TCE issue remains under debate

Faculty offers mixed responses about publishing results

By KEVIN ALLEN

The Student Government proposal to publish Teacher Course Evaluations is arousing mixed opinions among faculty members, who think TCE publica-
tion may merely serve as a way for students to find easy class-
es. Some faculty members also worry about professors giving higher grades in exchange for better evaluations and are con-
cerned about the issue of confidential-
ity of the TCE, which factors into earning promotions and tenure.

Some student sentiment among both students and pro-
fessors is that comprehensive
information about professors should be available to students. The disagreement is over how

A student puts a TCE form into a TCE drop box. If other faculty members jump
on the sign, "I think that'd be great." Senior Lauren Fowler was excited about the prospects for
discussion. "Professor Lindley is quite possibly one of the most intel-
ligent professors on campus," she said. "(The lunch) will be quite beneficial to the
university.

Topics will include the gamut
of International relations, though some domestic issues with an interna-
tional tint — like the current

Mia negotiations for the
Free Trade Area of the
Americas — will likely be includ-
ed.

Lindley said he aims to make the lunchtime forum a monthly event, or possibly more
frequently.

"We'll have them more often
if other faculty members jump on," he joked that the event was a cost-effective one for the
Kroc Institute, which recently
received a $50 million bequest from philanthropist Joan Kroc.

"They spent $30 on the sign and any faculty member can get free meal tickets from the
dean," Lindley quipped.

Contact Matt Bramanti at
mbramant@nd.edu

ND students move off-campus

Housing shortage contributes to off-
campus popularity

By TERESA FRALISH

As increasing numbers of Notre Dame seniors opt for
off-campus housing, the trend
of declining amounts of undergraduates living in the
residence halls poses a major problem for Notre Dame.

For a University that prides itself on the quality of its resi-
dence hall system, the trend toward off-campus housing is problematic.

Scott Kachmarik, associate
director of residence life, said about 52 percent of current
Notre Dame seniors live off-campus.

But because on-campus housing for Notre Dame currently
stands at 101 percent capacity,
the number of students must live off campus each year to allow the
University to meet the demand for housing.

"We need about 1600 students
every year to move off campus," Kachmarik said.

Since the freshmen and junior
ior classes are larger than normal,
Kachmarik said the housing crunch would likely
continue for the next several years.

The University has also seen
an increase in the amount of

Contact Matt Bramanti at
mbramant@nd.edu
Macaroni and...

Now that football fans everywhere are done cursing or cheering at their TV screens, depending on what they think of mid-majors in NCAA Division 1 football, I think it’s high time for a few cheers of “Macaroni!”

Oh, wait, wrong situation. But if you feel compelled enough, and the dining hall food just isn’t getting you over the proverbial hump (again), feel free. Seriously though, football season is starting to get serious. Ohio State plays Michigan tomorrow, and that’s never insignificant.

Growing up an Ohio State fan (and probably still having a little of that in me), it’s pretty cool watching scarlet and grey uniforms beat major and blue uniforms to a pulp. Maybe this year they could use marshmallows to do so? That certainly seem to be considered lethal instruments around here. Nah, I think everything’s positively peachy on that front. Now we just need to be ready to buy impressive “ND” labeled syrup cups next season, since water bottles are a hazard as well.

I’ve been hit with several of those over my time here at Notre Dame, so I suppose one could say the issue hit’s home for me.

Of course, I’ve been waiting until the season ended to say any of this, since I’m not a fan of Bobolight coming to kick me out of the Stadium for supposedly throwing marshmallows — from the sophomore section. It’s what it take to get a rimshot around here nowadays?

We start before someone sets their sights on writing me a nice long letter — that’s right, hold your horses, Cappy — I really don’t care that much about marshmallows or the lack thereof at games, regardless of the reason they’re missing.

Unless, of course, they’re in the middle of s’mores. Take s’mores away, and there’ll I fight.

“Are we a 1 kig?” A pile of Honey Maid boxes, Hershey wrappers andJet-Puff bags tossed on the steps of the Main Building and lit on fire just wouldn’t get much done.

Sometimes, Somewhere Our S’mores doesn’t have much of a ring to it, either — at least one that anyone really important would listen to.

Ooh, I know! I can petition Student Government to get started on the “S’more Saving Committee” now, as opposed to six months after the fact! Ahh, I think there’s something slightly wrong with my reasoning faculties. Maybe it’s just all the ethanol in the air.

Well, time for me to go stick a feather in my cap — you fill in the rest. A sometime columnist I may be, Yankee Doodle I’m not. At least, not if one of the requirements is to “with the girls be handy” — this is Notre Dame, remember?

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

Claire Holpkemler
junior
McGlinn
"If it weren’t for papers and illness I’d go to the SOA vigil in Georgia."

Deedee Jena
faculty
off-campus
"This is my last weekend as a single man."

Diane Duran
freshman
Farley
"Going to Chicago with some friends."

Kunal Saxena
junior
O’Neill
"Chicago maybe."

Rich Whitney
sophomore
Stanford
"Going to Windsor, Canada."

Tim Jaeger
sophomore
Dillon
"Just go have fun."

Many students took advantage of the somewhat unseasonably warm weather Thursday to spend time outdoors, like these students on South Quad. With temperatures in the mid-60’s and sunny skies, frisbees and shorts made rare late-November appearances on campus.

OFFBEAT

Berlin to get talking trash cans

BERLIN — Fed up with garbage-strewn streets? Berlin thinks it has found a solution — trash cans that say thank you.

Starting next spring, the German capital’s trash service will build electronic bins in a handful of the city’s 20,000 street-side waste bins that will allow them to speak or sing to the public, a spokesman said Thursday.

“We want to encourage people in a nice, funny way to throw their trash in the baskets and not on the street,” said the official, Bernd Muller. The talking trash cans — powered by solar cells — are meant to show that Berlin is “a modern city with high-tech services, and that it is also very cosmopolitan,” he added.

Cops: Bucs fans bought beer in unused cups

Tampa — A concessions worker filled used plastic cups with beer and resold them at Sunday’s Tampa Bay Buccaneers game and pocketed $1,080 in unreported sales, police said.

John Angelus Keene, 68, was charged with felony perjury and was ordered to forfeit the beer money, according to police.

Todd said he observed Keene picking up used cups from tables and refilling them without rinsing them at a Bud Light booth near the south end zone of Raymond James Stadium.

“I’ve never seen anything like it,” said Todd, who works stadium security at Buccaneers games.

“Naturally, you think of health issues,” Keene was a volunteer with a military retiree group manning the booth, but Todd did not know the exact name of the group.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Author Antonio Logue will be reading from “Say of What You See in the Dark” today from 3 to 4 p.m. in 424 Flanner Hall. Her reading is sponsored by the Keough Institute.

From 8 to 9 p.m., the Moreau Seminary Chapel will host the ND Collegium Musicum, directed by Daniel Stowe, presenting a concert of sacred choral works. Admission to the concert is free.

BecSports is holding extra drop-in badminton hours from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at Rolls Sports & Recreation Center’s Court 2. All are welcome to participate.

“Pirates of the Caribbean” is showing at 5 and 10:30 p.m. tonight courtesy of the Student Union Board. Tickets may be purchased at the door for $3.

Vienna Tang, featured recently on David Letterman’s Late Show, will be in concert tonight at Legends. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. with the show beginning at 9 p.m.

Borracho Burrito willl perform off-campus students from 11 to 12:30 tonight for a late-night snack. A discount on food of $4 will be given to students with ID.

The Class of 2006 is sponsoring a trip to Chicago leaving at 11:30 a.m. Saturday morning and returning that evening. Tickets are available at the LaFortune box office for sophomores only.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
Protestors turn out en masse for Bush visit

Associated Press

UNITED KINGDOM

LONDON — Tens of thousands of demonstrators marched through the heart of London on Thursday, topping a 17-foot tall papier mache statue of President Bush and burning his life-size effigy in anger over the war in Iraq and Prime Minister Tony Blair's support of the invading forces. As Bush and Blair vowed "not to flinch or give way or concede one inch" to terrorism in the wake of deadly bombings against British targets in Turkey, protesters said the close relationship between the two leaders made them deeply uneasy.

"We're angry that Bush appears to be leading our country," said marcher Ted Edwards. "Why Blair is aligning himself to Bush I do not know." The crowd said Thursday's bombings in Istanbul, which killed more than two dozen people, strengthened their resolve to oppose U.S.-British policy in Iraq. "There have been more and more bombings since the action in Iraq and we are up against minds of terrorists by bombing them," said marcher "Buck." Amid chants, the blast of foghorns and the beat of drums, protesters marched past the Houses of Parliament and through the heart of government.

LONDON to Trafalgar Square. The march took almost two hours to clear its starting point at the University of London. The Stop the War Coalition, which organized the march, said 200,000 people participated; the police estimate was 70,000.

As the work day ended, many people who had not marched joined a rally in Trafalgar Square, where the bronze-paint

Based on a recent New York Times report, the marchers said they were "not happy to be in a country where British policy in Iraq was helping to fuel terrorist attacks.

Many protesters in London wore costumes and held signs intended to ridicule President George Bush and U.S. policies. British police estimated 70,000 people attended the protests.

What's Your Sleeping IQ?

Marisha Fortner

A test that may be more challenging than you think! Are you getting enough sleep? Does it take you more than 30 minutes to fall asleep at night? Do you wake up frequently or too early or have a hard time going back to sleep? When you awaken, do you feel groggy and lethargic? Do you feel drowsy during the day particularly during a monotonous situation? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions you may have a sleep debt. A recent NSS "Sleep in America" poll found that 60% of American adults experience sleep problems.

Sleep...it's as fundamental to our health and well being as food, water and air. Sleep deprivation impacts both quality of life and health. In the past 25 years we have added a month to our average work/commute time and in the past century we have reduced our average time asleep by 2 hours. Our bodies have not changed but our society has and the time we spend sleeping the price. For example, when sleep deprived, we are less alert & irritable. 

Some sleep side effects.

• Avoid caffeinated beverages for at least six hours before going to bed. • Avoid alcohol for at least two hours before bedtime. • Stress...considered to be the number one cause of short-term sleeping difficulties. Learn to manage and cope with stress. • Eating too much before bed or being hungry can make it difficult to sleep. Keep your last meal light and enjoy a small snack before bedtime. • Say good-bye to nicotine! • Get up at the same time every day regardless of when you went to sleep & utilize a nap if tired. • If taking medication, check the labeled for any sleep side effects. Your bed is for sleeping only! No more studying, reading or watching tv before bedtime!

How do I fix a sleep debt?

On your next vacation go to bed when you feel tired (even if it's 9pm) and get up whenever you're ready with no alarm clock. Sleep until you are sleep out. It may take a few days to get rid of the sleep debt you've accumulated. After you've accomplished this your body will tell you how much sleep you need on a regular basis. If you don't have a vacation coming up, then get up at the same time everyday, even on the weekend. The time you've discovered that you need to go to sleep can help you feel restored and ready to face the day.

Look for our quiz "Sleeping and Driving Don't Mix" in today's Observer. Send your answers to LBWWell2@nd.ed.
TCE continued from page 1

to organize that information, and many professors feel the TCE in its current form is not the best way to do that.

Biology professor Martin Tenniswood is in support of the proposal.

"I don't really understand why anyone would be concerned about it being secretive," he said. Tenniswood said the main issue in the debate is how students and administration will use the published TCE results.

The University of Ottawa, where Tenniswood previously taught, has published their equivalent of the TCE for over 50 years. He said the institution even went as far as to post the five highest and lowest evaluations in each department. Those professors posted in the lowest category never allowed themselves to show up there more than once, said Tenniswood.

Olve Neal, associate professor in the Department of Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences, said published TCE's would have two effects. "One, it allows students to avoid a hard class. On the other hand, it holds professors more accountable."

Ava Preacher, assistant dean for the College of Arts and Letters, sat on the Academic Council's AAUP committee that wrote the proposal. When a similar proposal was written by Student Government, "There is more predilection this time than once, said Tenniswood.

Preacher noted that the issue of confidentiality is at the heart of the debate because faculty jobs partly depend on the results of TCEs. "This is a really difficult, complicated issue."

Currently, the TCE results are compiled by the University's Office of Institutional Research and are then given to respective professors, deans, and department chairs. Since students are not allowed to see the compiled results of the TCE's, they must turn to other media for information about professors. Traditional word of mouth is one useful method and another is surfing the Internet. Students can obtain a rudimentary evaluation of some professors through the student-run website NDtoday.com, but the site's profile evaluations are not as comprehensive as the TCE and are not available for all professors.

Jeremy Staley, chairperson of the Academic Committee in the Office of the Student Body President, and the person in charge of the proposal, sees the popularity of NDtoday.com as an indication of the need for students to know about a professor before jumping into a class. He also thinks the University could do better.

"The University could provide something much more complete that could better serve students," he said.

In regard to faculty concerns about TCE publication, Staley believes they have greatly underestimated the quality of students and professors at Notre Dame.

"The typical student attracted to this university seeks an education, and comprehensiveness far beyond what any point-spread average could provide. Instructors who would resort to grade inflation in hopes of higher TCE evaluations would be easily identifiable by administrators," said Staley in his proposal draft for TCE publication.

If the proposal is approved, Student Government plans to publish the TCE results on Irishlink so they would only be available to members of the Notre Dame community. Staley said some schools, such as Brown and Northwestern, publish their teacher evaluations on the Internet for anyone to see.

In addition to the numerical results of the regular TCE questions, the published results will include a space for professors to write any information about themselves that they feel students should know. This could include information about their teaching style, requirements for their courses, or possibly why their TCE results were good or bad and how they will respond to those evaluations.

"The typical student attracted to Notre Dame for over 20 years. Staley is interested to see who will side with whom, as students, faculty and administra­ tion continue to discuss the proposal."

"The Administration is not blatantly opposed," Staley said.

Contact Kevin Allen at kallen@nd.edu

Proposal continued from page 1

"This preliminary research can act as a starting block for the Academic Council to further investigate."

Jeremy Staley Academic Division chair

"We believe we have our act together," said Staley. "Since mid-September we've been waiting for these committees to form so we can present our proposal to them." Staley has studied the TCE process and believes that by publishing them Notre Dame can act as a good example for other universities. "This has the chance impact every student on campus," Staley said. "It's a big issue because students will be a little more in control over their education."

Staley said he and the S t u d e n t G o v e r n­ ment members have also researched TCE publication at other "Top 20" universities.

"This preliminary research can act as a starting block for the Academic Council to further investigate," said Staley. "Duke University is one "Top 20" university that has recently begun publishing their teacher evaluations, so Staley believes that may be a good example for Notre Dame to follow."

"Of the [Top 20], we're sure there are three schools that do not make that information available to students — Notre Dame is one of those three," said Staley. "Some faculty members of our peers are doing this: why can't Notre Dame do the same thing?"

In mid-September, the Student Government commit­ tee began the process of get­ ting TCE's published by pre­ senting their proposal to the University's A cad e m i c C o u n c i l, which is chaired by U n i v e r s i t y P r e s i d e n t Father Edward Malloy and includes mem­ bers of the administration, faculty and four students. Staley hopes the proposal will be approved by the end of spring semester at the lat­ est. Ideally, he hopes it will take no more than a couple of months. One possibility that could lengthen the process is that faculty is discussing the prospect of overhauling the TCE, which has been used at Notre Dame for over 20 years.

"The Administration is not blatantly opposed," Staley said.

Contact Kevin Allen at kallen@nd.edu

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK

On the occasion of International Education Week (November 17-21, 2003), the Department of Romance Languages and Literatures and the Office of International Students salute our students in languages and literatures, our participants in international study programs, and all of our applicants for international fellowships.

"We are all students of the world we live in, and today, our world is more interdependent than ever before. The challenges we face in areas such as security, democratic development, economics, and health cannot be addressed by any country acting alone. International education—learning about other cultures and languages through study, living overseas, and interacting with people of other countries—promotes the free exchange of ideas, allows us to seek joint solutions to problems, and helps create lasting partnerships to meet our shared concerns." Secretary of State Colin L. Powell.

"Since the inception of International Education Week in November 2000, Americans have experienced several world events that should leave us with little doubt that we are living in an interconnected world. We need for understanding other cultures, languages, and global issues has become increasingly more significant. We should do our very best to give our students the skills they need to be successful global citizens."

Secretary of Education Rod Paige.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Chevron workers held hostage
LAGOS, Nigeria — Ethnic militants reportedly armed with automatic weapons and hand grenades were holding 14 ChevronTexaco oil workers hostage aboard two ocean platforms off southeastern Nigeria, company officials said Thursday.

Four other workers were released by their captors late Wednesday, company spokesman Deji Hastrup said. All the captives were Nigerian nationals.

The militants, members of an ethnic Ijaw militant group from the Foropa municipality of southeastern Bayelsa state, used speedboats to capture ChevronTexaco's Middeton and Pennington oil platforms early Wednesday.

Violence continues in Chechnya
VLADIKAVKAZ, Russia — Rebel attacks and land-mine blasts in Chechnya have killed four policemen and two Chechen policemen and wounded 17 people in the past 24 hours, an official in the region's Moscow-backed administration said Thursday.

Two girls, aged 14 and 15, were wounded when an explosion went off along the road. Makhityk in the southern Vedeno region, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Interfax-Military News Agency reported the girls were going home from school when a radio-controlled land mine exploded, lashing them with shrapnel and stones. Their condition was not immediately available.

NATIONAL NEWS

Translator pleads innocent
WORCESTER, Mass. — A former Guantannamo Bay translator arrested with classified documents in his luggage pleaded innocent Thursday in a brief appearance in federal court.

Ahmed Fathy Mehalba, 31, was arrested as he arrived at Logan after visiting his native Egypt. The government said Thursday he was charged more than 125 suspected computer compact discs in his luggage, including one of a file containing documents labeled "SECRET," authorities said.

Feds charge computer hackers
WASHINGTON — Eight hackers accused of creating and running spy programs have charged more than 125 suspected computer hackers, identity thieves and other cyber-space scammers in a nationwide crackdown on Internet crime, law enforcement officials said Thursday.

Those facing charges include run-of-the-mill hackers and software pirates, as well as a man who illegally tried to sell Congressional Medals of Honor online and another man who hijacked the Web site of the al-Jazeera Arabic language news network to display a patriotic U.S. message.

LOCAL NEWS

Edwards criticizes Bush's policies
INDIANAPOLIS — Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards said Wednesday that he was holding up negotiations on a free-trade pact with his administration.

"We have to convince both NATO and the United States to let go of the reins of power," Edwards said. "If we lead and bring coalitions together, it makes us more effective in addressing the world's problems."

Free trade protesters clash with police
MIAMI — Police in riot gear fired rubber bullets and tear gas and used large numbers of plastic shields, concussion grenades and stun guns in clashes Thursday with hundreds of demonstrators protesting what they called a "rafique's garden. Wounded people covered in dust and blood staggered away from the area. Two women stood outside the consulate crying and shouting for their relatives.

Shattered glass littered the area.

"Cars were flying, there was blood everywhere," said Mehmet Dug, a delivery man who was just 100 yards from the consulate. "The explosion was so strong it scattered body parts and bloodied pieces of charred metal across a four-line highway in front of the building and into a cemetery. A policeman went into the cemetery to collect body parts, including a charred, severed leg that he put inside a plastic bag.

Associated Press

Reported by:

Robert E. Crandall

Free trade protesters clash with police

MIAMI — Police in riot gear fired rubber bullets and tear gas and used large numbers of plastic shields, concussion grenades and stun guns in clashes Thursday with hundreds of demonstrators protesting what they called a "rafique's garden. Wounded people covered in dust and blood staggered away from the area. Two women stood outside the consulate crying and shouting for their relatives.

Shattered glass littered the area.

"Cars were flying, there was blood everywhere," said Mehmet Dug, a delivery man who was just 100 yards from the consulate. "The explosion was so strong it scattered body parts and bloodied pieces of charred metal across a four-line highway in front of the building and into a cemetery. A policeman went into the cemetery to collect body parts, including a charred, severed leg that he put inside a plastic bag.

Free trade protesters clashed with police

MIAMI — Police in riot gear fired rubber bullets and tear gas and used large numbers of plastic shields, concussion grenades and stun guns in clashes Thursday with hundreds of demonstrators protesting what they called a "rafique's garden. Wounded people covered in dust and blood staggered away from the area. Two women stood outside the consulate crying and shouting for their relatives.

Shattered glass littered the area.

"Cars were flying, there was blood everywhere," said Mehmet Dug, a delivery man who was just 100 yards from the consulate. "The explosion was so strong it scattered body parts and bloodied pieces of charred metal across a four-line highway in front of the building and into a cemetery. A policeman went into the cemetery to collect body parts, including a charred, severed leg that he put inside a plastic bag.

Free trade protesters clash with police

MIAMI — Police in riot gear fired rubber bullets and tear gas and used large numbers of plastic shields, concussion grenades and stun guns in clashes Thursday with hundreds of demonstrators protesting what they called a "rafique's garden. Wounded people covered in dust and blood staggered away from the area. Two women stood outside the consulate crying and shouting for their relatives.

Shattered glass littered the area.

"Cars were flying, there was blood everywhere," said Mehmet Dug, a delivery man who was just 100 yards from the consulate. "The explosion was so strong it scattered body parts and bloodied pieces of charred metal across a four-line highway in front of the building and into a cemetery. A policeman went into the cemetery to collect body parts, including a charred, severed leg that he put inside a plastic bag.

Free trade protesters clash with police

MIAMI — Police in riot gear fired rubber bullets and tear gas and used large numbers of plastic shields, concussion grenades and stun guns in clashes Thursday with hundreds of demonstrators protesting what they called a "rafique's garden. Wounded people covered in dust and blood staggered away from the area. Two women stood outside the consulate crying and shouting for their relatives.

Shattered glass littered the area.

"Cars were flying, there was blood everywhere," said Mehmet Dug, a delivery man who was just 100 yards from the consulate. "The explosion was so strong it scattered body parts and bloodied pieces of charred metal across a four-line highway in front of the building and into a cemetery. A policeman went into the cemetery to collect body parts, including a charred, severed leg that he put inside a plastic bag.

Free trade protesters clash with police

MIAMI — Police in riot gear fired rubber bullets and tear gas and used large numbers of plastic shields, concussion grenades and stun guns in clashes Thursday with hundreds of demonstrators protesting what they called a "rafique's garden. Wounded people covered in dust and blood staggered away from the area. Two women stood outside the consulate crying and shouting for their relatives.

Shattered glass littered the area.

"Cars were flying, there was blood everywhere," said Mehmet Dug, a delivery man who was just 100 yards from the consulate. "The explosion was so strong it scattered body parts and bloodied pieces of charred metal across a four-line highway in front of the building and into a cemetery. A policeman went into the cemetery to collect body parts, including a charred, severed leg that he put inside a plastic bag.

Free trade protesters clash with police

MIAMI — Police in riot gear fired rubber bullets and tear gas and used large numbers of plastic shields, concussion grenades and stun guns in clashes Thursday with hundreds of demonstrators protesting what they called a "rafique's garden. Wounded people covered in dust and blood staggered away from the area. Two women stood outside the consulate crying and shouting for their relatives.

Shattered glass littered the area.

"Cars were flying, there was blood everywhere," said Mehmet Dug, a delivery man who was just 100 yards from the consulate. "The explosion was so strong it scattered body parts and bloodied pieces of charred metal across a four-line highway in front of the building and into a cemetery. A policeman went into the cemetery to collect body parts, including a charred, severed leg that he put inside a plastic bag.

Free trade protesters clash with police

MIAMI — Police in riot gear fired rubber bullets and tear gas and used large numbers of plastic shields, concussion grenades and stun guns in clashes Thursday with hundreds of demonstrators protesting what they called a "rafique's garden. Wounded people covered in dust and blood staggered away from the area. Two women stood outside the consulate crying and shouting for their relatives.

Shattered glass littered the area.

"Cars were flying, there was blood everywhere," said Mehmet Dug, a delivery man who was just 100 yards from the consulate. "The explosion was so strong it scattered body parts and bloodied pieces of charred metal across a four-line highway in front of the building and into a cemetery. A policeman went into the cemetery to collect body parts, including a charred, severed leg that he put inside a plastic bag.

Free trade protesters clash with police

MIAMI — Police in riot gear fired rubber bullets and tear gas and used large numbers of plastic shields, concussion grenades and stun guns in clashes Thursday with hundreds of demonstrators protesting what they called a "rafique's garden. Wounded people covered in dust and blood staggered away from the area. Two women stood outside the consulate crying and shouting for their relatives.

Shattered glass littered the area.

"Cars were flying, there was blood everywhere," said Mehmet Dug, a delivery man who was just 100 yards from the consulate. "The explosion was so strong it scattered body parts and bloodied pieces of charred metal across a four-line highway in front of the building and into a cemetery. A policeman went into the cemetery to collect body parts, including a charred, severed leg that he put inside a plastic bag.
Housing

continued from page 1

on campus but have additional
space and freedom. College
officials have not yet decided
whether the apartments will be
governed by the same policies
as the residence halls.

Because the College opted to
provide the off-campus apart-
ment opportunity to its seniors,
Saint Mary's will keep at least
one more senior on campus.
Junior Melissa Montoya said
she hopes to live in the new
apartments, and would defi-
nitely consider moving off cam-
pus otherwise.

"We want the experience of
living off campus," she said.
Montoya said she does not
hope to see the same residence
hall policies put in place for
the new apartments.

"It's ridiculous to have pari-
elia for seniors," she said. "If
they want us to act like adults
they should treat us as such." If
Notre Dame chose to pro-
vide seniors with options other
on campus housing, several
students said they would highly
consider staying on campus.

"We loved the dorm, but
we'd had enough," said Notre
Dame senior Megan Horner,
who lives at Turtle Creek.
Both Horner and Koesterer
said they might have consid-
ered such an option if any on

campus apartments were free
from Residential Life policies.

In dorms with limited
amounts of singles such as
Stanford, Lewis and Keenan,
students may choose to move
off campus to find increased
space.

"Some students said if they
weren't going to get a single
they would move off cam-
pus, said Mark Thesing, rector
of Keenan Hall, which has only
four singles.

Thesing said that having
seniors, in addition to the
resident assistants, choose
to stay in Keenan was
important for the atmos-
phere of the dorm.

"I think seniors add a great
deal to the life of the dorm," he
said. Students in dorms with
more variety in room types said
they might be more likely to stay
on campus.

"Last year I was in a quiet," said
junior Rebecca Tapp, who
plans to stay on campus her
senior year. "We had a really
large common room.

Kachmarik said Notre Dame
has made some changes to
room configurations to allow
students more space. In Farley
and Cavanaugh, two triples
were converted into doubles.
Kachmarik hopes to see more
changes, but is faced with a
severely housing crunch.

"In order for us to do that,
we have to space occupancy
time at a time when demand has
never been higher," he said.
Long term, Kachmarik said
he believes the University will
need to build more dorms to
accommodate the numbers of
students who want to live on

campus.

According to the Univer-
sity's strategic plan Web site,
Notre Dame intends to imple-
ment a 10 percent bed
reduction, build four new resi-
dence facilities and consider
the possibility of alternative
types of senior housing, includ-
ing co-ed housing, within the
next 10 years.

Notre Dame requires all
freshmen and seniors, in addi-
tion to the resident assistants,
to stay in Keenan. They would
be likely to stay on campus
while students who transfer to
Notre Dame or return from a
leave of absence are placed on
a waiting list.

Contact Teresa Fralish at
fralish@nd.edu

"Sleeping and Driving Don't Mix" Quiz

Answer True or False

1. Coffee overcomes the effects
of drowsiness while driving.

2. I can tell when I'm falling asleep.

3. I'm a safe driver so it doesn't matter if I'm
drowsy.

4. I can't take naps.

5. I get plenty of sleep.

6. Being sleepy makes you
impossible things.

7. Young people need less sleep.

Information provided by the
Sleep Disorders Foundation

Send your answers to UBWell@nd.edu by midnight 11/23 and
you'll be entered to win one of three "Health Solutions for a
Sleep" kit. Don't forget to include your full name, campus
phone number and address!

enormous
FLEECExlection

5 minutes
FROM
POSTOFFICE
300 Centennial Building
South Bend, IN 46614
Call 219-571-5717 for more details

PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL
"SPRING BREAK"
Book early and save $15! Live
band & DJ. Hand body &
Venus Swimwear contest.
Suites up to 12 people, 3
pools, huge beachfront hot-
tub, lazy river ride, water
slide, jet ski, parasail.
Cabin Fever Beach Resort
800-488-8828
www.sandpiperbeacon.com

John M. Marshall's
Incorporated

Jewelers / Gemologists
Goldsmiths / Platinumsmiths

Key Bank Building, Suite #101
South Bend, Indiana 46601
287-1427

Quality
Diamonls

BIG EAST Volleyball Championships

• This weekend at the Joyce Center •

Saturday, November 22nd

• 1:00 PM - #1 seed Pittsburgh vs. Villanova
• 3:30 PM - #2 seed Notre Dame vs. Miami

Sunday, November 23rd

• 2:00 PM - BIG EAST Championship Match

**FREE admission for all students**

Go Irish
### Stocks drop following attacks

Blasts in Turkey make trade relations nervous, employment numbers remain strong

#### Market Recap

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Dow Jones</th>
<th>9,619.42</th>
<th>-7.10</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>S&amp;P 500</td>
<td>829.74</td>
<td>-35.50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nasdaq</td>
<td>1,881.92</td>
<td>-36.43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NYSE</td>
<td>5,924.78</td>
<td>-42.35</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>FTSE</td>
<td>3,380.00</td>
<td>-19.40</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

#### Treasuries

| 30-YEAR BOND | 1,260.61 | 50.19 |
| 10-YEAR NOTE | 1,191.86 | 41.54 |
| 5-YEAR NOTE | 1,142.77 | 31.33 |
| 3-MONTH BILL | 1,054.75 | 9.22 |

#### Exchanges Rates

| YEN | 109.1 |
| EURO | 1.0498 |
| POUND | 0.5872 |
| CANADIAN $ | 1.304 |

### In Brief

Mutual fund faces fraud charges

**NEW YORK**—The founders of the Pilgrim Baxter mutual fund family were charged with civil fraud Thursday for allegedly making millions of dollars for themselves and friends in an illegal trading scheme that hurt other fund shareholders.

Gary Pilgrim and Howard Baxter were accused by the Securities and Exchange Commission and New York’s attorney general of defrauding investors by allowing selected customers to make in-and-out trades prohibited by fund policy.

The charges mark the first time that mutual fund leadership has been directly charged in a trading scandal that has rapidly spread across the industry. Previously, regulators had taken action against two former Putnam Investments portfolio managers, as well as the firm, but Putnams top executives were not directly accused.

Authorities said it appears Gary Pilgrim benefited the most financially from the trades, while Baxter broke the law by allowing them. One trading arrangement netted more than $13 million in profits, including $3.9 million for Pilgrim, according to the SEC complaint.

Employees will receive $100K

**INDIANAPOLIS**—Employees of Golden Rule Financial Corp. are expected to receive an average of about $100,000 from the family-owned company’s sale to UnitedHealth Group.

The windfall is the result of an employee stock ownership plan Golden Rule started in 2002 to replace a profit-sharing plan and supplement a 401(k) retirement plan. The Indianapolis Star reported in a story Thursday.

Golden Rule created a trust that borrowed $1 billion to replace a profit-sharing plan and gives stock to employees as the loan is paid down. When UnitedHealth closed on the $500 million cash acquisition Nov. 13, the trust was able to pay off the $25 million loan and set aside the remaining $725 million.

The stock was valued at $71 a share in a December 2002 appraisal and UnitedHealth paid $123 a share, said Patrick Carr, Golden Rule’s chief financial officer.

Cell phone companies utilize gimmicks

**ATLANTA**—Don’t leave! Pick me! Cell phone companies are blanketing the market with new packages, extra minutes, premium services and sleek handsets to lure customers from rivals and make sure their own subscribers don’t bolt come Monday.

That is when new federal rules will begin that allow legions of dis­satisfied customers to switch wireless companies without losing their cell numbers.

Wireless phone companies tried hard to hide the fact that they are taking advantage of the new rules, but are trying to make the best of it now that it is here, baiting customers with some of the most generous deals ever.

They are offering more minutes and cheaper rates, camera phones and other cutting-edge handsets, as well as enhanced features such as faster Internet connections and walkie-talkie services.

T-Mobile, for example, expanded its free weekend calling feature to include all day Friday, the busiest calling day of the week.

Sprint and Cingular have a similar tack, offering to roll back the start time for off-peak calling from 9 p.m. to 7 p.m. The option costs $5 a month at Sprint, and $7 at Cingular, which is also offering 500 extra minutes for customers to use if they exceed their monthly allotment.

This week, AT&T Wireless announced major upgrades in speed and features for its wireless data services. Next, the company plans to cut the charges for calls above a subscriber’s monthly allowance to 8 cents per minute, down from 25 to 40 cents. Previously, it also halved the charge for extra minutes on an account to $9.99 a month.

Also this week, Sprint launched an aggressively priced walkie-talkie service, an area long dominated by Nextel, which along with Verizon Wireless has generally stood on the sidelines of the marketing frenzy.
STOCK UP NOW!

Buy $50 or more of JanSport® merchandise and get a FREE TURTLENECK.*

FREE 100% Cotton Turtleneck!

* White; unisex sizes S-XL available while supplies last. Offer valid in store only. Not valid with any other offer.
Congress sends Syria legislation to President

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress passed legislation Thursday to impose economic penalties against Syria, reflecting broad agreement among lawmakers that Syria has been a detriment to the fight against terrorism in the Middle East and Iraq.

President Bush is expected to sign the bill even though he is not enthusiastic about such restraints on his foreign policy. The measure requires the president to act if Syria fails to meet those conditions, the president must ban sales of dual-use items, which could be used for civilian and military applications. He also must impose at least two of a list of six possible penalties: a ban on exports to Syria, prohibition of U.S. businesses operating in Syria, restrictions on Syrian diplomats in the United States, limits on Syrian airline flights in the United States, restraints on diplomatic contacts or a freeze on Syrian assets in the United States.

"The Syrian regime has the blood of Americans on their hands," said Rep. Eliot Engel, D-N.Y., a lead sponsor of the bill. Congress is saying to Syria in the legislation that "the time is up ... we are not coddling you any more," Engel said.

U.S. officials acknowledge that Syria, at Washington's prompting, has taken steps to prevent anti-American terrorists and weapons from crossing its border with Iraq. But lawmakers said the Damascus government has fallen short in numerous other areas.

The legislation notes that Syria has provided a safe haven for anti-Israeli terrorist groups such as Hamas and Islamic Jihad and is accused of pursuing the development and production of biological and chemical weapons.

The bill states that Syria must end its support of terrorists, terminate its 27-year military presence in Lebanon, stop importing military weapons and freeze diplomatic contacts or a freeze on Syrian assets in the United States.

"I can even make Student Account Payments at the LaFortune Branch. It doesn't get more convenient than that."
Support women's Bouts

For over 70 years, Notre Dame's Bengal Bouts have represented one of the most unique and valuable charitable events in the country and one of the most popular exhibitions at the University. Bengal Bouts started in 1931 and raise money for the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh. Amateur student boxers compete against each other in different weight classes for a chance to win a boxing title. But until 1997, women were allowed to train with the men.

Last year, the women were able to host exhibition matches for the first time, although the matches were not scored.

This year, women's boxing separated completely from men's and Thursday, the club culminated eight weeks of training where 38 women boxed in 19 scored exhibition matches that raised money for a new charity.

Officials of Bengal Bouts, RecSports and the members of the men's women's boxing club should be congratulated for making the women's part of Bengal Bouts a separate function this year. Not only does it give more exposure to the women boxers, it also continues a great tradition of charity work for Notre Dame students as the women will be boxing for a girls sports club in Honduras.

Remembering President Kennedy's assassination

In the early afternoon of a sunny November Friday, immediately following a typical school lunch featuring tuna boats, I sat in the third seat from the front along the row of windows in my seventh grade classroom. I looked out at the railroad tracks beyond the parking lot and the dairy farm on the other side of those tracks. I eagerly awaited for freight trains to roar by so that classes would stop because the noise was deafening. It was a Friday like so many before it. It was Nov. 22, 1963.

My seat was located exactly between two large windows. A photograph of President John F. Kennedy hung on the wall between those two windows and directly above my head. I had never thought twice about the president's official portrait for it hung in so many locations in public buildings and throughout Catholic homes. But my teacher in this public junior high school was a Catholic and proud. He was certain that a Catholic had finally been elected to the highest office in the land.

When Kennedy ran against Richard Nixon in 1960, I was attending the fourth grade. I knew little about politics, but my parents were adamant in their support of Kennedy. My best friend supported Nixon because his parents, both Protestants, favored Nixon. To them, the Catholic Kennedy was an undependable office as a Jew or a Negro, the term they used to identify African Americans in those days.

Kennedy's election was a milestone in American society. The refreshing young family with their infant children occupying the White House contrasted with the aged Eisenhower couple during the late 1950s. John and Jacqueline Kennedy gave hope to the nation, made us feel young. They brought style and glamour to the White House. They were American role models to emulate who gave us a sense of national pride.

That pride in the president drove my father to drag me to see President Kennedy campaign. On a Saturday in October of 1962, during the height of the Cuban missile crisis which only the White House knew at the time, Kennedy came to the Pittsburgh area to campaign for Democrats running for governor and U.S. Senate. I stood three feet from Kennedy as he sat on the trunk of a convertible during the motorcade. So, I watched as Kennedy was shot for the first time in my life when I heard of Kennedy's assassination in my classroom.

While I sat wishing I was already in my next period class, my English teacher barged into the room and whispered to my teacher. She, in turn, shouted as the row of windows in my seventh grade classroom.
I had the distinct privilege of attending several of the organized protests against President George W. Bush this week. Media projections from both American and British news sources made me expect near-rigorous conditions from the overwhelming opposition to Bush's visit. Instead, I witnessed a carnival of protesters participating in an act of self-indulgence.

The right to protest and demonstrate is one of the most crucial liberties enshrined by Western democracies, and the events in London this week reinforced my appreciation for the right. Bush's visit inspired me to attend the protest to gain a better understanding of European opposition to the leader of the free world. In a jam packed theater at the London School of Economics, I listened to George Galloway, the leading anti-war Member of Parliament to mock the president during a speech to the Stop the War Coalition. Then, to continue to stage, "I cannot condemn suicide bombers in Iraq attempting to rid their country of the foreign invaders." My stomach turned as I considered the thousands of Americans placing their lives on the line for their country whether they agree with the president or not, yet I vowed not to be discouraged.

Protests around school advertised a "Stop Bush" party in the Underground Bar — one pointed for a pun! I never imagined the limitless social opportunities that existed for those who decided to stage a protest before I arrived in London, and the week's events were no exception. The highlight of the party was a heated debate between two individuals who could not decide if Bush was more of a terrorist or a war criminal. It was finally deemed a terrorist because his policy is said to cause war while Bush can be considered a war criminal. Rather than be a burden, Bush has implored the audience to hate him. The personal benefits of Bush's protest started to make him there last week come together, and the group was so confident they allowed the fact that the media attention they draw only makes them look bad to the eyes of the rational-minded individual.

If you watch CNN and hear tales of the noble protesters voicing their utter rage against the Bush juggernaut, you're hearing a skewed version of the actual events that occurred. Hannay, a voice of intellectual honesty existed in the crowd; otherwise, we would hear more praise for Bush's efforts to bring together one of the largest support groups in history in the streets of London.

Bill Rinner
A Voice of Reason

Bill Rinner is a Junior economics major currently attending the London School of Economics. He believes that the most effective protests are for a common goal, not against a common evil. This can be seen every other Friday. He can be reached at arnoldbush@yahoo.com.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Demand for English courses recognized

There seems to be some confusion as to the makeup of the English Department's Spring 2004 curriculum that predates worries about any anxiety for our majors and others, I would like to clarify the situation.

The English Department is offering, in the Spring 2004, the same number of English courses that we offered in Spring 2003 semester. We also have available the same number of seats in 300-level courses that satisfy the University literature requirement. As for 400-level electives, this Spring we are, in fact, offering more of them than we did last Spring.

We understand the concern students have regarding the number and availability of courses. In English, as in the other larger departments with increasing number of majors we have but from the University as a whole, we do all can to provide the broadest, most accessible curriculum possible.

Stephen Friedman
Chair
Department of English
Nov. 20

A call for equality

On Nov. 18, 2003, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court struck down that state's ban on same-sex marriage, and homosexuals across the nation rejoiced. Gay columnist Andrew Sullivan triumphantly declared, "Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

Sullivan, the Massachusetts Court found the state's current marriage statute inconsistent with the Massachusetts Constitution and has required the state legislature to remedy the situation within 180 days. The legislature has two options: either to enact a changed marriage statute consistent with the Constitution, or to amend the Massachusetts Constitution to include a ban on same-sex marriage.

While gay rights supporters have hailed this decision as a victory, it has nevertheless come under fire by several Christian-conservative groups and prominent Republicans. The Republican governor of Massachusetts, Mitt Romney, has called for the state legislature to draft an amendment to the state constitution to exclude same-sex marriage, and President George W. Bush declared firmly that "Marriage is a sacred institution between a man and a woman," and vowed to work to protect the "sanctity of marriage."

As a Christian Republican, I freely admit that I am at this time conflicted in my stance. The party of Lincoln and the emancipation of the slaves has morphed into a party that too often resists change merely for the sake of protecting the status quo. But alas, I am not a one-issue voter and will not let my disagreement with Republicans on gay rights dominate my political judgment. Civil liberties attitudes towards homosexual-ity are undergoing significant change, as society's understanding of it increases. Where most people used to think of homosexuality as a choice, hence the term "freedom," many now think of it as a natural identity, or sexual orien-tation. This is no accident. Any homosexual will confidently proclaim that it is not a choice, and several scientific studies all point towards homosexuality as a genetic disposition.

General attitudes towards homosexual-ity that has forever been in the hearts and minds of homosexuals enters the public consciousness, fewer laws will begin to recognize homosexuals as a class of individuals with a common physical, racial, and religious arguments. Tradition alone will not suffice reason to resist change. If it were, then blacks would not be free today and women would not be allowed to vote. In regard to religious arguments, nobody is wishing the government to force any religion to accept a different definition of marriage. Rather, they want the government to confer the same civil rights of the civic institution of marriage equally upon all. Asking the government to define a civic institution based on religious grounds would be an unconstitutional breach of the First Amendment Establishment Clause, and therefore is an improper request.

In Lawrence, Justice Antonin Scalia said this nation is becoming enmeshed in a "culture war," and in a sense he was right. We have the choice today between tolerance and equal treatment and bigotry and discrimination. Ultimately, the challenge facing society is the same challenge that faces each one of us in our hearts and souls, and is best captured in the words of Martin Luther King, Jr. "The good neighbor looks beyond the exterior similarities and discovers the inner qualities that make all men human and, therefore, brothers."

Lucas Sayre
senior
Dillon Hall
Nov. 20
Entertainment abounds in Chicago, one of the country's largest cities, offers many activities for people of all ages including renowned museums, concerts and theatre productions.

Written by Mel Brooke and directed and choreographed by Susan Stroman, this irreverent musical comedy is the biggest Tony Award winner in Broadway history. It will not be in Chicago much longer, so check it out while you can. It leaves following the closing performance on Nov. 30. Tickets are tough to come by, and can be hefty in price. They range from $10 to $80. Another musical marvel that is sure to please is "The Lion King" performing at the Cadillac Palace. The reviews rant and rave of the entertainment quality of the musical. These tickets, too, are difficult to obtain and can place a burden on your wallet. They range from $28 to $125. Although $125 sounds like a lot of money for a musical, sitting close to the stage enhances the per-
生育 in Chicago

Museum, the John G. Shedd Aquarium, the Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum and the Art Institute of Chicago. All the museums are within an hour and a half driving distance from South Bend.

The Museum of Science and Industry, located on Lakeshore Drive is a museum that excases a full size submarine to a fully intact jet. The museum also has the luxury of an IMAX theater as well. The hours of the Museum of Science and Industry are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. everyday except for Christmas Day. The admission charge for the museum itself is $5.50 for children, $9.00 for adults and $7.50 seniors. For admission with a ticket to see the IMAX movie the charges are $10.00 for children, $15.00 for adults and $12.50 for seniors.

The Field Museum, slightly smaller than the Museum of Science and Industry, showcases a lot of specified items. It is located north of Soldier Field on Lakeshore Drive. The museum is currently featuring a special exhibit about the history of flight. A permanent Egyptian exhibit is encased within a pyramid inside the museum. The museum also includes a full size skeleton of a Tyrannosaurus Rex. The hours for the Field Museum are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The admission charges for the Field Museum are $5.00 for children, $10.00 for adults, and $7.00 for seniors.

The John Shedd Aquarium, which is also located on Lakeshore Drive, is north of Soldier Field and on the east side of the Field Museum. It is one of the most renowned aquariums and is Man Group performs nightly at the Briar Street Theatre. Visit www.blue­man.com for further information about the group.

The John Shedd Aquarium, which is also located on Lakeshore Drive, is north of Soldier Field and on the east side of the Field Museum. It is one of the most renowned aquariums and is Man Group performs nightly at the Briar Street Theatre. Visit www.blue­man.com for further information about the group.

After all the fun and you feel like laughing, there is always the amazing cu­ri­ous. So while football is over, there is still much to do—all that is required is a short drive or a ride on the South Shore Railroad. If none of this suits you, there is always the amazing curious.
Recchi's three points lift Flyers to 3-1 win

Philadelphia's Mark Recchi eyes the goal last night against Minnesota. Recchi had two power play goals and an assist.

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Mark Recchi had two power-play goals and an assist, helping the Philadelphia Flyers stretch their unbeaten streak to eight games with a 3-1 victory over the Minnesota Wild.

The Flyers, 7-0-1 in their last eight games, are 8-0-2 at home this season.

Alexander Daigle scored against his former team for the second straight game against his former team for the second straight game last February.

In the third period to help lift the Tampa Bay Lightning over the New York Islanders.

Stillman's goal from the left circle gave Tampa Bay a 3-0 lead with 10:25 left in the third period.

Recchi's three points lift Flyers to 3-1 win

Game 4 was played in Sunrise Wednesday night in Sunrise. Vrbata's first goal in nine games.

Mike Knuble had a goal and an assist, and the Boston Bruins tied it at 1 in the second period, stoning the Islanders outshot Washington 35-31 in the third period.

Most of the offensive activity came in the final period when Vrbata finished off a two-shot Tampa Bay had one power play. "I think we're doing some good stuff," Vrbata said. "I think we're doing some good stuff." New York goaltender Rick DiPietro finished with 29 saves.

The Islanders scored the first five shots during the opening 10 minutes of the game, including an unassisted backhander by Vrbata. The Islanders outshot New York 25-17, with 10 shots on goal.

During that stretch, Islanders had a three-day break before starting a two-game Florida road trip with a victory on the Panthers on Wednesday night in Sunrise.

Roenick, who centered to Recchi for a wrister.

The Islanders had 3-0-1-1 in the period for his fifth goal.

The Islanders outshot in three.

Roenick, Recchi and Modin each had two assists for Philadelphia. The power play when Sergei Baibin scored his first goal in nine games.

Recchi's three points lift Flyers to 3-1 win

The Islanders had a three-day break before starting a two-game Florida road trip with a victory on the Panthers on Wednesday night in Sunrise.

Roenick, Recchi and Modin each had two assists for Philadelphia. The power play when Sergei Baibin scored his first goal in nine games.

In the third period, Stomtoe.

The Islanders had a three-day break before starting a two-game Florida road trip with a victory on the Panthers on Wednesday night in Sunrise.

Roenick, Recchi and Modin each had two assists for Philadelphia. The power play when Sergei Baibin scored his first goal in nine games.

In the third period, Stomtoe.

The Islanders had a three-day break before starting a two-game Florida road trip with a victory on the Panthers on Wednesday night in Sunrise.

Roenick, Recchi and Modin each had two assists for Philadelphia. The power play when Sergei Baibin scored his first goal in nine games.

In the third period, Stomtoe.
International team leads 3 1/2 to 2 1/2

Associated Press

GEORGE, South Africa — Tiger Woods, Davis Love III and the rest of the Americans could not have asked for a better start Thursday in the Presidents Cup.

The U.S. team led 2-1, most important in the opening session of nine in the other matches. The final blow was Robert Allenby's 6-iron on No. 17 that covered 191 yards to within 18 inches. He holed the putt to cut the American lead to one.

"We needed something," Nicklaus said.

"Facing the par-3 17th with bunkers and rough to the right and a 6-foot trench protecting the left — a difficult shot for left-handers — Mickelson turned away in disgust as his ball sailed well right of the green. He is no one to kick themselves in the rear end," Nicklaus said.

The Nanovic Institute for European Studies
www.nd.edu/""nanovic

"Some men see things as they are and ask why. Others dream things that never were and ask why not. — George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950), Irish playwright and writer

"He and Nick Price were down with two holes to play against Phil Mickelson and David Toms, the top American tandem from last year's Ryder Cup.

"We needed something," Nicklaus said.

"Facing the par-3 17th with bunkers and rough to the right and a 6-foot trench protecting the left — a difficult shot for left-handers — Mickelson turned away in disgust as his ball sailed well right of the green. He is no one to kick themselves in the rear end," Nicklaus said.

The final blow was Robert Allenby's 6-iron on No. 17 that covered 191 yards to within 18 inches. He holed the putt to cut the American lead to one.

"We needed something," Nicklaus said.

"Facing the par-3 17th with bunkers and rough to the right and a 6-foot trench protecting the left — a difficult shot for left-handers — Mickelson turned away in disgust as his ball sailed well right of the green. He is no one to kick themselves in the rear end," Nicklaus said.

The Nanovic Institute for European Studies
www.nd.edu/""nanovic

"Some men see things as they are and ask why. Others dream things that never were and ask why not. — George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950), Irish playwright and writer

"He and Nick Price were down with two holes to play against Phil Mickelson and David Toms, the top American tandem from last year's Ryder Cup.

"We needed something," Nicklaus said.

"Facing the par-3 17th with bunkers and rough to the right and a 6-foot trench protecting the left — a difficult shot for left-handers — Mickelson turned away in disgust as his ball sailed well right of the green. He is no one to kick themselves in the rear end," Nicklaus said.
Johnson hired as in-studio guest on pregame show

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Keyshawn Johnson has found another way to keep busy this Sunday afternoon.

No longer wanted by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the Pro Bowl receiver will be an in-studio guest analyst for Fox's weekly NFL pregame show.

The outspoken receiver, deactivated by the Super Bowl champions on Monday, will appear on "Fox NFL Sunday."

"We look forward to having Keyshawn in this weekend to discuss his situation in Tampa Bay and find out what the future holds for him," coordinating producer Scott Ackerson said Thursday.

It was not immediately clear if Johnson would reprise his analyst role in subsequent weeks.

"We've done stuff with Keyshawn in the past, we've done stuff with him in the present and will likely do stuff with him in the future," Ackerson said. "Let's get through this week and then come from there.

Ackerson said Johnson will play a prominent role in the show, which will feature a segment on Dallas coach Bill Parcells. Johnson played for Parcells with the New York Jets and has often cited him as his favorite coach.

When Johnson will address his situation with the Bucs, Ackerson said "it's more than just having Keyshawn on to talk about being deactivated because I don't think that would be the best use of his skills."

On Monday, the Buccaneers shelved Johnson for the rest of the season, saying he had become disruptive after the defending champs began the season 4-6. Tampa Bay has lost three straight and is in danger of missing the playoffs.

Johnson, in his eighth year out of Southern Cal, was the Bucs' third-leading receiver with 45 catches for 600 yards and three touchdowns. He wasn't happy with his role in the offense and, last month, told coach Jon Gruden and general manager Rich McKay that he wanted to leave after this season.

Green's fiancee pleads not guilty

William Green's fiancee pleaded innocent Thursday to charges she stabbed the Cleveland Browns running back at their home.

Green was arrested Oct. 27 after police said they spotted him driving erratically. Police said he failed a field sobriety test and had a bag of marijuana in his car.

The NFL suspended Green for four games last week for violating the league's substance-abuse policy. The Browns suspended him for the Nov. 9 game at Kansas City for "conduct detrimental to the team," and the league will count that game as part of its suspension.

Green is permitted to be at the team's training facility, and the Browns are not allowed to have contact with him.

Browns president Carmen Policy said the team hopes the league will make an exception and permit the club to help Green deal with his problems.

Vick may rejoin Titans' game

Falcons quarterback Michael Vick missed practice Thursday and indicated he won't play against the Titans this weekend.

Vick sprained his right ankle in a morning walkthrough Wednesday, when guard Martin Bibla accidentally stepped on his foot. Vick wasn't in the game since breaking his leg in the pre-season.

"I wanted to come out and try and play this week, get a couple of snaps," Vick said. "But what happened yesterday was something that we all didn't expect. I got a little taste of what it's like to get it touched, and that's a good thing. Now I know. We'll just see how it plays out.

Vick refused to offer details of how he was hurt, but linebacker Keith Brooking acknowledged that he was blinding and accidentally pushed Bibla backward. Vick and Bibla were working with the scout team, and Brooking with the first-team defense.

"I can't help it. That's just the way it goes, man," Brooking said. Added Bibla, "Nobody's going full-sit, but Keith goes a little harder than usual sometimes. That's just Keith, though."

The Falcons (2-5) have lost eight of their last nine as they prepare to host the Titans (6-2).

Doug Johnson will start at quarterback for Atlanta.
Those who participate can earn three credits in either English or FTT while getting the chance to work alongside professional actors and production crew! Roles are available both on stage and behind the scenes, and housing and tuition are paid for! Don't miss the chance to be a part of this once-in-a-lifetime experience!

OPEN AUDITIONS FOR
ROMEO AND JULIET

November 24, 7-11 pm
November 25, 7-11 pm

Washington Hall
Mainstage

All those auditioning are asked to prepare two Shakespearean monologues, one comic and one tragic.

Call Jeff Eyerman at 631-9840 with any questions!!
around the dial

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Boise State at Fresno State 9 p.m., ESPN2

TCU quarterback Brandon Hassell slips away from Southern Mississippi linebacker Michael Boley in the first quarter of the game. Hassell finished 18-for-31 with 260 passing yards and three touchdowns in a span of 4:30 with the aid of two straight recovered onside kicks.

Northern Michigan at Cleveland 8 p.m., ESPN2

ESPN2

Southern Mississippi at Texas Tech 7 p.m., WGN

**Women's Basketball Polls**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>AP Coaches</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Connecticut (6)</td>
<td>Connecticut (25)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Duke (3)</td>
<td>Duke (3)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Michigan State (1)</td>
<td>Michigan State (1)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Arizona</td>
<td>Arizona</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kansas</td>
<td>Kansas</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kansas State</td>
<td>Kansas State</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma Tech</td>
<td>Oklahoma Tech</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Notre Dame</td>
<td>Notre Dame</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>TCU</td>
<td>TCU</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Virginia</td>
<td>Virginia</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
<td>Oklahoma</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Men's Basketball Polls**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Team</th>
<th>AP Coaches</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Minnesota</td>
<td>Minnesota</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oklahoma State</td>
<td>Oklahoma State</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Notre Dame</td>
<td>Notre Dame</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon</td>
<td>Oregon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Oregon State</td>
<td>Oregon State</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Providence</td>
<td>Providence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Washington</td>
<td>Washington</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wake Forest</td>
<td>Wake Forest</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pittsburgh</td>
<td>Pittsburgh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marquette</td>
<td>Marquette</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>North Carolina</td>
<td>North Carolina</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**College Basketball**

UMASS at Texas Tech 7 p.m., ESPN2

NBA

Minnesota at Cleveland 8 p.m., ESPN

Chicago at LA Lakers 10:30 p.m., WGN

**College Football**

Page 18  Compiled from The Observer's Wire Services  Friday, November 21, 2003

**TUBERLINI**

**TUBERLINI**

**NCAA FOOTBALL**

TCU's dream season comes to end with loss

**Associated Press**

HATTIESBURG, Miss. - TCU in the BCS Southern Mississippi put an end to any debate by fighting off a frantic comeback attempt by the Horned Frogs. Dustin Almond threw for 227 yards and three touchdowns and the Golden Eagles capitalized on four turnovers to hand the 10th-ranked Horned Frogs their first loss of the season, 40-28 on Thursday night.

Southern Mississippi (8-3, 7-0) clinched at least a share of the Conference USA title and can win it outright with a victory over East Carolina.

**IN BRIEF**

Baseball players appear before grand jury

SAN FRANCISCO — Baseball players became the latest athletes to appear before a grand jury probing a nutritional supplements lab, joining NFL players and track and field stars who were the previous weeks testified before the federal panel.

Catcher A.J. Pierzynski and Bobby Estrella at Osaka and outfielder Armando Rios all appeared before the panel on Tuesday.

Pierzynski was traded from the Minnesota Twins to the San Francisco Giants last week. The other two are former Giants — Estrella played with the Colorado Rockies last season and is now a free agent, while Rios is with the Chicago White Sox.

Barry Bonds and Jason Giambi are among the other major league players subpoenaed to testify before the grand jury in upcoming weeks. Bonds' attorney has said his client will appear Dec. 4.

Federal officials have refused to discuss the grand jury or the scope of its secret proceedings, but two sources familiar with the grand jury have said the probe is focusing on drugs and taxes.

It's not clear what, if any, drug charges might result from the investigation. An appearance before the grand jury, or being subpoenaed to testify, does not mean an athlete is a target of the probe.

An attorney for Victor Conte, founder of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative, has said his client is a target of the grand jury investigation. BALCO has supplied some of the nation's top athletes with nutritional supplements.

Rangers' Messier hopes to play in outdoor exhibition

DENVER — New York Rangers forward Mark Messier plans to play in Saturday's exhibition game for former Oilers and Canadians but needs to get the final word from his coach.

"I'm not sure what Glen's decided," Messier said Thursday.

"Glen's been talking to the league and trying to get some of those things settled, but other than that, I'm pretty optimistic."

Rangers coach Glen Sather declined to comment about the exhibition, saying he was concentrating on New York's game against the Colorado Avalanche on Thursday night.

The game will be played outdoors at Commonwealth Stadium, and Sather will be behind the Edmonton old-timers' bench. After that, the preseason day Oilers and Canucks will face off in the first outdoor regular-season game in NHL history.

The Rangers' schedule could help Messier. After Thursday's game in Denver, the Rangers don't play again until Sunday afternoon, when they host Ottawa.

"We got lucky in that regard," Messier said. "A quick flight up to Edmonton from here, and then we fly home Saturday afternoon. I was really lucky with the schedule, the way they meshed."
Numerous top 25 teams await Irish

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The women’s swimming and diving team looks to make a splash as the No. 19 Irish (4-1) travel to College Station, Texas, to compete in the Texas A&M Invitational this weekend.

No. 2 Notre Dame will have its hands full with a field that features some stiff competition, including the likes of No. 8 SMU, No. 11 UCLA, co-No. 17’s Virginia and Texas A&M, No. 20 Florida State and Purdue.

Last Friday, the Irish dominated a triangular meet against Bowling Green and Louisville, 188-90 and 187-89, respectively.

Failing to win only the 200-yard medley relay due to disqualification, the Irish took 15 of the meet’s 16 events. Nine different Notre Dame competitors recorded at least one first-place finish, and four — seniors Lisa Garcia (100 and 200-yard butterfly and 200-yard individual medley) and Meghan Perry-Eaton (one and three-meter diving) and freshmen Katie Carroll (50 and 100-yard freestyle) and Ellen Johnson (200-yard backstroke and 1,000-yard freestyle) — each took at least two events.

While a number of underclassmen, including Carroll and Johnson, among others, have been stellar thus far, head coach Bailey Weathers points to the seniors as the team’s leaders both in and out of the pool.

“The seniors are a real good group,” Weathers said. “They all have been really important to us for a long time.”

The Irish return to action next Thursday-Saturday when they host the Notre Dame Invitational.

Contact Matt Puglisi at mpuglisi@nd.edu

FENCING

Fencers will compete individually

Irish take a break from team schedule

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

The defending champs aren’t sitting on last year’s national crown.

The Notre Dame fencing squads hope to build on their successful start last weekend as they clash against national powers Ohio State and Penn State Saturday and Sunday.

But for senior Kerry Walton, the team’s fortunes are as usual.

“There’s always a little bit of pressure but it’s been so close the last couple of years that it’s always been between us and Penn State,” she said.

“It’s an individual sport and people are always used to other people running for them.”

However, the teams will not be competing en masse. The men will split squads on Saturday to compete in the Ohio State Open. The rest will head east to Penn State also for individual competition in the Max Garret Open.

The women will also be divided. Part of the team will remain here in South Bend to take part in Sunday’s Notre Dame Turkey Shoot. In the meantime, the women’s fencing will follow the men to match up against Penn State on Sunday. Both women’s events are individual competition.

Despite their division, the Irish fencers will face stiff competition at all locations. Penn State finished a very close second to Notre Dame at the national championships last season, and always maintains a perennially powerful program. In Columbus, the men’s squad will face the fencers who last year ousted them in the conference semifinals. They prevented Notre Dame from attaining its 19th consecutive combined conference championship.

“Ohio State is growing as a big rival,” coach Janusz Bednarski said. “As the defending champs, all fencers want to beat us. It’s tough from the beginning.”

“We’re really coming together as a strong group,” Saint Mary’s coach Suzanne Bellina said. “We try to cover all the details in practice and I think we’ve already made big improvements.”

The Belles will be helped by the return of junior Emily Creachbaum who was a leading scorer last year in the conference and an all-MIAA performer. Junior Katie Boyle and senior Katie Miller will join Creachbaum as the trio-captains for this year’s team.

After a disappointing season last year, the Belles are ready to move up in the conference and establish themselves. They face another tough schedule in the MIAA but the team has a determined outlook this season.

“Last season left a bitter taste in our mouth and we know what needs to be done to turn things around for us,” Bellina said.

The Belles will have their share of quality opponents. They haveobby themselves this year including a game against national powerhouse Washington University. The challenge is there, and the Belles look ready to take it with confidence on their side this season.

“We have more speed and quickness to the ball this year along with a great group returning,” Bellina said. “We’re ready to go from worst to first.”

St. Mary’s will play in the Tip-Off Classic today and Saturday at the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

Contact Steve Coye at scoyer@nd.edu

SMC BASKETBALL

Tip-Off Classic starts season

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

For the past six weeks the Belles have been doing the little things in practice with hopes of doing big things this season.

This weekend they look to put their practice into play at the Belles open their season in the Tip-Off Classic Tournament. Saint Mary’s will play the first game tonight against Hanover College and Saturday against Franklin College Saturday.

The team emerges this year with nine returning players that add experience and depth to its lineup. With a core of four seniors and one sophomore, the team has already found the chemistry that it lacked last season.

“We’re coming together as a strong group,” Saint Mary’s coach Suzanne Bellina said. “We try to cover all the details in practice and I think we’ve already made big improvements.”

The Belles will be helped by the return of junior Emily Creachbaum who was a leading scorer last year in the conference and an all-MIAA performer. Junior Katie Boyle and senior Katie Miller will join Creachbaum as the trio-captains for this year’s team.

After a disappointing season last year, the Belles are ready to move up in the conference and establish themselves. They face another tough schedule in the MIAA but the team has a determined outlook this season.

“Last season left a bitter taste in our mouth and we know what needs to be done to turn things around for us,” Bellina said.

The Belles will have their share of quality opponents. They haveobby themselves this year including a game against national powerhouse Washington University. The challenge is there, and the Belles look ready to take it with confidence on their side this season.

“We have more speed and quickness to the ball this year along with a great group returning,” Bellina said. “We’re ready to go from worst to first.”

St. Mary’s will play in the Tip-Off Classic today and Saturday at the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology.

Contact Steve Coye at scoyer@nd.edu
Hockey

Irish open four-game homestand against Lakers

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

If their games from earlier this season are any indication, Notre Dame's series against Lake Superior State could be over before you realize it's "all shots, he scores.

The Irish (7-1-3-1 in the CCHA) and the Lakers (4-3-3-2) are the first and second least penalized teams in the CCHA, respectively, as well as two of the least penalized teams in the nation. With fewer whistles and stoppages of play, the games are over much faster.

"I think fewer penalties are a sign of discipline and I think the way both teams play, that's what we're going to have to conquer, is that we have to be a solid team of Notre Dame," Irish head coach Dave Anzalone said. "I think you're going to see a heck of a battle. I think we'll be out there and we'll be getting publicly at last year's fights. We're not going to be the ones who are going to lose our cool and get away from the fun of playing hockey."

Anzalone then left the college ranks for a professional career, but returned to the Lake bench in 2001-02, in which the Lakers went 8-27-2 - a far cry from their dominant 80's teams. Now in the third year of his second stint with Lake Superior State, the team is starting to show signs of reload ing.

Last season, Notre Dame won both matches against Anzalone's Lakers by 3-2 and 6-3 scores. Poulin serves note that this is not the same collar dwelling team as Anzalone's teams in 2001 and 2002 were. "We showed our players film, and it was pretty evident in the film that Lake State is playing pretty well right now," Poulin said. "I think we have a little more respect for them, and certainly bringing a different back coach at last year's team had a lot of success has given us that team something to feel. "They're going to be perhaps more disciplined and play even harder now that they've actually won a few games here recently."

Notre Dame is coming off a 4-0 exhibition win last Friday against the U.S. Under-18 National Developmental Program. Freshman goalie David Brown collected his second straight shutout last Saturday in a scoreless tie against Bowling Green.

Matt Violin is the other member of the Lake Superior State goaltending tandem and played well against the Irish last year in the 3-2 game, making 41 saves and the Lakers' loss. He currently has a 2-3-2 record with a goals-against average of 2.90 and a .877 save percentage.

"Notre Dame faces Lake Superior State at the Joyce Center this weekend. Faceoff is scheduled for 7:35 p.m. tonight and 7:05 p.m. Saturday."

Contact Justin Schuver at jschuver@nd.edu

Boxing

continued from page 24

"We always knew we would be successful once we got to the post," Sweeney said. "It was just something to see."

The women's boxing club opted to put on their own bouts. With over 400 people attending, the bouts brought in almost $5,000 in donations, T-shirt sales and pledges. This money will be used to cover the expense of the event, and the remainder will go to the sports camp. "I think we need to have another one next year. It was a good opportunity. We would be successful once we got to the post," Sweeney said. "It was just something to see."

Lizzy Coghill def. Theresa Papa
Maria Lemmen def. Amy Matte
Evelyn Wensky def. Sarah Poulin
Sarah Borgen def. Paul White
Amanda Sery def. Sara Sweeney
Cat Ruiz def. Erin Brady
Nicole Wykoff def. Courtney Clary
Caralyn Burns def. Katherine Edine
Stephanie Guerrero def. Jamie Peters
Lakota DeLong def. Theresa Papa
Katie Elbert def. Sarah Sweeney
Caralyn Burns def. Katherine Edine
Stephanie Guerrero def. Jamie Peters
Lakota DeLong def. Theresa Papa
Katie Elbert def. Sarah Sweeney
Sarah Poulin def. Lisa Daniels
Feminine

Women's Boxing Charity Bouts: Results

Lizzy Coghill defe. Theresa Papa
Courtney Clary defe. Tavia Lewis
Jesica Bogen defe. Melissa Irvine
Trishel Welch defe. Ana Kusog
Katie Welshbaker defe. Stacey Ruberti
Kelly Anderson defe. Katina Clenon
Vanessa Magaro defe. Tara Cudnik
Jasmin Pasch defe. Flora Loomis
Brandis Mendiburu defe. Brice Jackson
Katie Hall def. Amy Gallego
Sarah Poulin defe. Lisa Daniels

Contact Heather Van Hoegarden at hevanhoeg@nd.edu

Bball

continued from page 24

"They're always a tough team to play. For some reason we're always struggled with them." - Mattet McGraw

Irish right win Rob Globock checks a Boston College player at Notre Dame's 1-0 upset win of then-No. 1 Boston College Oct. 24.

"They're always a tough team to play. For some reason we're always struggled with them." - Mattet McGraw

in their first two games, Valparaiso was led by Katie Boone who has averaged 13.0 points a game and hit all four of her 3-point attempts. The Crusaders showed a trend in their first two contests of staying close to their opponent in the first half before getting beaten badly in the second half. Against Villanova, Valparaiso led 32-31 at halftime, but was outscored 48-29 in the second half. The Crusaders were tied with Oregon 23-23 at intermission before losing by 13 points.

Even though Valparaiso also seems to have a pretty good record when they play the Irish, including this season, McGraw said she isn't sure why the Irish have struggled so much with them for the last several seasons.

"It's a challenge for us to play them every year," McGraw said. "The team is excited for the home opener, especially after playing well in Colorado last weekend."

"They're excited. They're excited just to be in the season. Now we're getting a little taste of what we can do," McGraw said. "It was a great start for us. I thought we made great steps from last season."

Contact Joe Hettler at jshetler@nd.edu

McGraw lands top 20 class

By JOE HETTLER
Sport Editor

For the eighth straight year, Notre Dame has landed a top 20 recruiting class after bringing in three of the country's top players during the early signing period.

"We are really pleased and proud to welcome to Notre Dame three young women of this caliber, both athletically and academically," Irish Coach Muffet McGraw said.

The Irish signed Charel Allen, Melissa D'Amico and Tulyah Gaines Wednesday and the group was named No. 13 by Blue Star Index.

Allen had an outstanding season as a junior when she averaged 25.9 points, 11.4 rebounds, 7.2 steals and 4.8 assists at Monessen High School. She was the top recruit in the East region of the country and could make an immediate impact for Notre Dame.

"She has a wonderful gift for getting to the basket and putting points on the board, and I believe she will be a major asset in our transition game," McGraw said. "Tulyah may be the quickest player we've ever had come through our program, and that includes some of our current players," McGraw said.

"This is a great on-ball defender and has great court awareness. She also is a strong passer and like Charel, she think will help us get the ball up the floor quickly in transition."
Recruits
continued from page 24

The fact that the Irish had such recruiting success in the talent-laden southern states such as Florida and Texas - in this class, Brezovicky, Korpi and Williamson are all from Florida and Langford hails from Texas - points to Notre Dame’s emergence on the national college baseball scene. In past years, it has been difficult for northern schools like Notre Dame to out-recruit tradition­

The Irish recruited a pair of teammates for the first time dur­

Big East
continued from page 24

Irish lead the nation in blocking, with a 3.73 per game average. Brezovicky is second in the nation, with 1.79 blocks per game.

“Our block is key to our suc­

Also, the baseball facilities near
Frank Eck Stadium, considered
the third longest active streak in
the nation, and the fact that the
Irish infield that could lose a pair
of seniors. If these guys come in
our needs are, they’re going to be

ią just happened to be in warm weather areas and areas that
had been good to us.”

Mainieri’s continuation of Notre
Dame’s streak of 15 seasons with
40 wins or more, which is the
third longest active streak in
the nation, combined with his team’s
100 percent graduation rate of
four-year players over his nine­
tenure, has attracted some of the
top recruits in the nation.

“I think what has happened in
recruiting is that the prospects have become so much smarter
now in how they analyze their
options,” Mainieri said. “Getting
a quality education, playing in a pro­
gram that has proven it can get
you to the College World Series, and
they see that every one of our
players graduates, and then they
get a chance to meet our players
and they see what a wonderful
group of kids they are, and they
want to be a part of it.”

At 1 p.m., the Irish will face
Villanova in the first semifinal game.

Mainieri hopes that the recruits
will come in ready to contribute
in 2004-05, as the Irish stand to
lose at least six players to gradua­
tion and possibly more to the draft.

“You always hope that they come ready, but the reality is that
some freshmen come more ready than others,” he said. “We recruit
them because we need them. I have a lot of courage when it
comes to playing freshmen. I’m always going to play the
guys that deserve to play the most
whether they’re freshmen or seniors.
If these guys come in and do
a good job and that’s good where our
needs are, they’re going to be
placed right in the hole.”

Contact Chris Federico at
cfederico@nd.edu

UNIVERSITY OF
NOTRE DAME
UNIVERSITY SEEKS
COMMENTS FOR
ACCREDITATION
PROCESS

The University of Notre Dame is seeking comments from students, faculty, staff, alumni and the public in proportion for its periodic evaluation by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The University will undergo a comprehen­sive evaluation visit March 22-24, 2004. The team will renew the institution’s ongo­ing ability to meet the Commission’s criteria for accreditation and General Institutional Requirements.

Comments should address substantive mat­ters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing and signed; comments are not treated as confidential.

Comments should be submitted by Feb. 20 to: Public Comment on the University of Notre Dame Accreditation, Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, 30 N. LaSalle St., Suite 2400, Chicago, IL. 60602.

The University does not accept confidential or unsigned comments.
THE OBSERVER
Published Monday through Friday, The Observer is a vital source of information on people and events in the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Community.

Join the more than 13,000 readers who have found The Observer an indispensable link to the two campuses. Please complete the accompanying form and mail it today to receive The Observer in your home.

Make checks payable to: The Observer
and mail to:

P.O. Box Q
Notre Dame, IN 46556

❶ Enclosed is $100 for one academic year

❷ Enclosed is $55 for one semester

Name ________________________________________

Address ________________________________________

City _____________________________________________

State ___________________________________________

Zip _____________________________________________

VITAL

Happy Birthday!: If you stay calm and refuse to lose control, you are certain to prosper this year. If you let your emotions stand in the way of your better judgment, you will find yourself facing many dilemmas along the way. You have some terrific ideas to develop, and this is the year to be taking your abstract thoughts and turning them into something more concrete. Your numbers: 10, 11, 30, 32, 39, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Travel opportunities of a social nature will develop through groups. Attending parties or other affairs will be conducive to new romantic encounters. Your affections and desires will be very passionate.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Take care of the personal affairs of friends and family first. Your ability to make extra cash is evident. Landing or improving a job will be beneficial. You will be able to take risks today. ***

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Love is on the rise, information is confusing you, and more than one possible lover will be present in your life. You need to choose wisely, but none of all you should enjoy your good fortune. ***

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Romance will unfold through work-related matters. Opportunities to advance are evident, however, you must keep your emotions well hidden if you wish to accomplish your objectives. ***

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Opportunities for love will self-produce themselves through educational pursuits, sports events or pleasurable trips. You can spend money on self-improvement, cosmetic surgery, a new hairdo, etc. ***

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Luxury items bought for your domestic environment will add to its charm and comfort. You'll feel great if you draw your time and energy into rearranging or redecorating your home.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Romantic opportunities will brighten your day. Travel, leisure and social gatherings will enhance your popularity. New friendships made today will be lasting and particularly advantageous. ***

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Career matters will obviously affect your personal life. Opportunities to promote yourself, change careers or branch out on your own are evident.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Career matters will obviously affect your personal life. Opportunities to promote yourself, change careers or branch out on your own are evident.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can make financial changes pertaining to your investments. Take time to acknowledge a friend who has not been feeling well. Clear up the trivial duties that have been building up. ***

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Social activity will promote passionate partnerships. You will easily capture the heart of someone special. Your ability to communicate will enhance your popularity. ***

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You can make extra cash through creative endeavors. Develop your skills and execute your intentions. Matters pertaining to your investments. Take time to acknowledge a friend who has not been feeling well. Clear up the trivial duties that have been building up. ***

Birthday Baby: You are steadfast and determined in all that you do. You have nothing to chance, although with your luck, you could if you wanted to. You are strong and able. You have the problem taking control of your life or any situation you face. The world is your playground.***

**Women's Boxing**

Dreams become a reality

19 women's boxing bouts go on at JACC Thursday night

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Women's boxing brings a whole new meaning to the term “power hour.
For one hour, each boxer does as many sit-ups, push-ups and jumping jacks as she can. But this time it was different.
Each boxer took pledges from different individuals based on the number of sit-ups, push-ups and jumping jacks they could do within the hour. These pledges were then donated to the Honduras Sports Camp for Girls, which helps encourage women athletes in Honduras. Each boxer raised at least $50 from pledges.

Thursday night it all came together for this hard-working group of boxers as they were successful in 19 bouts in front of families, faculty and students.

see BOXING/page 20

---

**BASEBALL**

Six sign letters of intent

Mainieri gets four pitchers, two infielders as early signees

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Irish head coach Paul Mainieri announced Thursday the signing of six high school seniors to letters of intent with Notre Dame during the early signing period.

The group includes four pitchers — right handers Tony Langford and Joey Williamson and left-handers David Grewe and Wade Korp — and a pair of infielders in Ross Brounsvy and Brett Lilly.

This recruiting season marked Mainieri’s first without former associate head coach and recruiting coordinator Brian O’Connor, who took a head coaching position at Virginia in July. But Mainieri was pleased with the work of his assistants, David Grewe and Terry Rooney, who is in his first year with the Irish after serving as pitching coach and recruiting coordinator at Seton University.

David Grewe did an unbelievable job, while basically he was the only one doing the recruiting, at the time when Brian [O’Connor] was deciding whether or not he would go to Virginia,” Mainieri said. “Then when Terry Rooney came aboard — people got a chance to meet him and realize he’s a very high-energy guy. He loves to recruit and he works hard at it, so when he got here, he hit the ground running.

“Between the two of them, we really didn’t skip a beat to be honest with you. I feel like we got the top 20 class,” McGraw said.

---

**ND VOLLEYBALL**

No. 2 Irish ready to defend title at home

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

They lost the No. 1 seed in this tournament, but the clock stops there.

No. 2 seed Notre Dame (22-4, 11-1) is determined to win the Big East Tournament this weekend, after losing to Pittsburgh (22-1, 11-1) last weekend to tie for the regular season title, and give them the No. 1 seed in this weekend’s Big East Tournament.

“The Big East Tournament Championship is not the ultimate goal, but it’s really important to us and we want to defend the title,” coach Debbie Brown said.

The Irish have the firepower to do so, but they face a formidable opponent, in No. 3 seed Miami (22-8, 9-3). The last time the two met, the Hurricanes matched up, the Irish beat the Hurricanes 3-0 on College Sports Television at the Joyce Center.

But it won’t be as easy this time around.

“The last match against Miami means nothing,” Brown said. “It’s another match and we have to prove ourselves again.”

That win was in front of a record 2,715 fans — the most for a volleyball match not played before a Notre Dame football pep rally. It was also a win in which Miami’s star Valeria Tipiana only registered four kills after coming off an injury.

On the other side of the net, the Irish have been led by senior setter Kristen Kinder. She distributes the ball in a potent offense that includes junior Emily Loonis and sophomore middle blockers Lauren Keller and Lauren Brewster.

This sophomore duo helps the see BIG EAST/page 22

---

**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

Crusaders should provide good test

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Valparaiso is 0-2 on the season, which probably means Notre Dame will have its hands full opening the home season tonight at the Joyce Center.

For whatever reason, the Crusaders always play the Irish tough.

“They’re always a tough team to play. For some reason we’ve always struggled with them,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “They play great defense. It’s the same kind of defense that Colorado played against us, so we at least have

see BBALL/page 20

---

**HoCkey**

Lake Superior St.

Notre Dame

Tonight, 7:30 p.m.

Irish return home and face the Lakers

By BILL HINDEL
Sports Writer

---

**FENCING**

Notre Dame

Turkey Shoot

Sunday, 8 a.m.

With an early start to the season, the Irish compete in individual events.

---

**NCAA FOOTBall**

Southern Miss 40

TCU 28

The hopes of a BCS berth for TCU come to an end with its first loss on the year.

---

**NFL**

Deactived Tampa Bay receiver Keyshawn Johnson will serve as an analyst for Fox while not playing in the team’s last six games.

---

**SMC BASKETBALL**

Tip-Off Classic at Rose-Hulman

Today-Sunday

Top competition is in store for Irish.

---

**Hockey**

Lake Superior St.

Notre Dame at Texas A & M Invitational

Today-Sunday

Hanover and Franklin are the first two opponents for the Belles.

---

**College Sports Television**

At the Joyce Center.
Countdown to Tipoff
Recent success sets high expectations for Irish

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

When Irish coach Mike Brey first arrived at Notre Dame three years ago, he pulled his players into a meeting room and told them he thought he could help them reach the NCAA Tournament — a feat the Irish hadn't accomplished in 11 years.

Now, Brey looks back on those days and laughs at how the expectations have changed.

"What excites me is to hear our veterans talk about bigger things, playing deeper in March," Brey said. "That's not pipe dreams anymore. Those guys can really talk about this with the experience that they've had."

The centerpiece of Notre Dame's team is point guard Chris Thomas, who turned down the NBA for another year in college. His backcourt mate, sophomore more Chris Quinn, could, at best, help give the Irish one of the nation's top backcourts at best and, at worst, a tandem that could wreak havoc on opposing defenses.

"It's hard for teams to guard two point guards, especially Chris," Thomas said. "He can shoot, he can pass, he can handle the ball just as good as any point guard in the country."

But Brey knows the Irish will need defense to face their tough schedule. It's no surprise that the Irish have typically beaten teams before by shooting them to death. Defense, on the other hand, is another question mark. And after Notre Dame's overtime win in a Nov. 14 exhibition, Brey seemed almost resigned toward the fact that the Irish would have to outscore teams to win.

Brey said. "We're thinking big dreams, and we want to go as far as possible." Jordan Cornette, Irish co-captain

"Last year, we went to the Sweet 16. I think we should think nothing short of the Final Four this year. We're thinking big dreams, and we want to go as far as possible."

Chris Thomas brings the ball up the court against the Illinois All Stars. Thomas and the Irish have high expectations after making it to the Sweet 16 last year.

By Andrew Soukup

Contact Andrew Soukup at asoukup@nd.edu

page 2

The Observer * IRISH INSIDER

Friday, November 21, 2003

Recent success sets high expectations for Irish

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

When Irish coach Mike Brey first arrived at Notre Dame three years ago, he pulled his players into a meeting room and told them he thought he could help them reach the NCAA Tournament — a feat the Irish hadn't accomplished in 11 years.

Now, Brey looks back on those days and laughs at how the expectations have changed.

"What excites me is to hear our veterans talk about bigger things, playing deeper in March," Brey said. "That's not pipe dreams anymore. Those guys can really talk about this with the experience that they've had."

The centerpiece of Notre Dame's team is point guard Chris Thomas, who turned down the NBA for another year in college. His backcourt mate, sophomore more Chris Quinn, could, at best, help give the Irish one of the nation's top backcourts at best and, at worst, a tandem that could wreak havoc on opposing defenses.

"It's hard for teams to guard two point guards, especially Chris," Thomas said. "He can shoot, he can pass, he can handle the ball just as good as any point guard in the country."

But Brey knows the Irish will need defense to face their tough schedule. It's no surprise that the Irish have typically beaten teams before by shooting them to death. Defense, on the other hand, is another question mark. And after Notre Dame's overtime win in a Nov. 14 exhibition, Brey seemed almost resigned toward the fact that the Irish would have to outscore teams to win.

Brey said. "We're thinking big dreams, and we want to go as far as possible." Jordan Cornette, Irish co-captain

"Last year, we went to the Sweet 16. I think we should think nothing short of the Final Four this year. We're thinking big dreams, and we want to go as far as possible."

Chris Thomas brings the ball up the court against the Illinois All Stars. Thomas and the Irish have high expectations after making it to the Sweet 16 last year.

By Andrew Soukup

Contact Andrew Soukup at asoukup@nd.edu

Recent success sets high expectations for Irish

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

When Irish coach Mike Brey first arrived at Notre Dame three years ago, he pulled his players into a meeting room and told them he thought he could help them reach the NCAA Tournament — a feat the Irish hadn't accomplished in 11 years.

Now, Brey looks back on those days and laughs at how the expectations have changed.

"What excites me is to hear our veterans talk about bigger things, playing deeper in March," Brey said. "That's not pipe dreams anymore. Those guys can really talk about this with the experience that they've had."

The centerpiece of Notre Dame's team is point guard Chris Thomas, who turned down the NBA for another year in college. His backcourt mate, sophomore more Chris Quinn, could, at best, help give the Irish one of the nation's top backcourts at best and, at worst, a tandem that could wreak havoc on opposing defenses.

"It's hard for teams to guard two point guards, especially Chris," Thomas said. "He can shoot, he can pass, he can handle the ball just as good as any point guard in the country."

But Brey knows the Irish will need defense to face their tough schedule. It's no surprise that the Irish have typically beaten teams before by shooting them to death. Defense, on the other hand, is another question mark. And after Notre Dame's overtime win in a Nov. 14 exhibition, Brey seemed almost resigned toward the fact that the Irish would have to outscore teams to win.

Brey said. "We're thinking big dreams, and we want to go as far as possible." Jordan Cornette, Irish co-captain

"Last year, we went to the Sweet 16. I think we should think nothing short of the Final Four this year. We're thinking big dreams, and we want to go as far as possible."

Chris Thomas brings the ball up the court against the Illinois All Stars. Thomas and the Irish have high expectations after making it to the Sweet 16 last year.

By Andrew Soukup

Contact Andrew Soukup at asoukup@nd.edu
Every year of the Mike Brey era, the Notre Dame basketball program has made small but measurable improvements. Here are 11 key factors if the Irish want to see a fourth straight year of improvement.

Chris Thomas' maturity
When Chris Thomas withdraws from the NBA Draft in June, scouts told Brey the Irish would be getting a much more polished point guard. Now that Thomas is one of Notre Dame's seniors, the Irish will be looking to him for leadership both on and off the court.

Last year, Notre Dame's success was often equated to Thomas' success. When Thomas was on, the Irish were on. When he was off, the Irish struggled. That can't happen this year.

In the early season exhibition games, Thomas has still demonstrated the flashy playmaking ability that made him so good to begin with, but he also showed that he can take care of the basketball better. No longer does Thomas appear as eager to force things on the offensive end.

If Notre Dame's top weapon has matured as much as the scouts say he has, then the Irish will be a formidable force indeed.

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

The Observer • IRISH INSIDER

Striving for new heights
Eleven factors will lend the Irish to their fourth straight year of measurable improvements under the watchful eye of head coach Mike Brey

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Every year of the Mike Brey era, the Notre Dame basketball program has made small but measurable improvements. Here are 11 key factors if the Irish want to see a fourth straight year of improvement.

Chris Thomas shoots in a preseason game. The value of defense
Notre Dame has traditionally been a stout defensive unit. If the Irish can hold their own on the defensive end, games will be decided at the free-throw line or on the scoreboard, rather than on the court.

The schedule makes this February particularly tough, too. The Irish have away games at Boston College, defending champ Syracuse, preseason No. 1 Connecticut and UCLA, plus home games against Providence, Pittsburgh and Connecticut.

The "easy" game? Seton Hall, which was picked to finish sixth in a preseason poll. All the other Big East teams the Irish play in February were predicted to finish higher.

The value of defense
Notre Dame uses a 25-letter alphabet that begins with A, B, C and E. That's right, no D.

Brey seemed almost resigned to having to out-shoot teams to win games, like the Irish have traditionally done in the past. And while the Irish have the offensive talent to run away from other teams, they run into problems when their shots are falling.

That's because Notre Dame is a lackluster defensive unit. Aside from Cornette and Jones, easily the team's top two defenders, the Irish are often more focused on scoring than stopping.

The Irish must commit themselves toward establishing a dominating defensive presence, especially in close games. Then, and only then, will they advance deep into the NCAA Tournament.

Contact Andrew Soukup at asoukup@nd.edu
GREG BOSL
6'1" GUARD
No. 55 — JR
High school senior statistics
Points 10.0
Rebounds 5.0
Assists 4.0
A walk-on who was added to the team to push Notre Dame's guards in practice. Bosl probably won’t see much playing time this year. His brother, Mike, played for Villanova in 1998-99.

RUSSELL CARTER
6'4" GUARD
No. 43 — FR
High school senior statistics
Points 30.0
Rebounds 13.0
Assists 3.4
A talented athlete who can only be described as a work in progress. Carter can score in a hurry, but he struggles so much on defense that he might not see significant minutes until his defense improves.

RICK CORNETT
6'8" FORWARD
No. 11 — SO
2002-03 Statistics
Minutes 5.1
Points 2.5
Rebounds 1.1
Blocks 0.3
Cornett barely saw playing time last year, but this season he has made tremendous strides and could crack the Irish rotation. Notre Dame will need his size once Big East play begins.

JORDAN CORNINTE
6'9" FORWARD
No. 21 — JR
2002-03 Statistics
Minutes 19.4
Points 3.0
Rebounds 4.2
Blocks 2.1
As much as the rangy forward may like to boast 3-pointers, Cornette’s recent return to the Irish is a dominating defensive presence. He’s quick enough to defend guards and tall enough to swat big men.

COLIN FALLS
6'4" GUARD
No. 15 — FR
High school senior statistics
Points 25.0
Rebounds 7.0
Assists 4.0
Falls committed to Notre Dame with the idea that he could eventually replace Matt Carroll as Notre Dame’s premier sharpshooter. He has already earned the trust of the Irish veterans and will play often.

TORIN FRANCIS
6'11" FORWARD
No. 34 — SO
2002-03 Statistics
Minutes 11.6
Points 8.4
Rebounds 6.9
Blocks 0.3
As Notre Dame’s primary offensive weapon down low, Francis knows he has to shine at the key that plagued him last season. But this all-Big East rookie team member bulked up and improved in the off-season.

OMARI ISREAL
6'8" FORWARD
No. 5 — FR
High school senior statistics
Points 18.5
Rebounds 9.0
Blocks 3.0
Israel’s senior year of high school was cut short by an ACL injury in January that required surgery and could keep him sidelined this year. He was the first four-year starter in his high school’s history.

TOM TIMMERMANS
6'11" CENTER
No. 50 — SR
2002-03 Statistics
Minutes 12.2
Points 3.3
Rebounds 3.5
Blocks 0.1
The biggest player on Notre Dame’s team, Timmerman’s isn’t expected to do much more than bang around in the middle. But he’s also developed more finesse around the basket to make him an offensive option.

DENNIS LATOMORE
6'8" FORWARD
No. 41 — JR
2002-03 Statistics
Minutes 12.0
Points 3.2
Rebounds 3.1
Blocks 0.3
Latimore transferred from Arizona in the spring, and NCAA rules require him to spend a year on the sidelines. He’ll be most helpful in practice helping develop Notre Dame’s big men.

CHRIS QUINN
6'2" GUARD
No. 2 — SO
2002-03 Statistics
Minutes 15.3
Points 9.3
Rebounds 1.6
Assists 1.5
A solid, dependable guard who has deadly range from the perimeter, Quinn will be able to take ball-handling duties away from Thomas. He’s not Tasty, but he takes care of the ball and gets the job done.

CHRIS THOMAS
6'1" GUARD
No. 1 — JR
2002-03 Statistics
Minutes 16.7
Points 18.7
Rebounds 4.0
Assists 6.9
The lynchpin of Notre Dame’s team, Thomas flirted with the NBA before returning for his junior year. He can score in a hurry. But he’s not flashy, but he takes the ball and gets the job done.

Big East Preseason Rankings

Connecticut
Syracuse
Notre Dame
Pittsburgh
Providence
Seton Hall
Villanova
Boston College
West Virginia
St. John’s
Miami
Georgetown
Rutgers
Virginia Tech

The defending champs may have lost Carmelo Anthony, but they’re still among the Big East’s elite.

Sharpshooter Julius Page will lead the Panthers’ attempt to repeat as Big East Tournament champions.

Andre Barrett leads a resurgent Seton Hall squad bent on making the NCAA Tournament.

Although the Irish have won the last four meetings, Craig Smith is one of the nation’s most underrated players.

The Red Storm have fallen hard but they did knock off Notre Dame in the Big East tourney last March.

The Hoyas lost a ton of talent, but two of their last three games against the Irish went to at least double overtime.

Yikes. When the Hokies roll into town, its usually a win for the other team. How soon do they go to the ACC?

This preseason No. 1 team loaded and Packed and is simply one of the best Big East teams.

There’s not much you can do if the teams ranked ahead of you finished last season and started this one No. 1.

The Friars have the potential to be one of the most surprising teams in the Big East.

Notre Dame hasn’t beaten Villanova since 1984, including eight straight losses to the Wildcats in the Big East.

The Irish haven’t lost to West Virginia, usually one of the Big East’s biggest. See what $330 a night does for you.

Although the Irish have won the last four meetings, Craig Smith is one of the nation’s most underrated players.

The Hoyas lost a ton of talent, but two of their last three games against the Irish went to at least double overtime.

Yikes. When the Hokies roll into town, it usually wins for the other team. How soon do they go to the ACC?

The defending champs may have lost Carmelo Anthony, but they’re still among the Big East’s elite.

 Sharpshooter Julius Page will lead the Panthers’ attempt to repeat as Big East Tournament champions.

 Andre Barrett leads a resurgent Seton Hall squad bent on making the NCAA Tournament.

 Although the Irish have won the last four meetings, Craig Smith is one of the nation’s most underrated players.

 The Red Storm have fallen hard but they did knock off Notre Dame in the Big East tourney last March.

 The Hoyas lost a ton of talent, but two of their last three games against the Irish went to at least double overtime.

 Yikes. When the Hokies roll into town, it usually wins for the other team. How soon do they go to the ACC?
**WOMEN'S OUTLOOK**

**THE SCHEDULE**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Opponent</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>Nov. 21 Valparaiso</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>Nov. 26 at Michigan St.</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>Dec. 4 Wisconsin</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>Dec. 7 at Washington St.</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>Dec. 13 Dayton</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>Dec. 22 USC</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>Dec. 29 at Colorado St.</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>Jan. 1 Marquette</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>Jan. 2 at Providence</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>Jan. 7 at Georgetown</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>Jan. 10 Virginia Tech</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>Jan. 13 Connecticut</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>Jan. 17 at West Virginia</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>Jan. 21 at Syracuse</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>Jan. 24 Villanova</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>Jan. 28 at Miami</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>Feb. 1 St. John's</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>Feb. 2 at Pittsburgh</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>Feb. 28 Rutgers</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>Mar. 2 Syracuse</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>Mar. 6-9 Big East Tournament</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>-</td>
<td>Mar. 21 NCAA Tournament</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Big East Preseason Rankings**

**Connecticut**

**Rutgers**

**Notre Dame**

**Virginia Tech**

**Boston College**

**Miami**

**Villanova**

**West Virginia**

**Georgetown**

**Seton Hall**

**Syracuse**

**Pittsburgh**

**St. John's**

**Providence**

**The Scarlet Knights return four starters, including star point guard Cappie Pondexter, after finishing 21-8 last season.**

**The Hokies went 22-10 and made the second round of the NCAA tournament last season. They return three starters.**

**Miami went 18-13 and made the NCAA tournament in 2002-03 and look to improve after losing just one starter.**

**The Mountaineers were 15-13 last season, but might improve with the return of four starters for the 2003-04 campaign.**

**The Pirates went 14-15 last season and lose three players from that team. They will struggle again in a tough conference.**

**The Panthers lose four starters from last season's 15-16 team. Inexperience could make it a long year for the team.**

- **After a 9-15, 2002-03 year, the Friars graduated four of the five starters from last year.**
Over the past two seasons, Notre Dame women's basketball fans have been treated to a pair of outstanding players in junior guard Le'Tania Severe and senior guard Monica Flanigan. However, one player has been largely overlooked — senior guard Le'Tania Severe.

Severe has been a mainstay on the women's basketball team for four years now, coming to Notre Dame from Pembroke Pines, Fla. She was a standout point guard on her Fort Lauderdale team and averaged 12.7 points, 6.1 assists and 4.4 steals her senior year. After being recruited by Florida State, Miami and Tulane, Severe chose the Irish for several reasons.

"When it came down to it, Notre Dame had the best athletic and academic reputation," Severe said.

Her career started with a national championship in the 2000-01 season. While she never started a game that year, Severe did play in 22 contests and that experience has continued to help her, even into her senior season.

"It was a great experience, especially to just come in and play behind a player like [Niele Ivey]," Severe said. "She taught me how to be a leader and how to give 100 percent every day. She always came in ready to practice and that's something I took from that year. I've tried to help the younger players every year to be still that [work ethic] into them every day."

In her sophomore season, Severe saw significantly more playing time, starting in 24 of the team's 30 games and averaging 6.6 points and leading the team with 4.9 assists per game.

Her junior year was even better as Severe started in all 32 games for Notre Dame and upped her points average to 7.3 and led the team again with 3.8 assists. She also added 2.15 steals.

Her best game that season helped send Notre Dame to the Sweet 16. The Irish played Kansas State in the second round of the NCAA Tournament on the Wildcats' home court. Kansas State had won 22 games in a row and was 29-4 entering their game against Notre Dame.

But the Wildcats hadn't counted on Severe playing so exceptionally, as the then-junior scorched Kansas State for 17 points, eight rebounds and four assists, while playing all 40 minutes, in the Irish 59-53 victory.

This season After winning the national title as a freshman, Severe has played on two other good, but not great, Irish teams. Notre Dame went 20-10 and lost in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in 2001-02 and followed that with a 21-10 record and a Sweet Sixteen appearance last season.

But this season, in her final year, Severe said she believes the team can move even further into the tournament.

"I think this team has a lot of potential," Severe said. "We're way ahead of where we were at this time the last two years. We're getting better every day and I'm happy with the way the team looks. I think we're going to do great things."

The Irish opened their season with a victory over then-No. 22 Arizona 77-64, before losing in overtime with then-No. 20 Colorado on the road. But both Muffet McGraw and Severe said the team has played well in both games.

Despite playing in the tough Big East conference, the team should challenge for a conference title with a very talented returning squad. McGraw said those returning players will be playing not only for themselves, but also to help Severe end her career as a winner.

"I think people generally like her because she's such a great person," McGraw said. "She's an easy person for the team to follow and she does things the way you're supposed to do it. She wants to go out a winner and the team would love to do that for her."

"She is the hardest worker every day," McGraw said. "She gives a 110 percent in the games and she never takes a minute off."

Contact Joe Hettler at jhetller@nd.edu

Leading by example

Two-time captain brings leadership, great floor skills to Irish team

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Muffet McGraw thinks Le'Tania Severe is more than just a point guard. That label doesn't do the senior guard justice. "I just love her," McGraw said, "because she comes in every day with a big smile on her face, no matter how much stress she's under. Things can go wrong in your life, but she always sees the silver lining."

McGraw said her family always believed that it was important to make the best of any situation. "Throughout life not everything goes as smoothly as you expect," Severe said. "Within my family we've always tried to have a positive attitude so that I try to bring a little bit of that to the team."

Severe attributes her positive attitude to the way she was raised. She said her family always believed that it is important to make the best of any situation.

"I've always come from a very loving family. We've always tried to see the silver lining and to not have a negative attitude about anything," Severe said.

Throughout life not everything goes as smoothly as you expect, but she always tries to make the best of any situation. Things can go wrong in your life, but she always sees the silver lining.

Le'Tania Severe brings the ball up the court against the Northwest All Stars in an Irish exhibition win Nov. 2. Severe, a two-time captain, provides the Irish with strong leadership.

"She just wants to win and she'll do whatever it takes. If that means she doesn't score, she doesn't score. She just defends and rebounds, whatever we have to do, she's going to do it."

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

Severe's personality and basketball skills have her up to become just the 15th two-year standout in Irish women's basketball history this season. She is the lone captain on the team after being a co-captain last season.

"It's a great honor to be captain two years in a row," Severe said.

McGraw said the senior deserves being a two-time captain because of her desire to win every time she steps on the court.

"She just wants to win and she'll do whatever it takes," McGraw said. "If that means she doesn't score, then she doesn't score. She just defends and rebounds, whatever we have to do, she's going to do it."

Teammate and fellow guard Megan Duffy said Severe has been a model for the other players to follow during her career.

"She probably brings the most intensity to our team," Duffy said. "She's always working hard. She's more of a leader by example and she comes to practice every day ready to work and she also a good example off the court as well."

Severe had to step into a leadership role earlier in her career than other players because of how young the Irish were during her sophomore season.

"Being a point guard you take a lot of the leadership role," Severe said. "Sophomore year was when I started to become a leader on the team because we had a lot of freshmen and I was kind of like an upperclassman. Since then on, especially as a senior, I have been very helpful and they to me a lot of times during games and practice for leadership."

Severe has been a mainstay on the women's basketball team for four years now, coming to Notre Dame from Pembroke Pines, Fla. She was a standout point guard on her Fort Lauderdale team and averaged 12.7 points, 6.1 assists and 4.4 steals her senior year. After being recruited by Florida State, Miami and Tulane, Severe chose the Irish for several reasons.

"When it came down to it, Notre Dame had the best athletic and academic reputation," Severe said.

Her career started with a national championship in the 2000-01 season. While she never started a game that year, Severe did play in 22 contests and that experience has continued to help her, even into her senior season.

"It was a great experience, especially to just come in and play behind a player like [Niele Ivey]," Severe said. "She taught me how to be a leader and how to give 100 percent every day. She always came in ready to practice and that's something I took from that year. I've tried to help the younger players every year to be still that [work ethic] into them every day."

In her sophomore season, Severe saw significantly more playing time, starting in 24 of the team's 30 games and averaging 6.6 points and leading the team with 4.9 assists per game.

Her junior year was even better as Severe started in all 32 games for Notre Dame and upped her points average to 7.3 and led the team again with 3.8 assists. She also added 2.15 steals.

Her best game that season helped send Notre Dame to the Sweet 16. The Irish played Kansas State in the second round of the NCAA Tournament on the Wildcats' home court. Kansas State had won 22 games in a row and was 29-4 entering their game against Notre Dame.

But the Wildcats hadn't counted on Severe playing so exceptionally, as the then-junior scorched Kansas State for 17 points, eight rebounds and four assists, while playing all 40 minutes, in the Irish 59-53 victory.

This season After winning the national title as a freshman, Severe has played on two other good, but not great, Irish teams. Notre Dame went 20-10 and lost in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in 2001-02 and followed that with a 21-10 record and a Sweet Sixteen appearance last season.

But this season, in her final year, Severe said she believes the team can move even further into the tournament.

"I think this team has a lot of potential," Severe said. "We're way ahead of where we were at this time the last two years. We're getting better every day and I'm happy with the way the team looks. I think we're going to do great things."

The Irish opened their season with a victory over then-No. 22 Arizona 77-64, before losing in overtime with then-No. 20 Colorado on the road. But both Muffet McGraw and Severe said the team has played well in both games.

Despite playing in the tough Big East conference, the team should challenge for a conference title with a very talented returning squad. McGraw said those returning players will be playing not only for themselves, but also to help Severe end her career as a winner.

"I think people generally like her because she's such a great person," McGraw said. "She's an easy person for the team to follow and she does things the way you're supposed to do it. She wants to go out a winner and the team would love to do that for her."

"She is the hardest worker every day," McGraw said. "She gives a 110 percent in the games and she never takes a minute off."

Contact Joe Hettler at jhetller@nd.edu
Junior trio will be deciding factor for '03-'04 Irish

Irish must rely on Batteast, Barton and Flecky to make the difference for this year's squad

During her team's championship run in 2001, Irish coach Muffet McGraw recruited the future of Notre Dame women's basketball, knowing her team would need a couple of years to rebuild before challenging for another title.

Two years later, McGraw knows the next two seasons present that championship opportunity. Jacqueline Batteast, Katy Flecky and Teresa Barton are the three remaining members of that recruiting class, and all three have played well in their first two seasons for the Irish.

But before, Notre Dame didn't have a true chance to win a title. The immediate post-Ruth Riley era was a time to rebuild for future championship chances. The team was inexperienced for the most part, and the pressure wasn't as high.

The X factor will be the three juniors and their ability to move from good players to every-game difference-makers.

Unlike 2001, when Notre Dame was expected to not just compete with but beat the Connecticut and Purdue's of the basketball world, the expectations were lowered in the following two years, as they should have been. Staying within striking distance until halftime was considered a pretty good game against tougher foes, and that's mainly what Notre Dame did against top teams. They would battle for a half before losing by 15 to 20 points.

Batteast, Flecky and Barton played well during those times. They improved throughout their first two seasons and showed great at times. Batteast was the team's most important outlet, with the loss of side threats, with the exception of the team's most important outside threat, with the loss of Alicia Ratay to graduation last season. Ratay ended her career with the highest career 3-point shooting percentage of all-time.

How those three improve will determine how far this Notre Dame team goes in the 2003-04 season. They have the pieces in place — a solid senior leader in LaTania Severe, two outstanding sophomores in Megan Duffy and Courtney LaVere and an impressive freshman class with three possibly immediate contributors. The X factor will be the three juniors and their ability to move from good players to every-game difference-makers.

McGraw saw that kind of talent in the trio over two years ago when she recruited them to be a part of Notre Dame's future. Two years later, the future is now and the hopes of another national championship run rests in the collective hands of three junior players who can make this team better than simply a good women's basketball team.

They can make them a great one.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Joe Hettler at jhettler@nd.edu