Wall Street Journal honors COBA

Business college ranked No. 31 in survey

By KATHERINE GALES

The Wall Street Journal has again recognized the excellence of the University’s Mederoza College of Business, ranking it thirty-first among the nation’s top business schools for the second consecutive year.

The school’s grade of 61:90 out of possible 100 points placed it in the thirty-first spot, between Stanford University and Southern Methodist University. Leading the pack was the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania, with a score of 71:25. The article appeared in a special section of the Sept. 17 edition of the Journal.

Carolyn Woo, Dean of the Business School, said the rankings were useful in “seeing what we need to do better or differently, to do the job we want to do. Our goal is to improve what we do, and usually leads to higher rankings, (which are) not our primary objective.” Although the school retained the same, its score decreased slightly, from the score of 62:24 in 2002.

According to the publication, the Wall Street Journal/Princeton Review Business Year 2003 Survey was based on the online inter-

Police report unclear on fight details

University says it will not investigate the incident

By SHELIA FLYNN

The Notre Dame students and local residents involved in a Sept. 19 fight downtown South Bend gave police conflicting reports of what provoked the incident, said South Bend Police Captain John Williams.

A University spokesman also said the school does not plan to investigate the incident, which Irish Guard members say involved two Guardsmen. Meanwhile, the director of the marching band cautioned all band members Tuesday to avoid placing themselves in precarious situations without specifically mentioning the Sept. 19 brawl.

Williams, who said Monday he was unaware of a police report outlining the incident, said his staff have been informed of the situation.

The report states that Patrolman Christopher Bortone responded to a call referencing a fight on East Wayne Street, Williams said. By the time Bortone arrived, the fight had been broken up.

“All parties involved were very uncooperative, and the stories they were telling to me were not making sense,” Bortone said in the report. “The stories I was getting were conflicting on both sides.”

The report said three Notre Dame students were injured in the brawl: John Rahm, a member of the Irish Guard; Frank Krakowski, a member of the swim team; and senior Stephen Trautmann, a member of the swim team and Notre Dame football team.

Another Guard member, Drew Dewalt, said he was present but not named in the police report.

The Notre Dame students said they were just looking to fight, and they found a reason, somehow, said DeWalt said Monday.

DeWalt said another car, filled with the suspects’ friends, also stopped, and its occupants joined in the assault against the Notre Dame students. These additional assailants were not named in the report.

No arrests were made and no charges have been filed.

The report said that Trautmann was involved in the confrontation.

“T’ll admit that I was there,” Trautmann said. “But I didn’t know what was going on. I was just there.”

More students taking double majors

By CLAIRE HEININGER

Senior John Devins wants there to be no doubt about the qualifications behind his Notre Dame diploma, not only in his track to graduate from the University with a double major in history and philosophy, but he will also earn a minor in theology.

“IJ admit that I tacked on the minor for the credentials,” Devins said. “Given the light course load that it involved, I decided, why not boost my resume?”

Devins’ comprehensive approach is not unique. Facing heightened competition in an uncertain economy, rapidly-growing numbers of Notre Dame undergraduate students are counting on the theoretical advantage that comes with pursuing a double major, minor, concentration or some combination of the three. Unfortunately, they may be making a big sacrifice in the process, said Ava Preacher, Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Letters.

“It’s really been a disappointing shift towards a ‘check-box’ mentality,” Preacher said. “Especially during the last six years, we have seen a real explosion of students choosing minors, double majors, even triple majors as a credentializing move.”

The Business Information Center in the College of Business, shown here, may have played a role in the Wall Street Journal’s favorable ranking of the Mendoza College of Business.
INSIDE COLUMN

Stand-ins no better

Ah, yes ... the powers-that-be at this University strike again! No longer satisfied with dictating the lives of Notre Dame students, the fine administration has taken on a greater mission: controlling the television viewing decisions for all of Miana.

Instead of showing the new sitcom "Coupling," WNDU will treat its viewers to the recently filmed "Roastin' the Golden Boy," featuring former Notre Dame Heisman Trophy winner Paul Hornung. After the "roast," we'll be reintroduced to the hilarious reruns of the AIC-CAC hit "Spun City.

Apparently, WNDU feels the need to determine the "boundaries of good taste" and "common standards" for each resident of South Bend and Elkhart. As a fan of the British version of the comedy featured in the United States on BBC America, I will admit the show features an exorbitant number of sex jokes. Yet instead of letting television viewers express their distaste for the show by turning their televisions off for the half hour a week, WNDU feels the need to make the choice for them by not showing "Coupling" at all.

The University's General Counsel claims it's not censorship. However, according to Black's Law Dictionary, to "censor" is "to officially inspect and delete material considered offensive." That's exactly what has happened here, for WNDU has inspected three episodes of "Coupling," judging it inappropriate for all local audiences.

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MAN STRAPS EIGHT SNAKES TO HIS LEGS

SYDNEY, Australia - A Swedish man tried to smuggle eight dangerous snakes into Australia by strapping them to his legs, customs officials said Wednesday.

Justice Minister Chris Ellison said 28-year-old Per Johann Adolsson arrived at Sydney airport from Thailand on Monday night. He was searched by customs officers who discovered the reptiles in packages strapped to his calves.

The snakes included four deadly King Cobras — which died during the nine-hour flight — and four non-venomous emerald tree boa snakes. The surviving snakes were handed over to the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service.

Ellison said the man had been charged with illegally importing animals and was refused bail during an appearance at Sydney's Waverley Local Court on Tuesday.


dog's 12-inch Ears Are World's Largest

LONDON — They drag into his food. Sometimes, he even tries over them. Now they're getting an earful of attention.

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The post-graduate service fair introduced students to a range of volunteer options that they can pursue after graduation. Here, students receive information from a representative on their options after graduation.
University denies it plans for a smoke-free campus

By JOE HETTLER
News Writer

Smokers across campus can breathe a sigh of relief. According to Trudy Diamond, personal assistant to associate vice president for residence life Bill Kirk, the school does not have a smoke-free campus in its future plans, despite any indications of such a change in dildac. dildac states that students are permitted to smoke anywhere on campus, but not inside any campus building. It also says students may smoke in their dorm rooms if all members of the room agree. Diamond also said that, while dildac can be interpreted to lead people to believe that the campus could be smoke-free in the near future, those inferences would be unwarranted and incorrect. Only 5.9 percent of students smoke three or more times a week at Notre Dame, which is significantly less than the national average of 24 percent at universities, according to the Office of Drug and Alcohol Education.

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Student Senate

Council reps approved

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
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The Student Senate unanimously approved three of four students Wednesday to represent the student body on the University's Academic Council this year. The students were selected by the Deans of their respective colleges before being approved by the Senate. Meghan McCabe represents the College of Science. Willa Qian comes from the College of Business and Nicole Wykoff is a student in the College of Engineering. The fourth student representative from the College of Arts and Letters was appointed earlier by the office of the Student Body President and already sits on the Academic Council. Senators questioned the students regarding their position on the issue of TCE publication before approving them. They all expressed their eagerness to work on the issue with faculty and administrators and to convey student opinion on the issue.

However, the representatives said they do not know when the issue will go before the Academic Council. The proposal must first be discussed by the Undergraduate Committee within the Academic Council before it can be put on the Council's agenda.

Wykoff also commented on the reservations of faculty members to have the TCE's published for student use. She said this reluctance was apparent when the three representatives met with Academic Council members.

"They realize that there definitely needs to be something there to help boudorial choose classes," she said. "It seems like it could be much more viable that they come up with an alternative to publishing TCE's."

Senators also passed a resolution today requiring that the undergraduate representatives to the Academic Council submit a written report regarding the council's progress on the TCE issue, as well as other issues, within seven days of each Academic Council meeting. The purpose of this is to keep Senators abreast of proceedings within the Academic Council.

In other Senate news:

◆ The Senate unanimously approved two new Student Union Board members at their meeting today. Christian Palmer was approved as the new head operator for SUB, and Bridget Meecham assumes the role of concert programmer.

◆ Student Body President Pat Hallahan spoke on the Church in Africa Conference, which ended Wednesday and included a speech by Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo.

"It's these kind of issues that I think we should pay attention to. We have an obligation, I feel, to help those who don't have the opportunities that we have," Hallahan said.

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Students who believe that a second major will boost their chances of law school acceptance or an immediate graduation job offer may be in for a harsh awakening, Preacher said. “I can definitely say that law schools are not very impressed by a student whose double major does not reflect a truly complementary curriculum,” she said.

Preacher suggested that instead of looking at a minor or a double major as just another credential to list on an application, students should reexamine the idea of deeper intellectual development within their primary major. “Majors should not be approached as markers that you complete after taking the minimum amount of courses for four years,” she said. “The whole idea of a major is to deepen and expand the breadth of your knowledge of a subject that you are seriously thinking about going into.”

For certain students genuinely interested in two subjects, a double major can make sense, Preacher said. One such student is senior Linda Joseph, who supplemented her biology major with anthropology, “I'm going into medicine, I am also passionate about culture and how people interact with one another,” Joseph said. “Ideas of culture and anthropology, and how we interact and relate to each other, really appeal to me as a major with my primary biology major, and I would not be very impressed by a student whose double major does not reflect a truly innovative and stylish curriculum,” she said.

“In this same vein, the same knowledge can be gained by taking courses across a minor or a double major as just another class to carry on all four years. Roughly half of the class voted Tuesday, totaling 195 total votes. “We’re very pleased with the vote turn out,” said elections commissioner Nicole Haebelrie. “It’s similar to what we get for the other three classes, which made us happy because it’s always a little harder getting first-years acquainted with the system.”

Haebelrie is hopeful for a similar turn out today as students make their final choice between the two tickets. Sharing the same last name, yet unrelated, Toth and Toth ask freshmen to “Vote TNT for dynamic representation.” The running mates met earlier this year in their freshmen orientation group. “One of our leaders told us to get involved in student government and we just thought it would be a good idea to run together because we have the same last name,” Ashley Toth said.

“We’re not doing this for ourselves, we’re doing it for the Class of 2007,” she stressed.

Included in their platform is the idea to open a Belles General store with a Starbucks, to establish a better relationship with Notre Dame freshmen through social and academic functions, to continue innovative and stylish class apparel and to create and maintain a line of communication between freshmen and student government.

Like their opponents, Lindblom and Bogdanowicz also see the importance of God class representation. “At this point, we don’t even care who they vote for, it’s just the fact that they vote.” Lindblom said.

“We’re in it to win, but that’s not our main concern.” The two candidates attended an election night watch party with the friendly and welcoming atmosphere presented by the Saint Mary’s Board of Governance at orientation. According to Lindblom, that is what attracted the two to running together.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Briton escapes Colombian captors

John M. Furst, a 29-year veteran of the force, was facing disciplinary action for giving rides to tourists kidnapped 12 days ago in the region around Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown. Authorities discovered his body shortly before dawn Tuesday after a motorized patrol found him wearing the bloodiest days of combat in weeks.

The arrests in Tikrit's Tigris riverside district of Amazigh, sent shrapnel ripping through the buses and caused one to crash into a tree. At least one Iraqi was killed and 18 were wounded, police and hospital officials reported. Five of the injured were in critical condition, hospital officials said.

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Bombs rocked the evening patrol of Baghdad and a sex-film theater in Mosul on Wednesday night, together killing at least three Iraqis and wounding several, a string of ground clashes, the U.S. military said they killed nine Iraqis on one of the bloodiest days of combat in weeks.

The nine deaths were all in the region around Tikrit, Saddam Hussein's hometown. U.S. troops aborted two ambushes by anti-American forces, killing five Iraqis, and came under fire elsewhere in exchanges that left at least four Iraqis dead.

The attack in Tikrit came as world leaders worked to find agreement in New York on how to restore stability in Iraq. A series of deadly attacks Tuesday left two suspected Iraqi resistance leaders dead, all of organizing and financing attacks against U.S. soldiers in the vicinity of Saddam Hussein's birthplace were arrested, said a U.S. official, whose identities were not released.

The arrest in Tikrit's affluent neighborhoods were part of an intensified campaign against people believed responsible for a series of deadly attacks against U.S. troops.

In Baghdad, community leader Hamid Majid Moussa said he and other members of the U.S.-appointed Iraqi Governing Council, want to move toward an additional sovereignity "as fast as we can." But council members refused to be drawn into the debate over a specific timetable.

"We don't want to become involved in fruitless discussions," said Moussa, one of four council representatives at a meeting Wednesday night.

The debate among the United States and other governments over Iraq's future moved this week to U.N. headquarters in New York, where the Bush administration seeks a Security Council resolution encouraging other nations to contribute troops to the Iraq security force.

In exchange, France and others, including Germany, want the resolution to give the United Nations a greater voice in the political transition in Iraq, and a speedy move, in "months, not years," to full Iraqi sovereignty — that is, to ending the American occupation.

Bush met with German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder on Wednesday in New York, and both said later they would work to resolve those differences.

Schroeder renewed Germany's offer to help U.S. troops, but reiterated that Germany would send no troops here.

More than five months after the ouster of Saddam's government, the troops who are here — almost all Americans — are guarding a daily threat of homemade roadside bombs, mortar attacks and small-arms ambushes.

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In the northern city of Mosul, a bomb exploded near a movie theater showing foreign sex films, and wounded two in a U.S. patrol vehicle. Reluctant policy makers have warned cinema owners against showing such films that have been condemned following the collapse of Saddam's regime.

South of Tikrit, near the town of Balad, seven Iraqis attacked an oil pumping station guarded by troops of the U.S. 4th Infantry Division. The Americans called in an AC-130 gunship, whose heavy weapons fire killed at least three Iraqis, reported division spokesman Maj. Josslyn Aherle. A fourth was seriously wounded.

In a second clash near Balad, a U.S. patrol killed three Iraqis waiting in ambush with small arms and rocket-propelled grenades, the military said.

Another U.S. patrol in the same area opened fire on three men trying to bury a homemade bomb — a mortar shell that was probably to be triggered remotely — on a highway used by convoys. Two Iraqis were killed, and a third was wounded.

In a fourth firefight, some 20 Iraqis came under fire, pursued the attackers to a house and killed one Iraqi, the military said.

LOCAL NEWS

Troubled cop commits suicide

Valparaiso, Ind. — A police officer who was facing disciplinary action for giving rides to tourists had been found dead at his residence, police authorities said.

Robert R. Weidner, 39, committed suicide at his residence in Valparaiso. Authorities discovered his body shortly before dawn Tuesday after a motorized patrol found him dead of a self-inflicted gunshot.

Weidner, a 20-year veteran of the force, was found lying on his couch. Police found several open packages of anti-depressant medication near the couch, but the contents of the letter were not made public.

Lamberton informed Furst on Monday that he faced disciplinary action in connection with a May 10, 2002, incident in which Valparaiso officer Charles Schlesinger drove drunk and collided with another vehicle.

IRAN

Violence strikes Iraqi cities

Blasts rock Baghdad buses, Mosul sex theater; U.S. troops kill nine in raids

Associated Press

A U.S. soldier runs past a Bradley armored vehicle during a Wednesday raid on a Tikrit-area farmhouse. The raid was one in a series of operations targeted at Iraqi resistance fighters.

VATICAN

Pope skips audience due to illness

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — An increasingly frail Pope John Paul II missed his general audience Wednesday — a rare show of the pontiff's frailty, raising fresh concerns about his health just weeks before he presides at ceremonies marking his 25th anniversary as pope.

The pontiff had been scheduled to address the crowd at the Vatican in an audio message, although he spoke with a weak voice and stared with hollow eyes — symptoms of the Parkinson's disease he has had for years.

"I am sorry for not being with you," John Paul said. "I carry you all in my heart and I bless you with affection."

The pontiff was to have traveled from his vacation home in Castel Gandolfo, south of Rome, to Vatican City to greet thousands of the faithful there and tourists. But his doctors advised against the trip after he came down with a mild "intestinal indisposition" Tuesday afternoon, the Vatican said in a statement.

Cardinal Angelo Sodano, the Vatican secretary of state, spoke on behalf of the audience and clapped along with the crowd after John Paul delivered his brief message.

Sodano asked people to pray that John Paul recovers quickly.

"Viva il papa!" or "Long live the pope!" people in the crowd shouted.

The Vatican said the disorder was "mild," and a papal spokesman, Joaquin Navarro-Valls said John Paul would keep to his upcoming schedule. That includes moving back to the Vatican on Friday from Castel Gandolfo and meeting with the president of Philippines, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, on Saturday.

The crowd in the Vatican audiotorium only heard the pope's remarks, but some satellite television stations broadcast his appearance. The pope — dressed in his usual white robe — greeted his usual white robe — greeted his usual white robe — greeted his usual white robe — greeted his usual white robe — greeted his usual white robe — greeted his usual white robe — greeted his usual white robe — greeted his usual white robe — greeted his usual white robe — greeted his usual white robe — greeted his usual white robe — greeted his usual white robe.
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OPEC cuts world oil output

Energy ministers surprise markets, order 900,000 barrel-per-day reduction

OPEC General President Alvaro Silva-Calderon attends a meeting of the oil cartel in Vienna. The organization announced a cut in oil production today, raising concerns that increased energy prices might stall the economic recovery.

"When Iraq returns to normal production, we will discuss with Iraq how to accommodate them... Give them time, and then we will discuss this," OPEC President Abdullah bin Hamad al-Attiyah said.

OPEC wants to keep the price of its benchmark blend of crude stable within a targeted range of $22-$28 a barrel. The benchmark price stood at $25.14 on Tuesday, the most recent day for which OPEC calculated it.

Crude oil futures soared on reports about OPEC's planned decision. Contracts of U.S. light, sweet crude for November delivery rose $1.11 to settle at $28.24 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Judge hangs up on do-not-call list

WASHINGTON — Hold the phone! Consumers who thought they would get a reprieve from telemarketing calls starting next week may have to wait longer for a free service.

The FTC said consumers can continue signing up for the free service "It's business as usual," spokeswoman Cathy MacFarlane said.

Lawmakers from both parties quickly denounced the judge's decision and pledged to pass legislation to clarify any questions about FTC authority to implement the list.

"This is the goofiest decision that I've seen in a long time," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "There is no question that Congress intended for the FTC to have this authority and will quickly make any correction that the court, in its arcane logic, deems necessary."

Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., added, "If this decision is not reversed quickly, I suspect the court-house in Oklahoma would want to add [the do-not-call database in order to protect itself from the millions of consumers who feel deeply about the right to be left alone]."

After the ruling, angry consumers posted the judge's office and home phone numbers on Web sites and encouraged people to call and complain.

Telemarketers who say they will abandon their database claimed on Tuesday that the FTC had overstepped its authority.
Lecture examines Hispanic Catholicism

By NATALIE BAILEY
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Timothy Matovina, associate professor of theology at Notre Dame and director of the Cushwa Center for American Catholicism, spoke on the topic, "Guadalupe and the Crucified One: Hispanic Ways of Being Catholic," to conclude Saint Mary's Center for Spirituality annual fall lecture series. "There is more than one way to be Catholic."

Matovina shared his experience of how the Hispanic culture practices the Catholic faith. He said he became aware of one difference in religious expectations just from delivering lectures. "I got used to members of the audience coming up to me and telling me how I had a good insight or had made them look at something in a new way," he said. "Hispanic audiences tend to tell me that I have touched their hearts."

Matovina noted the Hispanic emphasis on the crucifixion of Christ and the Virgin Mary, specifically Our Lady of Guadalupe. He also shared an observation that there is a difference in the focus of spirituality.

Matovina noticed this when he attended an English Mass and then a Spanish Mass in Texas on Easter Sunday. The difference became apparent when the English Mass closed with the song, "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," putting the emphasis on triumphant rejoicing. The Spanish Mass closed with the song, "We Are a People on the March," emphasizing that although Christ has risen and redemption is in sight, we are not there yet.

In his time spent in San Antonio, Matovina also witnessed that throughout the relational Christology of the Hispanic population. The community was not especially receptive to the Vatican II call to make the church more Christocentric by removing statues of saints. Parishioners asked, "When was Jesus by himself in the Bible?"

Since venerating saints on the same level as Jesus causes a theological problem, Matovina suggested this is perhaps an opportunity for evangelization.

"The purpose of this lecture series is not that there is one way to worship, though," Matovina said. "The many ways of being Catholic are mutually enriching."

One particularly beautiful practice Matovina believes should be implemented into the English celebration is the veneración as a grieving process on the evening of Good Friday.

"The people accompany Jesus and Mary on their day of most suffering with hope that Jesus and Mary will accompany them in their deepest suffering," he said.

This practice is indicative of Hispanics' pull toward sharing directly in the suffering of Christ.

"It is not about trying to dry suffering," Matovina said. "It is about trying to embrace life as it is and hope there is something more."

The concluding lecture of the series will be Tuesday, Sept. 30, with Rosemary Carlson, assistant professor of Religious Studies at Holy Cross College in Massachusetts. She will speak on the topic "Breathing Lessons: An Introduction to Eastern Catholic Churches."

Kathleen Dolphs, director of the Center for Spirituality, organized the lecture series.

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SMC student involvement increases

By EMILIE DESJARDINS
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Student involvement on campus is constantly increasing at Saint Mary's College, said Ghada Alakroune, assistant director of student activities at the College.

The number of registered clubs and organizations has jumped from 258 in 1993 to 80 this year, Rosenbush said.

"Being well in class is recognized as being very important here at SMC, but even higher regarded is the integrated learning experience that comes from being actively involved on campus," Student Body President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl said.

Among the newest organizations are the Feminists United Club, God sisters, Campus Girl Scouts and the Belledon, a magazine created last year.

"It is a forum of ideas and opinions of students," said Emily Ford, an editor of the magazine, which publishes twice each semester.

She said there was "a good turnout at the first meeting and a lot of interest."

Involvement is also growing in campus organizations that have been around longer, such as Friends with Sisters, a program that strategically pairs students with nuns.

"They can do a variety of activities together, including going for walks, attending Mass or performances on Saint Mary's campus or just sharing stories and experiences in their room," said student coordinator Sarah Brown.

Participation in athletics has also grown tremendously in the last few years.

"I believe that if your program is structured with positive reinforcement, good coaching, support from the top, success in the classroom, and you are recruiting with that same vision, then your programs will begin to improve," said Linda Timm, who became athletic director in 1999.

"Our team numbers are increasing, and we have taken huge strides in the last four years and we are now competitive across the board," Timm said.

Saint Mary's crossed a huge boundary last spring when the golf team took fourth in the NCAA Division III Golf National Championship and junior golfer Stefanie Simmerman won SMC's first individual NCAA Championship.

Intramural sports have also seen an increase from 50 to 800 participants since Timm's arrival four years ago and will be adding whiffle ball this spring. Although participation and ability are improving, Timm wants to go further.

"I have had a vision since I arrived here of packing our stands for home athletic events," Timm said. Some student-athletes think we are getting closer to this goal.

"I think school spirit has greatly increased over the last four years, and this translates to better support for athletics," said senior softball player Marnie Walsh. "You can always improve, but I feel the turnout has been better this year."

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Oil industry wants changes

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — While still pressing the need for more drilling, the oil industry is now saying that conservation and greater energy efficiency hold the biggest immediate potential for preventing natural gas prices from skyrocketing.

A report by a committee of oil and gas executives who advise the Energy Department says natural gas prices could average between $5 and $7 per 1,000 cubic feet for years to come without significant advances in energy efficiency. The spot price for natural gas Wednesday was $4.58 per 1,000 cubic feet, about 20 percent higher than a year ago.

"There has been a fundamental shift in the natural gas supply-demand balance that has resulted in higher prices and volatility in recent years," the National Petroleum Council says in the report to be released Thursday by Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham.

"In the very near-term, reducing demand is the primary means to keep the market in balance because of the lead times required to bring new supply to market," according to an 89-page executive summary of the report obtained by The Associated Press.

To cut consumption, the council recommends updating building codes and equipment standards and implementing rules that would encourage power providers to use their most efficient plants.

Without significant advancements in energy efficiency, the country’s annual demand will rise above 30 trillion cubic feet by 2025, up from about 23 trillion cubic feet today, the council says. But it adds that even with advances in conservation, North America’s natural gas resources will be insufficient to meet demand in the long term.

Production from traditional U.S. and Canadian basins has reached a plateau, the report says, noting that volume from North American natural gas fields is declining at an annual rate of more than 21 percent, requiring that many more wells be drilled every year just to keep supplies steady.

To address supply problems, the council wants the Bush administration to relax onshore and offshore drilling restrictions, and to encourage natural gas imports.

The report comes when the nation’s supply of natural gas is tight and the government is hearing consumers to expect higher home heating costs this winter. Many of the issues raised in the report are being debated by Congress as it considers legislation to expand domestic energy production.

Abraham asked the council in March 2002 to advise him on what industry and the government could do to guarantee "adequate and reliable supplies" of natural gas. While a similar study was prepared in 1999, Abraham said substantial challenges had occurred in natural gas markets since then and further analysis was needed.

The issue added attention last spring when natural gas in storage dropped to its lowest level since the government began keeping records in 1976 and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan warned that prolonged high prices would damage the economy, particularly the manufacturing sector.

More than 60 million Americans heat their homes with natural gas, up from about 48 million in 1987, and 90 percent of all new power plants use this fuel, which has been embraced because it burns cleaner than coal and can be found domestically in large quantities.

The report also argues that environmental laws requiring power companies to add expensive pollution controls when modernizing their plants only discourages investment in fuel-efficient technology.

Another solution, the report says, is improving access to a growing global market in natural gas through liquefied natural gas, or LNG.

It recommends a quicker permitting process for new LNG terminals, where tankers from around the world can bring the icy-cold fuel to be regasified and pumped into pipelines. There are just four such facilities nationwide.

The council also wants moratoriums lifted on drilling in the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and more access to energy-rich lands in the Rocky Mountain region. It also endorses the proposal now before Congress, for a new natural gas pipeline from Alaska to the lower 48 states.

The report’s authors included Burlington Resources Inc. Chairman and CEO Bobby Shackouls, Energy Undersecretary Robert Card and Exxon Mobil Corp. CEO Lee Raymond.

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Lecture criticizes IN environment

By MATT SMEDBURG

Betsy Balanoff addressed the topic of "Environmental Justice in Northern Indiana" Wednesday in the Hesburgh Auditorium as part of a Kroc Institute for International Studies lecture series entitled "Environmental Justice: Grassroots Voices."

Balanoff is a retired health officer who has organized efforts to increase responsibility by industrial sites in the industry-heavy South Shore area. Her organization, the Coalition for a Clean Environment (CEE), is currently engaged in work with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers, who are under contract to dredge the highly polluted Shipping Canal and manage the Confined Disposal Facility (CDF), both in East Chicago, Ind.

The CEE aims to ensure that projects are planned and carried out with regard to public health and safety policy for the future.

Balanoff said that four major industrial cities — Gary, East Chicago, Hammond and Whiting — span most of the pollution problem of northern Indiana. Each has its own particular challenges: Gary, for example, has a minority population of 95 percent which is suffering under the sharp decline in steel production, a historic staple of the Gary economy. Whiting, alternatively, is dominated by the BP-Amoco refinery. It has remained in better economic shape regarding pollution problems, which are partially petro­um-related, as opposed to airborne toxins and sludge-dumping.

Much of the campaigning done by the CEE and similar groups centers around the human toll of carelessness and corner-cutting when toxic chemicals are involved.

Balanoff recounted her story of turning into a medical researcher when fighting to block the conversion of a sulphuric acid recy­ cling plant because the blocks of large numbers of low-income housing units into an incinerator for general toxic waste.

She knew that cancer-reporting methods were worthless inade­ quately in her area, and so she and her task force gathered data on cancer incidence in the popula­ tion immediately surrounding the plant, in the end demonstrat­ ing an incidence of cancer more than three times the normal rate.

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Jesus of the Quran

Pop quiz. How is Jesus depicted in the Quran?
(a) He is not mentioned at all.
(b) He is praised as a high prophet.
(c) He is criticized and Muhammad is lauded instead as being divine.
(d) He is hailed as the Son of God.

The Quran also says that during his birth, Jesus talked to Mary to encourage her through the labor pains and told her to shake a palm tree to get dates for eating (19:22).

Muslims believe that God’s word was given intact to Jesus and the other prophets but that the Bible has been corrupted over time, whereas the Quran has remained the true word of God.

The Quran itself was revealed through Muhammad. He was known as a very kind man who did not practice idolatry like those in his city of Mecca. When reflecting one night in a cave at the age of 30, the Angel Gabriel appeared and commanded Muhammad, who was illiterate, to speak, saying “Recite in the name of your Lord who created mankind out of a mere bloodclot” (96:1). This was the first of many verses that were revealed to Muhammad until his death at age 63 in 632.

The Quran actually seldom mentions Muhammad. Most knowledge about Muhammad has been passed through Hadith, traditions or sayings of Muhammad that are received as religious law and moral guidance. Muhammad is not attributed with any personal, human level. The conflict in the Middle East will end only when we bring our political interactions to the personal, human level.

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ND Changing Times

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Quote of the Day

"Civilization is built on a number of ultimate principles ... respect for human life, the punishment of crimes against property and persons, the equality of all good citizens before the law ... or, in a word, justice."

Max Nordau
Zionist statesman
Debating president's speech

Last year at this time, President George Bush delivered a speech acclaimed even by the amnestic media as a powerful indictment of Iraq, and of the United Nations itself.

Yesterday, the president outdid himself. Most major news editorialists, and even the "stories" themselves, portray the president's speech as something ranging from "puzzling" to outright "failure." It is difficult to comprehend how such important statements as the president made yesterday, could go unrecognized by so many. David Frum of the National Review probably provides the best answer. The press is "disappointed because Bush neither apologized to the United Nations...nor pleaded for its support." Prejudiced disappointment is seemingly the only way the talking heads could have so spectacularly failed to grasp the import of Bush's words. David Frum got it. The president rejected outright any notion that he made the wrong decision when he invaded Iraq. He dispelled any suspicion that he may feel eluded by events in Iraq and international opposition, or that his willingness to carry on the war might be faltering. The war on terrorism continues. Bush is undeterred in that conviction.

The editors variously describe the speech as "mild" or "perfunctory." Did they read it? Speaking of terrorist bombings who target relief workers and innocents, "have no place in any religious faith and they should have no friends in this chapter." He looked the General Assembly in the eye when he said that. "Between those who seek order and those who spread chaos...there is no neutral ground. All governments that support terror are complicit in a war against civilization." He looked Syria, Iran, North Korea and France in the eyes when he said that. The president repeated almost verbatim the words from his first war speech and his first State of the Union Address. You are either with us or against us. We have not wavered from the determination, to enforce the line which we have consciously drawn in the sand. The fact that most nations in the world, and all nations in the Middle East, refuse to stand squarely on our side or either side, only reinforces our determination to exact from them the consequences of their choices. "The former regimes of Afghanistan and Iraq knew these alternatives," he said, "and made their choices." Don't tell me that didn't sting a few spines, or for those lacking, cause a distinct tinnitus.

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competition because the show has no band. Some credit must be given to the program, though, because it has a cool theme song. It isn't a good sign when the leader of the band is not only not memorable but is not to be found on the Internet as well, so Craig Kilborn is not doing too well in the bandleader category. In the case of the band leaders, it comes down to David Letterman and Conan O'Brien, with Letterman winning the most recognizable and Kilborn taking the prize for best overall band leader.

Special segments are the meat and potatoes of the late-night talk show, and there is to be something slightly interesting to fill the gaps between the celebrity guests. Leno requests that viewers send in humorous news clippings, which he presents on the show. This works well, because de-jokes badly tell themselves, so everyone wins. Jay also has a segment where he asks simplistic, obvious questions and records the answers people on the street give. Funny, yes, but it is also a sad commentary on America's education system and the basic knowledge that the general population possesses.

Letterman may possess one of the most notorious segments, his infamous Top Ten List, but he also has his weekly clips of turning day time talk show therapies, Dr. Phil and stupid human and pet tricks. Conan O'Brien has a surprising array of stupid, yet brilliant, segments, including Triumph the Comic Insult Dog. In the Year 2000, if They Mated, Clutch Cargo and Pimpfoot 5000. Jon Stewart only really has news segments on "The Daily Show," but with the distinct difference marking it from real news of being intentionally funny. The news segments usually focus on some strange and obscure situation or individual and making their story sound eerily like the real news, and there are also daily segments like Lewis Black's "Back on Black" or the "Moment of Zen." Kilborn's show has a segment entitled "5 Questions," which originated during the "Late Late Show" in which he asks five random questions to his guests. He also reviews movie posters, and has a troupe of actors for skits that act as filler between guests.

Looking at the shows in terms of their content, the show with the most sense of humor are elevated from the typical banter of Hollywood in that he gets to talk about politics and gets actual politicians on the show. This may not always guarantee a laugh, but it is always fascinating to prove that some people may appear to have no sense of humor are hilarious, like former Senator Bob Dole. Craig Kilborn uses his "5 Questions" segment to his advantage, but his lower position on the late-night totem pole does limit his roster of big name stars, so he simply can't compete with the other hosts. Letterman and Stewart take the cake as far as guests, though. Letterman for his memorable past incidents and Stewart for the sheer variety of guests that differentiate his show from the others.

In looking over this analysis, it becomes clear that Leno and Letterman are still at the top of the talk show food chain, but they have a few new boys, namely Conan O'Brien and Jon Stewart, nipping at their heels. Craig Kilborn must pay his dues in the late, late time slot before he can really be a competitor for the big-time ratings. Ultimately, though, the real choice is much simpler than picking between shows. It really boils down to: Is this worth missing sleep over? I only hope this analysis can help lead you to the right choice. Good luck, and good night.

Contact Molly Griffin at mgiffin@nd.edu
CINCINNATI — Sammy Sosa, Shawne Estes and the Chicago Cubs turned off the television and kept themselves in control of the NL Central.

Sosa tied his career record with 55 homers and Estes pitched a one-hitter as the Cubs rallied for a 2-1 victory over San Francisco, handing Matt Clement his first loss at Wrigley Field.

"We've been in this situation before," Clement said. "You're always going to have a bad couple of months here and there, but we're a good team and we're going to turn it around and play the way we know we can play."

A few hours before the first pitch, Cubs players were engaged in the bank of TV sets in the visitors' clubhouse. They met in small groups when second-place Houston rallied for a 2-1 victory over San Francisco, meaning Chicago would have to win again to remain one game ahead.

Pressure? Not with thousands of Cubs fans in the stands and the NL Central's most generous defense on the field.

Chicago took advantage of three errors by the majors' worst defense, fulfilling the first requirement for a playoff contender — beat up on the down trodden. The Cubs finish with six games against Philadelphia and three at Wrigley Field against the lowly Pittsburgh Pirates.

The Cubs haven't been alone in first place this late in the season since 1989, the last time they were in contention. They have been to the playoffs since they went as the NL wild card in 1998.

Florida 6, Philadelphia 5

The Florida Marlins kept their playoff hopes alive with a 6-5 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies Wednesday, their fourth straight victory and eighth in a nine-game stretch.

Philadelphia 5-6 Wednesday night to take a three-game lead in the NL East race with only four games to go.

Phillies third baseman Placido Polanco scrambled to avoid being beaned by a broken bat on a run-scoring single. Florida's Jeff Conine homered for the second night in a row, Juan Encarnacion also homered and Josh Beckett took a two-hit shutout into the eighth inning.

Beckett gave up a two-run home run to Polanco pinch hit in the seventh inning and singled home Polanco to lead off a lineup of San Francisco substitutes 2-1 Wednesday.

"If we lost today, we were in serious trouble, but we live to fight another day," Craig Biggio said. "Obviously, that was a huge hit.

Houston, 2, San Francisco 1

Jose Vizcaino pinch hit in the high 16th game, helped by Timo Perez's three hits and two RBIs, for the Mets, who snapped an eight-game losing streak with a 1-0 win Tuesday night and have now just three times in their last 11 games.

Atlanta's Rafael Furcal went 3-for-4 with two RBIs and three at-bats, as the Atlanta Braves swept the series to extend their lead to five in the NL wild card race with only four games to go.

The Cubs, who have four left, beat Cincinnati 8-0. St. Louis won for the seventh time in eight games. Milwaukee finished 31-50 at Miller Park, tying last season's mark for the worst home record in team history.

Fernando Vina was ejected for arguing a called third strike in the ninth inning. Cardinals manager Tony La Russa, who starts a two-game suspension Thursday, said for recent remarks about umpire Jeff Crawford, came out to get Vina away from plate umpire Matt Hallowell.

Morris (11-8) has dominated the Brewers throughout his career, going 10-2 with a 2.37 ERA against them. In three starts against the Brewers this season, he was 2-0. He allowed three runs on seven hits in seven innings. He struck out three, helping the Cardinals go 13-3 against Milwaukee this season.

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**friday 9.26**

Freshman Retreat #48
Sacred Heart Parish Center

NDE Retreat #77
Fatima Retreat Center

Sophomore Road Trip
Destination: Unknown

**sunday 9.28**

RCIA Session
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
330 Coleman-Morse

Reflections on Asian American Catholicism by the Most Reverend Bishop Ignatius Wang
4:00 p.m.
Jordan Auditorium
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**tuesday 9.30**

Catechist Formation Class
5:00 p.m.
330 Coleman-Morse

Campus Bible Study
7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
114 Coleman-Morse Center

Confirmation Session #2
7:00 p.m.-8:45 p.m.
Siegfried Hall Chapel

Weekly Spanish Mass
10:30 p.m.
St. Edward's Hall

**wednesday 10.01**

Graduate Student Christian Fellowship
8:00 p.m.
Wilson Commons

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer
10:00 p.m.
Coleman-Morse Lounge

**Theology on Tap**

A Priest, a Prof and a Student walk into a bar...

by Lauren Willoughby
Intern, Campus Ministry

Everyone on this campus has questions. We have questions about our futures, about issues affecting our world, and about our faith. We want to know about God, about what our Church teaches, and about how we can incorporate that into our lives. There are many places we can look for answers, but sometimes this isn't easy. In class, it can be difficult to bring up issues that have a personal significance for us. We can be intimidated by the formal setting, by others in the class, or by the pressure to meet a professors' expectations. Sometimes class lessons don't get "off track" enough to address the things that we really want to know.

Now there is something new, something different—a chance to ask the questions that we want to ask in a comfortable environment. How many deep and meaningful conversations have we had while simply relaxing with friends? It is in these personal chats that we get to talk about what it is that is important to us and ask the questions we really want to know. This is the basis for Theology on Tap.

Theology on Tap is the chance to bring together students to address the important questions in our lives. It takes theology out of the classrooms and brings it to a more casual environment. It is an opportunity to hear about issues that are relevant to young adults' lives and talk about them from a Catholic perspective. The format is simple—some time for socializing, a short talk by a dynamic speaker, and some discussion and good conversation afterwards. It's a place to find "straight talk, hard facts, and real answers" to the questions that are on our minds.

Starting next Wednesday, Theology on Tap will come to Legends. We'll bring in speakers who are passionate and knowledgeable about meaningful topics. They will give a short talk and then open it up for questions. This is the chance to ask the hard questions that we have. It's not a classroom or lecture so there isn't any pressure to have "straight talk, hard facts, and real answers" to the questions that are on our minds.

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At the end of the evening, the discussions continue among everyone there. The speaker's topic is a built-in conversation starter for talking to new people and learning from each other. There is no way that the subjects can be exhausted in an hour so the conversations can and should continue long after the speaker's microphone turns off. Theology on Tap provides the tools and foundation to think about important issues. It is up to each of us to continue to think about and discuss the questions that we have about our Church, our faith, and our lives.

Theology on Tap kicks off next Wednesday, October 1, in the club side of Legends. Come join us for free soda and appetizers as we have an open and honest discussion about relationships. Meet fellow students in a relaxed setting as we talk about those issues that are important to us and together find the answers that we are looking for.

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begins Wednesday, October 1 @ 10 p.m.

**Topic:** Relationships at Notre Dame

**Location:** Legends

First Asian American Catholic Bishop The Most Reverend Bishop Ignatius Wang Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of San Francisco

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Reflections on His Personal Journey and Asian American Catholicism
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Jordan Auditorium
followed by Mass in the Basilica at 5:15 p.m.

**mass schedule**

- **Saturday Vigil Mass**
  - 5:00 p.m.
  - Rev. John E. Conley, c.s.c.

- **Sunday**
  - 11:00 a.m. (Red Mass)
  - Most Rev. John M. D'Arcy, Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend
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- **around campus**
  - (every Sunday)
  - 5:15 p.m.
  - Spanish Mass
  - St. Edward's Hall Chapel

- **Monday, September 29**
  - 5:00 p.m.
  - Law School Mass
  - Law School Chapel

- **Tuesday, September 30**
  - 5:00 p.m.
  - MBA Mass
  - Mendoza COB

- **Wednesday, October 1**
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Holcomb's status uncertain, Couch is ready to go

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Kelly Holcomb shuffled along like an old man, not an NFL starter.

Wearing protective braces on both ankles, bound by yards of tape for support, Cleveland's quarterback walked slowly onto the practice field Wednesday.

He didn't appear ready to play Sunday against Cincinnati, but after waiting seven years for a starting gig, Holcomb's not about to let a broken right leg and sprained left ankle stop him.

"I'm playing," Holcomb said before practice. "I mean, you have to think that way."

Last Sunday, Holcomb refused to go in to the game when the Browns in a 13-12 win at San Francisco while playing with a hairline fracture in lower leg.

"It feels a lot better than I thought it would," Holcomb said before practice. "But I've still got a lot of healing to do."

Escorted by two trainers, Holcomb was the final player to emerge from the locker room for Wednesday's workout. He began jogging but stopped after a few strides.

After sitting on the bench for almost an entire career, he doesn't want any time off.

"I'm a firm believer that if you start something, you finish it," said Holcomb, who was 12-1-16 on Cleveland's game-winning, 91-yard drive to beat the 49ers. "If I get out there, I'm going to do my darnedest."

Holcomb is listed as questionable, but coach Butch Davis hasn't ruled him out, saying: "Let's wait and see."

Holcomb won Cleveland's starting job over Tim Couch this summer after seven pregame warmups. But Couch has remained supportive, is a tough guy. He has proved that and if there's a chance he can go out there and be effective then he'll go out and do that."

Mariposa, we know your birthday was Tuesday, but today is your boozeday.

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Oakland 5, Texas 3

Before this homestand began, outfielder Chris Singleton offered Jose Guillen a $100 bet. Who would go back onto the field first? Guillen didn’t take it, but he should have. Playing with a broken bone in his left hand, Guillen hit a two-run homer and bunted home the go-ahead run in his second start back from the injury to lead the Oakland Athletics over the Texas Rangers 5-3 Wednesday.

"He doesn’t owe me anything," Guillen said, smiling as usual. "I think the bet was forgotten. I got onto the field first. I win the battle.

Singleton was also in the infield Wednesday, getting two hits to break an 0-for-14 slump.

Tim Hudson pitched seven solid innings as A’s manager Ken Macha rested most of his regulars a day after Oakland clinched its second straight AL West title. Chad Varsho pitched the ninth for his first major league save.

The A’s are headed to the playoffs for the fourth straight season.

Chicago 9, New York 4

When the last of the New York Yankees walked out of the dugout to a standing ovation, Esteban Loaiza walked out of the game on a lineout to a standing ovation, his teammates waiting on the mound to congratulate him.

Seven months ago he was just a part of a four-man rotation on the 14-16 mark for the World Series champions. Now Loaiza has made the entire team feel like World Series champions again.

It’s really great," said Loaiza, who became the fifth 20-game winner in the majors league.

While Loaiza savors his landmark victory, Mike Mussina will have to wait until next season for another shot at his. The White Sox got to Mussina in the sixth inning, spilling his second bid for his 200th career victory.

Jason Giambi and Bernie Williams homered in the second to give Mussina a 3-0 lead, and it looked as if that might be enough.

Frank Thomas and Carl Everett hit RBI doubles off Mussina in the sixth before there was even an out. Mussina gave up a season-high eight runs and 11 hits in 5 1/3 innings.

John Olerud pops out in the seventh inning against the Angels. The Mariners lost 4-0, their seventh loss in 11 games.

Baltimore 7, Boston 3

The Boston Red Sox needed no time squandering their first chance to clinch an AL playoff berth.

Tonya Haila hit a grand slam in a seven-run first inning, and Pat Hentgen pitched six strong innings as the Baltimore Orioles won Wednesday night.

Boston, which missed the playoffs last three years, clinched at least a tie for the wild card.

For the Red Sox to miss the playoffs, they would have lose their final four games, and would have to sweat to clinch a three-game series against Oakland, and beat Boston in a tiebreaker playoff.

The Red Sox get another chance to clinch Thursday night.

Boston’s David Ortiz continued his slugging with two homers, giving him three homers in 10 pitches and 31 for the season.

His solo homer in the 10th inning Tuesday night gave Boston a 6-5 win.

Hentgen (7-7) allowed three runs and six hits.

Baltimore pounded on John Burkett (11-9) for seven hits and seven runs — six of them earned. He left after retiring just one batter, the shortest start of his 14 major league seasons.

Toronto 5, Tampa Bay 3

Kelvim Escobar tied a career-high with 10 strikeouts in what might have been his last start for Toronto, leading the Blue Jays over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 5-3 Wednesday night.

Escobar (13-9), eligible for free agency after this season, allowed two runs, eight hits and five walks in seven innings, reaching double digits in strikeouts for the fifth time this season.

The 27-year-old right-hander, who has been in the Toronto organization since he was 16, struck out seven in the first three innings.

Josh Phelps hit a go-ahead two-run double in the sixth inning for the Blue Jays. Doug Waechter (3-2) allowed five runs and five hits in six-plus innings.

Mike Bordick’s RBI single in the second tied it at 1, Tampa Bay’s Toby Hall doubled in the sixth and came home on Crawford’s run-scoring double play.

Aquilino Lopez pitched three innings for his 14th save in 16 chances, allowing an inning-ending homer to Huff.

Minnesota 3, Cleveland 2

Michael Cuddyer hit a tiebreaking home run in the eighth inning and the AL Central champion Minnesota Twins won their 11th straight game, beating the Cleveland Indians 3-2 Wednesday night.

A day after clinching the division title, Minnesota won its team-record 13th in a row at home.

Lew Ford, one of 14 rookies who started in this game, homered and hit an RBI triple for Minnesota.

Broussard homered for Cleveland, which has lost 16 of 21 games.

Jesse Oster (1-0) pitched one-third of an inning for the victory. Eddie Guardado pitched the ninth for his 41st save in 44 chances.

MLB
Big East will add four teams in 2005

The Big East wanted to clear up its expansion plans before those talks begin with the other conferences combating to keep their football schools. Army is also planning to depart, which would leave the conference with eight teams.

"We have had numerous healthy discussions over the last 10 days about the future of our conference and have been developing contingency plans," Conference USA commissioner Britton Banowsky said. Boston College, Connecticut, Pittsburgh, Rutgers, Syracuse and West Virginia will be the other football-playing Big East schools.

There has been no decision on how the conference will be aligned for basketball. Army is also involved in the negotiations.

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE — The Big East plans to invite four Conference USA teams to join the league in 2005, keeping the conference intact after defections of its two biggest football programs threatened to split it in two.

Cincinnati, DePaul, Louisville and Marquette will be invited in November, a source close to the expansion plans told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Wednesday.

The additions of Cincinnati and Louisville would give the Big East the eight football teams it needs to keep its NCAA certification in 2005. Marquette and DePaul will join for basketball and other sports.

"We're being talked about," Louisville athletic director Tom Jurich said. "Is anything finalized? Absolutely not. If we do have the opportunity, it is something to look forward to. We have the utmost respect for the Big East."

After Miami and Virginia Tech defected for the ACC in June, the Big East schools considered splitting into two conferences — one that plays football and one that doesn't.

The next big question for the Big East is whether it will keep its automatic spot in the Bowl Championship Series.

Boston sent home before practice

Chargers wide receiver David Boston missed a practice as a disciplinary measure. Boston expects to play Sunday.

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Chargers sent wide receiver David Boston home before practice on Wednesday as a disciplinary measure.

Boston was sent home after a morning meeting with coach Marty Schottenheimer. Schottenheimer was guarded in his comments about Boston and his $47 million contract as a free agent in March.

"David and I had a discussion and in the course of the discussion, thought we ought to have this day [off], and he's been excused for a matter that is not related to the medical part of it," Schottenheimer said.

General manager A.J. Smith wouldn't be more specific, but did say that it wasn't one incident that led to Boston being sent home, but rather, "It's several things."

"Let's just say we've got some guidelines here to adhere to," Smith said. "And David wasn't meeting them to our expectations."

Club officials planned to discuss Boston's situations in meetings Wednesday night.

"There is no suspension yet," said Smith, who expected Boston back on Thursday.

Mitch Frankel, Boston's agent, did not return phone messages Wednesday.

Boston, a Pro Bowl selection with Arizona in 2001, has made nearly as much news off the field as on it since joining the Chargers.

He raised eyebrows when skipping the Chargers' second game with a bruised heel, then was caught leaving the bench area before the end of the 37-13 loss to Denver. He also declined to join his teammates in the locker room.

Last Sunday he returned to action and caught six passes for 91 yards. But before the Chargers' 24-10 loss to Baltimore, he was involved in a shouting incident with injured wide receiver Reche Caldwell.

Following that game, he declined to speak to reporters.

It was Smith who signed Boston to a seven-year contract, which included a $4.55 million signing bonus and $550,000 in base salary this year.

While with the Cardinals, Boston pleaded no contest to a charge of driving under the influence of drugs.

Schottenheimer expects Boston to play Sunday in Oakland.

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**Women’s Soccer NSCAA Poll**

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**Eye on Irish Opponents**

**Saturday, Sept. 7, 2000**

NOTRE DAME (1-0) at PURDUE (2-1)
WASHINGTON STATE (2-1-0) at Oregon

**Associated Press**

PHILADELPHIA — The lights dimmed as the video scoreboard started playing Allen Iverson's career highlights. There he was being announced as Philadelphia's No. 1 draft pick, and later holding his MVP award. There he was celebrating victories, acting silly off the court and hugging former coach Larry Brown.

The memories showed what makes Iverson so valuable and why the Sixers couldn't afford to lose him. Now, they won't have to wait about that.

Iverson signed a four-year contract extension with the 76ers on Wednesday that will keep the three-time NBA scoring champion with them through the 2008-09 season.

"I always wanted to be a Sixer. I always wanted to finish my career as a Sixer," Iverson said at the deal was announced at a special event for season ticket-holders at the Wachovia Center.

Terms were not announced, but a team source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Tuesday the extension would pay Iverson $76.7 million over the four years.

"Allen said he always wanted to be a Philadelphia 76er and, with this contract, we're telling him we always want him here as well," team president Billy King said. Iverson has one year plus an option remaining on his current deal, which will pay him more than $25 million over the next two years. The extension begins in 2005-06. Iverson and King signed the contract in front of nearly 200 wildly cheering fans. Iverson will be 33 when the deal expires and it means he will be the longest-tenured Sixer in team history.

Iverson said he never thought about exploring free agency and waited the deal done now so it wouldn't be a distraction during the season.

"You all didn't have a chance to make a big circus about it," Iverson joked with reporters. "I've repeatedly credited the fans for making him feel comfortable in Philadelphia. You've always embraced me through my ups and downs," he said.

Now Iverson wants to add the one thing missing in that highlight reel — a championship.

"You've always embraced me through my ups and downs," he said. "Now I've got to add the one thing missing in that highlight reel — a championship."

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**In Brief**

**Cardinals manager, coach, catcher suspended after conflict with umpire at Houston last weekend**

NEW YORK — St. Louis Cardinals catcher Mike Matheny, manager Tony La Russa and pitching coach Dave Duncan were suspended and fined Wednesday for their conflict with an umpire last weekend during a game against the Astros.

Bob Watson, baseball's vice president for discipline, gave Matheny a three-game penalty starting Friday for making contact with umpire Jerry Crawford and for remarks he made to the umpire.

Matheny was ejected in the third inning of the Cardinals' 2-0 loss at Houston on Saturday. Moments later, Crawford pointed to the Cardinals' dugout and ejected Duncan. The coach was suspended for one game, next Sunday.

La Russa was suspended for two games, starting Friday, for postgame comments about Crawford.

Matheny said Crawford was crowding and pushing him as he took his position to take pitches.

"I was trying to make some catches on breaking balls, and as the ball was coming in I was getting shoved forward," Matheny said.

La Russa said last weekend that Crawford "made it a point to get us.

"We've had problems with that umpire for how many years now?" La Russa said. "We had one incident at home where he disrespected our coaches. He's made it a point to get us. It's tough enough to win in this league.

"Who knows if we would have won, but when you keep getting kicked in the guts like this guy did... He's going to get us worse the next time."

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**Yankees secretary arrested after incident with club-house security guard**

CHICAGO — New York Yankees traveling secretary David Szen was arrested with misdemeanor battery Tuesday night as the team celebrated clinching their sixth straight AL East title.

Szen was arrested in the visiting clubhouse at U.S. Cellular Field for pushing a security guard, police spokeswoman Alice Casanova said early Wednesday.

"During a verbal altercation the victim was pushed several times," Casanova said. "He declined on a personal recognizance bond. Szen, 51, was released on a personal recognizance bond."

The Yankees beat the Chicago White Sox 7-0 Tuesday night, clinching their sixth straight AL East title.

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**Allen Iverson signs four-year deal extension**
Badin set to face defending champion Pasquerilla East

By ANDREW KIRKSEY, ANN LOUGHERY AND KATHERINE GALES
Sports Writers

The girls of Badin are looking for the "W" over Pasquerilla East this Thursday as they enter into their third game of the football season. Badin's chances of coming out on top are complicated by the experience and reputation of defending champion Pasquerilla East.

"Pasquerilla East is always a strong team," said quarterback Bridgeget Meaum of the McGlinn Shamrocks. The Shamrocks upset Pasquerilla East last week, 21-20.

Badin captain Jennifer Carter is looking forward to the game; she is confident in her team's ability to dominate PE defensively.

Badin's defense held last week against two risky situations where their opponent Lyons started their drives inside of the red zone. Carter had three picks in that game.

"This year has been one of the best for us," Carter said. In the midst of Badin's 1-1 record, Kortny Hall, second year coaches for the team, is encouraged by the solid defense that proved reliable in stopping Lyons' last week.

"Jen Carter has been a stand out on defense," Hall said. "She made a lot of plays against Lewis and a lot of picks in the second game (Lyons)."

Weakened only by an inconsistent offense, Hall believes that they're going to become more and more effective in the games to come.

"We really want to get sus­ tained drives," said Badin quar­ terback Shah Heath.

Heath believes that Badin's offensive advantage over PE is their player depth.

Disappointed by their loss, but not deterred, PE captain Laura Wolohan is confident that her team can bring it together tomorrow.

Although confident in her team's ability to mix things up on offense, and their show of defen­ sive strength in their first game, she isn't making any predictions.

"Most people you'd talk to would say that we'd win, but I'd rather show it then say it," said Wolohan.

The game is being held at Bishop West field at 7 p.m.

Howard vs. McGlinn

Both teams have met adversity this season.

The Howard Ducks are yet to win a game with an 0-2 record, while the McGlinn Shamrocks (2-1) suffered their first loss this season to the Lewis Hawks.

Players from both teams antici­ pate an intense game Thursday.

"I'm sure they put up a fight," said McGlinn running back Raquel Perez. "It's just about us starting out strong. We tend to come out scared and a little hesi­ tant at the beginning."

Ferrer cites a lack of intensity as one of the key obstacles the Shamrocks encountered in the game against Lewis Sunday.

The game ended early under the mercy rule in a 19-0 win for the Chickens. However, Wednesday's practice in the rain should be the source of the Shamrocks' energy tomorrow, she said.

The Ducks are also rebounding from a 6-0 loss to Pasquerilla East and looking to score their first touchdown this season. Howard co-captain Brin Anderson attributes this close game to a slight change in defen­ sive strategy.

"And once we put some points on the board, I feel that will give our team the motivation to come out on top," said Anderson.

The Shamrock defense should expect to meet opposition from Ducks sophomore safety Megan Marshall, who had multiple intercep­ tions against the Pasquerilla East Pyros on Sunday.

Defensively, Callie Whalen, Renee Alesi and quarterback Sheena Ketchum should make significant contributions.

"Our offense just needs to calm down and run the plays," she said. "It's all about getting it done. We have a lot of talent, we just need to do what we're told to do.

"The defense has been good at putting the pressure on the other team's offense. It should be an interesting game.

McGlinn and Howard will square off Thursday at Riehle West field at 7 a.m.

Lewis vs. Lyons

This week's rain has not dimin­ ished the Lewis Chicks' anticipa­ tion for their game against rival Lyons on Thursday evening.

The Chicks enter the game at an undefeated 3-0, hoping to extend their winning streak to four games.

Lyons, looking to post its first victory of the season, is prepared for the challenge.

"It's been really tough for us we started practicing really late in the season," said Lyons co-captain Lauren White. "With the weather lately, it's been really hard to get any practice in.

The Chicks are fresh off a deci­ sive Sunday victory against McGlinn. Despite the quick turn­ around, sophomore defender Julia Burke said that "we use games as a learning experience." Lewis junior player Sheila Dawes concurred. "We make mistakes, but learn from them," she said.

Not many surprises. Badin posted six points against Lewis early in the season -- the only six points scored on a solid defense.

This defense looks to challenge a Lyons quarterback back from studying abroad, as well as Megan Igenn, a transfer from Dayton who White said is one of the team's best receivers.

"We want to limit first downs and yards allowed," Dawes said.

Lewis also boasts an explosive offense. Mimi Lundgren, Lynne McChesney and Kathy Cline are prime targets for standout quar­ terback Erin Naurall.

Lyons' two losses are to Badin and McGlinn in close games.

Although the Chicks have beaten both opponents, they take noth­ ing for granted.

"As the season progresses, our team has improved," said Dawes. "We need to assume every other team improves also, or we're going to get beaten.

Last year, Lyons and Lewis faced off in a close contest in the regular season's last game. Lyons got the playoff spot -- Lewis was forced to wait for the next season.

The game will be played this evening at 8 p.m at Riehle West field.

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Former Irish star Riley shines on the big stage

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN

Ruth Riley is in a league of her own at Notre Dame.

With her WNBA Finals MVP award, she became the first former Notre Dame student-athlete to be named a Finals MVP at both the college and professional levels. She won the 2001 NCAA Finals MVP when the Irish won the national championship. Not even former Irish quarterback and current Notre Dame student-athlete Steve Beuerlein could win both. He was not named MVP in the 1977 Irish national championship victory in the Cotton Bowl.

Riley won the WNBA Finals MVP award after scoring a career-high 27 points in the Detroit Shock's 83-78 over the Los Angeles Sparks. She stepped up in the big game, hitting 15-foot jump shots consistently and playing exceptional defense on Sparks star Lisa Leslie.

"It was a shock," Riley said. "I'm on a team with three all-stars, and what makes us so good is that we are so balanced. They could have given the award to anyone.

However, it was Riley who won the MVP, becoming the first woman to be named Finals MVP in both college and the WNBA. Hailing from the small town of Macy, Ind., Riley has made it big both in college and now in her third year in the WNBA.

Riley was coached by the former Detroit Piston and Irish forward Bill Laimbeer. Laimbeer won two NBA Championships with the Pistons and took Notre Dame to the Final Four and Elite Eight in 1978 and 1979, respectively.

"Bill's great," Riley said. "I get to throw him being a Dumer in there to all my teammates, especially those from Connecticut and other rival schools."

Laimbeer can also be credit- ed for his determination in bringing a WNBA franchise to the city of Detroit. However, his efforts didn't end there, as he led the Shock to a title, after finishing with the worst record in the league last year. He revamped the lineup, and got the players that he wanted to win with—and win, he did. "I love playing for Coach Laimbeer and you couldn't ask for a better season than the way we ended up."

Riley led a team with an average age of just under 25 years old, with the oldest player being 29. Riley attributed their success to new players that created a fresh look for the Shock.

"It's an amazing feeling to be on the team that's considered the best in the world," Riley said. "We had a lot of young players that were thrown together this year, and it's truly a great accomplishment for us."

Riley once again stepped up when it counted, as her performance mirrored that of the 2001 NCAA Championship game, when she scored 28 points, missing only four shots, and pulled down 13 rebounds. In that game, she was head and shoulders above Purdue. However, she can't decide which championship trophy means more to her. "They're the same, but different," Riley said. "At Notre Dame, you work with the same group of girls for four years, and it was such an amazing way to end your collegiate career. But, on the professional level, this was a new team and so it's an amazing accomplishment to be the best team in the world."

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So, what does Ruth Riley do now? "I'm running around everywhere," she said. For now, she is in South Bend. Yesterday, she spoke to current Notre Dame student-athletes at the Academic Honors Banquet. "I love coming back to campus," Riley said. "It's like my second home."

She maintains her Notre Dame ties with head coach Muffet McGraw. McGraw called Riley just before she stepped up on the podium to accept the MVP. Riley was sure to e-mail her former coach later that afternoon.

"Coach McGraw is great," Riley said. "She's a great resource basketball-wise, and I think that our relationship grew even more after I graduated."

Next stop for Riley is Russia, where she will play for the WNBA Select team to take on different European countries in the Women's Basketball World Cup from Oct. 14-19.

"That, who knows, as the tryouts for the USA women's national team will be in the winter."

For Riley, it is just another chapter to one in her basketball career at Notre Dame and then to go on and do it at the professional level is a great accomplishment."

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Giving back to fellow students

Offensive lineman Bob Morton volunteers as designated driver for students

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Soccer Writer

Bob Morton is well known on the Notre Dame football team for his bright personality and friendliness. Now, he wants the rest of the Notre Dame students to know how much he cares about them.

Morton lays awake one night thinking about something he could do to make sure every student that went out partying made it home at night. Eventually, he started giving his phone number to people he talked to three or four times, telling them to call him if they ever needed a ride back to campus.

"Notre Dame is a family," he said, "and I don't want anyone to not make it home at the end of the night."

Morton, who said the death of Chad Sharon last academic year had nothing to do with his plan, isn't quite sure what to do now, though. He thinks he'll take his proposal to PILLARS, a Notre Dame organization devoted to curbing alcohol abuse, and hopes it will expand to include several drivers.

"When Chad Sharon died, I felt such a loss, and I didn't even know him," he said. "I don't ever want that to happen again."

Safety switch

Quentin Burrell made a big impact in his first career college start at free safety Saturday, intercepting a pass in the Notre Dame end zone and returning it 18 yards.

The move shifted incumbent Glenn Earl to strong safety and sent Garron Bible to the bench.

A slew of injuries in fall camp forced Irish coaches to shuffle players around, and one of the players affected was Earl, who then learned how to play both free and strong safety. The injuries also gave the coaching staff a chance to see Burrell in action, and the Irish liked what they saw.

"We're trying to strengthen our team, and there are a few things Quentin does very well," Willingham said. "He has excellent range. It's something he does very well that we need in the lineup. You're always trying to utilize your strengths and make yourself better."

QuartbaR won't change blockers

Regardless of who starts at quarterback for Notre Dame Saturday, Zach Gilles said the style of quarterback doesn't change how the linemen block.

"The linemen block the same for the more agile Carlyle Holiday as they do for Brady Quinn, a traditional pocket passer. All that matters is that the quarterback has enough time to throw the ball. You have to give the quarterback as much time as he needs," he said. "If you fight to get the ball off, he should have more than enough time to throw the ball (what quarterback is in there)."

Fresh Impact

Five Notre Dame freshmen have seen playing time this season — defensive end Victor Abiamiri, wide receivers Chinedum Nwako and Jeff Samardzija, defensive back Freddie Parrish and quarterback Brady Quinn. Last year, only two true freshmen — wide receiver Austin Stovall and Rhema McKnight — logged significant playing time.

When the quintet all played in Notre Dame's home opener at Washington State, it marked the first time since 1995 when five freshmen played in a season opener.

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Irish getting ready to face Bradley

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's soccer team continues its seven-game, September home stand with a much-anticipated match versus Bradley this Thursday at Alumni Field thinking back. The Braves (4-4-0) have a 2-1 all-time series lead on the Irish, including a 1-0 win over Notre Dame in Peoria, Ill. last season.

The Irish have scored four goals in their last five games, including two in a 2-1 overtime victory over Fresno State. Notre Dame's 3-1-1 on the home court is the highest in the nation. John's 3-0 and tying non-conference but perennial foe Akron, 0-0. The other two victories came in a 1-0 win over Indiana and West Virginia.

Entering Thursday's game with a non-ranked opponent, coach Bobby Clark is confident this team will remain focused and play its own game.

"This is a test. It's a mental test," Clark said. "Some of the boys will underestimate that. We've played the last two years and they've been very hard games. Last year (Bradley) beat us, so I don't think anyone in our camp will think it's going to be an easy game."

Notre Dame climbed slightly in the polls following back-to-back victories coming in at No. 8 in Soccer America and No. 15 in the NSCAA poll rankings.

"The team is still doing things to get the ball in the final third of the field," Clark said. "The team is still putting in the effort."

The Irish are 2-1-0 in Big East Conference play this season. That's the way it goes sometimes.

The potential of Notre Dame starters is starting to receive national recognition.

After scoring the game-winning goal against Indiana and all but shutting off the left side of the field for opposing forwards, junior defender Kevin Goldthwaite earned Big East defensive player of the week honors as well as a nomination to the College Soccer News team of the week. Clark, however, prefers to view awards as team accomplishments.

"Soccer is a team sport," he said. "Goldie got the award, but he got that award not just for what he did but for what his buddies have done as well. That award goes to all the boys in the back: to Kevin (Richards), to Jack (Stewart), to Greg Dalby and Chris Sawyer. I think Kevin would be the first to second that."
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**FOOTBALL**

To Victor go the spoils

Freshman defensive lineman Abiamiri has provided an instant spark for the Irish

*By ANDREW SOUKUP*

What does Victor Abiamiri have in common with former Irish players Anthony Weaver, Ronaldo Wynn and Bryan Young?

All are defensive linemen. All started as true freshmen. And Weaver, Wynn and Young, who went on to start four years, all were NFL first- or second-round draft picks.

It's a standard Abiamiri hopes to live up to.

"Notre Dame has had a wonderful tradition of making good players," he said. "I'm still young. I hope I can listen to the older players and I hope it can happen. The rest is in God's hands."

With the way Abiamiri has been playing lately, though, teams are going to take notice of him sooner rather than later.

Peaking his first collegiate start against Michigan State in place of injured John Tuck, Abiamiri recorded eight tackles — the second-most on the team, behind human tackling eating linebacker Courtney Watson. Although Notre Dame lost, the Irish were impressed by Abiamiri's play at defensive end.

"When he came out and played as well as he did," Tuck said, "he made plays that normal freshmen don't make."

Were it not for a recruiting violation, though, Abiamiri might have followed his two older brothers to Maryland. But on the eve of national signing day last February, reports surfaced that a Maryland assistant coach had given Abiamiri $300. The secondary violation cost the coach his job and Maryland its chance at landing the 6-foot-6, 245-pound lineman.

Abiamiri went to Notre Dame believing Tyrone Willingham's philosophy that the best players would play, regardless of year. But he had the idea if he'd even crack the playing field. "I knew I could be good. I

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