Disabled students flourish at Notre Dame

Despite successes, some say that resource inadequacies exist

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

Some students worry that they won’t be able to find a job after graduation. Some are concerned about alcohol regulations in the dorms. Others worry that they won’t be able to reach the buttons on the elevator.

For students with disabilities at Notre Dame, the college experience has brought fulfillment as well as stress. They stress that they are not different from other students and view their disability as only part of their identity.

"Coming to Notre Dame, there were people that didn’t think I could make it here. If I’d listened to those people I wouldn’t be at Notre Dame," said Laura Hoffman, a senior with a partial vision impairment.

For the most part, Hoffman, a political science major who is also pursuing a theology minor said her time at the University has been highly rewarding. After graduation, she intends to attend law school and become an advocate for others by specializing in disability law. Her first choice for law school is Notre Dame.

"TFA was one of the biggest reasons to go to Notre Dame," she said.

In her junior year, Hoffman participated in the Washington Semester Program and completed an internship at the U.S. Department of Justice.

"That was a big learning experience for me as a person with a disability preparing myself for life outside the Notre Dame bubble," she said. "I had to learn how to use the Metro [subway] system. To be able to get around a place like that is just awesome."

Hoffman normally uses special materials, such as large-print books and a modified closed-circuit TV. While in Washington, D.C., the Office for Students with Disabilities mailed large-print books to her.

In general, disabled students said they have found students and professors at Notre Dame understanding, but not always.

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Chinese filmmaker shows work

By BETH ERIKSON
News Writer

Over 300 students and faculty members attended the screening of Li Yang’s controversial film "Blind Shaft" in DeBartolo Hall Wednesday night. The Chinese filmmaker, who visited campus for the event, answered questions after the showing.

The film, which addresses several different humanitarian issues, was shot in China illegally without government approval. International viewing of the film is prohibited by China, but this marked its second screening in the United States.

"Blind Shaft" was not originally produced as a political commentary, but rather as a presentation of various humanitarian issues prevalent in modern China, Yang said.

The documentary-style film portrays the destitution of rural China, a country in which 200 million people reside below the poverty line. It also depicts the squalid working conditions of Chinese coalminers, of whom more than 10,000 die each year in work-related accidents.

Yang examines the relationship between wealth and ethics in his film, juxtaposing materialistic consciousness with a drive for materialism. As wealth increases in China, this contrast becomes more and more pronounced, Yang said.

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John Axford
Chris Hoyt
John Hart
Chloe Belkavac
Brendan Murphy
Dan Hickey
Junior
Junior
Junior
Freshman
Freshman
Sophomore
Dillon Hall
Stanford Hall
Kennon Hall
Bednac Hall
Stanford Hall
Alumni Hall

"Yeah, Service
for your
momsaa."
"Yes... wait.
No."
"I’ve given so
much, after so
long... I plan to
take it all
back."
"Yes, I believe
so."
"No, hopefully
I’ll be in the
MBA by then."

OFFBEAT

Spam clogs internet’s arteries

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Three years ago, Adam Kalber set up a Web site to share his thoughts about online busi­ness and the digital revolu­tion. Like countless other ‘bloggers,’ he lets his readers post comments on his entries.

Recently, his site has been getting remarks like ‘Thanks for the informa­tion!’ and ‘Sounds great! They’re not from support­ers, but from people — or machines — who leave names like ‘Generic Viagra,’ ‘Online Gambling’ and ‘Free Poker’ and links to unsa­vory sites.

Spam has never been lim­ited to e-mail. But now, commercial pitches are increasingly popping up in online chat, instant mes­sages, cell phones with text messaging and, as Kalber found, Web log comments.

Spammers are flocking to new communications tools like mod­ems to light, threat­ening to cripple these tools just as they are beginning to take off.

Howard Rheingold, a futurist who predicts always-on communication will revolutionize public dis­course, is worried that all these new forms of spam could freeze the revolution in its tracks.

‘Bluejacking’ new cell phone craze

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — The group of lanky tourists strolling through Stockholm’s old town never knew what hit them. As they admired Swedish handicrafts in a storefront window, one of their cell phones chirped with an anonymous note: ‘Try the blue sweaters. They keep you warm in the winter.’

The tourist was ‘blue­jacked’ — surreptitiously surprised with a text mes­sage sent using a short­range wireless technology called Bluetooth.

As more people get Bluetooth-enabled cell phones — both sender and recipient need them for this to work — there is bound to be more mischievous mes­sages of the unsavory.

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SENATE

Group appoints two members to Council

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS

The Student Senate appointed two senators as alternates to the Council of Representatives at Wednesday’s meeting.

Koski senator Brian Agganis and Cavanaugh senator Jordan Rongiovanni were unanimously approved as alternates to the Council.

The Council of representatives passed a resolution at its meeting Monday which called for the formation of a committee to "consider attendance in ethics, including proper representation of the students by the members of the Council of Representatives." The resolution states that the reason for this committee stems from the fact that the Council "is yet to constitute its bylaws regarding ethics and attendance."

Until proper attendance policies for the Council are decided, the resolution provides for each organization within the Council to send an alternate in the event that their elected Council representative is unable to attend a meeting. When sent as a representative for their organization, an alternate will have full voting privileges at meetings.

Korean Senator Dan Zenker, one of four Senate representatives on the Council, said the alternates provide for full Senate representation at Council meetings and also ensure that Senators will not be counted absent from Council meetings.

"Each member gets three unexcused absences, but now if we don't go, one of the alternates can go and we don't get an unexcused absence," Zenker said.

They also take all of our voting power with them to the meetings,"

The Council’s resolution did not mandate that alternates had to be officially appointed, but Zenker said he thought electing alternates was a good idea.

"We just wanted to make sure that the Senate had official alternates. Now, we can keep them updated on what's going on in (Council)."

In other Senate news

Puquerrilla West Senator Jana Lamplata reported to the Senate that a meeting with Bill Kirk, associate vice president for Residence Life, regarding the Senate-sponsored petition to move the ROTC Presidential Pass in Review ceremony to an outdoor location will occur Tuesday. The Senate will present its petition to Kirk in order to show the amount of student support for the transfer of the ceremony from indoors to a South Quad location.

The Senate Committee on Ethics issued new attendance rules to senators Wednesday. These rules include mandatory attendance records for all Senate committee meetings, and 24-hour notice from any Senator missing a committee meeting. The rules stipulate that Senators who reach four unexcused absences from a committee meeting or four absences from full Senate meetings will receive a written warning from the Ethics Committee. At five absences, the Ethics Committee will meet to determine a course of action to be taken in the matter.

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Jeremy Lao, student body vice president, addresses senators during their meeting Wednesday evening.

Teach for America influences campus

By AMANDA MICHAELS

Fourteen years after the conception of Teach for America, hundreds of similar organizations have been chartered to help combat illiteracy and raise the quality of education in the United States and around the world.

The Center for Social Concerns is a clearinghouse for many such programs, connecting students interested in dedicating their post-graduate years to service.

Programs modeled after the Alliance for Catholic Education, which decided to help others start similar organizations rather than expand its own, are among such large-scale service projects. While ACE is still the most popular teaching service organization on campus, such groups as the Pacific Alliance for Catholic Education, the Providence Alliance for Catholic Education, and the Native Faith Preparatory School attract a variety of others as attractive as many as five graduates each year.

With 168 graduates in service, two-thirds of those ND/SMC students, ACE is by far the most popular post-grad service organization for Doners. Established by Father Tim Scully and Father Sean McGeown in 1996, ACE provides an intensive program that allows students to work toward their Master of Education degree in the summer, while accruing hands on experience as a full-time teacher during the school year.

ACE teachers receive health insurance, a monthly stipend, travel reimbursement, and an education award of $4,725 from Americorps, said Andrea Smith Shappell, director of senior transition programs for the CSC.

Seventy-seven percent of ACE students stay in education through the required two years, and 56 percent of those stay in K-12, with the rest becoming coaches or principals or taking other education-related occupations, said Christian Davilais, associate director of ACE.

"About 10 percent of seniors apply to ACE each year," said Davilais, "and what I think it comes down to is an interest in teaching others and the desire to do service.

The successes of the ACE and Teach for America projects has spawned a number of other long-standing teaching programs, through which volunteers are able to earn credits toward a Master's degree. The Inner-City Teaching Corp in Chicago, the Response-Ability in Philadelphia and other locations around the country and Teach for America are samples of such organizations.

"The most popular of the Nativity Preparatory School, whose mission is to provide tuition-free education to risk, impoverished children and those facing similar circumstances in one of its many locations — the most popular of which is in San Diego. Founded by Andrea, a 1999 Notre Dame graduate, founded the organization.

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The controversial film elicited negative reviews from a few members of the audience, who questioned Yang's depiction of criminality in conjunction with moral issues. In response to such remarks, Yang said that his intention was to showcase only some of the problems afflicting modern China.

Filming required much courage, as it went against Chinese cinematic traditions, said Yang. The film was adapted from the novel "Sacred Wood," which won a top literary prize in China. Yang said that he is very optimistic about the future of China, but that, like the future of the film's protagonist, is uncertain.

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the early days of TFA

Mobil Corporation provided her with a seed grant of $26,000, and after 11 letters, Ross Perot agreed to put up a challenge grant of $500,000.

"I was blessed with absolute naiveté and inexperience," said Kopp. "I believed that if we could show them that college students were interested in the program, everything would fall into place. If I had started this campaign knowing what I know now, Teach for America might not have happened.

Kopp said the components of the behavioral five-year plan are to grow to 4,000 corps members, to do more to insure that corps members have the greatest impact possible and to keep alumni connected.

"We are focused on staying the course, and so far, we're on track," said Kopp.

However, she did address the recent stumbling block placed in front of TFA. On July 11, Kopp received a letter stating that TFA was no longer an AmeriCorps program, meaning a loss of 5 percent of their operating budget, the loss of $15 million in educational grants and an elimination of guaranteed loan deferments. As incentives to recruit top college graduates.

"It definitely has been a challenging few months, but we were able to walk away from it," said Kopp. "We're still trying to find federal and private funding to replace our loss, but we think we'll be able to defer loans, pay interest and get our teachers the money we promised them."

Kopp described the problems affecting America's school system, especially the gap in performance that runs along socioeconomic lines. Students born in low-income communities are as far as three to four grade levels behind by the time they finish elementary school and are seven times less likely to graduate from college, she said.

"Ultimately, more teachers going above and beyond is not going to be sufficient. We need to solve this problem as a country. We need to improve the economy and quality of life in these urban and rural areas, and improve the school system. This is going to take informed, committed leadership, and that's what we hope we're developing at Teach for America," said Kopp.

Out of the 16,000 applicants for positions in TFA last year, only 1,800 were selected. Kopp said that they look for someone with the leadership skills to take on a monumental task and to deal with the problems the corps members find themselves up against every day.

Before TFA campus representative Erics Burrells concluded the event, Kopp posed a challenge to the students in attendance.

"We can get there, we can get to the point where kids have equal education, no matter where they're from," she said. "The situation is whether the leaders, the young, well-educated, committed leaders, will step up and take charge."

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Troop, media relations sour (AP) — With casualties mounting in Iraq, jumpy U.S. soldiers are becoming more aggressive in their treatment of journalists, combat correspondents said.

Media people have been detained, news equipment confiscated and even cameramen and journalists have suffered verbal and physical abuse while trying to report on events.

Although the number of incidents involving soldiers and journalists is difficult to gauge, anecdotal evidence suggests it has risen sharply the past two months.

The president of the Associated Press Managing Editors, a pickup reporter at AP's more than 1,700 newspapers in the United States and Canada, sent a protest letter to the Pentagon on Wednesday urging officials to "immediately take the steps to end such conduct, xưa such incidents, and crack down on corruption.

**Colombia's armed forces chief quits**

Bogota (AP) — Colombia's armed forces chief quit Wednesday, in a growing pile on the desk of hard-line President Alvaro Uribe.

In the past week, three Cabinet ministers, the head of the Colombian National Police and four other senior police officials have resigned under pressure following the defeat of political reforms that Uribe said were needed to defuse rebels and crack down on corruption.

**NASHIYAH — A suicide bomber blew up a truck packed with explosives at an Iraqi paramilitary base Wednesday, killing 26 people. The United States struck at the Iraqi insurgency hours later, destroying a warehouse in Baghdad that had been hit by a dozen attackers who were seen firing mortars.

The Nashiyah attack was the deadliest against an American ally since the occupation began and appeared to send a message that international organizations are not safe anywhere in Iraq. It came on the same day the chief U.S. administrator for Iraq went to the White House to put forth proposals on tightening more authority to the Iraqis.

Col. Gianfranco Scalas said 19 Iraqis were killed. 12 Carabinieri paramilitary police, four soldiers, a civilian working at the base and a documentary filmmaker. A spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition said at least eight Iraqis also died. The bomber — whose nationality was not known — also died.

The blast wounded 79 people, 20 of them Iraqis, hospital sources and Italian officials said.

Italians were stunned by their nation's single worst military loss since World War II. It was the first such attack in the Iraq campaign. At Rome's tomb of the unknown soldier, the green-white-and-red flag rippled at half-staff, and parliament held a minute of silence.

Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi said he was saddened that Italy's mission in Iraq would not be derailed. Opposition leaders who opposed the deployment to postwar Iraq called on the government to withdraw the contingent.

Jalal Talabani, the head of the Governing Council, called the slain Iraqis "martyrs of the fight for the freedom of Iraq."

There were conflicting accounts of the attack, which took place about 10:40 a.m. at a three-story building used by the Carabinieri's multinational specialist unit in Nashiyah, 50 miles southeast of Baghdad.

Witnesses said the decoy car ran a roadblock in front of a square where the Italian barracks was located. Guards opened fire but as the vehicle sped away, the feel tank approached from the opposite direction and rammed into the gate of the building before exploding.

Italian Defense Minister Antonio Martino said the truck, followed by an armored car, approached the compound at high speed. Gunmen inside one of the vehicles opened fire at Italian troops guarding the entrance, he said. The guards returned fire, but the vehicle plowed through the gate, and then exploded, he added.

It was the 13th vehicle bombing in Iraq since Aug. 7, when a car exploded at the Jordanian Embassy in Baghdad, killing at least 19 people. Wednesday's blast from the 650 pounds of explosives collapsed all three stories of the building, gouged a 6-foot-deep crater in front of it, and set fire to parked cars. Secondary explosions from stored ammunition shook the area.

The screeched, twisted remains of military jeeps littered the parking lot, and bulldozers cleared rubble. Chunks of concrete and wiring hung from partly destroyed walls.

"This is terrorism, pure and simple," Scalas said.

After nightfall in Baghdad, forces from the 1st Armored Division attacked a warehouse used by insurgents, setting off explosions that reverberated through the capital.

"The facility is a known meeting, planning, storage and rendezvous point for belligerent elements currently conducting attacks on coalition forces and infrastructure," the Pentagon said.

**IRAQ**

**Man says feds knew he trained foreign troops**

Albuquerque, N.M. — A counterterrorism center director testified Wednesday that the State Department did not raise concerns about training sessions he offered to foreign soldiers before authorizing him of not being licensed.

David Hudak said he never received government notice from the State Department about the type of training his company, High Energy Access Tools, or HEAT, provided to soldiers from Israel, Canada and Singapore.

The U.S. government charges that his company trained soldiers from the United Arab Emirates under a $12.5 million contract using U.S. defense information without proper State Department licensing. Hudak, a Canadian citizen, faces 10 felony counts, including illegally possessing 2,400 warheads at the training center.

Hudak acknowledged under cross-examination that the UAE soldiers had received training equivalent to advanced training in subjects considered sensitive defense information. He had testified Monday that he had no reason to believe sessions at his training center included classified defense information.

He also said he had been exporting small warheads to other countries for eight years, but the State Department had never issued a warning about any of his procedures. He obtained an exporting license to ship the munitions, and HEAT never sent munitions without a warning about any of his procedures. He obtained an exporting license to ship the munitions, and HEAT never sent munitions without a warning about any of his procedures.

Hudak said he had entrusted Steave Mattson, HEAT's director of operations and training, with licensing issues and was never told there was a need to suspend the training because of any legal questions.

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**TRUCK BOMB STRIKES ITALIAN BASE**

**Attack is the deadliest against an American ally in Iraq, U.S. strikes back**

An Italian soldier guards the destroyed building that housed Italian military police in the southern Iraqi city of Nashiyah, where suicide bombers struck Wednesday.
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improvement.

For instance, Hoffman said that during her freshman year, a math professor refused to provide her with a copy of the notes from the overhead projector, and she had to switch to another class.

Generally, Hoffman has access to large-print materials and is given extra time to complete exams, but ran into different problems when taking the LSAT this year.

"They require very extensive documentation." I'd heard they were a very disability-friendly school," she said.

Initially, Hoffman's request for extended time was denied, and then ultimately granted, just days before she was scheduled to take the test.

"It's something that a student with a disability shouldn't have to go through," she said.

Disabled students said they would like to see themselves included in the University's definition of diversity, which often focuses on racial and ethnic diversity.

"It bothered me that it wasn't included in the diversity program," Hoffman, who is a diversity educator at Notre Dame.

"Diversity is about more than just race and ethnicity," said junior Cecca Van Scholck, who uses a modified mail cart device to travel around campus.

Despite using a wheelchair and having a speech impairment, sophomore FTT major Katrina Gossett has enjoyed being a part of the University's Disability program since 1995, the number of students officially registered as disabled has jumped from 35 to 170, said Scott Howland, the Office's director.

When a student identifies himself or herself as having a disability, Howland's office works with the student to provide adaptations for class schedules and in the residence halls.

"Everything is very individualized.

It depends not only on the disability but on how the student compensates for it." Currently, Howland runs the Office for Students with Disabilities by himself, despite the fact the number of registered students has increased about fivefold over the past eight years.

Students said they are highly improved with Howland's dedication to their needs, but expressed concerns about the priority the University places on helping students with disabilities.

"I see him about two to three times per week," said Van Scholck. "He works so hard."

But since the University moved Howland's office from the front to the back of Bumd Hall, Van Scholck said she can't even fit her wheelchair into the room.

The hallway to get to his office takes three feet wide. We can't fit into that with our wheelchair," she said.

"He has one testing room (designated for students who use special modifications during exams) for 165 students."

Because of the increasing strain placed on the resources for disabled students, Van Scholck said she intends to write a letter to the Office of the President which oversees Howland's office.

"I don't know that I would apply to this school now," she said. "I'm immediately stage manager (for PEMCO)."

Along with her theatre interest, Gossett also serves as a math teaching assistant and runs help sessions for her students.

Since the University opened its Office for Students with Disabilities in 1995, the number of students officially registered as disabled increased from 50 to 315.

Congress nears Medicare agreement

WASHINGTON — Republican congressional leaders stepped to the brink of agreement Wednesday on major Medicare legislation to create a prescription drug benefit for older Americans and carve out a vast new role for private insurance companies in the government-run health care program.

"I think it's a middle-of-the-road deal," said Sen. John Breaux of Louisiana, the first Democrat to swing behind the proposal after Republicans scaled back their demand for competition between traditional Medicare and the private plans.

GOP congressional officials said the administration was ready to embrace the agreement, and President Bush was scheduled to discuss Medicare at an appearance in Florida on Thursday.

GOP leaders said they also expected the backing of the politically influential AARP, with 35 million members age 50 and over.

There were crises aplenty, though, and some Democrats began an immediate effort to limit defections and defeat the measure on the Senate floor.

Senado Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota attacked it. Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., referring to the remaining requirement for direct competition, said, "We can't accept a proposal that's going to threaten the whole Medicare system."

Additionally, officials said Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., the lead House negotiator in the last minute cutbacks in the Medicare overhaul, objected to the terms that Frist, Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Majority Leader Tom Delay, R-Tex., had brokendown.

Apart from the drug benefit and new system of private health care, officials said the measure would include steps to ease the availability of lower-cost generic drugs. On another point, though, no change was expected in the ban on the importation of brand name prescription drugs from Canada and other countries where they often sell more cheaply than in the United States. Current law requires the Food and Drug Administration to certify the medicine's safety before importing it.

In a gesture to conservatives, the legislation would also create new health-related tax accounts for individuals purchasing high-deductible health insurance. It also would establish an unusual requirement for the president and Congress to review Medicare's finances if the cost of the program grows more than expected.

The breakthrough in negotiations occurred Tuesday night, when Frist met privately in his Capitol office with Breaux and Sen. Max Baucus of Montana, the two Democrats who have been permitted to participate in House-Senate negotiations dominated by Republicans.

The Tennessee Republican dropped a long-standing demand for an open-ended program of competition, and offered to limit it to selected portions of the country.

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The British pound rose to $1.6733 from $1.6651.

The dollar was quoted at 108.75 yen, up from 108.61 yen late Tuesday. The dollar was quoted at 90.80 Swiss francs, down from 1.3620, and 1.0585 Canadian dollars, up from 1.0553.

The euro, which triggered waves of stop-loss selling. The euro soon as possible the steel tariffs that are imposed retaliatory sanctions on $2.2 billion worth of U.S. imports unless Bush removes duties on imported steel he introduced in March 2002 to give breathing space to the ailing U.S. steel industry.

The widening of the spread between the Japanese yen and the euro, which has increased the yen's attractiveness to investors seeking a haven from the volatility of global stock markets.

The dollar was quoted at 81.10 against Australia's dollar and at 124.41 yen, its lowest level since July 1997.

The U.S. dollar will slide versus European majors through key technical levels against the euro. The dollar's recent break above the $1.60 level has triggered waves of stop-loss selling.

In the foreign exchange market, the company with the largest debtors - a $218 million contingent liability - sought to freeze Hilbert's assets in an effort to reduce Mr. Hilbert's estate to an absolute minimum, attorneys told the court.

The lawsuit attempts to freeze Hilbert's assets pending a decision on a motion to get a court order which would allow Hilbert's wife, Tomisue, to engage in a major lawsuit to recover $218 million in loans that were made to Conseco Inc. by Hilbert.

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Investors this year have conditioned themselves to buy the dip, and today they saw an opportunity, Belski said. "We're in a little bit of a news vacuum ... so right now they're going to react to any news blip at all."

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Debating religion in U.S. foreign policy

Andrew DeBerry

ND Changing Times

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Any major can be successful

If David Barrett is a philosophy major, then he has not been paying attention in class. His failure to present sound reasons for the surplus of business major greatly discredits his entire argument in his Nov. 11 column. Although he is an economics major and has covered his "business Bates," he seems to know very little about being a business major. He implies that studying business maintains one’s "intellectual integrity" more poorly than reading an 800-page book. One of these two authors has read The Brothers Karamazov for class and one for pleasure; we’ll let the readers figure out who is who.

Barrett says that "college is a time for essays rather than scantrons. It should teach us to think critically and write fluidly." He assumes much regarding the business education. Rarely does a scantron test pass through the College of Business, and if he thinks that analyzing, designing, and implementing an entire computer system does not require critical thinking, he is grossly mistaken. Barrett can judge for himself the fluidity of this essay, co-authored by a business major. A wise philosopher told us once that the only thing we can truly know is that we know nothing, and Barrett has egregiously and carelessly passed judgment on business majors.

Barrett fails to take into account that the one-third of Notre Dame students enrolled in the business school may be studying business because they actually enjoy studying it. College is a time for young men and women to find out who they really are and find out what challenges them to become better versions of themselves. Some students like to read The Republic, others want to build them. Business majors are not any more or less complete because they know the intricacies of finance and may not have read Moby-Dick.

We would like to ask Barrett how his father accrued his philanthropic capital. Was he sitting on the banks of Walden painting landscapes? We would let that the Harvard law baseless mentioned by Barrett’s father is grateful that his assignments and use study days for strictly recreational activities. We are the students who have hope that Viewpoint can be a vehicle for the discussion of new and interesting topics. Let us be clear, however, that we do not read Viewpoint to expand our cultural and spiritual horizons; we read Viewpoint to laugh. As such, we have a few topic suggestions we would feel would be worthwhile: yogurt machine regula­tion, why Zahn sucks, cab drivers that rock, the most effective techniques to steel food from Grab ‘N Go, why the sprinkling system waters the sidewalk more than the grass, the banning of sweat pants on campus, etc.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Make us laugh

Like approximately 80 percent of Viewpoint letters, this one discusses diversity. However, the issue of diversity we discuss is one of far greater importance than those of culture and race. That’s right, we are talking about diversi­ty in Viewpoint topics. We represent the vast majority of Viewpoint readers who are too lazy to actually write a letter. However, we have been so moved by the appalling lack of diversity that we have decided to sit down, in Australia, on a beautiful sunny day in order to light an important issue we feel is vastly undervalued.

Through extensive statistical research, we have found that over 76.323 percent of Viewpoint pages contain at least one letter on one of the following topics: diversity, Catholicism (including, but not limited to abortion, pre-marital sex, homosexuality and pari­etals), the war in Iraq and human rights. Now, we have attended Notre Dame for two and a half years, which is about 400 school days, and with three to four letters published in the Viewpoint daily, that’s around 300 letters on one of these topics.

Therefore, there is no possible way that any­one can contribute anything new to the discus­sion of any of the aforementioned issues. Please stop trying. The next time you sit down to write an article on one of these topics, think about the poor students who have to sit through another rambling discussion on the lack of diversity on Notre Dame’s campus or how unfair parietals and the war in Iraq are. Honestly, no one cares.

Now we know some of you out there are thinking, who are these idiots and why do they continue to read Viewpoint articles if they’re so disgusted with their content? We are the stu­dents at Notre Dame who frequently skip class­es regardless of what time they start. We are the students who go out in spite of homework assignments and use study days for strictly recreational activities.

We are the students who give Notre Dame life outside the classroom. We are also the students who have hope that Viewpoint can be a vehicle for the discussion of new and interesting topics. Let us be clear, however, that we do not read Viewpoint to expand our cultural and spiritual horizons; we read Viewpoint to laugh. As such, we have a few topic suggestions we would feel would be worthwhile: yogurt machine regula­tion, why Zahn sucks, cab drivers that rock, the most effective techniques to steel food from Grab ‘N Go, why the sprinkling sys­tem waters the sidewalk more than the grass, the banning of sweat pants on campus, etc.

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Don’t criticize Revue

Upon reading the article concerning the reactions of Saint Mary’s students to the Keenan Revue, I couldn’t help but think of the following quote from Jonathan Swift:

"Satire is a sort of glass, wherein beholders do generally discover everybody’s face but their own."

In addition to not seeing any part of themselves reflected in this satirical show, those Saint Mary’s students protesting the Revue apparently have missed the fact that it is satire in the first place.

The Revue presents its topic in outrageous, farcical and ironic ways, and its skills are therefore to be taken in jest. Those Saint Mary’s students would cease to be offended if they took a step back and observed the satirical nature of the Revue. Then again, good satire is always misinterpreted by some.

Brendan Hanahan
freshman
Keenan Hall
Nov. 11

EDITORIAL CARTOON

"What is it, this coming out of our allowance, young man?"

Erin Fitzpatrick
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Michael Stredle
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Nov. 12
Legends says ‘hello’ to hot new band this weekend

Hello Dave shows off its musical style of classic rock and pop, mixed with a bit of country this Friday night at Legends

By SARAH VABULAS
Scene Editor

On Friday night, students can say hello to Hello Dave when they play at Legends of Notre Dame. Described as “The Eagles of the new millennium” and one of Chicago’s best-kept secrets, Hello Dave has been rocking audiences for over a decade and is showing no signs of mercy with their newest studio album.

“The Eagles” Perfect Day is set for release in January by Mountain Records. Recorded at Vortex Studio in Burbank, Calif., “Perfect Day” is the band’s most accomplished album to date and explodes with 11 tracks of big radio rock & roll. Sure to land a permanent place in the CD changer, fans will love sprightly new tunes “Broken” and “Come Right Away,” and the rich harmonious texture of “Medicine Boy.” New remixes of grand hits “Goldenth” and “Sweetness” have never sounded better at the hands of legendary producer, Don Gehman. The nominated producer has also worked with photographer Henry Diltz, who documented many of the scenarios dreamed up by Burden.

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Offering a fresh approach to music file sharing

FreshTracksMusic.com is a convenient, cheap and legal source of MP3s as well as a great place to be introduced to the latest names in music.

By SARAH VABULAS
Senior Editor

Chicago-based FreshTracksMusic might have stumbled upon the answer for a music industry looking for a way to truly reconnect with the file-sharing generation of new music fans. By combining a legal, powerful music download alternative to file-sharing programs such as Kazaa with a decade of experience and enduring relationships across the national music landscape, FreshTracksMusic is poised to capture all the hearts of music fans who used to download music online.

"It's an all-you-can-eat buffet for music downloading," Wanzung said. "It costs about $3 a month or $36 a year. You can listen to anything and download what you like. We post samples that you can download. It is a simple, friendly and easy way to download and be legal. When you sign up, we'll even send you a free CD of your choice from the Fresh Tracks catalog."

New members of Fresh Tracks will receive as part of their deal, a free copy of any CD in the FreshTracksMusic catalog. They will be asked to browse the catalog and let us know which CD they want, and we will send it to them as part of their gift membership.

At the heart of their early success, a number of factors have come into play. First, FTM believes that downloading should be an "all-you-can-eat" type of experience. So, for about 10 cents a day, members of FreshTracksMusic can download unrestricted MP3s of anything in the FTM catalog. And unlike Kazaa, FreshTracksMusic is fully licensed and legal. So there will be no lawsuits from organizations like the RIAA, or the Recording Industry Association of America.

There are no per-track fees like those on iTunes or Buymusic and the catalog includes entire CDs, live shows and other exclusive recordings from a rapidly growing list of today's coolest new bands. And don't worry. The new music junkies at FreshTracksMusic have demonstrated their uncanny ability to find bands that end up becoming the mainstream.

Having worked for over the last 7 years with who are now some of today's biggest names, including Creed, O.A.R., Dispatch, Jack Johnson, String Cheese Incident and many others, before their mainstream debuts, FreshTracksMusic has demonstrated its ability to stay ahead of the curve by finding music early that is destined for greatness. FreshTracksMusic is always ready to tell you what's about to be huge.

"With recent additions to the FTM Hub like Brian Vendar Ark [lead singer of The Verve Pipe], Slightly Stoopid, Craig Honeycutt [lead singer of Everything], Ali Hest, Pомерой and over 50 more incredible new artists," Schaumloffel said, "we feel like there is already a ridiculous catalog of music that will quickly win over even the most discriminating music fan ... FTM spends the majority of its time finding and featuring only what is worthy of it's members' ears. In other words, it's like a fully downloadable Top 50 catalog of independent bands without the cheesy, pop overtones."

And to ensure that FTM's quality of music is firmly upheld, Schaumloffel adds, "We have handpicked a team of diverse ears that all share a common identity growing up as 'that one friend' who always knowns about cool new bands before the rest of the class."

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Suns dominate over Nets in Finals rematch

**Top Dollar Paid** since the championship round. NBA the Spurs won their second straight game since Duncan and Parker returned to the lineup.

**Kidd, who spurned a free** agent offer from the Spurs in the offseason, had 14 points, 13 assists and 12 rebounds for his second career double-double.

James had 18 points on 6-of-15 shooting for Cleveland, which lost its 26th game in 37 chances since becoming the first franchise in NBA history.

The block got the Nets and the Chicago Bulls a 66-61 edge.

Chicago's third straight road win improved the Bulls to 3-1 in the finals.

Duncan also failed to handle a quick pass from Iguodala with 15.5 seconds left, committing Cleveland's third turnover of the fourth quarter.

Duncan got the rebound in the final two minutes of the fourth quarter.

Chicago's lack of balance cost them.

The Grizzlies, who beat the Cavaliers to their second road win of the season.

The Grizzlies, with the beat the Lakers on Monday night, were on a tear.

The Bulls led 47-44 at the break.

Cleveland's third road trip last season, ending up in 100-97.

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McKeon, Pena earn Manager of the Year honors in 2003

Florida manager Jack McKeon celebrates his team's World Series win. McKeon and Kansas City's Tony Pena were both named top managers in their respective leagues Wednesday.

McKeon is not thinking about retirement any time soon. "I'm not going to go home and sit in the rocking chair and drive that tractor," he said. "I hope to do it as long as I'm healthy enough and feel it's still enjoyable."

Pena was an overwhelming choice for the AL award, getting 24 first-place votes and 130 points. Minnesota's Ron Gardenhire was second with four firsts and 44 points. "When they told me, I got on my knees to thank God. Then I cried with my family," Pena said in a telephone interview from his home in Santiago, Dominican Republic. "There are no words to describe how I feel."

He is the third-oldest in major league history, trailing Hall of Famers Connie Mack (88) and Casey Stengel (75). He thanked the Marlins for hiring him. "They had the courage to go out and hire an old goat like me," he said in Miami. "I want to prove them wrong."

Florida was 16-22 when McKeon replaced Jeff Torborg on May 11. The Marlins dropped to 10 games under .500 on May 22, falling into the NL East cellar, then rebounded to finish 91-71 and win the NL wild card.

"When I came in here, I didn't think they were having any fun," McKeon said. His solution was to tell his team to "play it like a kids' game." Voting took place before the postseason, when Florida upset San Francisco in the first round, overcame a 3-1 deficit to beat the Cubs in the NL championship series, then rebounded from a 2-1 deficit to beat the New York Yankees in the World Series. It was McKeon's first time in the postseason.

He started in professional baseball as a player in 1949 and became a manager six years later. His major league managing career began in 1973 when he was hired by Kansas City, and he went on to manage Oakland, San Diego and Cincinnati.

"The biggest thing I think I've learned is patience and understanding today's young players and realizing these guys are looking for someone to guide them," McKeon said. "They're looking for instruction and they're looking for security."

Dusty Baker, a three-time winner of the award, finished second with 62 points after leading the Cubs to the NL Central title in his first season as Chicago's manager.

"I like Jack. He earned it," Baker said, saying Syracuse basketball coach Jim Boeheim put things in perspective during an interview a few days ago. "He was saying it took him 27 years to win a championship. I'm on No. 12 now. Jack is on what? Fifty-something?" Baker said. "Wow! Lord have mercy. I don't have nothing to be sad about. Nothing."

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After the unexpected success this season, Pena thinks more will be expected from Kansas City next year.

"Everybody believes we have a good chance to win," he said. Pena, 46, took over the Royals in May 2002 and Kansas City finished 62-100. The Royals won their first nine games this year, got off to a 16-3 start and were 51-41 at the All-Star break, leading the AL Central by seven games.

But they slumped in the second half and wound up 83-79, their first winning season since 1994. Kansas City used 29 pitchers, including an AL-high 15 starters, and set a team record by using 53 players. "We did not run out of bullets, we just ran out of time," Pena said.

He is only the second Dominican to win manager of the year. Felipe Alou, who replaced Baker in San Francisco after the 2002 season, was NL Manager of the Year in 1994, when he was with Montreal.

"Felipe was the one that opened the gates for us," he said. "Dominicans, and all Latinos, are showing that we can take on large responsibilities in baseball. We know how to do more than throw hard or hit well."

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10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Coleman-Morse Lounge

tuesday 11.18
Campus Bible Study
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
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Unlimited Minutes
Can You Hear Me Now?

by Chandra Johnson
Assistant Director, Cross Cultural Ministry

Just about everyone these days has a cell phone clipped to their waist or nestled in their backpack. Even I have one. Although I must admit I’m still a novice user. It took me three months to figure out that by pressing the little button on the side of the phone, I could hear better. I wasn’t losing my hearing after all! And I continue to be amazed when each time I flip up the pad protector, a voice always asks, “Who would you like to call?” Compact, practical, and indispensable, the cell phone keeps our family, friends and the entire world at our fingertips twenty-four hours a day. What a blessing. Or is it?

When I drive around campus, I can’t help but notice students walking with one hand over their ear and head pointed toward the ground. You’re in deep conversation with someone who, at that moment, has your undivided attention. Instant access is a modern marvel indeed, however, I often wonder if its utilization has ushered out the age of contemplation and ushered in an age of modern self-segregation?

I raised the cell phone craze with a group of students last week and somehow we got on the subject of intuition and wisdom, and how you get it. We began to evaluate the many layers of our lives and how it is becoming harder and harder to settle down to pray. How does one shut out the BlackBerry world to hear the voice of reason when making decisions? How do we know when the edge is closer than we think? How do we feel God and not the pressured anxiety of the next meeting or class?

I reminded them that the word “cell” did not always mean “cellular telephone”. Once upon a time it referred to a cave, a prayer space where one could be still to hear the voice and subtle whispers of God. For the early Christians, a time it referred to a cave, a prayer space where one could be still to hear the voice and subtle whispers of God. For the early Christians, it was a place where wisdom spoke.

The first reading for today’s Mass is taken from the Book of Wisdom: “In wisdom is a spirit intelligent, holy, unique, clear, unhampered, beneficent, kindly, firm, secure, tranquil, all powerful, all seeing...[for]...wisdom is mobile beyond all motion, and she penetrates and pervades all things by reason of her purity. (7:26-8:1) Wisdom’s fluidity points to the question in today’s gospel where Jesus is asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God will come. Jesus answers, “The coming of the Kingdom of God cannot be observed, and no one will announce it.” For behold, the Kingdom of God is among you.” (Luke 17:20-25) Among whom? Where? How will we know it and what does it look like? In today’s Mass, we are comforted in knowing that wisdom is everywhere, we just have to stop long enough to listen for and recognize her counsel. The Kingdom of which Jesus speaks is right before our eyes. It is among us. It is in us. It is mobile, flawless and travels with us everywhere. It is all we know God to be. It is the peace of Jesus Christ. It is the power of the Spirit.

As we prepare for the Advent Season, let us engage in a renewed rite of communica­tion. Let us use our unlimited minutes to call up God, contemplate Christ, and embrace the Spirit within. There is an entire library of wisdom inside of you just waiting to reveal itself as you hear me now?

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8:00 a.m.
Rev. Rev. Thomas E. Blantz, c.s.c.
10:00 a.m.
Most Rev. John M. D’Arcy
Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend
Bishop of St. Petersburg, FL

11:45 a.m.
Most Rev. Robert N. Lynch
Bishop of St. Edward’s Chapel
Law School Chapel

3:30 p.m.
Spanish Mass
Mendoza COB
Faculty Lounge

1:30 p.m.
MBA Mass
Law School Chapel

Sunday’s Scripture Readings

Vick practices for first time since leg injury

Associated Press

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — He worked with the scout team. He kept his running in low gear. There were no dazzling moves, no 70-yard passes. Still, this was a significant breakthrough.

Michael Vick was back. The Atlanta Falcons quarterback practiced Wednesday for the first time since breaking his right leg in a preseason game, raising hopes that he'll soon be ready to play. He has set Nov. 30 in Houston as his target.

"I think I handled it pretty well," Vick said after the two-hour practice. "Toward the end, it got kind of sore on me. But that's what I expected. That's a good thing.

The rest of the team was already on the field when Vick trotted out from the locker room, wearing his No. 7 jersey and carrying his shoulder pads. At least a dozen cameramen and photographers documented every step.

Practice was uneventful. Vick served as the third-team quarterback behind Kurt Warner and Doug Johnson, which meant working with the scout team and backups.

At times, Vick appeared to be favoring his leg, and he didn't show off any of his celebrated running skills. Still, the Falcons were glad to have him back in uniform.

"I didn't have any expectations because I really didn't know how much he could do," coach Dan Reeves said. "I was definitely pleased that he did as much as he did. No one was more pumped up than Vick."

"I asked him how he felt," Reeves said. "He said, 'Coach, I couldn't sleep last night. I was so excited to come out and start practicing.' That's what showed up — the excitement he had all day.

Wright to start Sunday for Ravens

Anthony Wright will start at quarterback for the Baltimore Ravens on Sunday, jumping from third string to replace the injured Kyle Boller.

Wright's start against the Miami Dolphins will be his first since October 2001, when he played in four games with the Dallas Cowboys before a knee injury landed him on injured reserve.

Ravens coach Brian Billick said Wednesday that Wright's mobility in the pocket earned him the job over Chris Redman, who was sacked five times and fumbled twice in relief of Boller in a 33-22 loss to St. Louis on Sunday.

"That's a tough situation for Chris, but the reason we're going with Anthony Wright is that his physical attributes fit better with what we're doing," Billick said. "That's not Chris' fault, it's just a matter of Anthony's athleticism. That's the primary thing he fits more with what we do in both our running and passing game.

Wright or Redman, it makes no difference to the Dolphins, who are preparing for a clash with the NFL's leading rushing, Jamal Lewis, and the league's top-ranked running game.

"It's not going to change our preparation a bit," Miami line­backer Junior Seau said. "They have a great running back in Jamal, and he's going to be our focal point.

Jacksonville picks up Johnson off waivers

When top-line receiver Kevin Johnson became available Wednesday, the Jacksonville Jaguars had a few questions. First among them: How soon could Johnson get to town?

Continuing their nonstop search for receiving help, the Jaguars signed Johnson, the fifth-year veteran who led Cleveland in receptions this sea­son, but was surprisingly released by the Browns on Monday.

To make room, Jacksonville released J.J. Stokes, once viewed as a possible answer to their problems, but who had only 13 catches this year and spent a good portion of the sea­son on the inactive list.

Browns coach Butch Davis wasn't happy with Johnson's performance of late, but the Jaguars weren't concerned.

"Like we do with all players, we researched it, and we feel pretty satisfied with the player changing scenery," player per­sonnel director James Harris said. "He's getting an opportu­nity to get a fresh start.

Johnson arrives Thursday, and soon after, coach Jack Del Rio will decide whether to acti­vate him for Sunday's game against Tennessee.

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Clemens retirement to go forward

Associated Press

NEW YORK — With thoughts of an Olympic medal now gone, Roger Clemens insisted his retirement will go forward as planned.

"No scenario," Clemens said Wednesday when asked what might entice him to pitch next season. "I'm retired."

"I'll come back and be a really expensive batting practice pitcher and then, if somebody goes down, then they can work on me."

The future Hall of Famer acknowledged that he had thoughts of pitching for the U.S. Olympic baseball team before the defending gold-medal champions were eliminated from a qualifying tournament in Panama last week.

"I'm shaking my head just like everyone else that they're going to have an Olympics and we, the United States, is not going to be represented there," Clemens said. "That's kind of a shame."

An Olympic medal is about the only thing missing from Clemens' resume. He is baseball's only six-time Cy Young Award winner, 17th on the all-time list with 310 victories and third with 4,099 strikeouts.

He also has two World Series rings.

Clemens said that his agents wanted to make him available as a free agent — his name was officially filed last week — but the plan didn't get far.

"I heard that and immediately my four boys picked up my option and said 'You're staying here,'" Clemens said. Another person expecting to be home when next season rolls around is Don Zimmer, the fiery former bench coach who famously rushed Boston pitcher Pedro Martinez on the field, and left the Yankees after saying he felt unappreciated by owner George Steinbrenner.

Calling speculation that he may end up with Tampa Bay "propaganda," Zimmer said. "I'll probably be at home sitting on the boat deck" next year.

Still uncertain is the future of pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre. Yankees manager Joe Torre said he expects to hear by the end of this week if Stottlemyre plans to be back for next season or not.

"I don't have a gut feeling," Torre said about what he believes Stottlemyre's decision will be.

Gannon goes for season with injury

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Rich Gannon, last year's NFL MVP, will miss the rest of the season and has surgery on his throwing shoulder.

The Oakland Raiders placed the quarterback on injured reserve Wednesday.

The 37-year-old Gannon attempted to throw with his right shoulder Tuesday for the first time since being knocked out of Oakland's 17-10 loss to Kansas City on Oct. 20. He was able to raise his arm to throw but couldn't release the ball, coach Bill Callahan said.

Gannon, a 16-year veteran, flew home to Minnesota on Wednesday to be examined by the same doctor who performed his shoulder surgery after his 1993 season with the Washington Redskins.

"It's extremely tough to lose a player of this caliber," Callahan said. "What he provides this team not only with his play, but his leadership and preparation, to have the MVP of the league miss almost half the season is disappointing. He feels bad. If there's anybody who wants to get back on the field, it's Rich Gannon."

Gannon was hurt in the first half against the Chiefs following two sacks by linebacker Shawn Barber and several other hard hits.

With backup Marques Tuiasosopo also out for the year with a knee injury, Rich Miren will be the starter for the last seven games.

"It's kind of the tale of our season," said Pro Bowl right tackle Lincoln Kennedy, one of the Raiders' team leaders. "It's just the way things have gone. A lot of people we kind of counted on and had high expectations for the season are no longer with us. ... Right now, the team is fighting for survival."

Gannon was 125-of-225 for 1,274 yards, six touchdowns and a completion percentage of 55.6 this season. He threw four interceptions and was sacked 17 times for a subpar 73.5 quarterback rating.

He struggled this season coming off his MVP year in 2002, when he led the league's top offense the Raiders won their third straight AFC West title and reached the Super Bowl for the first time in 20 years.

Last season, Gannon broke the NFL completions record with 418. He led the league with 4,689 yards passing, nearly becoming just the second quarterback to go over 5,000 in a season. Dan Marino threw for 5,003 yards in 1984.

Gannon completed 67.6 percent of his attempts, had 26 touchdowns passes and only 10 interceptions. His 97.3 rating was second in the NFL to the Jets' Chad Pennington.

He also threw for more than 300 yards in 10 games, another record. "To lose a leader like that is really hard," Kennedy said. "I know it's hard on him. I've seen him the last couple days and it was hard for him to come to this decision."

"I'm not surprised, I kind of expected it — not only when it happened, but the fact he was unable to come back the last couple weeks," Callahan is holding out hope that Gannon would be ready by spring minicamps. If not, his future with this franchise could be uncertain, because he's scheduled to make $7 million next season.

"I feel terrible for him," Callahan said. "If there's anybody capable of coming back from injury and fighting through it and getting back on the field,"

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Miami of Ohio's Ben Roethlisberger waits for the snap during a win over Cincinnati earlier this fall. Roethlisberger led his team in their 45-6 win over Marshall Wednesday, earning Miami the MAC East title.

Miami beats Marshall for MAC title

Agassi wins over Ferrero for chance at semifinals

Andre Agassi righted himself quickly enough to beat Juan Carlos Ferrero and give Andy Roddick the year-end No. 1 ranking.

After a miserable 1 1/2 sets, Agassi suddenly began finding his strokes and came back to stun Ferrero 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 Wednesday night at the Tennis Masters Cup.

Roddick fell to 0-2 in the round-robin portion of the $3.65 million tournament and can't possibly qualify for the semifinals, which means he won't accumulate enough points in the last event of 2003 to pass Roddick.

Agassi (1-1) can reach the semifinals by beating No. 8 David Nalbandian next.

Roddick, meanwhile, didn't have to set foot on court Wednesday. He replaced Ferrero — the man he beat in the U.S. Open final — at No. 1 in the ATP Tour computer rankings last week and, at 21, will be the third-youngest player to close a season there.

Roddick (1-0) faces No. 6 Rainer Schuettler on Thursday.

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Agassi's win over Ferrero allowed Federer (2-0) to claim a semifinal berth.

Through the first 15 games, Agassi had 24 unforced errors to Ferrero's nine. Agassi was slow off and just kept missing shots he usually at least keeps in play.

Yankees to keep Rodriguez, won't yet consider Schilling

PHOENIX — Alex Rodriguez is not on the trading block. And any deal to send Curt Schilling to New York probably won't happen this week — even after the Arizona ace agreed to speak directly to the Yankees.

But the Milwaukee Brewers could be close to trading first baseman Richie Sexson, with the Arizona Diamondbacks the likely destination. Those were the developments of Day 3 of baseball's general managers' meeting on Wednesday.

Discussions did not involve Rodriguez, said Texas Rangers general manager John Hart, who did his best to shoot down trade rumors involving his superstar shortstop.

"I think we've got the best player in the game. We love him. We have no interest in dealing Alex Rodriguez," Hart said. "We're not having any conversations with any team about Alex Rodriguez. If anybody were to call, of course we'd listen, but we're not interested in any way, shape or form in trading Alex Rodriguez."

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said he did not expect his team to make any deals this week for Schilling or anyone else.

Next month's meetings in New Orleans would be "more realistic time" for any trade, Cashman said.
Saturday rolls around. Willingham said.

Injury bug still biting

As the season rolls on for the Irish, the grind of playing from day to today continues to take its toll as the injuries have started to pile up. On the defensive side of the ball, two senior starters — safety Glenn Earl and defensive end Kyle Rudinskas — will be out for the season, according to Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham. Earl injured his knee in the Southern Cal game and had surgery last week to repair the injury, leaving him sidelined for the season. Rudinskas, who has another year of eligibility remaining with Notre Dame, was injured in the Florida State game.

On the other side of the ball, tight end Anthony Fasano and right guard Dan Stevenson were both listed as questionable for Saturday's game with BYU. Both Fasano and Stevenson were injured during the Florida State game. Sophomore Jamie Ryan started at the right guard position in place of Stevenson.

Kicker Nicholas Setta also appears to be out for the BYU game, as Willingham said he was not optimistic about the senior's return this week. Willingham did say, however, that if Setta were to return healthy, he would be the starter again at kicker and punter.

Willingham still refused to comment on the nature of Setta's injury.

Along the way, they have also continued from page 20

the right guy that they are blocking, but if you are not at the right level you will allow penetration and therefore you give an opportunity for a sack," he said. "So it's little things of that nature that as they become more experienced, they get better and better at performing run blocking and also pass protection."

Along the way, they have also helped tailback Julius Jones to a couple of 200-yard performances against Pittsburgh and Navy. Against the Panthers, Jones set a Notre Dame record for rushing yards in a single game with 202. But the Irish face a new task this week in a Cougar defense that likes to give quarterbacks and offensive lines many different looks and brings a lot of pressure on the signal caller. It is a defense that could be similar to the one the Irish faced at Purdue — where Quinn, in his first game as a starter, was heavily pressured all afternoon and knocked down nearly 20 times.

"We have to play a team this week that's going to blitz and stunt unbelievably," Willingham said of the BYU defense. "I almost call it one of those maniac defenses that we're going to face down nearly every week that's going to blitz and stunt unbelievably," Willingham said.

This mindset is a significant change to the mentality Fitzpatrick suffered from earlier this year.

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Freshman

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The Belles have been off to a strong start as the season began during the first weekend of October at the Notre Dame Relays meet. As the dual meets began Nov. 1, Fitzpatrick was able to showcase her dominance in the 200 medley relay. Fitzpatrick was a part of with a time of 1:55.78.

On a relay team dominated by seniors, it is easy to imagine the difficulties involved in transitioning from a high school team captain to a college freshman competing with upperclassmen.

But the transition has actually been anything but strenuous. "All the upperclassmen tell us what Greg's (Petcoff's) expectations are and what he expects," Fitzpatrick said. "All the upperclassmen are extremely supportive and I'm enjoying (swimming) a lot more. A big part of that is the team."

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**School Daze**

By BRET CAMPBELL & DAN ZYCHINSKI

**Fives**

_Claire O'Brien_

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Your second challenge will be to drink an entire souvenir shake. 
And your final challenge will be choosing your schedule...through the LAST Daze.

The first challenge is jumping from the daze. 

Enjoy babbling.

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Unscramble these four jumbles, one letter in each square, to form four ordinary words.

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**HOROSCOPE**

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After a rocky start of the year, the offensive line has allowed no sacks in last 3 games

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

It's been a real trial by fire for the Notre Dame offensive line through the first nine games of the 2003 season. The Irish began the year with a near completely rebuilt offensive line as only one true starter returned—guard Sean Milligan. Things got off to a rocky start for the inexperienced squad as it allowed seven quarterback sacks in the home opener against Washington State.

A season-ending injury to Milligan in the Michigan game, an injury to right guard Dan Stevenson in the Florida State game and the flip-flopping of Zach Giles and Bobby Morton at center have caused nine different players to start along the Irish offensive line this year.

But the Irish have overcome this rash of injuries and position changes along the line and settled into their roles in the second half of the season, as in the last three games, they have not allowed a single sack on rookie quarterback Brady Quinn.

Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham attributes the improvement along the offensive line to the increased amount of experience and playing time they have seen this year.

"As the guys continue to get more time on the field, I believe they develop what I call a library of football information, which really is more experience," Willingham said.

"And the more experienced you become, the more accustomed you are to gain speed, the more accustomed you are to changes and adjustments that take place."

Willingham has noted that it has been the finer points of the game that the offensive line has picked up most as the players along that position have gained more experience and time on the field.

"It's the little things, just like getting set at the right spot— at the same level, which when you play time you a stunt, everybody can still have

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SMC SWIMMING
Freshman starts year out strong

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Californ Fitzpatrick is a go-getter. Just ask her coach, Gregg Petcoff.

"Fitzpatrick is an exceptionally hard worker who understands the goals of the team," Saint Mary's Women's Swimming coach Petcoff said.

Suffering from the lack of depth in the backstroke the past couple years, Saint Mary's need ed someone who could make a difference and that was exactly what attracted Fitzpatrick to the Belles.

She wanted to contribute to the team individually and as a part of a relay squad, so choosing Saint Mary's just made sense.

"I was aware of the type of swimmers on the team and know I could contribute with my events," Fitzpatrick said.

Already performing strong in the first two dual meets of the season, Fitzpatrick has broken school records both individually and as part of a relay. Leading a strong pack of freshman swimmers which includes teammate Bridget Green, Petcoff is already aware of the team's talent.

"This could be the best [team] we've ever had."

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FOOTBALL
Montana to speak at banquet

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Former Notre Dame quarterback Joe Montana will speak at the annual Notre Dame Football Banquet on Dec. 12.

Montana played an instrumental role in leading the Irish to a national championship in 1977, starting the final nine games of the season that year. Montana's best moment may have come the following season in the Cotton Bowl, helping the Irish overcome a 34-12 deficit to top Houston 35-34 as time expired.

"Anytime that you have a player of the stature of Joe Montana, it's just great to have him around," Willingham said of the banquet's guest speaker. "If he were to just pass us on the street, it would be a great thing.

But when we have an opportunity to have him come speak to our banquet, and I know he will say something inspirational to our young men that will be a stepping stone for them to improve and be better in the future, and not just from a football standpoint, but from a life standpoint—you have to treasure it." Montana went on to win four Super Bowl titles with the San Francisco 49ers in the National Football League. He was inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame in 2000.

The Notre Dame Football Banquet serves as an opportunity for the program to recognize outstanding Irish players of the year, as several awards are handed out. It also serves as a chance for Notre Dame to introduce high school football recruits to the program.

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