhaus. “It’s essentially on schedule with what the Bills said right along, that Willis can come back for the second half of the season.”

Rosenhaus added that he’s confident McGahee will be ready to play at midseason. Under the terms of the contract, Rosenhaus said that McGahee will also continue to be paid by the Bills while on the reserve list, and that the move will not affect his client’s bonus, which would have been paid.

McGahee had not yet begun practicing with the Bills since tearing the knee two weeks ago after suffering a heavily invasive laceration to a five-year contract potentially worth $15.3 million.

Upon arrival, McGahee was immediately placed on the active non-football injury list. He has since been limited to individual running drills and catching passes in a stationary position on the sideline.

In other moves, the Bills released third-year linebacker Brandon Spoon, second-year receiver Andre Bone and running back DeMont Parker.

Seahawks DT out for season

Seattle Seahawks defensive tackle Chad Eaton, who has had two operations on his right knee since May, was placed on injured reserve Tuesday, suggesting his season is over.

Coach Mike Holmgren, though, said he couldn’t rule out Eaton’s return.

There are options we have at the club’s disposal, if Chad’s willing to do some things,” Holmgren said. “We just have to see. It would be premature to talk about any right now. Let’s just see how it goes.”

The Seahawks apparently are considering reaching an injury settlement with Eaton, which would make him a free agent. He could re-sign with Seattle when he is healthy and return to the lineup this season.

The risk, of course, is having another team sign Eaton after the injury settlement.

Eaton is a proven run-stopper who started every game the past two years after joining the Seahawks as a free agent. He had spent the previous five seasons with New England after one year in the practice squad in Cleveland.

Eaton, who played college football at Washington State, was entering his eighth NFL season. He wasn’t at team headquarters Tuesday. He had surgery in May to remove bone chips from his knee, an operation a team spokesman said wasn’t performed by Seahawks doctors.

His second surgery, on Aug. 10, was done by team doctors during training camp. At the time, Eaton was characterized as an effort to reduce continued swelling. Eaton was expected to miss one month.

Last season, the 6-foot-5, 303-pound Eaton recovered three fumbles and recorded a sack while leading Seattle’s defensive linemen with 73 tackles. He was an emotional leader on the line.

“It’s my 11th year. I’m no longer shocked by anything,” linebackers coach Chad Brown said. “Players will see things from a player’s perspective. The coach’s job is to detach from the emotion and try to get the best players on the team. So apparently, he made that decision.”

The position is expected to be filled by Norman Hand, obtained from New Orleans in a draft-day trade this year, and fourth-year veteran Cedric Woodard.
NFL

Pace ends holdout, rejoins Rams line

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Rams' offensive line got a big boost Tuesday when left tackle Orlando Pace ended his holdout, signing a one-year contract as the team's franchise player.

The 6-foot-7, 320-pound Pace signed for the franchise tender offer of $5.73 million.

"I'm just glad to have him in here," coach Mike Martz said. "I know that for players that business aspect is very difficult, and as a coach you can't draw any conclusions.

"He's got to do what he's got to do, but once he's here he's ours, and that stuff is all aside now."

Pace, the top pick in the 1997 draft, has been voted to the Pro Bowl in four of his six seasons. Injuries last season limited him to 10 games, but he still made the Pro Bowl.

Pace practiced with the Rams on Tuesday. Martz said he reported in good condition and would play Thursday when St. Louis hosts Kansas City in the preseason finale.

"I think it's important to get in a little bit and mix it up," Martz said. "I say just a little bit, I don't know how much."

The Rams open the season Sept. 7 against the Giants in New York. Pace doesn't know what type of shape he'll be in then.

"We'll have to wait until we get there," Pace said. "I'm going to work through it. It's really just getting myself in shape and ready to play."

The Rams believe with Pace in the lineup, they have the makings of one of the NFL's best offensive lines. Pace is joined by offseason acquisitions Dave Wohlabaugh at center and Kyle Turley at right tackle, along with guards Adam Timmerman and Andy McCollum.

Last season, the line took much of the blame as the Rams started 0-5 on their way to a disappointing 7-9 season. Quarterbacks Kurt Warner, Jamie Martin and Marc Bulger all were injured last season, in part because of the line's inability to stop the pass rush.

The Rams and Pace had been at a contract stalemate since February, when the team designated Pace its franchise player.

Rams' left offensive tackle Orlando Pace speaks with the press Tuesday. Pace ended a holdout and signed a one-year deal for the franchise tender offer of $5.73 million.
Southern Cal faces first test without Heisman passer

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES—Southern California finds out this weekend just how much Heisman Trophy winning-quarterback Carson Palmer will be missed.

The eighth-ranked Trojans open the season Saturday at No. 6 Auburn with a quarterback who has yet to throw a college pass—redshirt sophomore Jeff Leinart.

The change "is about as drastic as you can get," USC coach Pete Carroll out of Mater Dei H.S. in Santa Ana, is eager to play.

"Oh man, it's going to be fun," the 6-foot-5, 220-pounder said. "It's going to be a tough game, a tough crowd."

Leinart played briefly last year, getting into three games but not throwing a pass. His last pass was during a California-Florida high school all-star contest in more than two years.

"I feel like I haven't played for forever," he said.

Like Carroll, said Tuesday. "Hopefully we are able to transition with a young guy."

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"Carson Palmer had a marvelous year and really benefited from the system and the players around him," Carroll said.

The Trojans return 14 starters from a team that won its final eight games, including a 38-17 rout of Iowa in the Orange Bowl. Palmer is the only missing star, though. The Trojans also lost tailbacks Justin Fargas, Sultan McCullough and Malaefou MacKenzie, along with two-time All-American safety Troy Polamalu.

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"He's a bright kid who knows our system very well," the coach said. "He's been around the whole evolution of it and has shown that he knows what's going on. Now he has to settle into a game and carry that out." Leinart, among the nation's top high school quarterbacks.

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Pete Carroll coach

USC coach Pete Carroll waves his playbook during a game versus Stanford last season. Carroll returns 14 starters but will be without the services of Helmsman quarterback Carson Palmer.

"What we want to have happen is to have our starting quarterback again benefit from the system and the players around him," Carroll said.

"Carson Palmer is the only missing star, though. The Trojans also lost tailbacks Justin Fargas, Sultan McCullough and Malaeafou MacKenzie, along with two-time All-American safety Troy Polamalu. Hershel Dennis, who rushed for 198 yards on 49 carries last fall, will start at tailback, with freshmen Reggie Bush, LenDale White and Chauncey Washington the backups.

"The freshman class has really given us great depth and we have an opportunity to prepare them for the future," Carroll said. "And the same aspects we're hopeful for, we're also concerned with — the young guys. It's different playing on your home field, as opposed to going to Auburn for the first game."

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### Pro Tennis

**Michael Chang acknowledges the crowd at the U.S. Open Tuesday in Flushing Meadows, N.Y. Chang lost to Fernando Gonzalez in the first round of the U.S. Open in his last match as a professional.**

**With Chang retiring, Agassi's alone**

Associated Press

New York — It's getting a bit lonely out there for Andre Agassi.

One by one, the generation of American stars who grew up playing junior tennis against each other in the 1980s and collected Grand Slam singles titles together for more than a decade is calling it quits.

Michael Chang lost his final match as a pro Tuesday at the U.S. Open in a far more muted farewell than Pete Sampras' retirement announcement the night before. Jim Courier, the first of the old gang to stop, called Chang's match from the TV booth.

And Agassi? He isn't done yet, not by a long shot.

Still calibrating points perfectly, lacing lines with hit-it-as-soon-as-possible groundstrokes, the 33-year-old Agassi began his run as the oldest top-seeded player in the Open era by beating Alex Corretja 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 in the first round.

"It's a weird feeling. You just sort of expect to leave the game with the ones you came with. When they decide that it's time for them, it's a sad feeling," Agassi said.

"I'm certainly proud to still be doing this, this long and at this level."

While Sampras waited a year after his last match—beating Agassi in the 2002 U.S. Open final—to tell the world he was finished, Chang has been on a farewell tour since the beginning of the season and made clear the Open would be his last.

And unlike the half-hour tribute to Sampras replete with a choir and speeches, there was no big celebration of Chang's career Tuesday, although the U.S. Tennis Association has talked with him about doing something next month.

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"A lot depends on how it reacts this month," Vizquel said. "If it keeps swelling up, then we have to think about what needs to be done to make it better. I hope everything will be OK and I'm ready to play all the way next year."

Vizquel was batting .255 with two home runs and 18 RBIs in 59 games before getting hurt. The 36-year-old is signed through next season and has a mutual option on his contract with the Indians for 2005.

"The injury is there," he said. "The doctors said I can't do any more damage by playing and now it is about seeing how much pain I have when I do. And to see how much it swells up."

Vizquel said he will wear a brace during games as a precaution and hopefully discard it after two weeks.

"Omar says he feels good, but has moments of soreness," manager Eric Wedge said. "We'll take it day by day."

Only a few thousand fans were on hand for the start of his match against No. 15-seeded Fernando Gonzalez, but, as always, Chang gave it his all.

"On court, it would be nice to be able to be remembered as a person that gave his best — win, lose or draw," said Chang, whose career highlight was winning the 1989 French Open at age 17. "It's going to be tough leaving tennis."

He had his chances against Gonzalez, and produced a few top-notch shots, but in the end succumbed to the Chilean's all-out power game 6-3, 7-5, 7-6, 4.

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ND SOFTBALL

Offense quieted late in backbreaking loss to Michigan

Wolverines' Marissa Young strikes out 14 batters in victory

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

It was a real Jekyll-and-Hyde game — an offensive explosion for two innings, and then a pitcher's duel for the last five. Unfortunately, it was the Irish who came up short.

On May 17, Notre Dame's 2002-03 season came to an end with a 5-3 loss to Michigan who came up short.

Michigan continued on in the tournament to face California in the regional championship, losing 1-0 to the Bears. California would advance to the national championship, losing 1-0 to UCLA.

"I think we've been on the bubble of the College World Series for three straight years now," said coach Deanna Gumpf. "We want to maybe go in a new direction next year and do what we can to reach that next step." It was the Wolverines who lept out to the lead early in the game. The bottom of the first inning began with two Notre Dame errors before Melinda Moulden hit a three-run home run to give Michigan a 3-0 lead.

"The lead was short-lived, however, as the Irish came right back to tie it up in the top of the second with a three-run home run from left fielder Liz Hartmann. "That's how we were all year," Gumpf said. "We got ourselves out of tough jams from left fielder Liz Hartmann. "That's how we were all year," Gumpf said. "We got ourselves out of tough jams all year. Our girls really fought, but they just didn't have enough to get it done this time." Notre Dame got its leadoff runner on base in the inning when first baseman Lisa Mattison hit a single up the middle and was replaced by pinch runner Sarah Schoonert. Designated hitter Megan Rutherfurd struck out on four pitches for the first out of the inning, but catcher Malorie Lenn hit a three-run bomb to left field to tie the game at three runs apiece.

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ND BASEBALL

Irish unable to re-create miracle CWS finish of 2002

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

After Notre Dame's first College World Series appearance in nearly 50 years in the summer of 2002, the bar of expectations for future Irish baseball teams was set remarkably high for a northern school.

Even though the Irish were unable to attain their goal of returning to Omaha, Neb., for the College World Series, they made an impressive showing in the NCAA Tournament in 2003. The Irish were eliminated in the NCAA Regionals by Cal-State Fullerton.

The Irish began the NCAA post season on a winning note by capturing the Big East Tournament title in Bridgeport, N.J., after finishing only third during the regular season. The feat marked the first time a team repeated as Big East Tournament champion since St. John's did it in 1986.

To capture the title, the Irish kept the Big East rival Rutgers 11-3 in the championship game. Notre pitcher Matt Laird — starting his first game in over three years — worked a complete game, allowing only two earned runs for the victory.

Catcher Javi Lopez capped off his 8-11 tournament, for which he was named Big East Tournament MVP, with a 2-for-3 performance against the Scarlet Knights.

Third baseman Matt Edwards was also dominant at the plate, going 3-for-4 with three RBIs and a run scored. First baseman Joe Thaman, who experienced an offensive explosion in the post season, added his own 3-for-4, three RBI, one run performance in the victory.

But earning the conference title was not enough to convince the NCAA selection committee to grant Notre Dame a host site for the tournament. In fact, the Irish were sent all the way to California to take on No. 7 Cal-State Fullerton.

In the opening game of the regional, Notre Dame belted out 17 hits to knock off Arizona 13-5. Again, Edwards, Sanchez and Thaman combined for most of the offensive firepower, as the trio went a collective 7-for-11 with six RBI and six runs scored.

The Irish also used a solid pitching performance from Ryan Kalita, who worked eight innings and allowed four earned runs in the winning effort to improve to 7-1 on the season.

In their second game, the Irish ran into trouble with Cal-State Fullerton. With the score tied 3-3 in the top of the ninth, the Titans used a two-out double to score the go-ahead run and hold on for the victory.

Then trying to play catch-up with the Titans, the Irish staved off elimination with a 6-3 victory to knock out San Diego. The surprising Laird again pitched a strong game for Notre Dame, working 8 2 innings and allowing only one earned run.

But the victory would be the last of the season for the Irish, who finished the year 45-18, as they were eliminated from the tournament in an 8-1 loss at the hands of the Titans.

Second baseman Steve Sollmann finished the year as the leading hitter for the Irish with a .384 batting average. He also paced the team in runs scored for the year, with 67. Edwards was just behind Sollmann at .376, but led Notre Dame in RBIs and home runs with 69 and 8, respectively.

Right-handed pitcher Chris Niesel was named Big East Pitcher of the Year, as he finished the season 9-1 with a 2.65 ERA and 87 strikeouts in 80 1/3 innings pitched.

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Stefanie Simmerman attempts a putt. Simmerman won the national title for Saint Mary's in the spring. "Yeah!" Simmerman shouted as the ball had landed within 18 feet of the hole. Hamilton couldn't say enough about Simmerman's clutch shot.

"It really saved it up for her because anything could have happened on that (third) shot," said Hamilton. "It was a shot Tiger Woods himself would take." Simmerman putted for par and finished her tournament. A little while later she clinched her national championship by birdieing the hole.

"That was my shot of the tournament," Simmerman said.

Repeat champion With one national title under her belt, the Saint Mary's junior knows there will be more pressure this year. But she's ready for the challenge and remains humble despite all her success.

"Hopefully, we can win the conference championship again as a team," Simmerman said. "I haven't set that many goals because I don't want to put that pressure on me. Coach said he could see me as Div. III Player of the Year and he asked me what I thought about that. I said, 'Yeah, we've got a chance.'"

Simmerman and the Belles will begin their quest for another conference championship as a team. "It's a great feeling to be with all these great players and have a shot at the national championship again," Simmerman said.

"I'm looking forward to our upcoming matches," Hamilton added. "The more we can get together and practice as a team, the better we'll be.

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Exhibition matches showcase Irish offense and fitness

**Irish emerge with a win and a tie from preseason schedule**

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

The games might not count, but that doesn't mean they're insignificant.

The 12th-ranked Irish competed in a pair of exhibition matches recently, defeating No. 11 Saint Louis 2-0 Saturday on the road and tying Michigan 1-1 Monday night at home.

In Saturday's game, the Irish were led by forward Justin Detter, who had three points and was a factor in both goals for his team. He got Notre Dame on the board in the 49th minute with a 12-yard shot that beat Saint Louis goalkeeper Martin Hutton. Detter would later assist on the second goal of the game, as forward Devon Prescod picked up a free ball out of a scramble in front of the net and shot it into the goal.

Prescod and Detter were the offensive forces for the Irish in that game, accounting for seven of Notre Dame's 10 shots on goal. Irish goalkeeper Chris Sawyer needed to make only two saves to preserve the shutout.

The game was played before a crowd of 9,008 at Saint Louis' Robert R. Hermann Stadium, the second-largest men's soccer attendance in the country.

Monday, the Irish hoped to use their momentum to take care of an unranked Michigan and were led by an attendance of over 1,500 who came out to watch the exhibition at Alumni Field.

Early in the first period, it looked like it might be another easy win for the Irish, with the home team putting pressure on the Michigan defense with a series of great runs and a few shots which just missed the target.

Notre Dame finally took advantage of their offensive dominance in the 20th minute of the first half when Prescod scored his second goal in as many games. Midfielder Greg Martin dribbled the ball up the left side of the field, and then made a nice pass to Prescod in traffic, who then lobbed a shot past Michigan goalkeeper Peter Druxay. Midfielder Jack Stewart was also awarded an assist on the play.

Michigan's best chance in the first half came with about ten minutes to play when Wolverine forward Kevin Robinson got off a hard shot, which was blocked by Irish defenseman Ren Creuse. Sawyer came diving out to collect the rebound, which set off a loud cheer by the student section as the Irish were able to maintain their 1-0 lead going into halftime.

The lead didn't last long. Just two minutes into the second half, Michigan scored the equalizer as speedy forward Jeff Mirmelstein dribbled around two Irish defenders and then shot the ball through another Irish player's legs and past a diving Sawyer.

It was Michigan who had most of the pressure early in the second half, playing with much more physical edge and seemingly catching the Irish off guard with play from quick forwards like Mirmelstein. Midfielder Greg Martin nearly caught the Irish defense with a shot in the 24th minute after a collision.

"[Sawyer] comes out with a lot of big saves," Clark said. "That was a real opportunity for [Michigan]."

Despite outshooting the Wolverines 15-9, the Irish were unable to come up with another goal and the game ended in a tie. Sawyer made three saves for the Irish, and Prescod was the leading scorer with two points.

"I really thought our guys looked the fitter team," Clark said. "It's nice to win them all, but at the end of the day they really don't count. We got a few of our freshmen in this game, and I think a few more players got a bit more confident tonight."

"The crowd was terrific," he added. "I wish we'd been able to give them more goals. Maybe they'll come back and we can give them some more next time."

The Irish open up the regular season Friday against Alabama-Birmingham in opening round action of the adidas/U Credit Union Classic in Bloomington, Ind. Notre Dame opens regular season play at home Saturday, Sept. 9, against Big East-rival St. John's.

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Rewriting history

Simmerman wins Saint Mary's first national title

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

The license plate on the back of Saint Mary's golfer Stefanie Simmerman's 2003 Toyota Four Runner says SMC GOLF — a mini promotion of sorts for a school that hasn't seen much athletic success in its 160-year history.

After the four-day D-III national golf championship tournament in Wisconsin last May, Simmerman did more to promote Saint Mary's athletics than any person ever before. The then sophomore shot a 23-over 315 to win the D-III national title by four strokes and give the Belles their first national championship — individual or team — in school history.

"It was very exciting. I'm glad I got Saint Mary's name out there. Hopefully it'll bring some recruits in and help us become better in the future," Simmerman said.

Simmerman's championship was news across the country. She was quoted in numerous papers, from her hometown in Arizona to USA Today, and she also became a finalist for the D-III Female Athlete of Year. She was easily the most known athlete in Saint Mary's history and put the Belles on the map nationally in Div II sports.

And all this from a girl who didn't focus solely on golf until her junior year of high school.

Growing up

Simmerman grew up with three loves — golf, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. Her mother was a Belles graduate and her father attended Notre Dame. She remembers watching Irish football games at home with her parents and even traveling to see games in person with her family.

Her father introduced her to the game of golf, often taking her to the course when he played with his buddies. By the time Simmerman attended high school, she was an outstanding

FOOTBALL

Chris Olsen brothers leave team within days of each other

Chris enrolls at Virginia, Greg may land at Miami

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Greg Olsen, a freshman tight end on the football team, asked for his release from the Monday morning and will transfer to another school, two days after older brother Chris left the Irish to enroll at the University of Virginia, father Chris Olsen Sr. confirmed Monday afternoon.

Both brothers were highly-recruited out of high school, with Chris Olsen being a top 15 quarterback recruit and Greg being the top tight end recruit in the nation, according to many publications.

Chris Olsen Sr. said that Chris called him last week and told his dad that he had four years left to play football and Notre Dame may not be the place for him.

After debating for another day, Chris decided to transfer to Virginia, a school that had recruited him heavily out of high school. Under NCAA rules, the sophomore must sit out one year, and then he will have three years of eligibility remaining.

Chris Olsen Sr. said that Greg, a freshman who had yet to take one class at Notre Dame, then made his decision to change schools in part because his older brother had left.

"One of the reasons (for Greg transferring) was the fact that Chris left. (Notre Dame) wasn't the right place," Chris Olsen Sr. said.

Irish lose another QB, have kept only two in past 7 years

To understand what makes the Notre Dame quarterback position so unique, go find Carlyle Holiday and Brady Quinn, the only two scholarship quarterback recruits on the team.

Their presence in Notre Dame, Ind., alone is enough testimony to the difficulty of wearing a gold helmet in practice.

Holiday and Quinn are the only players since 1997 who entered Notre Dame as quarterbacks and haven't changed positions or transferred.

Zak Kustok transferred to Northwestern. Arnaz Battle played quarterback for two seasons before a broken wrist prompted a switch to receiver. Battle's broken wrist gave Gary Godsey the opportunity to play quarterback, but his ineffectiveness paved the way for a position change to tight end. Matt LoVecchio - Holiday's classmate - took over as a freshman for Godsey, but transferred two years later to Indiana.

Jared Clark, one of the other members of the 2000 freshman class, switched to tight end last spring when it became apparent

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BASEBALL

The Irish won the Big East Tournament last spring, but lost in the NCAA regional. The team battled Cal State Fullerton, but lost two to the eventual regional champs.

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SOFTBALL

Another successful season ends for the Irish a step away from the College World Series as Michigan ended the team's season.

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MENS SOCCER

The Irish defeated St. Louis in an exhibition 2-0, then tied Michigan 1-1. The team starts its regular season next week.