Student leaders prepare for turnover

Istvan, Bell assume command, work to fill administration

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

Though the almost blank student body president and vice president offices were the lasting image of the outgoing Student Union Board, the two new leaders, Adam Istvan and Karla Bell, are hard at work preparing for their first term in office.

"Excitement is the only word to describe what we're feeling right now. Well, tired might be a better word, but definitely excitement," said Istvan.

With approval of the new Student Union Constitution article by article, one significant point of contention, however, centered on the proposed renaming of the Student Union Board, Notre Dame's primary programming body. At previous COR meetings, some members had expressed a desire to change SUB's name, citing incoming SUB manager Jimmy Flaherty opposed renaming the body and saying that any change would require expensive investments in new signs, stationery and other materials.

Flaherty said the changes would cost nearly $10,000, a figure that outgoing SUB manager Charlize Ilerden, who supported the name change, disputed.

"These costs already exist, and replacing them would be frivolous," Ilerden said. "The grand total of costs is not $9,998; it's $1,517."

Flaherty defended his numbers, saying they had been thoroughly researched.

"Charlie's underestimating this," Flaherty said. "When it's all said and done, that $9,998 number is realistic."

He also said the costs of a name change would divert scarce funds from SUB events.

"To throw a name change in there is really going to be a drawback to the programming."

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By ANNELEISE WOOLFORD
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Although nearly two months have passed since their election into office, Sarah Catherine White and Mary Pauline Moran have had little time to count the days until officially becoming student body president and vice president, respectively. Their wait is over.

White and Moran acquire the positions today as the former administration of Elizabeth Jakobinski-Diehl and Sarah Brown concludes its term. The four women have been working closely since February to ensure a smooth transition not only for mem-

Chávez concludes ND visit

By ANDREW THAGARD
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Father Eduardo Chávez, a priest from Mexico City who served as the postulator for the canonization of Saint Juan Diego, concludes his visit to Notre Dame today.

Chávez, who has been ordered by the cardinal of Mexico City to found a Catholic university there, came to Notre Dame in part to tour the campus and meet with University President Father Edward Malloy. His action-packed visit also included presentations to theology classes and meetings to finalize the translation of his book titled "El Encuentro de la Virgen de Guadalupe y Juan Diego." His visit was arranged by Father Virgilio Elizondo, a visiting theology professor, and the Institute for Latino Studies.

"This is my first time here and it surprised me," Chávez said during a Thursday afternoon interview with The Observer in which Elizondo helped to translate. "My [meeting] with Father Malloy was wonderful." The proposed university, called La Universidad Católica Lumen Gentium, named after a Vatican II constitution placing greater emphasis on the people of God as the Church, is currently little more than a vision. Chávez, however, said that he hopes to start classes in education, history and law initially on the campus of a Catholic high school and...
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Some things used to be common property. It used to be that a writer could make reference to certain great works of literature, and be reasonably confident that not only would his readers pick up on his drift, but that most of them would be able to tell the story he was referring to. The American general readership knew their stuff. You can't do that anymore. Shakespeare is not dead, but most people have never met him. At Notre Dame alone, there are, per- forated in the course of a year, sometimes as many as 10 of his plays — but most students will not even see one. And in doing so, they're not merely missing great drama; they're depriving themselves of a critical library of phrases and ideas central to communica- tion of great ideas from his day to ours.

There's something special, when telling your colleagues or friends about an opportunity which would bring them to you, to be able to take a cue from Brutus and remind them that "there is a tide." There's a richness of meaning in a reference like that. There's only one problem — these days, no one knows what it means. It's not our fault. Blame the schools maybe. Blame the movies. I don't personally blame anybody.

But that's not to say that it's any- thing but a really sad situation when students at a place like Notre Dame have never met some of the most famous authors of one of the most famous poets in human histo-

Now, Shakespeare certainly wrote a lot of words, and you need a doctorate to really be familiar with anything more than a tiny fraction of them. But there are a few lines and phrases — 50 maybe, even a 100 — without which a speaker of English is, literally, illiterate.

What I mean by this is that litera- cy is as much understanding what lies behind an author's words as it is the surrounding symbolism and page into words and sentences. What is a pound of flesh? Why would an audience want to kiss the moon? Why would a king be called a jester? And do business majors really learn how to take one? What is a sticking point, and how do I screw my courage to it? To be, or not to be?

Sure, Shakespeare has bored high schoolers ever since they were forced to sit through classes devoted to him. But it would be a tragedy — and not one that anyone would pay to see onstage — to give up on all the great stuff that's in his plays and writings, just because of a few less-than-stellar moments in high school.

After all, a twice-told tale may still catch the ear of a drowsy stu- dent.

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IN BRIEF

The International Women's Club presents a continuation of its annual International Children's Festival today from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the University Village Community Center.

Father Thomas O'Meara, professor emeritus of theol- ogy, will deliver a lecture this afternoon titled "Karl Rahner's Influence on Vatican II and U.S. Catholicism" on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Rahner's birth. The lecture starts at 4:30 p.m. in DeBartolo 209.

A panel discussion titled "Women on and off the Career Track" will take place this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse lounge. The panel will include Colleen Meiman, Viva Barkus, Tricia Bellia and Cyndi Bergman.

A symposium panel will tackle prison sentencing tonight at 6 p.m. in DeBartolo 141. The symposium, titled "Does the Time Fit the Crime? Mandatory Minimum Sentencing and the Curtailment of Judicial Dis-cretion," will feature John Martin Jr., a former U.S. dis- trict court judge, Bill Maleja, deputy attorney of the U.S. Department of Justice and Jimmy, professor at Notre Dame Law School. A recep- tion will follow.

The Class of 2006 will sponsor a rosary recitation tonight at 9:30 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Chapel.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

OFFBEAT

Police chief sued over alleged paddling

WARREN, Ohio — A part-time police chief has been suspended after a lawsuit accused him of assaulting a teenager by paddling the boy as part of a crime diversion program for a speeding ticket.

Carol Wooll of Vienna said she initially agreed to let her 16-year-old son be paddled, then refused to have him return for 14 more sessions because of the welts he suffered.

"This child is traumatized," Wooll said. James Martin was sus- pended as part-time police chief of Fowler Township and also as a full-time police officer in nearby Howseville Township, pending investigations by state officials and the FBI. No charges have been filed.

Cops: Man robs banks after leaving prison

TARENTUM, Pa. — A man was charged with robbing two banks less than one day after getting out of prison for a botched 2003 convenience store robbery in which he held a can of ravioli under his shirt to simulate a gun, police said.

Thomas Rokosky, 28, was arrested Tuesday morning a few minutes after someone robbed the First Commonwealth Bank in Tarentum, about 20 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.

Police said an alarm sys- tem sent a distress call directly to a dispatch center and helped them quickly locate Rokosky, of Tarentum, and his vehicle, which matched witness descriptions. Police said he also had a note demanding money from a teller.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
STUDENT SENATE

Senators hold final meeting

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

As the last Senate meeting before the student government turnover, Wednesday's session was a mix of gravity, levity and sincerity as senators bid farewell to their positions and left their final mark on Notre Dame by pushing through several resolutions.

In a continuation of last week’s presentation by Gay/Straight Alliance president Joe Dickmann, the Senate unanimously approved the open letter to the Notre Dame administration in favor of granting United In Diversity club status. The resolution was tabled last week to allow the senators to gauge support from their respective dorms.

Dillon senator Jack Laskowitz presented a resolution that would serve as a statement from the Senate in favor of the publication of the TCs.

“We've hit a roadblock in the process of getting it published, so this resolution would in essence say that we're committed to their publication, no matter how long it takes,” said Laskowitz.

Student body president Jeremy Lao also spoke on the importance of passing the resolution.

“There needs to be a public show of student support, because without it, the credibility of all of our efforts is gone. We need to keep this publicized,” said Lao.

The Senate also unanimously approved a resolution to send a letter to rectors regarding the completion of sector evaluation forms. Presented by the Committee on Residence Life, the letter encourages rectors to have their RA’s hold floor meetings to emphasize the importance of the evaluations and oversee their completion.

Pasquerilla West senator Jana Lamlota spoke at the open podium for the Committee on Residence Life’s drive to publicize the upcoming ROTC Presidential Pass In Review. Despite efforts to move the ceremony to an outside area, the Pass In Review will remain in Loftus this year.

Lamlota said that the committee is putting together an advertising campaign to encourage students to attend the event.

“The Presidential Pass In Review is especially important to ROTC seniors, and we want to give them a good going-off party,” Lamlota said.

In what student body vice president Emily Chin called a “light-hearted end to the meeting,” senator Brin Anderson presented a joke resolution that would confer a joker resolution to that on the Committee on Residence Life. The resolution was passed — not unanimously — in a roll call vote.

In other Senate news:
• The Ethics Committee presented their nominee for the Michael J. Palumbo Award in a closed session at the end of Wednesday’s meeting.

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‘Women of ND’ week promotes awareness

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Notre Dame will host a "Women of Notre Dame“ series this week as an effort to promote greater awareness of the future careers and opportunities that exist for women.

“Our students, male and female, need strong female role models to help them achieve their potential," said Julia Douthwaite, assistant provost of Campus International Development and a professor in the department of Romance Languages and Literatures.

The network of professional women was co-founded in March of 2000 by Douthwaite and Lee Svete, Director of the Career Center, as a means to celebrate co-education at Notre Dame. Funded by the dean of Arts and Letters, Mark Roach, and aided with mailing and listings by Chuck Lennon, president of the Alumni Association, the program hopes to help women who struggle with their careers and family life. It is sponsored by the College of Arts and Letters, the Career Center and the Alumni Association.

The series opens with a "Brown Bag Lunch Discussion," which will take place today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in 131 Deco Hall. This invitation-only event will focus on undergradu-
Turnover

coming on the eve of the turnover, the pair must be prepared for changes in the organization of their office and staff. "We're familiar with the proposal which was not passed at the time, and the biggest changes seem to be the bringing of the Office of the Student Body President into the Senate, and the changing of the Chief of Staff position into the Chief Executive Assistant, which will be held by Dave Baron," Istvan said.

Baron, Istvan and Bell have been interviewing students for staff positions since Monday, and plan on having the majority of their team in place by next week. Upwards of 30 candidates, equally distributed among class levels, applied. "I was surprised and pleased by the number of applications," said Istvan. "I think this shows that people want to get involved, and see potential for next year's government to accomplish some great things."

With the new term starting, Baron and Bell are putting their priorities in order so as to most efficiently get things done. They said that they hope to resolve the issue of staplers and hole-punches in the computer clusters before the year is up, plan on moving forward with the DVD rental area in LaFortune and want to explore the option of getting a bus that would go from campus to popular off-campus residence areas on Friday and Saturday nights. "Our biggest priority is going to be seeing how the new government works and evaluating it for any glaring errors, so that we can get changes through right away," said Baron.

Though Istvan said he knew of no great weaknesses in the Hallahan-Lao presidency besides the departure of Hallihan halfway through the term, he also said that his administration would focus less on making changes to student government and more on giving back to the students. For today, the focus remains the aesthetics of the presidency — including a new office at their disposal. "I can't wait to tear down these posters and put up some Metallicas and Def Leppard," joked Baron.

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UN learns of ND nuclear weapons
Program funded with record-high tuition rates

By RADIOACTIVE LEADER
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The United Nations imposed sanctions on the University of Notre Dame after weapons inspectors discovered that the University had created a vibrant nuclear weapons program. The Absurder has learned.

Inspectors were initially shocked that a small private University possessed the financial resources and technical knowledge to develop nuclear weapons. "But then we started looking at the tuition increases over the past few years," said weapons inspector Duke Nukem. "That's when everything started to fall in place."

"There was no way that much money could be funneled into education. We narrowed it down to either paying off the remainder of Bob Davie's contract or nukes before we saw those kids from Zahm. It's quite sad what radiation can do to humans."

Officials believe research and development began two years ago when the University began banning hard alcohol. School officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said that they hoped more "geeks" would come to Notre Dame to help create the first nuclear weapon at a university.

"Screw being the Harvard of the Midwest," University President Punt Polloy said. "We want to be MIT."

President George W. Bush responded to the U.N. report by deploying troops to the C lot and the ensuing regime change if Polloy didn't resign within 24 hours. "We believe the citizens of Notre Dame will welcome us with open arms," Bush said. "They need to be liberated from the yoke of tyranny."

Nukem said the University decided to develop nuclear weapons in response to the massive amount of dorm parties that kept administrators from getting a good night's sleep.

WNDU radar discovers life on Mars
NewsChopper16 being prepared for interplanetary travel

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By BRAT SPUMANTE
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In a stunning coup for weathermen, WNDU chief meteorologist Spike Hoffmann announced Wednesday that the station's Live Super Doppler 16 radar has discovered intelligent life on Mars.

"I'm happy to announce we've found Martian life," Hoffmann said during a Wednesday telecast. "We're not only Michiana's weather leader, but we're top-notch scientists too." Hoffmann said the discovery vindicates the station's decision to install the obscenely expensive 200,000-watt radar tower, which is located at the South Bend Regional Airport.

"People laughed when I wanted to drop $13 million on the radar," Hoffmann said. "Well, who's laughing now, punks?"

However, NASA's top planetary scientist, Ann Tenna, was skeptical about the station's announcement.

"I've spent 30 years looking for little green men, and some Mongolian weatherman finds them?" Tenna said. "What a load of crap."

WNDU officials also revealed they will discharge - something he plans to partake in any election - Notre Dame's only remaining tie to the South Bend Teamster's Union.

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Newly appointed Executive Vice President Michael Hannigan visits with Father Timothy Scully. A former Knott Hall assistant rector, Hannigan holds a bachelors and law degree from Notre Dame and wishes I did insted fo thesm

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No more freshman letters

Stop. Writing.
Freshmen, we know you are shocked that the dining hall doesn’t serve meat on Fridays, that the University is so repressive it enforces parietals and that the janitor hasn’t cleaned your hall’s bathroom in weeks. But we really don’t care. We are already aware of that, and we’ve already gotten over it.
You’re not telling us anything new, and we’ve heard your arguments ten thousand times before. You might as well sign your letter, “Captain Obvious,” because you sound like complete tools. The Absurder, therefore, has made a merciful decision, one which will benefit both would-be letter-writers and subscribers while bolstering the readability of the Pointless section.
Letters written by freshmen will no longer be published by The Absurder. If you’re not savvy enough to know when you’re embarrassing yourselves, we, at least, can save you from your own self-humiliation by refusing to print your inane material. We suggest that, if you need an outlet to express your outrage or indignance, you share it with each other, since you’re all on the same naïve level. Have a complaint session while you’re congregating at FlySide events or while the Legends disco dance parties die down during the early hours of the weekend mornings. Even better—conduct your rants when you’re locked in place at a dorm room party, the people around you are trapped there, anyway, so they’ll be forced to listen. Just leave your elders out of it, because we’re sick and tired of listening to your childish whimpering.
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Please, get out of my way

The simple activity of walking into a building is not something that most people, I think, would consider complicated. Most people, however, are not petite, five-foot-tall girls, and they are not trying to get into Delfaro. I, on the other hand, am a commitment of that minority, and walking into Delfaro is a huge problem for me. I physically cannot wade through the sea of athletes. They are big and scary, and they are everywhere. I can’t shoulder past them, because my shoulder barely reaches their waists. They can’t even see me trying to get through, and when I try to shout up to them to politely ask them to move, they can’t hear me. They are often too engaged in cell phone conversations with other athletes five feet away. My voice becomes drowned by their joking and laughing, and I remain stuck outside, jostled around as they do all sorts of secret handshake greetings and high-fives and pats on the back. I am forced to dodge elbows and knees and bikes and backpacks, and it’s horribly frightening. I have nightmares. Going to class, for me, has become traumatic. Therefore, I would like to nicely ask athletes to be cognizant of the little people like me. It might be hard for you to see us, but we are there. Please let us through, it would make life much easier.

Midgette Minniekirk
Baden Hall
Sophomore
March 31

For the love of God, shut up already

I would like to direct this letter to all those who feel the need to talk every five seconds in class—particularly the kid in my philosophy class who apparently has a fetish with your inane material. We suggest that, if you need an outlet to express your outrage or indignance, you share it with each other, since you’re all on the same naïve level. Have a complaint session while you’re congregating at FlySide events or while the Legends disco dance parties die down during the early hours of the weekend mornings. Even better—conduct your rants when you’re locked in place at a dorm room party, the people around you are trapped there, anyway, so they’ll be forced to listen. Just leave your elders out of it, because we’re sick and tired of listening to your childish whimpering.
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Ban sinful poker playing

A new, disturbing trend is sweeping campus and now that the University has eradicated hard alcohol from the dorms, administrators need to set their eyes on a new evil: gambling.
I have been lured into temptation many times by undergraduates promising a fun game of Texas Hold ‘Em. But I always leave the table penniless and have lost hundreds of dollars in this pursuit. I simply do not have the willpower to say no to playing these games. And as administrators removed the sinful temptation of alcohol from undergraduate lives, they should similarly remove gambling. Students should not have to say no to bad things, the administration should make these decisions for students.
As Jesus said in John’s Gospel when he drove the moneychangers from the Temple, “Take these things away! Do not make my Father’s house a merchandise.” The administration must act swiftly to return the dorms to a place of study and worship and one that is not dominated by evil pursuits.

Sore Loser
Zahn Hall
Freshman
March 31

Editor’s Note: See policy on freshman letters to the editor.

You know what? You’re right

In response to Mr. Imright’s viewpoint letter yesterday responding to my letter printed March 19, I would like to say two words: You’re right. Imright’s arguments were completely flawless; his persuasive evidence swayed me, and I cannot believe I was ever so stupid to suggest that the Zahm Winter Carnival is nothing but a frivolous freak show of animals and Zahmbies on a cold quad. As Mr. Imright eloquently pointed out, the event is a lively exposition of creativity and an invaluable show of school spirit. The carnival is praise-worthy and holds an integral place in the Notre Dame identity.
I apologize for my faulted comments and ridiculous arguments. To anyone convinced by my letter: Please disregard it. I was foolish and mistaken, and I thank Mr. Imright for setting me straight.
Once again, I was wrong, you were right, and I am grateful to the Pointless section for providing an opportunity for personal growth and education.
Neeva Gonahapen
Sophomore
O’Neill Hall
March 31

Quote of the Day

“Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever.”

Mahatma Gandhi
Hindu nationalist leader
Alumni: AD is dumb
Letter chastises ND for keeping green jerseys

By P. O. MONEYBAGS
Sports Writer

A group of 574 alumni have sent a letter to the Board of Trustees criticizing the athletic department for what they called "a decade of stupidity" because the Irish continue to wear green jerseys in key games.

"That's like the freaking death sentence," the letter said. "When was the last time we won wearing those things? The stone age?"

The letter writers pointed to the recent struggles of the football and basketball teams, who are a combined 1-100 when wearing green in the last 10 years. The lone win came in 2001 when the No. 1 seed women's basketball team beat No. 16 seed Aceson State.

"Please, that one doesn't count," IrishHomer69 said, who agreed to speak only if his internet name would be used. "A tulp had a better chance of beating a bulldozer."

The letter suggests three options to fix the green jersey problem. Athletic department officials can burn the green jerseys in a massive bonfire on South Quad, put them in deep storage in Bond Hall, or bribe NASA to launch them into outer space.

"I personally prefer the Bond Hall option," IrishHomer69 said. "Nobody ever comes out of that building, so we know the jerseys would stay there for a while."

Athletic director Beviri Black responded by saying that the green jerseys were an integral part of Notre Dame tradition and that Notre Dame teams would continue to use them.

"Hel-la cool," IrishHomer69 said. "More lunch, less game."

Black did say at least one good thing came from the alumni letter.

"At least they're off my case about the stupid football team," he said.

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ND moves home games from Joyce, senior citizens revolt

By U. SHER
News Writer

A lack of fan excitement at the Joyce Center has prompted officials to move all future basketball games to the Fort Wayne Coliseum, where last week's game created the most excitement in the town since the 1979 county fair when an elephant got stuck in seats and their voices became muted when entering the Joyce Center, their team.

"The reception they gave our boys last week was outstanding," he said. "And with Hooters next to the coliseum and beers sold during the game, it will ensure that our fans come in excited, are always yelling because they are too drunk to know what's going on and feel like home happy."

Notre Dame Director of Ticketing Tim Jaleigh said that the move came after an investigation as to whether fans became muted when entering the Joyce Center, preventing them to stand and cheer for their team.

"We thought there must be some reason that the Joyce Center never gets exciting," he said. "But it turns out our fans here in South Bend would rather watch a game on their fannies than getting up and doing anything to support the team."
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

World court rules against U.S. The International Court of Justice ruled Thursday that the United States violated international law in its use of lethal force in a 2002 raid in Iraq. The court said the U.S. military had violated international humanitarian law in the raid, which killed two innocent civilians. The ruling was a setback for the Bush administration, which had insisted that the raid was legal.

IRAQ

Crowd mutilates U.S. bodies Four U.S. civilian workers killed by roadside bomb, burned, struck from bridge

Associated Press

FALLUJAH — In a scene reminiscent of Somalia, frenzied crowds dragged the burned, mutilated bodies of four American contractors into the streets of a town west of Baghdad on Wednesday and strung two of them up from a bridge after rebels beheaded their heads.

Five U.S. soldiers of the 1st Infantry Division also were killed when a bomb exploded under their M-113 armored personnel carrier north of Fallujah, making it the bloodiest day for Americans in Iraq since Jan. 8. The four contract workers were killed in Fallujah, a Sunni Triangle city about 35 miles west of Baghdad and scene of some of the worst violence on both sides of the conflict since the beginning of the American occupation a year ago. Chanting "Fallujah is the graveyard of Americans," residents gathered to celebrate, dragging the bodies through the street and hooked it up to a car and dragged it down the main street of town. Two black-masked and mangled corpses hung from the green iron bridge spanning the Euphrates River.

"The people of Fallujah hung some of the bodies on the old bridge like slaughtered sheep," resident Abdul Aziz Mohammed said. Some corpses were dismembered, he said. The White House blamed terrorists and remnants of Saddam Hussein's former regime for the "horrible attacks" on the American contractors.

"It is offensive, it is disgusting the way these individuals have been treated," White House press secretary, seen on television camera.

Associated Press

June 30 transfer of sovereignty to Iraqis, McClellan said "the best way to honor those that lost their lives" is to continue with efforts to bring democracy to Iraq. State Department Iraq envoy Zinni said the contractors were, in effect, "trying to make a difference and to help others.

U.S. officials did not identify the dead or the nature of their work because the next of kin had not yet been notified.

However, early evidence indicated they worked for Blackwater, a security consulting firm based in Moyock, N.C., the company said in a statement. The security firm hires former military members from the United States and other countries to provide security services. In Iraq, too.

National News

Rice to face difficult questioning WASHINGTON — When she testifies before the commission reviewing the Sept. 11 attacks, Condoleezza Rice will face pointed questions about what outgoing Clinton administration officials told her about terrorism — and also about the Bush administration's handling of the crisis.

She also may face questions about her credibility.

"We want to hear from Dr. Rice ... about the kind of threats and dangers that were appearing to her before 9-11," says Rep. Thomas Kean, the Republican chairman of the Sept. 11 commission and a former New Jersey governor.

Kerry undergoes brief surgery BOSTON — Democrat John Kerry had complication-free outpatient surgery Wednesday to remove a small cyst from his right shoulder and bicep tendons and will be back shaking voters' hands soon, although not too forcefully.

The four-term Massachusetts senator planned to be off the presidential campaign trail for the remainder of the week. Rep. Blanche Lincoln, chief of staff at Massachusetts General Hospital, said Kerry would be in pain for a few days and probably in need of an ice pack and narcotic painkillers.

State News

Army ready to destroy nerve gas CLINTON — The Army said it plans to begin destroying a batch of nerve gas stored at the Newport Chemical Depot in about two months regardless of whether it hauls the material to a safer site.

The Army could store the hydrolyze — the caustic byproduct from destroying the nerve gas — at the depot or ship it to a federal facility in Idaho, if plans to ship it to New Jersey for final treatment and disposal fall through, said Col. Jesse Barber, a public relations manager for the Army Chemical Materials Agency. Barber said the agency held a series of questions during a meeting Wednesday at Vermillion High School.

The Army plans to begin neutralizing the VX at Newport this summer by mixing it with hot water and sodium hypochlorite.

PBS marks 35 years of 'sunny days'

NEW YORK — Here's a kids show that still boasts plenty of street cred. Now entering its 35th season, "Sesame Street" remains a daily destination for millions of preschoolers, an evergreen cityscape as much a part of their world as any other play space. It's been there for generations of kids, as any of the show's estimated 74 million "grads" will recall from "Sesame Street Going Up and Down the Street We Live On." This retrospective airs Sunday, followed by "Sesame Street's Musical M.E.T. Sunday," then serves as the season opener the next day.

Even those who haven't "caught" "Sesame Street" since around the time it premiered Nov. 10, 1969, will be struck by how much things seem much like you left them. The Muppets; the evergreen cityscape as much a part of the nation's kids.

"Sesame Street" grew out of the Great Society programs, says executive producer Lewis Bernstein, referring to the Johnson administration's social initiatives. "That was a period when political, educational needs and the social milieu all converged to say, 'You influence kids at an early age and you can give them the skills they need in going through their school and in life.'"

And, with the civil rights movement at full throttle, equality became another part of the show's message.

"When I first came here in fall of 1969," Bernstein says with a chuckle, "the passion hasn't changed." Early on, the "Sesame Street" brand of passion pivoted the way to many of the stations; the 2-year-old, integrated cast, the inner-city setting, the fast-paced, bite-sized structure of each episode.

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Jesus' mother Mary, on a hill, had a vision.

Chávez is unsure how the university will be funded but added that he is confident everything will work out together.

"I don't know (about money) but I know our Lady of Guadalupe and God will help us," he said.

Chávez also credited his visit to Notre Dame and meeting with Malloy — a man he praised for his sense of humility — for providing him with a vision.

"For me this University is an inspiration," he said. "We need the big vision and [we] need to try step by step ... with a good sense of vision."

Chávez also described his work on the canonization process of Juan Diego, a 16th century Native American who many believe witnessed visions of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Jesus' mother Mary, on a hill outside present day Mexico City.

Chávez got involved with the project by serving on a commission that extensively researched the historical Juan Diego. Later, Church officials asked him to serve as postulator, a position that involves investigating miracles attributed to the saint and acting as a bridge between the Mexican Church and the Vatican.

"Participating in the canonization process was the most beautiful thing in my life," Chávez said, adding that the experience reaffirmed his decision to become a priest and historian. "Juan Diego was a man with a sense of great humility. [He] put himself totally in the hands of Our Lady to accomplish a mission."

Chávez investigated one miracle in particular that helped propel Juan Diego to sainthood. On May 3, 1990 a young man in Mexico City decided to end his life by jumping off a three story balcony. His frantic mother tried unsuccessfully to pull him away but the man plunged head first into the pavement thirty feet below, Chávez said.

As her son was falling, the woman cried out to Juan Diego to save him. The young man remained conscious after the fall and started walking around. As he sat down, he began hemorrhaging and was rushed to the hospital via ambulance.

Doctors at the hospital, including expert neurologists, concluded that the man's condition was terminal and they placed him in a non-critical care hospital ward, presumably to die. Chávez said. A few days later while Juan Diego was being beatiified by Pope John Paul II at the Basilica of Santa Maria de Guadalupe, doctors discovered that the man's cranium had almost healed. Three days later he walked out of the hospital, never having received treatment.

"It wasn't anything beautiful," Chávez said. "Most miracles are experiences people want to tell everyone (about) but he was ashamed because he (had) wanted to commit suicide."

Chávez's position as postulator also allowed him to get to know the Pope, a man he described as having a certain magnetism about him.

"When [His Holiness] smiles he looks right into your eyes and your whole soul is moved," he said, praising the Pope for his devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe whose image adorns his office and bedroom.

Chávez flies back to Mexico this afternoon after a four day visit to Notre Dame.

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Flaherty said that after accountability, the Board intends to stress consistency and enthusiasm as its key values.

"We want to get consistency with programming — it's not the quantity but the quality we bring in," he said. "We don't want to bring in one big thing and then not be able to bring anything else."

SUB plans to split its big-name concert budget for two shows, with 60 percent spent in the fall and 40 percent in the spring. Flaherty said. A high-profile speaker is also a goal for spring semester, as are smaller year-round events such as comedians, hypnotists and continuing concerts at Legends.

While he praised the programming that last year's Board brought in, especially in the spring, Flaherty said that both Ebersol and Romero have been very helpful in the transition.

"He's got a lot of qualifications," he said, adding that the Office of Information Technologies that Flaherty assumed the next Board that more can be done.

"Ebersol and Romero have been really successful in the transition," Flaherty said. "We really want to try to continue and build on that success — understanding that we've done well, what this office can do better, and how we can implement the changes that they've started."

Flaherty reiterated the need for a Board's core principles to be applied to all events in order to fulfill student expectations.

"If we stick to these ideas of accountability, consistency and enthusiasm in all of our programming we're going to have a lot of success next year," he said.
In Brief

Factory orders rebound in Feb. WASHINGTON — America’s factories saw orders bounce back a bit in February, a sign that manufacturing is continuing to emerge from a three-year slump.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that orders placed with factories increased by a modest 0.9 percent last month, compared with a drop of 0.9 percent in January.

Although February’s rebound wasn’t as strong as the 1.5 percent increase economists were looking for, it was still encouraging that factory orders managed to recover some ground last month.

Demand for “durable” goods — costly manufactured products, including automobiles, household appliances and computers — rose by 2.5 percent in February.

Stewart lawyer seeks new trial NEW YORK — Martha Stewart asked for a new trial Wednesday, saying one of the jurors who convicted her lied about an arrest on assault charges.

Stewart lawyer Robert Morvillo said in papers filed in federal court that he would have sought to strike juror Chappell Hartridge had he known about his past.

“Those facts, in and of themselves, establish that Ms. Stewart is entitled to a new trial,” Morvillo wrote.

Big box retailers post Q4 gains MINNEAPOLIS — The country’s two largest electronics retailers reported strong quarterly earnings on Wednesday, but only one of them is happy.

A 5.4 percent earnings jump in the fourth quarter capped a “bammer year,” according to Best Buy Co. Inc. chairman and CEO Richard Schmoker.

Staples Inc., the nation’s largest discount retailer, reported last week a 27.5 percent increase in earnings for the fourth quarter, with $469 million, or 54 cents per share, for the fourth quarter ending Feb. 28, up from $311 million, or 96 cents per share, for the same period last year.

CORPORATE SCANDAL

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Prosecutors focus on theft in Nichols trial

Associated Press

MCALISTER, Okla. — Prosecutors at the murder trial of Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols used a drill bit Wednesday to try to connect him to the theft of blasting cord and detonation cord from a rock quarry.

Two expert witnesses testified that a bit seized from Nichols’ home after the April 19, 1995, bombing matched the distinctive markings found in a drill hole in a padlock at the quarry near Marion, Kan.

“That was the drill that was used,” said James Cadigan, a retired FBI tool-mark examiner.

A variety of explosives, including detonation cord and blasting caps, were stolen from the quarry less than seven months before the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. Nichols was about 25 miles from Nichols’ home in Herington, Kan.

Prosecutors say detonation cord and blasting caps were among the components of the 3,000-pound fertilizer-and-fuel bomb that destroyed the federal building, killing 168 people.

George Krivosta, of the Suffolk County Medical Examiner’s Office on Long Island, N.Y., said he was certain the one-quarter-inch drill bit made the markings “to the exclusion of any other tool ever manufactured.”

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Flaherty said

Chief of staff Pat Corker character-

ized the debate as frivo-

lous.

“I find it hard to believe that anyone outside this group would care what the name is,” Corker said.

In the end, council members voted to change SUB’s name to the Campus Programming Council.

Following that vote, council members approved the remain-

ing articles in rapid succession, making mostly cosmetic changes as they went along.

The last section to be approved was Article I, which transferred the power to amend the constitution to the Student Union Senate.

Members applauded after the vote, and outgoing student body adviser Jeremy Lao posed for a celebratory photograph with

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GOP discord sidelines highway bill

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A major highway spending bill temporarily stalled Wednesday in the House as Republican leaders struggled to deal with a presidential veto threat and distance themselves from their ranks.

After hours of closed-door meetings, House Republicans said they were ready to try again Thursday to pass a six-year, $275 billion bill. The veto threat still loomed, although the main point of dispute among lawmakers was how the states would divide up one of the largest pots of money that Washington makes available to state governments.

The legislation, which would spread infrastructure projects around the country and create hundreds of thousands of jobs, is a top legislative priority this year. But it has faced a rocky legislative path, with lawmakers seeking more money to make roads safer and less congested and the administration demanding a smaller budget in the interest of fiscal discipline.

The White House released a statement Tuesday, saying the House bill was too costly and that it would be sent to the president, his advisers would recommend a veto. The White House likewise threatened to veto a $118 billion bill that the Senate passed in February.

The administration has pro-

posed spending $256 billion, up from $210 billion in the last six-year period.

The status of the bill is “very, very tentative right now,” said Deborah Pryce, R-Ohio, who chairs the House Republican Conference, after a two-hour afternoon meeting where GOP rank-and-file members vented their complaints with the legislation.

She said some lawmakers thought the $275 billion figure was too high, others that it was too low, while some raised state and regional issues.

A sticking point in the bill is the discon-

tent of some states such as Florida that pay more into the federal highway trust fund than they get back from the federal government in grants. The trust fund, paid for by the federal gas tax of 18.4 cents per gallon, is supposed to provide for all federal highway grants.

The White House has raised a veto threat over lan-

guage in the House bill that would reopen it for further negotiations in two years if Congress fails to enact a law ensuring that every state will get back at least 95 cents for every dollar contributed by 2009, the last year of the pro-

gram.

GOP aides said House Transportation Committee Chairman Don Young, R-Alaska, met with lawmakers from “donor” states late in the day and agreed the House would take an amendment that would expand the scope of those projects covered by the current law’s minimum guar-

antie, which is a 90.5 percent return.

Young said he doubted that they would rewrite anything in the bill to the face of the presi-

dential veto.

“I don’t listen to the presi-

dent,” Young said. “I just don’t know what the president is going to do. He has to speak for himself.”

Young and other members of his committee sought a much larger bill, of $375 billion, but the White House rejected his proposal to pay for it by raising gas tax by about five cents. His committee said a bill of that magnitude would sustain 1.7 million new jobs over the six-year period.

On the other side, fiscal conserva-

tives condemned the special interest projects in the bill that they said would cost bil-

lion. Taxpayers for Common Sense said the bill was “paved with pork,” with 3,200 design-

ated projects, for horse trails, auto museums, pedestrian walkways and parking, worth $9.7 billion.

“I’m sure that taxpayers everywhere would be disgus-

ted to know that every time they go to the pump and fill up their tank, they’re funding projects like this.”


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Illegal students’ group seeks change

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The Georgia ban on gay marriage approved

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ATLANTA — The Georgia House voted Wednesday to put a gay marriage ban in the state constitution.

The 122-52 vote gave final approval to an amendment that will appear on the state ballot this fall. If voters agree, the state constitution would say Georgia will not recognize same-sex unions, even if they're performed in other states.

Gay marriage is already illegal in Georgia, but the matter is not addressed in its constitution.

Amendment supporters said the law would not prevent a judge from allowing same-sex couples to marry.

"We cannot let judges in Hotston, or officials in San Francisco, define marriage for the people of Georgia," said GOP Rep. Bill Hembree, the amendment's sponsor, referring to other hotspots in the national debate over gay marriage.

The amendment was narrowly defeated by the Democratic House last month after breaching through the Republican-controlled Senate earlier this year.

Last time, nearly all black lawmakers opposed the amendment, comparing the gay rights debate to the civil rights struggle.

A month ago, after heavy lobbying from black clergymen and other social conservatives, several of those opponents voted yes, giving the amendment the needed two-thirds majority.

One opponent of the measure called Wednesday's vote yes "unprecedented.

"This limited the freedom of people. That's unacceptable for a member of the minority causus to be limiting freedom of another minority," said Rep. Ron Sailor, a minister from Decatur.

But another black lawmaker, Democrat Rep. Randall Mangham, after abstaining from the first vote, voted for the amendment this time.

"I don't appreciate having to explain to my 9-year-old why big unholy groups are kissing," Mangham said, then added: "God discriminates against the same-sex marriage. I will continue to protect people who live that lifestyle."

In Rhode Island, meanwhile, the debate over same-sex marriage took a larger turn as the House majority leader announced publicly that he is gay.

Gordon Fox said he's been in a committed relationship for six years and that he supports a bill that would allow same-sex marriages.

Fox, a Democrat, said he hadn't planned to make the public announcement, but felt the time was right. "It's an important message to get out," he said.

Competing bills have been offered in Rhode Island. One would allow same-sex marriages; another would define marriage as between a man and woman and make gay marriages approved in other states illegal.

Currently, 38 states have laws that define marriage solely as a heterosexual institution.


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Romne Underground

Upon you I build my church

by Fr. Kevin Russeau, C.S.C.
Director, Freshman Retreat Program

It was only a few weeks ago, the week before St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's, that we were on Spring Break. For 40 of us at Notre Dame, Spring Break took us to Rome Italy! It was not my first time to Rome but it will stand out as one of the most memorable for several reasons.

Our group was fortunate to have a Scavi tour scheduled during our stay in Rome. The Scavi tour takes us underground the Basilica of St. Peter's and takes us back 2000 years to the site where St. Peter was hung upside down on a cross. Our tour guide was seminarians who encouraged us to treat the 75 minute tour as a 'miniature pilgrimage.' We began this pilgrimage with scripture:

"Amen, I say to you [Peter], when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go!" John 21:18.

Under the Basiliica of St. Peter's, pre-Christian tombs are revealed; the ancient walls of the Basilica that Emperor Constantine had built are unearthed; Christian bones and popes are buried; and most impressive to me was the bones where the Church has always maintained St. Peter the apostle was buried. During World War II, with much strife and unrest in Europe, scientists and other professionals studied these bones and determined that they belong to a robust man from the first century. We believe these bones to be the remains of the Prince of the Apostles. St. Peter!

It's difficult to describe the experience of being huddled in small rooms reliving history of the Church and of Rome. In the last small room, with the help of a red laser-pointer, our pilgrims were able to gaze on the bones of St. Peter. The seminarian read: "And I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the nether world shall not prevail against it." Mt 16:18. Chills went up and down my arm at these words. God is still with us - God continues to protect us from evil and guide us back towards holiness. There has been much unrest in the American Church these past years. Differing opinions about how the Church should be governed, what our moral norms should be, and even scandal from some who are supposed to be trusted shepherds. As a priest who was ordained just months before the sexual abuse cases reached newspapers across the world, I feared that the gates of the nether world might have an upper-hand. The peacefulness and reassurance I felt at St. Peter's bones have given me hope and confidence that God indeed still provides.
The search continues

Notre Dame still looking for top VP

By WOO KARES

The University has encountered never-before-seen difficulties in hiring a new executive vice president to replace Father Jim Sully, who resigned from the post in May.

Sully resigned after University President Father Pun Pollopy told the Board of Trustees he would step down exactly who has performed Sully's duties since May.

Notre Dame is considering for executive vice president. There is a chance that both could share the position.

Stan and Billy Bob, shown above, are the two candidates the University is considering for executive vice president. There is a chance that both could share the position.

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COBA acquires ND in $29 billion deal

Punk Palloy fired as
Dean Who assumes
DomeCorp presidency

By ADMIN STOGE

In an unprecedented $8 billion deal, the Mendoza College of Business has acquired the University, Dean Marilyn Who announced Wednesday. The new organization, to be called DomeCorp, will be run by Michael Bendovza.

Who said current University president Pun Pollopy will be dismissed for what she called "financial incompetence."

"We have to face facts," Who said. "This guy pisses away money like a drunken sailor."

If approved by federal regulators, the deal will mark the nation's first acquisition of a university by a subordinate division.

Who said the acquisition will usher in massive changes at the university, which had been under non-COBA control for the last 16 years.

"We've already launched a series of audits of each department," Who said. "We expect to trim quite a bit of fat."

Several academic departments have already been impacted by the acquisition. Effective October 1, the Program in Liberal Studies will be closed, and the Program in Journalism will be reassigned to minister a home for wayward girls in Wisconsin.

"We figured that he couldn't screw things up anymore after they already were," Smickfadden's superior, who declined to be named, said.

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Mars

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patch NewsChopper16 on a mission dubbed "MarsoShot16" — to the Red Planet. The plan is believed by experts to be the first-ever attempt at interplanetary travel by a news helicopter.

Anchor and would-be spaceman Berry Smickfadden will pilot the modified Bell Jet Ranger helicopter, despite no flight experience.

"It's an honor to represent NewsCenter16," Smickfadden said. "Before you know it, the NBC peacock will spread its wings and sail from the Martian surface."

However, aerospace engineering professor Chuck Yeager said the mission was "doomed from the start," adding that the helicopters cannot carry enough fuel for a 90-million-mile journey. "It's going to be a gas crash and burn," Yeager said. "I bet you bury him in an Altoids box."

A defiant Smickfadden said he was fearless in the face of certain death.

"I'm a steely-eyed missile man," he said. "But I have to admit, I'm going to miss my hot sister."

NASA astronaut instructor Buzz Machtien likewise doubted the station's ability to pull off the mission, which carries an estimated price of $10 billion.

"I don't think anyone at that station has the right stuff for the rigors of space flight," Machtien said. "I mean, these are the same guys who let a priest smash them around."

Even some WNDU employees were not convinced about the wisdom of the mission.

"How can we possibly compete if we don't have the only news helicopter in Michiana?" cameraman A r e c t o t R a m a t h o r a r asked. "Now Five D e g r e e Guarantee is going to rip us a new one."

However, students praised the mission, which will send Smickfadden on a 90-million-mile journey for the exclusive interview with the leader of the Martian race.

"I'm really excited about it," junior Katie-Maureen O'McPtitz said, gazing skyward. "[Smickfadden] isn't coming back, right?"

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Band seeks cool status from almighty Senate

By ACCORDION STYLIST

The Student Senate rejected a petition from a group of marching band members asking for the Senate to pass a resolution acknowledging that the band was cool.

"Look, our whole lives we've been shoved in trash cans and made fun of because we go to band camp," trumpeter Ima Doork said, "Now that we're at college, can't we put this behind us and be cool like everybody else?"

"No," student body president Kang Pao said.

Band members pointed to the fact that they threw parties just like everybody else and get sent to ResLife like everybody else as reasons why they should be able to, as Doork said, "fit in."

But senators, who alternated between shooting looks of pity at the less cool and doing the crossword puzzle, criticized the band's party-throwing skills.

"Look, I went to one of your 'parties' once," O'Neill senator I.P. Freely said. "You wimps were only serving Amaretto wimps were only serving Amaretto wimp shots and the students were laughing too hard."

"You're not cool. I'm sorry," Doork said.

This prompted the three glasses-wearing, pimple-faced band members standing before the Senate to break down in tears.

"What more do we have to do?" drummer Sted McMuffin said. "We dance during performances. We even played March this year."

Senators also pointed out that, since the band members played the Victory March but didn't sing it, it was highly doubtful that they knew the words to the Notre Dame fight song since they never had to sing it. "And you have to know the fight song to be cool," Pangborn senator E. Z. Lei said.

"What gives you guys the right to decide who is cool?" asked Falto Irene Velent. "What do you even do anyway?"

"We do lots of stuff," Pao nervously said, "five minutes later, the Senate passed a two-part proclamation saying that all senators are cool and that the Senate does stuff. "And what the hell is a falso?" Pao said.

While band members were disappointed with the Senate's decision, they still remained optimistic that somebody would call them cool one day.

"We're working with the PA announcer at basketball games. We want him to say, 'The oldest band in the land and the coolest!"'

Ima Doork trumpet

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Excise, Posse bust underagers at Legends

The St. Joseph County Sheriff's Posse moves down Juniper Road towards Legends, where they busted underage students for being in a lame-ass club.

By FALLON LEFLOOR
News Writer

The lights came on and the music screeched to a halt.

Excise police had swooped in on another bar frequented by underage students. But this one wasn't owned by a shady businessman: it was owned by the University.

Less than one year after being opened, Legends was busted by members of Excise Police and the St. Joseph County Sheriff's Posse, who cited 45 students for "Minor in a Lame-Ass Tavern" and 16 students for Public Intoxication.

While students were used to dealing with Excise Police for previous infractions, few had ever been arrested by a deputy on a horse.

One particularly intoxicated student attempted to mount a horse, thinking he was back on his farm on Montana. He got pushed off into a pile of horse manure.

"What the hell is this?" he asked. "I want my mommy."

Deputy Bow Rider, on his horse Hung, commented that one officer on horseback can control up to 12 people.

"We didn't know what we'd encounter here, we didn't know what kind of people would frequent Legends underage," he said. "We wanted to prepare for any skull-duggery that those damn kids would present to us."

I.L. Gotta Bustem of the Michigan City division of the Indiana State Excise Police explained that the "Minor in a Lame-Ass Tavern" citations are rarely issued, but are reserved in a situation like this where a minor attempts to drink at a respective bar instead of the dive establishments they usually frequent.

"We can't understand it," Bustem said. "Usually underagers go out to get drunk, not to have just have a beer and hook up on University property."

Students generally agreed with this sentiment.

"Man, if I knew that was going to get busted, I would have just gone to Boat Club," he said. "I thought I could drink safely at Legends, but I should have just got wasted at Boat and taken my chances walking back."

Excise had been planning the raid for months with the cooperation of University officials.

"I really shouldn't be telling you this, but the University thought that by busting something on their property students would think that they didn't have anything to do with the older busts," he said.

Bustem said that the University could face a wide variety of penalties for the bust, including the loss of its liquor license, or a large fine.

"I really don't see it as a huge loss," he said. "The University charged too much anyways, so we are just really saving these guys from being sucker punched by the bartender. If you want to get drunk, go get some Mad Dog."

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easy way out — regardless of the fact that it occurred nearly two months ago.

"Forget the 'brother school, sister school' pitch we give," she said. "We've been looking to separate ourselves from Notre Dame for awhile now. We're good enough, smart enough, and gosh darn it, people are starting to have heard of us."

Students expressed mixed emotions in response to the announcement.

"I don't know what to do," said Saint Mary's junior Sasha Faintalsott. "The guys over there are so afraid we're just looking for commitment, there's no way they'll come over. They won't even call. Besides, all of the short skirts I wear come from my friend at Notre Dame. How am I expected to go out on the weekends now if I can't leave to borrow them?"

According to senior Allie Optimiste, a 20-foot brick wall surrounding the campus has been added to the College's Master Plan to help enforce the ban. Elrond told her in confidence, she said.

"So what if I am loose? I'll only be here for another month, but I want to assure the underclassmen that this won't be as bad as it seems," Optimiste said. "The wall can't make things any worse than the South Bend bubble we already live in."

Notre Dame students are also confident about the situation and many feel it will bring the two student bodies closer.

"I'll help out any Saint Mary's girl," said sophomore Richard Egoman. "As long as she has a fifth on that side of the wall, I'll show her how to climb over. It can't be any harder than breaking parietals."

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A&L students must play hippie sports

Students play hacky-sack on the South Quad.

Students in the College of Arts and Letters are now required to take an additional physical education requirement, such as this.

By ARTSY FARTSY
News Writer

Reflecting the preferences of its students, the College of Arts and Letters announced Wednesday that students will be required to take an additional physical education course in either Ultimate Frisbee or hacky-sack.

Dean Mark Roachclip said he expects students will embrace the new requirement.

"Let's face it, students who major in PLS or peace studies already know their way around a Frisbee," Roachclip said. "We might as well give them a few easy hours."

Gender studies major Moonbeam Johnson praised the new classes.

"Wow, that's pretty far out," Johnson said through filthy dreadlocks. "I haven't been this fired up since that Ralph Nader rally."

However, some students, like architecture major Jim Vesuvius, criticized the new PE classes as "frakkin' nifty."

"You have got to be kidding me," Vesuvius said from his windowless cubicle in the basement of Bond Hall. "What's the matter, are those interpretive dance classes just too tough?"

Vesuvius, brandishing an X-Acto knife, had to be physically restrained by his fellow architecture majors.

Roachclip also said other changes are on the horizon for the college, Notre Dame's largest.

"Educational research shows that music can be an effective pedagogical tool, so we're issuing Phish boxed sets to every under-graduate," Roachclip said. "Oh man, it's gonna be awesome."

Some business students said the changes will further hurt Arts and Letters students' job prospects.

"As if those long-hairs needed any help finding the unemployment line," accountancy student Arthur Deloitte said.

But Leo Sweaty, director of the Career Center, dismissed allegations that the college's changes will reduce graduates' chances of employment.

"Oh, I think they've pretty much kicked our butts out," Sweaty said, lighting back tears of laughter. "I don't think a little Frisbee is going to make a difference."

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Moonbeam Johnson
Gender Studies major

Terrorists take over NDTV
No one watches broadcast of their manifesto

By TECH GUY
News Writer

If a tree fell in the forest and nobody was there, would it make a sound? If terrorists took over NDTV to broadcast their manifesto, would anybody notice?

Not for a while, it seems. A concerned citizen contacted the St. Joseph County Police at 3 a.m. Sunday morning, saying that a terrorist was on the public access channel. Comcast cable representative Andrews Down confirmed that it wasn't until the third screening of the NDTV show that the problem was first noticed.

"I'm rather embarrassed about the whole thing," the television viewer, who did not want to be named to save himself public humiliation, said. "I was surfing channels and there was this guy speaking in some foreign language, yelling at the television. It scared me, so I called the cops. I don't normally watch NDTV, I swear."

The St. Joseph County Police contacted the Notre Dame Security/Police and organized a raid on the NDTV studios, a closet in the basement of South Dining Hall.

When they arrived, they found NDTV's three staff members had been locked in for days with no publicity, otherwise we would have been out of those door earlier.

"If people could just watch us instead of their porn DVDs, it would be so much better," Ima Tool lamented the fact that Notre Dame students do not have cable and cannot watch their show in their room.

"If people could just watch us instead of their porn DVDs, it would be so much better," Tool said. "But nobody wants to watch our show in the lounge and let the rest of the dorm know that they actually watch NDTV."

Tool also said that he was considering new methods of advertising his show.

"And I'm not advertising with Scholastic anymore," Tool said. "Those ads got us no publicity, otherwise we would have been out of those door earlier."

To prevent further issues, Down, the Comcast representative, said that an unlucky member of his staff who showed up late to the next team meeting would screen future episodes of NDTV before they went live.

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Judge grills doctor on fetus pain

NEW YORK — In questioning a day earlier had testified that a fetus sometimes does not immediately die after its limbs are pulled off.

"Simple question, doctor," the judge told Johnson. "Does it cross your mind?"

Johnson said it did not.

"Never crossed your mind?" the judge asked again.

"No," Johnson answered.

The exchange touched a key element of the government's argument that the ban blocks a woman's health rather than protecting a woman's body before the abortion is dismembered during an abortion.

"So you tell her the arms and legs are pulled off?" Casey asked. "I mean, that's what I want to know. Do you tell her?"

"We tell her the baby, the fetus, is dismembered as part of the procedure, yes," answered Johnson, a University of California professor and research scientist at the school's Center for Human Growth and Development.

Casey asked Johnson if doctors tell women that a fetus sometimes does not immediately die after its limbs are pulled off. "I don't think we would use a term like decomposition of the skull," Johnson answered. "I think we would probably use a term like decompression of the skull or reducing the contents of the skull."
We are a generation in the making. During these young days in college and in the years soon after, many of us will make pivotal decisions that will set the course for our generation and the next one that we will give birth to. Where we play particularly in relationships and families is crucial. Yet, we are inheriting a world from our parents’ generation that is marred by growing rates of divorce. Here, our community can assert its power to promote the values that lead to lasting relationships and family stability.

There is a definite place for developing family values here at Holy Cross College, Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame. These values are consonant with the highest ideals of our parents first. If our graduates do not make a difference, then we will stoke our concerns about relationships and family. I asked Deane A. Preacher in the College of Arts and Letters about role of college in cultivating family values. She championed the concept saying, “Higher education is not just about teaching values in the abstract, but how to incorporate those values into everyday experience.

Our community already has the values that create a strong family atmosphere. But do we foster the values in the students that specifically lead to good long-term marriages and family lives? Wouldn’t our time now in community be an opportunity to discuss a little more deliberately what has succeeded and failed in our different family experiences?

In the wake of unprecedented rates of failed marriages and split families among our parents’ generation, I have hope for what our generation can do. Many of us have felt the sting of our parents’ failure. Our heartbreak echoes the deepest voice of our soul: “Never again, never again.”

We can swear now to do whatever possible so that we can keep ourselves and our friends from repeating destructive decisions. We can make progress, especially here during this time in college.

We can do better at avoiding the common pitfalls that occur when young bliss isn’t checked by concerned friends or an environment of “smart romance.” We can drastically improve the early euphoria in a relationship for everlasting love. We can feel so much but think too little. We can make choices in a relationship that commit more than we really mean. We have to give, only to realize our mistake far too late.

Passionate feelings and physical attraction do have a role; they are a part of any sustained relationship. But beyond this there needs to be an objective, rational evaluation of compatibility. The importance of dating becomes clearer once we help reflect this integration process of heart and mind.

The skills developed in dating become lifelong assets in marriage. Dating helps us learn about the non-passionate elements of a relationship that can make or break a marriage later on. These elements include financial compatibility, long-term goals, adaptability, personal convictions, communication style, time management and fighting style. Understanding these areas is worthwhile but it can take a very long time.

This helping process, romanticized perceptions of love can fail to see the practical aspects of companionship long-term to work hard. Successful relationships aren’t 50-50. They require 100 percent from both people. Also, the commitment can be anything but glamorous. But this love found first in shared sacrifice will give rise later to shared joy.

So what can we do now to cultivate values for strong relationships and families?

First, conferences, discussions and forum presentations echo the deepest voice of our soul: “Never again, never again.”

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Paul Hornung’s recent comments about admissions standards for athletes should be denounced by everyone within the Notre Dame community. While the racially insensitive tone of those remarks is certainly despicable, I wish to respond to the idea that we have to lower our academic standards if we want to succeed in athletics.

Although Hornung would have us think that Notre Dame University compromises its integrity in order to win more football games, I think it was the idea that Notre Dame has always stood for certain principles among which is aca­demic excellence. To diminish that aspect of our University would be to put a finger upon which the University of Notre Dame was built. Athletics is a major source of pride for this community and one which I celebrate often. I can also appreciate the revenue generated by the athletic teams. But we must not forget that this is an institution of higher learning first and foremost.

While Hornung did not have to rely on a degree for his profession, he is the exception rather than the rule. In fact, most of our fine athletes will not become professional athletes. Like all other students they will rely on their education once they graduate. Perhaps it is easy for someone in Hornung’s unique position to lose sight of the bigger picture. But the students of Notre Dame work extremely hard. They work hard not only to earn their degree, but also to earn the opportuni­ty to come here. To lower admissions standards would devalue all of our hard work. Moreover, our pride in ath­letics comes not just from winning, but also from the fact that we win the right way. National Championships at places like Notre Dame and Stanford mean so much more because of that commitment to academics. I can’t imagine the University of Notre Dame with only minor league franchises. So I say to our administrators and athletic department, please do not do the “student out of "student-athlete." The University of Notre Dame would never be the same.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Loving all people

I am writing in response to Casey Stenton's March 30 letter to the Observer. While I assume that by taking a moral and religious objection to homosexuality, Catholics do not love those who are inclined to homosexual conduct. While I disagree with Catholics, white, black, Jewish, But that does not mean that we must condone and support lifestyles that are inconsistent with the Catholic Church, nor need we facilitate people to commit sin. By giving the Catholic Church the idea that homosexual conduct is acceptable, and indeed, praise worthy. I disagree with this stance. Catholics should not give money to Planned Parenthood, should not support lifestyles that are inconsistent with their political associations from the University. I applaud the University for refusing United in Diversity of sex. I believe that homosexuals are not a problem, but rather a result of a society that is in need of change. Our society should not only support homosexuals, but also take actions to prevent them from committing sin.

Showing compassion

I think in the whole homophobia debate, we have focused on an entire group of people who, with unwanted homosexual tendencies. Those who struggle silently without anyone knowing what they experience. Maybe he or she lives in your dorm, down the hall, or even in your class. How are these people affected by all this? How are they dealt with in terms of right and wrong? Catholicism is a religion that emphasizes the importance of love and forgiveness. How can anyone label a person as a sinner when they are only struggling to come to terms with their feelings? We must recognize and give support to those with unwanted homosexual tendencies.

Defining partisanship

Mike Marchant's March 29 column fails short of condemning partisan attacks, well short. Despite the obvious puns on Dick Cheney, a student homosexual organization, the University was doing its best to prevent a series of continuous, rolling strikes against the Vagina Monologues. Documentation supports the lack of female faculty. In response to this situation, there needs to be a decent support system specifically for homosexuals and those with unwanted homosexual tendencies, and it should be organized by people unwavering in their Catholic position and filled with genuine Christian love. In closing, I want to say that this letter is not about winning any battles with those of differing ideologies. I hope it is clear that I have said and proposed does not stem from simply a moral right or wrong. It should also be said that neither does the Church's view. The Church's teaching on the issue is not an attempt to hinder anyone's freedom; instead, it is one of radical love for all mankind that frees us from our vices that we succumb to because it's easier that way. Our sins pervert the world and do more damage than can be imagined. It is easy enough to see how our greed in the U.S. has spurred others to hate us. Let's begin to love ourselves, then, and start making a difference.

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Christian release urges listeners to get ‘Happy’

By REBECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Music Critic

Happiness is not quite a virtue, but Matthew West would probably think that it should be. West is a new, up and coming Christian singer/songwriter who’s single “More” is topping Christian charts all over the country. The Chicago singer has been writing songs since college and touring for years, but has not yet experienced the success he has found with his new album Happy. With an album cover displaying his feet next to a pair of feet in clown shoes, West seems to be a genuinely happy guy. His silly nature shows through in his album and his song’s messages, yet an incredibly deep spirituality is also apparent.

Happy
Matthew West
Universal South Records

The album is a good mix of slow, fast, serious and “happy” songs. Happy has some good songs, a couple of great songs and a couple of less than good songs, but there is not a below mediocre song on the album. One of the strongest points of the album is the hit single “More.” “More” is a huge ballad that sounds like a Christian hit, and that is exactly what it has become. With strong and beautiful lyrics throughout the song, “More” is a definite Christian song. “More” sings of the unconditional and infinite nature of God’s love. West sings, “I love you more than the sun and the stars / that I taught to shine / you are mine and you shine for me too.” There are not many ways to say that more eloquently or beautifully, and West certainly sounds great singing it.

Another huge high point on the album is “Every Second,” another Christian ballad, but with a bit more of a rock flavor. “Every Second” could be interpreted as a love song, or a love song to God, either way it is a beautiful song that proclaims, “I don’t want to let this moment fade away / I want to soak up every single second / I just want to fall in love along the way / I just want to soak up every single second / In your presence.”

Again West finds a way to express an emotion that would simply leave others speechless, and he does it all to a great melody that will stick in listener’s heads for days (as soon as “More” gets out of there).

Happy also has a good deal of faster, more upbeat songs. “The Lie” is an impressive, somewhat rock-infused track that talks about the lies that people tell you, betrayals by friends, etc. “I Can’t Bear You” is also a great track that hits even closer to the rock genre. “The End” is another song of the same type with a hint of folk paired with hopeful lyrics. West sings about how bad situations aren’t “The End,” and claims instead that “Sometimes it rains all over your parade / It’s like reaching for the sun and landing in the shade / But it’s not the end, the end of the world.”

Overall Happy, Matthew West’s newest album, is a good listen with some great songs. The lyrics are excellent and worth listening for. The hit “More” is the best part of the album; “Happy” is not going to blow your mind but it just may make them a bit “happier.”

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By EMILY TUMBRINK
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ED GRAHAM plays drums for The Darkness whose debut album Permission to Land currently sits at No. 42 on the Billboard Top 200 charts and whose first American headlining tour is completely sold out.

I think when we finished the album we thought we could be successful, but the surprising thing is how we crossed over into the pop market. We've got some new songs and for us that's the best way to work out if it's a good song or not. I think because it was quite a very serious and sensitive song really with the words, and people felt that it's a really crazy video wouldn't fit right with it. Are you surprised at the press given to nonmusical aspects of the band? No, not really. That's exactly what we heard in the United Kingdom when we first started. It seems to be first reaction how we look or the unusualness of Justin's voice. Then further down the line people tend to look a bit deeper and comment on other things.

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Your second video in the United States for "Love is Only a Feeling" seems to be a totally different kind of video. What was the thinking for making a more laid back video? I think it was quite a very serious and sensitive song really with the words, and people felt that it's a really crazy video wouldn't fit right with it. Are you surprised at the press given to nonmusical aspects of the band?

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How do you go about writing music? Well I'd say Dan and Justin were the main song-writers, but me and Frankie have a contribution. We've actually been in a country house in England writing. Dan will often come along with a riff or a piece of music and Justin tries to come up with melody ideas over it. Then we'd all sit together or play live together and arrange it. Permission to Land is such an eclectic sounding album, what do you attribute that to? That's not really planned, that's what comes out. I think in the future it could be even more diverse. People stereotype and say a lot of things about us, but on the actual record it's actually quite different. There's different styles of rock music and I think we're capable of coming up with stuff that's more diverse than that.

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For your follow-up to Permission to Land do you feel any pressure or do you just let it fly and see what happens? I wouldn't say we've felt pressure. We are aware of the fact that it has to be really good because it's the second album. More so in the United Kingdom — the cynical attitude of people. Rather than being happy for you, people in the United Kingdom are waiting for you to fall. We're all aware that the next album has to be really, really good, but then again we wouldn't release it unless we thought it was really good anyway. I wouldn't say we felt under pressure.

Permission to Land, the band does not feel pressured to perform on its follow-up.

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NBA

Ginobili leads Spurs to 107-89 win versus Kings

Ginobili answered with his final basket of the night, the off-balance bank shot, and the Spurs’ defense limited the Kings to only one more basket.

Stojakovic contributed 17 for Sacramento, which is 4-4 in its last 10 games. Chris Webber, Vladic Divac and Mike Bibby all had 14.

Timberwolves 90, SuperSonics 83

MINNEAPOLIS — Though Kevin Garnett remains their unquestioned leader, the Minnesota Timberwolves derive much of their energy from Latrell Sprewell.

He supplied plenty on against the Spurs. Sprewell scored 27 points, including six 3-pointers, to help Minnesota hold off San Antonio 90-83.

"He’s a great barometer," Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders said. "Offensively and defensively, the team seems to take his personality a lot.

Garnett had 27 points, 10 rebounds and an assist for Minnesota, which maintained its tenuous lead over San Antonio in the Western Conference. Garnett featured his impressive rebounding in the hunt for the top seed in the Western Conference playoffs.

"We’re not playing a team — we’re playing ourselves, so to speak," Sprewell said. "We’ve got to go out, play hard and try to get wins ... We know what the situation is.

The Timberwolves (52-24), who lead the Spurs by 1 1/2 games and trail the Sacramento Kings by one game in the West race, set a franchise record for regular-season victories. Having won six of eight and three in a row, Minnesota appears close to being cured of its recent struggles.

Sprewell, by no coincidence, has been playing better lately, too.

Warriors 85, Raptors 78

TORONTO — Erick Dampier’s career scoring high of 27 points for Golden State was meant to be.

Dampier, whose only fast free agency this summer by opting out of the remaining two years of his contract, might have sustained a season-ending ankle injury in Golden State’s 85-74 win Wednesday night.

Toronto Raptors Dampier had 14 rebounds before leaving the game late in the fourth quarter after rolling his left ankle on the foot of Toronto’s Julian Rose. Dampier stayed on the floor for several minutes before being helped off the court.

"We feel for Damp. He’s had such a great year. Right now it’s premature, but they think he’s done for the year," Golden State coach Rick Mazzulla said.

Dampier can opt out of his seven-year, $48 million dollar contract after this season, and some have insinuated that he’s playing for a new contract.

"He did a really good job of upping his value for this coming summer," said Clifford Robinson.

Anthony Johnson rabbed Dampier’s season.

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Faye Harrison, Lindsay Young Professor of Cultural Anthropology
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“Building Anti-Racist Alliances for Human Rights: Women of Color Organizing on Global Terrain in the US South”

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The closing lecture will analyze the intersecting roles of African American, Afro-Latin American, and Caribbean activists. Professor Harrison defines herself as a political anthropologist interested in culture, politics, and political economy as they relate to forms of social inequality. Her approach emphasizes race, gender, class, and (trans)national identity as interlocking dimensions of difference, inequality, and power. She has done extensive ethnographic and documentary research in the United States, Great Britain, and the Caribbean. Among her numerous publications are “Facing Racism and the Moral Responsibility of Human Rights Knowledge,” Annals of the New York Academy of Science, and “Global Apartheid, Foreign Policy, and Human Rights,” Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society. She is presently working on a book, entitled “From the Outside Within: A Critical Project for Reworking Anthropology” (University of Illinois Press), on remaking anthropology from an African diasporic subject position.

The lecture series on Race in the Americas is jointly sponsored by the African and African American Studies Program and the Institute for Latino Studies and cosponsored by Gender Studies, the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the College of Arts and Letters, the College of Engineering, the College of Science, the Mendoza College of Business, the Office of the Vice-President for Student Affairs, and the Office of the Provost.
**MLB**

**Yankees demonstrate 'traditional domination'**

By Michael Silverman/Staff Writer

TOKYO — Hideki Matsui stood at home plate, received a samurai helmet called the Kabuto, and raised the gold-and-red armor high for the crowd to see. The New York Yankees 'traditional domination' had been restored.

Matsui, his face beaming, roared the Tokyo Dome with a two-run homer, thrilling the Japanese fans who worship him. Jorge Posada hit three-run shots from both sides of the plate, Kevin Brown won his first start in Japan and the Yankees calmed their jittery fans back home by routing the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 12-1 Wednesday morning.

"Hopefully, we can have many more games like this," Matsui told the cheering crowd from a podium near home plate after the game. After a listless 8-3 loss on opening day, fans back home who got up at 5 a.m. had been infuriated, expecting greatness from their heroes, not groggi­ness. And then the Yankees fell behind in the first inning when Aubrey Huff hit an RBI single.

Owner George Steinbrenner took the first loss callously, saying, "It's not where you start, it's where you finish." But an 0-2 trip, which would have left them last in the AL East, might have led to a different tune. In fact, I made a comment when we were down 1-0 in the first," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "I felt a little tenseness in there. I said, 'Guys, what's the worst thing that can happen?' We lose 162 games, big deal. We can still eat, and you're still going to get paid.'"

But a day after Tampa Bay surprised the Yankees, the Bronx Bombers potent offense restored the old order — appropriate for a coun­try tied to tradition — in another game that started before dawn in New York. Matsui tied it with an RBI single in the third. Tony Clark, in the line­up at first base because Jason Giambi's left knee is hurt and Travis Lee is on the disabled list, put New York ahead with a two-run homer in the fourth.

Then, in the fifth, came the moment fans wanted to see. Matsui, a home-run hero during 10 seasons with the Yomiuri Giants, teed off on a belt-high pitch from Jeremi Gonzalez, sending it deep into the seats in right-center.

Flashbulbs popped. Fans jumped and stayed up for a standing ovation, a rarity in Japan. Some of the spectators repeatedly bowed to him. The ovation was prolonged, as if fans were trying to get him to come out for a curtain call. But Matsui, always modest, didn't leave the dugout.

"It's really a once in a lifetime opportunity," Alex Rodriguez said. "Who knows when the Yankees are going to come back? It's a pretty special moment." Rodriguez came a few feet short of a grand slam in the seventh. The AL MVP had another quiet night in his second game for New York, going 0-for-5 and dropping to 1-for-9 with no RBIs.

Derek Jeter finally got his first hit in Japan, an RBI single ahead of Matsui in the ninth. Rodriguez hit a first-pitch, two-run homer in the seventh, after going hitless in his first seven at-bats. "I was in there saying, 'I'm the last one without a hit,'" he remembered.

Matsui had another chance to come up big in the seventh when he batted with the bases loaded, but he struck out against Trevor Miller. Posada, meanwhile, homered right-handed off Damian Moss in the fifth and left-handed against Jorge Sosa in the seventh. It was the fifth time he homered from both sides in the same game, the first since June 28, 2002, against the New York Mets.

He thought ahead to the 7,250-mile flight back to spring training in Florida. The Yankees were due to land at home just after midnight, ending a 38-hour day caused by the time differ­ence.

"Now," Posada said, "we can talk on the plane." Tampa Bay, coming off six straight last-place finishes, was pretty much overlooked during its five days in Japan.

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**ROWING**

**Team ranked 20th**

Special to The Observer

After a strong showing this past weekend at the Michigan Regatta, the Notre Dame women's rowing team is ranked 20th in the first USRowing/Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association (CRCA) poll of the season. The Irish were unranked in the preseason poll released three weeks ago but had an impressive showing on Saturday against Michigan with its varsity eight boat finishing second to Michigan.

Ohio State tops the poll with 383 points and 10 first-place points, followed by California (345 points), Princeton (333), Michigan (316), Harvard (305), Washington (298), Virginia (295), Stanford (290), Oregon State (288), Boston University (282), Wisconsin (270), Texas (267) and Notre Dame (31).

The Irish travel to San Diego, Calif., for the 31st annual San Diego Crew Classic April 3-4. Notre Dame's varsity eight boat will row in the prestigious Joseph-Whitote Cup where it is scheduled to go up against Stanford, USC, Washington State, Texas A&M, Villanova, Purdue, Washington, California, Texas, Oregon State, Wisconsin, West Virginia and Fordham.

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**The Hispanic Law Students' Association cordially invites the Notre Dame community to the Graciela Olivarez Award Ceremony Saturday, April 3, 2004**

The Hispanic Law Students' Association is proud to announce its first annual Graciela Olivarez Award Ceremony. The award honors a Hispanic lawyer or judge who best exemplifies Graciela Olivarez's commitment to community service, demonstration of the highest ethical and moral standards, and dedication to justice. This year's recipient is J. Robert Flores, Administrator of the Bureau of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, U.S. Department of Justice.

Continental Breakfast at 10:15 a.m. — Law School Lounge Award Ceremony at 11:00 a.m. — Law School Courtyard

Happy 21st Jess, Alison, and Meezi!

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U.S. shuts out Poland 1-0 in exhibition game

Associated Press

POLK, Poland — The United States tuned up for World Cup qualifying by beating Poland 1-0 on an exhibition game Wednesday on DaMarcus Beasley's goal, ending the hosts' seven-game winning streak.

Goalkeeper Brad Friedel had a shoutout in his first national team game in nearly two years for the United States, which lost to Poland 3-1 in the first round of the 2002 World Cup.

The Americans, who went on to reach the quarterfinals of that tournament, open their road to Poland 1-0 on June 13.

"It was a good game, a little bit of a hard one," said Bobby Convey's coach Bruce Arena's first win in seven tries in Europe.

"It feels good," Arena said. "We've lost some difficult games along the way like to Holland, Germany, Italy. But we knew we would win one.

Due to fears of terrorism Wednesday, Polish police increased security for the game, with at least 50 officers forming a ring around the field and another 500 outside the stadium.

Arena started seven European-based players, including Friedel, who plays for Blackburn in the English Premier League.

"It was an important match in an important year," he said. "It was great to get this group of players together and then have success. It's rare we get our European-based and domestic players together."

"Our captain, Claudio Reyna, and Beasley were probably the two most important players out there today."

Friedel wasn't really tested until the 67th minute, when he came out to smother a shot launched by Jacek Krynowek. Grzegorz Basiak had Poland's best chance in the first half, when Gregg Berhalter fell as they tangled over a pass, letting the forward race toward the goal.

In the 54th minute, Claudio Reyna of the United States crossed the ball to Conor Casey, who hit it away at the last minute.

In the 64th, Clinton Mathis had a clear look, but took too long to control the ball.

It was one of several exhibition games across Europe on Wednesday, with teams starting to warm up for this summer's European Championship.

Robbie Kean scored in injury time to give Ireland a 2-1 victory over the Czech Republic, which had been unbeaten in 20 games.

Poland's Ezebuziusz Smolarek and DaMarcus Beasley of the United States compete for the ball during an exhibition match.

The Observer

Okafor injured again

Associated Press

STORRS, Conn. — Just when Connecticut's All-America center Emeka Okafor seemed to be getting sharp, he took another seat Wednesday.

Huskies coach Jim Calhoun said Okafor was bumped hard in practice. Calhoun said the injury was similar to the stinger Okafor got against Alabama in the Phoenix Regional final, when a hard foul jarred his neck and sent a stinging pain down his arm.

"We fully expect that he may take it easier tomorrow, but will fully practice again on Friday," Calhoun said.

Okafor was hit with about eight minutes left in the workout. Calhoun raved that until then Okafor was dunking and looking "much better than he has been, I would say, for almost a month." Okafor missed three games, two in the Big East tournament, because of spasms in the muscles around a small stress fracture in his back.

Calhoun joked that whoever hit Okafor this time wouldn't be traveling to San Antonio for the Final Four. The team left Wednesday evening. Connecticut plays Duke in a national semifinal Saturday night.

"Someone actually hit his arm, which got his shoulder to move a little bit," Calhoun said. "I think with a little bit of ice, TLC, ick, he'll be just fine."

Okafor, a 6-foot-9, 252-pound junior who will graduate in May, averaged 18.1 points, 11.7 rebounds and a national-best 4.3 blocks this season.
NFL
New rule changes to lengthen games

Associated Press
PALM BEACH, Fla. — The NFL's new emphasis on improving offense will come with a cost: longer games.
The league wrapped up its annual spring meeting Wednesday with several expected moves, including the approval of some new rule changes and setting out to make sure existing ones are enforced properly.
They include adding a 15-yard penalty for Terrell Owens/Joe Horn type demonstrations, especially when they are orchestrated by groups of players. The penalties will be in addition to fines already in place for such end zone acts as Horn pulling out a cell phone from under the goal post, or Owens taking a pen out of his sock and autographing a ball.
But the greater effect is likely to come from a new emphasis on holding and illegal contact by defensive backs; illegal blocks on kicking plays; and an added replay challenge for teams that are successful on their first two.
That means more penalties, many of them for illegal contact on passing plays after passing yardage was at an 11-year low last season — 202 yards per team compared to 212 in 2002.
"Yes, games will probably get a little longer," said Rich McKay, co-chairman of the competition committee. "You're always conscious of the length of games. It's not something you want to encourage. But we felt we had to do something about passing yardage going down."
McKay said he believed game times would come down once players made adjustments.
Of far more long-term consequence was the possibility of the new NFL Network televising five games. Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said that could happen some time in the future, which would give the league a major bargaining chip in negotiations with the networks.
Tagliabue said games on the five-month old satellite and cable network aren't likely in the next contract, on which negotiations are about to begin. The current $17.6 billion, eight-year deal expires at the end of the 2005 season.
But Tagliabue added: "Anything is possible."
There was almost no controversy when the owners ratified the competition committee recommendation Wednesday to make excessive celebration a 15-yard penalty. The vote was 31-1, with Oakland dissenting, as it does more often than not.
The change was aimed more at group celebrations than at individual ones — spikes, dunks and Lambeau leaps are still allowed, although use of a hard "foreign object" will be penalized. That would include the pen pulled out by Owens to sign a football in celebration of a touchdown in Seattle two seasons ago, and the cell phone used by Horn last season in New Orleans.
The new penalties are aimed at staged photo snaps, circle dances and similar celebrations that previously were punished only by fines. The fines went up from 18 in 2002 to 61 last season, leading the committee to decide that the wrath from their coaches after a 15-yard walkoff would be more effective in curbing the demonstrators than the loss of money.
Other rules changes, most of them minor, include:
- Allowing wider receivers to wear the numbers 10-19. In the past, they could wear them only when all the numbers in the 80s were taken.
- Expansion of practice squads from five to eight players. This would be more effective in curb ing the demonstrators than the loss of money.

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NFL summer session

June 22 - August 6, 2004

The 2004 summer session will begin on Monday, June 21 (enrollment), and end on Friday, August 6 (final exams). Some courses—primarily in science and languages—will begin and end before or after these dates. The Summer Session Bulletin contains complete schedule information. The Bulletin is available at the Summer Session Office (0110 Main Bridg) beginning on Monday, February 2. Information on summer courses, as it appears in the Bulletin, is also available at the Summer Session Web site (www.nd.edu/~sumsess).

Notre Dame continuing students—undergraduate and graduate students in residence during the spring semester of 2004 who are eligible to return in the fall—must use Web Registration (1) to register for summer courses and (2) to add or drop courses according to the add and drop dates printed with each course. The Web Registration PIN (personal identification number) is available on your account at the Registrar's office. The Web Registration PIN is a number that you can use to add or drop courses. It is also available at Web Registration. Course catalog numbers are published in the Bulletin and at the Summer Session Web site.

Web Registration will be available for summer registration from Wednesday, March 17, through the course add and drop dates published in the Summer Session Bulletin. Students may register or make schedule changes whenever they choose during this period; no appointment times are necessary.

Air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned housing and (optional) summer meal plans will be available. Forms for these services may be obtained at the Summer Session Office at any time during the spring semester.

Tuition for the summer session of 2004 will be $538 per credit hour for undergraduate students and $288 per credit hour for graduate students, plus a $50 general fee.

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Dementieva defeats Williams

Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Tape took care of Venus Williams' sprained right foot. There was no remedy for the shaky serve and late fade.

Williams was injured during the second set Wednesday, but sloppy shotmaking hurt her more, and she lost to Elena Dementieva 6-3, 7-6 (4) in the quarterfinals of the Nasdaq-100 Open.

A three-time champion at Key Biscayne, Williams came up short in her bid to reach a semifinal for the first time since Wimbledon in July. Dementieva survived a match point and erratic play of her own to win the tense but unsightly 2 1/2-hour duel.

"It was a very difficult, long, but I think interesting match," the No. 5-seeded Russian said.

She outplayed all the characteristics of Venus. She double-faulted 11 times, committed five unforced errors and played hurt.

Williams took a nine-minute timeout for treatment when she rolled her right foot in the final game of the second set. She actually played better when the match resumed, winning 14 of the next 17 points to take a 3-0 lead in the last set.

But serving for the match at 5-3, Williams hit four double-faults, including three in a row to lose the game.

"It was sunny and the wind kept blowing and my toes got crazy," she said. "That was not good."

The errant serves didn't surprise Dementieva.

"I just said to myself, 'She's just like you, you know, she can be nervous.'" Dementieva said with a laugh.

There were other missed chances by Williams. She held a match point at 6-5 but sailed a forehand long, then committed five unforced errors in the tiebreak.

Better by injuries since last summer, Williams has slipped to No. 17 in the rankings and has played only 10 matches in four events this year, never advancing beyond the quarterfinals. Seeded second at Key Biscayne, she was unable to take advantage of a fold missing the world's five highest-ranked players, including No. 1 Justine Henin-Hardenne.

Asked to assess the state of her game, a subdued Williams said: "Just on the up and up."

In men's play, No. 3-seeded Guillermo Coria became the first semifinalist by beating unseeded Nicolas Kiefer 6-3, 6-3. Coria will play Friday against No. 21 Fernando Gonzalez or unseeded Andrei Pavel.

Williams' defeat spoiled a potential renewal of her sibling rivalry with younger sister Serena in the final Saturday. Instead, Dementieva advanced to the semifinals, where she'll play fellow Russian Nadera Petrova, seeded eighth.

Petrova beat No. 21 Nathalie Dechy 6-2, 6-2.

Top-seeded Serena Williams will play No. 25 Elena Dementieva in the other semifinal.

VENUS Williams returns the ball to Russia's Elena Dementieva during their Nasdaq-100 Open match.

NBA

Defense rests case

Williams' lawyers conclude their arguments in trial

SOMERVILLE, N.J. — The defense rested Wednesday in the Jayson Williams manslaughter trial.

Defense lawyers concluded their case shortly after the former NBA star told a judge that he would not take the stand in his own defense.

"I am innocent, I put my trust in God and I have great confidence in this jury," Williams told Superior Court Judge Edward M. Coleman without the jury present.

Williams said he made the decision after discussions with his wife and defense team.

Defense attorney Billy Martin had said in his opening arguments last month that "Jayson Williams will tell you what happened that night. Jayson Williams will tell you how this horrific, totally unforeseeable accident occurred."

Williams is charged in the February 2002 shooting death of a limousine driver at his Hunterdon County mansion.

The trial, now in its eighth week, is to resume Thursday with prosecution rebuttal witnesses. Coleman told jurors that closing arguments could begin as early as Tuesday.

The defense attempted to show that Williams was not aware that the driver, Costas "Gus" Christo, 55, was in the bed of a pickup truck while he was driving the truck.

Jayson Williams is charged with manslaughter in the death of limousine driver Mark Hunterdon.

He has admitted shooting the victim, 33-year-old Mark Hunterdon, at point blank range with a shotgun in a Chrysler Town & Country minivan.

But Williams' attorneys say he fired the gun in self-defense to save themselves and their friend.

The defense said Jayson Williams was hallucinating and suffering from a mental disorder.

The prosecution presented 36 witnesses, two of whom said they heard Williams say a profanity just before firing the gun.

Williams had gone with some friends to see a Harlem Globetrotters game in Bethlehem, Pa. Christo had driven four Globetrotters from the game to a restaurant near the Williams estate for dinner with Williams and most of the group.

They then went to the mansion in Alexandria Township.

Jayson Williams testified that he saw a figure in the driveway and fired shots as a defense against what he thought was a home intruder.

But the prosecution said Williams fired the gun while his friends and family were seated inside the minivan, including his 3-year-old son.

The prosecution contended that Williams shot point blank to "erroneously believe his son was in imminent danger."
Griffey plagued by injuries since homecoming

Outfielder hasn’t played a full season since joining Reds

Associated Press

SARASOTA, Fla. — A commercial for a video baseball game came on the clubhouse television, showing sluggers launching balls deep into the stands.

"Hey, that used to be yours — when you were healthy," the pinch-hitter said, kidding the All-Century player seated nearby.

Ken Griffey Jr. just grinned.

What could he say? Since his triumphant homecoming in 2000, Griffey’s career has been a terrible disappointment for himself and everyone else. A wave of injuries transformed him from All-Century to all-but-forgotten.

Nowadays, A-Rod, Sammy, Nomar and Jeter are the big deals, getting the publicity and the commercials.

Junior? In many ways, the 34-year-old outfielder is treated like old news.

"It’s a shame," said shortstop Barry Larkin, a close friend. "It’s like he fell out of grace with everyone.

Fans who put up yard signs welcoming him home in February 2000 now ignore him, or worse. The Reds have tried to trade him twice, and will most likely do so again.

Rarely has a star of such magnitude burned out so fast. He never got himself off the ground in Cincinnati," said his father, Ken Sr. "That’s the unfortunate part of it.

He was the game’s best all-around player when he arrived from Seattle, accepting a nine-year, $116.5 million contract that was well below market value. General manager Jim Bowden insisted that Griffey would more than pay for himself in his hometown.

He couldn’t have been more wrong.

Playing in front of huge crowds wearing his No. 30 jersey that first season, Griffey provided a glimpse of his past — 145 games, 40 homers, 118 RBIs — and a hint of what was to come. He tore a hamstring in September, the first such injury of his career.

It hasn’t stopped.

He suffered major injuries at the beginning of his next three seasons, turning him into a past-tense player. As the injuries kept coming, his numbers kept declining, along with fan interest.

He played in only 111 games in 2001, when he tore the same hamstring in a different spot. He made only 70 games the next year, when he tore a knee tendon. Last year, he played in a career-low 53 games because of a dislocated shoulder and torn ankle tendon.

He has spent the last three years rehabilitating injuries, only to get hurt again. Teammates have marveled at his resilience.

"I was just taught at an early age to never give up," Griffey said. "That goes with anything and everything, including rehab. If you want to play, you have to do it.

He desperately wants a full season so he can get back to being an impact player. So do teammates who have encouraged and defended him through three tough years.

"You know the anguish he’s had to go through, then all of a sudden it happens again," first baseman Sean Casey said. "It’s been one thing after another. Hopefully this is the end of the injuries and he can do some things he’s been planning on for a long time.

A healthy Griffey also could silence fans who turned on him. When he dislocated his shoulder while diving for a ball last season, fans in the outfield jeered as he rolled on the field in pain.

Cincinnati Reds’ hitter Ken Griffey Jr. hits a foul ball in the third inning of a spring training game this season.
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**IN BRIEF**

Garciparra out at least three weeks

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra will start the season on the disabled list with an injured right Achilles’ tendon and is expected to be out at least three weeks.

The All-Star slugger said Wednesday that doctors told him to rest. Pokey Rice will be at shortstop when Boston opens the regular season Sunday in Baltimore, and Mark Bellhorn will fill in for Reese at second base.

"I don’t like missing more time than I anticipated, but the good thing is we know we have a structured program to be able to talk to all the doctors and get everyone on the same page," Garciaparra said after the team placed him on the disabled list.

"My body will tell me when I’m ready. Once that happens it shouldn’t take me long to get back in the lineup," he said.

Garciaparra was examined Wednesday in Florida by Mark Slovenskai, an ankle and foot specialist from New England Baptist Hospital.

No structural damage was found in the tendon, but the injury was diagnosed as a bruise in the cartilage that covers the tendon. The only treatment is rest.

Garciaparra was injured March 5 when he was hit by a ball during batting practice. He has been limited to just eight at-bats in spring training.

**Childress to declare for draft**

Stanford forward Josh Childress will declare himself eligible for the NBA draft but still leave open the option of returning for his senior season.

"I plan on putting my name in and testing it out, testing the waters," Childress said in a telephone interview Wednesday. "I do not plan on hiring an agent right now, just from the standpoint of coming back if I need to.

On Tuesday, the All-American forward told coach Mike Montgomery his decision.

Montgomery had said after the season he expected his leading scorer to return. Stanford, ranked No. 1 in the nation at the time, was knocked out in the second round of the NCAA Tournament by Alabama.

Childress missed the season’s first nine games with a left foot injury, but averaged 15.7 points, 7.5 rebounds and 1.6 blocks the rest of the way and earned Pac-10 Player of the Year honors.

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**Hall of Famer Murphy pleads not guilty**

Calvin Murphy, right, a former guard for the Houston Rockets, leaves the courtroom March 31 with his attorney, Rusty Hardin. Murphy pleaded not guilty to charges that he molested his five daughters over a decade ago.

**Associated Press**

HOUSTON — Tears streaming down his face after appearing in a courtroom Wednesday, former Houston Rockets star Calvin Murphy declared he is innocent of charges he molested five of his daughters.

"I am not guilty of these charges," Murphy said, at times blurring tears with a white hand towel. "I can’t emphasize that enough.

The initial court appearance was made to secure Murphy understood the charges against him and he wasn’t required to enter a formal plea.

Murphy, 55, was a guard for the Rockets from 1970 to 1983 and was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 1993.

He has taken a leave of absence from his analyst duties on Rockets telecasts while he fights three charges of indecency with a child and three charges of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

"Obviously, I am missing the flamboyant commentator that I was before all this happened, but that is not important right now," he said. "What is important right now is what I am doing ... to defend myself, try to get myself exonerated and put my family back together.

Murphy has 10 daughters and four sons with nine women, Harris County prosecutor Lance Long said.

You have got to remember this involves my family — the family that I so dearly love — and to be put in a situation like this, and to have a lot of time to think about what has occurred is a travesty for my family," Murphy said.

The five daughters, now adults, claim the abuse occurred from 1988-91, according to an affidavit filed by the Texas Rangers.

Murphy contends the claims by his daughters stem from family discord related to a battle over money.

"My heart aches — of course for me because I am in the spotlight — but it really aches for my daughters, because there are reasons behind this kind of thing that will be brought out later," he said.

Long said at least one daughter said she was as young as 6 when Murphy took her to a hotel room and performed oral sex on her. On another occasion, Long said, Murphy fondled one of the girls after she had moved in with him following her stepfather’s death.

Long said he plans to take the case to a grand jury to secure the formal indictment needed to send the case to trial, but wasn’t sure how soon the case would be presented.

Murphy’s next court date is April 27.
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SMC SOFTBALL
Belles split with league foe Albion
By ROBERT GRIFFIN
Sports Writer
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State, the Belles split league games with Albion Wednesday, dropping the first game 4-3 before bouncing back with a 1-0 win in the second half of the doubleheader.
In the first game, Albion took the lead after three scoreless
innings with a run in the
bottom of the fourth on an RBI
double by Sarah Caskey. Saint Mary's responded with a
run in the top of the fifth on an
Erik Sullivan RBI single, but Albion retook the lead with two
runs in the bottom of the
inning.
The Belles once again tied the score at three in the top of the
sixth inning thanks to a
wild pitch and a walk. Albion
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In the second game, the two teams played six scoreless
innings before Saint Mary's
broke the tie in the bottom of the
seventh with an RBI double
by Sullivan with runners on
first and second. Sullivan was
2-for-4 in the game with the
RBI. Laura Heline went 2-for-3
and striking out three batters.

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50th Anniversary of Brown V. Board of Education
Monday, April 5th, 7:00 - 9:00 pm
ETS Theater in McKenna Hall (CCE Basement)
Screening of The Road to Brown followed by a panel
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Rhonda Brown, Director, Office of the Institutional Equity
William Carbonaro, Assistant Professor of Sociology
Walter F. Pratt, Associate Dean, Law School
Richard Pierce, Carl E. Koch Chair of History
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Irish freshman Chris Vasami will be the starter on the mound for Notre Dame.

Notable figures in Wednesday's game over the right field fence for a 12-11 victory over Southern California.

"We were playing well defensively and knew that a couple of their goals came from penalties," Peters said. "We wanted to come back in the second half and take over."

The Buckeyes went on to score four consecutive goals which gave them an 8-7 advantage, their first lead of the game.

"It was disappointing when we found ourselves behind for the first time," midfielder Brian Hubschman said. "We saw that they were playing the full sixty minutes and that is where we were falling short." Hubschmann was able to respond for the Irish with 28 seconds left to tie the match 8-8, but the Buckeyes responded with 12 seconds remaining to give them the 9-8 victory.

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FOOTBALL

Hornung apologizes for comments

By Pat Leonard
Assistant Sports Editor

Former Heisman Trophy winner Paul Hornung apologized Wednesday for controversial comments he made concerning Notre Dame's admission of athletes during a radio interview Tuesday in Detroit.

Hornung told WXYT-AM — an ESPN-radio affiliate — that Notre Dame must "ease it up a bit" when considering its admission of athletes, especially African-Americans.

"We can't stay as strict as we are as far as the academic structure is concerned because we've got to get the black athlete," he said in the interview. "We must get the black athlete if we want to compete."

On Wednesday, Hornung expressed regret in a telephone interview with the Associated Press.

"I was wrong," he said. "What I should have said is for all athletes it is really tough to get into Notre Dame."

According to the Associated Press, Hornung initially defended his comments. He apologized after receiving heavy amounts of phone calls and negative response.

Matt Storin, a University spokesman, called Hornung an "illustrious alumnus" of the school but spoke against the former player's comments.

"Paul Hornung ... in no way speaks for ND and we strongly disagree with the thesis of his remarks," Storin said. "They are generally insensitive and specifically insulting to our past and current African-American student athletes." Notre Dame went 5-7 for the 2003 season, its third losing season in the last five years.

According to the Associated Press, Hornung said he believes Notre Dame lowered admission standards in the late 1980s, when the Irish won their last national championship.

"Notre Dame has increased the diversity of its student body significantly in recent years, including its percentage of African-American students," Storin said. "Our records show that admission requirements for athletes have remained constant over those years in which we have had both great success and occasional disappointments with our football team."

Hornung played quarterback for Notre Dame under coach Terry Brennan and won the Heisman Trophy in 1956. He is only the 11th NFL quarterback to win the Heisman ball history to win the Heisman while playing on a losing team. The 1956 Irish were 2-8.

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BASEBALL

Irish batters buck Broncos, 12-3

Team garners 17 hits as offense erupts on Western Michigan

By Chris Federico
Sports Writer

The Irish bats stormed back to life Wednesday night, and No. 2 Notre Dame (18-3) put runs on the board in six straight innings to beat Western Michigan (8-12) at Frank Eck Stadium.

The Irish batters collected 17 hits and scored a dozen runs to cruise to a 12-3 victory over the Broncos.

"I thought today was one of our better games really," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "I met with our hitters the other day in practice, and I really challenged them. Here we are 17-3, and they've got a coach that isn't satisfied."

In the last couple of weeks, Mainieri had worried about the lack of hitting from several of Notre Dame's big batters.

"I challenged the team to get a little bit of that swagger back when they go up to the plate in clutch hitting situations," he said.

The Irish hitters responded well as second baseman Steve Sollmann went 3-for-5 against the Broncos, third baseman Matt Macri was a perfect 3-for-3 and first baseman Matt Edwards had three RBIs and an opposite-field home run.

Sollmann, who struggled out of the gates to a .227 batting average before a 5-for-11 week-end against West Virginia and a 3-for-5 night Wednesday, now has his average back up to .300 and says he is starting to get back into a rhythm at the plate.

"You go through ups and downs in baseball," Sollmann said. "The one thing you have to do is just keep your confidence. I'm seeing the ball better. I'm keeping things simple and not thinking too much at the plate."

The Irish jumped out to a good start Wednesday, plating four runs in the second inning and giving freshman pitcher Matt Macri and the Irish accounted for 17 hits Wednesday, the highest total since a 20-hit performance March 4.

(nd softball)

Western Michigan awaits Irish having more 'complete' season as weather abides

By Justin Schuver
Assistant Sports Editor

What a difference a year makes.

Last season, inclement weather and other factors led to the cancellation of nearly half of Notre Dame's schedule. According to coach Deanna Gumpf, this year's Irish have played about 10 more games than the team had played at this point last season.

"I can't tell you how much of a difference it's been this year," she said. "We have had more games for our team to improve through the season."

"We've played 32 games so far, and we've kept going through the year. Thirty of those games have been on the road, so we're really looking forward to getting back home and taking advantage of playing on our own field."

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