Council nixes CORE requirement
Semester-long option will replace year-long sophomore Arts and Letters course

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

After over two decades of providing sophomores in the College of Arts and Letters with a broad base of knowledge in the form of a structured, year-long program, CORE has been dropped from the school’s list of requirements.
In its place stands the College Seminar, a one-semester course approved by a 30-18 vote among members of the College Council over the two-semester option of a half-year sophomore class and a senior capstone class. Rather than relying on a series of required texts based on a program-wide theme — the approach Core currently follows — the College Seminars will offer a variety of interdisciplinary course options, based on proposals awarded development grants by the College.

Steve Frenkel, director of the Student Affairs Committee, said that the proposal for the first reading of votes was accepted by the student body — it is one of the many advantages of the reading day.

Campus plans study day stress relievers

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Writer

Review sessions. All-nighters. Hungry Hungry Hippos? With finals looming just an extended weekend away, the Student Union Board and the University Counseling Center have planned their own creative additions to the standard study day schedule to remind students to relax, slow down and take some time to take care of their bodies.

"When students get really busy, they tend to feel guilty about "being productive," said Helen Bowden, a counselor at the Center. "They start to ignore their bodies and not take care of themselves when they realize it’s the most. But by taking little breaks, they’re actually helping themselves more in the long run."

Saint Mary’s reading day sparks rumors

Officials deny that professors have planned mandatory classes on designated study day

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

Last year, Saint Mary’s student government Academic Affairs Committee accepted a proposal for the first reading day to give students extra preparation time for final exams. To encourage students to balance studying with healthy breaks, SUB and the University Counseling Center have scheduled stress relief activities during study days.

Trustees nearing choice for president

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

The Saint Mary’s Board of Trustees will meet Monday to begin selecting the next president for the school.

The College’s Presidential Search Committee, which the Board of Trustees began the process after Eldred announced March 5 that she intended to retire from her position. She agreed to stay on until a successor is named. In early July, the Saint Mary’s Board of Trustees hired Korn/Ferry International to conduct a search for a qualified candidate to fill the position.

Following this search, the goal in August was to announce three presidential candidates to the Board of Trustees in October. The committee has since announced and hosted four candidates on campus. Students learned of the candidates and their credentials with their visits through various opportunities to meet with them and ask them questions. Students were then asked to evaluate each candidate’s pros and cons, as part of what is known as the candidates’ program-wide search.

GSU Members recommend care plan

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

In a culmination of the debate from last month’s meeting, the Graduate Student Union voted unanimously to recommend to the Board of Trustees for the Board of Trustees to recommend an insurance plan from MegaLife.

Kleva received five bid packages for graduate student insurance, but the only two viable options were Chickering, the fronting company for Aetna, and Student Resources, the fronting company for MegaLife. The base premium for each was $989 and $966, respectively, but because Aetna did not offer as good of a benefit package as Mega, Mega was considered to be the best choice.

"The thought was, the cost is lower with Mega and we’d deal..."
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Pizza at 3 a.m.**

“Pizza is just a great food.” So says TJ Maruup, Dillon freshman and Imperial Dictator of Pizza at Three. What is Pizza at Three? Several weeks ago, I received a link from my friend Kevin Vitan, directing me to the official Pizza at Three website, and began my initiation into the Pizza at Three phenomenon.

Pizza at Three is a tradition started by Maruup. Members of the Pizza at Three family join together at 3 a.m. each Thursday morning to partake of Recker’s delicious—y you guessed it—pizza. Why three in the morning? “Well,” Maruup said, “no one has any excuses to miss it, unless you’re sleeping and even that’s no excuse.”

Maruup, a science pre-professional intent, started the group with his fellow Dillon freshmen Braun and John Leyhane. It has expanded considerably over the semester as they move toward their goal of 40 consistent attendees.

The group has also expanded to California and Washington, D.C. It has overcome resistance by rival group Smoothies at Eleven, founded by David Duffley. It has been the subject of a poll on NDToday.com receiving 81 responses. Although 46 percent said they would not attend this week’s Pizza at Three festivities, the idea had a strong response. The official Pizza at Three website has received some 4,200 hits since its establishment. The phrase “pepperoni in” has also spread over the Notre Dame campus, to California and Washington.

I was curious enough about Pizza at Three to venture completely across campus at three in the morning, approximately five hours before my chemistry exam, to take part in it for myself. Armed with FlexPoints, my chemistry exam, to take part in the friendship of Kevin Braun, and an unhealthy amount of caffeine, two friends I set off on a mission—to experience Pizza at Three for ourselves.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS?**

Mike Schmied, Junior Dillon

“I can’t say but it involves ice cubes and a nine-ion.”

Cesar Hernandez, Freshman Fisher

“A carton of cigarettes.”

Tim Jaeger, Sophomore Dillon

“I want Joe Bochenek in my stocking.”

Mac Longo, Freshman Fisher

“A few days dispensations from my RA.”

Rob Tenniswood, Junior O’Neill

“Jennifer Love Hewitt—wrapped up and under my tree.”

Notre Dame students crowd the LaFortune student cluster on Tuesday afternoon.

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**OFFBEAT**

**Brittany dog awarded for Iraq arms find**

LONDON — Buster, a 6-year-old Springer spaniel, earned more than a pat on the head Tuesday when he was awarded Britain’s highest animal bravery medal for his role in breaking a resistance cell in Iraq. The British army canine received the Dickin Medal at a ceremony at London’s Imperial Museum for discovering a cache of weapons and explosives in Safwan, southern Iraq, in March.

Buster’s handler, Sgt. Danny Morgan, said the building was thought to be the headquarters of extremists responsible for attacks on British forces, but that soldiers searching it had found nothing. He said Buster, however, persisted, eventually stopping and staring at a wardrobe. When the wardrobe was moved, a piece of tin fell from the back, revealing a cavity.

**CARIBBEAN SANTA FAINTS NEAR THE EQUATOR**

GEOGETOWN, Guyana — A Caribbean Santa fainted under a blazing sun while distributing candy to a swarm of children on stage in a remote mining town near the equator. Santa Claus panicked when more than 100 children stormed the stage Saturday to scoop up the sweets in the bauxite mining town of Linden, 70 miles (113 kilometers) south of Georgetown, police said.

Wearing a traditional winter Santa suit in this South American country, Santa buckled under the more than 80-degree Fahrenheit (27-degree Celsius) heat and slumped to the ground.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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Crossin to lead '04 'The Shirt' project

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

Katrin Crossin, a sophomore from Lewis Hall, has been selected as president of the 2004 'The Shirt' project. Crossin succeeds junior Dave Brenner and will officially assume the post after being confirmed by the Student Senate during its meeting today.

Crossin was chosen after an extensive selection process. Eleven other students submitted preliminary applications, and five were chosen to participate in the second round, which included interviews conducted by Brenner, Claire Fadel, assistant student body treasurer, and Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities.

"It was really difficult because all five people we interviewed were really good," Brenner said. "We were impressed with them all.

In the end, Crossin and her enthusiasm won out. Brenner said, "Katie really exemplified the things we were looking for in a president — a lot of enthusiasm and a lot of confidence in the project," he said.

Although she has not yet officially been named to the post, Crossin has already begun work on the project, including collecting and reviewing designs submitted by students. "She's very much in the thick of things already," Brenner said.

Crossin said that she hopes to continue to build on the success that "The Shirt" has enjoyed in the past and promote the fact that profits from the project benefit charity.

Each year, revenue from "The Shirt" is split between Student Activities to be spent toward club allocations and "The Shirt" fund, which provides financial assistance for students facing unforeseen medical expenses and for tutors to use in aiding disadvantaged students.

Crossin would not reveal the content of designs submitted for the 2004 project or confirm that this upcoming season's shirt will be green. She is confident, however, that the outcome will reflect the rich tradition of the project and commemorate its 15-year anniversary.

"We've got a good thing going," she said. "We're going to see where the design takes us."

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CHRISTMAS REVELRY

Residents of Fisher Hall gather for food and fun during a dorm holiday celebration on Monday night.

'Notable' students honored

By KATE GALES
News Writer

Junior Teresa Hansen and fifth-year student Christopher Heim were named "Notable Irish" by the Notre Dame Student Government and Legends.

Hansen and Heim are the first honorees with this designation, which will be awarded each month.

"It's an effort by the Office of the President and leaders of the student body to get recognition for students who do things outside of Notre Dame that aren't really well recognized," Hansen said.

Hansen, an economics and peace studies major, has done a great deal of community service, most notably her work with Jim McGinnis, director of the Institute of Peace and Justice in St. Louis.

"He developed a pledge of non-violence — a seven component pledge that embodies what it means to be a non-violent person, what kind of character you need," Hansen said. "I've been a junior, [I] took that and made a curriculum for a Peace Camp based on the pledge. It's taking place all over the country."

Hansen has personally been involved with programs in Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Kentucky, as well as an Episcopal Church conference in Chicago.

"Now the curriculum is published. It's an easy format so [the program] doesn't always need us to come out and train them," said Hansen.

Hansen has also participated in CSC-sponsored Summer Service Programs, both domestically with the YWCA and internationally in Bangkok with refugees.

Christopher Heim, a fifth-year Architecture student, was recognized for his contribution to the Notre Dame community via graphic design. The watermarked shamrock logo used by Legends was his winning design.

Heim's graphic skills have been used to enhance T-shirts and a window etching on his dorm, Morrissey. He also serves as Student activities of the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

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Council holds meeting for student government candidates

By MAURENE REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

Elliot Poindexter, president of the student government's Judicial Council, held a meeting Tuesday for students interested in running for student body president and vice president. At the meeting, Poindexter outlined some of the rules of the election process.

Each pair of candidates — one presidential and one vice presidential running mate — must gather 700 signatures of students before they are allowed to run. This number was changed from last year's requirement of 300 signatures due to the increased student body population.

"It's good for our students that we have a lot of students running," said Pat Hallahan, former student body president.

Poindexter also spoke about the need for campaign money in the long run, the less usage we accumulate over time," said Young, advocating the most expensive campaign.

"Besides, we got a top of the line printer all the benefits we can get."

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"To encourage students to take these healthy breaks, both the Counseling Center and SUB scheduled stress-relief activities for today and Friday. The SUB activities will take place in the LaFortune Ballroom tonight from 9 p.m. to midnight, and will include a new feature, said SUB representative Ashley Sinnott. "Every semester we've offered pizza and free massage, and this year we've added games like Guess Who, Scrabble and Hungry Hungry Hippos," she said. "We think it's a cute way to relax and spend time with your friends, because study days can be really hectic." The Counseling Center will offer more formal stress relief, hosting relaxation-training classes for Friday from 4 to 5 p.m.

"It teaches several stress-relief techniques, such as breathing exercises, muscle relaxation and scanning techniques," Bowden said. Brochures will also be handed out to provide details about the relationship between stress levels and students' bodies.

"We just want to educate them a little more about the mind-body connection" that students often ignore during this time of year, she said. "We hope this will help them discover more self-care activities.

The study days sessions are open to all students and will be a condensed version of the three-part relaxation courses that the Counseling Center offers twice a semester, Bowden said.

The Center and SUB said their activism aimed to offer some relief from academic pressures and end the semester on a positive note.

"SUB does this every year on study days," Sinnott said. "It's one of our last activities of the semester, and we think it's a good way to end the year.

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with them in the past, eliminating their ability to adjust to a new company," said John Young, chair of the health care committee.

However, debate remained over which benefits to add and which to cut from the plan — the result of which would affect the cost as well as the health of the graduate students. It was suggested that the pharmacy benefit cap could decrease from $150 to $100 and that coverage after the deductible could decrease from 100 percent to 90 percent. These cuts would save anywhere from $35 to approximately $150.

Out of concern that cutting benefits would not actually save money in the long run, the GSU opted for the plan that included all requested benefits, and totaling $1,022 in expense.

"The more we pay into the plan, the less we lose in the long run," Young said, adding that the liability is a "good thing."

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"Until a sufficient number of students..."
International News

Six die in Russian suicide bomb

MOSCOW — At least six people may have intended to attack Russia's parliament but killed themselves instead by setting off a man-made explosion outside the building on Tuesday, killing five people and sparking fears of a new wave of terror attacks in the Russian capital.

The bombing, which also wounded at least 10 people, occurred near Red Square on Tuesday, killing five people and sparking fears of a new wave of terror attacks in the Russian capital.

Some searching for a second woman suspected of involvement in Tuesday's attack, warning that she might also be carrying explosives. No group claimed responsibility, but past attacks — including ones carried out by female suicide bombers — have been blamed on rebels from the breakaway republic of Chechnya.

N. Korea offers WMD compromise

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea announced Tuesday it would freeze its nuclear weapons projects in return for the United States providing energy aid and removing Pyongyang from a list of countries that sponsor terrorism. President Bush rejected the offer.

The North's terms amounted to a response to a plan offered a day earlier by the United States, Japan and South Korea for ending the standoff over the communist state's nuclear weapons program.

Bush's statement, and similar remarks by White House and State Department spokesmen, appeared part of jockeying for position in advance of another round of talks with North Korea.

National News

Owner, band charged in R.I. fire

WALL: The owner of the night club where 100 people were killed in a fire last February were indicted on involuntary manslaughter charges.

Owner Jeffrey Mozer and his band, the Back, were each charged with two counts of involuntary manslaughter — two for each death.

The fire, which occurred across the street from the Hartford Public Library, killed two people and injured four.

A man was hit by a car in the intersection of South Main and Broad streets.

World News

Chinese President Wen Jiabao is greeted by President George Bush in Washington on Tuesday. The two discussed Taiwan and other bilateral issues facing their nations.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With visiting Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao at his side, President Bush sent a strong warning to Taiwan on Tuesday not to take any action toward independence that could cause new tensions with Beijing.

"We oppose any unilateral action by either China or Taiwan to change the status quo," Bush said when asked about a planned March 20 vote in Taiwan on independence.

And the comments and actions made by the leader of Taiwan indicate that he may be willing to make decisions unilaterally and change the status quo, which we oppose," Bush said.

The planned March referendum, coupled with a character assassination of the current president, has led Bush to speak in harsher tones to demonstrate Taiwan as it pursues a deeper relationship with authoritarian China, particularly on security issues.

Bush apparently senses that an unstable situation in the Taiwan Strait could be dangerous, particularly as U.S. forces stretch thin because of Iraq and with a potentially explosive situation in North Korea.

The planned referendum would ask the people of Taiwan if the government should demand China's withdrawal of hundreds of missiles aimed at the island. U.S. officials believe the vote could push Taiwan closer to independence.

In Taipei, the capital, Foreign Minister Li Lan said China had said it would make a decision on the referendum issue.

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Later, during an arrival ceremony on the South Lawn that featured a 19 gun salute, Bush gently chided China on human rights and Beijing's economic policies.

"The growth of economic freedom in China provides reason to hope that social, political and religious freedoms will grow there as well," Bush told Wen. "In the long run, these freedoms are indivisible and essential to national greatness and national dignity."

China joined the World Trade Organization two years ago.

The administration has been pushing Beijing to speed up market-opening measures and relax controls on its currency, which it contains Chinese exports unfairly cheap.

Iraq agrees to war crimes tribunal

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's interim government voted Tuesday to establish a war crimes tribunal to prosecute top members of Saddam Hussein's regime, two people who headed the meeting said.

The tribunal will be formally established on Wednesday, said U.S. administrator for Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, temporarily cedes legislative authority to the Iraqi Governing Council so that it can create the court.

One council member, Younadem Kana, told The Associated Press that the court's proceedings would be open to the Iraqi public — and possibly broadcast on television. The vote to approve the tribunal was confirmed by a second person at the meeting who refused to be identified.

Kana said the first suspects brought to trial for crimes against humanity would be from among the former regime members on the U.S. military's list of 55 most-wanted Iraqis.

That group would include several former top officials in coalition custody, such as former foreign minister Tariq Aziz; former vice president Saddam Hussein's brother Uday; and Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadhan; and Ali Hassan al-Majid, known as "Chemical Ali" for his role in chemical attacks on Kurds in the 1980s.

In the unlikely event that Saddam is captured alive, he presumably would be tried by the special tribunal as well.

The U.S.-led occupation force has pledged to cooperate with the tribunal and hand over detainees for trial.

In all, hundreds of Saddam aides could face judges on charges of genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity, relating to mass killings of Iraqi Kurds and Shite Muslims as well as Kuwaitis and Iranians. Kana said. Saddam invaded Kuwait in 1990 and fought a protracted war with Iran in the 1980s.

Local News

Peanuts cause massive fire

KINGSBURY, Ind. — Roasting peanuts caused a man-made explosion that jumped to a building's rafters and destroyed the Northern Indiana business, authorities said.

A fire was reported in a fire Monday afternoon at Kingsbury Elevator, the building that housed Williams' Peanut Company, which has been hit by a fire extinguisher.

Jim Tishkoff, who was operating the roaster where the fire started, said he saw peanut skins on top of the roaster catch fire. He went to get a fire extinguisher, but by the time he returned, the fire had spread to the rafters and was out of control.

Friendly discussion with Chinese head of state regarding Taiwan, other issues

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Saint Mary's residence halls celebrate Christmas season

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

The Board will be reviewing for their final decision this Monday.

"The comment I heard the most was that the students felt the candidates who came to campus were all very qualified
and they were very impressed with the process," said Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, student body president. "The student body seems very happy
and residence halls are planning for their final decision this month.

The final four candidates to be reviewed include
- Michael Hoaglin, vice president of public relations at the University of Florida.
- Natalie Bailey, vice president and chief academic officer at Alliant International University.
- Susan Keys, executive vice president at Johns Hopkins University.
- Gail Baker, vice president of public relations at the University of Florida.

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The Core program, the brainchild of the Core faculty and the new faculty member, is designed to provide a broad intellectual experience for all students. The program includes a wide range of courses in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and professional fields. The Core program is intended to provide a solid foundation for students in all majors.

Core members would probably approach the subject using texts from their own disciplines. For example, if I were to offer a course in the arts, I would use texts from the arts.

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December 11th from 12:30 pm till food runs out
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Gap founder steps down for son

SAN FRANCISCO — The founder of the Gap clothing store chain said Tuesday he is stepping down as chairman of the company he started 34 years ago as a frustrated shopper trying to find better-fitting pair of jeans.

Donald Fisher, 75, will relinquish the chairman's title to his son, Robert, a former Gap executive, after the San Francisco-based company's annual meeting in May. He intends to remain on the board as chairman emeritus and wants to advise Gap's chief executive officer, Paul Pressler, whom Fisher recruited in 2002 to lift the company out of a funk.

The company ended a 29-month-long sales slump shortly after Pressler's arrival and has now increased its same-store sales — a key measure of a merchant's health — for 14 consecutive months.

"I'm more confident than ever about our company's long-term prospects," Fisher said. "I believe now is an appropriate time to make this transition as chairman."

Drug companies will pay fines

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Nine leading pharmaceutical companies, including Indianapollus-based Eli Lilly and Co., have agreed to pay a South African business regulator a total of $2.8 million to settle a lawsuit alleging anti-competitive trading practices. Oflicials said Friday.

The suit, filed in the mid-1990s, accused the companies of fixing prices on eight drugs to keep competitors out of the market. It was the first class-action lawsuit against foreign companies operating in South Africa.

"We are pleased to have resolved this matter," said Richard Buck, executive vice president of International Drug Distributors. "We believe it is in the best interests of all parties involved to move on and focus on the delivery of quality health care to our patients."

钢 prices may be on the rise

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Office of the Secretary of Commerce said Friday that it was considering seeking an increased anti-dumping duty on steel imports from South Korea.

The preliminary investigation was launched in response to a petition filed by a U.S. steel producer. The Commerce Department said it would consider whether to impose duties if it found that South Korean steel imports were being sold below market value.

The investigation follows a similar case against China, which came before the International Trade Commission in November.

"We are committed to ensuring that the U.S. steel industry is treated fairly in the marketplace," said Commerce Secretary Donald Evans. "We will take all necessary actions to protect our domestic steel producers."

A lawyer for the South Korean steel company said the petition was "groundless" and "flawed."
day," Jablonski-Diehl said. The approval process for the reading day is one that has taken ten years and several meetings among professors, student government members and other school officials in order to ensure that it would be beneficial to all involved. Initially, many professors objected to the reading day for a variety of reasons. "My misgivings were largely about taking away a day of class and what that represented in terms of using class time to get students ready for their final and sum up the semester's worth of material," said Joe Incandela, a professor in the religious studies department. Other professors said they had no misgivings about the day from its initial introduction. "I seem to recall that, some 20 years ago, the last Friday of the semester was already designated as a study day, but that it eventually migrated to the Saturday and Sunday preceding finals week," said professor Renee Kingcaid. "So, since most professors have come to count on holding class meetings all the way through the last semester week, 'losing' the Friday has created syllabus problems. Personally, I'm in favor of a study day if the students truly use it as such."

Professors, however, who are opposed to the idea of a reading day, may yet have an opportunity to see the new rule removed from existence. As stated in the campaign motto created by the Student Academic Council in order to promote appropriate use of the reading day, students must "use it or lose it." Over Christmas break, students will be asked to fill out a survey on Prism evaluating the effectiveness of the day, with the results evaluated by the Student Academic Committee and other committees to assess the day and determine its future. It is up to both the students and the staff to respect the day and facilitate the effective use of the opportunities it provides, as it was created to help students by providing them with extra time to study in order to improve their grades. It is not a day students or professors would want to lose by abusing it during its first year of existence, Jablonski-Diehl said. "In the end we are all looking to make Saint Mary's a better place," she said.

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Students cope with losses during holidays

Saint Mary's Counseling Center offers advice, consolation to students dealing with a death in their families

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For most people, the holidays are a time of happiness spent with family and friends. But for anyone who has recently lost a loved one, the holidays often become a time of sadness.

"Losses are harder to deal with at the holidays," said Mary DePauw, Saint Mary’s director of Career and Counseling Development Center. "The person becomes very missed at these times."

Saint Mary’s junior Genevieve Tauer lost her father on Oct. 4, 2003, at the age of 62.

"Everyday is different without him," Tauer said. "We usually go to my sisters’ for Thanksgiving, but this year we decided to have it at home because we all feel closer to him there.”

Tauer says the strong faith in God her father instilled in her is helping her to grieve.

"My dad always encouraged us to have a personal relationship with God," Tauer said. "He told us to turn to God with everything, to trust him, because he would get us through.”

Saint Mary’s senior Laura Coristin lost her father Nov. 4 at the age of 50.

"He was sick, and for the past two years it’s been really hard to watch him suffer," Coristin said. "I feel myself that he’s much better off now because he’s at peace, but at the same time the thought that I’m never going to see or talk to my dad again really hurts.”

DePauw suggests that the holidays are a perfect time to honor a lost loved one. Working at a home-less shelter or offering a memorial at church, home or school are all good ways to honor the life of a person, DePauw said.

This year, Tauer’s mother has insisted that her five daughters do not buy her anything for Christmas. "We can’t give her what she really wants," Tauer said. "Instead I’m going to go to the Salvation Army and serve meals to people who can’t afford them, and then I can give that to my mom in memory of my dad.”

Tauer and her four sisters are also creating a scrapbook of pictures and memories of their father to present to their mother for Christmas.

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"Burying a parent is an experience like no other," Coristin said. "Make sure you take the time to appreciate the people who love you because you never know what might happen to you or to them, and it would be horrible to live with regrets.”

DePauw, who is a licensed psychologist, emphasizes that it is important to offer encouragement and support to those who are living with the loss of a loved one. "The most important thing you can do for that person is to acknowledge it directly,” she said. "Ask the person how they’re doing, offer to visit the grave of the loved one with the person and give support in any way they need it.”

DePauw also recommends looking into other sources of support such as various books, journals and support groups geared towards lending support in times of need. The Career and Counseling Development center can help direct students to these sources.

"We in our Center are here with an open heart to listen and support students living with the whole range of loss that becomes more apparent at the holidays," said DePauw.

She reminds people living with a loss that it is normal and important to go through the grieving process.

"We wouldn’t have given tear ducts if we weren’t meant to cry,” said DePauw. "Don’t keep it inside.”

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NEW YORK — Fights, gun battles and blood are increasingly making their way into homes each night through television, according to a study released Tuesday.

The study by the Parents Television Council counted 534 separate episodes of prime-time violence on the six major broadcast networks during the first two weeks of the November ratings “sweeps” in 2002. That was up from 292 violent incidents during the same period four years earlier, the organization said.

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Osbourne making steady progress

Dazed heavy metal and reality TV star has slow recovery from ATV accident

LONDON — Ozzy Osbourne — a wild man of heavy metal music, now a dazed d and reality TV show star — was operated in intensive care 1 day from injuries includ­ ing a broken neck vertebra and an all-terrain vehicle fall.

"It’s satisfac­ tory but it’s going to be slow. I don’t expect any major changes certainly for 24 hours," said Dr. Dick Jack, hospital medical director.

"Apparently he was on his quad bike and he hit something and he fell and the bike landed on top of him," Sharon Osbourne told e ­ r­ ters Tuesday at L o n ­ d ­ on ’ s B r o w n ­ o ­ r ­ d Airport.

"I don’t expect any major changes certainly for 24 hours," said Dr. Dick Jack, hospital medical director.

Osbourne fractured his left collar­ bone, rib cage and a neck vertebra in the accident Monday on his Buckingham­ shire estate in southern England.

"It’s satisfac­ tory but it’s going to be slow. I don’t expect any major changes certainly for 24 hours," said Osbourne’s recovery.

He said he believed there was no risk of paralysis from the fractured neck vertebra, although doctors were await­ ing a final report from radi­ ologists before removing an immobilizing collar.

The accident occurred while the singer was taking a day off from promoting Changes, a duet with his daughter Kelly, his London publicity agency said in a statement.

The song, released Tuesday in Britain, is a likely contender for the Christmas No. 1 spot in singles charts.

Ozzy Osbourne, whose real name is John Osbourne, grew up in a blue-collar fam­
ily in Birmingham, central England. He served two months in prison for burgla­ ry age 17.

He rose to fame with the 1970s heavy metal band Black Sabbath. He left for a solo career, shocking many with his lyrics focusing on the occult and startling performances. Osbourne bit the head off a live dove at a meeting with record company executives in 1981. The following year he did the same to a live bat at a concert in Des Moines, Iowa, although the bat reportedly bit back, and Osbourne reportedly had to undergo painful rabies shots.

The singer also used to throw raw meat into the audience and once urinated on a wall at the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas.

Some fans concluded that decades of alcohol and drug abuse had taken their toll when a rather confused­ looking Osbourne appeared on an unlikely TV show with his estranged wife Sharon. The singer appeared on MTV show ‘The Os­ bournes’.

As the third season of the MTV series, which follows the lives of Ozzy, Sharon and their children — Jack and Kelly — started produc­ tion about a month ago and was to begin airing Jan. 13.

The Osbourne accident nearly coincided with a story that had weekend on the Los Angeles Times Web site reporting a claim by Sharon Osbourne that he was pro­ scribed excessive amounts of powerful antidepressive and tranquilizing drugs by a Beverly Hills physician.

Osbourne said he developed a 42-pill-a-day habit that started for his odd behav­ ior on the expletive-laden MTV show, in which he has been seen mumble­ ng, falling and appearing dis­ oriented.

He blamed Dr. David Kipper, who has been investi­ gated for the same prac­ tices with other celebrity patients.

On Monday, however, actor-director Danny DeVito issued a statement of sup­ port of Kipper. DeVito said he and his wife, actress Rhea Perlman, and other family members have relied on Kipper’s care for more than 20 years.

Calls to Kipper’s office Monday were not returned.

Earlier this month, Osbourne told a British newspaper he’d been sexual­ ly molested as a child and suffered emotional effects long into adulthood.
The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees is scheduled to choose the College's next president in the immediate future from a group of four candidates who visited the campus last month.

During a series of separate two-day visits last month, the College interviewed Josina M. Baker, a top administrator at Notre Dame; Susan Keys, an administrator at Johns Hopkins University; and Carol Mooney, vice president and associate provost at Saint Mary's. Each candidate had an opportunity to tour the campus and meet with administrators, faculty and students.

A 1972 Saint Mary's graduate and longtime member of the South Bend community, Mooney is intimately familiar with the College both in terms of experiencing its past and envisioning its future. As an alumna, she knows the College's traditions and can preserve its most important aspect, its strong liberal arts identity.

But it is Mooney's experience as a leading administrator at a prestigious national university that sets her above the other three candidates. Baltadano, another strong candidate, lacks this experience. Baker has limited experience outside the relations and journalism and Keys was unimpressive in her college visit.

In addition to serving as an administrator, Mooney also worked at Notre Dame to recruit female and minority professors, suggesting she might make fixing the College's mediocre diversity record a priority at the College. Furthermore, the faculty and students who met with Mooney respond positively to the ideas she presented.

Should Mooney be chosen for the position of Saint Mary's president, there is no doubt it would be a loss to the Notre Dame community. The relationships Mooney built as an offi­cial at Notre Dame would allow her to build on the College's strong liberal arts identity.

Mooney is the best candidate for the job. Saint Mary's, already one of the best female liberal arts colleges in the nation, has the ability to turn the College into a national, even international, institution. With Mooney at the helm, it will be.

One person can change the world...
'Twas the week before finals

As some may know, flyers of Kobe Bryant were scattered on tables in North Dining Hall this Monday. I was a bit disheartened by the underlying messages these flyers sent than by the fact that those who produced the flyers did not claim responsibility for them. These people are cowardly and making responsibility for this

Those who made this flyer appeared to be sending the message that we should be careful what we allow ourselves to believe concerning images sent to us by the media. I believe they were making a bold statement and trying to spread a message. Why did they choose to use Kobe Bryant as their poster boy for their "beware the media" campaign? There are plenty of college dorms they could have chosen. If they are willing to use Kobe Bryant as the image of a sexual predator, why not use Michael Jackson? Why not use a priest? Whoever are you, why did you feel it necessary or appropriate to use the image of a prominent black athlete with no previous criminal record?

Furthermore, why use this image in the after-week of a similar situation the Notre Dame community just experienced involving four prominent black athletes with no previous criminal records?

The use of the word "preda­tor" is inappropriate and inaccurate language in regard to the Kobe Bryant case. A predator is one who engages in the hunt of another in order to capture or kill. To date, there is no evidence in the Kobe Bryant case that Bryant's pursuit of this young woman was calculated or aggressive or that he intended to use violence. The hunting is basically defined as the aggressive and calculated pursuit of another. We do not pursue her at all for that matter. Maybe you should check yourself, before you try to check somebody else.

Tiffany Mahones
junior
Farley Hall
Dec. 9

HELP ADDICTS, DON'T CRITICIZE

After reading Jim Lee's Dec. 9 letter, I do not think everyone understands the basic concept that addictions are not fun. Lee apparently believes that those addicted to drugs, narcotics and pornography are having a grand time reveling in these dangerous habits. I agree that addiction to pornography is highly underestimated not only on this campus, but also across the United States. However, I do not think the correct way to solve this problem is to point an accusatory finger at people and tell them not to do it. This is like having your mom say, "You'll go blind."

Addiction to pornography has deep seeded causes and is not just the result of looking at a Playboy magazine. Many who are now addicted to pornogra­phy are victims of abusive childhoods and a society that offers sex at the click of a button. Referring to it as a "dirty secret" does not encourage those who are affected by this horrible addiction to come out and try to receive help for it. Rather, addicts hide themselves in shame and beat up on themselves. They feel deeper inner addictions because it is impossible to break without any help.

There is a strong double standard in our society, and those people who are addicted to sex and pornography are often the victims. Pornography is readily available at any corner store and within a few seconds of signing on to the Internet, yet those who seek out help to try and break their problems are labeled as perverts and disgusting by people like Lee. This is like walking into an Alchoholics Anonymous meeting and haranguing people for being alcoholics.

This is not how we solve addiction problems for any group. We would like to think those addicted to pornography are different from us. We do not want to help them because we do not want to believe that we all have the potential to be in their place. This way, it is easier for us to point out and separate these people from society. I highly doubt that people who are addicted want to have a dysfunctional sex life and broken families, all which I admit are conse­quences to this problem.

Instead of judging and pointing out the problems of those who are addicted to pornography, we should take our high and mighty morality goggles, stop judging those who face this inner struggle in their lives and offer help to those who need it.

Eric Buell
sophomore
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Dec. 9

CHANGE TICKET PROCEDURES

I am a graduate of Notre Dame and currently have a job attending the University. I attended the exhibi­tion basketball game on Nov. 14, and I was shocked and surprised at the limited seating for students at the game. Happily I found that there have been two big changes since my graduation:

1. The number of seats available has been significantly reduced despite the increase in enrollment. Thirty years ago the student section included all of the lower level and upper level seats from mid-court to behind the basket. Now the student section includes only two lower level sections (both behind the basket), and four upper level sections (all behind the basket).

2. There is no seating priority based upon class. It used to be that seniors received first choice, juniors second choice and so on.

The new policy has penalized the students. Many students do not have access to basketball tickets, who in the past have been sold to donors and to the general public. If a student does receive a ticket, the location is behind the basket.

I understand the need to maximize the revenue in football and basketball to help subsidize the other sports. But the basketball team belongs to the stu­dents, and all of the students that want to attend these games should be accommodated. Considering the fact that families are paying in excess of $30,000 per year to attend school, the policy for student seating at bask­etball games seems tremendously unfair. Donors do not make Notre Dame, they are students. All of the students that attend Notre Dame, the students make Notre Dame.

Michael Milligan
class of '77
Dec. 1

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

QUESTIONING ANTI-MEDIA FLYERS

Joey Falco is a freshman marketing major. These are the things that make Notre Dame great.

"Happy together!" may be the theme for Notre Dame fans as they prepare to travel to the West Coast for the basketball season. This past year, the team was victorious against a couple of top teams and looks to accomplish the same this season.

Joey Falco
Forty Ounces for Falco

With Ty in depression he was tough to approach, though we all knew he should fire his special teams coach. And not a cruder sight than was Coach Brey. Preparing to destroy Indiana today.

Chuck Lennon was running about like a goof, because his carrigan had ripped from raising the roof.

Then Kegs and Eggs, tailgating, and SYR dates, lie looked on in content at the resulting pleasure, and to top it all off, he shouted, "A!" So the students all cried. For Falco

The events that ensued most certainly rocked, as

"Oh Lordy!" He came to us all and said with a roar, "Let's act like we've partyed as N.D. before!" So he passed our beer, still jolly and quick, and the students learned why their school is a treasure.

With the books set aside and class finally done, the time had come for some Notre Dame fun. But what is wondering eyes should appear? The fridges had been emptied of all their beer.

The students all cried, for their parties fell through. Without any drinking, what were they to do? They could study right now, but then grimaced in shame. After all, they were students at old Notre Dame!

When up on the Dome there arose such a clatter, we emerged from our dorms to see what was the matter. With a six-pack of beer and a merry little jingle, we knew in an instant that it was Irish Kris Kringle.

He came to us all and said with a roar, "Let's act like we've partyed as N.D. before!" So he passed out our beer, still jolly and quick, and the students learned why their school is a treasure. As a dastardly smile appeared on his face.

The events that ensured most certainly rocked, though they not have been legal under dacr.

He shouted our beer, and we all followed suit. Then pressed onward with a game of Beirut.

He next took delight in watching our faces, as he inserted beer bongs in peculiar places. And to top it all off, he shouted, "Oh Lordy!" Then tilted his head and pounded a forty.

He looked on in content at the resulting pleasure, as the students learned why their school is a treasure. Kegs and eggs, tailgating, and SYR dates, these are the things that make Notre Dame great.

He spoke not a word as he finished his work, merely turning away without even a smirk. But we heard him exclaim, as he drove out of sight, "Happy drinking to all, and to all a goodnight!"

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**ALBUM REVIEW**

The international Dylan songbook

By JUeLIE BENDER
Scene Music Critic

Heralded as one of the greatest lyricists in the history of rock and roll, Bob Dylan is a mysterious and secretive man of immense talent and versatility. Throughout the last half century, he has released over 40 albums, each one radically different from the last, but all containing songs of equal meaning and poignancy. In the early 1960s, he touched the hearts of folk purists with albums such as The Free-Wheelin' Bob Dylan and The Times They Are A-Changin'. 1965 brought him "plugging in" and shocking fans with the likes of Bringing It All Back Home and Highway 61 Revisited. He has dallied in country, in American soul and even in Christian music. This year Dylan surprised many by having his talent to the big screen with the film Masked and Anonymous which is currently opening in small venues throughout the country. The film, featuring a cast of many A-list stars including Jeff Bridges, Penelope Cruz, John Goodman, Jessica Lange and, of course, Dylan himself, has a flavorful soundtrack of multi-cultural Dylan covers, and even four songs performed by the Man himself. Showing just how influential Dylan has been in the international scene, the album's opener is a version of "My Back Pages," performed by the Magikoro Brothers. The opening guitar betraying a familiar melody, but almost immediately a striking difference is heard as the lyrics take center-stage. Not in English, but rather, in Japanese. This is not to say, however, that the album's opener is a version of "My Back Pages," performed by the Magikoro Brothers. The opening guitar betraying a familiar melody, but almost immediately a striking difference is heard as the lyrics take center-stage. Not in English, but rather, in Japanese.

Track two changes radically, with "Gotta Serve Somebody" interpreted by Shirley Caesar as a gospel number. The combination of Caesar's powerful vocals and the gospel choir gives the song a distinct "Bible Belt" feel. Also included is the traditional song "Diamond Joe," sung by Dylan and his excellent touring band of late. Performed as a bluegrass number live on the set of the film, the song has a light, dancing feel that places it in the context of a Tennessee line dance. Perhaps one of the most interesting and radical tracks on the album is the album's opener, "Like a Rolling Stone" cover by Articolo 31. A unique combination of old and new, the song effectively combines elements from the 1965 original version with new rap overdubs. The famous organ opening of Al Kooper is preserved, but a sudden "Ugh!" and heavy baseline pave the way to verses rapped in Italian. Shifting back to 1965, Dylan's original vocals pick up the refrain singing "How does it feel to be on your own..." with Italian translations sung in between each line. The album continues to diversify with covers by the Grateful Dead, the Latino band Los Lobos, and multiple other international bands, plus three other tracks performed excellently by Dylan himself.

Regardless of the language the lyrics are sung in, or the musical genre the songs are performed in, this album proves once again the power of Dylan's words. With the ability to transcend generations and cultural boundaries, Dylan's lyrics contain beauty, wisdom, versatility and the essential capability of articulating universal human emotion. Dylan's songbook remains one of the best there is.

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**ALBUM REVIEW**

Ryan Adams embraces rock n roll

By LIAM FARRELL
Scene Music Critic

Ryan Adams has left behind his acoustic guitar and the lonesome cowboy image developed with Whiskeytown and his early solo work on his latest release, appropriately titled Rock n Roll. In the context of last year's Demolition, this embrace of more straightforward rock and roll instead of an alt-country blend seems like a natural progression for Adams. Someone always willing to dig deep into past sounds and come up with an inviting retro sound, Adams has come into full acceptance of his inner Paul Westerberg with more than just his voice, filling the album with jangling, distorted guitars and rough and tumble rock construction. The album is not really experimental, but it is a new approach for Adams and adds a new dimension to the already diverse catalog that he has produced. Unfortunately, this album does not stack up with most of his earlier work. Although not really overshadowed by Demolition, the beautiful murky swamp of influences on Gold that showed an interest in almost every form of popular music in the last 30 years is absent yet again. One of the curses of being such a prolific songwriter is that some sub par music can sneak onto an album, and without the benefits of Gold's length, the weak songs cannot always be lost among the better tracks. This is not to say, however, that the album is a failure; indeed, the most mediocre Ryan Adams song is still usually a great piece of music. The intensity of "So Alive," the self-reflection of the somber "Rock n Roll" and the soaring melody of "Anybody Wanna Take Me Home" carry the album along and keep the pace alive. The upbeat pace of most songs allows the album to never become soggy and bugged down, even though Adams' usually brilliant and insightful lyrics are in some cases overshadowed by cliché and too much profanity.

Overall, however, it is a strong effort by one of the most potent musicians around today. Occasionally it can seem that Adams is just putting up a front, an image, but the sincerity that comes through in his musical craft never really allows someone to place him among fake hipsters. The irony of beingcookie the first to say this is lil' seems like a joking answer to the Strokes' first album Is This It? and can be seen as a humorous assertion of Adams' ego, which can seem overwhelming in the ambition of many of his projects. Still, the ragtag and almost underground feel and appearance of this album betray any notions of Adams' being a wannabe rock star. You can't help but like the guy and dig his music. Hopefully, he's got something even better up his sleeves for future releases.

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The Masked and Anonymous soundtrack contains covers of Bob Dylan's songs performed by international bands.

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A Perfect Circle, powerful yet artistic

Scene reviews the band's Monday night show at the Morris Performing Arts Center

By MATTHEW SMEDBERG
Scene Music Critic

Shrouded by the haze that filled the Morris Performing Arts Center, A Perfect Circle thrilled the crowd Monday night with a set of hard, overwhelming songs and spectacular effects. The quintet, headed by vocalist Maynard James Keenan and guitarist Billy Howerdel, moved through music from both of their albums, 2000's Mer De Noms and the just-released Thirteenth Step. In a performance which felt much shorter than it actually was, the band showcased its hard-hitting and yet ethereal lyric poetry and a rock style much heavier than it comes through on either record.

On record, A Perfect Circle is understated and intense in a way which leaves room for a lot of "negative space" in its sound. On stage, the musical space is all filled, down to the vibrations shaking the ground, making you afraid that the balcony of the hall will come crashing down around you.

Visually, the concert was defined by lighting which hides the band as much as shows it; the spotlights searching the smoke seldom came up with a musician but were more than beautiful to watch for that omission.

A Perfect Circle is like few bands in the music world today. Because of their combination of experienced musicians and poetic talent, they speak to those who would listen to rock music as an escape. Howerdel's art form, rather than merely as an entertainment or an escape. However, his professors of English might well find in the lyrics to their songs hidden meanings in ways that are reminiscent of the way they approach Keats or Joyce. This appeal, however, does not in any way diminish the experience of a concert like Monday's as a fine show.

The concert's opening act was Abandoned Poole, a trio in the California tradition of Smashing Pumpkins; Josh Freese, A Perfect Circle's percussionist, also played on Abandoned Poole's album If You're Not In Love. Tommy Walters, the band's lead singer and moving force, is a classically trained musician who graduates from USC in music and did graduate studies at University of the Pacific. Walters gave the Notre Dame contingent of the audience a nod as he introduced "Minstrel." "This song is about Notre Dame going to New York this weekend, playing Syracuse, losing to Syracuse ... and keeping my USC Trojans out of the National Championship."

The song runs, in part, "I wanna blow the smoker down / I wanna go another round / 'Cause I am coming up / I am coming back."

A common theme of the music of Tool and A Perfect Circle is the understatement of Maynard's vocals. The music is written as if his voice is merely another instrument and a second song of the set and one of the strongest tracks of Thirteenth Step, "Go to sleep," sings Maynard, "just stay with me, safe and ignorant."

Not content with delivering an incredible concert experience, the band entertained the crowd between songs with jokes about Thanksgiving dinner, Michael Jackson and other topics. These were, perhaps, to give the concert a personal side, as the music itself and the lighting artistry left little room for the audience to make themselves felt.

Perhaps in response to the feeling of "art for art's sake" which A Perfect Circle presents, many of the audience opted to remain in their seats for much of the concert. There was no place to form a pit at the Morris Center, of course, but even so it might be expected that an audience as excited as this one — at softer points in the music, it was sometimes impossible to hear the band — would be on their feet. But the chance to sit and experience a concert on this scale, in a venue like the Morris Center, may have been a welcome one for students of great art, who believe that A Perfect Circle does indeed fit the bill.

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Carter, who begged his team­mates for the ball in the fourth quarter, added eight rebounds and seven assists. Rookie Chris Bosh had 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Rookie LeBron James led the Cavs with 18 points and Zydrunas Ilgauskas added 17. Cleveland had a season-high 16 points and 10 rebounds for Minnesota.

**The Nets 101, SuperSonics 88**

Richard Jefferson scored a season-high 31 points, Kenyon Martin had 25 and the reawakened Nets beat the Seattle SuperSonics 101-88. The Nets' second straight victory over Seattle ended a season-long three-game winning streak for the SuperSonics.

Ronald Murray had 27 points for Los Angeles, which has lost three in a row and seven of 10. The only thing that prevented a Seattle victory was an 18-0 run to end the game.

This was the Nets' second straight bowl victory. The SuperSonics posted a 93-70 win on Nov. 25, a game in which the Nets limited the Sonics to a franchise­low 25 points in the second half.

Martin also dominated that game with 27 points and 14 rebounds and the Magic in 76ers win

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**MLB**

**Henry angry with Nomar’s agent**

Associated Press

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — Boston Red Sox owner John Henry said Monday that Nomar Garciaparra’s agent on Tuesday, saying it was the “locus of hypocrisy,” in accuse the team of betrayal even though the star shortstop rejected the team’s lucrative, long-term offer last spring.

“She says we’re being disingenuous. I take great umbrage at that statement,” Henry said at the opening of the team’s academy in the Dominican Republic, according to two Boston newspapers that covered the event. “That is the height of hypocrisy.”

Garciaparra said in radio and newspaper interviews this week that he would be hurt if the Red Sox went through with plans to trade him and acquire Alex Rodriguez from Texas. Calling the radio station and the Boston Herald from his Hawaii honeymoon with soccer star Mia Hamm, Garciaparra said he wants to finish his career in Boston, and noted his commitment to the community and the team.

Garciaparra’s agent, Arn Tellem, told The Boston Globe that the team’s efforts to acquire Rodriguez — which are less about Garciaparra than outfielder Manny Ramirez — are “a slap in the face.”

The Globe and Herald both quoted sources on Tuesday as saying that the Red Sox offered Garciaparra a four-year deal last spring worth $60 million. Garciaparra turned down the deal, instead seeking a longer deal worth as much as $17 million a year.

Since then, the market has declined, and the Red Sox have reportedly decreased their offer. “He hopes he’s being more honest with his client than he is with the media because we have made credible offers,” Henry said. “The reason we have continued in the manner in which we have, is that his agent has given us a very clear indication that there is no common ground. He seems to believe it is still the winter of 2000.”

Tellem, reached in New York, thought Henry was out of line.

“Obviously, I strongly disagree with Henry’s characterization of my comments in regards to Nomar’s current situation with Red Sox,” Tellem said. “All further questions regarding this matter will be conducted in a private and professional manner. The exchange of information for Nomar Garciaparra will be with Nomar and his agent.”

Tellem said he would begin negotiating a contract extension with pitcher Pedro Martinez at the winter meetings in New Orleans this weekend.

“Don’t feel pressured with regard to Pedro’s contract,” Tellem said. “He’s signed through 2004 and we’ll try to reach an agreement before spring training.”

Martinez has one season and $17.5 million left on his deal.

**NFL**

**Couch making case to be starter**

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Tim Couch fell just short in his bid to rally the Cleveland Browns to victory.

However, he may have started his own comeback.

Cleveland’s quarterback saved the Browns from being humiliated Monday night on national TV, replacing starter Kelly Holcomb just before halftime and directing two touchdown drives in the second half.

However, Couch’s heroics — he played on a sprained knee — came up short when he was sacked on fourth down with 1:51 remaining and the St. Louis Rams held on for a 26-20 win.

For Couch, though, Cleveland’s sixth loss in seven games was a personal triumph.

His performance was just the latest chapter in a strange season in which the Browns went through with plans to fire coach Butch Davis to bring in former No. 1 overall pick lost his job, got it back, lost it again, got hurt and was then asked to bail out the Browns.

Holcomb threw two interceptions in 35 seconds of the second quarter, prompting Browns coach Butch Davis to bring in Couch, who was 5-for-6 with a 25-yard TD pass to Quincy Morgan.

“We were looking for somebody to go in and play effectively, and Tim did,” said Davis, whose decision to bench Couch before the season may be the single biggest reason why the Browns are 4-9.

Following the game, Davis publicly praised Couch, who his quarterback would be for Sunday’s game in Denver.

By not naming a starter, Davis may be setting the stage for Couch to start the Browns’ remaining games against the Broncos, Baltimore and Cincinnati.

Those games could serve as an audition for Couch returning to the Browns in 2004.

It had been assumed that the five-year veteran, who is due to make $7.6 million next season and $8 million in 2005, would be released later this winter. Last week, Couch said he was sure he wouldn’t be back if he was benched and that “I have no idea if he’s going to be a backup.”

Team president Carmen Policy has said Couch will not be back both Couch and Holcomb next year. So someone has got to go, and after the way Holcomb has struggled in his first crack at being a starter, Couch may get a chance to win back his starting job.

“Obviously, I want to play,” Couch said. “Right now, I have no idea [if he’s starting]. I’m just coming into next week like I always did.”

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The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Anaheim Angels took one of the top pitchers off the free-agent market, agreeing Tuesday to a four-year contract with Bartolo Colon.

Colon had a deal worth about $48 million, one baseball official familiar with the negotiations had said Monday. "I'm happy to be with the Angels," Colon said, speaking through an interpreter.

"We're trying to keep our options open, but we feel we are in position now," said Arte Moreno, who purchased the Angels from The Walt Disney Co. last spring. "It's a very exciting day and a very emotional day for myself here. Seattle has greeted me with open arms." Moreno, who purchased the Angels from The Walt Disney Co. last spring, included in the contract, he would become the top pitcher. But Colon rejected the offer in October.

Though the White Sox offered Colon salary arbitration Sunday night, Williams seemed resigned Monday to losing the 20-game winner. Colon was only 15-13 with a 3.87 ERA this year, but he's proven for his durability and consistency. He's a 20-game winner who has reached double-digit victories in six straight seasons. The Chicago White Sox badly wanted Colon back, with general manager Ken Williams offering a three-year contract worth a reported $36 million — the largest ever for a White Sox pitcher. But Colon turned down the offer.

Former Chicago White Sox pitcher Bartolo Colon pitches against the Toronto Blue Jays. Colon agreed to a four-year contract with the Anaheim Angels.

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IN BRIEF

Guardado agrees to $13 million contract with Mariners

SEATTLE — Edgar Guardado and the Seattle Mariners agreed Tuesday to a contract that guarantees the closer $13 million over three years.

Guardado agreed to a one-year contract that includes both player and team options for 2005 and 2006. If he earns performance bonuses included in the contract, he would make $17 million over three seasons. "It's a very exciting day and a very emotional day for me," Guardado said. "I'm leaving a team I played with for 14 years. Hopefully, I'll enjoy myself here. Seattle has greeted me with open arms."

Guardado, who had 41 saves in 45 chances for Minnesota last season, became the first player to agree to a deal among the 25 offered arbitration Sunday by their former clubs. Guardado, 33, had been with the Twins since 1993, but said he wanted to be closer to his wife and three children who live in Southern California.

He joins a bullpen that includes Kazuhiro Sasaki, who started 2003 as Seattle's closer, and Shigetoshi Hasegawa, who finished the season as closer.

Following the departure of Arthur Rhodes, Guardado becomes the top left-hander in the Seattle bullpen. Phillies sign Worrell

PHILADELPHIA — Former San Francisco Giants closer Tim Worrell on Tuesday agreed to a $5.5 million, two-year contract with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Worrell, 36, is 4-4 with a 2.87 ERA and 38 saves in 45 chances for the NL West champion Giants last season. He took over as Seattle's closer, and Shigetoshi Hasegawa, who finished the season as closer.

He's pitched a career-high nine complete games this year, and was second in the AL with 242 innings. His 173 strikeouts also ranked the top 10. In seven sea- sons with Cleveland, Montreal and Chicago, the 30-year-old Colon is 100-62 with a 3.86 ERA.

"Not long ago, we introduced a new starting pitcher in Kelvim Escobar and a lot of people assumed we would go after a vet," Bill Stoneman said. "I said, 'Not necessarily.'"

"We look forward to what should be a real strong starting rotation. This is going to be a fun year."

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Colon signs 4-year contract with Anaheim

IN BRIEF

Guardado agrees to $13 million contract with Mariners

SEATTLE — Edgar Guardado and the Seattle Mariners agreed Tuesday to a contract that guarantees the closer $13 million over three years.

Guardado agreed to a one-year contract that includes both player and team options for 2005 and 2006. If he earns performance bonuses included in the contract, he would make $17 million over three seasons. "It's a very exciting day and a very emotional day for me," Guardado said. "I'm leaving a team I played with for 14 years. Hopefully, I'll enjoy myself here. Seattle has greeted me with open arms."

Guardado, who had 41 saves in 45 chances for Minnesota last season, became the first player to agree to a deal among the 25 offered arbitration Sunday by their former clubs. Guardado, 33, had been with the Twins since 1993, but said he wanted to be closer to his wife and three children who live in Southern California.

He joins a bullpen that includes Kazuhiro Sasaki, who started 2003 as Seattle's closer, and Shigetoshi Hasegawa, who finished the season as closer.

Following the departure of Arthur Rhodes, Guardado becomes the top left-hander in the Seattle bullpen. Phillies sign Worrell

PHILADELPHIA — Former San Francisco Giants closer Tim Worrell on Tuesday agreed to a $5.5 million, two-year contract with the Philadelphia Phillies.

Worrell, 36, is 4-4 with a 2.87 ERA and 38 saves in 45 chances for the NL West champion Giants last season. He took over as Seattle's closer, and Shigetoshi Hasegawa, who finished the season as closer.

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our basketball program, and we've
been pretty darn consistent.
"Indiana basketball, the moniker,
means something, so it would be a good
win."
Since Digger Phelps became Notre
Dame's coach for the 1971-72 season,
the Hoosiers have won 23 of the 29
meetings between these two schools. In
recent years, it's been worse.
Indiana has won 12 of the past 13
games, including the last seven straight.
That seven-game winning streak is the longest in series history.
Combine those numbers with the dis-
appointment still eating at the team since its shocking loss to
Michigan Saturday, and tonight's game
means a lot.
"You can just tell the mood that
everybody's in, how business-like
we've been all week, I think everybody
is really focused and determined to get
this win (tonight)," Notre Dame guard
Torrian Jones said. "Anybody can say
they put losses behind them, but when
you lose games like that, especially
games down to the wire and a game
you could have won, it sticks in your
mind and makes you come out with
that much more fire the next game.
"It's a combination of that and trying
to get a big step forward for the pro-
gram."
With Jones and center Tom
Timmermans not dressed due to
injuries Saturday, Brey only used
seven players against the Chippewas,
and the team struggled all night. Up 64-
59 with less than 30 seconds remain-
ing, the Irish had a chance to close it
out but missed two free throws down
the stretch. Central Michigan nailed a 3-
pointer at the buzzer and walked out
of the Joyce Center with a one-point
win. That game, and the 71-68 loss at
Marquette Dec. 1, has the Irish at 2-2
and focused on turning things around
tonight to avoid falling under the
five-game losing streak, we want to snap that and
get momentum going for the rest of the
season.
"You can feel the vibe in the
building," Brey said. "There's a
little bit of something, so it would be a good
win."
Since only committing eight
turnovers against Northern
Michigan, the Irish have 55
turnovers compared to 53 assists. Brey
blames the lack of assists to his team's
impatience on the
offensive end.
"I still think we can be more
efficient offensively and swing it
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"We've shot it a little quick in
here. We've gotten excited to
play. We play like there is a 15
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Corntette, Jones, Timmermans game-time decisions

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor
If it's up to Notre Dame guard
Torrian Jones, coach Mike Brey
would have to do everything in
his power to keep the senior co-
captain out of tonight's game.
"He would have to hurt me
himself to keep me out of this
game," Jones said. "There's no
way I'm sitting out of this
Indiana game.
Jones missed the Central
Michigan game due to a hip
injury. He participated in half of
practice Monday and was sched-
uled to practice at full speed
Tuesday. According to Jones,
hearing any setbacks, he felt he
would be ready for the Hoosiers.
Meanwhile, Tim Timmermans
wasn't in practice jersey for
Tuesday's practice and it doesn't
appear his chances of playing
tonight are very high. Jordan
Corntette hasn't missed any
game time, but is still battling a knee
injury.
Brey says all decisions regard-
ing players with injuries will be
made this afternoon.
"I think what you probably
do is make a decision at the
shotountain (today) at 4 p.m.
That's what we've done in the
past," Brey said. "You kind of
have to do it that way, just to see
where everybody is physically,
almost like a game-time deci-
sion."
Quinn keeps shooting
Guard Chris Quinn had a
shooting week to forget.
At Marquette, the sophomore
finished 1-of-7 from behind the
arc, and he was 2-of-5 on 3-
pointers against Central
Michigan. Overall, Quinn's field
goal percentage last week was
25 percent.
Coming into this year, Brey was
looking to Quinn to be a con-
tsistent scorer, and become the third
option for the Irish.
That's why everybody on the
Irish continues to encourage
Quinn to be aggressive and take
the open shot.
"The slump was a couple of
misses combined" Brey said. "I
think our assists not being there,
that's been caused a little bit of
our shooting and a little bit of
our shot selection. I don't think
our turnovers are a huge problem
right now."
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But Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she was pleased with her team's play after those first two games.

Notre Dame came home for its third game and pounded Valparaiso 74-57 to improve to 2-1.

But since that win, the Irish have dropped three of four games and dropped out of the top 25 rankings. They got whipped by Michigan State on the road, 92-63, then fell victim to a very strong No. 3 Tennessee team in Knoxville Nov. 30.

Notre Dame bounced back with a strong second half in the team's victory over Wisconsin in the Joyce Center a few days later, but they failed to carry their momentum into a road game against Washington last Sunday. The Huskies outplayed the Irish en route to an 85-74 win.

The tough schedule doesn't seem to let up much over the next few weeks either, as Notre Dame faces formidable opponents in Southern California, Colorado State and Purdue before entering Big East play on the road against Georgetown Jan. 7.

Those games in the next few weeks leave Notre Dame little time to improve and even less room for error.

But Duffy said the Irish are continuing to learn and improve through each game and are close to becoming more consistent.

"I think we're real close to figuring what it takes to be a good team," Duffy said. "It's just a matter of staying patient with ourselves and getting the job done and getting some wins against quality opponents." The difficult schedule should also help the team during Big East play and in the tournament in March.

"(That schedule) is definitely going to prepare us for conference play and into the tournament," Duffy said. "But at the same time, we still have to get the job done and not just take this as an experience. We want to compete as a top 25 team."

Notre Dame's next opponent is Dayton Saturday at the Joyce Center. The Flyers are coming off a Tuesday win against Wright State. The win snapped Dayton's five-game losing streak and pushed their record to 3-5 for the season.

Notre Dame will have nine days off after their contest against Dayton before facing USC Dec. 22.

Note:
Duffy was recently named co-Big East player of the week for her performances against Wisconsin and Washington.

In a game against the Badgers, Megan Duffy sets up for a free throw. Duffy was later named Big East player of the week for her performances against the Wisconsin and Washington.

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season. In a Nov. 25 contest against Rochester, Albion won 83-40, its largest victory margin of the season.

Albion is lead by Sarah Caskey, who averages 16.1 points per game, 4.0 rebounds a game and nearly 5 assists per game. She shoots 48.8 percent from 3-point range and 85.7 from the line. Caskey scored 25 points in an 85-69 win over Goshen on Dec. 2. Ruthie Sventickas is a solid second option, averaging 10.7 points in 20.6 minutes per game. The play of these two players in particular could be important in determining the outcome of tonight's game.

Winning this game would allow Saint Mary's to move to 5-2. The teams will meet tonight at 7 p.m. at Saint Mary's.

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get healthy,” Willingham said. “Injuries to defensive end Justin Tuck and offensive guard Jamel Ryant kind of set us back a little bit.”

The health of the football team is important. Though this past season the Irish were unable to even stay in games regardless of injuries.

In its three losses to Michigan, USC and Florida State, Notre Dame lost by a combined score of 120-14 — a stark contrast in points allowed to the stalwart 2002 defense that included the same personnel as this year and seniors Ryan Roberts, Gerome Sapp and Shane Walton.

After an overtime win over No. 19 Washington State, Notre Dame dropped three straight games to Michigan, Michigan State and Purdue.

After a much-needed bye week, Julius Jones carried for 262 yards and two touchdowns lifting the Irish to a 20-14 victory over Pittsburgh. It became a trend that success on the ground translated into a victory, as Jones carried for 221 yards in a 27-24 win over Navy, 161 yards in a 33-14 win over Brigham Young and 218 yards in a 57-7 win over Stanford.

The loss of Jones could have severe consequences on the Notre Dame running game, the brightest spot of the team’s season.

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Dwight Ellick, cornerback

“We lost a weapon like Julius and it hurts, but you hope to replace him,” offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. “Losing Julius will give Travis Thomas and Ryan Grant an opportunity to step up, and whoever the young man is who comes in as a true freshman (will have an opportunity).

“Coaches will look for players at all positions to step up, players who will not only give the Irish a shot not only at beating the top teams in the country, but winning the games the Irish have to win to finish as a top program in the country. Notre Dame cannot afford losses like its 27-25 loss at Boston College or the season-ending defeat at Syracuse.

“It will probably be the hardest off-season in Notre Dame history,” corner- back Dwight Ellick said. “We will come back next year ready to be on top and the best team in the country. We’re going to hold everyone accountable for the things they have to do to become a better player and a better person so this team can step to the next level next year.”

Notre Dame’s off-season starts immediately, and the players welcome the challenge to improve.

“We must improve in everything,” freshman quarterback Brady Quinn said. “Obviously we have to get back to winning games, but we need to have a good off-season and make sure we’re ready for the first game against Michigan that we’re ready.”

“In the off-season I could see in a lot of people’s eyes that this motivated us,” Ellick said. “We’re tired of losing like this.”

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Hey Francis!
Give Pee-Wee his bike back!
Happy 22nd!
Corrections and Clarifications

The Observer congratulates School Daze artist Clare O’Brien, who is graduating this winter.

Next semester, readers will be able to vote in an online poll to choose either Dilbert or Classic Peanuts to run on this page.

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A win tonight for the Irish over Hoosiers will mean a lot

By MATT LOZAR

First it was winning the Big East and getting back to the NCAA Tournament. Then coach Mike Brey had to keep his team winning double digit games in conference and staying a constant on Selection Sunday.

Last year, the goal was making it to the second weekend of March Madness and advancing to the Sweet 16.

Now, on the heels of a blowout loss to Marquette and a stunning defeat against Central Michigan, the Belles goal is simply to beat Indiana tonight at the Joyce Center.

"I think it's a big game in that their program has really dominated us," Brey said. "If you look at the series, and I would compare it a little bit to the Illinois game last year in the NCAA Tournament, in that, it was a great win for our program. Not only was that a nice day for us, but you are trying to establish back some credibility with this program."

Guard Torril Jones drives down the court in their Nov. 29 win against Mount Saint Mary's. While Jones sat out of the last game against Central Michigan due to hip injury, he has said that he plans to play in tonight's game against Indiana.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish search for cause of slow start

By JOE HETTLER

Tough opponents, five out of seven road games and inconsistent play have led Notre Dame to a lackluster 3-4 start in the 2003-04 season.

But the Irish aren't panicking — at least not yet — and feel they will turn their slow start around sooner than later.

"Obviously, we're disappointed about the losses," Notre Dame guard Megan Duffy said. "Anytime you lose, it's obviously not what you intend to do when you go into a game, but at the same time we're still confident we'll come back from this.""We're just going to go back to the drawing board at practice, break down some things and try and find what the problem is."After opening the season by beating No. 22 Auburn, the Irish lost in overtime to No. 20 Colorado the next day.

Megan Duffy drives past a Wisconsin player during the game Dec. 4. The Irish went on to win the game, 82-64.

MBL

Former White Sox starter Bartolo Colon signs a contract with Anaheim.

Sports Writer

FOOTBALL

5-7 year brings motivation

By PAT LEONARD

Nobody in the locker room wanted a third losing season in five years, but with the Irish failed to take care of a 5-6 Syracuse squad, it became a reality.

Coaches and players hope the team can rebound in the offseason and in the future from a 5-7 campaign in 2003. After an 8-0 start with the Irish last fall, Tyrone Willingham is just 7-10 as head coach. His total winning percentage at Notre Dame is .625, and his winning percentage since last season's 14-7 loss to Boston College is .412.

Below .500 is not where the Irish want to be, and a 38-12 loss to Syracuse Saturday only made matters worse.

Notre Dame realizes a lot must happen this off-season, starting with the basics.
"The first thing is we must see FOOTBALL/page 25