Robinson Learning Center receives HUD grant

Award will allow community resource center to expand its educational, recreational reach in northeast South Bend

By MICHAEL CHAMBLISS
News Writer

The Community Outreach Partnership Center branch of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awarded South Bend's Robinson Community Learning Center with a $398,097 grant.

For the last two years, the Robinson Community Learning Center, which is sponsored by the University, has provided educational and recreational services to South Bend's Northeast Neighborhood.

According to director Jay Caponigro, the grant will enable the center to expand its activities in the areas of youth mentoring, job training and preparation and lead poisoning prevention.

"In the youth mentoring initiative, we will utilize violence prevention training, educational tutoring and recreational opportunities to help at-risk children. The job-training component will target high school dropouts, ages 16 to 24, and help them acquire the skills to get decent jobs," Caponigro said. "There are a lot of positions in this area that pay well, and it is a matter of enabling people to get the hard and soft skills that they need.

The lead poisoning prevention project will seek to educate people as to the potential locations of dangerous lead materials in their homes in order to ensure that children will not ingest the toxic substance.

"Lead poisoning usually affects children in older homes, where the paint and other building materials contain lead," said Caponigro.

The center will undertake each initiative in collaboration with other groups and organizations.

"We have a lot of great partners," said Caponigro. "Goodwill Industries, the chemistry department, Memorial Hospital, the athletic department, Rec Sports, the Center for Social Concerns and others are all very helpful," said Caponigro.

Many Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students are active volunteers for the ROCL. Meredith Mechenbier, a Notre Dame junior and regular volunteer, is enthusiastic about the grant.

"Although the money is not here yet, it is clear that there will be a lot of new opportunities, at least for the people that are here on a regular basis, and know about the money, that this is a lot of excitement," said Mechenbier.

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Transgendered activist tells story

Bergman presents anecdotes of gender identity and confusion

By MEGHAN MARTIN
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Transgendered writer and activist S. Bear Bergman visited Notre Dame yesterday to perform "Ex Post Papa: Life as a Freelance Dyke Dad," a multimedia presentation billed in its promotional material as "theater about mentoring, gender and getting your parenting a la carte."

A dramatic monologue of a string of anecdotes set against a backdrop of black-and-white photographs taken by Bergman's wife Nicole, the performance pulled together Bergman's experiences as a mentor and advisor, or Ex Post Papa, to friends living outside the world of "straight society.

Bergman's first task was to clarify the meaning of gender and its greater implications.

"I am definitely of the opinion that there are more genders than just male or female," Bergman said. "I don't identify myself as a woman. I identify myself as transgendered. To be transgendered is to transcend, transgress ... to cross genders. Someone who is transgendered crosses our cultural conceptions of genders."

Dressed in khakis, a brown shirt and a pale yellow necklace, Bergman addressed the issues facing transgendered people in today's heterosexual society, from deciding whether to use the men's or women's restroom to utilizing the proper pronouns when referring to their own identities.

"People look, don't they? They stare, especially when I get close to the bathroom... Don't think it doesn't hurt," Bergman said during the performance, a picture of a bathroom sign projected on the back wall of the stage. "Wearing a hat? Or a tie? The little skin-wearing girl doesn't wear a hat — or a tie. The little pant-legged boy does.

In a talkback session with audience members following the performance, Bergman discussed the way in which something as simple as pronoun usage is influenced by our two-gender
INSIDE COLUMN

Praising Dean

I like Howard Dean. That is not to say that I think the shoot-from-the-hip Vermonter is the model of Democratic crusaderism, or that I believe his platform is entirely unsullied. In fact, Dean’s only irrefutable selling point is that he isn’t Bush.

So what catapults him to the top of the list of前台s for Bush Whacker 2004? In the words of his opponents: shock and awe.

In the midst of high finance campaigning and mindless insatiable Jarg—Dean’s grassroots approach and outspoken intellect certainly aston-

However, Dean’s shock value does not reside in his characteristic blun-

ness, but rather in his unexpectedly middle-of-the-road mixture of social progressivism and moderate eco-

nomic stance.

Despite the image that the GOP would love to project, Dean is a far cry from a bleeding-heart liberal. He exempts himself from extremes, rebuking liberals and conservatives alike.

He rejects the tax-and-spending of liberal democrats, asserting that his American political sphere revolves around — intellectual contention. He’s admittedly headstrong. Opinionated. Even arrogant. But should the leader of a world super-

power be a weak, mindless pushover?

In addition to his intelligence and can-do attitude, I like Dean’s princi-

ples and his staunch adherence to them.

Most significantly, I applaud Dean for his proposals to promote the rights of homosexuals and to reform the overzealous system of capital punishment in America.

Finally, I appreciate the fact that he did not support Bush’s war against Iraq. While Dean supported the disarmament of Iraq and the ousting of Saddam Hussein, he per-

ceived that America was in an immediate danger and that we were not prepared to help Iraqis once we won the war.

And he was right.

Now that we have alienated ourselves from our allies and have left an entire country in a state of disso-

lution, and now that we know that our entire populace was duped into believing in non-existent nukes, we need a new man in charge.

America needs to renew its focus on social justice and peaceful inter-

vention, and Dean might just be the man to get the ball rolling.

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

CORRECTIONS

On page three of the Dec. 2 issue, the final score for the Notre Dame/Saint Mary game was incorrectly printed. The correct final score is 77-70.

On page two, under "Sports" the week before’s "Sports" was duplicated. The water and dinner were incorrectly identified. Matthew Kaneto doctored the film and still does not know why.

The Observer regrets the errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE LINE FROM A CHRISTMAS MOVIE?

"Christmas. It's so hot right now. Christmas." — Joe Quinlan, Senior, Fisher

"Buddy the Elf. What's your favorite color?" — Ashley Gross, Sophomore, Regina

"You'll shoot your eye out!" — Kiley Kane, Law student, Off-campus

"Believing isn't seeing. Seeing is believing." — Shannon Hopkins, Sophomore, LeMans

"And his heart grew three times too large." — James Rudy, Freshman, Alumni

"Ahhhhhh!" — Kat Moravek, Sophomore, Holy Cross

IN BRIEF

The Saint Mary’s Student Activities Board will present its annual “Christmas Around the World” celebration at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13 at the LeMans Hall Reineghaus Lounge.

The ND Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will perform “Handel’s Messiah” tonight at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are available for $3 at the LaFortune Box Office.

Come “Stump the Priest” this evening at Theology on Tap. Both questions about the Church, religion and spirituali-

ty. Food and non-alcoholic bever-

ages will be provided. The event begins at 10 p.m. tonight at Legends.

Stop by the “Howard Hallday” on Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. The event will include Christmas tree decorating, marshmallow roasting and Christmas music. Bring a toy to donate to the South Bend Homeless Shelter.

Start your Christmas shopping early. Flyside will spon-

sor a shopping trip to Chicago on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for $5 at the LaFortune Box Office.

The Notre Dame Glee Club will present their annual Christmas concert on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the LaFortune Box Office for $3. All money raised will benef-

it the South Bend Center for the Homeless.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed infor-

mation about an event to observers@nd.edu.

OFFBEAT

Glowl-in-the-dark pet fish coming soon SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The nation’s first genetically-

altered household pet — a fish that glows in the dark — is set to begin appearing in stores next month everywhere except perhaps California, the only state with a ban on lab-engineered species.

On Wednesday, the California Fish and Game Commission is scheduled to take up an application from Yorktown Technologies of Austin, Texas, to market the GloFish in California. State wildlife officials have concluded that the Florida-grown fluorescent zebra fish poses no danger, and they have recommend-

ed that the state exempt it from the ban. But environ-

mental and public interest groups, along with com-

mercial fishermen, oppose an exemption.

Australian sells bottled water for dogs CANBERRA, Australia — An Australian launched the latest accessory for pam-

pered pooches Tuesday — bottled water in flavors like chicken and corn, liver and bacon, or beef.

The purified Dog Plus K-9 water went on sale in pet stores at $2.10 for 1.3 pint plastic bottles.

“It’s like a sports drink for dogs,” said Andrew Larkey who thought up the idea. “Dogs get bored with plain water — they deserve variety just as much as people.”

Larkey plans a similar line of drinks for cats, in roast chicken and pork fla-

vers early next year.

People can safely drink it as well, he said, but it probably won’t be a hit with humans.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

A Saint Mary’s student waits in line for food at the Noble Family Dining Hall during lunch on Tuesday. The dining hall opened at the start of this semester, replacing an older facility.

LOCAL WEATHER

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Wednesday, December 3, 2003
Members elect new chairman, debate TCE release

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

The Faculty Senate elected chemistry professor Seth Brown as its new chairperson at its Tuesday meeting. Brown succeeded John Robinson, who stepped down due to ill health.

Jacqueline Brogan was appointed to Brown's previous position, chair of the Academic Affairs committee.

The Academic Affairs committee discussed the library budget, specifically the loss of significant journal subscriptions. "I'm really stunned at the loss of online services that could be made cheaper, but aren't being recognized by the University as legitimate," said Brogan. "If they want us to be the best of the best, then we have to have these journals."

The Administrative Affairs committee announced that they will present revisions to the grievance procedure resolution at the Senate's next meeting. The committee plans to consider student complaints regarding the newly formatted letter being sent to tenure candidates in the College of Arts and Letters.

Many faculty members have expressed dissatisfaction with the new requirements these letters set forth. "Many feel that the stakes have been raised significantly," said chair of the Administrative Affairs committee Paula Higgins.

The Benefits committee also updated the Senate on their progress and announced plans to meet with retirees to discuss issues and concerns regarding health benefits for retirees.

The Student Affairs committee will participate in an Academic Council ad hoc committee to consider student proposals for changes in the format of Teacher Course Evaluations.

"There is no great opposition to publication of [TCE's] as long as faculty concerns are met."

Jay Brandenberger, chairman, Academic Council ad hoc committee

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Join us for the last program of the semester on Wednesday, December 3rd, to hear Fathers J. Steele & Kevin Rousseau attempt to answer all those questions you've always had about Catholicism but have never had the chance to ask.

"Bring it on."

-Fr. Kevin
We're right next door to Notre Dame. I'm against the word 'queer' throughout the way to describe something that is heart's desire in a society that will enforce pronouns when I feel it's non-standard in many ways." Bergenman said that the visit, which used humor and personal experiences to tackle a subject not often addressed within the society, was part of a national effort to break down stereotypes and provide the kind of support. Bergenman experienced while tackling gender identity. The support of Bergenman's father was the subject of much of the performance.

"I have no student loans, no dresses in my closet, and no doubt where my father is. Every day... being a father includes protecting, it includes supporting," Bergenman said. "I now know my father is the gay answer center for parents... (His answer?) 'Just love your kid. Is she moral, decent, kind? Does someone love her the way your daughter deserves to be loved?' Gay, straight — doesn’t matter."

Others, Bergenman said, were not as supportive.

"It does make people sometimes very uncomfortable," Bergenman said. "I understand gender in this society very well. I am totally in favor of gender. What I am against is the bipolar gender system that says we are man and woman. People begin to police their behaviors and their desires to make sure we are staying in the gender, and the way in which modern society often confines the two.

"People think that if they understand my genitals, they will understand my gender," Bergenman said. "That is completely untrue. Gender and sex are not the same thing. They are a product of societal and cultural systems that classify people, dependent upon their sexual organs and secondary sexual characteristics.

Bergman's performance, unprecedented on Notre Dame's campus, was sponsored by a number of on- and off-campus groups. Organizations such as OutreachND and the Psychology Club joined with such academic institutions as the sociology and psychology departments, among many others, to bring Bergenman's performance to campus.

Bergman said that the performance, based on years of activism and personal advocacy, is brought to campuses and other venues to elicit a change in the way people with non-standard sexual orientations are viewed and treated.

"I feel like people should be able to express themselves in gendered ways... completely regardless of our cultural con­structs of man or woman," Bergenman said. "Society should change to accept the way you are."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Russia against Kyoto Protocol -  In what was a moral blow to the accord aimed at halting global warming, a top Kremlin official said Tuesday that Russia won't ratify the Kyoto Protocol limiting greenhouse gas emissions because it will hurt the country's economy.

The United States rejected the accord for the same reason. Without Moscow, the protocol cannot come into effect even if approved by every other nation because only Russia's industrial emissions are large enough to tip the balance.

The pollution cuts required by the treaty won't slow the economic growth that President Vladimir Putin has made a major priority, said top adviser Andrei Illarionov.

"In its current form, the Kyoto Protocol places significant limitations on the economic growth of Russia," Illarionov told reporters in the Kremlin on the sidelines of Putin's meeting with European business leaders. "Of course, this current form of this protocol can't be ratified."

LOYALTY TO HUSSEIN DECLINING - Baghdad, Iraq — Workers began dismantling giant bronze busts of Saddam Hussein in Baghdad on Tuesday, while U.S. troops to the north arrested at least 20 insurgents in a raid — both moves aimed at stamping out loyalty to Iraq's ousted regime.

Iraqi police said a senior former member of Saddam's elite Republican Guard was among those captured in clawing, 155 miles north of Baghdad. However, the U.S. troops failed to catch the target of the raid — Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, considered a key planner of attacks against U.S. troops.

NATIONAL NEWS

Court debates warrant serving - Washington — After knocking, police don't have to wait longer than 20 seconds before breaking into the home of a drug suspect, a unanimous Supreme Court ruled Tuesday in a case involving a man who said he needed more time to get from the shower to the door.

Local authorities emerged unguyed and asked to find masked, heavily armed officers searching for drugs in his Las Vegas apartment in 1998. His case gave the court its first opportunity to say how long police must wait before breaking into a home to serve a warrant.

The court didn't set a specific standard but said the 20-second rule in the case was long enough. Any more time would give drug suspects an opportunity to flush evidence down the toilet.

Boeing scandal affects Pentagons - Washington — The Pentagon will delay plans to acquire 100 air refueling tankers from Boeing in light of a scandal at the aerospace giant that has led to the dismissal of a top executive and caused the conduct of the two executives to be examined whether the conduct of the two executives had any negative impact on the contract to lease 20 tankers and buy another 40.

INDIANA NEWS

Turkeys return to Portage - Portage, Ind. — One of the greatest success stories in wildlife restoration in United States history comes to an end in a forest or field near you.

Officials from the Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife are currently evaluating parts of east central Indiana — including Jay, Blackford, Handolph and Adams counties — for wild turkey habitat.

Turkeys from other locations in Indiana, most likely southern Indiana, could then be trapped and relocated to areas where wild populations no longer exist.

Man arrested for kidnapping - Grand Forks, N.D. — A man described by authorities as a predatory sex offender was arrested and charged with kidnapping in a case that has disappeared into the history of a college student. But authorities said Tuesday the young woman was still missing.

Drug Sjödin, 22, a University of North Dakota student from Pequot Lakes, Minn., vanished Nov. 22 after leaving her job at Victoria's Secret at Columbia Mall in Grand Forks.

"Dru, we will find you," Grand Forks Police Chief John Puckett said at a briefing Tuesday. "With the arrest of Alfonso Rodriguez Jr. last night, this investigation has only reached the 50-yard line. As additional charges and information comes available, we will not be satisfied until Dru has been located and comforted until such time as we are able to say Dru is safe."

Alfonso Rodriguez, 50, was arrested Monday in Crookston, Minn., about 30 miles from Grand Forks, where he lives, police said. He had been expected to appear in court Tuesday, but officials said the appearance would be delayed until Wednesday morning. Court documents in the case were sealed.

Authorities declined to discuss what led them to Rodriguez, other than to say they had probable cause to believe he was involved in the disappearance of Sjödin. Authorities later, there, was only the sound of static and num­ bers being pressed, he said.

The case had drawn more than 1,300 volun­ teers who have searched the area without success. In addition, about 30 FBI agents, along with investi­ gators from 20 different agencies in three states and the Canadian province of Manitoba, were working on the case. A $140,000 reward was offered.

"I'm a widow and I'm older, and I was scared, but I had my son-in-law come over and install a motion light after he (Rodriguez) moved in," Thygeson said. "Another neighbor, Milton Stave, said "there were a lot of frightened people around" when Rodriguez returned to the community.

Ohio highway shootings connected - Columbus, Ohio — Twelve shootings on Ohio's five-mile stretch of interstate this year are connected, including one that killed a woman, police said Tuesday.

Four of the shootings — three at vehicle stop scenes and one at a school — were a part of what police said was a "bolt of lightning" in the area in recent months.

Authorities, who have received more than 500 tips, would not speculate on the shooter or why 43 people were shot in 50 days, and would not release the type of weapon.

"Collectively, we think it's not good for us to put that information out," Martin said.

Local businesses have established a $10,000 reward for information lead­ ing to an arrest.

Investigators on Monday linked the Nov. 11 shooting at Hamilton Township Elementary School to the others — making it the 12th shooting police announced in the case.

The school in Obitus is about two miles from the freeway. Superintendent Bill Wittman said he believes the shooter was not in the school and would not have released the type of weapon.
Suspected terrorist gets lawyer access

Pentagon announces that U.S.-born suspect Hamdi will be allowed full lawyer, trial rights

WASHINGTON - Reversing course, Pentagon officials have decided to allow a U.S.-born terrorism suspect access to a lawyer, the Department announced Tuesday.

The Defense Department will make access requests over the next few days for a lawyer to visit Yasser Hamdi, who is subject to appropriate security restrictions, a Pentagon statement said. Hamdi is being held as an "enemy combatant," a designation the Bush administration says denies him rights to a lawyer or a trial.

The Supreme Court is considering whether to hear an appeal from a public defender, Frank Dunham, who challenged Hamdi's detention and wanted to act as his lawyer. Dunham did not return telephone and e-mail messages seeking comment Tuesday evening.

Dunham had asked the Supreme Court to decide if the government has uprooted an internation­ally imprisoned Hamdi without access to attorneys and without charges being filed against him.

The Pentagon announcement came one day before the Bush administration was scheduled to file a response to the Supreme Court to that appeal.

Hamdi will be allowed to decide whether he wants to meet with Dunham, a military lawyer or a private attorney, said Air Force Maj. John Smith, a spokesman for the Defense Department.

Hamdi is being held in the U.S. Navy brig in Charleston, S.C. He was captured in November 2001. Originally taken to a prison for terrorism suspects in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, he was transferred to the United States in April 2002 after military authorities determined he had been born in Louisiana and therefore is a U.S. citizen.

The Pentagon statement said that allowing Hamdi access to a lawyer "is not required by domestic or international law and should not be treated as a precedent."

Officials decided to grant the access to a lawyer because Hamdi is a U.S. citizen and the Bush administration has finished interrogat­ing him, the Pentagon statement said. Hamdi has not been charged with any crime.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., rejected Dunham's appeal challenging his detention, ruling that the president has wide powers to detain enemy combatants during wartime.

The Bush administration argues that international law and domestic law do not apply to Hamdi because he is an "enemy combatant," a designation that under international law allows for detention without charge or trial.

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Pentagon statement

SUV safety set to improve

WASHINGTON - The auto industry is adopting standards to improve the safety of vehicles in side-impact crashes over the next five years.

The Washington-based Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, which represents 10 automakers, plans to announce the commitment Thursday. The standards are voluntary, but automakers are expected to implement them by 2009.

Alliance spokesman Eron Shosteck said Tuesday that automakers adopted a set of performance standards that can be met through a variety of safety devices, including side-impact air bags and improved door beams and bumpers.

Shosteck said most automakers will be able to meet the new standards by adopting side- and head-pro­tecting air bags. Automakers also may make design changes to the front of sport utility vehicles so there is a lesser height difference in collisions with passenger cars.

The Alliance and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, which is funded by insurers, promised to develop the voluntary standards in February in a letter to Dr. Jeffrey Runge, administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Some safety groups have argued against voluntary standards, saying they hold no weight because automak­ers can choose not to adopt them.

Runge has said volunt­y standards can bring safety enhance­ments to the market more quickly, since the gov­ernment's regulatory process can require years. Shosteck said the Alliance planned to send the automakers' offer to Runge on Tuesday.
Steelworkers protest policies

President visits Pittsburgh for fundraiser as workers rally to keep steel tariff from approval

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For Disney and its Stanley Gold have called on Eisner to resign, saying he is to blame for a tumbling stock price, embarrassing management mistakes and a focus on short-term profits over the company's core mission.

But odds are that Eisner, credited with turning a sleepy theme park company and also-ran movie studio into a major media conglomerate, will keep his job at least until his contract expires in 2006.

"Mr. Eisner did a very good job for a long time for the company," said Harold Vogel of Vogel Capital Management in New York. "He now has stronger board and governance procedures than he ever had before, which would mute complaints of institutional holders, and institutions are not clamoring for him to leave."

In resigning their posts on Disney's board of directors this week, both Roy Disney, nephew of Walt, and Gold, singled out Eisner and his management style as the main factors in the decline of Disney's fortunes over the past seven or eight years.

"You had a very successful first 10 years at the company in partnership with Frank Wells, for which I salute you," Roy Disney wrote in his resignation letter Sunday.

"But, since Frank's untimely death in 1994, the company has lost its focus, its creative energy and its heritage."

Wells died in a helicopter crash.

Eisner is famous for managing every aspect of Disney's business, from approving carpet patterns in hotels to commenting on TV and movie scripts.

The president and his top aides overestimated the political advantages of the tariffs and underestimated the downside, even some Republican advisers suggest privately.

The World Trade Organization ruled last month that the tariffs are illegal. Bush has until Dec. 10 to act or risk retaliatory tariffs beginning Dec. 15.

"A trade war would be very hard on the U.S. economy, particularly at a time when it's still very fragile," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Econo­my.com, a research and consulting firm in West Chester, Pa.

"The global economic costs would be too great for the administration to risk."

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For Disney and its Stanley Gold have called on Eisner to resign, saying he is to blame for a tumbling stock price, embarrassing management mistakes and a focus on short-term profits over the company's core mission.

But odds are that Eisner, credited with turning a sleepy theme park company and also-ran movie studio into a major media conglomerate, will keep his job at least until his contract expires in 2006.

"Mr. Eisner did a very good job for a long time for the company," said Harold Vogel of Vogel Capital Management in New York. "He now has stronger board and governance procedures than he ever had before, which would mute complaints of institutional holders, and institutions are not clamoring for him to leave."

In resigning their posts on Disney's board of directors this week, both Roy Disney, nephew of Walt, and Gold, singled out Eisner and his management style as the main factors in the decline of Disney's fortunes over the past seven or eight years.

"You had a very successful first 10 years at the company in partnership with Frank Wells, for which I salute you," Roy Disney wrote in his resignation letter Sunday.

"But, since Frank's untimely death in 1994, the company has lost its focus, its creative energy and its heritage."

Wells died in a helicopter crash.

Eisner is famous for managing every aspect of Disney's business, from approving carpet patterns in hotels to commenting on TV and movie scripts.

The president and his top aides overestimated the political advantages of the tariffs and underestimated the downside, even some Republican advisers suggest privately.

The World Trade Organization ruled last month that the tariffs are illegal. Bush has until Dec. 10 to act or risk retaliatory tariffs beginning Dec. 15.

"A trade war would be very hard on the U.S. economy, particularly at a time when it's still very fragile," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Econo­my.com, a research and consulting firm in West Chester, Pa.

"The global economic costs would be too great for the administration to risk."
This was a holiday to remember

This last Thanksgiving holiday is one that I will not soon forget — at least not in the span of the next 24 hours because I went from living America at its best to America at its worst. To be perfectly honest, last Thursday was shaping up to be just like any other turkey day. Like every other American, I planned to stuff myself to the gills with corn pudding, mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie and all the other great Thanksgiving fare. After about three, four or maybe even five trips through the family buffet line with my stomach on the verge of exploding, I would finally say enough is enough. Now weighing 10 pounds heavier than the day before, it was time for the only exercise of the day. Somehow I would muster the energy to get up from my chair at the dining table, walk 10 feet to lie down on the couch and then let the tryptophan kick into high gear. There is nothing like falling asleep in front of the Dallas Cowboys game. Only this year was different; this year my favorite holiday was a little more special than usual. Instead of falling asleep, I stayed awake flipping through the news reports, 41 year-old Patricia Licandro was reported to have died in a mad rush to buy a toy. The Licandro family from Orange City, Iowa is considering changing the name of their daughter in memory of her. Joe Licandro is a senior political science major. His column appears every other Wednesday. He can be reached at jlicandro@nds.edu.

We now live in a culture that has grown so materialistic that people actually risk their lives shopping for Christmas presents.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Until one feels the spirit of Christmas, there is no Christmas. All else is outward display — so much tinsel and decorations. For it is not the tree, not the firelight's glow. It is the warmth that comes to the hearts of men when the Christmas spirit returns again."

anonymous
Banning partial birth abortions

Editor's note: Because the late-term abortion procedure is a current political issue and some descriptions of the procedure may be considered graphic, references to the procedure have been included in this column. Individuals who might be disturbed by this language are cautioned.

The new federal law banning "partial-birth abortion" will not stop a single abortion and it will probably be struck down by the courts. So why did they enact it?

Most abortions after 12 or 13 weeks are done by dilation and evacuation. The cervix, or entrance to the womb, is dilated, the fetal sac is punctured and drained and the unborn child's head is crushed. The body is then disemboweled and removed with suction and forceps.

Abortionist Martin Haskell developed an alternative, dilation and extraction, because "most surgeons find dismemberment at 20 weeks and beyond to be difficult due to the toughness of fetal tissues" and because dilation and evacuation can involve a risk of perforating the uterus.

Dilation extraction is called "partial-birth abortion." In partial birth abortion, which is done after 20 weeks, the cervix is dilated to allow removal of the child's body except for the head. The abortionist uses forceps to deliver the baby feet first up to the head which is too large for the opening. He inserts scissors into the back of the baby's skull and opens the scissors to enlarge the hole. He inserts a suction tube and sucks out the brains. The empty skull then collapses enough to fit through the opening. The new law contains Congressional "factual findings" that "during [partial birth abortion] the child will fully experience the pain associated with piercing his or her skull and sucking out his or her brain." The Alan Guttmacher Institute reported this year that 2,200 partial birth abortions were performed in the United States in 2000. In 1996, 650 were performed.

In Stenberg v. Carhart, decided in 2000, the Supreme Court struck down the Nebraska ban on partial birth abortion because it failed to allow partial birth abortion to preserve the "health" of the mother. "Health" includes mental and emotional health and it amounts to abortion on request. In the new law Congress declared that partial birth abortion "is never medically necessary to preserve the health of a woman." The Supreme Court is unlikely to defer to Congressional findings on any law restricting abortion.

The new law allows a partial birth abortion if it is necessary to save the mother's life when it is endangered by a "physical condition." This exception can be evaluated; it could include a physical condition arising from the mother's asserted disposition to commit suicide.

The Congressional findings call partial birth abortion a "gruesome and inhumane procedure that is never medically necessary and should be prohibited." So, how can it be allowed even to preserve the life of the killer?

As Ron Fitzsimmons, of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, said in 1997, "It has a world impact of a partial birth abortion ban "is virtually nil." He said doctors would use an alternative method such as dilation and evacuation, "making sure the fetus is dead before extracting it." Or the abortionist could do a hysterotomy, an abortion procedure of a cesarean section.

If the partial birth abortion ban will not stop any abortions, why did Congress enact it? Republicans who are not on abortion voted for the law to obtain "pro-life" certification from the Beltway pro-life establishment. President Bush signed it, confirming his "pro-life" credentials for the 2004 election. "The Republicans got a free vote," said Judie Brown of the American Life League. "It was the least they could get away with in order to receive the pro-life vote."

The partial birth abortion ban, however, is a pro-life tactical victory because the campaign for it raised awareness of abortion. "With [partial birth abortion], you cannot miss the baby," said Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA). Pro-aborts fear that if people focus on partial birth abortion they might realize that the "choice" in every abortion is in the moral but not the legal sense — to murder. Unfortunately, the emphasis on the closeness of partial birth abortion to infanticide might cause people to forget that the use of a morning-after pill is no less a murder than the debriennent of a birthing infant by partial birth abortion.

The enactment of the partial birth abortion ban is a less a triumph than a sign of futility for the establishment pro-life movement. In a civilized society, the issue is not whether innocent human beings may be intentionally and legally killed. Over the past three decades, pro-life leaders, including the bureaucracy of the Catholic bishops, have sought to limit, but not wholly prohibit, abortion, thus framming the issue as one in which innocents may be killed. The partial birth abortion effort is a further retreat, avoiding the issue not in terms of whether and not even in terms of how innocent human beings may be allowed and legally killed.

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Respect views of others

Monday night, after studying all evening in a booth in the basement of LaFortune, I packed up my books and got up to leave. I glanced at the booth beside me, where two guys were huddled around a laptop screen. Despite their attempts to hide it, I had a clear view of the extremely explicit pornographic video they were watching.

I quietly informed the two students that I found the material offensive and suggested that they had no business bringing such videos into public. Embarrassed, they muttered apologies.

My question is: When did the objectification and disregard for the dignity of the human body become so accepted that two guys have no qualms about viewing such material, albeit covertly, in the student center of a University where one might hope that women are treated with respect for their minds and characters, rather than objectified by two guys who get their kicks out of using images of women for their own selfish pleasure?

Explicit material brought into the open constitutes sexual harassment under University policy, as I learned during a conversation with the Office of Residential Life. No one, male or female, should have to view images whose content are offensive to them, whether they are in La Fortune or walking down a dorm's hallway. When I saw the video, my heart hurt, for although they were not objectifying me individually, I am a woman and felt personally offended by the use of a woman's body as an anonymous object.

No human being should be used as a means to a selfish end. This issue has been addressed throughout history, in fact, I believe a civil war was fought over a hundred years ago in this country over the question of whether a human being should be seen and used as an object devoid of personal dignity.

No one is anonymous. The woman in the video had parents. She is someone's daughter, maybe someone's sister. What if she were your sister? Or your daughter?

Forgive me for daring to mention something that media don't do, but it is the season of Advent, when Christians await the celebration of Christ's incarnation. The issue is one of the dignity of the human body. Let us take this discussion of respect and love which we owe to every human being.

Erin Griswold
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Jay-Z says goodbye

By KENYATTA STORIN
Senior Music Critic

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Jay-Z has created a farewell album, but only time will tell if it is his last.

The Black Album
Jay-Z
Def Jam Records

On the whole, the Black Album is well done, but its narrow subject matter and occasionally inconsistent production keep it from joining the same league as Jay-Z's classics, Reasonable Doubt and The Blueprint. But it is still a solid record, and there is no denying the skill of Jay-Z. After all, no other MC has the staying power of Jay-Z. Since he debuted in 1996, Jay-Z has witnessed many rappers rise and fall from superstardom, while remaining at the top. And as much as it looks like it, this is not the end for Jay-Z. Undoubtedly, either idleness, his love for rap, or maybe even jabs from his nemesis, Nas, will provoke him to return.

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The Beatles simply let it be

By JULIE BENDER
Senior Music Critic

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The year was 1969, and as the tumultuous decade that had seen the clash of civil rights, the assassination of a president, the Summer of Love and the rise of Vietnam, came to a close, so was rock n' roll. To give the reigning band its due, the Beatles released the album Let It Be. The result is a stellar collection of songs, and the last one, the title track, is anchored by the warm, coral-hued vocals and sparse but perfect piano line of George Harrison. Although the title, Let It Be..., suggests a sparse song instrumental, the album is far different from the Anthology series released in the 1990s. The producers, Paul Higgs, Guy Massey and Allan Rose, brought out the best of this band's classic material.

On this album is "The Long and Winding Road." The 1970 version of this song was over-saturated with grandiose background instrumentation that hid its core beauty. On this take, it is simply McCartney and his piano with subtle percussion accompaniment and a supporting keyboard solo in the middle. Shed of its lavish orchestration, the song is heard as a clever anecdote about a run in with a veteran. It is a song that can be enjoyed with the results, the Beatles were too engrossed in their legal battles to record. It simply the Beatles and their fans and too exhausted for the daunting task of reviewing the hours of studio tage, allowing him to showcase his lyrical prowess. He clearly feels like he has nothing left to prove on "What More Can I Say," sampling Russell Crowe's classic "Are you not entertained?" speech from Gladiator and later following with the boast, "Pour for pound I'm the best to ever come around here."

Cheerily implementing the names of all his albums in the chorus of the Eumenides-produced "A Moment of Clarity," Jay-Z defends his right for changing his music for money and popularity: "If skills sold, truth be told, I'd probably be lyrically, Tallib Kweli / Truthfully I wanna rhyme like Common Sense / But I did five mill -- ain't been rhymin like Common since." And even though he claims he is quitting rap, he maintains on his last album, including track, "My 1st Song," that his love for rap is still as strong as it ever was: "The song that I sing to you is my everything / Treat my first like my last, and my last like my first / My thirst is the same as when I came."

But as good as his rhymes are, Jay-Z spends a little too much time focusing on himself. Rap has always been about self-promotion and boasting, but that is no excuse for the lack of variety in Jay-Z's subject matter, which hurts the overall longevity of the album. Thankfully, the only true lyrical mishap is the corny, autobiographical "December 4th," which is bogged down by mundane anecdotes from his mother, Gloria Carter. Nevertheless, missing are a few more varied tracks like the party jam "Dirt Off Your Shoulders" by Timbaland, or the vibrant Rick Rubin produced story rap "99 Problems," where Jay-Z bitterly attacks the rap media, and contrives a clever anecdote about a run in with a racist police officer. As usual, Jay-Z backed by an all-star cast of producers, and all of the aforementioned tracks have solid beats. However, other tracks are a bit more disappointing. The Neptunes ("Change Clothes," "Allure") in particular fail under their capabilities as their beats are oddly tame, and lack the spice and flavor they normally have. 9th Wonder's "Threat" and DJ Quik's "Justify My Thug" has its moments, but are also not up to par with the rest of the album's production.

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Let It Be... Naked
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Blink 182 shows signs of maturity

By EMILY TUMBRINK
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When thinking of Blink 182, images of near-nude So-Cal punks performing songs with raunchy lyrics immediately come to mind. However, on the band's latest self-titled release, its fourth major-label album, these childish antics are noticeably absent. When describing this obvious change, singer/guitarist Tom DeLonge told MTV, "We were young. We want to go out and break sh-- and we grew up in Southern California, that's just kind of who we are, but at this point in our life, with this career, we love art, and we wanna create art that's developed from what we all learned from being in a band for the past 11 years."

A sure sign of the band's new-found maturity, Blink 182 eventually abandoned the working title of its recent release, The Friendship I and II, opting instead for the more conventional Entitled. Not only is this change a sign of maturity, but also signals that something different should be expected from this album.

With most songs addressing more adult themes, including romantic woe, depression, and loneliness, Blink 182's latest album has a much more serious tone than all previous releases, with the entire thing written in the vein of "Adam's Song," the track about suicide found on 1999's Enema of the State.

Despite the apparent darkness of the album, it should not be described as "boring." Blink 182 succeeds in creating a unique sound, one that is both moments for rocking out, and one that is some what experimental for this band of pranksters. Blink 182 demonstrates that the cynical Brits Clearlake deliver a humdinger

By MATTHEW SOLARSKI
Scene Music Critic

Should the illustrious isle of our forefathers, Great Britain, ever find itself forced to restrict its exports to the two, please let them be cynicism and great music. With that said, let us now extend a hearty, red-blooded American welcome to Clearlake. On their latest offering, Cedars, the British rock outfit has achieved both par excellence.

Clearlake came together relatively recently, consisting of lead singer, guitarist and principal songwriter Jason Pegg, guitarist and keyboardist Sam Hewitt, bassist David Woodward, and drummer James Butcher. These boys have crafted twelve superb tracks of it — all worthy of serious listening. Guitars ascend, crash and simmer. Eerie piano lines weave their way among brooding vocal harmonies. Smoldering bass-lines set the foundation for a concise and interesting release.

Only the cynical Brits can take a sunny aphorism like "keep smiling"—a track from the track of the same name—and twist it into a snide assault on the misrepresentation of its true sentiments. Peggs quips: "Keep smiling / it'll make things that much easier / Don't say how you really feel / You won't be helping anyone."

A similar dark humor pervades "The Mind Is Evil," a string-adorned tune that could almost be the lead character's lamentation number in a musical. Here, Peggs proclaims: "And sometimes I think if I killed off my mind / Then my heart and I / would be free."

Not to wax optimistic for long, however, the singer quickly adds, "But somehow it knows / what I'm thinking about / And it's always / that one step ahead of me."

Futuilarthianism never sounded so good.

Interestingly, the record in many ways echoes the redundancies of the natural day. The opening track, "Almost The Same," bursts forth from the stereo like a rude awakening, only to instantly mollify any disgruntled sleeper with an upbeat, driving melody and harmonious vocals. The tracks that follow are decidedly more up-tempo and somehow daytime-oriented. Midway through the album, a ghostly lomotive rumbles in, heralding the arrival of night and the woozy number "Keep Smiling." From here on out, the tracks roll into one another, expertly evoking the many moods of the witching hour, from the exaltation of "Treat Yourself With Kindness" to the drunken waltzing of "Trees in The City."

By the album's end, Clearlake has taken the listener on an aural journey that is not soon forgotten. Clearlake appears to be one of those rare bands whose approach seems conventional yet innovative all at once. In this regard they recall American counterparts REM and others, however musically their style is more in tune with that of early Blur. Indeed, tracks like "There's No Other Way" would feel right at home among the pepper numbers on Cedars.

The album falters in any realm, it's lyrical, and even then only at forgivable intervals. At times it seems Clearlake is guilty of redundancy for the sake of rhyme, tacking on needless phrases for the sole purpose of creating an easy phonetic match. A master pop songwriter can achieve rhyme, rhythm and melody while retaining the seamless flow of a narrative that actually goes places. And while Clearlake has not quite attained this, the band is well on its way, and these minor faults hardly detract from the sheer enjoyment of a listen to Cedars.

All in all, the land across the pond does not disappoint, yet again.

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Dallas won despite shooting only 41 percent from the field and finishing 2-for-13 from 3-point range. The Mavericks had 20 turnovers, 17 rebounds, 15 more than the Wizards. "We won by 25 so something had to go right, but our energy level wasn't as high as it's been the last few games," Jamison said. "I don't know what it was, but we didn't come out with the effort we needed." 

Steve Nash added 14 points and Eduardo Najera had 13 points and 11 rebounds, both season highs, to help Dallas improve to 10-0 at home. The Mavericks know they'll have to raise their game by several notches on Thursday night if they hope to protect their home court record against the Los Angeles Lakers.

"Sometimes you play as poor as the team you're playing and I thought that was the case tonight," Dallas coach Don Nelson said. "Some things may have led to that. We know the Lakers are coming in. We have to play better than that if we are going to beat the Lakers." 

Larry Hughes had 12 points and Brendan Haywood grabbed a career-high 16 rebounds for the Wizards, who've lost five of six after their most lopsided defeat of the season.

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Toronto Raptors guard Jamaal Magloire and forward Tracy Murray celebrate their overtime victory over the Philadelphia 76ers with Jordan Farmar, of the United States, on Tuesday night at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto. The Raptors defeated the 76ers 95-88 in overtime. (AP Photo/Eric Walschowski)

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Jones to forego final season at Virginia Tech

Associated Press

Virginia Tech running back Kevin Jones announced Wednesday he will skip his senior season and enter the NFL draft.

Jones said he made his decision very early. "I told him going into the season that if he was going to be a No. 1 draft pick, he needed to go," Kite said in an interview from home, adding that he met with Jones and Beamer for several hours Monday and Tuesday. "It's a no-brainer." Jones, a 6-foot, 221-pound junior projected as possibly the top offensive back in the draft, has rushed for a school-record 1,494 yards this season, averaging 5.6 yards for 265 carries. He has scored 20 touchdowns and caught 10 passes for 136 yards.

"Next year could be even better, but I'd like him to take it to the next level and get better, and that's what he's going to do," Thomas Jones said, adding that the decision is the product of discussions that have been evolving throughout the season.

"At one point during the season we were saying top 10. If not that, then come on back," Thomas Jones said. "Then you start really thinking about it, and the chance of being a first-round draft pick is a great honor anywhere. When that's on the table with the chance of being injured, you just can't pass that by. It's time to move on."

Jones said late in the season that he was unsure what he would do and wanted to wait until after the bowl game to decide, but his father said he's been pretty certain his son would make himself available for the draft since the middle of the season.

"We started getting some pretty good feedback from sources we've got," he said. "Continue to do this, continue to do that and things are going to look right.

"It's the fruit of all his labor." Earlier this season, Temple coach Bobby Wallace said he recruited Bo Jackson and played against Herschel Walker and that Jones fit into the same lofty category.

"He's got the combination of size, strength, feet, cutback ability and pure speed," Wallace said. "You really have to defend the whole field with him and not overpursue, but when you can't overpursue, how do you catch him because he's so fast?"

Jones last game was one of his least productive as Virginia limited him to 75 yards on 25 carries, but Cavaliers coach Al Groh, a longtime NFL assistant and former head coach of the New York Jets for one season, agreed that Jones is an elite tailback.

"He's head and shoulders the most elusive back that we've faced," Groh said. "He's got great lateral quickness, he's got a tremendous burst and he's got long speed. When he gets through, ... you'll never see anybody catch him."

Jones was viewed by many as the nation's top high school tailback when he entered Virginia Tech in 2001, and he showed why right away. Playing mostly as a backup, Jones rushed for 957 yards and started the last four games, including the Gator Bowl.

As a sophomore, with starter Lee Suggs back from an injury, Jones was again a backup and ran for 871 yards despite missing almost two full games with a hamstring injury. His nine touchdowns included a 67-yard run, his longest to that point. This season, with the starting job finally his, Jones blossomed. He's rushed for at least 100 yards a school-record eight times in a nine-game span for the Hokies (8-4), and had a record 241 yards and four touchdowns in a 31-28 loss at Pittsburgh.

One of his touchdowns against the Panthers came on an 80-yard run, a sprint down the sideline that showed off his breakaway speed. Against Boston College two weeks later, he showed even more, spinning away from a tackler just past the line and then bursting into the clear, easily outrunning the secondary for a 62-yard touchdown.

"Just took this time period for him to get on the field and get the job totally to himself so he could prove what type of running back he is," Thomas Jones said.
NFL

League extends Browns' Green's suspension

Green's original suspension for an alcohol-related violation lengthened indefinitely

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Browns took a big risk two years ago when they drafted William Green. Is the troubled running back worth another one? That's the dilemma facing the club after learning Tuesday that Green's NFL-imposed suspension for violating the league's substance-abuse policy has been extended.

The league's decision to lengthen Green's ban indefinitely makes it unlikely he will play again this season. The second-year back was suspended four games on Nov. 8 for a violation involving alcohol. He was already in stage two of the league's treatment program.

Green, who was eligible to return to the team Monday, will remain suspended for "treatment purposes." The league said commissioner Paul Tagliabue will decide when the 23-year-old can return after consulting with medical experts in the program.

If that doesn't happen until after the season, the Browns will have tough choices to make on Green. Do they give him another chance, bring him to training camp and risk Green having a relapse? Or do they release him and move on?

Browns coach Butch Davis refused to address questions about Green's future on Monday. "William has some personal issues right now that he has to address," Davis said. "He's got to take care of these things. When those things are taken care of and resolved, we'll decide exactly what William's future is." Before the 2001 draft, the Browns were aware that Green was twice suspended for marijuana use at Boston College. But the club felt it could help Green deal with his problems, and selected him with the 16th overall pick before signing him to a five-year contract worth $12 million if he reached incentives.

When Green got off to a rough start as a rookie, the Browns began to wonder if they made the right choice. But he emerged in the second half of 2002, rushing for 726 yards in his final seven games to help the Browns qualify for the playoffs. Browns president Carmen Policy has said the Browns will support Green as long as he continues to show a willingness to get better and make lifestyle changes.

Green was suspended by the league after being arrested in October on charges of driving under the influence and marijuana possession. He has a pretrial hearing scheduled for Wednesday.

While serving his suspension, Green's fiancee was accused of stabbing him in the back with a steak knife. Asia Gray, 22, was charged with felonious assault and domestic violence.

Police searched Green's home the night of the alleged attack and said they found marijuana in four locations.

Green's whereabouts remain unknown.
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**NCAA FOOTBALL**

Mississippi State's new head coach Sylvester Croom responds to reporters' questions at a press conference Tuesday. In filling the position, Croom became the first black head football coach in the history of the school.

Croom assumes historic role in SEC

Associated Press

**STARVILE, Miss. — As a boy, Sylvester Croom would pretend he was an Alabama football player at a time when none of the guys suiting up for the Crimson Tide had his skin color.**

Eventually, he became one of the first blacks to play for his hometown university.

"Things do change. And that's what my dad always told me," Croom said. "If you try to do things the right way and put your faith in God they will change."

Croom grew up in the Deep South at the height of the civil rights struggle. He is returning to his roots to become the first black head football coach in Southeastern Conference history at Mississippi State.

"I am in a lot of ways the recipient of the sacrifices that other people made," he said. "I realize that it's not my doing. I'm just the one that's reaping the benefits.

The Green Bay Packers assistant coach was greeted with a standing ovation, cheers and the clanging of a few of the Bulldogs fans' beloved cowbells as he was introduced at a packed news conference Tuesday.

Croom tried to play down the significance of his hiring, even though SEC commissioner Mike Slive called it historic.

"I am the first African-American coach in the SEC, but there ain't but one color that matters here and that color is maroon," said Croom, referring to the school color.

"The son of a preacher and a first-grade school teacher, Croom rooted for Bear Bryant's powerful Crimson Tide teams and idolized Joe Namath as a kid."

"At that time, throughout the Southeast, there were two worlds. One was black."

Blazers' Randolph arrested

PORTLAND, Ore. — Trail Blazers forward Zach Randolph was charged Tuesday with driving under the influence after an officer said he smelled marijuana coming from the vehicle.

Randolph had been pulled over for not driving within a lane when the officer "noted a strong odor of burning marijuana coming from the vehicle," police Sgt. Cheryl Patterson said.

Randolph was released a few hours later on $10,000 bail.

PITTSBURGH — Because the play occurred during the final two minutes of a half, Cowher could not request a replay. Hammer, a longtime NFL official, said he determined immediately that Batch had fumbled.
**Loss**

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main thing against as was that Anderson had a big advantage in rebounds.
The depth and experience of the Belles paid off as eight different players scored for

**Pruzinsky**

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ball great Bob Arzen to become one of just two Notre Dame student-athletes to be a three-time Academic All-American.

Those two are also the only two Irish student-athletes to be named first team Academic All-America in their sophomore and junior seasons. Freshmen are not eligible for the award.

It was the latest in a long number of accolades for Pruzinsky, who has been featured in Sports Illustrated and on CSTV, as well as in other publications.

Through it all, Pruzinsky has remained a pretty matter-of-fact regarding her accomplishments, attributing them to hard work and good time management.

"You don't have time to procrastinate, so it forces you to be efficient with your time," Pruzinsky said. "Soccer takes up so much time, I think that helped also because as soon as I'm done playing soccer I have to get work done."

Despite her efficiency, Pruzinsky is the first to admit that balancing soccer and school is not easy, especially with goals as lofty as a 4.0 every semester.

"I probably don't get enough sleep," said Pruzinsky. "I wish there were more hours in the day, definitely."

With the soccer team's season coming to an end a few weeks ago, Pruzinsky has had the opportunity now to look back on what the team meant to her over her Notre Dame career.

"Soccer was basically my enjoyment for four years," Pruzinsky said. "Studying and all the homework causes stress sometimes, but soccer was always the fun part of my day and I always looked forward to it. It was a good break from work."

Pruzinsky also had the opportunity to compete on two Irish teams that made the College Cup, the Final Four of women's soccer. The highlight of those experiences came in her freshman season, when the Irish upset Santa Clara in the semi-finals.

"We got dominated the whole game, we were playing defense for a full 90 minutes," said Pruzinsky. "We crossed midfield once and scored and won the game."

Last season she missed all but a few minutes of action due to a nagging ankle injury that even hampered her some this year.

"Last year was a pretty tough season to watch, we had a lot of injuries," she said.

"Just knowing that could have been my last season hit me, so this season I just appreciated every game. It meant a lot to me."

Having been named Academic All-American of the Year for women's soccer, Pruzinsky now is a contender to win the award for all NCAA Sports, won two years ago by women's basketball star Ruth Riley.

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**SMC BASKETBALL**

Belles look to improve record against Andrews

Saint Mary's squad hopes to gain momentum for weekend tournament

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Already showing flashes of solid play, Saint Mary's will look to improve upon its 1-2 record Wednesday night when it hosts against an exger Andrews University squad.

The Belles, led by coach Suzanne Bellina, commenced their season with two quick losses to Hanover College and Franklin College, but they bounced back last Tuesday with a formidable effort in a 73-62 win over Manchester.

In this win, Emily Creachbaum and Katie Boyce looked particularly strong with solid scoring efforts of 16 and 17, respectively.

Maureen Bush looked very active as well, contributing 10 points in only 18 minutes of play.

In their two losses, the Belles have looked decent, particularly in the 68-65 loss to Hanover, when Saint Mary's was down eight points at the half.

In this defeat, Creachbaum scored 18 points and grabbed 7 boards, while Bridget Boyce added 16 points and 6 rebounds.

On the other hand, the Belles looked weak offensively in a 54-44 loss to Franklin. Andrews will come into Saint Mary's looking to defeat the Belles in an early season non-conference game.

The two teams have already met this year, in a Nov. 4 scrimmage. Saint Mary's is currently 1-0 in conference play, going into Monday night's contest with Anderson.

The Belles will need continued strong play from Creachbaum, Katie and Bridget Boyce, and Bush in order to come out with a victory against Andrews.

Creachbaum and Bush have been the most consistent in rebounding in the team's first three games, and this continued aggressiveness on the boards will ensure that the Belles improve with each game.

If the Belles can come up with a victory, it would provide the team with strong momentum going into this weekend's Saint Mary's College Roundball Tournament, featuring Saint Mary's, Illinois College, Washington University and Calvin College.

After tournament, the Belles play a tough home game against conference opponent Albion College.

Saint Mary's College and Andrews University will play Wednesday at 7 p.m. at home.

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Willingham has any say, two years ago.

If I really haven’t thought about [next season],” said Holiday, who has one year of eligibility left. “I’m just trying to finish the season up then after the season think about what I’m going to do.

If Irish coach Tyrone Willingham has any say, Holiday will be back in a Notre Dame uniform in 2004.

“We are extremely hopeful that Carlyle will return because we think he can add a great deal to our football team. I have not sat down and discussed next year’s possibilities with former Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn added. “But we’re doing our best to win our game and not worry about the situation. If that helps them, so be it. We’re going to do the best we can to win this year.”

No Intentional disrespect

When Notre Dame ran onto the field exactly when they were supposed to and given the pre-arranged schedule set by ABC that determines when teams enter and exit the field prior to kickoff. Heisler said Notre Dame ran onto the field directly when they were supposed to and given the pre-arranged schedule as set by ABC.

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**FOOTBALL**

Positive attitude focused on Syracuse prep

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

There's a difference in a team's attitude coming off a 50-point win, even if Tyree Willingham doesn't think so.

"I think our guys have been pretty consistent and that's a reflection of the coaching staff," Willingham said.

"The attitude is very strong and very positive and it's remained like that all season."

But Notre Dame players were more confident during Tuesday's practice, the team's first since thrashing Stanford 57-7 Saturday.

"The attitude is really upbeat," defensive lineman Darrell Campbell said. "A lot of guys are feeling that swagger. We're really anxious to make the impact on football and that's what we're looking for." And that's what we're looking for.

If we turn the corner in the second half like we did in the first we'll be what we're looking for."

In his fourth year as head coach, Willingham said he and the coaching staff have been impressed by the team's growth.

"I really think this is a team that's on the rise," Willingham said. "We've got guys who are playing their best and they're having fun in practice."

Defensive end Justin Tucker said the team can still make the 2003 season a successful one by defeating Syracuse.

"One thing we've always talked about is that we can make a stamp on our season," Morton said. "We can be a legendary team too. You don't have to be 12-0 to make an impact on football and that's what we're going with. If we turn the season around and we finish strong this could be our stamp. This could be what we're looking for."

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**ND WOMENS SOCCER**

Senior scores on field, in classroom

By ANDY TROGER
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