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Saint Mary's prepares for transition
President Eldred leaves behind a positive legacy

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

On May 15 as Saint Mary's seniors walk off the College's campus and onto their futures, another woman will join them. After seven years as president of the College, Marilou Eldred will serve her last official day at commencement before retiring. "The phrase I've been telling people is that it's bittersweet," Eldred said. "I'm ready to retire. I'm ready to live a more normal life. But, at the same time, it's very hard to leave Saint Mary's." Eldred came to the College in

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Mooney anticipates 'bittersweet' changeover to SMC presidency

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

Carol Mooney will become the 11th president of Saint Mary's College on June 1, replacing Marilou Eldred, who held the position for the past seven years. "My leaving Notre Dame will be bitter-sweet," Mooney said. "I've gotten a lot of great opportunities through Notre Dame University, and I've made many good friends. But at the same time, I'm very excited for the endeavors I am about to take on. I'm looking forward to it." After serving as vice president and associate provost of Notre Dame since 1996, Mooney interviewed for the Saint Mary's presidential position last fall. On Dec. 26 Saint Mary's Board of Trustees named her as the next president. Mooney joined the faculty of the Notre Dame law school in 1980, became associate professor of law in 1984 and professor of law in 1991. In addition to being a beloved professor, she served as an

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Notre Dame issues statement on Taco Bell
Seeking answers, University puts contract renewal negotiations on hold

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

Notre Dame issued a public statement Tuesday postponing the renewal of its sponsorship contract with Taco Bell until the University receives specific answers about the company's labor standards. University spokesman Matt Storin said the athletic department had been in the process of renewing its existing $50,000 contract with local restaurants — and expanding it to $75,000 by

next fall — but put negotiations on hold due to the failure of Taco Bell officials to provide details about the Code of Conduct for its tomato growers. While he stressed that the "clock wouldn't start until the fall" for facets of the renewed sponsorship to take effect, Storin said the University still expected a more complete and timely answer from the company. "There has to be a point where we lose patience," he said. Officials began drafting the statement late last week after they did not receive a satisfactory response to a letter first sent by vice president and general counsel Carol Kaesebier on March 5. Kaesebier e-mailed another copy of the letter April 16 after a spokesperson for Yum! Brands Inc. — the Louisville, Ky.-based company that owns Taco Bell — said the inquiry was never received. The only response the University will consider satisfactory is "a true one," Storin said. "At the very least, we need to get the facts." The statement acknowledged the input Notre Dame has received from the Coalition for Immokalee Workers and from concerned students, as during the past month several students delivered letters to University President Father Edward Malloy and more than 120 fasted to show solidarity with the tomato pickers. Storin said the crux of the statement was to solicit similar information from Taco Bell in an attempt to be fair to all sides. "It demonstrates an even-handed, deliberate way of dealing with the problem," he said, adding that the University must also take care of the priorities and mission of the athletic department into account before coming down on either side. "We have to be careful in making that judgment," he said. Though any unfairness on the part of Taco Bell has yet to be brought to light, Storin credited the students with calling attention to the issue. "It remains to be seen whether all their concerns were justified," he said. "But we admire all their values and interest in doing that." Contact Claire Heininger at ch Heininger@nd.edu

ND details Juniper plan

By SCOTT BRODUEHR
Senior Staff Writer

The University unveiled additional plans for a new four-lane road near Ivy Road to handle the traffic created if Juniper Road is closed at Tuesday's meeting at Little Flower Catholic Church. University Architect Doug Marsh unveiled the plans for the new road to the over 50 community members in attendance. The road, which will run between Edison and Douglas Roads, is similar to two different plans introduced at community meetings in January but contains more specific details. The new road would run through property the University owns as opposed to taking homes and the project would also involve improving

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Lao to request $1 million for programming fund

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

Outgoing student body president Jeremy Lao and vice president Emily Chin will present a proposal for a one million dollar student programming endowment and a piece regarding the publication of Teacher Course Evaluations (TCEs) at Thursday's Board of Trustees meeting. Lao said he will ask for the programming endowment to supplement the 54,000 dollars already granted to the Campus Programming Council (CPC) for speakers and concerts.
INSIDE COLUMN

Any given Tuesday

If anything, it's made me more predictable.

Choose any given Tuesday within the past year and I can tell you exactly what I've done between 6:30 p.m. and 4 a.m. I guess that's what working as an Assistant News Editor at The Observer does to a person.

Had I initially been asked what I'd gain at the end of my time in this position, predictable would be the last thing on my mind.

I never considered the fact that my roommates would leave an open parking space in front of our apartment without my reminding them. I never expected that my friends would go out to the bars without asking me along, and I certainly never guessed that I would have a Tuesday dinner routine at South Dining Hall where I don't have my own table any more and I certainly never guessed that I would have a Tuesday dinner routine at South Dining Hall and I can't deny that I'll miss having one.

To be completely honest, I'm surprised that I've stuck it out this far. I announced my "retirement" from all Observer-related duties at the conclusion of my term as Saint Mary's editor in March. The realization that I would no longer have an income and the persistence of a certain mission I had were the only aspects that prompted me to stay.

Without trying to generalize, I think many Observer readers fail to appreciate the time and effort that goes into a daily newspaper. Before working here, I too simply picked up a copy each day to flip through on my way to class. I didn't know how the stories came in, how the stories to come in, how the paper was put together or how it managed to be printed and delivered by 10 a.m. I didn't care.

Now that I've been here week after week starring wide-eyed at a computer screen into the two hours of the morning, I do care. With editing each story at least two times and laying out pages, many of which begin from a blank page was put together or how it managed to be printed and delivered by 10 a.m. I didn't care.

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Provost searches for Mooney's successor

By JOE TROMBELLO Assistant News Editor

The search for an associate provost to replace Notre Dame's departing Carol Mooney, who will take over as Saint Mary's president in June, is well underway, according to University provost Nathan Hatch. He added that Mooney's departure should not have any adverse impact on the functioning of the office.

Although Hatch said he could not comment on the names or the number of candidates being interviewed for the position, he said the University is exploring candidates both inside and outside of Notre Dame.

"We are engaged in an extensive search for a number of candidates, and we're also looking outside of the University to try to find the best candidates," he said.

Hatch said that a search consultant is being used to assist with the process. Qualified candidates should possess the necessary leadership and experience to work closely with faculty on a variety of issues, he said.

"We need someone who understands faculty well and who has long and valued experience at a University," Hatch said.

Nathan Hatch University provost

Hatch declined to comment on a timetable for the appointment of a new associate provost and vice president, although he noted "it will not be before May 1" and said he hopes "it will be sometime before the middle of May." Hatch said that the announcement would be made public "as soon as we can.

He also said that the other members of his office would pick up any necessary slack should there be a gap between when Mooney leaves and her replacement assumes the position.

"We will accomplish the core functions — whatever it takes — we will do that. We will have to adjust to what needs to be done first," he said.

In addition to Mooney, John Affleck Graves and John Jenkins also serve as associate provosts and vice presidents.

Hatch also declined to comment on how his office would be affected should the Board of Trustees name someone from his office to the currently vacant position of Executive Vice President.

"We'll have to wait until the Board of Trustees act," he said. "Let's expect them to name someone at the upcoming Trustee meeting. I'm not free to say anything about it." The Board of Trustees meets Thursday and Friday.

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Tenants fear loss of deposits

By K. AARON VAN OOSTERHOUT News Writer

Justin Funk, a tenant of nearby Turtle Creek Apartments, echoed the sentiments of many off-campus residents as summer vacation draws near and apartment leases terminate and residents prepare for the worst in terms of charges assessed for cleaning and damages done to leased property.

"The apartment's pretty much taken a beating," Funk said. "I'm pretty much assuming we're not gonna get our security deposit back.

"Although details vary from one apartment complex to another, landlords generally charge tenants for excessive cleaning and property damage with security deposits. Tenants pay these deposits in order to establish their trust before the lease and often times in addition to other tenant charges, such as first month's rent, or first and last month's rent. The size of these deposits range from $300 per unit at Castle Point to $985 per unit at College Park Apartments, and appear to be proportionate to the complex's party reputation among students.

Indeed, this week many Turtle Creek residents are preparing for Turtle Creek's "Bally's in the Alley," just one in a slew of widely attended parties at the complex. At fits the trend, Turtle Creek's security deposit is highest, weighing in at $300 per student, or $1200 per townhouse. This year the complex ran a special, however, dropping the deposit to $200.

According to Jackie Hackett, Assistant Manager of Turtle Creek Apartments, of that $300, $25 goes toward "application processing," $75 goes toward non-refundable cleaning such as painting and carpet cleaning, and the final $200 is refundable depending on the condition of the room at the end of the lease.

"For the most part, everyone gets their deposit back," she said. "At least part of it.

"According to Hackett, malicious damage would constitute a breach of contract, and money would be taken from the refundable $200 portion of the deposit to cover the cost. For instance, "holes in the wall, complete and utter destruction of the carpet," she said. "Sometimes there's a divider between a dining room and a living room," and removing it would ruin the carpet and the ceiling.

Walking through the alley at Turtle Creek, one can see what might constitute "excessive damage," whether malicious or not. Approaching the apartment of senior Ryan Crochet, a window-pane, now broken and missing a circular slice near the bottom, looks out over the front lawn.

"I'm not really sure how that happened," he said. "We have a couple of holes in the ceiling from parties, but we're trying to patch them up.

Funk claimed that he, too, would try and avoid charges this year by replacing the divider that he and his roommates removed.

"It would cost $1400 or something like that," for Turtle Creek staff to replace, he said, and added with a grin, "We're going to put that back together.

Some residents believe that Turtle Creek management was simply being fair in not returning the full deposit. "I would assume that most people do not get their security deposits back," said senior Joe Bollini.

"It's a result of the occupants and not the landowners' stinginess," Crochet concurred, saying that he had not heard of any abuse or damage to the part of the management.

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Professor debates repercussions of recent Medicare Act

By ANDREW THAGARD
Senior Staff Writer

Dr. Gregory Gramelspacher, an associate professor of medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine, lectured Tuesday on the Medicare Act of 2003 that President Bush signed into law in December. The presentation, titled "Medicare Reform: Did the President and Congress Write a Good Prescription?" marked the conclusion of the 10th annual "Mini-Medical School Lecture Series," sponsored by the Medical Education Foundation and presented by the South Bend Center for Medical Education.

The Medicare Act of 2003 has been surrounded by controversy since it first arrived in Congress in November of that year. The House passed the bill by a narrow margin after a debate that raged all night.

After it was passed by the Senate and signed by the President, some hailed it as the most important bill passed by Congress since the establishment of Medicare and Medicaid in 1965. Others, however, claim that the legislation privatizes Medicare and will benefit the major players of the industry at the expense of patients.

The issue is an important one, according to Gramelspacher, in part because Medicare is a central component to healthcare that represents a significant chunk of the national budget. The 2001 Medicare budget totaled $240 billion or 12 to 15 percent of the total federal budget for that year. Healthcare spending in the U.S. is equivalent to 15 percent of the gross domestic product and costs $5,800 per capita annually — the highest of any nation in the world by about $5,000, Gramelspacher said.

"In this country we've decided to take a private market, capitalist approach to healthcare ... We spend an awful lot of money on healthcare," he said. "The problem is what do we get with all this money?"

Not quite what we pay for, Gramelspacher said. America ranks 20 to 25 worldwide for longest life expectancy and number one for obesity. Forty-four million people in the U.S. lack health insurance — most of them children and working poor, he said. "You couldn't get sick in a better place than the U.S. but it's not a very good place to stay healthy," he said.

The new Medicare Act aims to address these issues. The legislation authorizes the creation of a fourth component to the Medicare system for drug benefits by 2006 and establishes a discount prescription card that will be available starting in July of this year. The Act bans the importation of prescription drugs from abroad and covers preventative physical examinations and blood tests for diabetes and cardiovascular diseases screening, among other things. It also blocks a scheduled 4.5 percent decrease in Medicare costs that was set to be paid to physicians and replaces it with a 1.5 percent increase in payment.

Such changes don't come without a price, Gramelspacher said. Initially, the Act was projected to cost $40 billion for the first decade and $1-2 trillion for the second decade. It is now projected to cost closer to $330 billion for the first decade. Seventy-five percent of these costs will be paid out from general tax revenue and the remainder will be funded by monthly premiums.

"We're not going to have to worry about that (second decade, however) because Medicare is projected to go bankrupt in 2019," Gramelspacher joked.

On a more serious note, Gramelspacher said that the potential benefits of the legislation will depend upon the individual. As with insurance, those people with minimal prescription costs will stand to pay more by opting into the program than if they didn't. People who use moderate amounts of prescription drugs stand to benefit from it and those who use substantial amounts will benefit the most.

While Gramelspacher praised some aspects of the Medicare Act, he said that such incremental reform is not the answer to America's healthcare problems.

"There are some things I like, there are a lot I don't like," he said. "I don't want incremental reform. I don't think it's a good prescription for the country."

Dr. Gregory Gramelspacher, associate professor of medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine, lectures Tuesday on medicare reform.

Gramelspacher graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in government and international relations. He earned his medical degree at Indiana University School of Medicine and completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of Michigan. He is the founder of the Program in Medical Ethics at IUHOM.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Gadhafi makes trip to Europe

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, once considered one of the world's most dangerous men, came to Baghdad on Tuesday in a five-day visit, offering business deals and an olive branch — along with a word threat to return to the "days of explosive bombs" if provoked by "evil" from the West.

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STATE NEWS

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Eldred continued from page 1

1997 after 18 years at the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, Minn., where she served in a variety of administrative roles. Eldred became the 10th president of Saint Mary's and was the first laywoman to hold the position. Since becoming president, Eldred has worked to maintain the institution's position as the nation's premier Catholic women's college.

During her time at Saint Mary's, Eldred instituted many positive changes for the future. She was particularly instrumental in creating the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership in 2001, the result of a $12 million grant from the Lilly Endowment. In 2000, Eldred helped develop the College's Master Plan, which calls for many changes to the campus in attempts to fit students' ever-changing needs.

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Sara Mahoney, student trustee

Ground-breaking for Dalloway's Coffee House, and, at left, the construction developments and was one of the chief accomplishments of President Marilou Eldred's tenure. At right, plans for a new Welcome Center and Dalloway's Coffee House, and, at left, the construction of the Noble Family Dining Hall.

The implementation of the College's 10-year Master Plan included significant construction developments and was one of the chief accomplishments of President Marilou Eldred's tenure. At right, plans for a new Welcome Center and Dalloway's Coffee House, and, at left, the construction of the Noble Family Dining Hall.

"If I were to give her some advice, it would be to listen when you first come in to what everyone has to say," Eldred said. "But don't respond to all that advice. Also, take the time to set your priorities and to learn the culture of the College. It truly is a wonderful place to be."

Sara Mahoney, student trustee in 2003-04, believes Eldred did an outstanding job during her time at Saint Mary's.

"Dr. Eldred leaves an extraordinary legacy to Saint Mary's," Mahoney said. "She has been the catalyst of the Master Plan as well as the Strategic Plan. Her vision of where Saint Mary's can be in the future is inspiring to all of us here at Saint Mary's."

Mahoney said it was her wish that she's made it a better place.

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Marilou Eldred, Saint Mary's president

"She takes the time to talk to students in the hall and always has a welcoming attitude," Mahoney said. "She exudes the mission of Saint Mary's wherever she goes and can articulate it quickly and concisely. We want to thank Dr. Eldred for her commitment to each Saint Mary's student and wish her the best in her retirement."

From her final weeks as president, Eldred will take with her a range of accomplishments and memories.

"This is truly an amazing and wonderful place," Eldred said. "I hope that I've made it a better place."

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**In Brief**

**Job growth boosts confidence**

**College Park, Md.** — Lockheed Martin Corp. rode higher military aircraft sales past Wall Street expectations Tuesday, posting a 16 percent increase in earnings and raising its outlook for the year.

The nation's largest defense contractor reported earnings of $2.91 billion, or 65 cents per share, for the first three months of 2004, up from $2.50 billion, or 55 cents a share, a year ago.

That easily beat the consensus expectation of 53 cents a share by financial analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call.

**Verizon Q1 earnings fall by half**

**New York** — Verizon Communications Inc.'s earnings fell 50 percent in the first quarter, as employee buyouts increased expenses for the country's largest phone company.

Verizon said Tuesday it earned $1.2 billion, or 43 cents a share, for the January-March period, down from $2.4 billion, or 55 cents per share, a year ago.

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**Stocks**

**University Professors**

**Simon**

Senior Business Writer

After a 15-year career as an accountant in the Mendoza College of Business, Dan Simon will step down from teaching after this semester.

Simon said he jumped at the opportunity to teach at Notre Dame when he received an offer, then known as the College of Business Administration.

"I always wanted to come to Notre Dame," Simon said. "Finally, it got to the late 90's."

After receiving degrees from Indiana, Purdue and Northwestern, Simon became a certified public accountant, then taught in the IU system.

During his time in the college, Simon taught the gamut of accounting classes, from introductory courses to senior-level auditing.

Simon had nothing but praise for the students he taught.

"I can't think of anything I dislike about Notre Dame — everything's been great," he said.

"I like the students. I like the support we have for research here, and of course everyone likes the campus."

Despite his departure from the classroom, Simon is not leaving Notre Dame altogether. Since last year, he has been working on a scholarly paper, with fellow accounting professors Margaret Shockel-Dowell and Steve Stobe, entitled "Re-Style of Prior Years Financial Statements of Former Arthur Andersen Clients."

Simon said the paper will aim to quantify companies' losses in confidence of Arthur Andersen LLP, the former accounting powerhouse.

"It should be interesting to see how some of the firms have the new auditor go back and redo some of Andersen's previous work," Simon said.

Some audit firms have been wary when accepting former Andersen clients, for fear that the new auditors might be held liable for old Andersen errors.

Most of Simon's research has focused on audit fees and the market for audit services in various countries, including Nigeria, South Korea and Ireland.

Simon said he hopes his continued research will allow him to maintain strong ties with Notre Dame.

"That's probably the most important thing I'm going to be doing, stillconnected with Notre Dame," Simon said. "I'm not completely gone yet."

In addition to his research, Simon said his retirement will allow him to spend more time with his family and play bridge.

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**Agile**

**Business**

**San Francisco, Calif.** — A flag flies at half-staff outside a McDonald's last week in Chicago, mourning the death of CEO Jim Cantalupo.

**McDonald's earnings surge 56 percent in Q1**

**Golden Arches glow despite CEO's death**

**Associated Press**

CHICAGO — McDonald's Corp. posted a 56 percent increase in first-quarter earnings Tuesday, extending an impressive year-over-year comeback for a company that was jolted last week by the sudden death of its CEO.

Chief executive Jim Cantalupo, who died of a heart attack while in Florida for a McDonald's convention, was replaced by the fast-food chain's 43-year-old president and chief operating officer, Charlie Bell.

Bell paid tribute to Cantalupo in a news release accompanying McDonald's quarterly earnings report as "an incredibly inspiring and passionate leader" and said he is committed to strengthening McDonald's and "carrying forward momentum that began under Jim's leadership.

Net income for the first three months of the year was $511.5 million, or 40 cents per share, compared with $327.4 million, or 26 cents per share, for the same period a year ago. That matched the consensus estimate of analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call.

Revenue was $4.4 billion, up 16 percent from $3.8 billion a year ago.

After suffering from weak results for the previous two years, McDonald's has bounced back to report higher comparative sales from its U.S. restaurants in each of the last 12 months. Sales have risen sharply from $2.59 billion to $3.41 billion.

Some analysts and investors also have tied the turnaround to the chain's beef and cheese sandwich, which has also contributed to a rebound in the restaurant industry as a whole.
The current amount granted to CPC is simply just not enough to bring good concerts and speakers to campus," said Lao. "We determined that $50,000 dollars was a safe amount that could be used endowment, and focuses specifically on concerts and speakers each year.

The endowment would potentially be supplemented by revenue from market returns, profits from any of the concerts CPC and continued donors, Lao said.

"Judging from faculty reaction, it's pretty evident that they don't want TCEs published, so asking the provost's office to do so just wouldn't be respectful," Lao said. "It basically comes down to having a good presentation and proposal." Lao said. "Emilly and I saw [TCEs and the student program endowment] as the two most important issues at the time, so that's what we're going to deal with.

Lao declined to provide an advance copy of the proposal to The Observer.

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Edison and Douglas, along with modifying access roads on cam­

pus.

University officials will present the plan to the St. Joseph County Center at their meeting on May 11 and the council could vote on it as early as their June 8 meeting.

Under the plan, Edison Road would be moved south and run through the current tailgating zone from Notre Dame Avenue to Ivy Road. The new road would begin off Edison west of Boulder Road and curve to occupy the space where Ivy Road currently runs between Vanness Street and Dunn Road. It would then curve west, intersecting Bulla Road at a stoplight and running behind the Fisher Graduate Apartments, meeting Douglas Road at a traffic roundabout. Traffic on both directions on Douglas Road, in addition to traffic on the new road, would intersect at the roundabout.

Marsh said that studies showed that traffic roundabouts are 40 percent more efficient than a regular signalized intersection and “a million times faster” than the flashing light that currently directs traffic at the intersection of Ivy and Douglas Roads. However, he said the idea of a roundabout was not popular with some residents, including Cesar Aquino, who questioned how students could be able to negotiate it. "I don't think you guys did a great job," Aquino said. "Unfortunately there is an isola­tion to add pedestrian crossing."

Even with the median and crosswalks, residents like John Kuck, who lives north of campus, were concerned about having students cross a four-lane road. “It’s going to be a hassle for them to be said. “They're not dying through traffic. They’ve got designated cross­walks but they’re not necessarily used them.”

South Bend residents would be able to negotiate it even though the concept is successful in Europe and the East Coast.

Douglas Road would be expanded to four lanes between the roundabout and the current Old Juniper Road by the Notre Dame Fieldhouse, including Ivy and Bulla Road. One segment of the current Ivy Road would run from a cul-de-sac near Dunn Road. Another segment of Ivy Road that would run from an alley south of Vanness Street to a cul­
desac that would back to Edison Road. Traffic moving west on Bulla Road from the roundabout would wind-end near the current Ivy Road and would not connect to the new road.

With the exception of Vanness Street, no local roads would connect to the new road, which could handle a 40 mph speed limit. At Vanness Street, western students currently cross Ivy Road to access campus from apartment complexes such as Turtle Creek, crosswalks would be put in place and there would be a landscaped median between both directions of traf­fic. Students would be able to access the roundabout from the roundabout from the intersection of the roundabout and Ivy Road.

There is a median for the roundabout.

The plan would also involve building new roads on the cam­

pus. Eddy Street, which currently ends at Edison, will be opened through campus, passing between the Stadium and DeBartolo, allowing public access to these buildings, in addition to the Notre Dame Museum and the new Marie P. DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

The access road 300 feet around the back of the Joyce Center and through the CI lot, which will be redesigned to add more landscaping and safer access for pedestrians. Cars will be able to access the B2 and D2 parking lots on the northeast corner of campus through three ways: by entering Bulla Road via the new access road, by using Leably Drive from a new connection to Douglas Road or by driving on an access road in front of Stepan Center to a new light at St. Joseph Drive and Douglas Road.

Community response to the proposal was mixed. Many resi­dents are still opposed to the closure of Juniper Road, but are appreciative of the efforts the University has made to include community input in the propos­al.

"I think you guys did a great job," Aquino said. "Unfortunately there is an isola­tion to add pedestrian crossing."

And many residents had been expecting the University to announce the road be closed for years.

"It's been a long time coming," Norton said. "You could see it coming ... you've got more aca­demic buildings on this side (Juniper). They're going to have to close it. there's no two ways about it.”

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an assistant dean from 1988 to 1991, and associate dean from 1992 to 1993. A 1972 graduate of Saint Mary's, Mooney is looking forward to a return to her alma mater. Mooney said she believes her Saint Mary's background will help make for a smooth transition.

"Having attended Saint Mary's, I think will certainly help in my transition," said Mooney. "The experiences I had at Saint Mary's engendered my love for the institution, but it's important to remember, [that] like everything else, Saint Mary's has changed. It's been 32 years since I graduated, and it's important for me to remember that things are different now.

While Mooney plans to continue on with the efforts of the Saint Mary's Master Plan and the Strategic Plan Elbiro started, her plans for the campus are much broader. "My goal is to focus on the academic excellence of the institution," said Mooney.

But for now, Mooney is making the most of her last month at Notre Dame, before answering to a different call. "I'm looking forward to meeting everyone next fall, and getting to know all the students," Mooney said.

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Pollution regulations leave farmers stumped

Associated Press

Thousands of confused California growers have failed to comply with new state regulations monitoring water pollution from farms. Regulators, however, are unsure of how to enforce the rules, which environmentalists consider too lax and are challenging them in court. Between 25,000 and 80,000 growers who have irrigation water or stormwater running off their lands had until April 1 to report what they grow, what pesticides or fertilizers they use and how they will test canals and creeks that eventually empty into the Central Valley's rivers.

Until this year, farms enjoyed a blanket exemption from California's water quality law, which requires businesses and cities to apply for permits to discharge runoff and submit plans to reduce pollution. The State Water Resources Control Board made the exemption conditional under pressure from environmental groups.

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Son seeks credit for father's famous photo

Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — When the air alert sounded aboard the USS Missouri that day in 1945, off Okinawa, one of the battleship's cooks raced to a bridge armed not with a gun, but with a 161 mm camera.

For his perch some 70 feet above the action on the main deck, Baker 2nd Class Harold "Buster" Campbell captured the fierce air battle, snapping away as a single Japanese kamikaze pilot penetrated the ship's formidable anti-aircraft fire.

"He kept coming through the greatest ack ack I've ever seen," reads Campbell's journal entry of that day, April 11, 1945. "He then came direct at the ship and hit us on the starboard quarter on the main deck, burst into flames. I was shaking but felt relieved after he hit.

The entry continues: "I took a beautiful shot of him as he hit. But did he?"

The image of the A6M Zero kamikaze taken at the moment of impact has become one of the most recognized photos from the Battle of Okinawa. It is featured prominently in books, souvenirs and aboard the decommissioned Missouri, now anchored off O\'Ford Island as a war memorial.

The photo is credited to another man, the late Len Schmidt, one of the Missouri's official photographers who also shot the April 11 battle and the kamikaze's collision.

But Navy historians say photos weren't credited to individual photographers until 1973. Schmidt had been given credit since then based on his work with the official ship's history account of the attack, said Mike Weidenbach, curator for the USS Missouri Memorial Association.

It wasn't until last year, when Campbell's son saw the photograph in a souvenir book, that he brought it back from a Hawaii vacation, that Weidenbach and historians alerted to the possible discrepancy.

Dennis Campbell, a 52-year-old government worker from Baltimore, contacted Weidenbach about his father's story. If the curator wanted more proof, the son had his late father's entire collection of Missouri memorabilia — a small suitcase — that he wanted to donate.

The collection included his father's handwritten journal, a letter opener made from the kamikaze debris, more than 200 pictures. Dan Campbell scanned some of the photos and sent them to Weidenbach on a CD.

Now, with the complete collection, said the next step is to consult the Naval Historical Center of who deserves the credit.

Officials at the Washington-based center said Friday they were unaware of the Campbell collection and the possibility that the photo was Schmidt's.

Sampson Jack Green, who also was the center's photo curator for six years, said the claim sounds like something that would be "very, very difficult to validate.

If the center receives more information and documentation, its photographic section could study the matter and issue an opinion on who should get the credit, Green said.

"But that cannot be a definitive thing," he said. "I'm not saying the fellow is wrong, but this would be something that could be difficult. If not impossible, to prove."

"It's so thick back there," he said. "It's hard to find anybody."

Amy would have turned 90 on May 5. Neighbors described her as a bright, energetic woman who made friends easily. Her classmates at Central Elementary School were having trouble dealing with her death, said Carroll County Schools spokesman Brian Dosk.

Teachers informed students of her death Tuesday morning on a room-by-room basis, and counselors from throughout the school system will be on hand this week to help the children, Dosk said.
Poll shows that racial integration may improve education

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nearly three-fourths of Americans say integration of the nation's schools has improved the quality of education for black students, according to an Associated Press poll that found the view more prevalent among whites than blacks.

Four in five in the poll, however, oppose transferring students to more distant schools to achieve racial balance.

The public perception about improved education for black children comes at a time when black students continue to trail white students in performance on tests for reading and math.

The federal No Child Left Behind Act, passed in 2001, aimed to close that gap by requiring top teachers in all core classes, higher annual achievement by students in all major groups and other improvements. The law has come under fire from critics, who argue that it requires expensive improvements without supplying enough money to pay for them.

Four in five parents of school-age children prefer schools with black, white and Hispanic students over ones with students of the same race or mostly from another race, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

"People like the idea of racially mixed schools," said Charles Clotfelter, author of the new book "After Brown" on the historic court decision that desegregated schools. "They don't like the idea of children being bused across town."

That Supreme Court decision, Brown v. Board of Education, declared 50 years ago next month that "separate but equal" public school segregation was unconstitutional.

By a 2-1 margin, whites said public schools are doing a good job of serving all children equally, regardless of race. Blacks were evenly split on that question.

People have grown more convinced over the past three decades that public school integration has increased the quality of education for both black and white students. Almost three-fourths now say integration has improved the quality of education received by black students. Only four in 10 felt that way in a 1971 Gallup poll.

Three-fourths of whites said in the AP-Ipsos poll that integration has improved the education of black students, and more than half of blacks felt that way.

Half said it has improved the quality of education for white students, while almost as many said it had not. In 1971, about a fourth said integration has improved the quality of education for white students.

For 23-year-old Lena Pons, a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the biggest diversity problem in her Maryland high school involved language, not race.

A third of the students at Albert Einstein High School in Kensington, Md., were Hispanic, which created a language barrier, said Pons. "As far as problems like violence or racial tension," she said, "we didn't experience that."

She now attends a university with a much smaller minority population and says some white classmates "don't know what they're supposed to do. They compensate by being overly politically correct."

Parents' views on integration often depend on how it affects their families.

Robert Brown, the white father of two elementary school children in Richardson, Texas, says attending an integrated school is good for them because "all kinds of races are given the opportunity to learn as much as possible about each other."

Cheryl Coffman, a black 41-year-old mother of six from Columbus, Ohio, said keeping children in their neighborhood is a top priority for her because sending them to a school far away cuts down on her school involvement. "I don't think it's worth it," she said.

The level of racial separation in public schools dropped sharply between 1970 and 1990, but researchers say that trend has shifted in the last decade because of court decisions relaxing standards and shifting authority back to school districts.

"We've definitely made progress since the late 1960s, but we're seeing a lot of the progress being reversed," Chungmei Lee, a researcher at the Civil Rights Project at Harvard University. "But we're seeing a lot of the progress being reversed."

Research has shown that as strict court supervision has waned, the level of integration has receded slightly. Schools are doing a better job of treating children equally now, even with the recent decline in desegregation, said Clotfelter, adding: "There is reason to see the glass half-full."

The poll of 1,000 adults was conducted April 16-18 and has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

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New York — A New York University sophomore who says he spent eight months sleeping in a library basement because he couldn’t afford campus housing has been moved to a free dormitory room, school officials said.

Steve Stanzak, 20, said he began spending six hours a night in the sub-basement of Bobst Library at the beginning of the academic year after he was unable to pay a $1,000 housing deposit.

He slept on four library chairs and carried vital belongings—a laptop computer, books, clothes—in his backpack. He kept other items, like toiletries and clothing, in storage lockers.

University officials discovered an online journal Stanzak kept about his experiences and relocated him to a free dorm last week.

“Seventy percent of our students are on financial aid,” NYU spokesman John Beckman said Tuesday. “If they have a problem they choose to come to talk to us and we find a way to help them. This person chose a pretty unique solution to his issues.”

Scores of students read about Stanzak’s daily adventures on his Web site, homelessnyu.com, and he became something of a campus celebrity. His site wasn’t working Tuesday night.

“I thank everyone who helps me get through the day, and makes me realize that although I’m poor and live in a library... that I’m learning a lot about life, and that I will make it through this,” reads an entry dated April 15.

Stanzak, who dubbed himself “Bobst Boy” on the Web site, says he washed in the library’s bathroom and took occasional showers at friends’ apartments and dorm rooms.

He said security guards awakened him about five times in the library, twice telling him he couldn’t sleep there, other times checking that he was OK and in fact an NYU student.

“I wasn’t afraid of being thrown out of the library,” he told The New York Times for a story in Tuesday’s editions. “I could have slept in the park.

My worst fear was getting kicked out of NYU. I love this school.”

Although he works four jobs, receives a $15,000 NYU scholarship and has several student loans, Stanzak said, he received no financial assistance from his divorced parents and had only enough money to cover tuition, about $31,000 a year for full-time undergraduates. Undergraduate housing costs vary, where from $7,700 to $16,600 per year, depending on the room arrangement.

Beckman said federal law prohibits university officials from discussing a student’s financial aid package.

In his Web log entry for Tuesday, Stanzak said the room he was given was in the same dorm he originally was assigned to at a cost of $10,980, “which is a huge cry from the meager prices I spend to stay sane.”

Stanzak, a creative writing major, grew up in Waterloo, N.Y., a small town in the Finger Lakes region.

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The program selected can be either in the United States or a foreign country. The competition is not open to seniors or graduate students.

Applications are available at http://www.nd.edu/~cas or from the Center for Asian Studies (323 O’Shaughnessy); you may request one by mail by calling 1-0487.

The deadline is April 28, 2004.
Foreign applicant drop concerns U.S. schools

Universities ask government to review visa process for international graduate students

Associated Press

BOSTON — A steep decline in graduate school applications from foreign students has universities and administrators pushing the federal government to reform the visa process. Their argument: The trend could cost U.S. schools much-needed revenue and research help, and make America seem isolated in the eyes of the world.

International graduate student applications for fall are down 22 percent compared with a year ago, according to a recent survey, and schools are extending application deadlines so they don’t lose students still negotiating U.S. bureaucracy.

Meanwhile, in public comments and private lobbying, universities are urging federal officials to speed up visa applications, stressing that America’s role as a beacon to the world’s students could be in jeopardy.

Officials from several California schools and the Department of Homeland Security discussed foreign student matters Tuesday at a gathering in San Diego.

And representatives from a handful of prominent schools, including the presidents of Yale and Princeton, met in New York recently to explore ways to use the influence of their trustees to help make their case.

Universities acknowledge that the importance of foreign students is not obvious to the public, which has security concerns after one of the Sept. 11 hijackers entered the country on a student visa. Many wonder why foreign students take up 600,000 slots in American universities in the first place.

But administrators insist those slots are as important now as ever.

“This is one of America’s most effective forms of diplomacy,” said Douglas Kincaid, vice provost for international studies at Florida International University in Miami, where foreign enrollment is down 10 percent. “We’re educating people who will be in influential positions in science and industry and government around the world.”

More than 90 percent of graduate schools reported their foreign applications for this fall declined, according to a survey of 113 universities last month by the Council of Graduate Schools. Undergraduate applications also are down, but not as much, likely because fewer undergraduates think about sensitive technologies that require a more thorough background check.

Feeling the effects are big, public universities and elite, private ones like Harvard, whose president, Lawrence Summers, reported a sharp drop in international applications to each of Harvard’s nine schools in a recent letter to federal officials.

Many schools count on foreign students to teach classes and fill labs.

“We don’t have domestic students to take their place, mostly in fields like science and technology,” said Stephen Dunnett, vice president for international education, University of Buffalo. “We don’t have domestic students to take foreign students’ place, mostly in fields like science and technology.”

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Supreme Court mulls opening secret records

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court appeared troubled Tuesday by the prospect of letting the public have a look into private White House policy meetings, in a hopeful sign for the Bush administration's aggressive defense of secrecy in the case of Vice President Dick Cheney's energy task force.

The court is the latest stop in a nearly three-year-old effort over access to records of the task force that prepared a national energy strategy. The president put Cheney, a former energy industry executive, in charge of the task force and the government's recommendations were friendly to industries. Most called in Congress, raising the gravest concerns about unnecessary snooping into the executive branch was Justice Antonin Scalia, who suggested the case involved conflicts-of-interest questions relating to his friendship with Cheney. He said a president has broad authority to keep matters about unnecessary snooping.

"He has the power as an independent branch to say 'No, this intrudes too much upon my powers. I will not do it."

Antonin Scalia
Justice

Other justices also expressed concerns about a ruling that would disrupt behind-the-scenes work of government.

At the same time, the court could disappoint the administration by deciding that the case is premature for a ruling because the lower court that ruled against the Bush administration had not worked out exactly which documents should be released. Several justices, including Sandra Day O'Connor, hinted at the possibility of such an outcome.

The Bush administration argues that private information is important for candid White House discussions on difficult issues. It was sued by watchdog and environmental groups under a federal open-government law. The groups accused the administration of destroying energy industry executives and lobbyists help write the task force policy.

The administration has lost two rounds in federal court. If the Supreme Court makes it three, it could have to reveal potentially embarrassing records just before the presidential election. A lower court would have to work out details.

Lawmakers debate economy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With an eye to the fall election, House Republican leaders on Tuesday outlined a spring and summer economic agenda centered on cutting taxes, slicing government red tape and reducing lawsuits.

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, joined by Commerce Secretary Don Evans and others, said the package of bills to be introduced in the next several months "marks the broadest and most forward-looking economic agenda Congress has undertaken in a generation."

Rep. Todd Tiahrt, R-Kan., who helped craft the economic program, said it was "about changing the environment that we put in place over generations."

The Republicans did not go too far yet, although DeLay mentioned legislation to encourage private sector research and development. GOP Whip Roy Blunt, R-Mo., said the House would take up a free trade agreement with Australia.

On the other side of the Capitol, Democratic leaders accused the administration of falling the economy by ignoring the loss of manufacturing jobs and not enforcing trade laws.

Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm said states need federal help to enforce international trade laws. "There's a myth out there that China has filed twice as many suits, and promoting associated health plans for small businesses. DeLay noted that enactment of an energy security bill passed by the House last year depended on Senate Democrats ending their resistance.

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle, House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi and three Democratic governors, meanwhile, blamed the Bush administration's economic policies for what they called the hemorrhaging of U.S. manufacturing jobs. Pelosi, D-Calif., said 2.5 million manufacturing jobs have been lost since Bush took office and another 3 million jobs have moved overseas.

The nation is experiencing the "longest job slump since the Great Depression," said Daschle, D-S.D. "The Republican response so far has been to do nothing."

Evans, at the separate news conference, defended the administration's trade enforcement policies, noting that the U.S. Trade Representative has filed twice as many anti-dumping cases against China as any other country.

Gunman kills two at Phoenix brokerage

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Two men were shot to death Tuesday inside a small office building where they worked, and police searched for a man who had threatened both victims.

SWAT team officers and other police surrounded the building in northeast Phoenix after someone in an adjacent business reported hearing an argument and several gunshots at about 7:25 a.m., authorities said.

Officers evacuated the building and after a two-hour search, concluded the gunman had fled, police said. Schools nearby were locked down during the search.

Police were looking for Howard Collin Fisk, 33, who knew both men and had threatened them over the past several days, Sgt. Randy Force said. He did not elaborate.

The victims' identities were being protected as the investigation continued. Both had been shot with a handgun, Force said. No other injuries were reported.

Building owner Tom Bowman said the shooting occurred at a trucking brokerage firm. "It's just unbelievable that it happened here," he said.

Mike Theobald, who works at a carpet cleaning business in the same building, said he was arriving for work when someone from the office where the attack took place asked him to call 911. "He was very upset," Theobald said.

Lawyers press conferences center on trade rules, manufacturing

Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm speaks during a news conference Tuesday on increasing U.S. support for manufacturing.

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Risks remain for waste storage sites

Terrorism concerns prompt GAO review of nuclear security

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Security upgrades ordered at nuclear weapons sites after the Sept. 11 attacks may not be fully in place for five more years, auditors say.

The delay has led to the possibility that plutonium and weapons-grade uranium might have to be removed from some facilities.

Investigators with the General Accounting Office said Tuesday that the Energy Department's 2006 deadline for meeting its new security requirements at weapons labs and other facilities probably is not realistic, short by possibly as much as three years.

At the same time even that program, based on assumptions developed last year about the kinds of terrorist attacks that might be expected given the Sept. 11 attacks, is being revised, administration and congressional officials acknowledged.

For the first time, the Energy Department is asking security planners to prepare for the possibility that a terrorist would try to take over a facility holding nuclear material, barricade himself inside and try to fashion a crude nuclear weapon and detonate it in a suicide attack.

Security plans previously have been designed under an assumption that a terrorist would break in to steal the material and could be thwarted on the way out.

Some lawmakers and private watchdog groups have said that some facilities would be impossible to defend against a suicide assault and that plutonium and highly enriched uranium at those sites should be relocated.

Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., asked why it took nearly two years after the attacks in New York and at the Pentagon for the Energy Department to develop its revised May 2003 assessment of the kinds of terrorist attacks security forces probably would have to defend against.

He also wanted to know why it will take another two to five years to deal with the increased risk.

"We know the terrorists will not wait that long to try to exploit lingering vulnerabilities in our nuclear complex defenses," said Shays, chairman of the House Government Reform subcommittee dealing with nuclear security.

Energy Department officials acknowledged their latest security plans won't be fully in place everywhere the government has weapons-grade material until the end of 2006. They characterized the GAO assessment that another three years might be needed as overly pessimistic.

"Today, no nuclear weapons, special nuclear material or classified materials are at risk anywhere within the nuclear weapons complex," Linton Brooks, head of DOE's National Nuclear Security Administration, told the subcommittee members.

Brooks acknowledged risk always exists but assured the lawmakers, "People looking for a soft spot would be ill-advised" to target DOE facilities. "There are no soft spots."

Shays said that some of the sites should be closed, or at least their nuclear materials transferred elsewhere. It "should have been immediately obvious" that the government "has too many facilities housing nuclear materials" and that consolidation is needed.

Plutonium and weapons-grade uranium are being stored at nearly a dozen facilities within the DOE weapons complex including five national laboratories.

Brooks said the department is reviewing the weapons complex to determine where material can be consolidated, either in more secure areas within facilities or at other sites. Plans already are in place to move plutonium from the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico to the Nevada Test Site.

"But consolidation is not a panacea," Brooks said.

He said he opposes moving the plutonium at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California to another location, for example, because some scientists there need the material to assess the weapons stockpile properly.

To move material from another DOE facility, the Y-12 complex near Oak Ridge, Tenn., could take decades, probably cost billions of dollars and accomplish little in the short term, Linton said. Current plans would consolidate the material within the Y-12 complex.

C.W.
Happy 21st Birthday
Love Ya.
Goodbye Eldred

Seven years ago, Marilou Eldred came to Saint Mary’s, bringing 18 years of experience and a vision for the College. That vision involved advancements in curriculum, technology and diversity. Eldred has done a wonderful job of keeping the College on the right path, and directing it towards the future. In her seven years, she has changed the College physically, academically and personally through her hard work and dedication to the students, staff and faculty.

During her time, Eldred made an effort to boost enrollment and to maintain the College’s status as the nation’s premier Catholic women’s academic institution. The college received a No. 1 ranking from “U.S. News & World Report” for six of Eldred’s seven years as president. In 2000, she helped to unveil the College’s Master Plan. This plan called for a new coffee house, welcome center, dining hall, student center and on-campus apartments, all of which are currently in progress. In 2001, Eldred helped to establish the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership through a $12 million grant received from the Lilly Endowment. The center helps women currently in leadership roles to collaborate to make a difference in the world and to foster the next generation of women leaders. The CWIL grant has also helped countless students take part in activities, work shops and educational opportunities that were previously not available to them.

With these advancements over the past several years, Eldred has left her mark on Saint Mary’s. Now Carol Mooney enters as the 11th Saint Mary’s president. She is already closely tied with the community. Having graduated from the College, and working as Notre Dame’s vice president and associate provost, she is familiar with the community, and the steps that have been taken to make Saint Mary’s future brighter.

It will be important for Mooney to continue on the path that has been paved before her by Eldred. It will also be important to continue to bridge the gap between Notre Dame, Holy Cross College, the greater South Bend community and Saint Mary’s, as Eldred had already begun. Her history at Notre Dame should make this aspect of her job something of importance.

When Mooney takes office on June 1, it will be important that she continue to listen to and foster the Saint Mary’s community and follow in the footsteps of Eldred. While the Saint Mary’s community will miss the leadership of Eldred, Mooney has the potential to build upon her legacy and continue Saint Mary’s tradition into the future.

Equality between dorms

I want to applaud the University for its decision to eliminate the use of security monitors in female residence halls. The objections that removing the officers will create a greater burden for hall staff only help to illustrate the need for their removal. The purpose of security officers should never have been to serve as an extension of hall staff to deter parietals and alcohol violations. The fact that they had become deterrents is what made their presence in only female dorms problematic, not their alleged “security” functions. Using monitors to police the behavior of female students had the effect of perpetuating double standards and the antiquated notion that, while “boys will be boys,” women’s characters are to be closely monitored.

The removal of security monitors from female dorms should place no greater burden on female hall staff than currently exists for hall staff in men’s halls. Outdoor security systems will better maintain a sense of equality between men and women on campus and, unlike the suggestion of one Resident Assistant to implement monitors in both men’s and women’s halls, will show a greater respect for all students as adults.

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YES
19%

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Quote of the Day
“Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself.”

Chinese proverb
Joey Falco

A tough year to be Irish

At last, we have temporarily put an end to those 50-minute daily intervals in which the portraits of ICI are temporarily flung open allowing raging professors to treat us like poverty-stricken Americans under the Bush healthcare plan. So now, in my own words, 1-40 for the freshman intellect. Notre Dame's identity is a mix of tradition and novelty, and the time has finally come to express my sophomoric opinions about my freshman experience at the University of Notre Dame. Let me be blunt. This certainly was the easiest year to become acclimated to the Notre Dame lifestyle. After being bombarded by alumni with the heroic tales of the legendary Fighting Irish football team and about the raw excitement and adventure that pervades the atmosphere of an entire football weekend, I obviously arrived on campus with the loftiest of expectations. Now, having lived through several of these failed expectations, I can’t help but feel a bit let down.

Not that the games weren’t memorable. Not that tailgating wasn’t the orgy of beer and brats that upperclassmen and alumni had made it out to be. Not that it wasn’t thrilling to watch the linebackers in green-and-white uniforms flailing their hands wildly in the shape of a “W,” proudly showing Ty their drunken version of the Bat Signal.

But looking back on the season, the majority of my most powerful memories revolve around depressing numbers like 45-14, 36-0, 38-12, and 38-0. Not to mention the fact that the recalculations of our beloved stadium, our friends and classmates being cordially introduced to football weekend festivities by being dragged away from the excitement and tradition by disgruntled police officers truly made me wonder if the fabled Stuhldreher, Crowley, Miller and Layden had been secretly replaced by John's Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse.

And Carson Daly? Just let’s say that it was refreshing to see that our legendary pep rallies had enough population to fill the few whores of Hollywood with enough positive contributions to society to actually merit him a ranking right in between Herpes and Hitler.

Then in December, after my less-than-triumphant freshman football season, I continued to hold my head high and cheer, for sure for old Notre Dame’s basketball team’s success in 2004, and Notre Dame’s basketball court. Prior to the season, the same enthusiasm and optimism that surrounded the football team in August truly had me believing that I would soon be traveling to San Antonio to witness the NCAA’s national championship trophy over his shoulders ... at least until a circus midget from Central Michigan slapped us around and ended any real hope of us achieving basketball prominence.

On top of these sub-par athletic achievements, my first year on campus has been rife with accusations of racism, bigotry and homophobia. How are we to perceive Notre Dame’s student body rankings related to campus homogeneity and acceptance of alternative lifestyles. Now, you and I both know that this isn’t completely the truth. The FBI would make the KGB look like humanitarians, but if you listened to the ACLU and other liberal bastions, the Patriot Act was supposed to turn the United States toward a totalitarian state not seen since the likes of Stalin and the Soviet Union. Pretty soon, we would start referring to the federal government as Big Brother. The FBI would make the KGB look like humanitarians, while our police would be confused for the Gestapo. Guess what? None of this ever happened. No one’s rights have been trampled on. No one has been oppressed. But what has happened is that the FBI now has broader authority to investigate potential terrorists. In its scope, the Patriot Act is similar to the RICO laws of the 70s which helped the FBI systematically dismantle the Mafia to where it is now only a shadow of its former self. Here’s the number one reason, though, why the Patriot Act should remain. If the Patriot Act were around three years ago, the 9-11 tragedies probably would have been prevented. This is why the Common Sense Party will never align itself with the ACLU, who is more hell-bent on defending criminals and terrorists than protecting the innocent victims of their crimes.


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Associated Press

NEW YORK — "Can't Nobody Hold Me Down," chants P. Diddy in one of the songs in his new musical, even a bag full of mixed reviews.

The show is really responding. Phylicia Rashad and Audra McDonald, who received better notices than their more-famous co-star, set the stage in late 1950s in a rundown South Side Chicago apartment. We first catch the hopes and disappointments of a black family trying to find a better life.

The show took in $133,000 Monday at the box office, according to spokesman Bob Fenster. It is hard to dodge that figure Tuesday, despite several enthusiastic notices.

"There are really responding," producer David Binder said Tuesday. Binder has been working since July 1999 to bring "A Raisin in the Sun" to Broadway. A testament to the play and it's a testament to Sean Combs.

This is all happening because of Combs," he said, adding that Combs auditioned twice before he got the role. "Sean brings them in and that crosses a lot of different lines. So many different kinds of people can connect to him.

"Our audience is not an audience that needs to be validated by reviews," said Eric Schnall, marketing director for the show. "A lot of them don't read them."

Writing in The New York Times, the most influential paper in terms of theater reviews, Ben Bratley said the revival "locks the fully developed character of Mr. Combs that would hold the show together. This Walter Lee never appears to change, in big ways or small. [Combs] comes across as smaller than you might expect, as slack.

"The title is what they call her Broadway debut in 'Speed the Plow.'"

While praising his "compelling physical presence," The Associated Press said, "Combs is not a nuanced performer who can bring to life the enormity of Walter Lee's restlessness, much less his eventual redemption in the play's final scene.

In Variety, Charles Isherwood said Combs "is simply not up to the role's considerable demands."

... (his) conservative performance may limit damage to the star's reputation — it is by no means an embarrassment, and certainly his many fans aren't likely to be disappointed — but it falls to do full justice to Hansberry's play.

Combs, who was not immediately available for comment, fared better with the New York tabloids. While saying that Combs does not measure up to Sidney Poitier (who played the role in the original 1959 production and reprised it in the 1961 movie version), Cleve Burnes, in the New York Post, said Combs was, "believe it or not — pretty damn good."

Writing in the Daily News, Howard Kissel said Combs "showed plenty of stage presence," even if "he does not project the turmoil inside the character."

And in Newday, Linda Winer wrote, "Combs is better than OK. He has presence playing someone besides his formidable self."

"A Raisin in the Sun," with a top ticket price of $91.25, has been doing respectable, if not spectacular business. Last week, it grossed a solid $393,389, playing to 75 percent capacity, according to figures released Monday by the League of American Theatres and Producers.

Combs is "seeking to reach beyond the larger middle- and upper-class audience that traditionally goes to Broadway shows, although it has notneglected such regular advertising outlets as daily newspapers and direct-mail campaigns.

The production has been advertising on hip-hop and rhythm 'n' blues radio stations, in hip-hop and black women's magazines and on New York subway platforms, according to Schnall. The production even has big posters at Amtrak stations in Washington, D.C., Philadelphia and New Haven, Conn., to greet travelers as they board trains to New York City.

"For 'Raisin,' we are targeting every age group," Schnall said. "There really hasn't been an attempt to just get the traditional theatergoer, just get the 20-year-old hip-hop fan or just get that one group."

Sean Combs, better known as P. Diddy, in his first crack at the Broadway stage.

Blondie not going gray with recent albums

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The members of Blondie admit it's a bit weird to be on the music scene again when bands like the B-52s and the Go-Gos are reissuing their songs, and '80s fashion is so hot.

Blondie pin the rock on the radar as they skipped among many styles, from reggae and rap to rock and disco. Their hit "Rapture" was one of the first songs to blend rock and hip-hop, and sultry lead singer Deborah Harry was among the first females to front a rock band.

"We were referencing a lot of stuff when we first came out like Jimi Hendrix and the Rolling Stones," said guitarist Chris Stein. "But young kids aren't going back far enough, they're getting to the real meat of things by only using or someone else from that time as a reference."

Not that Blondie is history. After splitting with the founding members of the band — Blondie drummer Clem Burke and keyboard player Jimmi Destri — reunited and have made two albums in the past five years.

"Blondie's always been a concept piece," Burke said. "We go do other things, and always come back to it."

Their latest album, "The Curse of Blondie," is a throw-with their chucks. Stein says. There's a Harry rant tweaked in the song "Good Boys," and "Hello Joe" is a tribute to fol­low punk Joey Ramone.

Blondie's music was conside­red counterculture during the early '80s, when the band per­formed at the seminal CBGBs club in New York. Now, Blondie argues, their brand of punk pop is mainstream.

"It's the way culture works," Harry said. "What was alter­native then is now a fabric of popular culture."

The band produced six albums before breaking up in 1982. Songs like "Heart of Glass," "The Tide is High" and "Call Me" were huge hits, and the album "Parallel Lines" sold more than 20 million copies worldwide. Five years ago they got back together to record "No Exit."

During a recent interview, Harry, still looking like a sex­pot at 58 with wild hair and bedroom eyes, sat in a dim­ly lit Manhattan conference room with his cat, a black and white short-haired cat. He fanned his eyes with a pair of black sunglasses. Burke, also wearing dark sunglasses, is dressed in a maroon suit a la Roy Orbison.

Harry's years of rock-star stage antics seem almost tame when compared to those of P. Diddy, better known as Sean Combs. When the band performed in the early '80s, they skipped in a laundromat in New York City.

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"It's a great thing. A lot of great women use their sexuality. It is not a big deal."

The band is optimistic about their new CD, saying their fan base includes both veteran Blondie lovers and teenagers.

They are touring across the country this summer.

"The inspiration, the sound of the band is from the city," Burke said. "It was the way we did things. Don't know if we could have done it any other way."

Harry said she used to write songs in a laundromat in New York's Lower East Side.

"All those rhythms going on, it's a great place," she said. "But it was the city, too. Being there in the city."
The Freshmen Four

Up-and-coming actors and directors from this year's Freshmen Four show promise that good things are in store for Notre Dame theater

By MARIA SMITH

Every year as Notre Dame theater says goodbye to its seniors, the Student Theater and Drama Society break in the next generation of actors and directors. The Freshmen Four plays give some of the most promising actors of the fresh- men class a chance to showcase their talent for the older acting talent and in University's various dramatic groups.

The one-act scripts are written by the freshmen, offering students a chance many have not had in high school- or, if they did, they might not have been part of the past. Student directors choose their own scripts and apply along with other directors for one of the four slots.

Making the cut isn't easy. This year the producers chose the directors from over 20 applicants, and over 50 freshmen auditioned for 16 roles in the show. For the freshmen who do make the show, it's an exciting chance to explore the possibilities of college drama.

This year's show features four sharply contrasting scripts. The variety gives the freshmen, actors directors alike, an opportunity to explore their own versions of the characters and performances on campus this year.

"The Tale That Wagged the Dog" by Tim Kelly is a somewhat ridiculous story about composer Johann Strauss's valet, who contrives to make extra cash selling supposed souvenirs of the composer to his legitimate fans. Strauss, who lived in the mid-19th century, was actually considered a heart- throb by the fashionable women of his age, and the eccentric elitists who were so impressed with the dashing composer appear in all their glory in the Freshmen Four plays. The fans rave, cry, beg for tips of hair and parade around in an assortment of dresses more than ridiculous enough to suit their characters.

"It's a crazy balance between being ridiculously offensive and hilarious. It only took one read to choose," Kevin McCarthy director.

"I see her as a mixture of both of them," director.

"It's completely wrong for her to direct a show on her own, but is more than satisfied with the results. Before the Freshmen Four, McCarthy's directing experience was limited to a Spanish version of Snow White in his first year of Irish class.

"I was really concerned I wasn't going to be able to do it, but the cast has been so eager and ready to work," McCarthy said. "It's gone amazingly well.

One of the most dis­ tinctive characters in the show is the very humorous and公路-spouting wife by Nikkie Masciopinto.

"She's been a very interesting literary character for me," McCarthy said. "She commands the action whenever she's onstage."

"Wanda's Visit" by Christopher Durang is the most entertaining of the four plays. The playwright has a reputation for extreme characters, actors and directors and, although her tales contribute to a full extent in this script. The play opens with a sad-faced tuxedo and predictable couple who acts out tastefully dining while Wanda arrives. The play is a cross between a high school play and a soap opera.

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Burrell’s bat continues to drive Philly offense

Sluggers batted just .190 against St. Louis in last season’s series

Associated Press

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Mike Lieberthal hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the sixth for the Phillies, who are 1-2 with two games to go on a six-game trip.

"I never had a good start, but not that I was anticipating a bad one," Burrell said. "But to come out and swing and set the stage for two home runs and 14 RBIs, a big night.

Two out of the past five days, the Diamondbacks scored nine runs. Florida manager Jack McKeon didn’t want his players to be fouled into an inning because they were beaten by the long ball. Vinny Castillo hit a tiebreaking three-run double in the eighth inning, and Jeremy Burnitz doubled in two runs to give Arizona the Florida Marlins 13-10 Tuesday night.

"I told our guys that it was the last games of the year, that we go out and play like we want to run that beats you there," McKeon said. "They hit five home runs, but it was the way singles and a double that got us tonight.

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Bledsoe renegotiates contract with Buffalo

Bills quarterback signs deal to give team salary cap relief

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Drew Bledsoe renegotiated his contract with the Bills on Tuesday, giving Buffalo nearly $4 million in salary cap relief.

The new three-year deal, which includes some incentive bonuses, will replace the old contract the Bills assumed when they acquired Bledsoe from New England in 2002. That original deal had seven years remaining on it, including a $7 million bonus due Bledsoe in November. The Bills will no longer have to pay that bonus.

"Drew made some concessions for this year and the next couple of years," Bills president Tom Donahoe said. "It's not just about shuffling money."

The 11-year veteran was scheduled to make a base salary of $5.9 million this season, a figure that would balloon to $12 million in 2008. "This is something I'm really excited about," Bledsoe said on a conference call Tuesday. "At this point in my life, having a little extra money isn't going to make a big change in my life. This allows us to have stability, both personally and within the organization."

Bledsoe admitted he was hesitant to restructure the original deal, saying he was initially willing to risk being cut two months into the season if he wasn't performing.

But after realizing the potential negativity of the $7 million bonus looming over the organization throughout the summer and into the fall, Bledsoe sought out Donahoe.

"I know it would have been a distraction, one way or the other," Bledsoe said. "I've learned over my career that the more you can alleviate distractions the better off you are."

The renegotiation comes after Buffalo traded for a first-round pick in the NFL draft on Saturday to select Tulane quarterback J.P. Losman. The team hopes to groom Losman as Bledsoe's successor.

Besides dealing away their first-round pick next year, the Bills also sent a second- and fifth-rounder in last weekend's draft to Dallas for the Cowboys' No. 22 overall pick.

"Drew made some concessions for this year and the next couple of years," Donahoe said. "I'll do everything I can to teach him and help him along and help him develop as a quarterback," Bledsoe said about Losman. "There certainly won't be any information withheld from him by me."

Despite selecting Losman, the Bills maintained Bledsoe is their starter heading into next season. "We still have great confidence in Drew, and we've told Drew that," Donahoe said. "But we have to prepare for tomorrow."

Bledsoe was supposed to be the team's quarterback for the long-term future when Buffalo acquired him from New England. He was strong in his first season in Buffalo, setting 10 franchise passing records and helping the Bills to an 8-8 finish — a big turnaround for a team that won only three games in 2001.

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NCAA Football

Lobos might use live wolf as team mascot

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE — The University of New Mexico's athletic department is considering using a live silver wolf as a mascot to rev up fans during next season's home football games.

Joe Weiss, an assistant athletic director, said the department will have to consider a number of issues, including safety, before a decision is made.

"There are a lot of things we would need to look at, primarily safety — the animal's safety and the fans' safety," Weiss said.

The 2-year-old silver wolf, which belongs to a UNM professor, made its debut during the team's Cherry-Silver spring football scrimmage April 10.

"It's something we've talked about as a staff that would be neat for fan entertainment," Weiss said.

Weiss said the school has received several phone calls and e-mails from fans expressing interest in using a live wolf as mascot.

The school is also considering a live wolf as team mascot for the spring game just to see what would happen.

Weiss said, "We brought it out for the spring game just to see what would happen. It was on the (northside) concourse, just kind of meeting and greeting people, if a wolf can actually meet and greet. And the trial run went very well."

The Lobos experimented with a live mascot in the past, Weiss said.

During an Oct. 28, 1989 home loss to Wyoming, All-American wide receiver Terance Mathis said he was nipped by the wolf after throwing a block and rolling out of bounds.

Mathis wasn't hurt, but he was set on as saying at the time, "He sure scared me. I've got tooth marks in my pants."

Weiss said coach Rocky Long and athletic director Rudy Davlas would ultimately determine this wolf's fate as a mascot.

MLB

Appier out with strained muscle

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Royals pitcher Kevin Appier will be out four to six weeks with a strained muscle that could be related to his elbow surgery.

Appier, the only right-hander in Kansas City's rotation, came out in the second inning against Minnesota on Friday night. He had surgery in the offseason for a torn flexor tendon in his right elbow.

He lasted only 15 pitches against the Twins before leaving with a strained muscle in his right forearm.

"The muscle he strained works in conjunction with the muscle-tendon area that was surgically repaired," trainer Nick Swartz said. "The same muscle action that's used in throwing, this muscle works in conjunction with it."

Appier, 36, was re-signed by the Royals last September after being released by Anaheim. A 15-year major league veteran, he has a 169-137 career record, ninth on the active wins list. He pitched for the Royals from 1989-99 and holds the club record with 1,456 strikeouts.

"It means we go backwards from where he was the other night with regard to where he is pitching-wise," Swartz said. "In the big picture, this will heal. It's a muscular strain, so these things do heal."

Manager Tony Pena said he was unsure who would replace Appier in the rotation, although left-hander Denny Reyes is a possibility.

"It's very tough," Pena said. "Not only for him, but for everybody in this organization. Appier is one of those guys, he works so hard and he wants to do this so bad. He wants to show everybody in baseball that he still has some time left."

"Now we just have to wait. He was starting to throw the ball real well."

Also, first baseman Mike Sweeney was out of the starting lineup for the fifth straight game with a strained wrist.

Baron Davis leads Hornets with 23 points and 10 assists in 96-85 victory

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The New Orleans Hornets have stopped showing their age and started showing off their experience. Baron Davis had 23 points and 10 assists, while 13-year veteran Stacy Augmon came off the bench for 17 points, including two shot clock beaters in the final period. The Hornets evened their first-round playoff series with a 96-85 victory over the Miami Heat in Game 4 Tuesday night.

"Things are starting to come together," Davis said. "Tying it up 2-2 puts a little more pressure on them to hold serve on their home court. We’re going in there with the utmost confidence. We just have to play to our experience."

Miami was hurt by a late mistake by rookie Dwyane Wade, who failed to inbound the ball in 5.6 second left and the Hornets leading 88-82.

After that, Miami was forced to foul. New Orleans hit both free throws to put it up 2-2 puts a little more pressure on them to hold serve on their home court.

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Augmon and another veteran role player, George Lynch, combined to shoot 11-for-16 as Lynch finished with 11 points.

"Shaw is 15 on free throws, but kept his cool. The series has the Minnesota Timberwolves in position to reach the second round. Garnett had 27 points, 14 rebounds and five assists Tuesday night, helping the Timberwolves hold off the Denver Nuggets 84-82 for a 3-1 series lead.

Garnett has had several heated exchanges with the Nuggets after being pushed around in Game 3, but kept his cool this time. He finished 8-for-17 and was 11-for-15 on free throws to put Minnesota in position to reach the second round first time in eight tries.

It almost wasn't enough. Minnesota led by eight midway through the fourth quarter, but Marcus Camby cut it to 76-74 on a 3-point play with 4:43 left that got the crowd on its feet. The Timberwolves pushed it back to a six-point lead, but Voshon Lenard hit a 3-pointer and had a steal that led to another 3 that made it 81-80 with 1:14 left.

LaTrelle Sprewell answered with a 3-pointer in the corner, then Nene scored on a dunk to make it 84-82 with 18 seconds left. Sprewell missed two free throws with 12 seconds remaining at the other end. But Andre Miller missed a shot in the lane and Lenard was nowhere close on a turnaround at the buzzer.

Game 5 is Friday in Minnesota. Minnesota played without sixth man Wally Szczerbiak, who broke three vertebrae in a nasty fall in Game 3, but got 14 points from defensive specialist Trenton Hassell and 15 from Sam Cassell.

Lenard had 28 points and Miller 13 for Denver, but star rookie Carmelo Anthony had just two points on 1-for-16 shooting against Hassell and spent the final minutes of the fourth quarter waving a towel from the bench.

Anthony struggled from the start, missing all nine shots in the first half and had a runner from halfcourt waved off because it came after the buzzer.

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Flyers prepare for a tough venue in Toronto

Associated Press

TORONTO — Maple Leafs forward Alexander Mogilny has a new stick and renewed attitude.

"I'm smiling. Real happy," he said after practice Tuesday. "Everything's great."

That's a significant change from what happened after Toronto's last game, a 2-1 loss at Philadelphia on Sunday. The loss put the Leafs down 2-0 in their best-of-seven second-round playoff series, which resumes in Toronto on Wednesday.

As the game ended, and after he squandered two scoring opportunities in the final five minutes, Mogilny was spotted snapping his stick.

"No frustration," Mogilny said when reminded of what happened. "The stick was already broken. There's no point of bringing dead weight back to Toronto."

And that's an attitude that might go for the rest of the Maple Leafs, who need to forget the past and quickly regain their offensive touch.

The Leafs, who had the NHL's fourth-best offense in the regular season, have managed just two goals in two games against the Flyers. Mogilny batted in a shot off Philadelphia defenseman Mattias Timander's skate to score in a 3-1 loss in Game 1, and tough guy Tie Domi scored on a deflection Sunday.

"We've scored two goals in two games, you don't have to look too far for an answer," Mogilny said. "The bottom line is we've got to generate more offense. You can't win a lot of games scoring one goal a game."

That's the challenge for the banged-up squad. Owen Nolan (leg) is out; leading playoff scorer Joe Nieuwendyk (back) probably won't play for a second straight game; and captain Mats Sundin is playing with an injured left leg.

More troublesome is that Toronto's offensive woes haven't come just against Philadelphia. The Leafs managed just 14 goals in seven games to eliminate Ottawa in the opening round.

In an effort to rekindle the offensive touch, coach Pat Quinn is also considering putting Joe Nieuwendyk, Mats Sundin and Gary Roberts playing on the same line in practice.

"Obviously, our scoring hasn't been a strong part of our playoffs series," Quinn said. "We are generating chances but not finishing them off, and hopefully we'll find some scoring here somewhere soon."

Quinn is also considering putting Domi on a line with Ron Francis and Chad Kilger. His hope is that Domi's presence and ability to dig in the corners will clear room for Francis' playmaking skills.
NBA

Arguments continue in Bryant rape case

Friends, ex-boyfriend testify as judge decides on admissibility of accuser's sexual history

Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. — Kobe Bryant's sexual assault case returned to closed hearings Tuesday while a judge decides whether the sexual history of the NBA star's accuser can be used against her at trial.

More than two dozen witnesses — including the 19-year-old woman's friends, former boyfriends and college roommates — have testified in closed hearings this spring after being called by attorneys for the Los Angeles Lakers' guard. Nine defense witnesses testified in private Monday.

Prosecutors were expected to call their own witnesses Tuesday. Witness lists are sealed, but in a court filing Monday prosecutors said they would present their side once the defense is finished.

State District Judge Terry Ruckriegle also was expected to resume a hearing on another key issue: whether certain evidence should be thrown out because it was gathered illegally.

Bryant's attorneys argue that investigators improperly questioned him and improperly executed a search warrant. Prosecutors say he voluntarily spoke with investigators and handed over evidence, including a T-shirt stained with the woman's blood and a rape kit performed on Bryant.

Among the witnesses who testified Monday were Johnray Strickland, a former boyfriend who met the alleged victim last year at the University of Northern Colorado, and Eagle County sheriff's Detective Doug Winters.

The defense says injuries found on the woman could have been caused by sex with multiple partners before and after her encounter with Bryant. The prosecution says the sexual history is irrelevant in determining whether the woman was assaulted.

"If they can put on credible evidence that she had sex after Kobe Bryant and before she went to the cops, I'm not sure we're even going to have a trial," said Craig Silverman, a former prosecutor who is following the case. "That one fact alone would cause reasonable doubt for one or more of the jurors."
**Olympics**

**Senate committee obtains documents**

New secret BALCO documents could deter drug cheaters

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A Senate committee obtained secret documents that could help U.S. Olympic officials keep drug cheaters out of the Athens Games.

The Justice Department's decision to turn over the materials subpoenaed by the Commerce Committee was considered virtually unprecedented during a federal investigation.

Still, it's unclear whether anti-doping authorities will have access to the documents obtained during the grand jury probe of an alleged steroid distribution ring.

The Commerce Committee, chaired by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., had sought "documents relating to U.S. amateur athletes" alleged purchase of banned performance-enhancing substances from the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative (known as BALCO) and their possible use of such substances.

U.S. Olympic officials hope to use such documents to open their own cases against admitted drug cheaters — invoking a U.S. Anti-Doping Agency rule barring athletes who acknowledge the use of steroids and other banned substances.

It was not immediately clear whether the documents include grand jury testimony. Dozens of elite athletes, including track star Marion Jones, were asked by the federal grand jury in San Francisco about steroids.

Since grand jury proceedings are secret, it's unclear whether McCain's committee could give the USOC or the USADA access to such material. McCain has promised to keep the material secret, but he also has vowed to use the documents to make sure the U.S. team is drug-free for the Athens Games.

Legal scholars said Tuesday they were shocked the documents had been turned over to McCain's committee in the middle of an investigation, and said the law is murky on whether such material can be passed on to the USOC or the anti-doping agency.

Jones, who won five medals in the 2000 Olympics, and Montgomery, the world record-holder at 100 meters, have denied steroid use. An attorney for Jones said she never received steroids from Conte. An attorney for Conte said he never provided steroids to Jones or Montgomery, and never gave such information to federal agents.

Jones' attorney, Joseph Burton, said he welcomed the release of the documents to McCain's committee.

**IOC gets insurance for Athens**

$170 million IOC policy guards against natural disasters, terrorism

Associated Press

LONDON — Guarding against terrorism and natural disasters in Athens, the IOC took the unprecedented step of buying insurance in case the Olympics are called off.

The International Olympic Committee's $170 million policy guarantees that the organization and affiliated national committees and sports federations have enough money to continue operations. The policy would not compensate individual victims.

The policy also doesn't cover corporate sponsors and TV networks, which have billions of dollars riding on the Athens Games. Many have their own insurance, and city organizers underwrite their own liability coverage.

IOC president Jacques Rogge said Tuesday insurance was "standard prudent judgment" and reflects no lack of confidence in the Aug. 13-29 games, which have been troubled by construction delays and security worries.

The IOC would not be covered if the games are called off because of the delays, IOC finance chairman Richard Carrion said.

The Athens Olympics, the first Summer Games since the Sept. 11 terror attacks, will be the most heavily guarded in history. The anti-terrorism budget is nearing $1 billion — more than three times the amount spent on protecting the 2000 Sydney Games.

Aside from terrorism, insurance experts say the main risk in Athens would be from earthquakes. The city straddles a fault line, and 143 people died in a quake in 1999.

Athens 2004 spokesman Stergos Safelides said the organizing committee had no comment "on an IOC policy that concerns not just Athens, but the Olympic Games in general." The IOC is paying about $6.8 million for the policy, and the syndicate is led by New York-based insurance giant American International Group Inc., according to two Olympic sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Joe Norton, spokesman for AGI in New York, declined to comment, saying the company had a policy of not breaching clients' confidentiality.

The policy covers full and partial cancellation for a "whole range of issues such as terrorism, earthquakes, flooding, landslides, things like that," Rogge told The Associated Press by phone from Lausanne, Switzerland.

Carrion said the IOC negotiated the bulk of the coverage before the March 11 bombings in Madrid, Spain, that killed 191 people.

Rogge said the IOC also will negotiate individual cancellation policies for future Olympics, including the 2006 Winter Games in Turin, Italy, 2008 Summer Games in Beijing and 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver.

Rogge said security has long been the IOC's top priority and that Greece has done "everything humanly possible" to safeguard the games.

The Athens policy protects the bulk of the 28 international sports federations on the Olympic program and the 202 national Olympic committees represented at the games.

Many of those organizations rely heavily on games-related revenue.

"We will certainly have the required amount after the successful completion of the Athens Games," Carrion said.

Rogge said the IOC began exploring insurance coverage in 2001, but the industry was reluctant to offer terrorism coverage after the Sept. 11 attacks. The IOC had no coverage for the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City.

Carrion said the IOC also considered taking out a credit line to absorb the bulk of the risk, or a combined insurance-credit arrangement for Athens and Beijing.

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Richardson goal all but eliminates Canadians

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Brad Richards and the Tampa Bay Lightning stole the thunder from the Montreal Canadiens and knocked them out of the playoffs Tuesday night over seconds remaining in regulation finals for the first time in Tampa Bay up 2-1 in the second round.

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**NFL**

**Browns wait to sign Winslow**

No. 6 overall pick still negotiating a long term contract

Associated Press  
CLEVELAND — Choosing Kellen Winslow Jr. was easy for the Cleveland Browns. Signing him may not be.

The Browns traded a second-round pick, swapped first-rounders with Detroit and used the No. 6 overall selection in last weekend’s NFL draft to select Winslow, a tight end with Hall of Fame pedigree and potential.

But before Winslow can begin living up to expectations, the Browns will have to negotiate a long-term contract with his agent, Kevin Poston, who in the hours after the draft began laying down some parameters for talks.

“A lot of teams had him [Winslow] No. 1 on their board,” said Poston, who along with his brother, Carl, are known for driving a hard bargain.

The Postons also represent St. Louis tackle Orlando Pace, who was franchised by the Rams and is seeking more money. Other Poston clients include New England corner­back Ty Law, San Francisco linebacker Julian Peterson and Washington linebacker LaVar Arrington. All have had contract problems.

The Redskins are currently in a dispute with the Postons, who filed a grievance on Arrington’s behalf that claims the team owes him more than $6.5 million.

The usual starting point for the next class is 10 percent over the previous year. However, Poston has already indicated Winslow may be an exception to that rule.

“Kellen could easily be the Largent James of the Browns,” Poston said, referring to the Cowboys’ rookie of the year.

**College Football**

**NCAA considers a new BCS bowl game**

11 Division 1-A commissioners will base final decision on game’s market viability

Associated Press  
PHOENIX — A proposal for adding another game that would match the top two teams after the BCS bowls was discussed by the commissioner­s of all 11 Division 1-A college football conferences Tuesday. Big East Commissioner Mike Tranghese said the main emphasis of the meeting, which included representatives from the BCS bowls and ABC Sports, was how to implement a fifth BCS game, which was agreed to in March.

“How to create it. How to manage it. Where it could be played. The impact a fifth game could have on the system economically,” said Tranghese, the BCS coordinator.

The possibility of a sixth game between the top teams after the BCS games are played was not the focus of the meeting, Tranghese said.

“The Bowl Champions­hip Series agreed to add a fifth game, increasing access for schools not part of college football’s most lucrative postseason system.

The fifth bowl is subject to final approval based on market viability, but all indications point to it being in place when the new BCS contract takes effect before the 2006 season.

The idea of adding a game to be played after the current BCS bowls — Sugar, Orange, Rose and Fiesta — gained attention after last season’s split national championship.

LSU won the BCS champi­onship by beating Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl, but Southern California, which beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl, was voted No. 1 in The Associated Press media poll.

Had the so-called ‘plus-one’ model been used last season, LSU and USC would have played in January.

Tranghese said this week’s meetings are about gathering information and planning.

“I don’t think we’re at a point where we are ready to make a decision,” he said.

Also taking part in the meet­ings are an athletic director from each Division 1-A confer­ence and Notre Dame.
Steelers quarterback angry with draft pick

Maddox meets with Cowher to discuss Roethlisberger

Roethlisberger may take longer to become a starter than either the Giants' Eli Manning or the Chargers' Philip Rivers, the quarterbacks drafted ahead of him.

Despite Maddox's unhappiness, Cowher said he doesn't expect Roethlisberger's presence to affect how Maddox plays or practices. Wide receiver Plaxico Burress also expects Maddox to respond to the competition.

"I've been playing with him for two years now and I pretty much know he'll step up and defend his position," Burress said.

The Steelers have not said what they would do if Maddox, who will be 33 in September, asks to be released to pursue a job with another team. With nearly every NFL team now set at quarterback in advance of training camp, Maddox may not be able to find a team that would let him compete to start. Even if the Maddox goes into the Steelers' training camp in late July as the starter, Cowher will not promise there won't be a training camp competition.

"I can't tell you right now how that's going to unfold," Cowher said. "I just know that I'm not going to sit here and say we're not going to do something. I'd like to stay open-minded about it and let it play out.

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Maddox unexpectedly beat out Kordell Stewart to become the Steelers' starter three games into the 2002 season — 10 years after he was first drafted by Denver — and has held the job since.

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- Chicago (NL) at Arizona, 9:35 p.m., ESPN

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- Philadelphia at Toronto, 6:00 p.m., ESPN
- San Jose at Colorado, 9:00 p.m., ESPN

**James, Anthony and Wade Head NBA All-Rookie Team**

NEW YORK — LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony and Dwyane Wade were unanimous members of the NBA All-Rookie Team announced Tuesday. Chris Bosh and Kirk Hinrich also made the first team in voting by the league’s 29 head coaches.

James won all six Rookie of the Month awards in the Eastern Conference this season; Anthony won all six in the West.

James, taken No. 1 overall in last year's draft by the Cleveland Cavaliers, is just the third rookie to average at least 20 points, five rebounds and five assists (Oscar Robertson and Michael Jordan are the others). He won the Rookie of the Year award last week.

Anthony led all rookies in scoring average at 21 points and helped the Denver Nuggets reach the playoffs for the first time since 1995.

Miami's Wade ranked among the top five rookies in five statistical categories, while Toronto's Bosh led first-year players in rebounding (7.4 per game) and blocks (1.41), and Chicago's Hinrich led them in assists (6.8).

The second team members were Dallas' Josh Howard and Marquis Daniels, Milwaukee’s T.J. Ford, Miami's Udonis Haslem and Washington's Jarvis Hayes.

**No Williams Verdict after First Day of Deliberations**

SOMERVILLE, N.J. — A jury began deliberating Tuesday in the case against Jayson Williams, the former NBA player accused of manslaughter in the shooting death of his former boss.

The jury got the case after three months of trial, 43 witnesses and widely divergent versions of what happened the night in 2002 when Costas "Gun" Christofi was killed.

Christofi, 55, was killed in Williams' bedroom while the former New Jersey Nets player was giving friends and members of the Harlem Globetrotters a tour of his mansion.

Williams was playing with one of his shotguns when it went off.

Williams, 36, faces eight charges, the most serious of which is aggravated manslaughter. To convict Williams on that charge, the jury must unanimously find that he recklessly caused Christofi's death "under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to human life."

He is also charged with trying to make the shooting look like a suicide by wiping down the shotgun and putting Christofi's hands on the gun. Prosecutors said he also instructed his guests to lie to authorities.

**In Brief**

- Philadelphia at Toronto, 6:00 p.m., ESPN
- San Jose at Colorado, 9:00 p.m., ESPN

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**NCAA Men's Basketball**

**Auburn Placed on Two-Year Probation**

Associated Press

**AUBURN, Ala. —** Auburn's basketball program was put on two years' probation on Tuesday, with the NCAA cutting one scholarship but clearing the university of major rule violations.

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The Office of Information Technologies presents a Data Center...
Irish eager to win Big Easts

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

One has done it before. The other has come close. Neither will be content if they don't do it this weekend.

The men's and women's track teams are on a quest for a conference title.

The Irish men enter this weekend's Big East Outdoor Championships at Rutgers as the defending champions, while the women are vying for their first outdoor title after finishing second the past two seasons.

Godwin Mbagwu was the hero of last year's men's meet as he triple-jumped 15.32 meters in the final event to give Notre Dame a 139-136.5 victory over Connecticut. Mbagwu is one of two defending individual champions for the Irish as Selim Nurudeen will try to defend his title in the 110-meter hurdles.

Head coach Joe Piane feels this year's meet is wide open.

"We have Notre Dame, Pittsburgh, Georgetown, Villanova and Notre Dame are all in the hunt. Though these teams have a chance, Miami is the favorite as the Hurricanes feel they have just as good of a chance in the tournament as anyone. The Belles believe they have just as good of a chance in the tournament as anyone. "We are excited and pumped about achieving one of our goals of making it to the tournament," Erin Sullivan said. "We're always trying to beat them and it would be especially nice since they're leaving the Big East after this year."
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Matt Macri hit into a fielder’s choice to second to score the tying run. Second baseman Zach Sisko then smacked a single, and both Macri and Sisko advanced a base on a passed ball. With first base open, Ball State elected to walk designated hitter Matt Brandenfield to load the bases for catcher Javi Sanchez. The senior captain delivered for the Irish with his second sacrifice fly of the night to tie the game at six.
Left fielder Steve Andres then hit a hot shot to first baseman Brad Miller, who misplayed the ball, but second baseman Kyle Dygert was there to gather in the ball and make the play at first to end the inning.
The game would remain scoreless until the bottom of the 15th inning, when Andres made good on his chance at redemption and smacked a leadoff triple to the gap in right center. Right fielder Craig Cooper followed with a single to right, and Andres scored easily to win the game.
Miller provided most of the offense for Ball State Tuesday. The 6-foot-5 sophomore smacked a pair of home runs in his first two plate appearances against the Irish. Miller added a double in the 13th inning to finish the night 3-for-6 with 4 RBIs and 2 runs scored. Following a difficult pair of losses at the hands of Pittsburgh Sunday, Mainieri feels that Tuesday night’s win is the type of game that could really spur the Irish to great things.
“I told the guys after the game, in every year that I have been here, there’s always been a game that we can point at and say, ‘That game made our season. It was the turning point in our season,’” he said. “And I really believe that that’s what that game was today for us.”
The Irish will have little time to savor the big win, however, as they return to the diamond today to host Cleveland State (9-20) at 6 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium.
Notes:
• Tuesday’s 15-inning marathon tied the record for the longest game played at Eck Stadium. The previous mark was a 5-3 win over West Virginia in 1998, which also lasted 15 innings.
• Ball State set a new school record for strikeouts in a game Tuesday night by fanning 20 times against Irish pitchers. The previous mark of 15 was set in 1950 in a game against Taylor University.
• The Irish tied the school record for batters hit by a pitch Tuesday night in the 11th inning when reserve infielder Tim Murray was plunked. It marked the 75th time this season an Irish batter had been hit by a pitch.
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run in the top of the fourth, but came back right away to tie it up again on an RBI single by Meghan Rutta. Sloppy defense cost the Irish the game in the sixth. Starting pitcher Heather Booth made throwing error that allowed DePaul’s Sara Martz to score from third. The error also allowed Saskia Roberson to move to second on the play, where Ashley Parker replaced her as a pinch runner. Parker scored one batter later on Jessica Evans’ RBI single.
Booth pitched a complete game, allowing four hits and striking out six. The Irish found themselves down early in game two, as well, as Sarah Douglas hit a solo home run off Steffany Stenglefo in the second inning. That would be the only damage against Stenglefo, who allowed only five hits while striking out nine.
The Irish got all their runs in the third inning. After Carrie Wised led off with a single, Sara Schoonaert attempted to bunt Wised to second. But DePaul first baseman Roberson threw the ball wide of first base, which resulted in Irish runners at second and third.
Stephanie Brown delivered a double in the next at-bat to score both runners, but the Irish would score three straight outs to end the threat, including a double play that was the result of poor baserunning.
Notre Dame now stays at 12-0 in Big East opponents in double-headers, going against Virginia Tech Friday and Pittsburgh Sunday. Virginia Tech is currently third place in the conference, behind Notre Dame and Villanova.
“I believe that Virginia Tech is actually the second-best team in the Big East,” Gumpf said. “They’ve had some tough losses, but they really have great pitching and we know they’re going to be tough.”
With a 1-2-0 record, the Irish are all but guaranteed of a berth in the Big East Tournament. However, Gumpf doesn’t want her players to get complacent.
“We have to prepare ourselves for the postseason,” Gumpf said.
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was no point we thought we had it in the bag. It was really a team effort, since we were all in different draws, so we each needed to pull through and be successful. We had the support of our coaches, our teammates, and all our great fans, like Rudy Nikzinghambe, all year long, and we wanted to come through.”
Knish got plenty of help from her teammates in clinching the victory. Kristen Palombo won the No. 2 singles title for the second consecutive year. For the third year in a row, Kaillit Cutler won the No. 3 singles title and Kru Spiggle won the No. 4 singles title. Kate Bowler finished third in her first appearance in MIAA tournament play, and in the No. 6 singles spot, Miranda Mikulyuk placed fourth, improving her showing in the tournament from a year ago.
Kaish made first team All-MIAA for the third straight year. Cutler and Palombo were both selected as members of the second team All-MIAA.
The big boost came from the No. 3 doubles team of Palombo and freshman Grace Gordon, who advanced all the way to the championship before taking second place.
Despite winning both their conference title and tournament, the Belles were passed over for an NCAA Tournament selection. Instead, the NCAA committee chose Albon, who placed higher in the Midwest Invitational earlier in the year.
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Niesel commands Irish to victory

Relief pitcher strikes out twelve batters as Irish win in fifteen

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Senior Staff Writer

Tuesday night’s matchup between No. 8 Notre Dame (33-8) and Ball State (20-17) was brought to you by Chris Niesel and the letter “K.”

The Irish right-hander pitched eight and one-third scoreless innings in relief and recorded a career-high 12 strikeouts as the Irish topped the Cardinals 7-6 in 15 innings.

“Niesel pitched the way that we’ve grown to love Chris Niesel,” Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. “He went out there and competed for all he’s worth. He was such a bulldog. He didn’t let us see his capabilities all year, but this was the best he has pitched all year.

Niesel came into the game in the sixth inning with the Irish trailing 6-3, but he retired 10 straight batters to keep the Irish within striking distance as Notre Dame mounted a comeback.

“Niesel competed so hard. He just wanted it bad, you could tell it in his eyes,” Mainieri said. “He wouldn’t let me take him out of the game. He just wanted to win and compete, and that’s what champions do. They have guys that want the ball in their hands at crucial points.”

Niesel finally yielded the lead to reliever Ryan Doherty with one out in the 14th inning, but not after retiring 23 of 29 batters in pitching nearly a whole game in relief.

“Pretty much all of my pitches I hit my spots with,” Niesel said. “I used my curve ball to get some strikes early in the count and get ahead of batters. I did a great job of getting ahead of guys, which helped me use my fastball with two strikes to strike guys out.”

Doherty actually got the win for the Irish, pitching one and two-thirds innings of perfect baseball and striking out four straight batters in the fifth inning on the season. Doherty earned some redemption for blowing a save against Pittsburgh Sunday as the Irish blew a three-run lead in the ninth.

“Ryan Doherty — after the tough outing the other day at Pittsburgh — showed a lot of fortitude by coming back the way he did [Tuesday],” Mainieri said. “… the thing is you want to get them right back on the horse as quickly as possible. He showed what a competitor he is. He did the job for us, and he got some big outs.”

After falling behind 6-3, Notre Dame used single runs in the seventh and eighth innings to narrow the lead to a run. Shortstop Greg Lopez led off the ninth inning with a walk for the Irish, but third baseman

Tom Thornton, above, started the game against Ball State.

The Irish scored on a double by Tommy Henry and a sacrifice bunt by Zachery Dwyer to cut the margin to 7-5.

Ryan Duffy and Ball State reliever DJ Hinckley then combined to get the next two Irish batters for a series-ending 1-2-3 inning.

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Assistant Sports Editor

Perhaps Notre Dame should stop scheduling teams from Chicago. For the second time this season, the Irish were knocked off at by Field by a team from the Chicago area, as DePaul took care of Notre Dame 3-1 in game one of a doubleheader Tuesday night. Notre Dame was able to come back in the second game, 1-0, to salvage a split with the Blue Demons.

The Irish lost a game at home earlier this season against the East Illinois/Chicago area, 4-3 in 10 innings March 12. Last season, the Irish were swept at Ivy Field by Northwestern.

Despite her team’s loss to DePaul Tuesday, Irish coach Deanna Gumpf was not all that upset with Notre Dame’s performance.

“We had such good opportunities in both games but we weren’t quite able to make it happen,” she said. “I think the girls know what we need to do, it’s just a matter of doing it every time.”

“We went against two very good pitchers today but I thought we still did a good job of hitting.”

Notre Dame (40-14) gave up a

ROWING

Women crowned champions

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

The women’s rowing team has enjoyed a stellar week, collecting awards both on and off the water.

The Irish swept their varsity races on Sunday to win their first Big East Women’s Rowing Challenge title on Worcester’s Lake Quinsigamond. Head coach Martin Stone was also named Big East Coach of the Year.

On Monday, several rowers were honored for their work in the classroom, including Megan Sanders who received the Top Gun Award at the 12th Annual Academic Excellence Awards Dinner.

The Irish, who lost to Syracuse in the last three BIG EAST competitions, triumphed in four out of five races for a team total of 116 points, outsailing Miami, Syracuse, Rutgers, Georgetown, Boston College, Connecticut, Villanova and West Virginia. With four individual race wins, Notre Dame tied Syracuse’s 2002 crew for the most number of victories at one challenge.

The women’s rowing team

The Belles win league by one point

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

After a season filled with plenty of close matches and inspiring play, Saint Mary’s closed out its year on top Saturday winning the 2004 MIAA Tournament. The conference win reaffirmed the Belles dominance within the MIAA after a 2004 Team Title victory earlier in the year.

The Belles captured their fourth straight MIAA Tournament Title by a single point, beating runner-up Albon College 79.75 to 78.5.

“It was incredible,” said Albon coach Jeff Smith. “What a fun finish to three straight in singles. We won the conference and the tournament. It was so exciting to win the whole thing.

The close call with Albon also made the championship more meaningful.

“It was incredible to win by one point,” Kish said. “There

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Steffany Stenglein won her seventh straight start.

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Big East Outdoor Championships

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Rutgers hosts the championships this year.

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