Tickets marked up on the Web

By MATT BRAMANTI

With the beginning of the Notre Dame football season just a day away, everyone was getting ready. Information can be found on Internet auction sites like eBay — for a hefty price.

A search of eBay revealed sellers across the country offering dozens of tickets for every Irish home game this season. For tomorrow's opener against Washington State, sellers are asking for $2,750 apiece.

The more high-profile games of the 2003 campaign — against Michigan, Florida State, and USC — are already commanding stratospheric prices. In some cases upwards of $500 each. These prices are expected to rise even further as the rivalry games draw nearer.

Demand for tickets, while always high, has spiked since the arrival of head coach Tyrone Willingham and Notre Dame's "Return to Glory." Fans from around the country are eager to pay hundreds of dollars for the privilege to be part of the famed sea of green.

Irish Inquisition aims to provoke discussion

By CLAIRE HEININGER

Something medieval is in the air at Notre Dame, and it's not just the Gothic buildings sprawled across campus. Starting in late September, a new campus program called the Irish Inquisition will bring all the suspense, intrigue and strategy of a medieval court-room into the Oak Room above South Dining Hall.

The Irish Inquisition program has been in the works since last semester, said Ed Cohen, Notre Dame Magazine associate editor and Irish Inquisition advisor.

In December of 2002, Cohen noticed that many of his fellow faculty and staff members had strong opinions on the war in Iraq; however, only those in political science and directly related fields ever got the opportunity to participate in panel discussions on the topic.

"We didn't want anyone to be stifled," Cohen said. "The idea was to have a relaxed public place for them to speak their hearts and minds about these issues. Bringing people in one after another drew comparisons to a courtroom setting, which turned into the metaphor of an Inquisition."

The setting of a mock medieval trial also provides a change from the usual discussion backgrounds of classrooms and lecture halls.

"We wanted to keep it irreverent and lighthearted," Cohen said. "It's partly satirical, Saturday Night Live and Seinfeld-type humor, stuff that students like. But it was also important to preserve the original idea of giving people a place to speak their minds."

In a unique twist on most scheduled campus discussions, the Inquisition process is actually initiated by students. A current issue — anything from the war in Iraq to abortion to the latest struggles of the Irish offense — will be announced around campus weeks in advance of the trial date.

Then, if a student is particularly eager to hear the opinion of a faculty or staff member on this issue, he or she may issue a summons to that individual. The summons will be sent anonymously via e-mail and will request the employee's appearance at a public gathering to contribute his or her thoughts on the announced topic.

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INSIDE COLUMN

The tradition continues

With another football season upon us, I can only write my column on the traditions that go hand in hand with Irish football. So what if I'm only a sophomore ... I have been watching Notre Dame football since I was a little girl. Have I always been an Irish fan? Not exactly. But I have always been a sports fan, particularly a football and baseball fan. Since arriving here South Bend over a year ago, I've quickly learned the going on around campus in regards to football.

It's an incredible tradition to learn the cheers, dance the Irish jig and boost the team. No matter if it is the Atlanta Braves, my home team, or if it is the Atlanta Braves, my home team, or the Atlanta Braves, my home team. I choose to live these years as a crazy, but grounded, woman, living a respectable life. Or at least trying as hard as I can. I choose to participate in the silly traditions of being a Notre Dame and Saint Mary's student.

So I shall spend my precious weekend watching football — both Notre Dame football and the NFL games flooding the television. (Okay, so some of the world will be about baseball, but only if it is the Atlanta Braves, my home team.) And if I'm lucky, which I hope I am, I'll be able to watch my Atlanta Falcons beat the Dallas Cowboys, even though I'm a fan of the entire Midwest.

So tradition and a weekend full of sports, here I come.

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a production error, the headlines "Saint College bonus over $2M," and "Training schedule conflicts mean in remissions" were misleading. Only two RAs from Saint lost their positions as a result of training conflicts. The Observer regrets the error.

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In Brief

Irish Fighting for St. Jude, a service club that raises money for the St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., will sponsor a Krispy Kreme donut sale today. The sale begins at 8:15 a.m. outside DelBartolo Hall. Cheer for the Irish during the first football pep rally of the season. The rally begins at 6 p.m. tonight at the JACC.

Moreau Galleries will present the SISTAR Grant Project by Sandy Ginter and Lisa Ritter during their regular hours today and through Saturday.

Notre Dame professor of music and composer Ethan Haimo will present a lecture titled "How to Listen to Concert Duo." The event takes place today at 3:30 p.m. at the Suite Museum Annenberg Auditorium. The lecture is open to the public.

A special viewing of "Rudy" will be shown on North Quad this evening. The movie begins at 10 p.m.

The Midnight Drummer's Circle will take place tonight at the Fieldhouse Mall and the Main Building Steps. The performance begins at 11:30 p.m. Pizza will be served.

Enjoy music and dancing at Legends of Notre Dame. The music starts tonight at midnight and continues until 4 a.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.
Registrar's office offers online degree audit

By WILL PUCKETT
News Writer

This fall marks another addition to IrishLink's repertoire, as students returned from summer break to find an online Degree Audit available. The feature, currently available to sophomores, juniors and graduate students, is slated to become available to all students next fall.

"We staggered the rollout in an effort to make sure that first, any bugs that cropped up could be taken care of, and second, seniors would still be sure to use their advisers," Doug McKenna, degree audit specialist at the Registrar's Office, said.

The rollout has not been completely without problems, however. According to McKenna, there are two major known bugs.

"There are some known problems with the service," two major ones, the first being that dual degree students can only display one of their degrees at a time, and the second that study abroad classes are given class designations that the computer can't handle very well," McKenna said.

McKenna stressed that most problems that have been reported to the Registrar's Office have not been technical issues, and problems that have been reported are largely positive. An e-mail was sent to students eligible to use the online Degree Audit, in hopes of raising student awareness of the new option open to them. However, some students were still not aware of the new program.

"We really want this to be a tool for advising, not a replacement for the adviser themselves," Preacher said. "It's been a long process, but we feel like it's very useful."

In fact, advisers no longer use the webpage, or are at least aware of its existence, but have not fully utilized it.

"I checked it out the other day, I didn't really think much about it," said junior Kirk Gomsak. Also, at least one transfer student expressed questions about how up-to-date and useful the program was.

"I looked at it, but it was already so far out of date, especially since I was a transfer student, so I didn't really find it much help," junior Colin Sharkey said.

While there does appear to be some knowledge out there about online Degree Audit, it is still a young technology option for students. The primary source for help in scheduling should, as reiterated by Preacher and McKenna, remain advisers.

In the future, however, McKenna hopes that as more students use it, it will go as smoothly as the recent rollout did.

"The first rollout went very smoothly, and we hope that as more students are able to use it, that that goes smoothly as well," McKenna said.

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Price difference puzzles students

By ANNE MAHONEY
New Water

As Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students purchased sea­son football tickets last week, many saw a significant differ­ence in the amount they paid compared to that of Notre Dame students.

The price difference of $48 has caused some controversy at the three campuses as students questioned the difference in price. Staff members have speculat­ed over the real reason for the price difference and whether it is fair to the students at Saint Mary's and Holy Cross.

"They understand when we are paying for the same seats, especially when the schools are so closely-knit and have a histo­ry of over 150 years together," said Saint Mary's junior Chrisy Dunham.

Notre Dame students receive a 50 percent discount off of the regular ticket price whereas Saint Mary's and Holy Cross pay two-thirds more than Notre Dame students, according to Jim Fraleigh, assistant athletic director of ticketing.

"The fluctuation in the price difference is based solely upon the percentage of price increase each year for Notre Dame," he said.

As for the conjecture that Notre Dame is slowly trying to out-price Saint Mary's and Holy Cross, Fraleigh noted that despite higher prices, ticket sales are at their highest level in six years.

Although the tickets are expensive for any student, some students say the price difference may create a rift between the schools.

"If the trend continues, Notre Dame sports teams might lose support from their friends at Saint Mary's," said Notre Dame senior John Rain. "We should­n't allow a gap to grow between the schools."

Other students, however, were less sympathetic.

"Notre Dame students pay for tuition at Notre Dame and shouldn't have to pay as much as those students who attend different schools," said Maria Desilva, a junior at Notre Dame. "The lower prices are a privilege that Notre Dame stu­dents deserve for paying tuition at Notre Dame."

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part begins, as the summoned are each given 10 minutes in the chair, which is surrounded by a couch nearly as big as the student — to speak their feel­ings and opinions. Modeled after the Spanish Inquisition, the next step is to put this testi­mony against the questions of the Grand Inquisitor, who has cut an imposing figure as em­battled leaders and is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the stadium, particularly during the fall season.

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is particularly hectic, prepar­ing for football season is a con­stant undertaking. Dan Brazo, athletic facilities manager for the Athletic Department, agreed.

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"We have one guy who comes up from Kentucky for every game," fellow usher Jim Foghtino said. Foghtino works at the top of the stadium in Section 130-135, which he refers to as the "overflow sec­tion" because it is often used to relocate fans from elsewhere in the stadium.

Foghtino, like many of his col­leagues, said he was drawn to the Notre Dame usher program seven years ago because he liked football, particularly Irish football.

"The best game I've seen in this stadium was the Michigan- Notre Dame game, when Rocket kept running it back," he said, referring to former Irish flanker Baghii "Rocket" Temoval. "They kept trying to get it past him, but Rocket just kept running it back."

Stories and memories abound among this group, the largest usher program in the world, and established by Knute Rockne at the University's old Carrier Field in 1930. The original 1,000 ush­ers recruited took the place of the Boy Scouts that had for­merly seated fans at Irish foot­ball games.

The program has come a long way since its establishment in Section 19-24 usher Eudell Sporn said it's all about the love of the game.

"I've always been interested in football," he said. "Most ushers are there because they want to be at the game."

Sporn, who has been an usher at the stadium for 33 years, said the best part of his job has been interacting with the fans, mostly season ticket holders, in his section.

"We make sure all the fans are greeted when they get in," he said. "We make sure they know they are wel­come at Notre Dame."

That kind of dedication is what Gagnon likes to hear for his students in the Stadium. "You want to work in the stadium, for better or for worse, it's different — you don't get the kind of attention and service you do at Notre Dame," he said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

France, Germany reject U.S. draft

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Associated Press

DRESDEN, Germany — France and Germany refused Thursday to support a U.S. resolution that would spread the burden of running postwar Iraq.

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U.S. wants increase in Iraqi troops

BAGHDAD — American officials want to speed up training for Iraqi security forces, including former members of Saddam Hussein's military and intelligence services, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said Thursday.

Making Iraq safe is a job for Iraqis, and no more U.S. troops are needed in the country, Rumsfeld said after meeting in the capital with top military and civilian officials of the American-led occupation.

"Security is a problem, but it's a problem that, ultimately, the Iraqi people will deal with, with the help of coalition forces," Rumsfeld said at an impromptu news conference.

NATIONAL NEWS

Estrada withdraws nomination

WASHINGTON — Miguel Estrada, whose nomination became a flash point for Democratic opposition to President Bush's judicial choices, withdrew from consideration for an appeals court seat Thursday after Republicans failed in seven attempts to break a Senate filibuster.

President Bush called Estrada's treatment "an outrageous abuse of power." Bush said Estrada was asked if he was a casualty of the White House's insistence on stacking federal appeals courts with conservatives.

"This should serve as a wakeup call to the White House that it cannot simply expect the Senate to rubber-stamp judicial nominees," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., one of the leading opponents to Bush's nominees.

Concern about Iran nukes grows

WASHINGTON — Concerns about Iran's nuclear program is prompting the Bush administration to consult with other nations on how the international watchdog agency can apply restraints.

The result could be a proposed resolution for the meeting next Monday in Vienna of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

"We would look for the board to take appropriate action," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Thursday.

LOCAL NEWS

Mother receives 40-year sentence

INDIANAPOLIS — A woman on Thursday sentenced to 40 years in prison for leaving her 5-year-old son in the bed of a pickup truck, where he died from the heat.

Mary Edwards was given consecutive 20-year sentences on two counts of felony child neglect. A 24-year-old woman in June.

David Lynn Edwards III died in July 2002 after being left in a pickup truck for at least an hour, on a day when temperatures reached the high 90s.

U.S. softens stance toward N. Korea

WASHINGTON — Showing new flexibility, the United States is preparing to make concessions in North Korea in advance of that country's elimination of nuclear weapons programs, a senior State Department official said Thursday.

North Korea "would not have to do everything" before getting something in return, said the official, who briefed reporters before Bush's six-nation meeting in China on the North Korean nuclear crisis.

The official's comments suggested a softening of the previous U.S. position that North Korea would have to dismantle its nuclear programs before the United States would be willing to offer concessions.

That stand was based on the U.S. perception that offering concessions in advance would reward North Korea for violating international commitments to not produce nuclear weapons.

Last week's meeting, in addition to North Korea and the United States, brought together China, Japan, South Korea and Russia.

The official, who asked not to be identified, described the three days of talks as a good beginning that set the stage for progress when the discussions resume, probably in Beijing before the end of the year.

On the other hand, a U.S. official said that North Korean statements over the past several days have failed to take into account the flexibility that he said the U.S. delegation in Beijing had demonstrated.

The U.S. presentation was intended to persuade the North Koreans that it is in their interest to turn away from nuclear weapons, the official said.

In its first official public comment on the discussions, North Korea said in a statement last Saturday, "The talks only reinforced our confidence that there is no other option for us but to further increase the nuclear deterrent force."
Saint Mary's gets a new endowed chair

By MEGAN O'NEIL

Saint Mary’s has established the school’s first endowed chair in the sciences, the Denis DeBartolo York Faculty Chair of Science. Dorothy Feigl, long-time chemistry professor and former vice president and dean of faculty has been appointed as the inaugural chair holder.

Officially announced at the conclusion of last semester, the chair will have a special emphasis on science education. It is intended to support a faculty member who is committed to both the field of science and students.

Feigl, regarded as a scientist dedicated to education by many on campus, said she was surprised to hear that she had been selected as the first chair-holder. She said that she anticipated the position to go to a professor in the early stages of his career.

“There are very good teachers and very good scientists in this department,” Feigl said. “For me to be picked out is a real honor.”

Feigl, who has taught chemistry at Saint Mary’s since 1966, said she is enthusiastic about the addition of an endowed chair to the science department, and the prestige it will bring.

“It is a kind of marker which speaks of the quality of the program,” she said. “You can use it as a tool for the future.”

She said she is also pleased that the focus of the chair is on science education — something that she says validates her life-long passion of teaching chemistry.

“The greatest satisfaction for me is when teaching and learning mix. You can be a scholar and a teacher,” Feigl said.

The Saint Mary’s Science Department has a long history of instructing women in the sciences. The college was among the first to provide instruction for women interested in the field of medicine. In 1963, Saint Mary’s began to offer the first pharmacology degree available to women. The college was also the first institution to provide a bacteriology course in the state of Indiana.

Denise DeBartolo York, a 1972 Saint Mary’s graduate, and her husband Dr. John York sponsored the $1 million chair through the Marie Denis DeBartolo York Foundation. The endowment, DeBartolo York said, is a reflection of her family’s dedication to promoting women in the field of sciences.

The Denis DeBartolo Chair becomes the sixth endowed faculty chair at Saint Mary’s.

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New citizenship oath takes effect

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Immigrants will gladly raise their hands to a citizenship oath that eliminates a reference to princes and potentates, an immigrant advocate predicted Thursday. But a critic said the rewrite removes the oath’s majesty.

Immigration officials will use the new oath for the first time in a naturalization ceremony Sept. 17. Eduardo Aguirre Jr., director of Citizenship and Immigration Services, has said that the oath needed to be updated so its language makes “more sense to the brain.”

In the current oath, immigrants swear to “renounce and abjure” allegiance to princes and potentates.

In the new oath, they “solemnly, freely and without any mental reservation . . . renounce . . . all allegiance to any foreign state.”

The new oath is similar to one contained in a 1997 immigration reform to Congress written by a commission led by former Texas Congresswoman Barbara Jordan. That commission suggested that the oath be revised, said Russ Knoke, spokesman for Citizenship and Immigration Services in the Homeland Security Department.

“That’s a beautiful thing,” said Angela Kelley, National Immigration Forum deputy director, after the oath was read to her. “The hundreds of thousands of people waiting in the naturalization backlog will gladly raise their hands to it.”

But Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, which says validates her life-long passion for teaching chemistry.

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Regardless, the laws of supply and demand still apply, and Notre Dame ticket prices remain the hottest commodity around. The scarcity of tickets and the corresponding high prices have caused complaints among students.

Scalpers have driven prices of tickets out of students’ reach, said Knott Hall freshman Liam Zakko.

“They’re just too expensive,” he said.

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IN BRIEF

U.S. productivity rate soars
WASHINGTON — America's businesses pumped out more with fewer employees last quarter in a big boost for productivity, and new claims for unemployment benefits are ris­ ing, underscoring the strains facing workers even as the economy gains momentum.

Productivity — the amount an employee pro­ duces for each hour of work — soared at an annual rate of 6.8 percent in the April-to-June quarter, marking the largest increase since the first quarter of 2002, according to revised fig­ ures released Thursday by the Labor Department. That was even stronger than the govern­ ment's initial estimate of a 5.7 percent growth rate.

The productivity gain comes as 170,000 jobs were added last quarter, the second quarter and businesses squeezed more efficiency out of the workers they kept.

In another report from the department, new applications for jobless benefits rose last week by a seasonally adjusted 15,000 to 413,000, the highest point since the middle of July.

Crude oil drops to two-month low
The price of crude dropped below $29 a barrel for the first time in more than two months on Thursday, as government data revealed a big increase in national­ wide supplies of oil and gasoline.

While commercial inventories of both oil and gasoline are roughly 6 percent below last year's level, crude imports have been relative­ ly strong for the past month, and demand for gasoline is expected to taper off now that the summer driving season is over.

Analysts say oil prices could drop further, although that will partly depend on how much heating oil homeowners use in the upcoming fall and winter. With heating oil inventories already low, an early cold snap could drive crude prices higher.

Crude for October delivery declined 51 cents to $28.98 per barrel Thursday on the New York Mercantile Exchange — the lowest closing price since June 24, when crude futures were at $28.75.

Since Labor Day, crude futures have dropped $2.59 per barrel.

McDonald's franchisers reject plan
CHICAGO — McDonald's Corp. owner-opera­ tors are challenging the company's plan for them to pick up most of the tab for refurbish­ ing older restaurants.

The National Leadership Council, which represents 2,300 owner-operators in the United States, is negotiating with manage­ ment about the required modernization of about 5,000 U.S. restaurants — more than a third of McDonald's U.S. total.

A franchisee representative said the group will hire a top law firm to study whether the Oak Brook, Ill.-based company can legally force them to pay most of the rebuilding costs, which are estimated at $800,000 to $1 million per store.

IN BRIEF

U.N. says foreign investment falls
GENEVA — Investment in foreign markets fell to $651 billion in 2002, a drop blamed on the slow global economy, the United Nations said Thursday.

More than half the world's coun­ tries saw investment decline, with the United States and Britain hit hardest, the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development said in its annual World Investment Report.

"The main factor behind the decline was slow economic growth in most parts of the world and dim prospects for recovery, at least in the short term," the study said. It also cited a drop in merger values.

Economists regard foreign direct investment as an important factor in boosting a country's growth.

China is now the largest recipient of foreign investment, UNCTAD said, but when compared with countries' gross domestic product, the list is topped for the second year running by Belgium and Luxembourg.

Oil-rich Angola jumped into sec­ ond place ahead of Hong Kong, Ireland was fourth and Malta fifth.

The study said UNCTAD expects similar low levels of investment in 2003, but it hopes to see a rebound in 2004.

Investment declines in the United States and Britain accounted for more than half of the total loss among the 108 countries that recorded a drop in 2002, UNCTAD said. Developed countries saw for­ eign investment fall by 23 percent.

The drop in Africa was 55 per­ cent, but that came after a record year of investment in 2001, the study said. Investment declined for the third straight year in Latin America and the Caribbean — by 33 percent. Asia recorded only a mini­ mal decline because of the record investment levels in China.

UNCTAD said most of the fall in investment was in manufacturing and service industries. Investment continued to rise in the mining, quarrying and petroleum industries.

Back-to-school booze boosts Belmont

By MATT BRAMANTI

As students returned to campus for the first week of classes, they were faced with many chal­ lenges: club meetings, new roommates and class schedules all jockeyed for attention.

But as the weekend approached, thoughts soon turned from chemistry to philosophy to that empty refrigerator in the corner.

The folks at Belmont Beverage are working hard to fill that void.

Belmont, the closest liquor store to Notre Dame, sits on South Bend Avenue just south of camp­ us. According to Beverage Retailer maga­ zine, a trade publication, the 25-store chain sells more than $12 million worth of beer annually.

If the first week's sales are any indication, the store is looking forward to a great year, says manager Mary Beth Lang.

"It was a very good week," Lang said, noting that she sold 107 kegs of beer last week. That's a lot of beer, over 1,600 gallons, or enough for every Notre Dame student, professor, administrator and trustee to enjoy a cold one.

Many of those kegs ended up at the Turtle Creek apartment complex, where students flocked to "Rally in the Alley" at the beginning of every academic year.

Along with booming business, however, comes trouble. Lang said the incidence of underage students attempting to buy alcohol in on the rise, and phony IDs are getting closer and closer to the real thing. She wor­ ries about the future of her business, noting that the state has stepped up enforcement actions against establishments who sell to minors.

"I really wish the stu­ dents would stop with the fake IDs," she said.

"If I lose my license, I lose my house," she said. "Despite the risks, Belmont is here for the long haul — this year, it celebrates its 70-year anniversary.

And Lang continues to welcome student busi­ ness, especially during the Irish football season. "The mood depends on if we're winning or not," she said, but alcohol sales are up either way.

"They're either going to cry in their beer or be happy in it," she said. "It's always nice to see happy customers.

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"They're either going to cry in their beer or be happy in it," she said. "It's always nice to see happy students.

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Democratic candidates slam Bush in first debate

Associated Press
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — In a monthlong televised debate, Democrats vying to replace President Bush brushed aside their own differences on Thursday and roundly condemned his handling of the economy, Iraq and immigration policies.

"This president is a miserable failure," said former House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri, repeating the line twice and blaming Bush for the loss of American jobs and prestige.

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, who achieved front-runner status after a summer surge in the polls and in fund raising, had expected to be a primary target of his rivals. But the contenders spent most of their time assailing the president's policies rather than each other.

They welcomed Bush's decision to finally seek U.N. help in stabilizing postwar Iraq, but argued that he should have done it earlier and suggested his delay has jeopardized U.S. relations around the world.

"Now Bush must "go back to the very people he humiliated," said Dean, who, by the lack of the draw, got the first question at a televised debate among eight of the nine Democrats seeking the party's presidential nomination.

John Kerry, a Democrat of Massachusetts, who had cast himself as the early front-runner, said that "the swagger of a president who says "bring 'em on" does not bring our troops peace or safety," added Gephardt. "He has a president who has broken up alliances with the Democrats and Republican presidents have put together over 70 years."

The gathering at the University of New Mexico was broadcast live on public television with a Spanish translation available and will be aired Saturday on Univision, the nation's largest Spanish-language network, in a nod to the rising influence of Hispanic voters. New Mexico has a large Hispanic population — about 42 percent — and a Hispanic governor, Democrat Bill Richardson.

In his opening remarks, Richardson challenged "Hispanics across the country to mobilize and energize our communities for next year's election."

Among the issues put to the contenders were proposals to overhaul immigration laws, particularly to allow the estimated 3 million undocumented immigrants from Mexico to remain in the United States. Relocating current law enforcement drew broad support from all Democratic rivals.

"This country is a melting pot, a true fabric," said Gephardt.

"Immigration for me is not just another issue. It's me, it's my family," said Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman, noting that his ancestors, like those of most Americans, had come from overseas.

"He [Bush] has used 9-11 as an excuse for not doing what he promised to do in reforming immigration laws," Lieberman added.

Hispanics, who number 38.8 million according to the latest census, represent about 7 percent of the voting population nationwide. In 2000, about 7.5 million Hispanics were registered to vote.

"They are a party divided. They have differing positions on everything from Iraq to tax policy."

The candidates did air some differences on trade and on tax policies.

Gephardt, who counts organized labor as a crucial constituency, confirmed his attack on his rivals for supporting free-trade pacts.

The candidates sparred briefly over whether their respective positions on trade agreements would protect workers rights and environmental standards.

Several of the Democratic contenders advocated rolling back Bush tax cuts, but Lieberman said he disagreed "with Governor Dean and others" who advocate undoing the full Bush tax plan to pay for other priorities, including universal health care coverage. Gephardt has also called for such a repeal.

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Fears over free trade abound before meeting

Associated Press

TLAXCALA — The verdant farm hamlets in Mexico's central highlands have become a front line in the battle over globalization ahead of a World Trade Organization meeting in Cancun.

These farms, hundreds of miles from Cancun, lie in the ancestral heartland of corn, a crop now flooding in from the United States at lower prices under 1994's North American Free Trade Agreement, or NAFTA.

Trade ministers from the WTO's 146 members will meet in Cancun beginning Sept. 10 to discuss a trade treaty cutting tariffs and subsidies and further opening markets to foreign trade. The meeting is an important stage in attempts to create a binding treaty by the end of next year.

A World Bank report released Wednesday said the trade talks are stalled over disagreements that are important to developing countries, such as agriculture and tariff reduction on manufactured products like textiles.

While their ancestors practiced corn, farmers here are not competitive anymore. Plots in this town are small — usually one to five acres.

Some blame American, Japanese and European farm subsidies, and call for a WTO agreement eliminating subsidies in rich countries and giving preferential treatment to farmers in the developing world.

"There is no way we can compete," said farmer Bacilio Flores, 53. "Farmers in the United States have 500 hectares (1,200 acres), and they get thousands of dollars a year in government payments. We can never match that, even in our dreams."

Corn is an important cultural symbol here. A few miles east are the 1,200-year-old ruins of Cacaxtla, with murals depicting human beings sprouting full-grown from an ear of corn. A few miles further east is Tehuacan, where corn may have been domesticated 4,000 years ago.

Even in Mexico City, buses bear a government-sponsored ad: "Without corn, there is no country."

Out of the summit talks, farm activist Rafael Rodriguez said, "Agriculture isn't just another kind of merchandise. It's a way of life, a culture, a relationship with the land and the environment."

"If we lose it, we can't replant it."

Activists bristle at the idea of these rural hamlets operating under free trade and with fewer farms. Many agricultural workers driven from the countryside end up in the United States as undocumented migrants, while others are forced to work at maquiladora assembly plants that specialize in U.S. exports.

But maquiladora plants are leaving Mexico for countries with even lower wages, like China. Some farmers displaced by mechanized corn fields are simply forced to work at maquiladoras, where migrants, while others are forced to work at maquiladora assembly plants that specialize in U.S. exports.

"Agriculture isn't just another kind of merchandise."

Rafael Rodriguez farm activist

"There are some farmers who benefit from free trade."

Rafael Perez tomato farmer

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Oregon wildfires threaten homes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A tentative, five-year agreement was reached Thursday night between Verizon Communications and unions that provides raises and job protections for 78,000 East Coast telephone technicians and operators.

The deal comes more than a month after contracts expired and the unions threatened to strike. Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service Director Peter Hurgen joined the contentious talks to successfully avert an Aug. 3 walkout.

Members of the Communications Workers of America and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers still must approve the agreement, which includes 27 separate local contracts.

"I think everyone was mindful of the enormous stakes, not just for labor-management in this situation, but for its potential effect on telecommunication in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic," Hurgen said in a statement. "I think everyone involved recognized how vital it was to reach an agreement."

Preserved in the deal are existing provisions that protect workers against layoffs and prohibit transfers out of communities without consent. However, workers hired after the contract takes effect will not have those protections.

The agreement also provides for an annual, structured talks on jobs and wages to "mutually assess changes in the economy and the competitive environment and to balance any basic wage increase above 2 percent against the needs of the company to reduce the size of the work force," Verizon said.

But the contract will remain in place if both sides do not agree on changes.

"This landmark agreement is fair for employees and at the same time helps Verizon remain competitive and profitable in these very challenging times," said Lawrence Rabbio, Verizon's vice chairman and president.

Workers will receive immediate cash bonuses of 3 percent, or an average of $1,600, upon approval of the contract. Basic wages will then increase 2 percent annually, for a total of 8 percent during the contract.

Cost-of-living increases are possible in years four and five, depending on inflation.

"This is really blown up. The fire's just rocking and rolling," O'Neil said. A message at the Camp Sherman Country Store said: "It's 3:40 p.m. now. Evacuate now. The stress you're bearing is the evacuation sirens. Evacuate now, don't wait. Good luck, bye."

Along the Columbia River east of Portland, the tourist town of Cascade Locks escaped a 470-acre wildfire that burned up to its outskirts and forced evacuation of about 200 homes.

Evacuees were allowed to return late Wednesday, and a 47-mile stretch of Interstate 84 that had been closed a day earlier reopened.

A former bed and breakfast and an abandoned house and barn were the only buildings destroyed despite flames that had licked at underbrush just feet from dozens of homes.

In northern California, firefighters reported progress Thursday against scores of wildfires sparked by lightning.

Two firefighters suffered heat-related injuries from a blaze in Lake County that, at 2,500 acres, was the biggest of the more than 200 fires that began Wednesday, said California Department of Forestry spokeswoman Karen Terrill.

The Lake County fire was 50 percent contained by Thursday afternoon, but still threatened about 200 structures outside Middletown, about 70 miles north of San Francisco, she said.

Firefighters said they had already contained 175 of the 239 fires in the region, and expected to contain most of the rest by Sunday. Acres burned were said to be in the thousands, but officials did not have a precise figure.

In Montana, the last two families forced from their homes by dozens of fires that had burned across the state were allowed to return Thursday in Tom's Gulch near Lincoln.

"They've been coming in twice a day every day to see when they can go back in," said fire information officer Bob Broussard. "They had been living in a tent the whole time." — more than 200 homes.

At the fire season's peak, hundreds of Montanans were chased from their homes by blazes that have charred more than 570,000 acres this summer.

Even as firefighters gained the upper hand against Montana's biggest fires, officials remained wary of flare-ups.

"We don't want to let our guard down," said Linda Slater with the Western Rockies Intergovernmental Information Center. "We really have to be paying attention to the weather."
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McIntosh drops out of Indiana gubernatorial race

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - Citing swelling support for Mitch Daniels that includes backing from President Bush, Republican David McIntosh ended his 2004 gubernatorial run Thursday and endorsed Daniels.

"The team is coalescing around Mitch Daniels and I'm a team player, have always been a team player and I want to be part of the team," McIntosh said during a news conference at state GOP headquarters.

In a telephone interview earlier Thursday, McIntosh campaign manager Jason Beal said the decision "was based entirely on us hearing from [White House adviser] Karl Rove that President Bush would endorse Mitch Daniels."

"We feel that would all but preclude us from raising money for the Republican primary," Beal said. It was not clear whether Bush would make an endorsement Friday during a visit to Indianapolis, but his support for Daniels already seemed a certainty. Daniels stepped down as White House budget director in June to run for governor.

During a speech in Indianapolis in May, Bush referred to Daniels as "my man Mitch" and said, "Washington's loss will be the gain of the people of Indiana."

Mcintosh said his decision was not based on fund-raising concerns, and he had supporters who "could provide the financing that could get us there." But he said he had called the White House and was told by someone that Bush would endorse Daniels.

"It matters to me what he thinks," McIntosh said.

Mcintosh served six years as a congressional aide for eastern Indiana and was the party's nomination for governor in 2000, but he was soundly defeated by Democrat Frank O'Bannon.

Daniels joined McIntosh at Thursday's announcement and thanked him for his decision.

"I had no heart for running against this man, given my admiration for him and the service he has provided in the past," Daniels said.

Mcintosh also was joined by his wife, Ruthie, and former candidate for governor Bob Parker.

When a reporter reminded McIntosh that he had better name ID in the recent poll, Ruthie McIntosh leaned to the microphone and said, "If the election was held today, David would win.

Mcintosh chuckled and said, "But it won't be. It will be held in May.

David Holt, who helped manage McIntosh's successful 1994 campaign for Congress and joined his staff when he took office, said he was proud McIntosh was getting out.

"I think David fought the good fight in 2000 and it came up short — it came up too short — and David just decided to re-establish himself from the loss that he had," Holt said.

Mcintosh based much of his 2000 campaign on a "guarantee" to cut property taxes by 25 percent. But it took him months to detail his plan, and he acknowledged later that it might not have worked given the state budget crunch that hit...
The administration loves to promote Notre Dame as a well-rounded community that is home to ambitious and capable students who exist in academics, extracurricular activities, services and other areas. But with academic achievement, Pope and BJ Craig were forced to decide whether they would continue as resident assistants by choosing to either attend resident assistant training or attend other academic-related activities and lose their positions, it suggested that Notre Dame might be more concerned about unenforcing and unreasonably adherence to minor technicalities.

Pope and Craig claim they were released as RAs during RA orientation because they could not attend certain training sessions. Most people would consider their excuses legitimate—Pope had an interview for a post-graduate scholarship, while Cascade had to participate in an MBA orientation. Other students say some RAs were given a choice between taking the MCAT and attending orientation. But Student Affairs officials did not find these excuses legitimate. Even though Pope and Craig informed the administration about these conflicts in advance—and tried to make arrangements to avoid these conflicts or make up the missed sessions—they will still get an ultimatum: attend RA training or be dismissed.

If Notre Dame is an institution dedicated to preparing students for life, then they should not force students to put their futures on hold. Tests and scholarship interviews are just as important as RA training sessions, especially if the information from the training can be obtained other ways.

What's more, since RAs are leaders, chosen to guide other students, younger classes should look at Pope and Craig's pursuit of academic achievement as an example of what to aspire for, not as a penalty for them in the form. Dismissing and replacing RAs for inconsequential reasons creates a sense of uncertainty among the family atmosphere the University tries to cultivate. And the RA orientation couldn't have been as important as student life officials say it is—Pope and Craig's replacements attended even less of the training than the two original RAs would have and had to make up the sessions they missed—an opportunity that Pope and Craig were denied.

RAs sign contracts that require them to attend all the orientation sessions, and Notre Dame has a responsibility to form a better way of making RA training. But it shouldn't be so unreasonable that it makes RA candidates choose between their training and their future.

The University should re-evaluate the RA training policy. If it decides to adhere to its current policy, it should explicitly acknowledge that there are other considerations for the enforcement of this policy and also tell them of events that have been conflicts concern matters—ask them to tell their families, they would not attend their family responsibilities. Better yet, the administration should allow students to complete these capstone events and make-up the RA training they miss.

The "Student Life Policies" section of the 2003-04 Graduate and Professional Student Handbook lists regulations describing behavior in the "University will not tolerate" (p79). The rules include reasonable and moral claims are imported into the University's moral framework. The behavior couldn't have been as important as student life officials say it is. This is not because Notre Dame is silent on employ­ee discipline because the University apparently does not think that sex outside of marriage is unacceptable behavior. The University, however, makes no such statement about faculty, staff or administrator behavior.

Apparently the roughly 22-35 year old administrators and faculty at Notre Dame are adult enough to make their own choices about sexual matters free from the threat of University discipline, but our modest 23-35 year old graduate students are not. This is not because Notre Dame is silent on emplo­ee discipline because the University apparently does not think that sex outside of marriage is unacceptable behavior when it involves the lives of staff, admin­istrator or faculty.

3. Notre Dame is a Catholic University. One might think that this idiosyncratic concern promoting extramarital sex exists because the University promotes and incorporates Catholic morals into its behavioral regulations. For this explanation to make sense, we would have to understand why the policy didn't find its way into the Faculty or Staff Handbooks and why this regulation is the only regulation in the book of this sort.

One section of the relevant pages of the Handbook (pg79-85) is not regulation that makes other mutations potential, such as obeying criminal law and not selling football tick­ets for profit. In the absence of this section, this regulation wouldn't find its way into the Faculty or Staff Handbooks and why this regulation is the only regulation in the book of this sort. Notre Dame is a Catholic University, and it wouldn't be an even better thing if the administration should allow students to complete the capstone events and make-up the RA training they miss.

University policy promotes double standard
Each autumn when students return to campus, the most asked question is, "What did you do this summer?" My answer is that I sentenced a 26-year-old man to life in federal prison.

On the last day of July, I, along with eleven other jurors, walked for the final time into a crowded courtroom to announce our verdicts. It was a unique moment after sitting for four months on a special Federal trial in an almost empty courtroom. I felt like I was ascending Notre Dame Stadium's tunnel before a capacity crowd prior to a national championship football game.

While each juror knew we were charged with an enormous serious matter, none of us was prepared for the electric atmosphere of the courtroom on that final day. Some jurors, seasoned by the curious and anxious spectators anticipated our verdicts. Juries had avoided eye contact with the defendant during our deliberations, but the amplitude of my responsibilities did not strike me until the moment our foreman announced we had reached a verdict.

I felt like I was standing in line for over three hours, hundreds of individuals, all with the same expression, as though he was an observer rather than a participant in the defense. His demeanor was one that could not be misunderstood. I felt like I had been ambushed and shot five times in an alley when she was 15.

After standing in line for over three hours, hundreds of individuals were waiting to be called into court. The individual who claimed to be the organizer of the event had obtained Michigan lottery tickets. After standing in line for over three hours, hundreds of individuals were waiting to be called into court. The individual who claimed to be the organizer of the event had obtained Michigan lottery tickets. After standing in line for over three hours, hundreds of individuals were waiting to be called into court. The individual who claimed to be the organizer of the event had obtained Michigan lottery tickets. After standing in line for over three hours, hundreds of individuals were waiting to be called into court.

While each of the 75 counts was read, my adrenaline skyrocketed, and my mouth went dry when the judge said that we had found the defendant guilty on all charges. My reaction was not an illegal lottery. Moreover, the voucher distribution process was based upon chance, according to the Statutes. In Indiana law does prohibit unlicensed gambling, whether it was conducted for three hours or 700 hours.

The individual who claimed to be the organizer of the event did not put any limit on the number of IDs per person. To the best of our knowledge, never shut out anybody, and the defendant remained emotionless with the same expression, as though he was an observer rather than a participant in the defense. His demeanor was one that could not be misunderstood.

The courtroom was packed with spectators anticipating our verdicts. Jurors who had avoided eye contact with the defendant during our deliberations, but the amplitude of my responsibilities did not strike me until the moment our foreman announced we had reached a verdict. The individual who claimed to be the organizer of the event did not put any limit on the number of IDs per person.
The Gold Rush Continues

Seniors share a saddened sentiment, but with excitement for their last season both as students and players

By STEPHANIE CHAMBERS

The once student-filled campus now encompasses the presence of moms, dads, brothers, sisters and grandparents alike. Masses at the Basilica, followed by the triumphal processions of the Notre Dame marching band, pre-game practices and the Irish prayers sound again. This pre-game ritual, which dates before Rudy’s time at Notre Dame, commences with the first game of the 2003-2004 football season this Saturday against Washington State.

The flocking of devoted spectators from across the country may fill the seats on Saturday, but the team has occupied the stadium since August 10th. While many students were enjoying their ending days of summer, the team spent many grueling hours participating in two practices a day. The two-day practices ended two Saturdays ago, in exchange for one intense two-hour daily practice, hours of watching films as a team and then again as an individual and lifting three days a week. Watching the films a second time individually gives the players more insight and concentration on the game. The vigorous efforts put forth by the team may explain senior Jerome Collins’ positive attitude towards this years upcoming games.

"Practices are going well and I wouldn’t change the habits of the team from last year’s routines. Everyone grows from year to year. The offense is better this year, too. Last year, the defense stopped offense a lot. This year, Carlyle is more accurate and productive. He’s performing his quarterback position even better at every practice. There really is no one person to look for this season. You never know because practices go great, but reacting to game situations is completely different," said Collins.

The team as a whole sounds like they are ready for the big day. But, how are the freshmen football players adjusting to the new wonders of Notre Dame football? The freshmen graduated from high school being named the top-notch players by scouts. "They are now the bottom line again, feeling as if they are nobody’s," said Collins, describing how he felt during that year, as well.

"They get used to it, along with the rigorous team schedules and practices. But, we try to keep them awake and moving when they get tired," Collins said that he “can’t wait to get that first hit in” because practice is growing routine. "Hitting the same person day in and day out gets old.

The team may grow accustomed to playing one another, but his positive assertion of the team confirms the team status. "Coach tells us to be the best whenever we can," and that will take the team to dominating rankings. Currently, Collins said he is not worried about future games, saying he takes it "one game at a time. Otherwise, you’re not focused on the team. We need to put our worries on the present game.

"Getting the ring and being National Champions will only happen by being the best we can be.

He says that making each game the focal point as it nears will lead the team all the way despite any criticism from outsiders.

"The team went 8-0 last year in light of criticism regarding coaching changes. We kept focused and finished 10-3 at the Gator Bowl. This was our greatest accomplishment [and it showed the true testament of the team’s resolve to be the best].

Focusing on each game as it comes appears to be the best way to tackle the season, along with the help of the fans. Collins applauds the fans for their outstanding motivation.

"It wouldn’t be fun if 20,000 fans weren’t cheering," he said. The fans help keep the enthusiasm among the team members because the adrenaline from students and fans in the stands kicks the rush of excitement experienced on the field.

Player Anthony Fassano said he agrees with his teammate.

"We are playing in front of the best fans in the nation!" Fassano said.

The players are not the only ones who enjoy the out of town crowd chanting. Many seniors have already begun to realize the beginning of this season is twofold, as it is their last season, too. It is the last year to enjoy kegs and eggs with their closest friends at 6 in the morning every Saturday, the last year to be engulfed in a sea of Kelly green T-shirts designed by the students of Notre Dame, the last year to engage in the unbalanced jig dances thrown off by those who are "unstable" and their final push-ups after each and every point is added to the scoreboard.

These are not emotions any one person wants to focus on, but many say they cannot help feel the way they feel as opening day approaches.

Saint Mary’s senior Daniella Ernst developed these feelings as she pulled in from the toll road this year.

"The atmosphere of Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame makes the pre-game and after games experiences memorable. Yeah, I can still watch the game on TV next year, but the experience when watching the game with my friends is what counts.

Saint Mary’s senior Meg White agrees. She said what she will miss the most is the fun she had as football manager. She said she made many close friends, and watching the games without them won’t be the same. "I definitely want to come back when I can," she said.

But, neither players nor seniors want to focus on the end and are excited to begin another season, following the team motto of "Play like a Champion."
Freshmen prepare for first game

By JONATHAN RETARTHA
Scene Writer

It has been two weeks since the Class of 2007 stepped onto campus and into life at Notre Dame. No doubt, it has been a challenge negotiating the dining hall, finding classes on time and trying to get the attention of that one particular girl (or guy) in First Year Composition class. Granted, it is tough enough for freshmen to get used to a campus of 10,000 students, but their biggest challenge now lies in having to share their space with the student body and 70,000 of their closest friends. This Saturday’s season opener against Washington State promises to be an experience that will intimidate both legacies and novices alike.

Sure, there are plenty freshmen out there who have never been to a Notre Dame football game. There are even a good number of people who have never watched one on TV. But imagine having never seen an American football game ever, and having this Saturday as your first experience. That honor belongs to many international students, like Juan Pablo Lauz, a student from Peru.

"I have never seen American football before," admits Lauz. "(My roommate) tells me it’s not only about the football part, it’s about the atmosphere ... to see Notre Dame Football come to life ... all the students cheering and the whole feeling towards it." He also acknowledges the popularity of the Irish in Peru, and realizes that if you were to see football for the first time, there is no better way to see it than this.

On the other end of the spectrum is freshman Tommy Kemp. A seasoned veteran of standing through many a game in the spectator section, he knows it’s going to be different moving to the Northwest corner.

"The atmosphere ... it’s just nuts in the student section," says Kemp. "It’s somewhere I’ve always wanted to stand." One in four of this year’s freshmen class is a legacy, so many will know the cheers and the traditions inside and out.

To measure the level of anticipation among the freshmen concerning this week’s game, one need not look further than DeBartolo Hall, but most notably the classrooms on the west side of the building. Walk into any freshman class and the eyes of those along the window seats are fixed not on the professor or the PowerPoint presentation, but on the stadium, where all week window washers, interior cleaning crews and lawn-mowers have been preparing the grounds for this weekend’s festivities.

There is also little doubt of the impact Irish football has on this year’s class based off the admissions process alone. Whether the Office of Admissions chooses to acknowledge it or not, this past year’s biggest applicant pool ever undoubtedly was affected by last year’s surprising season.

An even more unique perspective of this Saturday’s game comes from Bill McSpadden, a freshman member of the Band of the Fighting Irish. After going through bellacious practice sessions from dawn until dusk from the moment they stepped on campus, Saturday’s game to the culmination of a work ethic that rivals that of the varsity players themselves.

"(It has been) a lot of fun, but a lot of work," according to Gallagher, but when it comes to opening day, he believes the mood is "more exciting than nervous."

Perhaps the biggest responsibility of any freshman concerning this week’s game belongs to Ryan McSpadden, one of this year’s Dillon Hall “Teen Wolves,” a staple at the annual Dillon Hall Pep Rally that kicked off the football weekend Thursday night.

"I really wanted to put my all in it ... show my true self," notes McSpadden of the intense tryout he had to undergo to receive this great honor. "I gotta get crazy, I gotta get people there ... I gotta put on a performance."

Finally, there are those first year students for whom this Saturday is an event they have been waiting for their entire lives. They are the ones who when asked about who they wanted to come here, all they could reply was, "I’ve just always wanted to come here." So many of the freshmen at Saturday’s game have watched hundreds of downs from their television sets, and have dreamed of the opportunity to see a live game for many years.

In case some of the freshmen did not know coming here what they were getting themselves into, they quickly learned by watching in the ticket line last week, or by simply going on eBay and seeing what those $25 dollar seats are really worth.

Notre Dame freshmen, though, are considered full-fledged members of the sea of green, however, and their role in Saturday’s game does not go overlooked, even by coach Tyrone Willingham. Willingham spoke to the
Sosa ejected, Cubs take four of five from Cardinals

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Now that was a series, five games of spirited baseball that the Chicago Cubs turned into four emotional melodramas over the St. Louis Cardinals. 

"If you weren't a fan and you watched this series, you became one," Tony Womack said Thursday after his RBI single pushed the Cubs to a 7-6 victory and moved them within a half-game of the NL Central lead. 

The series featured a little bit of everything: a rain delay of more than four hours Monday; a day-night doubleheader that included a 15-inning opener; the ejections of three Cubs players, including Sammy Sosa on Thursday, and pitchers Larry Rothschild, a shouting match between managers Dusty Baker and Tony La Russa; and a stunning comeback by the Cubs to win Wednesday afternoon.

The Cubs trail Houston by a half-game, while the Cardinals are a game behind the Astros in third place.

Baker and La Russa, whose blowup centered around pitching in- and hitting batters, met several minutes behind the cage during batting practice and shook hands.

Their teams don't play again in the regular season.

"Every game could have gone either way and it was their way except for our losses," Sosa said. 

Womack, who entered in a doubleheader that included the seventh, singled in the bottom half of Mike DeSiano (5-5).

"After that, we got loaded up on a bases-loaded jam by slipping a third strike past Rafael Soriano," Sosa explained by plate umpire Bill Hohn. 

He ejected Sosa as he was walking back to the dugout after Sosa apparently made a comment about a third strike call.

"I was cursing myself and he threw me out of the game," Sosa said.

Baker argued, then returned to the field two pitches later when Mark Grudzielanek was called out on a close play at second.

In the fifth inning, Hohn ejected Rothschild, who was in the dugout. Sosa was the third Cubs player to be ejected during the heated five-game series.

Phillies, Mets 5

Mike Lieberthal made sure Jose Mesa didn't coat the Philadelphia Phillies another game.

Lieberthal's two-out single in the ninth inning lifted the Phillies to a 6-5 victory over the New York Mets.

The Phillies overcame another blown save by Mesa to win for the sixth time in seven games and remain tied with Florida for first place in the NL wild-card race. The Marlins beat the Pirates 5-1 earlier Thursday.

"We really needed to pull this one out," Lieberthal said.

Prentice Redman, playing just his fourth game in the majors, led off the ninth against Mesa with his first career hit to hit it at 5.

It was Mesa's second blown save in four days and his fourth of the season in 28 chances. Mesa, who needed to finish 10 of the next 22 games to guarantee his contract for $5.5 million next season, is 5-7 with a 6.26 ERA.

Phillies manager Larry Bowa said he'll return to the bullpen with pitching coach Joe Kerrigan before deciding if Mesa remains the closer.

Fans have completely turned on Mesa, booing him whenever he enters the game.

Dusty Baker reacts after Sammy Sosa is ejected by home plate umpire Bill Hohn on a called third strike Thursday. The Cubs are now a half-game out of the Central division lead after their victory.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Contreras, Yankees avoid sweep in 3-2 win

Associated Press

TORONTO — Contreras felt he needed to win. Contreras rebounded from his worst start, and Karim Garcia hit a go-ahead double in the eighth inning as the New York Yankees beat the Toronto Blue Jays 3-2 Thursday night.

Alfonso Soriano homered and Garcia went 3-for-4 with two RBI for the Yankees, who are 3.5 games ahead of Boston in the AL East.

"I knew that the team needed to get a win, especially going into the weekend against Boston," Contreras said through an interpreter. "Also because we lost the previous two games against Toronto. Thankfully, things worked out and I had a lot better outing."

The teams begin a three-game series Friday night at Yankee Stadium, with Pedro Martinez pitching against New York's Andy Pettitte.

Yankees manager Joe Torre held a team meeting before the game and told his players not to get frustrated. The Yankees were 5-5 games ahead of Boston after taking two of three from the Red Sox last weekend, then lost the first two of their three-game series in Toronto.

Contreras, who gave up seven runs in just three innings against Boston last Friday, allowed only two runs — one earned — in seven innings against Toronto. The Cuban right-hander struck out a season-high seven and walked three.

"I worked so hard during the week in the bullpen so I could have a better outing this week because my last outing wasn't good at all," Contreras said. "I had everything working today, including the changeup and some forklails. I was able to throw my fastball inside and outside, which I wasn't able to do last outing."

Devil Rays 1, Mariners 0

Two years ago, the Seattle Mariners converted Jorge Sosa from an outfielder to a pitcher. On Thursday night, he showed his former organization that it was probably the correct move.

Sosa pitched a four-hitter and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays again blanked the Mariners, 1-0.

Combined with Doug Waechter's two-hitter in his first major league start Wednesday, the Devil Rays posted consecutive complete-game shutouts for the first time in their six-year history.

"Two wonderful games," Tampa Bay manager Lou Piniella said. "It shows you, if you make all your pitches, you focus, you concentrate and trust your stuff, you can do these sort of things. Both excellent bullgames."

The Mariners had just two runners reach third base.

Diamondbacks 6, Royals 5

Fifty-one pitches is generally a sign of work for a closer. For Matt Mantei, it was one outing.

Mantei blew a save in the ninth inning Thursday, ending a career-best streak of 14 convert­ed opportunities. He got the win in the 10th when Jyle Overbay's pinch-hit single scored Craig Counsell, lifting Arizona to a 6-5 victory over the Kansas City Royals and snapping the Diamondbacks' five-game losing streak.

"I haven't thrown that many pitches in three or four years," said Mantei, who started the ninth and stayed on through the 10th. "They made me throw a lot of those pitches, though. I'd get ahead of a guy, 0-1, 0-2, but I couldn't finish them off."

Counsell led off with a bunt single against Kris Wilson (5-3) and went to second when second baseman Julius Matos threw the ball away for an error. Overbay followed with a single up the middle.

"I was just trying to make a play, and it didn't work out for us," said Matos, who entered in the seventh inning as a defensive replacement. "There's really nothing more you can say about it."

Alex Cintron's RBI single off Al Levine in the eighth inning gave the Diamondbacks a 5-4 lead, but Ken Harvey's sacrifice fly off Mantei (5-3) tied it at 5 in the bottom of the ninth.

With one out, Mantei walked Carlos Beltran and Paul Bannister. Both moved up on a double steal, and Beltran — after a slow start from third — slid under Chad Moeller's tag after Harvey's short fly to right fielder Danny Bautista.

Orioles 7, Athletics 5

As strange as this might sound, the Oakland Athletics are delighted to have seen the last of the Baltimore Orioles.

Brian Roberts and Larry Bigbie had two RBI apiece, and the Orioles' bullpen blunted a come­back bid by the As in a 7-5 victory Thursday.

The defeat was Oakland's sec­ond straight loss after a 10-game winning streak. The As, who lim­ited Baltimore to 10 runs in win­ning the first seven games between the teams, were outscored 16-5 in the final two.

"The Orioles played hard against us all year," Oakland manager Ken Macha said. "The games they beat us, they were tough and hard-fought. We were fortunate to come out on top. They've got some good pitching over there, and some talented players."

Kevin Mora had two hits and scored twice for the Orioles, who won their second straight after a nine-game skid.

"We're on a hot streak," Baltimore manager Mike Hargrove said with a grin.

Billy McMillon and Eric Chavez hit successive homers in the third inning against Orioles starter Damian Moss, who didn't get out of the fifth despite being staked to an early 4-0 lead.

Injured Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter congratulates second baseman Alfonso Soriano after his solo home run in the third inning of New York's 3-2 victory over Toronto.

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Hall takes revenge on Jets in season debut

LANDOVER, Md. — The Jetskins let their feelings be known when the grudge game was finally over and they had won.

Kicker John Hall confessed that he dreamed "the whole off-season" about making a game-winning kick to beat his old team in the NFL's season opener. He did just that Thursday night, nailing a 33-yarder with five seconds left to give the Washington Redskins a 16-13 victory over the New York Jets.

"It's pretty much one of those stupid things you do when you're done practicing," said Hall, who also had kicks of 20 and 22 yards. "You make up those situations where you have this or that — and I'm sure you know which team it was against."

Guard Randy Thomas, who has spoken politely of his ex-teammates, scratched a moment of glee as he watched the ball sail through the uprights.

"It's tough because when it's tied up, you'd like to win it," New York coach Herman Edwards said. "For the most part we stayed in the game. We weathered the storm early, got some turnovers but had to kick field goals."

Ramsey completed 17 of 23 passes for 185 yards, but only 29 yards came after halftime as Spurrier's Fun 'n' Gun offense went surprisingly conservative. Ramsey also turned over the ball twice in the second half, setting up two Jets field goals that tied the game.

"When we threw the ball in the second half, nothing good was happening," Spurrier said. "I got sort of afraid to go back there. Our defense was playing so well, we just put in on the ground."

Vony Testaverde, returning to the starting job after a pre-season wrist injury to Chad Morton, completed 15 of 24 passes for 105 yards for New York.

Off the four ex-Jets, Coles was the only one to voice any real animosity toward his former team during training camp. He found Hall's game-winner to be a perfect ending.

"It just goes to show that sometimes the grass is greener on the other side," Coles said. Redskins linebacker LaVar Arrington was a terror, chasing down players in the flat to turn potential long gains into short ones. His stats — six tackles and one batted pass — didn't begin to show the difference he made as the Jets were held to 158 total yards in the NFL's second annual Thursday night opener.

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But the Jets went all the way in their opening drive, with Edwards successfully gambling on fourth-and-goal from the 1-yard line. He took top rusher Curtis Martin out and gave the ball to LaMont Jordan, who leaped over the pile and into the end zone. Spurrier did his own fourth-and-1 trick on the next drive, with Betts converting with a 31-yard TD catch to put Washington ahead 10-7. Ramsay also turned over the ball three times for 17 yards to wind down the clock for Hall's attempt.

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NFL

Erickson relishes opening day atmosphere

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The trip from Montana's Billings Central High School to the San Francisco 49ers took more than 30 years, but one thing hasn't changed.

Dennis Erickson still loves opening day.

"I don't care where you are, that feeling then as a head coach is no different than it is now," he said.

Erickson, who won two national championships in a stellar college coaching career, that feeling then as a head coach is no different than it is on opening day.

His job security is a topic of national championships in a new beginning. Chicago coach Dick Jauron might be nearly out of his opening day atmosphere.

Erickson enjoys his new game since being hired to keep the 49ers on the path to title contention. Erickson might be nervous, but the coach changed.

Erickson relishes opening day atmosphere — the San Francisco 49ers took more than 30 years to the NFL title. San Francisco faces the Chicago Bears in Erickson's first game since being hired to keep the 49ers on the path to title contention.

Erickson's wife and family might be nervous, but the coach doesn't expect butterflies — only anticipation. He doesn't even plan to say anything profound to his players before his debut.

"My speech is everything I do during the week in preparation," he said. "I think that the pregame speeches are highly overrated. If they're not ready by the time we come out of that locker room or by the time I get to talk to them, then we have a problem."

"Knute Rockne, I'm not. If we had a Gipper, then we'd be all right."

That cool professionalism is just one reason 49ers owner John York and general manager Terry Donahue decided Erickson could keep the team on track after York fired Steve Mariucci last January.

While Erickson enjoys his new beginning, Chicago coach Dick Jauron might be nearly out of fresh starts. The Bears plunged from an NFC-best 13-3 record in 2001 to a 4-12 mark last season, and Jauron hasn't delivered a playoff victory in his four seasons running the team.

His job security is a topic of major speculation in Chicago, but the coach is used to it.

"Every year is a big year for our team," Jauron said. "We don't look at any year or any game as being more particularly vital than another. Our goals are always the same: to win that week, and to play well that week."

The Bears are making their first trip to San Francisco since 2000, when Owens set an NFL record with 20 receptions in Jerry Rice's final home game with the 49ers. Chicago avenged that 17-0 loss with a 37-31 overtime victory at Soldier Field in 2001, winning on Mike Brown's interception return for a touchdown.

The 49ers' defense under Erickson is expected to have key differences from the schemes Chicago faced in the teams' earlier meetings. San Francisco will use more downfield throws and aggressive play.

The same is expected of the Bears and new quarterback Kordell Stewart, who has promised to make the Bears more versatile. Stewart arrived from Pittsburgh as a free agent after eight up-and-down seasons.

While San Francisco searches for continuity, Chicago hopes to change nearly everything about last season. The 49ers believe they can maintain their steady revival, but the Bears think last season was an aberration caused by injuries and their one-year exile downstate while their stadium was rebuilt.

"The main thing is that we are healthy," linebacker Brian Urlacher said. "We're back at Soldier Field. We're confident, and we have a new quarterback who is confident."

Limbaugh makes ESPN debut on pregame show

Associated Press

Rush Limbaugh made his ESPN debut as a fitting location — Washington, D.C.

Actually, it was Landover, Md., in the parking lot of FedEx Field, but it was still familiar territory for the leading radio host best known as the host of the politically focused "Rush Limbaugh Show."

"This is sort of like the fulfillment of a dream for me," Limbaugh said Thursday night after being introduced on ESPN's "Sunday Night NFL Countdown." Host Chris Berman even commented on the appropriateness of Limbaugh's first game.

"You've got a football name," Berman said in the broadcast leading up to the season's opening game between the New York Jets and the Washington Redskins.

Limbaugh then gave a spoken essay regarding the lure of football and the hold it has on its fans — mixing in just the faintest bit of politics.

"Essentially my friends, football is something you can invest total passion in without consequence. Try that with a woman or another man, whatever," Limbaugh said.

He then got into a good-natured debate with Berman regarding the status of the Buffalo Bills of the early 1990s as a dynasty.

Limbaugh also didn't wait long to stir the pot. He claimed the show's analysts — Tom Jackson, Michael Irvin and Steve Young — were predicting Jets quarterback Vinny Testaverde would perform well while starter Chad Pennington is hurt merely because he was a nice guy that the analysts like personally.
Ramirez struggles not limited to health issues

Associated Press

BOSTON — When Manny Ramirez left one of his prodi­
gies, uncared for paychecks lying around, or when he held up a game to look for a $15,000 dia­mond earring, the response was always a shrug and a smile and the same expression: "That's Manny." Those days, though, the smile has disappeared.

No longer resigned to the eccentricities of their $160 mil­lion slugger, the Red Sox are try­
ing to lure Ramirez out of his own little world and into the one more traditionally inhabited by ballplayers.

“You can have the ability to play this game, but if you don't work ... you're not going to get what you want," said Red Sox first baseman David Ortiz, per­haps Ramirez's closest friend on the team. "He'll be back. Everybody knows what the guy can do.

Ramirez was benched this past week after he missed a crucial series against New York with a sore throat and fever but man­aged to show up to for an appointment with the Red Sox doctor, and with the Red Sox, and with the Red Sox, and with the Red Sox, and with the Red Sox, and with the Red Sox.

Billed as a laid-back hitting machine who acts the same whether he’s 0-for-4 or 4-for-4, Ramirez's demeanor was seen as a benefit when then-general manager Dan Duquette signed him to an eight-year, $160 mil­lion contract in the winter of 2000. At the time, it was thought that a player who could ignore the catcalls from the Fenway throngs after he misplayed a fly ball was the guy you'd want if, a couple of innings later, he was batting with a chance to win the game.

Sure enough, after leaving a cocoon in Cleveland to come to the crucible of Boston, he hit 306 with 41 homers and 125 RBIs in 2001. Last year, he won the AL batting title with a .346 average while hitting 35 homers and driving in 107 runs.

But Ramirez is so laid back at times, he’s sometimes viewed by sportswriters, the fans and occa­sionally his teammates as apa­thetic.

Ramirez has talked to reporters for most of the season, but others in baseball steadfastly defended him.

"I'm a big fan of Manny Ramirez. I think if you ask any of the Latin guys who have inter­acted with him, they would say the same thing," Carlos Peña said. "With American guys, he seems to be a little shy. He's been nothing but a humble gen­tleman with me.

"I know he's a superstar, but once he said, 'Carlos, keep an eye on me. I think I'm pulling off the ball at the plate. Let me know what you see.' Then I was thinking, 'You're joking, right?' But he was dead serious. Here's a guy that has done incredible things and he's asking Carlos Peña to see if he's pulling his shoulder? That showed me how humble he is.

"Baltimore manager Mike Hargrove said Ramirez always played hard for him in Cleveland.

As much as that, though, Ramirez is remembered there for the time he asked a sports writer if he could borrow $60,000 — on the spot — so he and pitcher Julian Tavarez could buy motorcycles. Or the day police were chasing O.J. Simpson and Ramirez thought they were chasing Indians pitch­er Chad Ogea, whose name is pronounced "O.J."

Since coming to Boston, it has been more of the same.

During the 2001 season, Ramirez had a falling out with manager Joe Kerrigan and left the team for two days. That win­ter, Kerrigan went to Ramirez's house in Florida to drop off a videotape, but the slugger snubbed him.

Last year, he violated baseball etiquette when he barely left the batter's box on a groundout. He apologized to his teammates — and went on a hitting tear that clinched the batting title for him.

With Ramirez on the books for another five years and more than $100 million, the Red Sox couldn’t get rid of him that easi­ly, even if they wanted to. But there are worse things: Heading into this weekend's series with the AL East-leading Yankees, Ramirez had been batting .318 with 31 homers and 90 RBIs.

After all, that's Manny, too.

LaRussa, Baker meet after heated arguing

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Dusty Baker and Tony La Russa met for six min­utes behind the batting cage Thursday, one day after a heated shouting match at Wrigley Field. Their informal get-together ended with a handshake, but no one knows if they totally settled their differences after their latest blowup.

"He has an opinion and I have an opinion. What was right, what was wrong. It's a big series and a lot of emotions are high," Baker said.

Baker and La Russa, two of the most respected managers in the majors, got into the screaming match Wednesday after Cubs starter Matt Clement was hit by a pitch from Dan Haren — who had been hit by Clement's pitch the previous inning.

Tuesday night, Chicago's Kenny Wood twice knocked down Cardinals pitcher Mic Morris but didn't hit him. Last week in St. Louis, Wood hit Albert Pujols.

Baker began pointing and gestur­ing toward La Russa and their exchange escalated. They also had a screaming match last year in the opener of the NL champi­onship series when Baker was managing the Giants.

Wood and La Russa have been exchanging barbs in newspapers this week ever Wood's tight pitch­ing. La Russa said Thursday he was just defending his team.

"When somebody says stuff like they are saying, you respond to it," he said. "I can understand his and their frustrations of being tired of going and eating dirt, too. Nobody likes to be going down .... I'll take care of mine, you take care of yours."
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The NFL does not permit players to be eligible for its draft until they have been out of high school at least three years. Clarett is a sophomore and, under the rule, could not be selected until the 2005 draft at the earliest.

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Saturday Sept. 6, 2003

MICHIGAN at Houston

Rutgers at MICHIGAN STATE

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FLORIDA STATE at Maryland

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STANFORD at San Jose State

SYRACUSE at North Carolina

**Major League Baseball**

Pirates at Braves (game one) 3:30 p.m., TBS

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**College Football**

Oregon St. at Fresno St. 9 p.m., ESPN

**U.S. Open**

Argentina David Nalbandian hits a return to Roger Federer of Switzerland at the 2003 U.S. Open In Flushing, N.Y., Thursday. Nalbandian defeated Federer, the second seed in the tournament, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Rainfall continues to affect U.S. Open.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The U.S. Open went from the subordinated to the ridiculous Thursday.

On a fourth straight day of rain and stop-start, start-stop action, organizers scrambling to finish the tournament on time were deprived of a show court because the Grandstand had absorbed too much water and couldn't be dried enough for play.

Oh, and a women's fourth-round match that began Monday finally finished, but not before being interrupted when the chair umpire was hit and hurt by a ballboy's throw.

There was good news: The weather cleared up enough for 2001 champion Lindsay Davenport to set up a semifinal meeting with No. 5 Amelie Mauresmo 6-1, 6-4, while Davenport defeated No. 24 Paula Suarez 6-4, 6-0.

There even was time for the twice-postponed Michael Chang retirement ceremony.

"Still, not your average big-time sporting event, huh?"

"This was the weirdest situation that I've ever experienced in a Grand Slam tournament," two-time major champion Mary Pierce said. "It was really, really weird to wait four days and play 20 minutes to finish the match."

In Brief

Armstrong to divorce his wife of five years

AUSTIN, Texas — Lance Armstrong and his wife are working on a divorce settlement after trying to reconcile during the summer in hopes of saving their five-year marriage.

The five-time Tour de France champion and his wife, Kristin, separated two weeks ago, soon after moving back to Austin from Girona, Spain. They are staying in separate homes in Austin.

"The craziest thing is, we're closer now and better friends than ever before," Lance Armstrong said in Thursday's Austin American-Statesman. "We're truly committed to maintaining a good relationship, but not a marriage."

Armstrong overcame cancer on his way to becoming one of his sport's greatest riders. His fifth straight victory in the Tour de France in July tied the record held by Spain's Miguel Indurain.

Jogi Muller, a spokesman for Armstrong's U.S. Postal Service team told The Associated Press, the cyclist and his wife attempted to patch up their marriage during the entire summer.

"But somehow, now in the month after the Tour, it just didn't work out," Muller said. "They tried probably for the children, for themselves."

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Preseason rankings reveal several career highs

D'Amico, Salas listed in Intercollegiate rankings

Senior Luis Haddock, junior Brent D'Amico each earned career-high listings at 64th and doubles rankings, respectively, today.

Leslie Haddock, D'Amico top Irish rankings

The Irish men's tennis team had two singles players and one doubles team listed in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's preseason rankings for the 2003-04 season. Senior Luis Haddock was listed at No. 1 singles, while junior Brent D'Amico was ranked No. 2 doubles.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles seek year's 1st victory

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's volleyball team is looking to pick up its first win this season.

The Belles travel to Wooster College in Ohio this weekend to participate in the annual Kill Classic. The eight-team tournament will take place Sept. 5 and 6 and features schools from Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana.

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The Belles are hoping to have everybody healthy, she said. "I have no doubt in my mind that we can win this tournament."

The Belles are hoping to have everyone back on campus this weekend, wish him a Happy Birthday!

Ralph Ruvolo/For the Observer
After strong opening, Belles ready for another test

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Coach Mark Hamilton and his Saint Mary’s gold team wanted to finish in the top five out of the 19 teams at the Ferris State Invitational last weekend. They were able to do so after the Belles accomplished that goal by finishing with a 663 team total for fifth place overall.

The team now takes on its first head-to-head competitor when they travel to Illinois to challenge Knox College at 12:30 p.m. Saturday.

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The Belles will look to put together another solid team effort, much like they did in their first invitational. Besides Adams’ 156 stroke finish, defending D-Ill national champion Stefanie Simmerman took 28th place with a 215 and teammate Megan Martin’s 37th place finish.

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WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Irish look to build on last season's success

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

As the Irish begin their season at the Valparaiso Invitational Friday, they embark upon what they hope will be a continuation of last season's successes, which culminated with a third place finish in the NCAA Championship.

Friday's race will not feature the team's top athletes, to give other runners some key race experience, while also allowing time for rest for those who had track seasons that extended into the summer.

Nevertheless, the Irish are taking today's race seriously.

"I think that any race you run is really important," sophomore Stephanie Madia said. "I think that for now (Coach Tim Connelly) is just giving us some time to recover. Molly (Huddles) and Lauren (King) had a really long track season. He wants to race everyone when he knows that they're ready."

Madia, who was a freshman last year, will not be running today, nor will the team's top one-two combination, King and Huddles, both of whom have earned All-America honors.

"(Today's) race is a learning experience, to see where you are at in the season," King said. "Our main goals lie at the end of the season, but this is a really important process in our training and our development. I think it'll be a great start of the season, and I'll barely touch what we are capable of this year."

Senior Maggie Nelson, junior Jackie Heap, sophomores Jean Marrinanghi and Jenny Walsh, freshmen Jeniy Richard and others will represent Notre Dame. King has confidence in her team.

"I've been impressed with the whole team," King said. "It seems like everyone has come in knowing what we achieved last year, and that with the right attitude and the right training we can achieve even greater results. I think the attitude among the team is amazing." King views last season as a turning point for the program. Although the team had no idea last August how much they would accomplish by season's end, it was the most successful season in the history of the Notre Dame women's cross country program, and the Irish do not expect to let last year's momentum fizzle out.

"Last year was a big step for our program," King said. "Everyone can see it's possible to be up there. That is driving everyone. Madia believes the team is even more focused on doing well this season, now that they realize what they are capable of achieving.

"I think all of us are looking to do things better this year, to not corners on the little things," she said.

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Irish runners get opportunities

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has the capacity to easily take first place at Saturday's Valparaiso Invitational. Instead the top ten Irish runners will sit out the season's first race, as they continue their training regimen and give freshmen and others the opportunity to compete and they hope, to realize the fruits of summer training.

"This race is good because it helps everyone gain some experience, especially the younger guys who haven't been able to experience a collegiate race before," sophomore Tom Longo said.

Longo will be among the runners temporarily moving up to the varsity level for Saturday's contest.

"Having only lost one senior to graduation, and returning a really confident," Tom Longo said. "This race is good because it helps everyone gain some experience. Last year, [Mobley] was the team's leader and top runner, but because of leg injuries that plagued him most of the season, Mobley's involvement in several races was limited. With their top runner and leader injured, the Irish morale began to suffer, and that struggling was expressed on the course.

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**FIGHTING IRISH SOCCER**
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St. John’s is 0-2 to start the season after falling 2-1 to North Carolina, and 3-1 to Wake Forest in the Wake Forest Classic.

The Irish, meanwhile, tied Alabama-Birmingham 0-0 in the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic and defeated California 2-1 in double OT.

Senior forward Devon Prescod has been fantastic so far for the Irish, scoring both goals in the California game and taking advantage of a healthy start to this season. Last year, Prescod was injured for a good portion of the season, forcing his forward partner Justin Detter to move to midfielder.

This year, Detter and Prescod have reunited on the front offensive line to provide a powerful goal-scoring tandem for the Irish.

“The nice thing about Devon and Justin is that they’re a good tandem up front,” Clark said. “I think they’re getting more attuned with each other.”

Prescod and the rest of the Irish offense have a formidable opponent in the Red Storm defender Chris Wingert was named pre-season Big East Defender of the Year.

Wingert also chipped in offensively last year, scoring three goals and dishing out two assists in 21 games played.

The Red Storm retain their top two scorers from a year ago in junior midfielder Andre Schmidt, who collected 16 points in 2002, and junior midfielder Chris Corcoran who had 13 points.

Despite the fact that the match will take place shortly after the opening game of the football season, Clark isn’t worried about any possible distractions to his team’s focus. At the same time, it is a perfect setup for a positive home field atmosphere.

“I think that this is a big game for us, and it would be nice to get a great atmosphere,” he said. “We’d like to have a lively, loud environment. We had a great crowd at the Michigan scrimmage, and we’d love to see a lot of those guys come back and watch us Saturday.”

While he tries to downplay any extra significance for this weekend’s game, Clark still realizes that this contest is a tremendous opportunity for the Irish to impress.

“I think this is a good opportunity to show people that we’re a good side,” he said. “It’s an opportunity for us to send a message out that we’re one of the best teams in the nation.

“Hopefully, we’ll take advantage of that opportunity.”

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Plus, the Barbados trip will give Irish coach Mike Brey the opportunity to test new line-ups and help younger players gain experience. Traditionally, Brey has given freshmen plenty of playing time in the early exhibition games to acclimate them to college basketball.

“The nice part about doing the foreign tour during the school year is that the incoming freshmen are here, so we can put them on the foreign tour,” Brey said earlier this year. “If it was during the summer, then the freshmen would not be able to attend it.”

Starting practice early will also give the Irish a chance to plug holes vacated by graduates Matt Carroll and Dan Miller. Notre Dame returns four players who started at least 10 games last year — guard Chris Thomas and forwards Torin Francis, Jordan Cornelius and Tom Timmermans — as well as Jones, who was Notre Dame’s sparkplug off the bench.

But the ranks of Notre Dame’s experienced seniors are thin. Although Brey named all four juniors and seniors playing this fall — Jones, Timmermans, Thomas and Cornelius — captains, Jones knows how vital the early start will be in the search for key contributors.

“We have a lot of young guys, guys playing new and extended roles,” Jones said. “This will help guys get adjusted to their positions and roles on the team.

“I think this is a good opportunity for these guys to get adjusted and come together better for the real games in September.”

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Arizona State or Oklahoma, so none of the teams will know exactly what to expect out of each other.

A r i z o n a State opened their season in Hawaii with two convincing wins, 4-0 over Hawaii and 5-0 over Bowling Green.

They return almost their entire team from last season, when they lost in the first round of the NCAA Tournament to Santa Clara.

Clark acknowledged that this team is very unique,” he said. “We have much more depth than we’ve had in the past, and we’re extremely athletic, which allows us to play high pressure defense for the full 90 minutes. We also have a great mix of personalities that mesh well on and off the field, and I think that is a key aspect of being a great team.”

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Senior midfielder Kim Carpenter passes the ball in fall practice. The Irish will be challenging this weekend as they host No. 13 Arizona State and Oklahoma in the Notre Dame Classic.

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**Horoscope**

**EUGENIA LAST**

**Celebrities Born on This Day:**

- Ali MacGraw, Debbie Reynolds, Annette O'Toole, Phillip Schofield

Happy Birthday: You are likely to be hit by a stumbling block if you don’t take the time to iron out any tedious little problems along the way. Take aggressive action and be honest and diplomatic in your approach. Your ability to pick yourself up and continue along the path you’ve chosen will bring you your saving grace. Your numbers are 3, 12, 26, 31, 36, 49

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Someone may try to dervise your sense of confidence. Refuse to give as commends are made by this person. Use other people’s verve to spark your enthusiasm and steer will to succeed.★★★★★

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): Your involvement in something secretive may come back to haunt you. Don’t expect someone who has made you a promise to live up to his or her part of the bargain.★★★★

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): Times are changing and choices must be made.

- Listen to what experienced individuals have to offer before you make your move.
- The horoscope in your rock.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): Put your effort into getting ahead in business.

- Be careful not to come across as a know-it-all or the very people you expect to buy into your plan will back away.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): Your attentive audience will be able to offer you what you want to boost your morale as well as help you to progress with your plan.

- A business project will turn into a worldwide venture.


- If you aren’t happy, start to make the necessary adjustments. There is nothing you can’t accomplish if you put your mind to it.★★★★

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): There will be lots of action in the romance department if you interact with others.

- Relationships and partnerships can flourish.

- The connections you make today will be worthwhile in the future.★★★★★★

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 22): The way you treat colleagues will determine how well you will do today.

- Lead a band, refrain from criticizing and you can build a very strong alliance with your colleagues.★★★★

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 23-Dec. 21): Look into some form of entertainment.

- Consider entering a competitive game of squashball with one of your friends.

- The challenge will satisfy your needs.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don’t expect everything to be smooth and immediate.

- You may be interested in making some changes at home, but if you proceed, things aren’t likely to pan out.

- This is no time to add more things to your life.★★★★

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your unique ideas and genuine concerns will spark enthusiasm in those you encounter today. Your help will be valued and lasting handshakes can be made.★★★★

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): Your work efforts will be strong and your ability to accomplish will put you ahead of any competition you face.

- Make changes regarding your professional direction today.★★★★

Birthday Baby: You will always prefer to be the center of action. You will be straightforward and learned to make your own choices and follow your own desires.

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**ND SOCCER**

**Starting off on the right foot**

Big East powers No. 4 Notre Dame and No. 13 St. John's will tangle at Alumni Field in the Irish home opener

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

Despite a calm forecast Saturday, the Irish still have a Storm to weather.

In what might be the most-hyped game of the season, No. 4 Notre Dame (1-0-0), 0-0-0 Big East) faces No. 13 St. John's (0-2-0), 0-0-0 Big East) at 7:30 p.m. at Alumni Field Saturday night—a battle between the two ranked Big East teams.

The Notre Dame-St. John's rivalry is one that has resulted in three consecutive 1-0 scores over the last three meetings, with the Irish winning once—in 2000—and the Red Storm taking the 2001 and 2002 matches.

The two teams are considered the forerunners to take the Big East conference title. If a recent poll of Big East coaches is to be believed. The conference preseason poll was released earlier this month, with Notre Dame finishing behind St. John's.

Regardless of the hype surrounding the game, Irish coach Bobby Clark maintains that his team is looking at the matchup like any other game.

"In this league, you can lose anywhere, anytime," he said. "It's a very tough league, and even though this is a big game and an important game, it's no less important than any of the other games.

Irish women will return to Alumni Field to face Oklahoma and No. 13 Arizona State in the Notre Dame Classic

By ANDY TROGER
Sports Writer

Coming off a strong performance after its tournament in Connecticut, the women's soccer team will look to continue its good play at home in the Notre Dame Classic this weekend.

The Classic will kick off this afternoon with Rutgers facing Oklahoma at 5 p.m. No. 5 Notre Dame will follow against No. 13 Arizona State about 30 minutes after the first game's completion. Sunday, Rutgers battles Arizona State with Notre Dame taking on Oklahoma.

Notre Dame received a number of accolades after last week's tournament. Senior Amy Warner, junior Erika Boland and sophomore Erika Boih and Guadrun Gunarsdottir were all named to the all-tournament team, while Boland also was named Big East Co-Offensive Player of the Week. She became the first women's soccer player in history to win both the Offensive and Defensive Player of the Week awards in her career.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Early start may benefit Irish

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

September. Basketball. The two don't exactly go together. But Thursday, one-by-one, members of the Notre Dame men's basketball team shuffled into the locker room at the Joyce Center. They emerged a half-hour later, dressed in practice uniforms, and headed to the Pit for practice.

"It feels a little different," senior forward John Jones said. "It's a lot earlier than we've practiced so far, but it's fun and exciting.

Normally, teams can't begin practice until Oct. 18. But NCAA regulations allow teams to play a foreign tour as part of their exhibition slate once every four years. On years when teams do take trips, the NCAA allows a squad to 10 practices to prepare for the trip.

That's why Notre Dame, which has two exhibition contests scheduled in Barbados over fall break, is starting practice before the football season even kicks off.

"Just how early are the Irish starting? The game floor in the Joyce Center Arena hadn't yet been laid down Thursday.

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In addition to Thursday's practice, the Irish will practice Saturday morning and Sept. 20. That last practice in September, held the Saturday of the Michigan State game, is open to the public. Notre Dame won't practice again until Oct. 7. and then the team will work out seven times in 11 days.

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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

Irish look to build on successful opener

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

After storming out of the gates last weekend, Notre Dame has high expectations going into this weekend's Longhorn Classic. Following a season opening upset of No. 10 Arizona, the Irish find themselves ranked 21st in this week's USA Today/AVCA Coaches Top 25.

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**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

Five Irish sit atop preseason ITA rankings

Several career highs are reached as Irish is ranked 26th in singles, 27th...
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Back Where He Began
Fans' expectations even higher

Somewhere between the glory of the past and the expectations of the future, Tyrone Willingham tries to coach a Notre Dame football team in the present.

He holds a job in which the standard for success equals perfection and where his every decision is analyzed by millions of fans across the nation. He is stuck trying to return a tradition-filled program to the level set by coaches like Rockne, Leahy and Parseghian. He feels pressure from fans who, instead of asking, "When are we going to win a national championship?" ask, "Why can't we win a national championship this year?"

But even as Willingham looked at his watch, Notre Dame fans started looking at their calendars. While Willingham measures time in minutes and seconds, Notre Dame fans measure time in years. How long since the Irish last won a national championship, fans measure time in minutes. How long since their team can do what Willingham wants, but faster.

Willingham's second day as a Notre Dame employee, a half-hour into his introductory press conference, the new Irish coach glanced at his watch. He had grown tired of standing in front of the television cameras, and the sudden glance to his left wrist told reporters his time was almost up.

But even as Willingham was almost up, Notre Dame fans started looking at their calendars. While Willingham measures time in minutes and seconds, Notre Dame fans measure time two ways — how long since the Irish last won a national championship, and how long until their next one.

Willingham's successful inaugural season under the Golden Dome only served to whet the appetites of Irish fans hungry for success. The Irish last ended the season at the top of the polls in a decade and a half ago, and they have only flirted with title dreams twice since then.

But even as Willingham tries to lead the Irish back among the nation's elite, he also must deal with fans who want what Willingham wants, but faster. "Our fans have individual games they want us to win," the coach said earlier this month. "But as a coach, you can't get caught up on that."

In Alan Grant's book "Return to Glory," in which the author and former Irish coach pegged the season following the coach around campus, Grant writes of a time when Willingham received a request from a fan to sign a jersey already emblazoned with signatures of Parseghian, Devine and Holtz.

Willingham has something in common with each of those men — all offered Irish fans a glimpse of a national title. All but Willingham have captured a national title. Yet Willingham shrugs off comparisons to past teams, only wanting the Irish to win their next game. "And if we win 12 of those next games," he said earlier this month, "we'll be right where we want to be."

The spring before Tyrone Willingham became a household name, the Irish coach wandered from dorm to dorm telling students the team had to get rid of an "Eeyore Cloud" that, just like the donkey from Winnie the Pooh, hung a negative attitude over anything Willingham wanted to do.

But even as Willingham chased the clouds away in one season, and now fans who fell in love with the man players called "The Prophet" wonder if he can summon a No. 1 ranking just as quickly. Earlier in the week, someone asked the Irish coach to identify his favorite spot on campus. Was it the Grotto? The Basilica? The Dome? Nope.

"The Stadium," the coach answered. "It's where the players get a thrill, I would say. But there, the expectations don't change."

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Finishing the job

After sitting out the 2002 season, Jones returns to the Irish Saturday to end what started

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

At Notre Dame's annual football media day three weeks ago, Ryan Grant sat alone patiently waiting for a reporter to approach him. After all, wouldn't somebody want to talk to Notre Dame's first 1,000-yard rusher in five years? Under normal circumstances, Grant's table would have been surrounded by all kinds of media types.

But on this particular day, just like Jones, Grant was intent on not speaking publicly for the first time regarding his forced exile from the Irish. So while Grant sat mostly by himself, the crowd around Jones's table stretched six deep. They waited for the player once named to a future NFL all-decade team to explain his academic-related absence. And they waited in hope, explain why he came back.

To understand why some consider Jones' return the equivalent of the Second Coming, it's easier to show clip-pleasing clips featuring his electrifying kick returns and ankle-breaking runs from his first three years at Notre Dame.

To explain who Jones became after he got hooked by the Irish, it's easier to explain what he did in his own personal purgatory — away from the Irish, away from the television cameras, away from everyone but his family.

Making a mistake

Jones first burst onto the field at Notre Dame Stadium as a freshman in 2000 with his explosive speed and devastating power. There was little question that Jones' primary kick returner for most of the season, Jones tallied 796 return yards, second only to Notre Dame's second-highest season total in Notre Dame history.

He quickly became popular with fans for his big-play potential, but his enthusiasm, while being the young man is coming back. And while the guidance of his brother — whom Jones said he considered one of his best friends — Jones traded fat for muscle and laziness for dedication.

"He was man enough to admit he made a mistake and man enough to what he had to do to correct that mistake."

Tyrone Willingham Notre Dame coach

The soft-spoken Jones now appears happier than before he left. In the days leading up to Notre Dame's season opener against Washington State, he grinned broadly when describing his anticipation about running out of the tunnel — "I remember it, but it's gonna be sweet when I do it for real. It feels like it's been 10 years since I played."

"I missed it a lot," he added. "Anytime you have something taken away from you that you love doing, it hurts pretty bad. It's like that sometimes. You learn from your mistakes, and I think I've done that."

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NOTRE DAME 2003 Schedule

Sept. 6  WASHINGTON ST.
Sept. 13  at Michigan
Sept. 20  MICHIGAN STATE
Sept. 27  at Purdue
Oct. 11  at Pittsburgh
Oct. 18  at USC
Oct. 25  at Boston College
Nov. 1  FLORIDA STATE
Nov. 8  NAVY
Nov. 15  BYU
Nov. 29  at Stanford
Dec. 6  at Syracuse

NOTRE DAME OFFENSE

COACHING

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HEAD TO HEAD

Irish experts

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Sports Editor

The defensive line will be the key for Notre Dame. If the line can stop a solid Washington State rushing game, and pressure the quarterback with a four-man rush, Notre Dame should contain the Cougar offense. Holiday will begin his breakout season with a strong performance in the opener.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 24
Washington State 10

Carlyle Holiday will surprise Notre Dame fans with his execution of the Irish offense, but Washington State will still have some success moving the ball against a relatively raw — but still talented — Irish secondary. Home-field advantage will tip this game in Notre Dame's favor.

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Washington State 13

NOTRE DAME RUSHING

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NOTRE DAME PASSING

Holiday is improving, but he is still far from the player he could become and his coaches would like him to be. Kegel is an unproven senior trying to climb out from behind the shadow of the most prolific passer in Washington State history.

WEIGHTS AND MEASUREMENTS

Omar Jenkins WR
Matt Shelton WR 6-1
Ryan Harris WR 6-2
Darrell Nukwne WR
Nick Ndukwe WR
Nate Schomas WR
David Kowalski TE
Anthony Fasano TE
Brandon Ambrost TE
Nick Gesser QB
Jared Gesser QB
Dillingham QB
Jim Molinaro RB
Paul Jackson RB
Jeff Jenkins RB 6-1
Travis Thomas RB
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NOTRE DAME DINGEN

The Irish have an untested offensive line that may have trouble opening holes, but they also have two solid runners in Grant and Jones. The Cougar defense is big, deep and experienced. They only yielded 83 rushing yards to the Vardals.

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Notre Dame returns 1,000-yard rusher Grant, who is finally healthy after battling nagging injuries last year. Jones, who returns to the Irish lineup after missing all of 2002, should provide some explosiveness and excitement.

An offensive line composed of four relatively new members could present some problems for Holiday in the pocket. The Irish return a trio of experienced receivers in Jenkins, McKnight and Stovall. The health of Godsey could become a factor at tight end.

Parrish QB
Price.

Kegel has a lot to live up to in filling in for Jason Gesser. After a sub-par, 12-for-21 performance against Idaho, Kegel has his work cut out for him. But that was Idaho.

Washington State's four seniors on the defensive line will provide a formidable test for the unproven Irish line. At 320 pounds, Tupai will be a force in the middle of the field against the Irish run. The Cougars yielded only 83 rushing yards to the Vardals.

The Cougars must replace cornerback Marcus Trufant. They got to the quarterback three times against Idaho last week and are expected up front with four seniors. Williams grabbed two interceptions last weekend and Turner added another.

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Irish Rushing

Keeping Willingham's Notre Dame football back to file last year by leading the Irish to an 8-0 start, ending the season 10-3 with a 28-6 Gator Bowl loss to North Carolina State. He will likely have his troops thinking they can have that kind of start again in 2003.

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COUGAR RUSHING

The front seven will be the strength of the Irish defense as five starters return in Budinscak, Campbell, Curry, Hilliard, Tuck and preseason All-American Watson. Hoyte has plenty of experience, as he started the first two games of 2002 behind Watson.

The Cougar running backs turned some heads last week against Idaho, as Washington State racked up 339 yards rushing. Smith ran for 160 yards on 16 carries and Bruhn added 118 yards on nine carries. The Cougar offensive line averaged 302 pounds.

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Sizing up the Irish and Cougars

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After losing four starters to the NFL Draft, the Notre Dame offensive line is working on finding the necessary chemistry to be a cohesive unit. The line needs to protect Notre Dame quarterback Carlyle Holiday and keep his jersey clean.

Washington State's defensive line only gave up 83 yards to Idaho last week. While the Vandals' attack isn't very threatening, holding a college team under the century mark always causes some concern for next week's opponent.

by the numbers

- Number of games Washington State's Bill Doba has been a collegiate head coach: 1
- Different opponents for Notre Dame after it plays Washington State for the first time Saturday: 134
- Notre Dame wins in its past 16 season openers: 14

with Anne Mulcahy
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Xerox Corporation

Come listen to Anne Mulcahy, chairman and chief executive officer of Xerox Corporation, speak about the Xerox turnaround and return to profitability. Anne is credited with bringing Xerox back from the brink of bankruptcy and is considered one of the rising stars in corporate America.

Mulcahy will touch on the challenges of transforming a major corporation ... from restructuring, refinancing, cost cutting, sales, pricing and new products and services. Of particular interest will be Anne's comments on the future of Xerox, the challenge of women executives in business, ethics and corporate governance in America, and of course opportunities at Xerox for Domers. Experience firsthand Anne's straightforward approach on how she energized employees during the turnaround while making tough decisions.

Xerox is a partner with Notre Dame Athletics with a strong brand and a vision for helping Notre Dame students. Throughout its difficult times, Xerox continued to support scholarship grants and employment opportunities for Notre Dame students. The company has $15.8 billion in revenues with 65,000 employees worldwide and ranks number 116 in the Fortune 500. Xerox is building a bright future around its customer focused and employee-centered core values, augmented by passion for innovation, speed and adaptability.

Saturday, September 6, 2003
10:45 a.m.
Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business

This lecture/Q&A session is free and open to the public.
Grant doesn’t mind playing in the shadows

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

As a sophomore last season, Irish tailback Ryan Grant amassed 1,085 yards and 12 touchdowns on 250 carries to become one of the most dynamic backs in Notre Dame history and earn All-American honors. The following year, he was expected to again be a major force in the Fighting Irish backfield, but his season was cut short after a second-year redshirt.

Notre Dame running back Ryan Grant bursts through a hole against Rutgers last season. In his first-year as the starting running back, Grant gained 1,085 yards and became the seventh player in Notre Dame history to accumulate over 1,000 yards.

McDonell is one of three current coaches in the Pac-10. He has been head coach at Washington State and Washington, and co-a coach at Oregon State and Oregon.

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To put it simply, this weekend is a dream come true for Washington State football head coach Bill Doba.

Washington State coach Bill Doba instructs at a practice last December prior to the Cougars’ matchup in the Rose Bowl against Oklahoma.

Doba grew up an Irish fan and started his coaching career at Indiana schools

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

Doba, who still considers South Bend his hometown, went to high school in New Carlisle, Ind., and received a bachelor’s degree in physical education from Ball State. He coached high school football in Indiana from 1962-76. Doba held a variety of assistant coaching positions at Indiana from 1977-82 and at Purdue from 1983-86.

Notre Dame has a complement of downhill power runners. But when running back Julius Jones, who wasn’t content to walk away from his duties, left Notre Dame a complement of southern and quick feet, can really make people miss, can really accelerate and get north, and has the ability to take it to the house. With one 1,000-yard rushing season already under his belt, Grant has further plans for success with the Irish, but he would rather keep the football world in suspense and reveal them in his own manner.

"I’ve got goals, but I can’t reveal them right now," Grant said. "I’ll keep them to myself and let you all see them on Saturdays."

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To do it any other way, he said. "To do it any other way, I'd rather that anyway. Let someone else get the credit."
you accidentally knock your roommate’s toothbrush into the toilet. he’s not home. what do you do? answer the question. compare your opinions with others. explore what matters at pwc.com/lookhere.