Athletes win NCAA graduation rate award

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Writer

Not only can they kick a field goal, serve an ace and win a race — they can graduate, too.

After finishing second last season, Notre Dame student-athletes earned top honors in the 2003 USA Today/NCAA Academic All-America Team Awards, a distinction announced Sept. 2.

Ninety-two percent of Notre Dame student-athletes who enrolled in 1996 graduated from the University, constituting the highest overall graduation rate among NCAA Division I-A universities. For student-athletes who completed all four years of athletic eligibility, the rate was even higher, at 99 percent.

Tulsa University came in second by three percentage points, followed by Wisconsin and Duke at 88 percent each, Northwestern at 87 and Boston College at 86. Not won in 2002 with 91 percent.

NCAA compilations of graduation rates are determined by the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered a university and graduated within six years. Non-graduates include student-athletes who transfer, join a professional organization or leave the university for various other reasons.

Academic Achievement Awards are also granted to the universities that show the most improvement from the previous year, as well as to those who have the best student-athlete graduation rates in comparison to the entire undergraduate student body. This year, the University of Oklahoma won the first category with a 40 percent rate of improvement. Boise State University won the second with a 33 percent advantage for student-athletes as compared to the overall student body average.

A $2.9 million grant from USA Today first made the prizes possible three years ago. The grant was the largest in NCAA history, and the top institution in each category receives $20,000. The prize money can be used for any purpose; past awards have been used to fund additional scholarships, to support existing programs and to finance new ones.

A reception will be held at the USA Today headquarters in McLean, Va., to recognize the winners, which also include schools from Division I-AA, Division I-AA, Division II and Division III. The ceremony will take place Nov. 7 and will feature presentations from NCAA president Myles Brand and USA Today publisher Craig Moon.

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Legend meets expectations

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With the arrival of football season, one of the newest establishments on campus, Legends of Notre Dame, held its doors open Saturday afternoon. The restaurant won "Best in the Business" by county voting.

According to Briggs, Legends will have to make sure that it can change and keep improving over the course of the year. "We're evolving everyday," Briggs said. "We're learning that the customers want more than relying merely on its prime location near the Stadium and advertising targeted at Notre Dame students and fans. "It was extremely busy, but we're evolving every day and kind of rushing it as we go," Briggs said. "We'll see what works in the market and go from there."

Briggs also said the restaurant would grow into its own over time. "The restaurant was doing a lot of business, but there are still areas that staff and management need to look at for continued improvement," Briggs said.

"There's... a big learning curve, but with having the staff better trained, being able to better handle crowds and the like, we will continue to improve," Briggs said.

Program coordinator Jonathan Jorissen expressed many of the same views, while at the same time noting the large numbers that came to Legends for various reasons. "We had a lot of people coming in through a lot of alumni wanting to check out the new place — and were very busy all day Friday," Jorissen said. "We had a great turnout, as well, to watch the game."

Jorissen did leave room for improvement, however, noting at least one event that was not as well-attended as organizers might have hoped.

"We weren't at the South for the maximum capacity for the band Friday night, and we're working on the logistics of programming on football weekends. We're looking at some different options," Jorissen said. "One of those is having a classic Notre Dame football game watch on Friday afternoons.

Despite having, to some extent, less-than-perfect results, the staff of Legends is happy with the way things are going and hope to continue to improve. In fact, evolving and improving to become even better is one of the central ideas of the restaurant/club right now, the staff said.

"We're excited. Everything went very smoothly, and we were very pleased. Hopefully, over time, more people will become aware that Legends exists, and we will improve our programming, and Legends will be even better," Jorissen said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

The bells disturb sleep

Exhausted from the jubilation that was Saturday’s football victory, I returned to my room in Sorin in order to reenergize for the night that lay ahead. But my nap intruded upon my visions of a vibrant nightlife. My eyelids miscon- couned my hour or two of slumber. Instead of awak- ing to the sounds of witty inebriated banter from the hall, I was stirred by the bells of the Basilica. Bells that rang four minutes before nine on a Sunday morning. Realizing that I had unintended- ally stumbled into transition Sunday, I attempted to slumber and take refuge in sleep. But the bells would not end. Chimes rung at every quarter hour with varying ambition. At 9:15 there were but four strikes upon the bell. At 9:30 there was a humble concerto featuring subdued syncopation. At 9:45, a subdued rendition of the alma mater praised thee Notre Dame. And at 10:00 a full-fledged dual hour opus erupted from the bowels of the Basilica, 1,842 bells of percussion banging brutal tempos out of the tower and thrusting it upon the unwilling audience of Sorin Hall.

Last year, I heard not one of the Basilica’s bells. I lived on the opposite side of the dorm under the quiet of percussion. Social lubricants trickled my qualms and accepted my nap. He likely lurks in the hallmate (or his liturgical legion) returned at 1:00 a.m. and drywall fell as a type of periodic precipitation, yet none of these activities inhibited my slumber. Now, I am bombarded by music at all hours. The hall choir practices in the chapel directly above. So do a number of aspiring piano players. I was awoken yesterday by an industrious hallmate playing Gershwin at nine in the morning. He (or another member of his liturgical legion) returned at 3 a.m. and I was still not at peace.

But how does one resolve this conflict? From a utilitarian standpoint, all would be best served if I quieted my qualms and accepted the life of an insomniac. However, there is still hope. The wise and sympathetic leaders of the University may realize that our campus does not need inaccurate clocks between the Basilica and LaFortune Center.

Students populate the newly-remodeled basement of the Hesburgh Library. The library basement had been under renovation for over a year, and it now provides attractive study space as opposed to the old design.

OFFBEAT

Ecuador President promises to be punctual

QUITO, Ecuador—President Lucio Gutierrez will set a national example and start showing up on time for meetings and appointments in an effort to combat a national lack of punctuality, a government spokesman said Monday.

"The president has made the decision that punctuality will be the government’s rule," spokesman Marcelo Cevallos said in an interview with Teleamazonas television. It was unclear when the initiative would begin, however, as Cevallos apologized to the audience for showing up late for the interview.

Dope-seeking teens call cop by mistake

AUSTIN, Texas — Two teens accused of searching for a marijuana dealer instead of the ultimate wrong number — they called the Mower County Sheriff’s cell phone.

Sheriff Terese Amazi’s cell phone rang around noon on Friday. The caller said she wanted a bag of marijuana. After Amazi said she was the sheriff, the caller said, I’m sorry," and hung up. A few minutes later, the phone rang again. This time, Amazi let a deputy answer.

The caller again asked for a bag of marijuana, and the deputy — who called himself "Duke" on the phone — arranged for a meeting at a convenience store an hour later.

"Apparently, they didn’t know the meaning of ‘Duke’ as in ‘duped’ either," Amazi said. "It’s incredible."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
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Concerns.

Campus safety, exploration of decreasing the costs orientation policies in the HA training program. Itchambli@nd.edu

By MIKE CHAMBLISS

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Campus Life Council (CLC), a Board of Trustees- mandated committee that advises the Office of Student Affairs, met Monday for an unofficial, preliminary meeting.

The 18-member council of students, faculty and administrators discussed various issues that it may take up as the focus of the three task forces that will work toward specific goals over the course of the year.

These issues include privileges for on-campus seniors, decreasing the cost of SYR’s, the status of leadership on campus, gender relations, campus safety, exploration of dining hall options and decreasing the costs associated with the student-used vehicles at the Center for Social Concerns.

With recent controversial RA dismissals in mind, Student Body President Pat Hallahan introduced the idea of investigating current policies and attempting to increase flexibility in the RA training program. A heated debate ensued when a number of council members objected to spending council time on an employee-employer issue that is traditionally beyond the scope of the CLC’s concern.

“As an employer, I have certain expectations of my employees, and no one is going to tell me how to hire people,” said Steve Week, assistant vice president of Student Life.

It was also pointed out that many times that CLC could not discuss the specifics of any individual dismissal case because federal law prohibits the University from divulging related information.

Some of the council members grew frustrated when a proposal to investigate a seemingly important issue failed to generate unanimous support.

“As soon as we get a hot issue that students care about, we get put down. We get our agenda dictated by a minority of people,” said Hallahan.

The issue of deciding task force goals will be settled during the Sept. 22 meeting.

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The meeting was opened with a discussion on the revised Saint Mary’s mission statement. Vice President for Mission Sr. Rose Anne Schultz distributed copies of the mission statement printed on bookmarks to board members.

Schultz emphasized that there is a renewed commitment to the college mission from divining related information.

It was also noted that the mission statement will be an important tool in the search for a new college President.

BOG members also discussed efforts to improve communication and involve-ment between the student body and the governing board. One of the keys, Public Relations Commissioner Stephanie Patka said, is to refine the information given to board members.

“We are trying to consolidate everything into one stall news because it is much more effective,” Patka said in reference to a BOG bulletin posted in campus bathrooms.

Board members also intend to reward those students who hang the BOG monthly calendar in their rooms with a prize. The board hopes the incentive will increase awareness and participation in campus activities.

In addition to the BOG bulletin and Web site, students will now be able to access times, places and dates of events by calling the Activities line at 284-4809. Board members have been promoting this resource by posting door decorations with the number on students’ doors.

Furthermore, BOG intends to improve its relationship with The Observer to clearly communicate with students.

“We are working on our relationship with The Observer so we can get information to them in a timely manner,” said Patka.

In other BOG News - Saint Mary’s is launching a shadowing program in which current upperclassmen will have the opportunity to shadow a Saint Mary’s alumna while on the job. The first information meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday in the Noble Family Dining Hall.

The “Busy Person’s Retreat” will begin this Sunday prior to the regular 9 p.m. campus mass. The retreat is designed for those who are unable to attend a weekend-long event. Participants will give up one hour of their day for reflection and prayer.

Due to a lack of demand, the Cushwa-Leighton library hours have been experimentally cutback. Library staff noted that there were few or no students in the library on Friday or Saturday evenings, as well as on Sunday mornings. Students are encouraged to express their opinions on the new hours.

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Auto club goes to trial for negligence

Associated Press

BOSTON — In the summer of 1999, AAA got a call about a young woman whose car had broken down in a parking lot on Cape Cod. The auto club told the woman's stepfather it would send its local affiliate, AAA.

Melissa Gosule never made it home that night.

Her body was found in a shallow grave eight days later. She had been raped and stabbed to death.

Gosule's family sued AAA for unspecified damages, claiming the auto club had done its job that night, she would be alive today. Jury selection began Monday in state court in Plymouth, south of Boston, in the negligence and wrongful-death case.

The case is being watched closely because it is the first time AAA has been sued in the death of a motorist who was killed after seeking assistance from the car club, legal experts said.

Every year, the American Automobile Association, with a dues-paying membership of more than 46 million in the United States and Canada, gets about 30 million calls from motorists who need help with dead batteries, flat tires and other roadside problems.

In their lawsuit, Gosule's parents, Leslie Gosule and Sandra Glaser, and her stepfather, Peter Glaser, claim AAA left Gosule stranded and forced to turn to a stranger for help. That stranger, Michael Gentile, killed her.

"AAA is not who they say they are," Leslie Gosule said recently in a statement. "Had AAA done what they tell the world they do and what they said they were going to do -- provide reliable and reasonable emergency roadside assistance that night -- Michael Gentile would still be with us."

Gosule's parents note that AAA's marketing materials tout the peace of mind it provides to motorists in trouble. "One call and your worries are over," reads one brochure. AAA also refers to itself as "family" and warns against depending on strangers: "In today's world, relying on strangers has become a scary (and sometimes dangerous) thing to do."

The lawsuit names national AAA; its local affiliate, AAA Southern New England; and the tow truck driver.

AAA disputes the family's claims that it did not offer Gosule help, and says it should not be held responsible for her death. Gentile, a newspaper delivery man with a long criminal record, was convicted of her murder and is now serving a life sentence.

On July 11, 1999, Gosule, a 27-year-old elementary school teacher, had returned at 5:30 p.m. from a bike ride at a park in Bourne to find that her 1998 Pontiac would not start.

It was about that time that she met Gentile, according to testimony during Gentile's trial in 2000.

Gosule used Gentile's cell phone to call her mother and stepfather, who told her he would call AAA for help. Gosule was not a member of AAA, but her stepfather was, and it is routine for the auto club to help out relatives of AAA members.

In their lawsuit, Gosule's family says her stepfather immediately called the AAA 24-hour emergency roadside assistance number and asked that the car and Gosule be taken to a garage in Boston. John Cubellis, a tow truck driver whose company is an agent for AAA, arrived at the parking lot about 90 minutes later.

According to both sides, Cubellis told Gosule he was busy and it would be three to four hours before he could take her or her car to Boston, about 60 miles away. The Gosule family says Cubellis did not try to start the young woman's car, make sure she was taken to a safe location or call another AAA driver to help.

Gosule then accepted a ride from Gentile.

In court papers, AAA says Cubellis had no reason to believe Gosule was in danger. She was in a busy parking lot at the Sagamore Rotary with restaurants, a gas station and a fire station nearby. When he pulled into the parking lot, he saw Gosule talking and sharing a cell phone with two men -- Gentile and a mechanic friend.

Gentile had called to look at the woman's car.

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"Our hearts go out to Melissa Gosule's family and friends," said Robert Murray. "In our history, we have never seen a case like this. We believe the auto club will be properly and completely exonerated."

Paul Martinek, editor in chief of Lawyers Weekly USA, a national legal newspaper, said the lawsuit was initially considered a long shot, but some of the claims could resonate with a jury.

"Proving that this was a foreseeable danger in a huge challenge -- that AAA could have foreseen that a motorist would have accepted a ride from a total stranger and then be killed by that total stranger," Martinek said.

"I understand their position, as far as liability is concerned," he said. "I think the biggest fear of the University's is someone getting hurt and that bringing on a lawsuit."

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Turtle Creek residents received a notice Sept. 5 that told them to "expect increased police presence and around the property" during football season. Williams said Turtle Creek management was not involved in the bust in any manner. However, he said that the property's management does hire off-duty police officers as security for busy party weekends, like football weekends and "Rally in the Alley."

Williams lived at Turtle Creek as a security officer for nine years and just moved out a few months ago.

"In nine years, there has never been a bust like that," he said. He also told of recent developments that may have given the Turtle Creek new motivation to enforce a new party policy.

"There were complaints about Turtle Creek coming in through the city attorney's office," said Williams. "They can get fined if they don't comply."

According to Williams, two to three officers used to be considered enough security for Turtle Creek on a busy weekend.

"There were always a lot of kids out there on football weekend," said Williams, who would hire one or two officers for football weekends and other big events, like "Rally," when he lived at Turtle Creek.

He also added that part of the motivation for the bust came from the University, but he does not think their actions will cut down on partying before football games.

"There's always been tailgating at football games, whether it's college or professional, and there's always going to be tailgating," Williams said. "They can only do so much."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Arab League grants Council seat

QUBRAN, Jordan — The Arab League aggressively grimm­uously granted the U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council the Baghdad seat on the political board Tuesday, a major boost to the Bush administration's post-war occupation.

The decision ended weeks of debate within the 22-member League over whether to recognize Iraq's interim authority, with oppo­nents fearing that acceptance of the interim Iraqi authority could be seen as a sign of support for the American invasion.

The council was appointed July 13 after U.S. forces deposed Saddam Hussein's regime as an authority able to represent Iraq at the highest level.

Arab League foreign ministers issued a communiqué after their debate, saying the Governing Council had been granted Iraq's seat until the legitimate Iraqi government is formed and a new constitution drawn up.

WW II-era bombs found in China

Beijing, China — Construction workers digging a drainage ditch have unearthed dozens of World War II-era Japanese bombs in an eastern Chinese city, authorities said Monday, the latest development in a saga of old em­nities that still resonate today.

The 80 bombs turned up last Wednesday at the construction site in Heze, a city in the eastern Chinese province of Shandong. They have been left by Japanese invaders during World War II, the official Xinhua News Agency reported, citing local officials.

The rusty explosives are apparently con­ventional, not chemical, weapons, authorities said. But they are conducting tests to make sure.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bombing accomplices suspected

EIILIJJA, Pa. — Investigators said Monday that they were confident a pizza deliveryman did not act alone when he robbed a bank with a bomb locked to his neck and was killed when the device went off moments later.

Brian Wells, 46, was stopped in his car, authorities said, and sawed Aug. 28 following a PNC bank robbery near Erie, but was killed when the bomb attached to a collar locked around his neck exploded while he and police waited for the bomb squad.

Wells was found hanged, bagged for a test for two men seen nearby running through traffic about 45 minutes after Wells died. The FBI released sketches of the two men, saying it was not known if they had anything to do with the case.

Finance reform law before Court

WASHINGTON — In a rare and lengthy special session, the Supreme Court consider­ed Monday whether a vast rewrite of the nation's laws governing money in politics unconstitutionally muzzles politicians, their supporters and opponents.

Among other things, the law bans unlim­ited "soft money" donations to political parties and the controls on political advertising in the weeks before an election.

The Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act is in force when the Supreme Court weighs its future. A ruling is expected in time for the first presidential primaries next year.

LOCAL NEWS

Flood victims receive federal aid

INDIANAPOLIS — Federal authorities said Monday that they have approved 87 emergency applications from central Indiana residents who suffered property damage from Labor Day floods.

"Our goal is to make sure everyone knows how to apply and receives every dollar they're entitled to," FEMA spokesman Gene Romano said.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency also said Tuesday will be the final day it will accept aid applications.

Gov. O'Bannon in coma after stroke

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Indiana Gov. Frank O'Bannon suffered a massive stroke in his Chicago hotel room Monday and was in critical condition following surg­ery.

The doctor who operated on the governor refused to speculate on O'Bannon's chances for recovery.

"We're hoping he's going to get better quickly," said neurosurgeon Wesley Yapor.

O'Bannon, a Democrat in his second term, was found Monday morning after a staff member called hotel security to say the governor had missed a morning meeting and was not answering his phone, said Northwestern Memorial Hospital spokes­woman Kelly Sullivan.

Yapor said surgeons removed blood from both sides of O'Bannon's brain. The doctor said he would not know if they would be able to save the governor's life until surgery was completed.

O'Bannon, 60, was in a drug-induced coma and on a ventilator. Strokes are the leading cause of disability in the United States and the No. 3 killer.

Most are ischemic strokes, caused when blood vessels feeding the brain are blocked, but some are caused by bleeding in the brain.

The outcome depends on how much bleeding occurs, how much of the brain is affected, and how long the patient goes with­out breathing.

Survivors can suffer brain damage and often suffer permanent disabil­ity, including paralysis, loss of speech and vision, and weakness.

"I think we're all just hoping and praying at this point for a quick recovery for the governor, hoping this situation is not as seri­ous as is currently indicat­ed," said state House GOP Leader Brian Bosma.

O'Bannon spokeswoman Mary Dieter said the gov­­ernor had a physical three months earlier and was given "a clean bill of health."

O'Bannon had been stay­ing at the Palmer House Hilton to attend a confer­ence of the Midwest U.S.-Japan Association.

His wife, Judy, arrived from Indiana at the hospi­tal with their daugh­ter Jennifer. Their other adult children were en­route, Sullivan said.

Indiana Lt. Gov. Joe Kernan, who was also at the Chicago conference, returned to Indianapolis, where officials researched succession procedures.

In his seven years as governor, O'Bannon, a moderate known for his grandfathers charisma, has forged alliances to reform educa­tion and to try to improve the state's econo­my.

He rallied to re-election in 2000, but his popularity began to slide in his sec­ond term as the economy fal­tered. He is barred by term limits from running again from next year.

The Indiana Constitution allows for a transfer of power from the governor to lieutenant governor if the governor is incapac­i­tated. However, that requires a petition to be filed by the president pro tem of the Senate and the Speaker of the House and a ruling by the Indiana Supreme Court.

House Speaker Patrick Bauer said he and Sen. President Pro Tem Robert Garson were prepared to draft the necessary paper­work. The Supreme Court justices were being assem­bled.

After consulting with leg­islatives, Kernan said he would assume the governor's duties, but for­mal steps to transfer power would not be taken immediately.

"I would just ask all Iowans to join hands and say a prayer," Kernan said.

The governor's chief of staff Tim Joyce met with O'Bannon staff members Monday. "He implied each of us do the state's business as usual, because that's what the governor would want," Dieter said.

Former Illinois Gov. James Thompson said he had seen O'Bannon at two events Sunday night, and saw no indication that any­thing was wrong.

"He was right on. He was affable, he was engaged, active, alert, talked. We talked about mutual prob­lems of Indiana and Illinois," Thompson said.

Annan plans meeting on future of Iraq

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary-­General Kofi Annan announced a high-level diplomatic offensive Monday to get funding nations to unite under a plan to stabilize Iraq, and said the United Nations is prepared to pay a direct role to quickly restore its sovereignty.

Annan met late Monday with ambassadors from the Security Council and planned to meet Saturday in Geneva with foreign ministers from the 15-member minis­terial council nations — the United States, France, China, Britain and France.

He said he has also been talking to officials in many countries and plans to engage Mideast leaders and Iraq's neighbors.

"The discussions are at early stages," he said. "But my own sense is that Iraq is of such impor­tance that all of us will have to find a way of working together to stabi­lize Iraq."

The Security Council is starting to debate a U.S.-proposed draft resolu­tion to get more peacekeeping troops and money into Iraq, but it faces tough opposition led by France and Germany.

It would authorize a multinational force to replace the current U.S.-led force, but the United States would command the force and continue to run the civilian administration. France and Germany, which opposed the war on Iraq, are lead­ing demands for the quick restora­tion of Iraq's sovereignty and a larg­er U.N. role.

U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte, who confirmed that Secretary of State Colin Powell would attend Saturday's meeting in Geneva, said the United States is waiting for suggested changes — particularly from the four other per­manent members.

The United States incorporated "a lot of ideas that have been given to us by other countries," he stressed, and "we think it's a constructive and important resolution."
Approval likely for Bush's plan

WASHINGTON — Republicans and Democrats predicted Monday that Congress will approve the $87 billion President Bush wants for Iraq and Afghanistan, but many said they would demand more details on administration policy in both countries.

With relentless American casualties, a paucity of allied support and a realization that the administration underestimated the operation’s price tag, lawmakers seem emboldened to play a stronger role in shaping the war than they did when they quickly approved an initial $79 billion package in April.

Democrats juxtaposed the proposal with Bush’s opposition to added funds for American schools and other domestic programs. They also voiced doubt that even $87 billion would be enough.

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One of the soldiers suffered a gunshot wound to his right leg during a firefight. The other soldier was shot in the right forearm in a clash with five insurgents near a coalition base at Shkin in Paktika province. One U.S. special operations soldier and an unknown number of Afghan soldiers also died.

In Afghanistan’s southern Kandahar province, the heartland of the hardline Taliban regime before its ouster by U.S.-led forces in late 2001, insurgents late Sunday ambushed a pickup truck carrying Afghan soldiers through a mountain gorge.

Five soldiers were killed and five wounded, said Haji Granai, a military commander in the provincial capital, Wali Kot district. "This is a mountainous area. Taliban are hiding there."

Shah Wali Kot is 85 miles southwest of the Dai Chupan mountains, the scene of intense fighting this month between U.S.-led coalition forces and Taliban. More than 100 Taliban were reported killed in about nine days of ground fighting and bombing in the rugged region of Zabul province. One U.S. special operations soldier and an unknown number of Afghan soldiers also died.

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In Brief

WorldCom close to settlement

WASHINGTON — MCI was close to settling Monday with two groups of creditors that opposed a deal to repay just a fraction of the company’s $41 billion debt, prompting a sur­ prise adjournment as hearings began on a plan to emerge from bankruptcy. A settlement could remove the last major obstacle that the company formerly known as WorldCom faces in persuading a bankruptcy court to approve the long-distance carrier’s financial reorganization after a ruinous accounting scandal.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Arthur Gonzalez said the talks between MCI and two groups holding close to $1 billion in combined claims against the company appeared to be showing progress and to allow the parties another day to negotiate.

Probe denied in Stewart case

WASHINGTON — A federal judge said Monday she saw no indication of a breach of grand jury secrecy in the Martha Stewart case, rejecting defense demands that the government investigate the source of pre-indictment leaks.

U.S. District Judge Miriam Goldman Lea­ grove said she found it difficult to under­ stand how lawyers for the home deco­ rator, whom believed their client might have been prejudiced if someone had leaked the fact that the indictment would not include a number charges that the lawyers themselves had argued for.

Leavgrove said the leaks violated federal rules on grand jury secrecy, but they were per­ sonal, and might have influenced grand juries before they handed up the indictment against Stewart and her ex-stockbroker, Peter Bartoncic.

TV Guide revamped to boost sales

LOS ANGELES — A redesigned TV Guide magazine hit the stands Monday as the pub­ lisher of the 50-year-old title struggles to revive the neglected brand.

The magazine carries a new logo, an expanded movie guide on salmon-colored pages, shorter articles, more viewing recom­ mendations and easier to read prime-time channel listing grids.

The magazine also has a new slogan: “We see everything.”

The circulation of TV Guide has fallen dra­ matically, from more than 19 million in the 1970s to about 9 million today.

The company will spend $10 million to mar­ ket TV Guide with the goal of adding 750,000 new subscribers by the end of the year.

Media merger wins FCC approval

WASHINGTON — The nation’s largest Spanish-language media company, Hispanic Community Inc., said Tuesday it has signed an agreement with the Hispanic Broadcasting Corp. to form a joint venture.

Hispanic Community, which is majority-owned by the country’s largest Hispanic community by purchasing Hispanic Broadcasting Corp. for $3.5 billion, Federal Com­ mercial Communications Inc., said Tuesday.

The two companies announced in August that they were in negotiations to form a joint venture.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The music industry’s largest trade group filed 261 copyright lawsuits against Internet users who trade songs online, an aggressive campaign to discourage piracy through years of选用 civil penalties or convictions.

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Some of my grandkids got in there,” said Sue Pickle, 71, of Richardson, Texas, who said his son had explained the situation and promised him an e-mail to the recording industry association. “I didn’t do it, and I don’t feel like I’m responsible. It’s been stopped now, I guarantee you that.”

Pickle said his teen­ aged grandchildren used his computer during visits to his home.

“I’m not a computer­ type person,” Pickle said. “They come in and get on the computer. How do I get rid of this?”

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An estimated 60 million Americans participate in file-sharing networks, using software that makes it simple for computer users to locate and retrieve for free virtually any song by any artist within moments.

Internets users broadly acknowledge music-trad­ ing is illegal, but the practice has flourished in recent years since copy­ right statutes are among the most popularly flouted laws online.

Schamis, 26, said she might be sued.

The RIAA did not respond to a request for comment.

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As I take time out of my busy senior schedule to reflect on this past weekend, I notice the banquette of Bocca burgers and beer to which I was privy, it's easy to feel like I'm the luckiest man alive. Not to mention the manly.

Of course, the hourly aloe treatment makes me feel a little less rugged, but not when I remember that it is the only way to ensure an expeditious recovery from multiple burns to the forearms. It was a grill accident resulting from a manual match-lighting at our apartment at Turtle Creek. It took me until senior year to realize how to celebrate. All it takes is a little initiative, a little bit of aloe, and a lot of rope.

David Barrett

Enjoying the non-traditional football traditions

On football Saturdays, the impossible becomes possible.

Ye of little faith who might have thought the half dozen I was able to purchase per year would be enough to satisfy the demands of the overmatched Cougars. The September sun proved plenty hot for football traditions, yet even the most meticulously packed cooler was unable to contain the frenzied masses of people beating down your door at 8 a.m. demanding nourishment. There is even something kind of special about losing half of your glassware to thirsty freshmen who show little regard for personal property and feel no need to return family heirlooms that they pilfered from your kitchen cabinetry. Even if they are plastic, we want them back.

Our living room was a certified sea of green by 10 a.m., as was every other apartment at Turtle Creek. It was nice to see police officers sending kids long rather than taking them captive in their cruisers. Order was restored, so to say, in the alley of Turtle Creek. In addition, the football team relived past glories against the overmatched Cougars. The Notre Dame shows were still magical, and we will relive the glory. We are living it, baby. The concessions once again were also magical. The Notre Dame hot dogs are still good, maybe even better than they were last year. The condiment udders are still the coolest things any of us have ever seen and might ever hope to see. The half dollar pieces are still apparently in circulation, contrary to popular opinion. They might provide a shade of facility for the overwhelmed concession cashiers, but we still hate them. These are the little things that don't make it into the volumes dedicated to Notre Dame football, but they are the things I will personally miss most when I graduate in May. Did you know that thousands of RVs gather in a giant field beyond Stepan Center and the Credit Union to celebrate each and every Irish win? Not only are the people friendly and the food good, but unlike the BMW-dominated Legends parking lot, the RVs are permitted to tailgate well into the night.

It took me until senior year to realize how many viable alternatives there are to simply going home and passing out on a couch. In football Saturdays, the impossible becomes possible. You can play beer bag toss, bocce ball or tug o' war without drawing unwanted attention. You can pinball from RV to RV, to that little bus with a full deck on its roof. to celebrate with people who really know how to celebrate. All it takes is a little initiative, a little bit of ale (just in case) and a lot of rope.

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Make your education mean something

"And when we allow freedom to roost, roosting may indeed bring change from every village and hamlet, from every state and city, we will be able to ring this day that when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles..."

Peter Quaranta

A Call to Action

Gentiles, and archbishops emeritus of Afghanistan?

Campus speaking this Thursday?

Some 40 years ago, Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke these words of hope to an embittered and polarized audience in front of our country's great Lincoln memorial. Today, though we may be unaware and untouched, these same words resonated with the same force of the call of our campus, through every dorm and every classroom. Our very education is dedicated to the legacy of the many great social activists, leaders and teachers of our past.

While the temptation is surely to dismiss the bubble that can be Notre Dame, we are called to a greater awareness and action in tune with the legacy of those who came before us. We are called to awareness and action.

First of all, there is awareness.

Notre Dame can easily be a home. The intense football frenzy, blazing sea nuggets at South Dining Hall, bouncin' SYR dances and good times at Law core stifle the dedication to connect with the rest of the world. That is not to say that those things are bad in themselves. But if they serve as a distraction from engaging the real world, and from the real realities faced, they can be harmful.

So let's talk about engaging the rest of the world. Did you know that Aung Sang Suu Kyi, the 1991 Nobel Peace Prize laureate, is currently in a prison in Myanmar (formerly Burma) and reported to be engaging in a hunger strike, similar to the tactics of the great Mahamna Gandhi in the 1930s and 1940s?

Or did you know that President Bush just asked Congress for $87 billion in emergency spending for military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan? Or that the current U.S. census shows that the ranks of the poor rose by 1.3 million in the last year?

If you are a New York Times reader, these realities are obvious to you. But they may be out of touch. Reading the newspaper can be a quick road to awareness.

On a level closer to home, you did know that Desmond Tutu, the 1980 Nobel Peace Prize laureate and archbishop emeritus of South Africa, is going to our campus speaking this Thursday? A man who has much changed the course of history through his actions is speaking this Thursday at McKenna Hall at 7:30 p.m. at part of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies conference entitled "Peacebuilding After Peace Accords."

For that matter, most people probably do not even know that Notre Dame has the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies building, offers at Notre Dame major or minor for undergraduates and is students are speaking this Thursday.

Similarly disturbing is the behavior of the professorship and international peace studies major. Contact him at quaranta@nd.edu.

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Honor Code responsibilities neglected

Notre Dame is quite properly proud of its Academic Honor Code. Not our honor code is not in the best of health. Many, many faculty are ignoring their responsibilities under the code. Many, many students are cheating and getting away with it. We need to focus up to these facts and to consider what, if anything, we ought to do about them.
VIDEO GAME REVIEW

When ND football once a week isn’t enough

By TROY ANDROLI

If you can’t make it through the week without your fix of blocked punts, safeties and mascots, or if you’re frustrated that you can never see the Fighting Irish play the Golden Gophers of Minnesota, EA Sports just may have your solution.

NCAA Football 2004 was released over the summer and is a must-have for any football fanatics out there. The game-play is about the same as any other football game produced in recent memory, so if you’ve ever played a Madden game, you can pretty much handle the controls. One of the many novelties of this game is the obvious one that you can play as Notre Dame, which means that you can sack the quarterback with the guy who used to borrow your toothpaste or score a touchdown with that guy who's in front of you in class. Once you get past that, this game has so much more to offer.

There’s dynasty mode that lets you take the role of the head coach and Athletic Director. Players need to be recruited, schedules made, and National Championships won. You’re put in the driver’s seat and you have to build your program up to challenge year after year for the national championship, while at the same time losing players to graduation and recruiting more to fill the ranks.

Even regular exhibition games are fun to play. You have a huge selection of 1-A and 1-AA teams and, as an extra bonus, there are a slew of playable classic teams. If you’re ever in a sadistic mood, you can pit the 1924 Notre Dame team against Middle Tennessee State and watch the carnage that ensues. Yet another fun feature is the college classic option. This one is personally my favorite. You’re given a real historical situation, one of the best games played in the past 25 years or so, and you either have to match a historic comeback or change history and win the game as the team that lost it. The game puts you in at the end of the game in a critical situation and you have to finish it out. After you do, the teams are unlocked as classic teams for regular game-play. This is a great feature, because not only can you play the great games that you remember watching when you were little, but they’re short enough that you can play during your lunch break or between classes and not have to worry about being late. The only frustrating part about this mode is overtime. Many of the classic games were actually played before the NCAA overtime rule, and yet if you tie at the end of regulation, you play overtime as if the game were played today.

Beyond that, the limit of my frustrations has to do more with the NCAA than the game itself. Players’ names are not allowed to appear in the game — only their numbers. This can prove to be a little annoying but only detracts a little from the game. Overall, this game is definitely worth both your time and money.

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NCAA Football 2004 has many fun features, one being that players can choose to be Notre Dame.

VIDEO GAME REVIEW

Newest Madden is the best yet

By VINCENT MCKINNEY

For more than a decade, the Madden series of football video games has been turning out quality games and has become the clear-cut leader of the genre. While it would be easy for EA Sports to take this into account and offer little to no innovation each year, they have instead elevation themselves once again with their latest edition of Madden, Madden NFL 2004. Playmaker controls and owner’s mode, the two major additions to this year’s game, are the most revolutionary ideas to be implemented in many years.

Playmaker mode incorporates the rarely-used right analog stick into the game in order to perform a variety of functions. While learning the new controls can seem overwhelming at first, it is both fun and extremely effective once mastered. With playmaker mode, you can use the right analog stick to change defensive coverage, the primary receivers’ route or the direction of a running back’s route or the direction of a running play before the snap.

The most important application of the new controls presents itself when you are running downhill with one defender and one lead blocker between you and the goal line. In the past, you may have been thwarted to watch your lead blocker slowly run the other way as you got flattened, preventing what would have been a sure touchdown. Now, simply point the right analog stick in the direction of the defender, watch your runner point at him and call for help, and watch your lead blocker flatten him with a bone-crushing block as you high-step into the end zone.

Owner mode is Madden’s newest improvement upon the ever-popular franchise mode. Before, franchise mode gave you the power to sign draft picks and free agents, negotiate contracts with your current players, negotiate trades with other teams and cut those who just couldn’t hack it in the NFL. Owner mode provides us with a multitude of features we never even noticed were missing.

After spending the pre-season setting ticket prices, concession prices, parking prices and merchandise prices, I couldn’t help but wonder how I ever played without owner mode. As the owner, the levels at which you set prices and the success of your team directly affect the bottom line. Set prices too high or lose too many games and watch attendance plummet as you struggle to find enough cash to pay your players. Lower ticket prices to below the league average and win the Super Bowl, and you’re on easy street for the next year or two.

If that sounds too detailed and mundane for you football fanatics out there, owner’s mode can be turned off to avoid the extra work. If it sounds great to the rest of you, I agree. The number of features and surprises contained in the game cannot nearly be described in one small review and, without a doubt, EA Sports’ latest offering is a must-have.

Once you experience everything there is to do in Madden NFL 2004, you will wonder how you ever got along without the new features.

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Fans of the Madden series of football video games will not be disappointed with the latest game.
ESPN's 'The Season' features Irish

Weekly show will follow the Notre Dame football season both on and off the field

By SCOTT FONFERKO

Last year, the Notre Dame football team entered the season with a new coach, a new spirit, and a burning desire to return to glory. This year, the Fighting Irish take the field with the same coach, the same spirit, the same goal — and an ESPN camera crew recording their every step along the way.

How to succeed and renewed reputation of the Notre Dame football program, ESPN decided to feature the Irish for its show "The Season." Every Tuesday night, the sports network will air a 60-minute episode following Notre Dame and the team, both on and off the field.

"The Season," which started a few years ago, has followed such teams as St. John's college basketball program and the Oklahoma Sooners college football program. The show followed both the successes and failures of the lives of coaches and players.

"The Season" was created when producers decided to film a different Southern Eastern Conference (SEC) school each week during football season, following them through preparations for the games, the games themselves and the happenings of a college sport program.

On their filming adventures of SEC schools, ESPN featured the Louisiana State University Tigers, the University of South Carolina Gamecocks and the University of Georgia Bulldogs, along with a few other schools also included in the SEC.

"The Season's" crew films the week-long preparations for each upcoming game. "The Season" taped the numerous practices, whether physical or mental, such as when the team sat down to watch film footage from the opposition to prepare themselves for their tactics. The show also revealed numerous other traditions that the specified school participated in to prepare themselves for the game on Saturday.

"The Season" gives an in-depth view of each school's athletic program by going behind the scenes into the locker room and through the rigorous training.

"The Season" approached former Irish head football coach Bob Davie two years ago but was forced unexpectedly to conclude filming their season before the first episode even aired. Complications arose and upset Davie, the crew for "The Season" overstepped its allotted guidelines, forcing Davie to remove the ESPN crew from the locker room.

This year, the producers of "The Season" approached Coach Tyrone Willingham to follow the Irish as they progress through the 2003 football season. Willingham agreed, as long as they follow his guidelines. He set forth strict rules and regulations for the crew; they are not allowed inside the Irish locker room or at Irish staff meetings.

ESPN began its coverage of the Notre Dame program with the start of training in early August. It plans to show how the coaching staff prepares each and every player for the upcoming season.

Although Notre Dame has been nationally televised every Saturday for the last decade, "The Season" provides a unique view into the heart of the tradition that Irish fans consider to be Notre Dame. From student managers painting the football helmets each week to the famed student section that has turned into a "Sea of Green," there is more tradition in Notre Dame football than in most schools. "The Season" reveals a glimpse of what goes on behind closed doors, showing a Notre Dame that most people do not see.

They represent prestige that has culminated in years of success. It is only expected that such a storied program as Notre Dame will finally be recognized for the heritage and tradition it has promoted for decades.

Part of the heritage includes The Four Horsemen and Knute Rockne, but from there, the list goes on. Eleven national championships have graced the walls of the house that Rockne built. Fitting as it is, the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame will finally have their story told. They will no longer simply appear on NBC Saturday afternoon during the football season. For one hour a week, people can look in on this hallowed Notre Dame football program — "The Season: Inside Notre Dame."

This look into Notre Dame football premieres tonight at 7 p.m. South Bend time. It will air for the next 10 weeks on the same night and time, giving Irish fans all over the country an opportunity to take a deeper look into a developing program, which many fans hope will bring even more glory and honor to Notre Dame football.

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Photo courtesy of sports.com

Irish fans can now watch touchdowns each Saturday and behind the scenes action each Tuesday.

Vontez Duff, who is sure to be a standout on ESPN's "The Season," returns the ball for the Irish.

By ANDY KENNA/THE OBSERVER

After an aborted attempt to film the football team under Coach Bob Davie, "The Season" is back to tape Coach Tyrone Willingham's team.
Braves' Ortiz settles down to win career-high 19th

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Russ Ortiz bounced back from another shaky start for his career-high 19th win and the Atlanta Braves rallied for a 6-4 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies, who dropped into a tie with Florida for the NL wild card Monday.

Ortiz (19-6) gave up four runs in the top of the first, then pitched five scoreless innings while the Braves mounted a comeback against one of their former pitchers, Kevin Millwood.

Millwood, who made his debut with Atlanta as a 19-year-old in 1992, gave up five runs in 5 1/3 innings. Ortiz got his first win since May 31-Sept. 26, 1997.

Ortiz beat Millwood for a second time this season, needing just one more victory for the first 100 in his career.

The 29-year-old journeyman, who got out of a jam with runners on first and third with two outs in the ninth, is filling in as closer for John Smoltz, expected to be on the disabled list Monday.

Ortiz's only two baserunners from the first through sixth innings — one on a hit, the other on Ortiz's walk — finally came back to haunt the left-hander.

Ray King pitched 1-1-3 scoreless innings. Jaret Wright got the final two outs in the eighth and Will Cunnane pitched the ninth for the second save of his career — and the last two.

The Pirates improved to 6-0 this season at Great American Ball Park and, dating to last season, have won seven in a row in Cincinnati for the first time since May 31-Sept. 26, 1997.

The complete game was the second in a row for Pittsburgh. Kim Wells won the distance to a 2-1 loss at Atlanta on Sunday.

Fogg threw 113 pitches, 80 of them strikes.

Wilson had three hits as the Pirates scored nine runs, which matched their highest scoring output in any of their last 16 games.

John Bale (1-2) allowed six hits and five runs in 4 2/3 innings. He walked one and struck out three.

Mets 5, Reds 0
Joey Petkov got the win in the first game.

The Mets scored two runs in the 10th inning to move into a tie for the NL wild card.

The Marlins scored four runs in the ninth off reliever Ugueth Urbina.

Brad Johnson pitched the ninth to record his third save.

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**Orioles get four in seventh and eighth to beat Red Sox**

Associated Press

Baltimore — Delly Cruz drove in four runs and Jerry Hairston scored the tiebreaking run in the eighth inning as the Baltimore Orioles rallied to beat the Boston Red Sox 13-10 Monday night. The Orioles trailed 8-5 before scoring four runs in the seventh and four more in the eighth. Baltimore took advantage of four Boston errors to improve to 8-5 against the Red Sox this season.

Johnny Damon hit his 100th career homer and drove in four runs, and Manny Ramirez and Nomar Garciaparra also homered for Boston. Catcher Jason Varitek and pitcher Derek Lowe, who wasn’t playing in the game, were ejected in a wild seventh inning.

Bill Mueller had four hits, including a ninth-inning homer, and Ramirez, David Ortiz, and Todd Walker had three hits apiece. The Red Sox fell 3-1/2 games behind the New York Yankees in the AL East and had their wild-card lead over idle Seattle shaved to one game.

**Yankees 9, Blue Jays 3**

Mike Mussina pitched seven effective innings for the AL East leaders. The Yankees lead the majors with an average home attendance of nearly 44,000, and the stadium was filled with three straight sellout crowds over the weekend to see Boston. But on a work day and school day, few fans showed up to see a game that was scheduled for July 22 but rained out.

This was the smallest crowd at Yankee Stadium since 8,112 saw the Chicago White Sox on Oct. 1, 2008—a makeup for a game originally set for Sept. 11.

The Yankees extended their division lead to three games over the Red Sox, who played later at Baltimore. New York ended the Blue Jays’ three-game win streak and stopped their 22-inning scoreless streak.

Mussina (16-7) was given a three-run lead in the first inning and kept the Yankees ahead before leaving after the seventh. He earned his 198th career victory, a day after teammate David Wells also won No. 198.

Mussina struck out eight and took over the AL lead with 183, passing Boston’s Pedro Martinez at 175. He fanned 20 in his first two starts of the season, the most since the 1999 opener against Detroit.

Mussina went 3-2 in six starts against Toronto this year.

The Yankees took over the AL lead with 18-3-0.

Mussina struck out 40 in his first 40 innings and a pair of singles, and slumping Jason Giambi went-3 for-3 with two walks. Derek Jeter and Alfonso Soriano each had three of the Yankees’ 16 hits — the same total they had in the whole series against the Red Sox.

**Yankees 5, Twins 2**

The Chicago White Sox wasted little time warming up for their first-place showdown with the Minnesota Twins.

Jose Valentin and Miguel Olivo had two RBIs each in a five-run first inning Monday night as Bartolo Colon and the White Sox beat the Twins 5-2 in the opener of a key four-game series.

With the victory, Chicago took a one-game lead in the AL Central at the start of what promises to be a frenetic final three weeks of the season. The teams also play three more times next week at the Metrodome.

Minnesota had its five-game winning streak snapped and lost manager Ron Gardenhire, who was ejected in the fourth inning after an argument with plate umpire Gerry Davis.

Colon (13-12) allowed 10 hits and made one of the game’s best defensive plays, snaring a liner by Minnesota’s Jason Kubel in the sixth.

He then fanned Deug Mientkewicz and got Matthew Cervone to force out Jose Offerman at second base with a low throw to second baseman Placido Polanco.

Carlos Lee doubled with one out in the first, Frank Thomas walked and went to third on an error on Giambi’s bases-loaded tapper in the opening inning.

The White Sox, responding to a loud crowd of 32,807 on a half-price ticket night, got all five of their first-inning runs with two outs against Kyle Lohse (13-11).

Paul Konerko walked to load the bases before Valentín blooped a two-run single to center to make it 3-0. Joe Crede followed with a single and then Olivo hit a sinking liner to left center that a diving Shannon Stewart couldn’t hold, turning it into a two-run double.

Lobue, 6-1 in his seven previous starts, settled down thereafter and allowed just two hits in his final five innings.

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McCaw hired as new Baylor athletic director

Associated Press

WACO, Texas — Ian McCaw was hired Monday as athletic director at Baylor, a school shaken by scandal and the slaying of one of its basketball players.

McCaw left the same job at Massachusetts and earlier ran the athletic departments at Northeastern and Tulane.

"Baylor represents a pinnacle personal and professional position for me," he said at a news conference at Floyd Casey Stadium.

He replaces Tom Stanton, who resigned exactly one month earlier as the fallout began from the death of Patrick Dennehy. Basketball coach Dave Bliss resigned the same day and has since been replaced by Scott Drew, formerly of Valparaiso.

Former Baylor player Carlton Dotson has been indicted on a murder charge in Dennehy's death.

Violations ranging from scholarship payments to poorly handled drug tests have been revealed in Bliss' program. An internal investigative committee has yet to file a full report. Then, the NCAA will weigh in, possibly with heavy sanctions.

"This is the culmination of a very thorough national search that yielded outstanding candidates," Baylor president Robert Sloan said. "Ian is a proven leader with experience in athletics administration."
**U.S. Open title brings Roddick into spotlight**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — I'lla hair spiked and jeans ripped, Andy Roddick strode through Times Square with pop star girlfriend Mandy Moore on Monday.

Passers-by slapped Roddick on the shoulder (the smiled). Or asked him to stop and pose for a photo (the obliged). Or offered congratulations (MTV's Carson Daly rode by, lowered his car's tinted window and shouted: "Way to go, Andy!")

Morning interviews with "Today" and "Regis & Kelly" were behind him. Appearances on ESPN, CNN and David Letterman's "Late Show" awaited.

It was a whirlwind start to Roddick's new life as a Grand Slam champion, a day after he beat new No. 1 Juan Carlos Ferrero 6-3, 7-6 (2), 6-3 in the U.S. Open final.

"It's craziness. I would have never imagined what it was like to win a Slam, and I never imagined the aftermath of it, either," Roddick said.

"Reality's coming back tomor­row." That might not quite be the case. After all, there already were plenty of expectations and eyes on him. Now that will be ratcheted up, which is how it has to be if tennis is going to increase its popularity in the United States.

Peter Sampras is gone, Andre Agassi is 33, and so far none of the young non-American stars (French Open champion Ferrero, Wimbledon champion Roger Federer, 2001 U.S. Open champ­ion Lleyton Hewitt) has shown the combination of charm and charisma that helped Bjorn Borg or Boris Becker draw fans.

This U.S. Open final produced the event's lowest TV rating in five years. Is that because people don't know who Roddick is? There are more likely explanations: A week of rain made for a down­town atmosphere, plus the previ­ous four finals involved Sampras or Agassi or both.

By winning, Roddick quickly began to fulfill what's been predicted for him. His first major title came in his 12th Grand Slam tournament; Agassi, for example, needed 18.

"In America, we have such a long line and tradition of Grand Slam champions, that it's almost expected. It definitely is a mon­key­off my back," Roddick said. "I got sick of hearing it. I'm not going to lie. It was there before I deserved it. I've always had — fair or not — attention paid to me. A lot of it was undes­erved."

Roddick is now a career-best No. 2 in the rankings and said Monday his objective is to finish the year at No. 1. "I'm not at the top yet," he said. "This is awesome for me. I'm so happy. But it doesn't make me any less hungry. I definitely want to get out there and keep working hard and keep trying to improve."

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**NFL**

Patriots insist loss of Milloy didn’t lead to blowout loss

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — How much does it hurt a team to lose its defensive signal caller, locker room leader and one of the hardest hitters on the ros­tery?

And how much more does it hurt when that player winds up, five days later, lined up against you, with full knowl­edge of your playbook?

If you ask the New England Patriots: A whole lot less than 31 points.

"One man? I don't care if you go get a Hall of Famer out of the Hall of Fame, he's not going to be the difference in that football game," Patriots defensive line­man Richard Seymour said Monday, a day after Bills safety Lawyer Milloy led his new team to a 31-0 vic­tory over his old one.

"He could have been on our side of the field and we still would have lost that game."

But it wasn't.

After months trying to renegotiate Milloy's contract, the Patriots released him last Tuesday, and he signed with Buffalo a day later. In the end, the difference between the two sides was reportedly $600,000.

Although the move shocked Milloy's New England team­mates, they insist they had put the distraction behind them by Sunday.

"That was Tuesday," coach Bill Belichick said. "I don't think we were talking about it in the succeeding days."

But their performance in the opener against a key AFC East rival suggests otherwise. With all summer to prepare — everyone except for Milloy's replacement, Antwan Harris, that is — New England fell behind 21-0 early in the sec­ond quarter and never mount­ed any kind of comeback.

Harris was the primary replacement for Milloy, and though he wasn't the problem for New England, he wasn't the solution, either. He had three tackles in the game; Milloy had a sack and five tackles, and he broke up a pass that resulted in an inter­cep­tion for Buffalo.

Law had words with Harris on the field after Law got no help on Eric Moulds' 49-yard reception on the Bills' second possession.

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**NFL**

Texans look to build on upset of Dolphins

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Miami Dolphins, traditionally strong in September, learned an important lesson: Nobody beats the Texans on opening day.

Houston became the first expansion team to start 1-0 in its first two seasons, and will now focus on putting together the first winning streak in franchise history.

"The challenge will be to see how much we've matured as a football team," coach Dom Capers said Monday as Houston basked in its 21-20 victory over heavily favored Miami.

"There were phases of our football team that played extremely well after a win last year, but we didn't play well and put it all together as a team."

The Texans had four chances to build a winning streak last year, but lost each time, by an average of 3.3 per game and No. 3 overall draft pick David Carr is returning at quarterback after a solid rookie season. The Saints are coming off a 27-10 loss at Seattle.

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Byrd finally gets a fight

Associated Press

Chris Byrd is the IBF heavyweight champion.

He holds a real belt. It used to belong to Lennox Lewis, and Byrd has to beat Evander Holyfield to get it.

Byrd also has an Olympic silver medal, a 35-2 record and two of the fastest hands in boxing, but he's spent the last nine months trying to lure everybody — anybody — into the ring.

"I'm the man in the heavyweight division," the 33-year-old southpaw said. "Nobody wants to take the test. Nobody wants to study for something so hard."

"The knock on Byrd is his style, which is so jerky jerky that some fighters don't want to get into the ring with him. He doesn't throw a nasty power punch or slug his way through his fights, but he is elusive and wily. And, unlike some in the heavyweight division, he's a nice guy."

"In this era of craziness, if I were an ex-criminal or if I beat my wife, I'd be really easy to promote," he said.

Byrd is fighting No. 2 IBF contender Fres Oquendo on Sept. 20 at the Mohegan Sun Casino in Uncasville, Conn.

Oquendo, another nice guy, has a 30-1 record and more speed and agility than name recognition.

"We need to clean up boxing's image," said the 30-year-old Oquendo of Puerto Rico. "We have an opportunity to show the boxing world there are some class-act fighters out there. We're the new generation."

Boxing's heavyweight division doesn't put a premium on such bouts. But To-foo-toe slugfests draw big crowds, and pre-fight antics make headlines.

"I don't fit in at all," Byrd said from Las Vegas, where he trains. "You see me at any fight. I've got my wife with me. That's my best friend."

Byrd and Oquendo see a void stop the heavyweight division, where Lennox Lewis, Holyfield and Mike Tyson have dominated the headlines for so long.

Lewis is on the sidelines, pondering retirement. He surrendered the IBF belt rather than face Byrd, who then pressed an aging Holyfield to seize the vacant title.

Tyson, who hasn't fought since stopping Clifford Etienne in February, is mired in legal and financial problems.

Byrd is in a perfect position to fill the void. His bout is being carried by HBO, immediately after the replay of the Sept. 13 fight between Oscar De La Hoya and Shane Mosley.

Byrd hopes people tuning in to that bout will stick around for a different kind of heavyweight boxing.

"For those who understand the sport, who like to interpret a fight plan strategy, this is going to be an interesting fight," said Kevin Barry, who trained David Tua in his win over Oquendo and his loss to Byrd. "But we're talking about an average Joe Blow, who sits on a bar stool with a can of beer."

Byrd believes this title fight can win over casual fans without news conference charades, especially something unlike boxing. It's all about the knockouts.

"We're both artistic fighters. This is an art. It's like Monet, Van Gogh."

Free Oquendo boxer

"We're both artistic fighters. This is an art. It's like Monet, Van Gogh."

They painted beautiful paintings. We make beautiful, precise moves."

Byrd has been installed as the favorite by Las Vegas oddsmakers, and he said his bookmaking a dominating win will get him the recognition he seeks.

Whether it will give him a big-money fight remains to be seen.

"Nobody is putting their hand up to fight Chris Byrd," Barry said. "The guy is extremely quick. He's the mess: awkward fighter in the heavyweight division. He takes a punch very, very well, and he has the fastest hand speed.

"Who wants to fight him?"
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**NFL**

Kurt Warner loses the ball on one of his six fumbles. After a game-ending concussion and visit to a New York hospital, he has lost his hold on a starting job as well. Marc Bulger will start in his place on Sunday.

Bulger returns to Rams starting lineup

**ST LOUIS** — One week into the season, the St. Louis Rams have a quarterback controversy. Kurt Warner's comeback got off to a rocky start when he played through a concussion in the season-opening loss to the New York Giants. Healthy or not, he won't start Sunday against the San Francisco 49ers, Marc Bulger will.

The two-time MVP said he felt fine Monday, a day after his fog-induced, error-filled performance in the 23-13 loss. After being released from a New York hospital earlier Monday, Warner ran and worked out in St. Louis, and he wants to play on Sunday. Doctoro in New York told Warner he probably could practice Wednesday, although team medical personnel will be more cautious. "I think I should play," Warner said in a conference call with reporters. "As long as the doctors clear me, I'll be ready to go.

Not so fast. Coach Mike Martz blames himself for allowing Warner to slowly clear himself for practice Wednesday. "I think we can go one week, and make sure. He's upset," Martz said.

Martz said his starting quarterback, Marc Bulger, the backup who was 6-1 as the Rams' starter last year, will get the call.

"I don't know what the medical staff will say at the end of the week and I don't know how he's going to be at the end of the week, so if that ever becomes an issue we'll address it," Warner said.

Warner, the MVP in 1999 and 2001, was 0-6 with three touchdown passes and 11 interceptions the last year while missing time with a broken pinkie and hand. He doesn't appear worried about the competition.

"This isn't about me and Marc, this is about the team," Warner said. "This is about doing what's best for our team.

**IN BRIEF**

Knight’s saga continues

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind.** — Indiana University fulfilled its obligation to former basketball coach Bob Knight by continuing to pay him after he was fired, an attorney for the university said Monday.

Attorney Dave Mattingly asked Monroe Circuit Judge Kenneth Todd for an order that would effectively dismiss Knight’s lawsuit without a trial. Todd did not indicate when he would make a ruling in the lawsuit against the university.

MATTINGLY said Knight's contract allowed the university to end his employment, for any reason, as long as the school continued paying him through the rest of the contract. If the university had fired Knight for cause, he said, the compensation would have stopped immediately.

Knight was fired in 2000 for violating a “zero tolerance” behavior policy by grabbing the arm of a student who he said greeted him by his last name. Knight sued two years later, claiming the university violated his employment contract. He now is the basketball coach at Texas Tech. Russell Yates, a Denver lawyer who represents Knight, said Knight effectively was fired for cause.

"The president of the university goes on national TV in front of 40 million people and says, ‘Bob Knight’s personal conduct is bad, and therefore I’m going to fire him,’" Yates said in arguments to the judge.

"Everyone in the world, with the exception of the people at Indiana University, knows this man was terminated for cause.

He said IU had to pay Knight until his contract expired regardless of whether he was fired for cause.

While Knight’s lawsuit claimed the firing cost him more than $2 million in media and clothing contracts as well endorsements and camps, Yates said the case isn’t about money but Knight’s "honor, reputation and integrity."

"He had a right to go away with his integrity intact by answering these charges that the president threw out in front of 40 million people," he said.

Leetch out with ankle injury

**NEW YORK** — New York Rangers defenceman Brian Leetch is out indefinitely with a similar injury to his left ankle that caused him to miss nearly half of last season.

Leetch, 35, was practicing at the team's facility in Greenburgh, N.Y., last Friday when he was struck by a slap shot, the Rangers said Monday.

X-rays were negative but Leetch is unlikely to be able to participate in New York’s training camp that begins Thursday in Burlington, Vt.

Last season, Leetch’s 16th with the Rangers, he severely bruised his left ankle when he blocked a shot against Columbus on Oct. 3. New York went 10-16-3-2 in his absence.

Leetch signed a two-year contract in July to stay with the Rangers after becoming an unrestricted free agent.
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We tried to have Holiday do a good job on half, Holiday was able to coaches did continued from page one who benefited from the middle for an 11-yard receivers. Facing a things." Our team in the third quarter (13 net touches for any of their block for any of them. When the breaks weren't going their way in the first half, the inexperienced line could have mailed it in for the rest of the game. That what second half performance showed was the attitude this line wants to illustrate each and every time it steps on the field. "We fight hard. A lot of things about today were ugly, but we fight hard," Morton said. "We fought hard for 60 minutes. The fourth quarter was the toughest part of our fight." "If that's something that we can say to other people, that will win us some games." Contact Matt Lazar at mzlazar@nd.edu

SMC VOLLEYBALL

‘Underdog’ Belles ready for Calvin

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

After their match Tuesday night, the Saint Mary’s volleyball team might be able to show an MIAA opponent what the Belles already know — they are a much improved volleyball team from last season. The Belles travel to Grand Rapids, Mich., Tuesday night to face traditional power Calvin College in a key MIAA matchup. Saint Mary’s (4-2, 0-1 MIAA) comes into the contest on a roll, having won four of five games at the Kilt Classic in Ohio last weekend. The four wins already place Saint Mary’s well ahead of its pace from last year, when the team went 7-21 during the regular season. The Belles are also anxious to avenge a narrow five-set loss to Albion last week to open their conference schedule. "We’re real excited and the girls are hungry for an MIAA win," coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "We’re the real underdog, but we’ve got wonderful team chemistry and this is going to be a good game." The Knights have had the Belles’ number lately. Last season, Saint Mary’s faced Calvin and lost in straight sets each time. Perhaps the most difficult loss was a 20-30, 15-30, 13-30 match which knocked the Belles out of the first round of the 2002-03 MIAA playoffs. "They’re always just a real good solid team," Schroeder-Biek said. Calvin (5-0, 1-0 MIAA) is a talented team on both offense and defense. The Knights so far have amassed 259 kills this season, while their opponents have only collected 32 kills. The Knights have also hit at a .338 percent-age for the season. Defensively, Calvin has 45 total blocks compared to nine for its opponents. Junior middle hitter Kara Kuipers leads the team with 86 kills and 27 blocks. Her performance has not gone unnoted by the conference, as Kuipers has been named MIAA player of the week the past two weeks. The Belles played in over fifteen games this weekend, a fact that did not get past their coach. She insisted that the team is well-rested and ready to take on what could be their most talented MIAA opponent this year. "I think the girls have recovered and are building back up," Schroeder-Biek said. "I think they’re rested and ready to go." The Belles return home Thursday to face non-conference opponent Rochester College.

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season. Saint Mary’s prefers to focus on its play instead. "We’re starting off our conference schedule and it’s our first home game," Haring said. "With the start that we’ve had, we want to keep the same mentality without distractions. Our girls are playing a very consistent brand of defense and limiting the opportunities of our opponents’ offensive side. If there are shots on goal, we want them to be a low percentage." Execution of these goals depends upon defenders Carrie Orr, Katie Taylor and Shannon Calvert. And the Belles will need another strong game from freshman goalkeeper Laura Heline as well. (Heline) has been able to read the game really well and not give any easy goals away to opponents," Haring said. "The defense has been playing really strong. We want to keep our balance and our mindset." Contact Erik Powers at epowers@nd.edu

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FOOTBALL

Baptism by fire

Four new offensive line starters learn in the first half, find success in second half

By MATT LOZAR
Assistant Sports Editor

For two quarters Saturday afternoon, the Notre Dame offensive line looked like a unit that lost four starters to the National Football League. The offense had gained 8 net rushing yards. Facing bitties from Washington State on nearly every play, quarterback Carlyle Holiday had trouble staying upright, fumbled four times (losing three) and experienced trouble on numerous snaps with the exchange and tripping over the line. Each time, the offense got into the red zone, the offensive line committed a costly penalty, pushing the Irish back and relegating them to field goal.

At halftime, the coaching staff made some adjustments in the protection schemes but it took some time for those changes to become effective. In the fourth quarter, the coaches also moved starting center Bob Morton to right guard, inserted Zach Giles to center and took right guard Sean Milligan from the game.

Whether it was the change in protection, change in the lineup or just becoming used to actual game tempo, the Irish kept Holiday upright in the fourth quarter and amassed 19 yard rushing. Not coincidentally, the Irish scored 20 points.

One of the great things about our offensive line this year is that we are so versatile," Morton said. "In the second half, they put Zach Giles in at center and bumped me right side. That's something we knew would happen at some point during the season."

"I definitely think it was settling in and getting used to game speed," Milligan said. "All you really need is to get your nose bloodyed a little bit and then you'll be ready to go."

The Cougars tested the youth-ful Irish offensive line, bringing little victories in the first half. It worked, "Holiday was crushed by blind-side blocks where a Washington State defender went untouched before putting a lick on the Irish quarterback. Not being able to see the defense from left to right," Morton said.

SMC SOCCER

Belles home schedule starts against Calvin

By ERIK POWERS
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's opens its home season and conference schedule today against Calvin College. The schools enter today's game at opposite ends of the rebuilding process.

Calvin is 0-2 after a pair of losses last week, but the team finished 9-5-2 in conference last year (12-6-2 overall), including a 1-1 tie and 1-0 win over Saint Mary's. Calvin graduated three all-conference seniors from that team, including Tricia Dyk. Dyk was All-MIAA each year at Calvin and was the league MVP in 2002.

Saint Mary's is off to a school-best 2-0 start. Junior midfielder Jen Concannon was named the first MIAA player of the week over the weekend. Concannon scored two goals versus both SUNY-Brockport and Taylor.

She leads the Belles with five goals on the season. Coach Peter Concannon's biggest surprise to date is the Belles' main backline.

"At Taylor (last Wednesday) it was a much shorter game because they had a smaller playing surface with the Jonas, the offensive line exploits its home field advantage," Haring said. "Our field is one of the nicer ones in the conference," Haring said. "We keep it well maintained during the season and off-season. We have a regular sized playing surface with the maximum length and width.

"At Taylor (last Wednesday) it was a much shorter game because they had a smaller stadium. We should benefit because with our offense we use the width of the field a lot."

There won't be any grandiose speeches to commemorate the beginning of the Belles' home season.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Home schedule kicks off

No. 15 Irish return home to play Valpo

By HEATHER VAN HOEGENDOORN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame may be in Indiana, not Kansas, but the Irish agree that there is no place like home.

They are ecstatic to play on their home court after a five-game road swing to start the season.

"We are so excited to be on our home court," sophomore middle blocker Lauren Kelbley said. "It's going to be great to be back in the Joyce."

Notre Dame (4-1) will face the undefeated Valparaiso Crusaders (8-0) in their home debut Tuesday evening.

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Braves pitcher Russ Ortiz wants one last chance at the National League leading 19th game in Atlanta's 6-4 win over Philadelphia.