**LeMay succumbs to cancer**

By ANDREW THAGARD

Albert LeMay, a long-time member of the Notre Dame faculty, died Dec. 10 in Memorial Hospital after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 67.

LeMay was a professor of English and directed the undergraduate foreign study program in Puebla, Mexico until May 2003. He also served as the program coordinator for the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies until 1999 and was active in the Notre Dame Housing Authority for a number of years.

"He was an extraordinary person and one of the most generous and caring people I have ever known," said Scott Malwaring, director of the Kellogg Institute and friend of LeMay for nearly 20 years.

LeMay's position at the Kellogg Institute provided him with an opportunity to work closely with visiting national and international fellows, predominantly from the United States and Latin America. He also worked with guest scholars, including laptop computers, video gaming systems and DVDs.

Students were informed of the break-ins through notes left in their apartments, which stated that any damage sustained had been fixed, said tenant Molly Walsh.

"I got a phone call from my boyfriend over break — that's how I found out," Walsh said.

"We didn't get any calls from College Park or the police, and I think we should have, just to let us know what's going on, and even though it's not really their responsibility, I think they could have had somebody patrolling the area while we were gone," she said.

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**Foreign students face increased customs security**

By JULIA MILLER-LEMON

A new security screening process was launched Monday in an effort to keep terrorists from entering the United States, requiring international travelers to be digitally fingerprinted and photographed as they pass through customs.

The new program, named U.S.-VISIT, or U.S. Visitor and immigrant Status Indicator Technology, allows federal authorities to keep track of foreign visitors, mostly tourists, students or business travelers. Fingerprints and photographs are put into a law-enforcement database that eventually will allow users to view photos of visa holders and ensure they match the person who is seeking to enter the country. The travel data is supposed to be securely stored within the Department of Homeland Security and made available only to authorized officials.

An estimated 24 million international travelers enter the United States each year. The new $520 million program, which is in place at 14 seaports and 115 major airports, allows customs and immigration officials to check passengers instantaneously against terrorist watch lists and a national criminal database.

According to Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, the goal of the program is to "make sure our borders are open to visitors but closed to terrorists." The new security should allow customs and border officials to "focus on 'at-risk' travelers while speeding the entry of legitimate travelers," Ridge said.

"I think that the added security is a good thing ... I feel more secure now than I did before," said Gabe Letona, a junior from Guatemala.

"Security didn't really take any longer than it normally does," Letona said. "Customs officials were really strict about having all of your paper work completely filled out, but it didn't really seem like it was causing any big delays."

Many international travelers anticipate the delays as a result of the new screening process, but reports from the Department of Homeland Security indicate that the added security only adds 10 to 15 extra seconds onto the current security procedures.

"I think that the added security is a good thing," Letona said. "I'm sure a lot of people might feel like it's an infringement on their rights, but I feel more secure now than I did before."
INSIDE COLUMN

CORE deserves a chance

So now they’ve decided to cut the Core program, and I’m sorry to see it go. The idea behind Core is that of a “liberal” education. Not liberal in the political sense, of course, but in the sense of “freeing” the student from the blinkers that a professional degree or overspecialization can easily impose. In the propaganda that Arts and Letters spreads around to all who will listen, the trumpets of “liberal arts” are blown constantly. However, it seems that, where the rubber meets the road, the College thinks nothing of getting rid of the last place on campus where students are required to think over and discuss contemporary, real-life issues with a member of the community. Dismissing Core means that a professor from the last minute on campus where learning can occur.

I’ve heard all the complaints, just like you have. I even have a fairly good sense of why Core, of all the classes that the University offers, spares so many disinterested students. Calculus and Organic Chemistry are supposed to be hard courses, taught by professors whose third language is English and who come from a culture where questions are discouraged. Students come to college having known, many of them, that they will never teach the course instead.

I readily admit that, in a situation where the course does not need to be there, and the students have been convinced that the course is a colossal bad idea right from freshman orientation, there is little that anyone can do to rescue the boat before it sinks.

But this does not diminish how saddest of all is that the College has chosen to abandon its legitimate commitment to broad education. It is really an argument against having a requirement like Core that neither professors nor students wish to stretch their minds around. If students wish to stretch their minds around ideas as important to the pursuit of their own discipline? Is this not precisely why Core is for: presenting the academy with a chance to break out of the stagnant pattern of thinking which we all are likely to fall into as we specialize into our respective fields? This University owes it to everyone that they be challenged to expand their intellectual horizons; and in giving Core the axe I say they have reneged on that debt.

Matthew Smedberg

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: How is your schedule this semester?

Andy Crutchfield
freshman
Siegfried

"Better than last semester."

Caitlin Evans
sophomore

"Um..."

Jill Daughtrey
grad student

"Last one!"

Megan Smith
senior
Pasquierella West

"It's all locked in my head."

Rachel Meeks
freshman
McGlinn

"Good."

Steven Kurtz
freshman
Keough

"It's only the first day."

Students adjust to the new semester by reviewing coursework between classes in a LaFortune lounge.

OFFBEAT

Bunless burgers

CHICAGO — It has come to this in America: Burgers are losing their buns.

Some of them, at least. Burger King’s rollout of bunless Whoppers this week is a nod to the low-carb craze that’s sweeping the nation — and the latest evidence that the burger wars are taking a turn for the healthy.

Smaller chains Hardies’ and Carl’s Jr. dumped the bread from some hamburgers last month, going lettuce-wrapped instead, and TGI Friday’s restaurant has started serving a bunless cheeseburger, too.

Burger-lovers will have the last say, and experts say the bun shouldn’t be written off from restaurants’ regular fare, much less from its place in modern American food lore.

“TGI Friday’s gesture while undergoing the digitization of the [burger] market,” predicted Jerry McVey, a foodservice industry consultant based in Farmington Hills, Mich. “I don’t see it lasting very long.”

Pilot arrested for obscene gesture

SÃO PAULO, Brazil — An American Airlines pilot was arrested by federal police Wednesday after making an obscene gesture when being photographed at the airport as part of a newly imposed entry requirement for U.S. citizens, federal police said.

The pilot, Dale Robbins Hirsh, lifted his middle finger while undergoing the digitization of the [burger] market, according to police. He was arrested for obscene charges.

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IN BRIEF

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**STUDENT SENATE**

**Members approve Chin as VP**

**By MAUREEN REYNOLDS**
Associate News Editor

At its first meeting of the semester Wednesday night, the Student Senate unanimously approved Emily Chin as the new student body vice president.

In his letter to the Senate nominating Chin, student body president Jeremy Lao, who took over the position upon the early graduation of former president Pat Hallahan in December, said that he has "100 percent confidence that she will do an excellent job next semester as student body vice president."

Chin will now assume her duties as vice president, which include presiding over the meetings of the Senate.

In response to her approval, Chin said, "I am very excited, and I'm looking forward to utilizing Senate's potential and making it more of a voice for the students."

To replace her as chief of staff, Chin nominated Pat Corker, director of communications for the Office of the President. Corker was also approved unanimously by the Senate.

Furthermore, senators also approved the 2004 "The Shirt" president, sophomore Katie Crossin. Last year's "The Shirt" president Dave Brenner nominated Crossin in a letter to the Senate saying "she possesses the enthusiasm, knowledge and forward thinking necessary to confront challenges and achieve goals. She will be able to take "The Shirt" Project to the next level."

Crossin attended the meeting to introduce herself to Senators and said she felt prepared to take on the challenges of the project.

When asked if she had any changes to the project under consideration, Crossin said, "There will be changes to the project — there are changes every year." Specifically, she mentioned a possible addition to the "The Shirt's" distribution process, saying they may also be available through the residence halls next fall.

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Emily Chin
student body vice president

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**Noted poet to visit ND campus**

**Special to The Observer**

Poet Sherman Alexie, four-time winner of the World Heavyweight Championship Poetry Bout, will present a lecture Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art. Presented by Notre Dame's Arts, Poetry, and Social Programs and Services as part of its Fine Arts Lecture Series, the event is free and open to the public.

A Spokane/Coeur d'Alene Indian from Wellpinit, Wash., Alexie is the author of numerous works, including "The Business of Fancydancing," "Old Shirts & New Skins" and "The Summer of Black Widows." He wrote the screenplay for "Smoke Signals," which was the first feature film produced, written and directed by Native Americans and won the Audience Award and Filmmaker's Trophy at the 1998 Sundance Film Festival.

Faculty rank fifth in national fellowships

**Arts and Letters faculty earn 49 fellowships in past four years according to ISLA survey**

"This outstanding achievement is a tribute to the quality of our faculty and the unique support structures offered by the College's Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts," said Mark Roche, I.A. Dean of the College.

Notre Dame has received 16 fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities since 1999, more than any other university in the nation.

Other agencies that have awarded multiple fellowships to Notre Dame faculty are the American Council for Learned Societies, seven; the Guggenheim and Fulbright Foundations, five; the Newberry Library, three; and the Humboldt Foundation, two.

The ISLA survey is a comparison of the top 25 national research universities as ranked by U.S. News & World Report.

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However, while he did understand that the new process has been put into place to protect the United States, he did express that he now felt like he was the one who security was targeting.

"I'd feel more secure if I was an American, if it was my country," Letona said.

"It made me realize that the security is to protect the United States more than me, but I understand why they are doing it."

The changes come as the United States has entered a third consecutive week on high alert for terrorism, resulting in especially tightened security around foreign airports.

Since New Year's Eve, terrorist threats and security threats have grounded or cancelled fourteen flights on British Airways, Aero Mexico and Air France.

The only exceptions to the new screening process are travelers from Canada who present proof of citizenship and Mexican citizens who are able to obtain a permit for stays up to three days. Also granted exception are travelers from the 27 European nations whose citizens are allowed to stay in the United States for up to 90 days without a visa, including France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Japan.

While only the Baltimore-Washington International Airport has a system to track foreigners as they leave the country, the framework is in place to ensure that all airports will have the system by the end of the year.

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said.

Paramount Management, the first-year management company for College Park, did have a security patrol earlier in the year after a similar robbery, but the patrol was stopped after no further incidents were reported, property manager Lassan Susan said.

"Right now, it looks as if there's going to be a patrol over spring break. It's hard to control any large residence area like College Park, but we're currently working on other options to see how we can make the complex's security better," Susan said.

There are no suspects in the case, in part because many victims have yet to contact police, said St. Joseph County Police Department spokesman, woman Jaimee Thirion.

"There were seven initial reports, but as of yet nobody has called us to say 'We're missing this,' so it's been difficult to pin down the exact nature of the crime," she said.

Despite the incident, students said they are still comfortable with the safety of the College Park complex.

"I don't really feel less safe, and I don't think I'll happen again, and nothing's ever going to happen again," Walsh said.

"It's a shame that this happened, but (College Park) is still a good apartment complex," Senior Meghan Kelly, whose apartment was burglarized, expressed similar sentiment.

"I wasn't really shocked," she said of the break-ins, adding that they did not affect her feeling of security in the complex.

"I guess it's kind of always in the back of my mind ... I make sure the doors are locked when I'm home alone, but it's not something that I worry about," Kelly said.

The South Bend Tribune contributed to this report.

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President George W. Bush speaks Wednesday at NASA headquarters in Washington. Bush outlined a new proposal for the future of U.S. manned space flight, including missions to the moon and Mars.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- President Bush, envisioning "new journeys to the worlds beyond our own," unveiled a plan Wednesday to send astronauts to the moon, Mars and beyond on missions sure to cost hundreds of billions of dollars and stretch the bounds of technology. He called for a manned lunar landing later than early 2015.

Bush's election-year initiative represents the boldest space goals since John F. Kennedy said in 1961 that the United States would "end this decade" with a manned landing on the moon. The plan would depend on the results of studies on the human tolerance of space travel and the costs of sending astronauts to the moon and Mars.

Bush succeeded to figure beyond "human presence across our solar system," Bush's speech put in the political spotlight in the run-up to Monday's Iowa caucus battle among Democrats who want his job. It was the president's second headline-grabbing announcement in recent days, after his immigration proposal last week.

In vivid terms, Bush portrayed the nation's space program -- with its three shuttles grounded by the Columbia accident -- as a "stumbling block." "In the past 30 years, no human being has set foot on another world or ventured farther up into space than 386 miles, roughly the distance from Washington, D.C., to the International Space Station," Bush said.

In terms of the cost, Bush gave an estimate only for the initial down-payment on his space plan. He said it would cost $12 billion over the next five years, but only $1 billion in new funds. The remainder would come from money allocated under NASA's five-year budget. Thus, it would be for Bush's successors to figure out how to finance the costliest part of the plan.

Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., who flew on a space shuttle in 1986, questioned whether $1 billion in extra-funding would be enough. "You can't go to the moon in 2015 with that," Nelson said.

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Bush's plan faces strong scrutiny. "As we go forward with any initiative we have to examine our priorities," she said. "We have serious challenges here on Earth."

In his speech, Bush got a high-tech introduction from a beamed video image of astronaut Michael Foale, aboard the International Space Station 240 miles above the Earth.

"I know that I'm just one chap, but it's an exciting story of discovery," said Foale, making his sixth trip into space. In the NASA audience sat Eugene A. Cernan, commander of the last Apollo mission to the moon in December 1972, the last man to leave his footprint on the lunar surface.

Bush brushed aside arguments that robotic exploration should replace human missions.

"The human thirst for knowledge ultimately cannot be satisfied by even the most vivid pictures or the most detailed measurements," Bush said. "We need to see and examine and touch for ourselves."

An AP-Ipsos poll out Monday found the public evenly split on Bush's plan to build a long-term base on the moon and eventually send astronauts to Mars. That's similar to the way Americans felt more than 35 years ago about the first efforts to land men on the moon.

The poll found that just over half said it would be better to spend the money on programs like education and health care rather than on space research.

Mankind is drawn to the heavens for the same reasons, according to a Bush - drawn to unknown lands and across the open sea. Bush said "We choose to explore space because doing so improves our lives and lifts our national spirit. So let us continue the journey."

Under Bush's plan, the shuttle fleet would be retired by the end of the decade.
LeMay was born in Woonsocket, R.I., in 1936. He graduated from Providence College in 1959 and went on to earn a master's degree from Middlebury College in 1960 and a Ph.D from Indiana University in 1971. In addition to Notre Dame, LeMay also taught at Saint Mary's and Colgate University.

A Mass of the Resurrection was held on Dec. 13 at Saint Mary's Church of Loreto, and a memorial service at Notre Dame is tentatively planned for late January.

LeMay is survived by his wife Marcia and three children.

LeMay was a military leader and a humanitarian who dedicated his life to helping others. He will be remembered for his selfless service and his commitment to making the world a better place.

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**Fastow and wife plead guilty**

Former Enron CFO agrees to 10-year prison term, will help prosecutors in case of Enron's ill-gotten gains.

**Former Enron CFO, Andrew Fastow, left, and his wife, Lea, leave the federal court house in Houston after agreeing to plead guilty to charges that he will serve a 10-year prison sentence for his involvement in securities and wire fraud.**

**Some experts believe Andrew Fastow's plea could break open the case against Lay and Skilling.**

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When asked if prosecutors expected more indictments, Leslie Caldwell, head of the Justice Department unit investigating the company's bankruptcy, said, "One never knows."

The investigation is very active and this is significant development which I expect will yield results," Caldwell said.

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| 3-Month Bill          | -0.46  | 98.58  |

**Commodities**

| Gold (comex)          | -2.00  | 421.19 |
| XTO (nat gas)         | -0.5459| 0.7908 |
| Canadian $            | 1.291  | 1.291  |

**Exchange Rates**

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| Euro                   | 0.7088 |
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**Associated Press**

HOUSTON (AP) - Andrew Fastow, who as architect of the shady, off-the-books deals that brought down Enron, pleaded guilty Wednesday along with his wife to a variety of financial crimes.

The plea bargaining represents the biggest breakthrough yet in the year-long investigation into a scandal that led to the energy giant's collapse and rocked Wall Street.

In Washington:

Andrew Fastow, Enron's former finance chief, agreed to a 10-year prison sentence that will make him the highest-ranking executive to do time in the case.

He also agreed to forfeit $23.8 million and help the government build a case against the executives who masterminded Enron's most ousting top-flight office suite: former chairman Kenneth Lay and former CEO Jeffery Skilling.

"I and other members of Enron's senior management fraudulently manipulated Enron's publicly reported financial results," Fastow, 42, said in a statement filed with the plea agreement.

"I added to the purpose that was to mislead investors and inflate the company's stock price and credit rating," he added, "and I read the statement in court.

Fastow's wife, Lea, pleaded guilty to filing false tax returns related to Enron's ill-gotten gains. Fastow, also 42, was Enron's assistant treasurer.

Andrew Fastow, clad in a gray suit, showed no emotion during the proceeding but made a smile as he prepared to leave with his attorneys. He did not speak to reporters. His wife was not seen in the courtroom, though his parents and brother sat in the packed gallery.

"It's a plea, he would have gone to trial on 98 counts of fraud, money laundering, mail fraud and other charges," said Fastow.

Prosecutors say Fastow masterminded a sea of partnerships and tangled financing deals that hid Enron debt and inflated company profits while funneled millions of dollars to him, his family and select friends.

"The partnership had names like LJM (the initials of Fastow's wife and two sons) and Wecho (after the "Star Wars" character Chewbacca)."

He pleaded guilty to two counts of conspiracy to commit fraud — one covering the LJM partnership, the other involving transactions that Fastow used to pocket an estimated $45 million.

"I also engaged in schemes to enrich myself and others at the expense of Enron's shareholders and in violation of my duty of honest services to those shareholdes," Fastow said.

"Lea Fastow's deal calls for a five-month prison sentence and a year of supervised release, including five months of house arrest. But U.S. District Judge David Hittner will decide later whether to accept the sentencing deal. She still has the right to withdraw the plea."

"The plea negotiations had stalled last week after Hittner refused to guarantee her a five-month prison sentence — a condition that Fastow's attorneys did not like."

The final deal calls for the same time period, and Hittner still has the right to alter Lea Fastow's sentence, which the family wanted focused on the two sons of attorneys at least one parent at home.

"There really is life after Enron for all of us, we believe, and we're trying to get through this process the best we can," said Lea Fastow's lawyer, Mike DeGeurin.

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**KB Toys files for Chapter 11**

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. — KB Toys, a nationwide chain of 1,150 stores, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Wednesday, blaming the fierce retail industry.

KB Toys, with 13,000 employees nationwide, said it will close to unprofitable stores and cut jobs, though it would not say how many. That hopes to emerge from bankruptcy protection by the early 2004 holiday season.

"A Chapter 11 filing enables a company to keep operating while it tries to put its finances in order."

**Associated Press**

CHICAGO — In a blockbuster merger between two banking giants, J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. and Bank One Corp., about $58 billion, the companies announced Wednesday.

The merger would create a banking behemoth with assets of $1.1 trillion and $1.3 trillion in 17 states. Only Citigroup, with assets of about $1.19 trillion, would be bigger if the deal is approved by regulators and shareholders.

"This is a blockbuster transaction," said analyst Denis Lapsani, who covers KB Toys for Keefe, Bruyette & Woods Inc.

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**Spring Cleaning**

IWARNING: This article contains a generalization about men and women. In order to counteract the effects of this sexual stereotyping, we recommend that after you finish reading you should immediately spend at least five minutes picturing women performing jobs from which they have traditionally been excluded, such as marine, construction worker and male nurse. Note to guys: In order to do this work, it is essential that the women you imagine are not naked.

I have a thing living in my refrigerator. We'll come back to that in just a moment.

My roommate and I recently decided to clean our apartment. We do this—that is to say, we decide to clean—on a fairly regular basis. The novelty of our recent decision was that it was followed by actual cleaning.

I can't help thinking that we never would have allowed the apartment to reach the state it did if we had not both been men. It has been my experience that while men and women both distinguish between acceptable and unacceptable living conditions, the sexes draw the line of division at very different points. She asks, "Is this room clean?" He asks, "Is this room a biohazard?" Then he asks, "Well, how serious a biohazard?"

There's no doubt that by the time we decided to act, the apartment had reached an advanced state of deterioration. Before we began our Herculean task, the apartment had reached a point at which it made the Aegean statues look like an operating theater. My own room had begun to bear an uncanny resemblance to the waste disposal room in the Death Star. I love Star Wars with all my nerdy heart, but I actually quite enjoyed this for a while, but soon I began to suffer anxiety attacks and hallucinate that the walls were closing in on me.

Another clue that things had gotten out of control was the number of friends who started making excuses to avoid visiting us. Another was that those who did continue to accept dinner invitations started arriving in outfits which made them look as if they were about to perform some delicate operation on the core of a nuclear reactor. The final piece of evidence that the cleaning could not be put off any longer was the death of the mouse. Adopting a tactic that I had pioneered as an undergraduate, when we first moved in during the fall of 2002, we released a mouse in the apartment to keep track of the hygiene level. My theory was that as long as the mouse could stay alive, so could we. Of course it's possible that Bonji died from natural causes—in hindsight we should have released a control mouse in a girl's apartment—but neither of us were inclined to take that risk.

Doing the washing up after a hiatus of more than a year is not a pleasant task, but it was necessary because of the financial interest. The detritus in the sink had formed a distinct layer corresponding to the different eras of our apartment, which gave washing up the feel of a geological dig. The bottom was the remnants of a more ambitious age, now almost forgotten, in which we had made enthusiastic use of the slow cooker. Above this rested a layer from the Semester of Pasta. On top of it all was the sediment from our current epoch, in which we had taken to frying food-stuffs selected from the refrigerator more or less at random. And speaking of the refrigerator, during the cleaning process we discovered that ours has a thing living in it. It complained when we tried to fry it.

Now, it's actually quite common for men to keep their refrigerators in a state such that life develops, but usually it's just mold or some other elementary organism. However, given sufficient time and inattention it is not unknown for more sophisticated life-forms to emerge, and the Thing that I found in our refrigerator is so advanced that I have taken to consulting it for romantic advice. Our most recent conversation went like this:

"I'm going out with Michelle tonight," I said. "The Thing thought about this for a moment.

"You should give her a gift," it said. "You could give her this pasta sauce."

"I'm not going to give her pasta sauce."

"Each serving contains 10% of the recommended daily intake of Vitamin A," said the Thing, pointing a tendril at a label which confirmed this. It said: "Fox by the tureen in its tone that I'd hurt its feelings."

"I just don't think it would send the right signal. I didn't mean it to be rude. I'm just a bit nervous; this is my first date in a long time."

"Well," said the Thing as it quietly muttered something to itself that sounded like, "Try being the only member of a species sometime," and then said, somewhat testily: "Well, if you're planning to invite her in for coffee, you're going to have to do some cleaning. This place is a mess."

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**Quote of the Day**

"Principles have no real force except when one is well-fed."

Mark Twain

writer
A repeating cycle

Somewhere in the air over Kentucky Monday, I began to think about The Observer. I read it almost every day of publication last semester. There were many interesting messages of expression on everything from the sewage backup in Zahm to the guns (or arms) of our beloved quartet of seniors, dedicated to by girls simply as Brady (who incidentally lives in Zahm, but has clearly never been to the previous issue). Yes, The Observer covered a plethora of topics. But, I began to think about one particular area of coverage for the Observer. I remembered reading articles and articles from early in the school year on then President Pat Hallahan and his ambitions to give the executive branch of Student Government more power. The Student Senate, with representatives from all the dorms, would inevitably have less legislative clout, and an executive branch, led by one man, would gain more power.

I continued to read the days went by. Hallahan spoke on restructuring Student Government and how this simply had to be done.

He wanted more power for the President, and he wanted to modify the way that Student Government was structured. To me, these seemed like pretty big changes that would be hard to reverse, and I was not so sure whether either of them were such good ideas anyway. But still, as president, Hallahan was supposed to promote the things he felt strongly about, and pursue them.

That is when it hit. Hallahan would be gone halfway through his elected term, leaving town early to work in Washington. His good friend Jeremy Lao would become president. The cycle would begin once again. Lao would be in charge of trying to get the office of the President more power (why did we need that again?) and trying to modify the foundation of our government. By now, I kind of needed a Tylenol.

I looked outside my window and saw the snow-covered ground. As we landed and finished our journey from Florida, the pilot simply said, “On behalf of our airline, welcome to the white sandy beaches of Chicago.”

I was well on my way back to school, hoping to find answers to this confusion about Student Government. The one answer I did find: On Feb 5, the election for next year’s Student Body President will take place. Will we break the cycle?

Mark Healy
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Jan. 13

Caretaker of ND’s soul

Over the last several years, I have become increasingly concerned about the apparent lack of appreciation of the role that the football program plays in developing the overall spirit, energy, drive and pursuit of excellence that are such important elements in developing the Notre Dame student. These values make Notre Dame a unique environment in which to grow and prepare oneself for the outside world. They have benefited graduates over the years in their multiple roles as spouses, parents, and in their chosen field of endeavor. Anyone who has attended The Observer knows the linkage between our football program and the overall uniqueness of the University. In this regard, its success is far more important than just perceptions in the marketplace of college sports.

While the University’s leadership has made wonderful strides in the materialistic elements of the University with new buildings, increased financial aid to students and increases in the quality and breadth of the academic opportunities, they seem to have given little attention to nurturing its soul. The waning state of the football program over the last decade can only be attributed to a serious misunderstanding of the important role it plays in the uniqueness of Notre Dame and serious mismanagement at all levels.

Both the Notre Dame administration and the Board of Trustees must wake up and rise to the task. They are responsible for ensuring that this essential element which makes Notre Dame a special environment is given the high level of attention and quality of management that it deserves. The situation requires more than just placating words.

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Jan. 8

U-WIRE

Atkins is everywhere

TAMPA, Fla. — If you’ve eaten carbohydrates in the past 24 hours, then you may not be evaluating your citizenship to the United States of Atkins denied. The low-carbohydrate, high-protein diet, named after its creator, Robert C. Atkins, has classified pastas, bread and candy as the devil. The diet has been around since Richard Nixon was in office and produced through the magic of nature’s calling, the unknown orange liquid referred to by girls simply as Brady. The diet, in fact you can purchase and some chewy caramel candy as the Atkins Endulge mixture sells its products better and makes you feel better because there’s that illusion that you’re not really consuming the full carb load.

Not being a member of this revolution, I looked up the definition, which basically told me the new carbs seal placed on Atkins packages sells its products better and makes you feel better because there’s that illusion that you’re not really consuming the full carb load. As you may have seen, Atkins has food products for every meal of the day. I’m sure commercials advertising the new Atkins-friendly wraps at Subway taunted football fans during the playoffs this weekend. Besides, who wants to count yards gained when you can be calculating carbohydrates eaten in ratio to carbs attempted for the day? The Atkins Web site is even customized so you can keep a journal of your carbohydrate performance for the day, week or hour. I don’t recall Jenny Craig commercials with the Jenny phone number jingle.

Dr. Robert C. Atkins

Advertised during sporting events, you don’t know of a diet that has been so influential that some of the most popular brands of beer have been making low-carb brew. Then again this is a revolution we’re talking about.

And any good revolution needs some good leaders. If you do some research outside the Atkins site, you’ll find singer Jessica Simpson lost weight on the diet. How’s that for some inspiration? The same woman who thought tuna was chicken and chicken was buffalo meat. But if you’re looking for some good, non-fiction success stories, the best yet has to be the one posted as: A Close Call. It is the story of a 30-year-old police officer who was 6’2” and 290 pounds and had a near fatal heart attack as he was eating on the Atkins diet to lose 78 pounds. Realizing the need to change his diet, he ironically joined the Atkins revolution that health experts have criticized for the long-term effects it could have on the heart and brain because of the high consumption of red meat. Nut to mention health experts warn that the heart and brain, two vital organs for living, use carbohydrates for fuel.

But the critics couldn’t ruin the celebration of weight loss and I’m sure not even a military formation at Fort Knox under Gen. George S. Patton could have stopped this revolution. So when it comes to mad cow disease, the rescue of public relations has only said this on behalf of Atkins: Beef is not essential to the diet, in fact you can purchase our products to ensure a healthy diet.

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Ways to amuse yourself in the dining hall

After going to the dining hall almost every day for two and a half years, I became bored with simply sitting and reading School Daze again and again until it actually became funny. I decided that I needed to spice up the idea of the dorm hall activity that goes unused in many of my business classes to make lunches and dinners a little more interesting. As a result, I developed several activities that can be done to provide hours of entertainment in a place in which most students spend a great deal of time.

The first set of ideas deals simply with seating arrangements. If you're in South and have a group of friends who has tired of everyday lunches, arrange yourselves in the "Last Supper" seating arrangement by sitting with everyone on one side of the long wooden tables — this is preferably executed on the Right-Right side of South Dining Hall. If you are by yourself and wish to create an awkward situation, sit directly across from someone else who is eating by himself, except sit one table away so there's all sorts of uncomfortable, unwanted eye contact. If you wish to make this situation even more fun, carry on a conversation with your imaginary friend across the table from you. Oh, yes, and this friend is telling the best story you've ever heard. If you're not really into permanently severing a relationship with a complete stranger, this idea may not really be for you.

Picking out food can also tend to get a bit repetitive and tedious at times, especially when the list of the day is the Quesatastic Potato Tantalizer, the new food that looks like grade school cafeteria dogs. If you feel like making the food selection process interesting, grab a friend and rehearse a ridiculous 10-second conversation. Next, find an unsuspecting person (preferably a quiet girl) walking around and follow them around, station to station, having the same annoyed conversation at each station. Once she realizes what is going on and gives you both a look that says "You two are criminally insane," you can leave her alone. As a warning, don't do this around exam time because it might just be the thing that sends someone over the edge.

Another fun activity is standing by the pre-peeled hard-boiled egg bin and observing the people who come by. Another fun activity is standing by the pre-peeled hard-boiled egg bin and observing the people who come by. There seems to be no middle ground with the hard-boiled egg eaters. Either they step by, grab one quickly and continue on their way or they bring a giant bowl and pile just an absurd number of eggs. Today I saw some kids with like 20 eggs ... I call him Cool Hand Luke now. On the more normal side, experimenting with food and making yourself some new dishes can always be a good change of pace. Since the only grilled cheese hall offers is cheese and broccoli, I make my own chicken and cheese ones that I call slippery muppets. Would you like to try one? The meatball sub has also been a good addition in my regular rotation ... and it keeps me regular, which is nice. Occasionally, I also build a giant dish I call Chainsaw Bell Grande, which has everything in the Meat section on it. Looking to see if I was the only one who has tried to make time in the dining hall more fun, I asked several fellow students for their reactions.

"I have a friend who laughs really easily, and we try to make her spill something from her nose. As soon as she takes a gulp of anything, we just say something strange to her and let nature take over," said junior Caitlin Rackash. "My favorite was when we got her to splay hot chocolate. It was probably a bit dangerous, but after doing a cost-benefit analysis with my friend, we decided it was definitely worth it." Junior Mike McNamara said, "When there are potato skins at dinner, I lather my face in creamy peanut butter and stick the potato skin to it. Then I run up to people saying I'm the guy from Texas Chainsaw Massacre. I've gotten four dates and two make-out sessions from this tactic so far." Interesting ... and curious ... rather curious.

By no means should you limit yourself to any of the above-listed ideas. These are simply meant to be catalysts on the road to permanent dining hall happiness and merriment. Enjoy!

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The Kitchen Detective
By MARIA SMITH

Last year's August culinary release, "The Kitchen Detective," by renowned chef Christopher Kimball, offers a new variety of inventive recipes researched with the same care as all of his past cookbooks. The editor, founder and publisher of Cook's Illustrated magazine and the host of the cooking show "America's Test Kitchen" handles meats, pastas, salads and desserts with equal enthusiasm.

"The Kitchen Detective," as well as Kimball's other cookbooks, such as "Perfect Vegetables" and "The Dessert Bible," are a particularly good investment for off-campus students who want a little variety in their diets but don't know where to start. Students leaving the dining hall behind for the first time often run the risk of malnutrition from a diet of Waddick's loaves, Ramen noodles and beer, but with Kimball's carefully explained culinary creations, the prospect of preparing a meal from scratch becomes much less intimidating.

All the recipes in "The Kitchen Detective" are preceded by an extensive explanation of why Kimball took a particular interest in a recipe, what results he wanted to achieve, and how the ingredients he chose affect the recipe. The explanations are by no means.
The Da Vinci Code

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In his second novel surrounding the character Robert Langdon, a Harvard professor with an expertise in symbology, especially those belonging to female goddesses throughout history, Brown continues to develop the engaging character of Langdon. The novel itself is set upon Paris initially, but throughout the novel the setting drifts from all over France to London, Rome, and even America. As a conspiracy thriller, "The Da Vinci Code" glows. With new twists and turns developing with each turn of the page, Brown truly does make this book hard to put down.

The novel begins with Robert Langdon being called in by the French equivalent of the FBI in regards to the murder of the curator of the Louvre. The curator did not pass on with the series of clues regarding a secret society of which he was a member, called the Order of the Knighthood of Sion. The Priory of Sion developed to keep a secret that would supposedly change the way people thought in the world. The villain is an extremely conservative Catholic sect called Opus Dei who, in the book, is attempting to find the secret that the history of Sion is hiding.

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Common Cooking Mysteries withroof Recipes

necessary to making any of Kimball's dishes, but for a device cook or a more accomplished chef who often finds his cookies a bit too chewy or lacks the time to make a good meal every day, the details of what goes into a recipe and why can go a long way to make cooking easier and more successful.

In creating his recipes, Kimball researches many of the problems most pertinent to a casual cook. "The Kitchen Detective" is not a budget cookbook, but the recipe for chive pesto is a good deal cheaper than its higher fat ingredients a bit can go a long way to make a good meal every day, the details of what anyone can continue to use for years. The recipes cover all occasions, from a quick meal alone to pasta night with friends to a full­fledged dinner party. The recipes are delicious, practical and not designed exclusively for the cooking elite. "The Kitchen Detective" will grace the shelf of a habitual chef and a casual cook alike.

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bearcats win 85-73 on road in Wisconsin

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Cincinnati used a 14-4 run to lead 21 Marquette 12-0, 3-0 Conference USA) snapped last year's conference title, Williams said. The Bearcats used 21-0 lead Wednesday night, the Sooners' 12-0, 3-0 Conference

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**What's happening**

**Friday 01.16**

- **MBA Retreat**
  Sacred Heart Parish Center

**Saturday 01.17**

- **The Plunge Phase 2**
  A mini-retreat for African American Freshmen

**Sunday 01.18**

- **RCIA Session**
  10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
  Coleman-Morse Lounge
- **Confirmation**
  Rite of Welcome
  11:45 a.m. Mass
  Sacred Heart Basilica

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**Tuesday 01.20**

- **Campus Bible Study**
  7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
  114 Coleman-Morse
- **Confirmation Session #8**
  7:00-8:45 p.m.
  Siegfried Hall Chapel
- **Weekly Spanish Mass**
  10:30 p.m.
  St. Edward's Hall

**Wednesday 01.21**

- **Interfaith Christian Night Prayer**
  10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.
  Coleman-Morse Lounge
- **Theology on Tap**
  10:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m.
  Legends

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**Christian Unity Week**

January 18-25, 2004

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer invites the Notre Dame community to join us in observing Christian Unity Week beginning next Wednesday with a talk by Prof. Maxwell Johnson & prayer and music led by the Notre Dame Celebration Choir

**Wednesday, January 21**

10:00 P.M. • Coleman-Morse Lounge

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**Mass Schedule**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- **Saturday Vigil Mass**
  5:00 p.m.
  Rev. Peter D. Rocca, c.s.c
- **Sunday**
  10:00 a.m.
  Rev. Peter D. Rocca, c.s.c
  11:45 a.m.
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**Sunday’s Scripture Readings**

1st: Isaiah 62:1-5
2nd: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Gospel: John 2:13-11

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**Notre Dame**

**Freshman Retreat #52**

February 27-29
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**Prayer for Peace**

Finding the Prince of Peace as Christmas Fades

by Rev. Richard Warner, c.s.c
Director, Campus Ministry

This past Sunday, the Church celebrated the feast of the Baptism of Jesus, which traditionally is the end of the Christmas season. We have just returned to campus after celebrating Christmas and the holiday season with our families and friends.

The Church's Christmas season begins with our joyful celebration of the Incarnation, when we remember the birth of Jesus who embodies in his person the perfect union of the divine and the human. The coming among us of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, marks one of our God's deepest expressions of love and compassion for us and for all people.

Our thoughts then turned to honor Mary, the mother of God. Her "yes" to God will for her begin the unfolding of events that led to the birth of Jesus. As the first disciple of her Son, she was present throughout his life and at the foot of the cross at the moment of his death.

The Epiphany reminds us of the universal meaning of the mission of Jesus, and the extension of his message of peace and love addressed to all people.

Finally, our celebration of the baptism of Jesus, which was the beginning of his public ministry, reminds us that baptism is the beginning of our personal and community commitment as Christians to take up his mission and make it our own.

The true Christmas season revolves around these mysteries of God's love for us. Yet traces of their impact on our world today is hard to discern.

Over the course of the past 22 years, the span of some of your lifetimes, our world has known a continual state of violence, war and suffering. Until the fall of the Soviet Union, wars were waged by surrogates, and were easy to ignore because they involved the peoples of Asia and Latin America. But armed conflict over the past two decades has taken place in the Gulf, Lebanon, Somalia, Panama, Grenada and Kosovo with U.S. participation. In the past two years, wars in Afghanistan and Iraq claim more deaths among members of the U.S. armed forces than these previous conflicts, and countless enemy troops and civilians have died. And terrorism has taken on a deeper meaning for us as a people after September 11, 2001.

Campus Ministry, in collaboration with the Center for Social Concerns, will initiate a focused program of prayer for peace, especially in the fading moments of our celebration of the Christmas season whose good will and great hope still linger.

Every Friday, the 5:15 p.m. Mass at the Basilica will be celebrated explicitly as a Mass for Peace. On the first Fridays of each month, we will publish in The Observer the names of friends, family and loved ones of the members of our community serving in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and we will remember as well all who have died in the Iraqi conflict and peacemakers who understand well that peace is not only a gift from God but also a human work. On "First Friday", there will also be a conversation about peace either at the Center for Social Concerns or in the Hamme Student Lounge at the Coleman Morse Center on such themes as the morality of a preventive war, the role of the international community in the pursuit of peace and other related topics.

We invite you to send via email the names of friends, family and loved ones whose names we will include in our monthly remembrance to francoti@nd.edu (subject "peace").

Please join us every Friday at the Basilica for these special Masses.

And as Pope John Paul II reminded us in his 2004 World Day of Peace message, "Humanity needs now more than ever to rediscover the path of peace, overwhelmed as it is by selfishness and hatred, by the thirst for power and the lust for vengeance." He reminds us that love is the reason for God entering into a relationship with us, and it is love he awaits as our response.
**NCAA FOOTBALL**

**Clarett pleads guilty, won't face jail time for offense**

**Tailback fined for lying to police officer**

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Suspended Ohio State tailback Maurice Clarett, accused of lying on a police report, avoided a criminal record by pleading guilty Wednesday to a lesser charge that carries no jail time.

The judge lectured Clarett about his responsibility to the community.

"I will definitely consider the judge's advice to me whenever I make decisions that not only affect me, but also the kids who look up to me, family, friends and teammates," Clarett said in a statement.

Clarett, 20, pleaded guilty to failure to aid a law enforcement officer. Franklin County Municipal Court Judge Mark S. Froehlich ordered him to pay the maximum fine of $100.

The sophomore, who helped Ohio State win the 2002 national championship, was accused of filing a campus police report that exaggerated the value of items stolen from a dealership he borrowed in April. Had he been convicted of the original charge that carries no jail time.

Maurice Clarett, accused of lying on a police report, avoided a criminal record by pleading guilty Wednesday to a lesser charge that carries no jail time.

"You are in fact a role model," he said in his statement that he wanted to focus on the Buckeyes.

"I look forward to shifting all of my attention back to my studies and the team at the Ohio State University," he said.

Clarett's mother held her hand on his back as he stood before the judge and gave only yes and no answers.

Although Clarett is separately suing the NFL to change its eligibility rules so that he may enter the draft a year early, he said in his statement that he wants to focus on the Buckeyes.

"I'm glad this is behind him," Froehlich said. "We're looking forward to his progress academically," Geiger said.

Ohio State had suspended Clarett from the team for the season, but not from school, for accepting improper benefits from a family friend and for lying about it to investigators. The university determined Clarett did nothing wrong by using a dealership car.

The university has not yet asked the NCAA to reinstate Clarett, Geiger said. He must meet school conditions such as making academic progress and donating "thousands of dollars" to a charity to make up for the benefits Clarett is eligible to receive.

"It's highly likely he'll be lifting weights and working out this winter," Geiger said.

City Prosecutor Stephen Mcintosh said he was willing to accept the plea deal because the case was not worth the time and expense of bringing in a witness from out of state. Another witness, former campus police chief Ron Michalec, now works in the Cleveland suburb of Pepper Pike.

Clarett's lawyer, Percy Squire, met with Mcintosh before the scheduled hearing. The deal effectively canceled a hearing scheduled Wednesday to decide whether statements Clarett made to NCAA investigators should be admissible as evidence in the case.

Attorneys still will pursue a request that the U.S. Department of Education sanction the university for giving information from those statements to campus police, who passed it on to prosecutors, said Lloyd Pierre-Louis, Squire's partner.

The attorneys had argued the information should have been kept private as a federally protected educational record. Mcintosh had said the federal rules didn't apply because the information came from the NCAA, not Ohio State.

Clarett has matured greatly over the past year and come to understand the scrutiny on student-athletes, the attorney said.

"He's learning about who he is."
Garcia arrested on possible drunk driving charge

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — San Francisco 49ers quarterback Jeff Garcia was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving early Wednesday, a jail spokesman said.

Garcia, a three-time Pro Bowl selection, was booked into the Santa Clara County jail at about 3:30 a.m., spokesman Mark Cursi said. He was released six hours later, Cursi said.

Garcia is scheduled to make a court appearance March 1, according to the Santa Clara County district attorney's office.

"We understand the seriousness of this matter and regret that it happened," 49ers general manager Terry Donahue said in a statement. "We are just very thankful that no one was injured." Donahue said the team wouldn't comment further. A call to Garcia's agent, Steve Baker, was not immediately returned.

Garcia planned a news conference later Wednesday. He was pulled over by San Jose State University police near campus, Cursi said. The player attended the San Jose Sharks' game against the Dallas Stars on Tuesday night, waving to the crowd when he was shown on the scoreboard. Campus police issued a statement saying Garcia had three passengers in his car, which was pulled over for "erratic operation." The statement said preliminary results showed Garcia's blood alcohol level was above the legal limit, but that final results would not be available for about two weeks.

Garcia attended San Jose State and lives in San Jose. The former Canadian Football League star has been the 49ers' starting quarterback since Steve Young retired after the 1999 season. This season, Garcia passed for 2,456 yards and 16 touchdowns despite missing four games with injuries.

Garcia is due to make nearly $10 million with the 49ers next season, but the team is expected to renegotiate his contract in the offseason to lessen its impact on the salary cap.

San Francisco coach Dennis Erickson, who was under suspicion for drunk driving while coaching in Seattle in 1995, was supportive of his quarterback.

"Jeff's a tremendous guy and does a lot of things in the community and for the 49ers," Erickson told KGO Radio.

San Francisco quarterback Jeff Garcia runs from a defender during this season. Garcia is under suspicion for drunk driving.
Knicks dump Chaney in favor of Wilkins

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Isiah Thomas pulled off a shocker on a bizarre day even by New York Knicks standards, firing Don Chaney and his two top assistants Wednesday and hiring Lenny Wilkins as head coach.

The 60-year-old Wilkins is the NBA leader in career coaching victories and losses.

"I think he's a perfect fit," Thomas said.

Chaney and assistants Brendan Malone and Leon Kruger received the news after arriving at Madison Square Garden late in the afternoon.

"I'm not here today to point out negative things about Don or our former coaching staff," said Thomas, who also considered himself, Chuck Daly and Mike Fratello for the job. "At the end of the day I thought Lenny would be the better man for the job.

The coaching change represented the second major move of Thomas' frenzied tenure since replacing team president Scott Layden late last month.

Thomas has turned over nearly half the roster and a majority of the coaching staff, acquiring an All-Star in Stephon Marbury and a Hall of Famer in Wilkins.

Chaney was 72-12 in two-plus seasons in New York and 337-494 in 12 seasons overall as an NBA head coach.

"With the change this afternoon, I'm just still shocked and surprised that it went down," Knicks forward Kurt Thomas said.

"Don handled this like every other thing — super." Chaney put the team through its morning shootaround after reading in the Daily News that he would be replaced by Fratello, who later released a statement saying he had no agreement "in place." Thomas said no offer was ever made to Fratello.

"I'm happy for Lenny — he's a great guy and a great coach," Raptors forward Morris Peterson said.

We had a lot of injuries and there's nothing he could do about that," Allan Houston, who has been with the Knicks through the tenures and departures of team executives Dave Checketts, Ernie Grunfeld, and Layden, struggled to put Wednesday's developments into perspective.

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Incarnato, an Ohio native, the 10th and 19th offensive tackle prospects, respectively, but the best players have slipped through the cracks. Players such as Colorado top offensive line recruit Jeff Byers, who committed to USC a few weeks after his visit to the Notre Dame-USC game are indicative of how Notre Dame has struggled to secure future talent. Frank believes monitoring the percent of players who commit after initial offers is an accurate method of measuring the success of that year’s class. “It’s interesting to see how many of the initial offers are left standing at the end,” he said. Of the players Notre Dame initially offered, the Irish have lost defensive back Nick Patterson to Ohio State, defensive lineman Jeff Schweiger to USC and defensive back D.J. Davis to Texas A&M. Notre Dame has secured the verbal commitments of defensive end Ronald Taylor, a 6-foot-5, 240 pound strongside end out of Detroit, Mich., and Abdel Rinda, a 6-foot-2, 215 pound Merrittown, NJ insidebacker. Anthony Vernaglia brings athleticism to the class with experience at linebacker and tight end. One of the most recent and the eighth commitment is Tregg Duncan, a defensive back with average speed who had been recruited by few top programs. Unlike at this time last year, the nation’s top players are planning past the Irish as they look to play winning college football. “The Syracuse loss probably took some wind out of their sails in terms of recruiting,” Frank said. “With the low number of players Notre Dame is taking, and the season that they had, it puts them in a difficult position to land the top guys.” Notre Dame coaches have said the team will most likely sign 17 or 18 players, a significant number less than the 21 players who received scholarships last spring. “The prospect of maybe even starting as a freshman for a struggling program is intriguing, and that’s what Willingham and his staff is selling right now,” Frank said. “Where it becomes difficult is the very best players want to play on the very best teams. Guys want to play for conference championships, bowl championships and national championships.”

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Amy Warner, the first Irish forward to make the first team All-American dribbles the ball past an Oklahoma defender.

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four games after starting out the season at 3-6. Saint Mary's was lead by Emily Creachbaum, who scored 18 points on 8-of-19 shooting from the field and grabbed eight rebounds in 25 minutes. Maureen Bush added 11 points and four rebounds.

The loss moved Saint Mary's to 4-10 on the year, and 0-4 in the MIAA.

"We shot well from the floor and the line, we just committed way too many turnovers," said Saint Mary's Head Coach Mary Grandis.

Saint Mary's has dropped the last five games after an overtime road victory against Tri-State on Dec. 13 and the team is just 1-7 in their last eight games. Throughout the losing streak, one bright spot for the Belles has been Emily Pernotto's play. She scored 14 points and 17 points in back-to-back home losses against Merchant Marine and Widener.

Saint Mary's 66, Tri-State 64

At Tri-State on Jan. 24, Saint Mary's pulled out an overtime win, in a thrilling game that came down to the wire. Emily Creachbaum had 18 points and 5 rebounds in the win. Katie Miller added 11 points, 5 assists, and 4 rebounds without turning the ball over once.

The win moved Saint Mary's to 4-5.

Merchant Marine 55, Saint Mary's 51

Rebecca Segert's 27 points and 11 rebounds proved to be too much, as Merchant Marine narrowly defeated Saint Mary's on Dec. 28. Ashley Carleen added 16 points and seven rebounds for Merchant Marine. Pernotto lead Saint Mary's with 14 points on 3-of-9 shooting, as the loss moved Saint Mary's to 4-6.

Widener 72, Saint Mary's 61

At Saint Mary's on Dec. 29, Nicole Stanley, Nikki Carden and Becca Lahti exploded on the offensive end scoring 18, 15 and 22 respectively, as Saint Mary's dropped their second game in a row.

Saint Mary's turned the ball over 26 times, and were outplayed in the second half after being tied at 31 at the half.

Calvin 60, Saint Mary's 38

In a lopsided contest between Calvin and Saint Mary's on Jan 6, Calvin blew the Belles out of the gym on route to a 22-point blow out. Lisa Winkle led Calvin with 14 points, but it was only an even distribution of scoring that led to the victory. Calvin played strong defense, only allowing Saint Mary's to hit 13-of-53 from the field. The loss dropped Saint Mary's to 4-8.

**SMC Swimming**

Belles suffer 119-84 loss to Calvin

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's swimming team lost its first meet coming off winter training, but coach Greg Petcoff is still smiling.

Despite the 119-84 loss to Calvin College Saturday, Petcoff is encouraged by the individual performances given during the team's week-long winter training in Islamorada, Fla.

Eight swimmers were able to swim personal best times including "performer of the meet" senior Katy Lebedz. Lebedz took second place in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:17.3 in the 200-yard IM.

"It was just a fantastic swim, the last time that she swam this far was two years ago when she broke the school record," Petcoff said. "She is a swimmer who is exploding with confidence right now."

Sophomore Kelly Nellis stood out, as well, with a second place finish in the 200-yard freestyle with a personal best time of 2:03.5. Nellis also took first in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5:31.94. Other highights include senior Maureen Palchak's 56.65 first place finish in the 100-yard freestyle, senior Megan Ramsey's second place finish in 217.3 in the 200-yard butterfly, and returning swimmer Sarah Nowak's second place finish in the 200-yard IM.

"It was just a fantastic swim...," Greg Petcoff coach

This is Nowak's first collegiate win, in a thrilling game that things like this happen, there are always people stepping up, but she will not be replaced. Saint Mary's will now focus upon their next opponents Kalamazoo and Olivet this Friday.

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Senior Katie Miller, who scored nine points for the Belles against Hope last weekend, takes the ball downcourt.

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Early in 1999, when a student became pregnant, Rush Medical College instituted a maternity leave policy. "We have a very strong focus on diversity," said President E. Ross Brown, "and we believe that every member of our community should be able to bring the best of themselves to the table."
FOOTBALL

Irish lack commitments as signing date looms

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Time is running out for Tyrone Willingham and the Notre Dame football team as the Irish look to strengthen their recruiting class of 2006.

With just under three weeks remaining until the designated official signing day of Feb. 4, Notre Dame has received only eight verbal commitments.

Notre Dame does not have one of the top 25 national recruiting classes according to most publications, while many past and future Irish opponents — Boston College (17), Michigan State (21), Pittsburgh (20), Purdue (21), Southern Cal (12) and Washington (21) — have secured a significantly higher number of non-verbal recruits, according to recruiting experts.

If there is a headliner to the Notre Dame class of verbal commitments, according to IrishGridiron.com columnist Mike Frank, that player is Justin Hoskins, a shifty, 6-foot-1, 195 running back out of Grand Rapids, Mich.

"I think they have a star player in Hoskins," Frank said. "I wouldn't be shocked if he started at some point next season."

The possibility of playing and making an impact next season could be attractive to recruits looking to step in and play immediately, such as Kentucky quarterback prospect Brian Brohm, who has yet to make a decision.

It is apparent, however, that this setting point has not been strong enough to attract the country's top talent.

In addition to Hoskins, Notre Dame has secured verbal commitments from offensive linemen Brandon Nicholas (6-foot-5, 260 pounds), Chastony Incarnato (6-foot-7, 285 pounds) and John Kadous (6-foot-6, 310 pounds).

ESPN's Tom Lennard ranked Kadous, an Arizona native, and see RECRUITS/page 17.

SMC BASKETBALL

Belles fall to Adrian in 62-56 defeat

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

In a tough match up between Adrian and Saint Mary's, Tuesday, Adrian prevailed at home 62-56 in a contest that was very much even throughout the game.

Tied at half, Adrian outscored the Belles 26-20 in the second half to escape with the victory Tuesday night. Lead by the three-headed monster of Corrie Helldobler, Abdel Banda has recently committed to the Irish.

BASEBALL

Irish ranked in top 20 in polls

By CHRIS FEREDICO
Sports Writer

While still more than a month away from their season opener with San Diego State in Los Angeles, the Irish have found themselves ranked in the top 20 in the four major college baseball polls.

"I'm really excited for our guys that they're getting the recognition that they deserve," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said of Notre Dame's standing in the four-preseason polls.

Notre Dame's highest ranking comes from the Collegiate Baseball Magazine poll, which has the Irish slotted 10th — the program's highest preseason ranking in the 46-year history of the poll.

The National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association placed the Irish 13th in its preseason poll, and the USA Today/Coaches poll has the Irish at 17th.

Baseball America listed Notre Dame 12th marking the first straight year the Irish have cracked the top 20 in that poll — a feat accomplished by only six other teams in 2003 National Champion Rice, LSU, Cal State-Fullerton, Georgia Tech, Stanford and Baylor.

Mainieri is not worried about the expectations that go along with his Irish impressive early rankings.

"A lot of coaches are afraid of high expectations and polls and things like that," he said. "I'm not one of those coaches. I'm glad that our name is out there in front of people that are college baseball fans, and I'm glad our kids are being recognized as one of the top teams in the country."

A couple of Notre Dame players also found themselves on several preseason American regional rosters.

Senior second baseman Steve Sollmann earned consensus Preseason All-America honors, as he was named to the first team by Collegiate Baseball Magazine and the NCBWA and to the second team by Baseball America.

Sollmann hit .384 in 2003 with four home runs, 40 RBI and 67 runs scored, and he notched 38 stolen bases.

Junior pitcher Chris Nelson also received some recognition, earning second team preseason All-American honors from both Collegiate Baseball Magazine and the NCBWA. The right-haner finished 9-1 last season with a 2.63 ERA.

With the preseason rankings and All-American squads in, expectations are high for the 2004 Irish. Mainieri knows that it is new up to his team to live up to and even surpass those expectations.

"And now the challenge is to go out there and prove that we are worthy of those rankings," he said. "Frankly I think that being ranked 10th in the country is fine and dandy, but by the end of the year, I would like to see us move up about nine spots."

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Awards continue to roll in for Irish

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Four years ago, Amy Warner set one major individual goal that she wanted to achieve during her time at Notre Dame: to become an All-American.

After the seasons of making the All-Big East Team, Warner made the jump as a senior by being named a first Team All-American last month.

"It is an honor," Warner said of receiving the award, "especially if I look back and see the other people that have made it. Becoming an All-American was one of my goals when entering college, and I am proud to have accomplished the goal I set for myself." Also making the All-America team was Big East Defensive Player of the Year Melissa Tancredi, who made the second team. Warner and Tancredi were both named first team All-Great Lakes Region. Junior Mary Roland and sophomore Erika Bohn both were second team All-Region selections.

Despite coming from a program that has combined for 27 NCAA All-America honors in the past 10 years, Warner's selection earned the Irish crack top 15 of the coaches' polls.

"I'm really excited for our guys that they're getting the recognition that they deserve," Warner's coach Paul Mainieri said.

Iowa State has announced that it will not make Maurice Clckett guilty after being accused of lying on a police report.

Iowa State head coach Bill Fennelly said his team will not make Maurice Clckett guilty after being accused of lying on a police report.

NCBWA BASEBALL

NCAA BASKETBALL

Cincinnati 85 Marquette 73

Cincinnati stays undefeated with their latest win over Marquette.

AUSTIN BASKETBALL

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Connecticut 94 Georgetown 70

Connecticut maintains its No. 1 ranking as the Huskies defeat the Bears.