Vice President Dennis Moore dies of prostate cancer

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER

Dennis Moore, associate vice president for public affairs and communications at the University, died Wednesday morning after a year-long battle with prostate cancer.

Moore was 55 and died at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York, where he was receiving treatment. He had been on medical leave for most of this semester.

"We had been dreading the worst for a few weeks. The way things developed in the last day or so was a little surprising," said Dennis Brown, associate director of public relations and information.

Moore graduated from Notre Dame in 1970 and returned in 1988 to join the public relations staff, where he held the positions of assistant director, associate director and director of public relations. In 2002, he was promoted to his current position as associate vice president. While a student, Moore was on the founding staff of "The Observer."

"Denny was an incredibly good person with a strong faith and was incredibly loyal to the University," said Kerry Temple, editor of Notre Dame Magazine. "He served on the faculty for the last 15 years."

From 1990 to 2002, Moore served as director of public relations and was the University's principal spokesperson and media relations officer.

"One of the things that impressed me most was that, as a spokesman for the University, Denny was the front man for policies, decisions and situations that were controversial, provocative and unpopular," said Temple. "He always did his job articulately and very loyally, and he always did it with the University's interest at heart."

Before returning to Notre Dame, Moore served on the editorial staff of The Kiwanis Magazine, a senior staff writer for Consumers Power Company in Jackson, Mich., and worked as a freelance writer, editor and consultant in the United States and Ireland.

Moore is survived by his wife, Doreen, and three young children, Erin, Brendan and Colleen, who is an assistant rector in Pasquella East Hall.

Brown said that University President Father Edward Malloy celebrated a memorial Mass for Moore for close associates, friends and colleagues in the University's building on Wednesday morning and that funeral arrangements are pending.

"Denny was remembered equally for his integrity, compassion and genuine concern for others," Malloy said in a statement. "In his word and deed, he lived his life as a faithful servant of God — giving of his time to serve the poor in our community, leading an encouraging word to the discouraged, inspiring all with whom he interacted."

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SMC sponsors religious awareness week

By KELLY MEEHAN

The Saint Mary's Student Diversity Board is sponsoring its Religious Awareness Week in an effort to increase the religious awareness on campus.

The event begins Monday and will conclude Sunday with Mass at 9 a.m. in Regina Chapel.

"Religion is an important issue that people are so passionate about," said SDB Religious Awareness Week chairwoman Nileh Ahmad.

Ahmad hopes that people will be exposed to religions about which they were previously uninformed when they walk through the Hall of Religions, located in the main hallway of LeMans. The Hall of Religions features posters that inform students on many different aspects of various religions.

SDB said it is presenting the ideas of as many religions as it could, but it was unable to include information on all types of religions. The board is covering religions on which they could find adequate, informative facts.

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Last night, SDB provided a humorous outlook on religion by showing the movie Keeping the Faith. Today Saint Mary's students will have the opportunity to win various prizes by being one of the first five to respond correctly to an e-mail trivia questionnaire. The questions will deal with the first three events of the week.

"Religious Awareness Week's events will conclude with a reception after Sunday's 9:30 a.m. Mass at Regina Chapel. I hope that people gain an awareness about different religions and begin to ask questions rather than have a misunderstanding on certain beliefs," Ahmad said.

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STUDENT SENATE

Group holds final meeting of semester

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS

The Student Senate held their last meeting of the semester yesterday, marking student body president Pat Hallahan's final Senate meeting before he graduates at the end of the semester.

Hallahan offered final thoughts on the Senate's progress thus far and praised the body for its work. He cited issues such as the proposed women's resource center and the examination of RA training as examples of good responses from the Senate to the needs of the student body.

"I think we have made a lot of progress on some issues. We have done a lot, I think, to respond to what students need," he said.

Hallahan also praised the Senate for initiating discussion and passing the Council of Representatives, which is the first step in a large restructuring of the student government. He said that the new council is making progress toward changes and that these changes will be of ultimate importance in the future.

"The biggest thing we did this year was creating the Council of Representatives," he said. "The changes out of the Council of Representatives are going to be amazing. It's going to be looked at five years from now as a big step for the student government."

Student body vice president Jeremy Lao and chief of staff Emily Chin listened as Hallahan addressed senators Wednesday.

Also during the meeting, Pangborn Senator Kaitlyn Hallahan offered final comments and was promoted to his current position as student government.
Jesus played basketball

Football season is done and now we, the normal students, have no one to live vicariously through. Yet have no fear! Notre Dame has a hidden gem of a sports team on campus that you can still live your life through.

And this isn't a make-believe sport like hurling. This is college basketball — the gift God gave to men when He realized the mistake life without games was.

So what prompted me to travel to Marquette, drink heavily, and get harassed by Jesuits the night before the next big game? Simple — the Irish are a team that should not be overlooked. They are hard to stop.

Many people mistakenly believe that, just because basketball games are played on weeknights and during the winter, they cannot taint a great basketball team as they do football. This is not true. All you need is a George Foreman grill and a 21-year-old you can be prepared to fully enjoy an Irish basketball game. Since most games occur at night, you don't even have to wake up early. After some brats and hormone, a few Keystone to wake you up and throwing on 57 layers to keep warm, you are ready to march to the ACC. Now some people like to run under the assumption that you can arrive at the arena an hour before tip-off and still get good seats. In actuality, that is when the doors open. In order to get seats where the opposing team's coach can actually hear you tell him to start the bus early, you have to be outside so early that you beat Brey to the arena.

When the ushers finally unlock the doors, grab a seat and listen to the JACC PA system pump songs popular in the year 1999 such as Creed and Lifehouse — just the music needed to intimidate the other team. When the other team comes out to warm up, we, Notre Dame representatives, are required to give them respect because that is all they shoot three pointers from NBA range or to "cut that mullit.

And eventually the game starts. For the next hour and a half, be standing, jump shooting and straddling the border of police escort.

And from yesterday is your last day of classes and marks the beginning of "study day." That night, we also play Indians in the JACC. It is as if those who created this schedule understood what the definition of "home court advantage" really means. Celebrate the end of a semester, fire up George Foreman and make sure that Mike Davis, the most unstable coach in Davis, the most unstable coach in

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IN BRIEF

D.I.C.E. and the Class of 2006 are sponsoring Christmas Card Making today from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Dooley Room of LaFortune. Send cards to those you love this holiday season. Card making is free and open to all students.

The ND Chorale and Chamber Orchestra, directed by Alexander Blachly, present their annual performance of selections from Handel’s Messiah today from 8 to 9:30 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are $6 for reserved seating, $3 for students. The final performance will take place Friday night. Call the LaFortune Box Office at (574) 631-9125 for tickets.

Amy Gutmann, provost of Princeton University, will present a lecture entitled "Why Diversity Matters" today from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in 102 DeBartolo. The lecture is co-sponsored by the Provost’s Distinguished Women’s Lecturer Series and the Department of Philosophy.

STILL is sponsoring a showing of the movie "S.W.A.T." tonight in 101 DeBartolo from 10 to 12 a.m. Admission is $3. The movie will also be shown Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Carroll Hall will hold their annual Carroll Christmas Tree Lighting tomorrow from 7 to 8 p.m. on the Carroll Hall Front Lawn. The event features a tree-lighting ceremony, carols sung by the glee club, food and fun.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer email detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
Students triumph in moot court regionals

Law students move to national competition

Associated Press

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Christmas tree lit in Rockefeller Center

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center came to life in a blaze of 30,000 lights Wednesday night before a crowd of thousands of New Yorkers and visitors from around the world.

Before flipping the switch to usher in the holiday season, Mayor Michael Bloomberg dedicated the lighting ceremony to U.S. soldiers everywhere. As the temperature dipped below freezing, 6,000-plus Anthony Jenkins found warmth and good spirits in the packed crowd after drier days were up as a giant Santa. "What I get out of it is the love of the people," said Jenkins, 55.

For Hy Safran, 19, and friend Melissa Oppeer, 18, both students at Columbia University, watching the tree lighting stirred their patriotism.

"I wanted to experience the season," Safran said, adding that he and Oppeer are both Jewish but that "the Christmas spirit has become the American spirit since 9-11." The 79-foot, 9-ton tree was planted 50 years ago in Manchester, Conn. It arrived in Manhattan last month on a Hudson River barge and was trucked to the midtown landmark where it will remain until Jan. 6.

The televised Christmas show featured performances by Harry Connick Jr., Ashanti, Enrique Iglesias, Gloria Estefan, Kelly Clarkson, Ruben Studdard and the Brian Setzer Orchestra.

The tree tradition dates to 1931, when workers building the 500-foot Radio City Music Hall erected a small tree amid the Art Deco buildings rising between Fifth and Sixth avenues.

ENGLAND

Briton charged in conspiracy case

Associated Press

LONDON — A 24-year-old British man was charged Wednesday with conspiring in an explosives plot with Richard Reid, the al-Qaida "shoe bomber" who tried to blow up a U.S. airliner.

Sajid Badat, one of more than 20 people arrested since last week in a series of anti-terrorism raids, was charged with two additional explosives offenses, London's Metropolitan Police said.

Police gave no details of the charges, and it was unclear whether Badat was accused of involvement in Reid's attempt to set off explosives on a Paris-to-Miami flight. Badat is due to appear in court Thursday.

London police commissioner Sir John Stevens said Wednesday the force is on a heightened state of terrorist alert.

Details of the accusations against Badat were not released, but explosive material was found at his home in Gloucester, southwestern England, where he was arrested.

Before his name was released, Home Secretary David Blunkett said the security services and police believed the suspect had al-Qaida connections.

It is the belief of the security and (police) Special Branch services that this man has connections with the network of al-Qaida groups," Blunkett told British Television and Radio Authority.

Authorities alleged that between Sept. 1, 2001, and Nov. 28, 2003, Badat "unlawfully and maliciously conspired with Richard Reid and others unknown" to cause an explosion "likely to endanger life or cause serious injury." Reid, a British national, was sentenced to life in prison for a Dec. 22, 2001, bombing attempt aboard a Paris-to-Miami flight.

He pleaded guilty and said he was a member of the al-Qaida terrorist network, pledged his support to Osama bin Laden, and declared himself an enemy of the United States. He admitted he tried to ignite plastic explosives hidden in his shoes on American Airlines Flight 63.

"He has traveled to many countries to study Islam, but studying Islam is not the same as studying terrorism." said Mohammed Yousif, friend of suspect.

As Badat was charged, police continued to question 14 people arrested Tuesday in a series of dawn raids around the country. Those raids followed anti-terrorism operations last week in which seven people were arrested, including Badat.

One other man arrested in the recent raids, Algerian national Noureddine Mouiff, was charged earlier Wednesday with terrorism and fraud offenses.

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Coroner: struggle caused death

Official says 350-pound black man had health problems, was on PCP and cocaine

Associated Press

Cincinnati Police Chief Tom Streicher speaks Wednesday as the videotape of the Nathaniel Jones' death plays in the background. Jones died Nov. 30 after Cincinnati police officers forcibly arrested him.

CINCINNATI — The death of the 350-pound black man who was clubbed by police in a videotaped beating that was watched around the world by the struggle that ensued after the suspect lunged and swung at the officers, the coroner said Wednesday in a case that has heightened racial tensions.

Hamilton County Coroner Carl Parrott said Nathaniel Jones, 41, suffered from enlarged heart, obesity and had intoxicating levels of cocaine and methanol in his blood.

He said the death will be ruled a homicide, but added that such a decision does not necessarily go hand in hand with excessive force. The coroner said he had to rule the death a homicide because it did not fall under the other categories: accidental, suicide or natural.

"Since the struggle was the result of a purposeful act, in this case, the effort by the police to subdued him, to do their jobs, that purposeful act was a primary cause of death," Parrott said.

The coroner said the struggle was a homicide because the struggle for restraint caused Jones' death, but noted that Jones would have been more likely to have been hurt if not used drugs, been obese or suffered from the weakened heart. Jones had in excess of 400 pounds within five hours, Parrott said.

Black activists say Jones' death is another example of police brutality against African-Americans in a trend that was rocked by race riots two years ago. That unrest has heightened fears over violence and property damage.

"There is no evidence that screening men of this age would be beneficial to them, so this may not be the best use of health care resources," said Dr. Sui-Long Yao, a genital-urinary epidemiologist at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey in New Brunswick, N.J. He is senior author of the study appearing this week in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

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LOCAL NEWS

IU Jews vie for dreidel record

BLOOMINGTON — A Jewish community center in Indiana had a winning way to start its day Tuesday: a Guinness World Book of Records Sunday by spinning at least 561 dreidels at the same time.

If all the dreidels spin simultaneously for more than 10 seconds, the Helene G. Skipper center at Indiana University will beat the University of Maryland for the record.

"We're not sure how many, but it's a little bit of fun," said program director Andy Gilhousen. "It's kind of a way to get back to Maryland for beating us at the NCAA tournament a few years back."
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what’s happening

Friday 12.05
Las Posadas
Welsh Family Hall, 24-hour lounge
7:00-9:00 p.m.
Freshman Retreat #50
Sacred Heart Parish Center

Sunday 12.07
RCIA Session
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Coleman-Morse Lounge

Spanish Mass & Guadalupe Presentation
Coleman-Morse Lounge
1:30 p.m. Mass
3:00 p.m. presentation (in English)

Tuesday 12.09
Campus Bible Study
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
114 Coleman-Morse

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

Weekly Spanish Mass
Feast of San Juan Diego
10:30 p.m.
St. Edward's Hall
Reception to follow

Wednesday 12.10
Graduate Student Christian Fellowship
8:00 p.m.
Wilson Commons
Interfaith Christian Night Prayer
Coleman-Morse Lounge
10 p.m.

Friday 12.12
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
5:15 p.m.
Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Saturday 12.13
The Notre Dame
Celebration Choir presents the
"Voices of Campus"
Christmas Concert for Liberia
8:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Coleman-Morse Lounge
Optional donations accepted at the door for Catholic Relief Services for Liberia

traditional celebration

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
CELEBRACIONES DE NUESTRA SENORA DE GUADALUPE

Friday, December 5 • 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. • Welsh Family Hall
Las Posadas
Mexican Christmas Caroling and Fun

Sunday, December 7 • 1:30 p.m.
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Mass in Coleman-Morse lounge followed by a presentation on the story and symbolism of the Guadalupe event.

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Feast of San Juan Diego
Spanish Mass and Reception to follow

Friday, December 12 • 5:15 p.m.
Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

weekend mass schedule

2nd Sunday of Advent
around campus (every Sunday)
1:30 p.m.
Spanish Mass
Coleman Morse Lounge
(NOTE: new location for this week only)
5:00 p.m.
Law School Mass
Student Lounge
7:00 p.m.
MBA Mass
Mendoza COR
Faculty Lounge

basilica of the sacred heart
Saturday Vigil Mass
5:00 p.m.
Rev. John E. Conley, c.s.c.
Sunday
10:00 a.m.
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11:15 a.m.
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The Labor Department reported Wednesday that productivity — the output per employee produced per hour of work — rocketed at an annual rate of 9.4 percent in the July-to-September quarter, the best showing since the second quarter of 1983. The figure, revised from a month ago based on more complete data, was even stronger than the government's first estimate of an impressive 9.3 percent productivity growth rate.

"The gains in productivity are helping companies bottom line, they can be less focused on cutting costs and more focused on expanding business and ultimately hiring more employees," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist at Bank of America Capital Management. "This is very good news for the sustainability of the recovery."

On Wall Street, the good news on productivity lifted stocks. The Dow Jones industrial average set 19 new closing price points to close at 9,873.42.

For the economy's long-term health and living standards, productivity gains are vital. They allow wages to grow faster without triggering inflation. Companies that pay workers more without raising prices, which would put up those wage gains. And productivity can bolster a company's profitability.

That's particularly important in the current economic climate. As profit its improve, companies may be less willing to boost capital investment and hiring — two crucial ingredients for the economy to be lasting.

In terms of growth, "businesses have probably stretched their current capacity as far as they can stretch," said Stanford Huffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group. "If the growth in the economy continues, businesses would be required to add to their staffs, rather than expect current employees to do it all on a going-forward basis."

The economy is estimated to be growing at a solid 4 percent rate in the current quarter. Although the accelerating growth rate, from the blistering 8.2 percent pace of the third quarter — the fastest in nearly two decades — the first quarter of 2003, and more than two times the rate of growth in the second quarter.

Workers' hours in the third quarter increased at a 0.9 percent pace, the last time the economy experienced such pace was in the first quarter of 2000, and a turn- around from the 2.2 percent rate of decline in the second quarter.

Businesses may be running out of ways to squeeze more out of existing workers to meet customers' demands for goods and services, said Richard Yamarone, economist with Argus Research. "Stronger job creation may be just around the corner," he said.

Companies are under labor costs fell at a rate of 5.8 percent in the third quarter — good news for profit margins. That was better than the 3.2 percent rate of decline reported for the second quarter.

Workers' hourly compensation adjusted for inflation rose at a 0.7 percent rate in the third quarter, down from a 3 percent rate in the previous quarter.

With the job market improving, some economists believe the Federal Reserve will hold key short-term interest rate at its current level through next year.

"The economy is doing very well and is taking hold and that businesses will soon be stepping up hiring," said Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan said last month.
Ferry crash investigation expands

**NEW YORK** — The criminal investigation into a deadly Staten Island ferry crash has expanded to include officials in the city's Transportation Department, sources familiar with the investigation said Wednesday.

In particular, investigators are looking at whether safety rules were properly enforced by supervisors in the department, which operates the ferry fleet.

U.S. Attorney Roslynn Mauskopf and the New York Police Department are examining the actions of ferry director Patrick Ryan and an unspecified number of others in the Transportation Department, according to two law enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"It makes perfectly good sense that we're going to look at everybody responsible for ferry operations," one official said.

The off-course ferry plowed into a concrete pier on Oct. 15, killing 10 people and injuring dozens.

The ship's pilot, Richard Smith, said he passed out at the controls before the crash. Witnesses said the captain, Michael Gansas, was not in the wheelhouse as the ship came in to dock.

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The case could go to a grand jury within weeks, the sources said.

Ryan's office referred questions to a spokesman, who said the department scrupulously promoted and enforced safety rules.

Spokesman Tom Cocola said the pilothouse staffing rule was included in a booklet outlining standard-operating procedures. The booklet was revised to bolster security after Sept. 11, distributed to crew members the following month and practiced in a series of safety drills, Cocola said.

But the captain's lawyer said Wednesday that responsibility for the crash — placed largely on the crew so far — must be shouldered by the transportation department and its procedures.

"The U.S. attorney's focus on Mr. Ryan dovetails with what has been said by a tremendous number of captains, assistant captains and crew members, in that they did not receive the rules," attorney William Bennett said.
Kidnapping suspect agrees to extradition

Associated Press

CROOKSTON, Minn. — The man accused of kidnapping a college student from a mall parking lot agreed to be sent to North Dakota to face charges Wednesday, saying barely a word even after an outburst from a woman in the courtroom who pleaded, "Tell us what you did with the girl!

Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., a 50-year-old convicted rapist, spoke only to tell the judge he understood what happening. He faced kidnapping charges in North Dakota and could appear in court there as early as Thursday.

Meanwhile, about 1,700 people answered a call to renew the search for 22-year-old Dru Sjodin, the University of North Dakota student who was last heard talking to her boyfriend on a cell phone on Nov. 22 after she left her job at a Victoria’s Secret at Grand Forks, N.D., mall.

As darkness fell, however, the search again netted nothing and was called off for the night.

Rodriguez was arrested Monday at the home of a woman who said he had told her she could find Sjodin in his car, hoping someone might remember details that would help solve the case.

At the end of Wednesday’s proceeding, a woman rushed toward the front of the courtroom and spoke in Spanish to Rodriguez:

"They believe he was in the room and spoke in Spanish to Rodriguez:"

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Police

Mary Anderson searched fields and ditches near Grand Forks Wednesday with her dog. They covered about five miles.

"It’s really hard," the woman said, wiping away tears as she held a daughter who’s 22 years old. And there’s a mom who’s there who needs her baby back.

Rodriguez was released from prison in May after serving a 23-year sentence for an attempted kidnapping. Authorities released a photo of Rodriguez’s car, hoping someone might remember details that could lead them to Sjodin. Police said they also checked surveillance video from various spots at the mall.

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Office of Campus Ministry

(Annual retreat for gay/lesbian/questioning students & friends; pertinent library resources)

304 Co-Mc; confidential discussion and support

Contact: Fr. J. Steele, CSC, at Steele 313 (504) 287-3100

University Counseling Center

(Individual counseling)

Contact: Dr. Maureen Lafferty at Lafferty.3@nd.edu

University Resources for Gay, Lesbian, & Bisexual Students

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For more information, check out our web site at http://www.nd.edu/~ace-Jsp/
Their music blares through the JACC for pep rallies. They play at the Friday Midnight Drum Circle for students only to march around at 7:30 a.m. to wake them up. After "The Concert on the Steps," they march through the crowds then pour onto the stadium field before 80,000 fans. The Band is a phenomenon for all to see. But outside of the public eye, the band has an inside spirit and many traditions that few may know about. A distinctive enthusiasm surges throughout the various leaders of the band. At the band meeting on game day morning, the directors impart words of motivation, advice and appreciation. The president or drum major gives a final message, and the band comes together after the Michigan State game since. However, senior Bonnie Leigh Cieslak notes that the band, one of the most dedicated bands, is the best because "it helps bring the greatest student body alive with the spirit that can only be found at Notre Dame."
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Freedom to choose

After reading Erin Griswold's Dec. 3 letter, I have to say I was shocked that it was even printed. Primarily her issue was simply two guys looking at porn. I'm not saying that they were right to have been doing it in LaFortune, but it's really not a huge deal. The fact that she then went to Restlife with the matter is sad, but as Notre Dame is the most sheltered environment on earth it makes sense. Rock bottom was relating pornography to slavery.

Are you serious? I fail to see any similarities between the Civil War and the adult film industry. The women and men seen in pornographic material have all made the choice to be there, and many have built successful careers around being a porn star. I'm not supporting the industry or saying that porn is a great career choice, but that's what they want to do.

My advice to Griswold is to lighten up. After you graduate there will be a lot of things that affect you, so stop whining about it. As for the two gentlemen she caught in the basement of LaFortune, try to keep it in your room like the rest of us.

Michael Duda
seer
off campus
Dec. 3

Arguing against gay marriage

I could quote the Bible and Catechism, but I won't. Everyone already knows what they say. Since Anna Nussbaum and Ed Manier were under­standably unconvinced by arguments from religion or tradition in their Nov. 25 letters, let's take an approach to same-sex marriage that is neither legal nor moral.

Legally defining marriage as nothing but a “commitment” that “nourishes love and mutual support” with “legal, financial and social benefits” opens windows for other “alternative lifestyles.” What's to stop someone from arguing that polygamists are “second-class citizens” created by the law? What's to stop someone from arguing that polygamists specify that marriage is between two individuals, but nevertheless polygamists have a serious argument.

If they truly feel attracted to multiple people of the opposite sex, and want to nurture love and mutual support, why not? What about incest? Why can't adults marry children? Some men are attracted to boys and feel they should be allowed to have a legal, sexual relationship with them.

Think I'm kidding? Just talk to NAMBLA, the North American Man/Boy Love Association, or ask Tom Green, a Utah man serving five years for four counts of bigamy, who's currently appealing his case. I might even want to marry a goat. You can in India.

A second argument comes from democracy. The Massachusetts court went directly against the will of the people, which is exactly what this country is about. A poll done by Pew Research Center this October shows only 32 percent of Americans favor homosexual marriage. The will of the people must be taken into account, or so says lesbian Judge Martha Susman. That's why she dissented in this case.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

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Everyone remembers their ph-irst time

ND students travel to take part in the two-city, 20th year reunion of Phish

By STEVE LYNCH

“The band is back for good.”

These words, proclaimed by Phish front man Trey Anastasio at the end of the band’s summer tour, became abundantly clear this past weekend as Phish rocked the sold-out Nassau Coliseum on Long Island and the Wachovia Spectrum in Philadelphia. After taking a two-year hiatus, from October 2000 through New Year’s 2002, Phish fans from all over the world have been questioning the future of the band. These questions were finally put to rest following two amazing shows that were on top of their game.

Trey Anastasio, the lead singer and guitarist for Phish, told fans that he was very optimistic about the band’s future as they regrouped for their 20-year reunion. Phish ph-antics were not disappointed this past weekend as Phish regrouped and performed an incredible set with their usual flair and fun show presence.

Phish started off their four-concert tour in Long Island this past weekend and were followed by several Notre Dame students to Philadelphia for Show #2.
By SARAH VABULAS  
Scene Editor

Honorizing one of the more socially acceptable activities you can perform in a darkened room by yourself, Spike TV will present the first Video Game Awards Dec. 4 at 9 p.m., hosted by comedian David Spade. The awards ceremony will be held at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas and taped Dec. 2.

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The categories are: game of the year, best sport game, best action game, best animation, best music, best adventure, best animated, best horror, best handheld game, best fighting game, best first-person game and best fantasy game.

Spike TV hosted online voting on their website to find the winners of the Viewer's Choice awards — "Most Addictive" and "Most Anticipated" — which are completely determined by the online voting.

Spike TV reports that the show will take place on a set that is "part next-century Tokyo and part ' Minority Report.' " In lieu of recorded clips from the games, the show will feature animation sequences intercut with actual game play by trained professionals. Spike TV's "Video Game Awards" will feature no podiums, no presenters and no acceptance speeches. The "VGAs" will replace drawn-out "presenter-reading-promo" segments with "advocate" introductions. These "advocates" are fans of the nominated video game, and that can mean a celebrity, musician or actual character featured within the game itself.

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Not your typical calendar men

New charity project shows the many reasons Notre Dame men are so attractive

By KATIE WAGNER  
Scene Writer

Having trouble finding the perfect guy at Notre Dame? Want to do a good deed to help brighten up the holidays for women who could use some TLC? Do you still need to buy a calendar for 2004?

If you've answered "yes" to at least one of these questions, perhaps the "Men of Notre Dame," 13-month calendar might interest you.

A group of Farley juniors came up with this idea to create a calendar focusing on a few particularly talented, likeable and photogenic male Notre Dame students. Farley junior Melissa Harris asked to be included to make this idea a reality. With the help of Maya Norenba, a Farley junior who served as Harris' assistant in this project, a committee of other Farley women, a staff of volunteer photographers and, of course, a select group of ND men, Harris' calendar was born.

The Farley women had heard about other schools making calendars featuring students and decided that Notre Dame students certainly are worthy of being in their own calendar. The "Men of Notre Dame" Calendar is unique to other school's student-pictured calendars because of the uniqueness of Notre Dame students in their ability to balance and excel in so many different aspects of student life. These aspects include athletics, club work, academic life, community service activities, working for the varsity athletic programs, working for publications, a commitment to advertising events on campus, cooking, working to pay loans and portions of their tuition, and attending social events such as football games.

The Farley women involved in this project felt that the numbers of really awesome students on campus deserved to be acknowledged. These girls also felt called to contribute to those in need, so they decided to make this calendar a fundraiser for women in need. They hope that the production of this calendar will become an annual event.

Harris and her Farley team began this project by putting up posters around campus that requested people to submit nominations for men to be in the calendar. These submissions also had to include reasons as to why these particular men were working hard. 

Some of these men were surprised that they had been nominated and some wanted to know who had suggested them. (Of course, Harris maintained confidentiality about the nominators.) Some of these men received many nominations, all from members of the Notre Dame student body, except for one that was submitted by Notre Dame's philosophy department.

"Some of the most common reasons for nomination included all-around nice guy, cute, photogenic, and had worked really hard for a specific project," Harris said.

After reading over the nominations, 24 guys were selected to be the best fits for the calendar, at this point, Harris and her committee possessed no pictures of the nominees.

To learn more about these men and to try to eliminate some, all 25 of them were interviewed in person by a small panel of Farley women.

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The calendar was evaluated based on their charisma, involvement at Notre Dame and photogenic potential. Eventually, the group of men was narrowed down to 18.

All the months' pages on this calendar are paired with pictures of male Notre Dame students. Eighteen talented, good-looking and just all-around nice guys are featured, one month containing two students, another containing three, and the other months containing one. The calendar also contains surveys created from these men's responses to questions.

The "Men of ND" will go on sale Tuesday, Dec. 9 and will be available in both dining halls and in Notre Dame's residence halls. Fliers will be posted around campus advertising the date, time and location of this opportunity to meet the men pictured in the calendar and the women responsible for the calendar's production. Calendars will also be sold at this event.

Men of Notre Dame calendars cost $10, and all proceeds will go to Hannah's House, a shelter for pregnant women located in Mishawaka.

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NEW ORLEANS — The Orlando Magic’s losing streak reached 17 games Wednesday night, though they managed to keep it close until the final three minutes.

Baron Davis had 27 points and 10 assists as the New Orleans Hornets sent the Magic to a franchise-record 17th straight loss.

Speaking of a non-call by the referee, Davis declined to call a foul as he made contact with Stromile Swift on an off-balance layup attempt with less than two seconds to play. The Nets trailed 95-93 at the time.

Timberwolves 92, Suns 79

Sam Cassell scored 21 and tied his 27 points in the fourth quarter and the Minnesota Timberwolves beat Phoenix 91-93 in the period on Wednesday night.

Cassell, with his fourth consecutive 20-point game, also had eight assists and seven rebounds. He shot 5-for-10 in the fourth quarter, three of those 3-pointers.

Trevor Ariza scored 21 for Minnesota. Kevin Garnett went 2-for-11 through three quarters but was 4-for-7 in the fourth to finish with 16 points and 12 rebounds.

The Suns lost their third straight, all at home, and have dropped four of five overall as the pressure builds on coach Frank Sacllo after the team made the playoffs last season.

Stephen Marbury scored 32 points on 14-for-25 shooting, Amar'e Stoudemire scored 14, only four in the second half. Jermaine O'Neal had 16 of his 33 first of the season and scored even more.

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Blue Devils cruise from start of game

Associated Press


With stifling defense and balanced scoring, the Blue Devils turned the marquee matchup of the ACC-Big Ten Challenge into a classic rout.

On the first time for a whole game and No. 5 Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said: "I've never seen anything like it." Duke's J.J. Redick scored 13 points, Shavlik Randolph had 11 and Chris Duhon added 10 points and six assists.

"This is one of the most hostile environments we'll ever play in," Randolph said. "And it showed a lot that we not only won, but won handily."

Michigan State didn't have a player score in double figures, after entering the game with six averaging at least 9.8 points. Chris Hill and Kelvin Torbert each scored eight.

When Duke didn't harass the Spartans into a turnover, it made it tough for them to make shots. The game was not true when the Blue Devils had the ball.

Duke shot 59.2 percent and limited Michigan State to 40 percent.

"We didn't want to give them anything easy," Duhon said. "We wanted to cut out every shot and every pass. Their possessions weren't over until we got the rebound."

The Spartans have only begun one of the toughest schedules in college basketball history.

Michigan State, which lost to top-ranked Kansas last week, will play Oklahoma, Kentucky, Syracuse and UCLA before the Big Ten season starts.

"I guess you've got to watch what you wish for," Izzo said. After losing 78-66 to Purdue in the championship game of the Great Alaska Shootout, Krzyzewski added to replace Redick and Daniel Ewing in the starting lineup with Randolph and Sean Dockery.

"You have to give Mike credit for changing the lineup, shaking things up and getting guys to play hard," Izzo said.

The Spartans, who lack a true point guard, had 24 turnovers against Kansas.

Paul Davis and Alan Anderson, two of Michigan State's top players, were benched for most of the second half. Davis had seven points and Anderson had four points and five turnovers.

Pittsburgh 59, Duquesne 45

It's how Pittsburgh travels the one mile or so to Duquesne's home court only since once every 15 years.

Carl Krauser scored 17 points on five of 20-5 run that started early in the second half, carrying the 22nd-ranked Panthers past their stubborn city rival 9-45 Tuesday night.

Playing before Duquesne's first home sellout in nine years, the Panthers didn't begin pulling away until Krauser and Jaron Brown scored on consecutive steals and layups that made it 33-28 and started the run.

"We just needed to settle down and play our game," said Julius Page, who had seven of his 13 points in the second half. "We came out in the first half and didn't make any shots.

Pittsburgh — 5-0 for the fourth straight season — softened up its defense and tightened up its defense after shooting just 33 percent while trailing much of the first half. The Panthers turned to their transition game to take control, with Krauser and Page hitting 3-pointers on fast breaks and Chris Talii scoring twice inside.

Until then, it looked like Duquesne might pull off the upset, just as it did 15 years ago when Pitt fast played on the Duquesne's court.

"It's the big game of the year for them and I wasn't feeling too good about playing the game here," Pitt coach Jamie Dixon said. "It's a whole different atmosphere than it was four or five years ago," when the game was played at Mellon Arena, a neutral site.

The decisive run turned a 26-1 lead into a 48-34 Pitt lead with 8 1/2 minutes left, and the Dukes (1-2) — getting only three baskets during a nine-minute stretch — never got any closer than nine points after that.

Georgia Tech 73, Ohio State 53

Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt calls guard B.J. Elder "college basketball's biggest secret."

He certainly can't describe his own team that way anymore.

Elder and Marvin Lewis combined for nine points in a 13-0 first-half run and Isma'il Muhammad's high-wing dunk shifted the momentum in the second half to lead No. 13 Georgia Tech over Ohio State 73-53 Wednesday night in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

The Yellow Jackets' defense forced 20 turnovers and held Ohio State in 32.7 percent shooting from the field.

"We feel like we're a team that can really smoother teams defensively," Hewitt said. "We've got a number of guys who can guard multiple positions. We've been causing people to turn the ball over pretty well in these first six games."

It was Ohio State's worst loss in its six value City games, where the Buckeyes came in with a 6-0-3 record, including three-1-3 against ranked opponents.

"We couldn't guard them on the perimeter," Ohio State coach Jim O'Brien said. "When we wanted a stop, we couldn't do it."

Syracuse 87, St. Bonaventure 78

JaKerris Warren scored 27 points and Billy Eddelin added 20 to lead No. 16 Syracuse to an 87-78 victory over St. Bonaventure on Wednesday night.

Syracuse (2-1), which dropped nine spots in the AP poll after losing its season-opener to Charlotte and only defeating Rhode Island by four points, beat St. Bonaventure (2-2) for the 11th straight time. The game was played at Blue Cross Arena, the third time the visitors New York rivals have met in Rochester.

Gerry McNamara had 19 points, Josh Pace 11 and Craig Fort finished with eight points and a career-high 12 rebounds for the Orange.

Marques Green led St. Bonaventure with 24 points, while Ahmad Smith had 17, Patrick Lottin 13 and Yankuba Camara 10.

Syracuse shot 51.6 percent while the Bonnies hit 44.3 percent and were only 7-for-29 on 3-pointers. The Orange were not outrebounded for the first time this season.
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CINCINNATI — Jon Kitna just won’t go away.

The journeyman dubbed as Carson Palmer’s warmup act has turned into the NFL’s hottest quarterback. Kitna has led the reborn Bengals into playoff contention and kept a Heisman Trophy passer on the bench.

Astonishing.

“Think of all the doubts that people had about Kitna,” receiver Chad Johnson said Wednesday. "Just to see him playing the way he’s playing, I’m loving every last minute of it.”

Kitna was honored Wednesday as the AFC Offensive Player of the Month for November, when the Bengals moved into playoff contention in large part because of their quarterback’s solid play.

“Hey the one doing it right,” offensive tackle Willie Anderson said. “He’s inspiring everyone around him. That’s the trait of an MVP.”

When you pick an MVP of a league, you say, ‘Can that team win without that guy?’ And definitely we can’t win without Jon. He’s one of the biggest reasons this team has gotten to where we are.”

No one expected him or the Bengals to get this far. When Cincinnati took Palmer with the No. 1 pick in the draft, it looked like Kitna was about to lose his job, just as he did in Seattle after leading the Seahawks to a playoff appearance in 1999.

Coach Marvin Lewis assured Kitna that wasn’t the case.

“We’re not just going to bring in somebody and say, ‘OK, you’re the quarterback,” and kick him to the curb,” Lewis said. “Our football team couldn’t stand that. They couldn’t withstand going up on that roller coaster again.”

Kitna believed him, but knew most fans and reporters did not.

“None of them thought I’d be playing now anyway,” Kitna said. “And probably not a lot of you — if any of you — thought I’d be playing. They thought that Carson Palmer would be here.”

There were 14 million reasons to think so. Palmer had the better arm and the much bigger contract, with $14 million in bonuses alone. After Kitna’s historic performance in a season-opening drubbing by Denver, the suspension seemed clear.

That’s when Lewis started driving home a point that has made all the difference. Lewis was defensive coordinator on the 2000 Baltimore team that went 11-5 and was beaten by Trent Dilfer at quarterback.

Lewis’ message: You don’t have to go on the game by yourself, just don’t lose it by forcing a throw. Kitna’s main shortcoming throughout his six-year career was his propensity to throw as many interceptions as touchdowns.

That’s the one thing that makes Palmer and coach Ken Zampese hammered home to me after the first game. Just because something goes wrong somewhere else doesn’t mean you have to make a huge play,” Kitna said. “Don’t turn the ball over. That’s the thing I’ve been concentrating on all year.”

He also began to deal with some of the bitterness left over from his demotion in Seattle after Mike Holmgren became the coach. “I know the ability I’ve been given, and I know the type of player I was before I went through the hurts and the personality changes in my two years with coach Holmgren,” Kitna said.

“I’m not blaming him, but it’s a reality.”

After a 1-4 start, Palmer was promoted from third-string quarterback to backup, leaving him only a few more losses from taking over. Instead, Kitna began to blossom.

The Bengals have won six of their last seven games, with Kitna completing 60 percent of his passes for 1,647 yards with 16 touchdowns and three interceptions.

Kitna has played so well that Lewis is willing to open the job to competition between him and Palmer after next training camp, rather than handing it to the newcomer.

At his Pro Bowl basketball game on Tuesday night, Kitna tried to hide in the corner, but wound up swarmed for autographs — a huge change from only a couple of months ago.

His teammates also are starting to lobby for a Pro Bowl berth and MVP consideration, something that doesn’t interest Kitna at the moment.

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Hokie running back
has 3,322 career
rushing yards

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Virginia Tech tailback Kevin Jones never made a secret of where he was headed. After the Hokies’ practices, Jones would go home and would start working out again. He’d spend hours watching more film, pumping more iron, running more wind sprints on a machine his father brought from the family home in Chester, Pa.

All this to prepare for the NFL. The preparation is over after Jones announced Wednesday that he was skipping his senior season to go pro.

"It’s time for me to take the next step in my life, and that step is the NFL," he said.

Jones, a 6-foot, 221-pound junior, leaves Virginia Tech with 3,322 rushing yards and 34 touchdowns while starting for the Hokies only one of his three seasons.

He was the only reliable option for Tech this year, breaking the school record with 1,494 yards and 14 TDs as a backup his freshman and sophomore seasons. This year, his first as a starter, Jones’ father moved in to his apartment to help him train.

"I told Kevin, ‘You have a chance to leave this year if you put some extra work in,’" Thomas Jones said.

Jones responded by rushing for at least 100 yards a school-record eight times in a nine-game span for the Hokies (8-4) this season, including a record 241 yards and four touchdowns in a 31-28 loss at Pittsburgh.

Jones always had speed and strength, Thomas Jones said, but he still needed to learn how to be patient behind the line and pick up the blitz. After Kevin Jones ran for 128 yards and a score as Tech beat then-No. 2 Miami, Thomas Jones said he knew his son was ready to go pro.

"It’s a proud day for us," the elder Jones said. "This is a journey we started together. We’ve had long talks about this. I was telling him even at a young age ‘You can make it.’"

Jones’ departure leaves a wideopen spot at tailback for the Hokies. Sophomores Cedric Humes, who ran for 377 yards and averaged 5.9 yards per carry, and Mike Imoh, who has 86 yards this season, are both expected to compete for the starting role.

"I’m excited," said Imoh, who shares an apartment with the Joneses. "It’s sad to see him go, but I’m going to look a lot of the stuff he did and learn from him. His work ethic rubs off on other people."

While he’s sad to see his starting tailback leave a year early, Hokies coach Frank Beamer said he understands why.

"The money is so great. If you’re at that level, you’ve got to do what’s right for you at that time," Beamer said. "Kevin won’t be the last one."

In 2001, Beamer tried to persuade quarterback Michael Vick to remain for his junior year, presenting him with a $10 mil-

Virginia Tech running back Kevin Jones runs with the ball in a game earlier this season. Jones will go pro next year.

ion insurance policy to ease his fears of getting injured.

Nevertheless, Vick turned pro, playing for the Atlanta Falcons.

Jones said he will play his last college game in the Insight Bowl on Dec. 26 in Phoenix against California. He said he made the decision early so that the Hokies could focus on the game.

Jones said he probably won’t attend classes in the spring; instead he plans to spend most of his time working out.
NFL

Doctors says Raiders need help

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — A sports psychologist believes he can help mend the Oakland Raiders’ fragile psyche and is ready to step in.

Dr. Richard Crowley, of Burbank, Calif., is offering his services, and even wants to meet with controversial owner Al Davis to see about incorporating his “Mental Mechanics” program into the 3-9 Raiders’ regimen to improve their performance.

The Raiders say thanks, but no thanks.

“Tell him don’t even worry about it. It’s a hopeless cause right now,” Pro Bowl right tackle Lincoln Kennedy said Wednesday. “We’ve got to work through our own stuff. We don’t need outside help. It’s too late for that.”

Crowley took notice of Oakland’s problems after coach Bill Callahan erupted Sunday night following his team’s ugly 22-8 loss to the Denver Broncos.

“We’ve got to be the dumbest team in America in terms of playing the game,” Callahan shouted to reporters after the loss. “We don’t need outside help. It’s too late for that.”

“Callahan’s words could have lasting effects, even if the players now say their coach was criticizing their play and not them personally. “This team needs help. Serious help,” Crowley said. “They could be in this dark hole forever. They need some damage control (one, over the issues underlying their losses that their current staff doesn’t know how to resolve, and two, whatever negative attitude the players had about themselves and their playing abilities will of the way we give games away — we give ‘em away! Period. It’s embarrassing, and I represent that. And I apologize for that. If that’s the best we can do, it’s a sad product.”

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Callahan laughed in disbelief when told about Crowley’s ideas.

“Now! You’re not serious about asking that question,” he said.

The Raiders held a team meeting Monday, and the players seem to be supporting Callahan and the coach’s message that he was criticizing their mistake-prone play and not their intelligence. Rookie tight end Teyo Johnson has received calls from friends around the country interested in what’s going on with the team.

Oakland’s Jerry Rice catches a pass earlier against the Chiefs. A doctor says the Raiders need psychological help.

MLB

Reliable Hawkins signs with Cubs

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Scratch that right-handed setup man off the Chicago Cubs’ wish list.

The Cubs confirmed Wednesday they’d agreed to terms with free agent LaTroy Hawkins. The deal, which includes a player option for 2006, guarantees the pitcher $11 million over three years.

Hawkins, who turns 31 later this month, was 9-3 with a 1.86 ERA in 77 1-3 innings for the Minnesota Twins. He had 75 strikeouts and didn’t allow a run over 20 games from July 31 to Sept. 14.

Hawkins was especially impressive in the opener of the playoffs against the New York Yankees, striking out four over two innings and getting the victory.

Hawkins was converted to a reliever in 2000, when the Twins made him their closer. He was moved to the setup role before the 2002 season, and is 13-3 with a 2.00 ERA in 139 games since then.

“We were certainly hoping to bring him back,” Twins general manager Terry Ryan said Thursday night after being told Hawkins had signed with the Cubs.

“Obviously, he got security. It sounds like he got dollars. I could never fault a player for asking that deal set him up. I feel horrible about losing him. But I’m satisfied he’s going to a place he wants to be. Unfortunately, it’s not here.”

The deal also puts Hawkins, a native of Gary, Ind., closer to home and gives him a chance to play for Dusty Baker. Holstering the bullpen was high on the list of priorities for Cubs general manager Jim Hendry this offseason. Cubs relievers were 20-19 with a 4.16 ERA, 16th in the majors.

Joe Borowski was a pleasant surprise, calmly filling the closer’s role when Antonio Alfonseca got hurt in spring training and finishing with 33 saves. Left-hander Mike Remlinger is solid, and Kyle Farnworth is one of the hardest-throwing pitchers in the NL.
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**Hockey**

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**IN BRIEF**

**NFL ref fined for bad call**

NEW YORK — Referee Tom White was fined $2,600 for failing to restart the clock at the end of the Seattle-Baltimore game, a mistake that contributed to the Seahawks' 44-41 overtime loss.

The fine represented half of White's game check, supervisor of officials Mike Pereira said Wednesday.

The entire crew was reprimanded for its performance during the Nov. 23 game, presumably hurting its chances to officiate in the playoffs. Crews are assigned to the postsea­son based on their regular-season ratings.

"It tells me everyone is account­able," Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren said Wednesday. "Players are accountable, coaches are accountable and officials are accountable. Having said that, I'd just as soon give them the money back and get that call.

The play in question occurred with 58 seconds left and Seattle ahead 41-38. The Seahawks' Shaun Alexander gained 3 yards to the Baltimore 33, but head linesman Ed Camp threw a penalty flag because he thought offensive tackle Floyd Womack lined up as an ineligible receiver.

The Ravens called their final time­out again, but White did not restart the clock. As a result, Baltimore saved its timeout until after the plays, saving 40 seconds that it used when it got the ball back to tie a game it eventually won in overtime.

*Wells traded to Memphis*

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Volvo truck driver Brian Wells was traded by the Portland Trail Blazers to the Memphis Grizzlies on Wednesday for guard Wesley Person and a 2004 first-round draft pick.

Wells is averaging 12.2 points, 4.7 rebounds and 2.7 assists this season, but he also was stripped of his captain­cy and suspended for two games for cursing at coach Maurice Cheeks.

Wells was fined last month for mak­ing an obscene gesture at a fan after a loss to Philadelphia. Last March, Wells was suspended for one game by Cheeks for "conduct considered deter­ri­mental to the team."

"We are very hopeful that this oppor­tunity provides a fresh start for Brian in Memphis, and that he enjoys joining a rising young team in the Grizzlies," Memphis president Jerry West said.
Justin Tuck looks around during the Michigan game this season. Tuck has 13.5 sacks for Notre Dame in 2003.

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pushed him to improve, knowing that the young defensive end still has areas of his game in which he can get better. Willingham is confident that Tuck can be more than just a dominating pass rusher, and that he can develop into one of the better all-around defensive ends in the country.

"We love a lot of things that Justin Tuck brings, and that’s not just in the passing game," Willingham said. "He’s continued to develop in all phases of the game, and we need him to continue to develop in those phases, and he’s responded well to those challenges."

Still, Tuck may be his own biggest critic, as he is hesitant to accept accolades for his play in the past, and he only wants to make himself better.

"I think I’m my hardest critic," Tuck said. "I look at the games and people will say, ‘You made a good play there,’ but if you look at me like I could have done a little more than I did. But I should be like that. If you get content with things you’ve done, you’ll never reach your full potential."

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ND SWIMMING

Invitational will be key for Irish

Welsh says meet will be crucial test for team

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

Over 500 athletes from 16 different schools will compete as both the men’s and women’s swimming and diving teams host the Notre Dame Invitational at the Rolfs Aquatic Center today through Saturday.

Excluding the Irish, the men’s invitational field will feature 11 other schools, including West Virginia, Denison, Louisville, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Harvard, Shippensburg, Denver, North Dakota and both Wisconsin Milwaukee and Green Bay.

The men’s squad hopes to build upon its first dual-meet victory of the season when the Irish (1-5) hit the pool for the crucial midseason meet.

"This is the focal meet of the fall semester for us," head coach Tim Welsh said. "This is our midway report, like the final exam for the first semester...like how we’re doing at halftime with the second half of the game still to play days."

On Nov. 14, while Notre Dame picked up a pair of losses against strong squads from No. 20 Brigham Young and No. 22 Iowa, it also tallied its first victory of the season in a 223-62 thrashing of Louisville in a quadrangular meet at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

Should Notre Dame achieve its goal of turning in some of the year’s best times come meet-end, Welsh is confident the Irish will sit in a favorable position.

"We’re looking for the fastest times of the year and advancing into the Big East qualifying rounds," Welsh said. "We think if we all go individual best times, the score will take care of itself, and we’ll be happy with it."

The women’s team, on the other hand, looks to rebound from a seventh-place finish at the Texas A&M Invitational two weeks ago.

In addition to the same schools the men face, the women will also challenge Bowling Green, Hillsdale, Denison, Louisville, Shippensburg, Purdue, Western Michigan, Shippensburg and West Virginia. The meet-winner (outside of Notre Dame) will be key.

The Irish will be without a pair of swimmers this weekend, as senior Marie Labosky and freshman Rebecca Grove were competing at the U.S. Open Championships in Federal Way, Wash.

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Sophomore forward Torin Francis has been named the Big East Co-Player of the Week after averaging 20.5 points and 12.5 rebounds and shooting 60.7 percent from the field in Notre Dame’s first two victories of the season versus Northern Illinois and Mount St. Mary’s.

He shares the honor with sophomore guard Carl Krauser of Pittsburgh.

Francis registered his 11th double double of his collegiate career when he scored 24 points and grabbed 19 rebounds in a 74-65 victory over Northern Illinois. Both of those totals were one shy of his personal bests.
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percent of her 3-point attempts and dropping 12.5 points per game. She also tallies 6.5 assists and three steals and surprisingly leads the team with eight boards per contest.

After losing their season-opener to Northern Illinois 68-65, the Badgers won their Thanksgiving Classic in Miami last weekend. They knocked out Hampton and Butler to win the tournament title. Wisconsin lost their second straight home game Monday, this time by a 64-58 score to Western Illinois.

First-year coach Lisa Stone leads the Badgers. She came to Wisconsin from Drake, where she was 64-27 in three years. Meanwhile, Notre Dame looks to rebound after a tough weekend that saw the Irish fall to Michigan State 92-63 and No. 3 Tennessee 83-59. Notre Dame struggled in both games, and the losses knocked the team from the top 25 rankings. Despite struggling through two defeats, McGraw said the team has practiced well since their last two games.

"I'm really encouraged. You can tell a lot about a team after a loss," McGraw said. "We've all worked hard to change things, and it's fun at practice." Notre Dame won their home opener Nov. 21 against Valparaiso but have faced four other difficult teams on the road, including three ranked opponents in Auburn, Colorado and Tennessee.

Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast leads the team with 16.6 points per game and adds 7.4 rebounds and 1.8 blocks. She scored a career-high 27 points against Auburn earlier in the year and needs a mere 114 points to reach the 1,000-point mark in her career. She would become just the 20th Irish player to accomplish such a feat.

The two teams will face each other for just the second time at the Joyce Center, with Wisconsin winning the only other meeting 81-69 in 1996. Notre Dame leads the series 3-2.

McGraw hopes her team can keep the level of play they displayed in Wednesday night's Belles will need to take their momentum from this blowout into the weekend, where they will host Calvin College, Washington University and Illinois College in the Saint Mary's College Roundball Tournament.

Not only will they need to maintain the level of play exhibited in Wednesday night's game but they will need to improve several aspects of their game in order to defeat these arguably higher-level opponents.

We need to work on post defense and defending penetration," Bellina said. The Belles will play at home on Friday and Saturday in the Roundball Tournament.

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**HOROSCOPE**

EUGENIA LAST

Sharing this birthday: Jeff Bridges, Maria Tomei, Pamela Stephenson, Tyra Banks, Dennis Wilson

Happy Birthday: This is a year of change. It is important to accept the inevitable and move on. Although plenty of opportunities will present, you may find it difficult to take advantage of promising ventures if you are caught up in dead ends. Think progressively and you will find yourself moving in a positive direction. Your numbers: 9, 13, 24, 28, 31, 37

ARIES (March 21-Apr. 19): You will be able to work well with colleagues. You can finish all these unison projects and begin new ones if you work quickly and efficiently. Relationships may develop through work.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Today will be hectic. Keep moving, and you will fit everything in and feel satisfied at the end of the day. Prouna encouragers can be your friends if you are willing to act on your instincts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Problems with roommates can be expected. Don't let yourself be taken for granted. Real estate investments will be profitable. You can buy products for your home, but don't go over your budget.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Romance may come looking for you. Be receptive to the advances made by others. Friends or relatives may want to set you up with someone. This is the night to go out with your life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may want to cut back a little on your social overload. Try to negotiate your financial position and consolidate your debts. You may want to plan out your next move.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You are usually logical, but not today. You will be quite irritable and should have yourself to get physical and use up some of that excess energy you've got.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): It's time to question your financial situation. Things have not been too favorable lately, and it is time for you to make some major decisions. Examine your legal rights before going any farther.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may not feel comfortable when you take a second look at someone's talents. You can finish all those undone projects and begin some new ones if you work quickly and efficiently. Relationships may develop through work.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will be in contact with people who will surprise you. You can invest in joint ventures, but make sure that you are willing to act on your instincts.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotional fluctuations can be expected. Make love not war. You can get close to the one you love or lose some companionship until you make up your mind. Don't make promises you can't keep.***

Birthday Baby: No one will ever be sure what you are going to do next. You have the freedom to make things happen. If you want to accomplish something, you will do whatever is required. You are strong, engaging and slightly ahead of your time.

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FOOTBALL

Tuck hungry for more after breaking record

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

Justin Tuck dives for the tackle as the Irish collected an impressive win over Pittsburgh earlier this season.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles pound Andrews 72-26

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

To say that Wednesday night's contest between Saint Mary's College and Andrews University was one sided would be a complete understatement. The Belles played fiery offense and tough defense, after a disappointing loss Tuesday night to Manchester, en route to a 72-26 lopsided victory, clearly showing that one team simply did not come on a 21-2 run to start the game. The Belles controlled the game from the first minutes, going on a 21-2 run to start the game. With the starters resting most of the game, the Saint Mary's bench players had little trouble running the offense, namely freshman Bridget Lipke who shot 4-6 from the field and finished with nine points, four assists and three steals. Lipke's statistics do not tell the whole story, as she took control as the floor general and created much of the offense throughout the game.

"People were hungry tonight," Coach Suzanne Bellino said. "Players [who are used to] little playing time really picked us up." Coming off a disappointing loss Tuesday night, the Belles made solid adjustments in order to blow the doors off Andrews. They pushed the ball well, exploiting Andrews' weak transition defense and finishing easy lay-ups and pull-up jumpers. The Belles shot the ball very well compared to Tuesday night's game, shooting 47.7 percent from the field, and I'm shooting for six sacks," Tuck said. "I'm shooting for at least six, and I'm shooting for six Saturday." In addition to the sacks, Tuck led the team in tackling against the Cardinal with seven stops Saturday. He is second on the Irish with 72 tackles on the year and 12 sacks. He has been a complete understatement.

"They told me at halftime that I had [the record]. It really didn't sink in until after the game," he said. "But then I started thinking about the defensive linemen that have played here. And after the game I talked to my dad, and he said that the announcers had said something about it during the game. It became a bigger thing as it went on. Right now, Tuck said that, during the game, it didn't register that he had clinched the record. But he took an opportunity after the game to think about where his record and accomplishment places him in Notre Dame football history.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish ready for 'tall' challenge

Notre Dame faces Wisconsin tonight at Joyce Center

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Irish coach Muffet McGraw wanted her players to do one thing at practice Wednesday — grow a few inches.

"We were trying to get taller," McGraw said.

Notre Dame (2-3) faces a Wisconsin team (2-2) Thursday night at the Joyce Center that has five players over six feet in height, including a pair of centers that are 6-foot-5 and 6-foot-7, respectively.

"They're the tallest team we've played," McGraw said. "We're going to just see how it goes." Wisconsin's two centers, Emily Ashbaugh and Lelio Gebisa, along with 6-foot-3 sister Eliza Gebisa, give the Badgers a distinct advantage in the paint. Notre Dame's tallest players, Teresa Borton and Courtney LaVere, are a mere 6-foot-3.

Ashbaugh leads the Badgers in many offensive and defensive categories, averaging 13.8 points, 7.8 rebounds and 1.3 blocks per game.

Guard Ashley Josephson gives Wisconsin an outside threat, knocking down 53.8 percent of his shots.

"I'm going to get six sacks," Tuck said. "I'm going to get six sacks." Tuck has not reached that feat yet, but he has had some very impressive performances for the Irish this season.

"I go into every game thinking, 'I'm going to get six sacks,' and I'm disappointed if I don't," Tuck said.

But it's hard to believe the 6-foot-5, 246-pound junior was disappointed with his performance Saturday, as he recorded 3.5 sacks against Stanford to clinch the Notre Dame single-season record for sacks. He now has 13.5 on the year.

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