Ramadan controversy continues

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

As the University grants headlines in his defense and the victim of Jihadi Justice Peace Studies grapples with his loss, Tariq Ramadan still doesn’t know why a revoked visa stands between his family and Notre Dame.

"It’s very difficult for the kids. We are here in Geneva (Switzerland) waiting for a decision, without knowing why we were denied the right of entering the United States," said Ramadan, in comments provided by Julie Titone, director of communications at the Institute.

Ramadan, an eminent Muslim scholar who had been scheduled to teach at the Kroc this fall, unexpectedly lost his work visa July 26 when the State Department banned him under immigration restrictions mandated by the Patriot Act. The Department of Homeland Security, which requested the State Department’s action, cited parts of the legislation that suggested Ramadan could be a national security risk.

Notre Dame immediately rebuffed all allegations against Ramadan, who contested any extremist associations.

“I don’t understand why this decision was taken,” he said. “I have been trying to

ND tops anti-gay Review ranking

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Though its actual impact on student mentality is impossible to measure, last spring’s “Gay? Fine by Me” campaign apparently did little to sway Notre Dame’s national reputation for homophobia, as the University topped the Princeton Review’s “Alternative Lifestyles Not An Alternative” category for the second straight year.

Despite two demonstrations and 2,000 orange T-shirts specifically targeting that category last spring, the 300 Notre Dame students asked to participate in the annual survey still revealed the highest anti-gay sentiment among the 357 ranked colleges, according to the Review’s evaluation methods.

The ranking is based on a single multiple-choice question in the survey, said Erik Olsen, senior editor of the Princeton Review’s Best 357 Colleges book. The question
INSIDE COLUMN

Intolerance must perish

A year after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, I was sitting in a college classroom where a discussion about the aftermath was taking place. Sitting in a circle, many students were sharing their thoughts and ideas about terrorism. Although I was listening and adding my opinion, I remained quiet. Finally, one girl spoke up.

"I think we should send all the Arab people back to where they came from," she said without meaning.

I was stunned. I am Arab. This was the first time in my life that I had ever been discriminated against because of my ethnicity. I am a white woman with brown hair and light skin. Up to this point, I had avoided being stereotyped by such things as blonde jocks or dumb men jocks. I lived a quiet existence where discrimination had never touched my life.

I had no idea what to say. In fact, I didn't say anything for the rest of the class period. Someone had just made me feel something that I had never felt before. When I got home, I called my mother and shared my upsetting news with her. She assured me that the student had not meant it as a personal attack on me.

But that is what it felt like. Like someone had judged not before knowing me or even realizing I am Arab. Without any knowledge of doing so, this student had put me down because of my ethnicity. Suddenly, I found myself victim of a stereotype. And it hurt me.

How many times a day do we hear someone use a stereotype? How many times have we listened to someone complain about how a certain race, shape or ethnicity. There must be some knowledge of doing so, this student had put me down because of my ethnicity. Suddenly, I found myself victim of a stereotype. And it hurt me.

In brief

Reserve your place for "Twilight in the Press Box," a limited-seating event to benefit the Fitchfield National Chamber Music Association. Open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross faculty, tonight's schedule includes a cash bar at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 8:00 p.m., and a jazz performance by Triptych. For reservations, call (574) 631-9994.

Get ready for the first-ever football scrimmage, to be held in the Stadium from 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. tonight. The scrimmage will be free and open to all students, faculty and staff members of the Notre Dame community.

Talib Kweli and Jason Mraz will perform tonight at The Show 3.0, taking place at the Joyce Center Gate 30. The show is open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students and you must have a valid student ID to attend.

Come see Lucky Boys Confusion, a Chicago-based, self-described "ground-running, unapologetic melodic rock" band in concert at Legends Saturday night at 10 p.m. Admission is free.

President Mooney invites all members of the Saint Mary's community to the All Campus Mass Sunday at 4:15 p.m. at the Church of Loreto.

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

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All current Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students are invited to join us for our annual Notre Dame Activities Night. Hundreds of clubs and organizations will be represented to meet and sign-up new members, distribute information and share their plans for the year. Don't miss it.

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If your club does not appear on this list and you would like to participate in Activities Night, please contact the Student Activities Office as soon as possible at 631-7308

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Friday, August 27, 2004
Russia releases details of plane crashes

Official announces Russian double plane crash likely the work of terrorists

Associated Press

MOSCOW — A top Russian official acknowledged Thursday what many citizens of this terrorist-stricken nation feared — that terrorism was the most likely cause of two jetliners crashing minutes apart, a feeling reflected in a newspaper editorial warning that "Russia now has a Sept. 11." A draft FBI report stated there were many possibilities besides terrorism, presidential envoy Vladimir Yakovlev told Russian state TV, adding that the agency that the main theory "all the same remains terrorism.

Yakovlev said the planes' flight data recorders would provide clues to the disaster. He said both boxes had shut off abruptly after the indication of trouble, a sign U.S. aviation experts said was strong evidence of explosions.

Also, Transport Minister Igor Levitin confirmed Siber airlines' report that its crew activated an emergency code shortly before the plane disappeared from radar. Visiting the crash site, however, he said that details were still slim because "no verbal confirmation from the crew was received" saying what the problem was.

Officials previously said there was no indication of trouble from a Volga-Viatras express airliner that also crashed late Tuesday, although people on the grounds noted hearing a series of explosions. Russian media also raised questions about a possible link between the crashes and the Russian nuclear reactor that was shut down on Monday.

Without citing evidence, the regional governor said Tuesday a parachute blast, which wounded four people, might have been an effort to distract attention.

Skeptical of terrorism came after warnings from officials that separatists might plan attacks before an election this Sunday in Chechnya to replace the war-torn region's assassinated pro-Kremlin president. The rebels have made attacks in Moscow and other cities, hijacked planes flying outside Russia and allegedly staged suicide bombings.

"I am inclined to think that it is a terrorist act, because there are too many coincidences," said Ruben Turyanov, an elderly physicist who was out on a walk when the jet was shot down.

"It's too suspicious," agreed Natalia Kozlova, a physicist who was out on a national day of mourning for the 89 people killed in the crashes. Russia's television canceled entertainment programs.

Despite Yakovlev's statement about terrorism, the government was still officially investigating all possibilities — bombs, hijackers, mechanical failure, bad fuel and human error. Officials said no evidence had been found pointing to terrorism, and no one has claimed to have caused the crashes.

The government had hoped the jetliners' flight data recorders would shed some light, but Yakovlev said state-run First Channel experts found the boxes in both planes shut off before indicating any problems.

Yakovlev, the president's envoy for southern Russia, where one of the planes crashed, said the television canceled entertainment programs.

Bill Waldock, aviation safety professor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Arizona, said a sudden stoppage of a plane's two recorders indicated that its electrical system was cut. "An explosion could interrupt electrical power," he said, adding that it was extremely unlikely that another problem would cause four boxes in two planes to quit abruptly.

If something went wrong with a plane's mechanical or electrical systems, "more protected data would show up," Waldock said. The cockpit voice recorder would pick up pilots' conversations as they dealt with the problem, while the flight data recorder would note such information as altitude, air speed, heading and vertical acceleration.

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Investigators removed the flight recorder, an object which may be helpful in confirming terrorism involvement in the crashes.

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Texas death row inmate executed

Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — A death row inmate whose case attracted the attention of celebrity capital punishment opponents Susan Sarandon was executed Thursday evening by injecting a lethal cocktail into his veins.

Speaking slowly and quietly, his voice cracking, James Allridge thanked his family and friends for their support in signing him and expressing remorse.

"I am sorry, I really am," he said in a brief, emotional statement. "I am sorry I destroyed y'all's life," he said looking at the family of his victim. "Thank you for forgiving me. To the moon and back, I love you all. I love you all as I came into love." Nine minutes after the lethal injection, he was pronounced dead.

Allridge, 41, was the 12th Texas inmate executed this year and the second in as many nights. He was convicted of killing Fort Worth store clerk Brian Glendenning, 21, who was robbed of $300.

Also Thursday, Oklahoma death row inmate Windel Ray Workman was executed by injection for the 1987 beating death of his live-in girlfriend's 2-year-old daughter. He was the sixth person executed in Oklahoma this year.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Al-Sistani brings peace to Najaf

Najaf, Iraq — A top Shiite cleric who has been the leading force behind an attempt to end three weeks of fighting in the holy city of Najaf, a top al-Sistani aide said.

Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, the most influential cleric among Iraq's Shiite majority, reached the deal in direct talks with al-Sad in the evening, only hours after making a dramatic return to Najaf.

Aides have said that al-Sistani's peace plan calls for Najaf and Kufa to be declared weapons-free cities, for all foreign forces to withdraw from Najaf and leave security to the police, and for the government to compensate those harmed by the fighting.

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Though not yet a headline artist, Talib Kweli is slowly but surely making his way into national prominence in the music industry. He has recorded and toured with big name rap and R&B artists Mary J. Blige and Kanye West, and his music has been likened to that of The Roots and Jurassic 5.

The concert’s committee found the two artists to be a logical choice for the student body, said Jimmy Flaherty, chairman of The Show 3.0. An electronic survey was offered to all students this past spring in order to gauge student interests. Pop, rap and hip-hop genres all fared well.

"Both [Mraz and Kweli] are unbelievable major market artists," Flaherty said. "They are a great compliment to each other. Besides, said Flaherty, for only $10, "It's the best deal going."

The committee hopes to build upon the success of last year's event. The performance of the Black Eyed Peas and Guster attracted a record 4,000 people in attendance.

The 35-person committee has been working since February to bring a major, top-quality production to the student community. This year's committee made a concerted effort to reach out to the Saint Mary's and Holy Cross student bodies, and increased publicity through the Notre Dame class councils.

To encourage participation, the committee members teamed up with the Athletic Department to create a campus-wide campaign advertising both the football scrimmage and concert.

"It has been an eye-opening experience because it is a campus-wide collaboration," Flaherty said. "It is symbolic of what Notre Dame student activities are."

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MARKET RECAP

Tech stocks fall as trading remains thin

New York Stock Exchange lacks conviction during end of summer downturn.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A broker-
age firm's negative outlook for the semiconductor industry pressured tech
shares Thursday, while the broader market was
little changed as a jump in jobless claims offset
investors' relief over
declining oil prices.

Late summer trading is
known for being thin, but with the
Republican National Convention set for New York next week,
Wall Street is even less
crowded than usual for late August. And as many
traders prepared to take
the week off and some more
managers planned to reduce staff levels, the
market's lack of conviction was reflected in low trading
volumes. The drop in oil prices was a hot
spot, however, even though analysts weren't sure it was
here to stay.

"A week ago, people
were asking where the oil was
in crude is and now they're asking where the bottom is," said Todd
Clark, head of listed equity
trading at Wells Fargo &Co.
"It's a sea change that's welcome for equities, but against the
backdrop of a big event next week, we're
players away from the market, it's tough to get too
excited."

The Dow Jones industri-
al average closed down 83.33,
or 0.1 percent, to 10,173.41.
The Standard & Poor's 500 index wiggled
up 0.03 or 0.01 percent, to
1,105.09.

In economic news, the
number of people who signed up for jobless benef-
ces continued to hold
up on the seasonally adjusted 10,000
to 243,000; economists had expected an increase of
just 4,000. At least half of those filing new claims
were out of work because
of Hurricane Charley, the
Labor Department said.

Oil prices, which set a
record new high by topping $49 per barrel last week, have
declared over the last five
sessions as anxieties about global supply have eased.

On Thursday, the Organization of Petroleum
Exporting Countries indicated it would
discuss ways to push prices down
faster, perhaps through
increased production, at

its meeting next month.

Light crude for October
delivery settled 3 7 cents
lower at $43.10 a barrel

Friday, and remarks from
Federal Reserve chairman Ben
Bernanke at a banking
conference in Jackson
Hole, Wyo. The Republican convention, which starts
Monday, also loomed
large.

"The fear index might
begin to rise over the next
one or two trading days as the
convention begins in
New York," said Peter
Cardillo, chief strategist at S.W.
Bach & Co. "Unless the price of oil moves dram-
amically either way, I
kind of think Greenspan, the
GDP revision and the
Republican convention will

The floor of the New York Stock Exchange was uncharacteristically quiet as tech
stocks continued to sag. and oil prices continued to rise.

now.

فة "We're actually pleased they seem to

think it will provide useful information
to the medical community,"
Pekarek said. "We are choosing to
settle this basically to avoid the high
cost and time of protracted litigation."
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training workshops led by several high-profile politi-
cal candidates, such as Al Sharpton, Senator Joseph Biden, and former presiden-
tial candidate and Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis.

"The campaign training sessions will be the best we've ever had to improve our club's strategies," Erickson said.

"There is a lot of opportu-
nity for us to restructure the club, make the College Democrats more promi-
nent on campus and get more students involved."

Enthusied by her fellow delegates, the said the best advice they received was from other clubs.

"While the speakers and workshops were their pri-
mary reason for attending the event, the most excit-
ing part was being part of the environment Runick said.

"For me it was really amaz-
ing to see people so energized about the issues that I care about," Runick said.

Because the student con-
cessional office in Washington, D.C.

While there, she attend-
sings at Capitol Hill with prominent members of Congress, committee chairmen and officials in the Bush administration.

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Jaimie Feltsault
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hours and on weekends, replaced a lot of an area.

Dave Chapman, director of security,
said the administration had made the decision to remove the parking lot due to a variety of factors.

"We decided it would be nice to have green space for students to gather," he said. "Plus, we have students who live in Regina Hall who walked across the parking lot, so it was really an awesome issue."

In addition to the removal of the massages lot, other parking changes occurred. The area formerly known as the Dining Hall lot and its Volt in the city, is now called the Faculty and Special Events parking lot. Students are no longer allowed to park there at any time, and after the third ticket in this lot, you will be towed.

The Bertrand parking lot, open to students and visitors from 5:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., is now off-limits on weekends. The amount of parking space for students will be reduced immediately.

The newly created Opus Apartments parking lot is for Opus residents only. If Opus residents have visitors, the visitor will need to pick up a free parking pass from security, and park in the Angola parking lot.

Chapman said the best change this year was the decision to tow vehi-
cles, when past policy had been to send people a notice. The towing fee will be $75, plus a $15 a day storage fee — amounts which can add up quickly.

"We don't want to tow cars, but it's unfair for some students to follow the rules, and not others," Chapman said. "This will hopefully make everything equal. This is a learning experience for us all. Things may change if we find that this isn't working.

But some are concerned there will not be enough student parking, especially on the weekends.

LeMann Hall resident Erica Rangel said she believes the changes are an unnecessary hassle.

"I just think it's an inconvenience because in parking in various spots of campus is scarce as it is," she said. "I depend on that lot for unloading groceries and things from our cars and for visitor parking on the weekend, and now it's not an option."

Chaplains are in favor of the new green space.

"I like that we have a place where we can sit outside now," senior Michelle Cooper said.

Chapman said there will be enough parking, and emphasized that the security escort from the Angola parking lot to the residence halls will still be in effect seven nights a week.

Although the new parking rules seem to be causing some controversy on campus, Chapman said he has not gotten negative feedback.

"We haven't received complaints yet, just a lot of questions," he said. "A lot of students and parents just want to know where to park, what the procedure is."

He added that towing is a last resort.

"I don't want to cost people money, and really it's only 5 to 10 percent of people who don't follow that rule," Chapman said. "They know they can't get away with it, but 95 to 99 percent do, everyone should be able to.

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Reps
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Rippergang participated in weekly phone banks to recruit party support across the district, distributing free promotional materials and soliciting volunteer support.

In addition to canvassing Notre Dame’s campus and the larger voting Republican students for absentee ballots this semester, the club will also focus on the battleground state of Michigan, which is divided between strong union labor force and a rural conservative base.

"Our club will follow the Republican National Convention closely, and use it as a springboard to launch republican grassroots support to keep our Congressional majority and the White House," he said. "We come to the table with Washington experience, dedication and the will to fight this battle to the last punch."

Jaimie Feltsault, vice president of College Republicans, worked for the Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert in his con-
gressional office in Washington, D.C.

While there, she attended meetings with prominent members of Congress, committee chairmen and officials in the Bush administration.

Use of my best memo-
ries was seeing President George W. Bush address a gathering of thousands at a fundraiser put on by the National Republican Congressional Committee at the Washington Convention Center," she said.

"Her various duties for the speaker include conducting research, attending committee hearings and drafting letters detailing the speaker’s views on various policy issues."

"The next 10 weeks will be a crucial time in our country’s history with much riding on the outcome of November’s election," she said. "Political activism, whether it’s in local elections, national campaigns, or with senators and congressmen in D.C., will be a turning point in this milestone election year."

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THE FIRST 250 FANS RECEIVE A MEGAPHONE AND POPCORN
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students started with lottery
nothing but destiny," said she had a
similar experience to
Draycott's. "We went at 9 and got
through at 9:30," Kelley said.
According to official rules established by the Notre Dame
ticket office, one student can
take five tickets for a maximum of six student IDs. But
Kelley said the selling did not seem concerned about that
standard and allowed her group to pass through without
counting tickets.
For their part, the ushers in
charge of selling tickets said they
tried to oversee a process that would best en­
lighten students. "We're just trying to accom­
omdate students," said Josh Berlo, director of tickets.
The lottery ticket system was
implemented in the fall of 2003 at the direction of the Student Activities Office, said Berlo. Previously,
students camped outside the student center to buy tickets. Head usher Cappy Gagnon, who is in charge of running
the lottery, said he was quite pleased with the results of this
week.
"We do it by feel, really, so
everyone can get tickets with people who want to. It's not
an exact science," Gagnon said.
"Just win it go smoothly,
quickly, efficiently, and have a
heart to it too."
As for whether officials adhered to the six tickets per
person rule, Gagnon said the rule served only as a general
guideline this year.

"I've ignored the six if I
thought it was a good rea­
son to ignore it," he said.
In regard to the rule itself, Gagnon said it would likely not
be even be used next year.
"It is something the
University says it will imple­
mment an online system for both
the student and alumni lottery. This will save students the two trips out
to the student center, he said.
However, both Gagnon and
Berlo said it would be one to
three years before such a sys­
tem is in place, and the University will wait until both
student and alumni systems are in place before making the
change.

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promote freedom and
more democracy. All of my
work has involved writing
and speaking out against
t all kinds of violence,
extremism and literalism.
"We applied for a visa
throughs, but it is definitively
continued. "Everything
was transplanted. We were
preparing ourselves to
come to the States to
settle."
Instead, Ramadan and
the Kroc Institute have
tried to reach out to
straight people, he said.
"But that actually
affects gay and lesbian
students, I don't know."
Notre Dame's homophobic
reputation actually has a dou­
ble effect, said senator Day
Zimmer, another member of
the Standing Committee.
"It is part of the Catholic
pope's vision. Jesus just
doesn't give much of an option
on this issue, which is not true
of the Vatican," he said.
"It's not so much discouraging as disap­
pointing, because it's based
on student perception of the
University," he said.
Ramadan said he has
gotten compliments from the Church's
teachers and students, who are gay, lesbian,
bisexual and transgender, and
are reaching out to students
who might have ques­
tions in.
In addition to "Alternative"
and "Intramural Sports," Notre
Dame offers courses in both "Student
and "Instructors' courses that
are open to all students,
and strategically take courses
in areas where the
Kroc Institute is

Cynthia Mahmood
Kroc Institute

"It's a real pity for
the United States
to be afraid of
alternative voices."

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asks students to use a sliding scale to rank their agreement
with the statement, "Students, faculty and administrators treat all persons equally regardless of
sexual orientation."
While the survey also pro­
vides a chance for students to expand on their opinions
through open-ended questions, these written responses are
solely for the guide's descrip­
tion purposes and are not
taken into account in the rank­
ings, Olsen said.
He stressed that there is no dif­
ference between how the
Review calculates a seemingly
straightforward ranking such as "Everyone Plays Intramural Sports," in which Notre
Dame also ranked first — and
a more ambiguous one like
"Non-heterosexual students are treated fairly by student athletes.
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**UNited Arab Emirates**

**Group encourages women to fight**

Associated Press

DUBAI — An Islamist women’s group has launched a local magazine aimed at recruiting Arab women to fight holy war in support of non-Muslims.

The Al-Khansa magazine was published about a week ago and expected to appear monthly, also providing recruits with how-to articles on jihadi, or holy warrior, information on training injuries and advice on raising children to fight nonbelievers.

The magazine, appearing on several extremist Islamic Web sites, claims to have been started “at the initiative of female refugees and soldiers in Saudi Arabia, Abdelaziz al-Moqrin and Issa Saud Mohammed bin Oushan.”

It said, security forces killed al-Moqrin, who was believed to be al-Qaida’s chief military presence in Saudi Arabia. Oushan, who was killed in July, and al-Moqrin were among a group of Cuba’s most-wanted militants.

The magazine is produced by the “women’s media center” in Saudi Arabia, where al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden’s wife, who is a Saudi and Islam’s second holiest shrines are located.

Cuba’s chief Islamic expert Mohamed Salah poured scorn on the 22-page publication, describing it as a “media stunt” by Islamic killers to show their strengths to the world, that they can “kill from their homes [and] not just everyone, including women and children, against Israel.”

“What is new here is the image of the medium of the United Arab Emirates as the medium of the women’s revolution,” he added.

Al-Khansa, the periodical’s title, was the name of a revered Arab poet who converted to Islam during the time of the 7th century Prophet Muhammad.

She was said to have been associated with Muhammad’s close acquaintances and was known for eloquencies written for her brother, a stigmatized man in Syrian Islamic days. Al-Khansa also encouraged her four sons to take part in Islamic baseball to spread Islam. She was killed in battle.

Unsigned magazine editorials say female Islamists are allowed to design their own veils and abayas [long black cloaks], with our weapons in our hands and our children in our arms,” it added. “The blood of our husbands and the limbs of our children are an offering to God.”

Women raising children, it says, must understand that their “main mission is to present lions to the battle field.”

Saudian journalist Saied al-Salih, who created the magazine in an article published in al-Qaida’s daily al-Quran, says its “rhetoric takes a very dangerous turn when it directs the words of women in their educational role and capacity to influence children’s upbringing.”

Evon Kohlimann, a Washington-based terrorism expert, said the magazine appeared linked to Islamist extremists who “know about religion and fighting, but they are not necessarily people who have an effect over al-Qaida.”

Its first issue includes pictures of Muslim female soldiers and fighters and criticism of calls for improved women’s rights in Saudi Arabia, a conservative kingdom where women enjoy far fewer freedoms and rights than men.

The magazine says even though jihad, in terms of actual fighting, is primarily men’s work, “women can fight without the permission of their husbands or guardians since it would be a duty, and duties do not require permission.”

The notion is shocking in hard-line Saudi Arabia, where women are alleged to be accompanied by a male guardian at most times, particularly in public.

“If theoretically this sounds so interesting, but on the ground it is unrealistic” for female militants, it would be able to endure the rigors of the same rigorous, said Salah, the Egyptian expert.

Women did take part in the Egyptian Islamic Group’s 1990s anti-government insurgency, Salah noted, and at least four were tried for involvement in violence, in Palestine, Lebanon and Sudan, and when they also had carried out militant acts, including suicide bombings.

The editors of the magazine for women in South Africa said that women in Sri Lanka used a woman, who detonated explosives strapped to her body, to assassinate former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi during a 1991 campaign rally.

To Kohlimann, the U.S. expert, did not rule out the possibility of effective female militants, who he believes can benefit from an element of their culture that don’t expect women to carry out terror attacks.

“Women don’t really fit the [militant] model which makes carrying out operations easier for them,” he said.

**Cuba severs ties with Panama**

**Associated Press**

PANAMA CITY — Cuba severed diplomatic ties with Panama on Thursday, retaliating within hours for the president’s pardoning four Cuban political exiles suspected of trying to assassinate Cuban President Fidel Castro.

Announcing the pardons just days before she was to leave office, President Mireya Moscoso said she wanted to prevent a future government from extraditing the four when they finish their terms. She pardoned Luis Posada Carriles, Gaspar Jimenez, Guillermo Novo and Pedro Remon.

Cuban officials say Posada led a plot to kill Castro at a summit in Panama in November 2000.

“We know that if they stay, they would face the possibility of being extradited to a regime that is certain to be appealed to the Supreme Court’s,” the president said.

Cuba had threatened Sunday to immediately break off relations with Panama if Moscoso pardoned the four exiles.

Expressing anger at the tone of the Cuban complaints, Moscoso withdrew her country’s ambassador from the island with what she called being the Cuban ambassador here to levels.”

Cuba’s state-run television announced Thursday that a special program would air later about Posada — whom she has called “the worst terrorist in the hemisphere.”

The diplomatic clash erupted after Moscoso was to seek political asylum, it was handled over on the presidency on Sept. 1 to Martin Torrijos.

**Students from the University of Panama throw molotov cocktails at police during a street protest against Panamanian President Mireya Moscoso’s decision to pardon four Cuban exiles Thursday.**

**Judge seconds abortion act ruling**

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — A federal judge declared the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act unconstitutional because it does not contain an exception to protect a woman’s health, something the Supreme Court said is required in laws prohibiting the procedure.

U.S. District Judge Richard C. Casey issued his ruling Thursday — the second such ruling in three months — even as he called the procedure gruesome, brutal, barbaric and uncivilized.

The law, signed last November, banned a procedure known to doctors as intact dilation and extraction and called partial-birth abortion by abortion foes. The fetus is partially extruded from the womb, and the skull is punctured or crushed.

Louise Melling, director of the ACLU’s Reproductive Freedom Project, said her group was thrilled by the ruling.

“We can only hope as we have decision after decision after decision striking these bans, saying they endanger women’s health. That these future fates will finally stop,” she said.

On June 1, U.S. District Judge Phyllis Hamilton in San Francisco also found the law unconstitutional, saying it violates a woman’s right to choose an abortion. A judge in Lincoln, Neb., has yet to rule. The three judges suspended the ban while they hold the trials.

The three verdicts are almost certain to be appealed to the Supreme Court.

“We are in the process of the appeal of these issues now,” Attorney General John Ashcroft said Thursday.

The government has already appealed the San Francisco ruling, and Melling said Monday that a Justice Department spokesman.

The ban, which President Clinton vetoed, was seen by abortion rights activists as a fundamental development from the Supreme Court’s 1973 precedent in Roe v. Wade. But the Bush administration has argued that the procedure is cruel and unnecessary and causes pain to the fetus.

At least this year, doctors testified that of 1.3 million abortions performed annually, the law would affect about 130,000, almost all in the second trimester. Some observers suggest the number would be much lower — 2,200 to 5,000.
SMC welcomes new directors

By APRIL THOMAS
News Writer

After all but one of the Saint Mary's hall directors left the College at the end of last year, three new faces were on hand to greet students as they settled into their dorms.

Kirsten Mannion, Nicole Clery and Sarah Allard took on the positions left vacant by women with years of experience at SMC.

Mannion, now at the helm of LeMans Hall, is a New York native and a 2001 graduate of Trinity College, a small women's school in Vermont. Mannion fell in love with Saint Mary's after she posted her resume on the resident life website and began corresponding with Saint Mary's Resident Life director Michelle Russell.

Ready for the new year, Mannion said she hopes to get to know her residents, promote the women of LeMans Hall.

"Move-in weekend was exciting. I could put names to faces," she said. "The Saint Mary's women have been open and eager to help and made me feel right at home."

Clery's journey was a mere puddle-jump, as she shifted from a veteran resident advisor in LeMans Hall to the director of Holy Cross.

"It was a natural progression," Clery said.

The 2004 Saint Mary's graduate and current Florida resident served as a resident assistant in LeMans for three years while she pursued a bachelor's degree in communications.

After toying with the idea of becoming an admissions counselor, Clery decided the hall director position more her calling.

Clery enters this school year with optimism and plans to inspire hall spirit.

"I want Holy Cross residents to get involved in their hall and college," she said.

This year, along with the usual dozens of freshmen McCandless Hall welcomed its new director Allard.

A Northern Illinois University graduate from outside Peoria, Ill., Allard stumbled upon the position over the Internet.

"I chose Saint Mary's because it was so different than NIU," she said. "I wanted a different experience."

Allard said she found the summer-to-school year transition surprisingly smooth because the resident move-ins were sporadic and manageable.

She added that she wants the women of McCandless to enjoy their time at Saint Mary's and take advantage of all the opportunities the College offers.

"I hope they will have fun but maintain focus on their studies," she said.

Hall director duties include supporting and directing the resident assistants of each hall, coordinating hall programs and events, distributing Residence Life-issued information and overseeing the front desk workers of the hall.

The women are replacing former hall directors Christine Artz, Melissa Peters and Natalia Kuhn.

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Kissinger comments on green lighted abuses

WASHINGTON — While Argentina's military junta was suppressing dissent in 1976, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger told the country's foreign minister, "If there are things that have to be done, you should do them quickly," according to a newly declassified document.

The conversation left Argentine generals with the belief that Kissinger gave them "a carte blanche for the dirty war," said Carlos Ossorio of the National Security Archives. The foreign policy research center obtained the documents that were being released Friday.

But a former State Department official who attended Kissinger's meeting in June 1976 with Argentina's foreign minister, Adm. Cesar Augusto Guevez, said that view was "a distortion of history."

"It's a canard," said William D. Rogers, vice chair of Kissinger's lobbying firm, Kissinger Associates. "The idea that he would tell another country to violate human rights quickly or slowly or under any circumstance is preposterous."

Kissinger's office did not respond to a request for comment.

The documents revive the debate about Kissinger's relationship with military dictators in Latin America when he was secretary of state in the Nixon and Ford administrations. It was an era when military officers frequently toppled elected governments, but were accepted by U.S. leaders as anti-communist allies.

Argentina's military rulers seized power in a March 1976, beginning six years of rule in which they kidnapped, tortured and killed dissidents. The government says 8,900 people disappeared over that period; human rights groups put the figure around 30,000.

Three months after the coup, Kissinger met Guzzetti while in Santiago, Chile, to attend an Organization of American States meeting. Detailed notes of the meeting were taken by Luigi Einaudi, a member of the State Department policy planning staff. Einaudi now is assistant secretary general at the OAS.

In an interview, Einaudi said his recollections of the meeting are vague after 28 years, but he doubts Kissinger would have said anything to condone abuses. He remembers the threat of a United Nations resolution and the U.S. president's support for the junta.

Kissinger told Guzzetti he wished his government well. "We wish it will succeed," he said, "and we can do what we can to help it succeed," Kissinger said, according to Einaudi's account.

Kissinger spoke of Argentina's problem in which "political, criminal and terrorist activities tend to merge without any clear separation." He said he understood the government's need to establish authority, "but it is also clear that the absence of normal procedures will be used against you."

Kissinger said the United States could not help Argentina economically. Instead, he offered to find the need to "create disincentives to potential terrorist activities" and complained that outsiders did not understand Argentina's problems.

Einaudi's notes show Kissinger responded "as a friend," that "military governments are not the most effective in dealing with these problems." He noted problems in Chile, then led by Gen. Augusto Pinochet.

"You will have to make an internal effort to know your problems understood," Kissinger said. "Otherwise you too will come under increasing attack. If there are things that have to be done, you should do them quickly. But you must get back quickly to normal procedures."

Previously declassified documents suggest that Argentine leaders took heart from the exchange. President Jorge Videla told U.S. Ambassador Robert Hill in that September that "Kissinger understood their problem and had said they could get terrorism under control as quickly as possible."

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Prove ranking wrong

Rankings carry great weight at a school like Notre Dame. Students, administrators and faculty are rightfully proud of the University's consistent status as a top school in academics, sports, spirituality and other distinctions that make the school famous. Now we're No. 1 — again — as the most homogeneous university in America, as thousands of high school seniors will learn when they scour the Princeton Review rankings in search of the perfect college fit. But how much stock should they, and the University, place in the Review's choice?

Of course, these seniors also know that Notre Dame is one of the premier Catholic universities in the country, where many students follow that Church's teachings to the letter of the law. But that Catholic identity should never give the impression that the University actively discriminates against any individuals — regardless of what doctrine says about their sexual orientation — who choose to enter the Notre Dame community.

It is clear the Notre Dame student body doesn't want to be on the most homophoblic list, much less stop it. Last year, the "Gay? Fine By Me" campaign blanketed campus on two separate occasions, with nearly 2,000 people donned the bright orange shirts. While this kind of demonstration is intended to prove the Review's rankings are inaccurate, it cannot affect change when the evaluation procedure itself is skewed. To compile its homophobic rankings, the Review simply asked 300 students at random to agree or disagree with one statement: "Students, faculty and administrators treat all persons equally regardless of sexual orientation." The answers, based on a one-to-five sliding scale, were then compiled and posted in the publication. The Princeton Review's generalizations about colleges across the country based on such an unreliable method of research are simply irresponsible. To stereotype any school for any issue — from the biggest party school to the worst food to the most homophobc — on such limited questioning is unfair.

But this does not excuse the fact that Notre Dame is still on the list. Rather, it should remind students that prejudice against homosexuals is still a very real issue on this campus. Even though the survey sought opinions from a very small constituent of Notre Dame students, the results have teeth. Three hundred students who perceive such a large problem on this campus are 300 too many.

The student body should take offense at how outsiders — especially those thousands of high school seniors — perceive its attitudes. The Princeton Review's assessment of Notre Dame should motivate all students, faculty and administrators to act in a manner fair to all individuals, regardless of differences in race, gender or sexual orientation. Changing just 300 minds could change far more.

Letter to the Editor

Revocation of visa a bad omen

I was very disturbed to read the Aug. 25 Observer that the Department of Homeland Security has withdrawn the visa of Professor Tarik Ramadan, a distinguished Muslim scholar scheduled to begin teaching at Notre Dame this fall. In a recent story in the Chicago Tribune, Professor Scott Appleby was reported as saying that anyone who has evidence that Professor Hamadan has links to terrorist groups or activities should produce it; otherwise, it looks very much as if Professor Ramadan is being kept out of the country, where many students follow the Church's teachings to the letter of the law. But that Catholic identity should never give the impression that the University actively discriminates against any individuals — regardless of what doctrine says about their sexual orientation — who choose to enter the Notre Dame community.

I am sure I join many of my colleagues in supporting the University in its efforts to obtain an explanation, and hopefully a reversal of this troubling decision.

Jean Porter
O'Brien Professor of Theological Ethics

Observer Cartoon

Quote of the Day

"Don't ask for a light load, but rather ask for a strong back."

Unknown
OLYMPICS

Hamm, Foudy and Fawcett end with gold

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — When the final whistle blew, an exhausted Mia Hamm was quickly swarmed by 17 thrilled teammates. A few minutes later, an Olympic medal was hanging around her neck, too.

Hamm and the rest of the Fab Five had just enough legs left in their thighs/something for legs for one more title, beating Brazil 2-1 Thursday in overtime in their final tournament together.

"I can't think of a better group of players that I'd want to stand out there and compete with," Hamm said. "They carried me tonight, that's for sure."

Abby Wambach, the player who might break Hamm's one record a day, scored in the 112th minute with a powerful 10-yard header off a corner kick from Kristine Lilly. It was Wambach's fourth goal of the Athens Games and 18th in her last 20 games.

Hamm acknowledged the final competitive appearance together for the remaining players from the first World Cup champion team in 1991. The five helped bring women's soccer to national prominence and captured the country's imagination by winning the World Cup in 1999, and together they have played in 1,230 international matches.

"They were very good on 3s. That was something new in this tournament," Spain's Pau Gasol said. "They looked motivated, and it'll be hard to beat them if they keep playing like that."

At the other end of the floor, practicing jumpers in an empty gym on a day off, Marbury made his point: He wasn't 12-for-22, and was a big reason why the previously undefeated Spaniards were bending, but we weren't breaking," goalkeeper Briana Scurry said. "They were playing a lot of defense, but we weren't breaking,"

Pesquera called his late timeout.

Several Spanish players threw tantrums over a timeout Brown took with 23 seconds left and his team up 11 points.

"I had — and I stress the word 'had' — a lot of respect for Larry Brown," said Pesquera, who smirked and shook his head when he heard Brown explain that he tried to rescind the time-out. "Dean Smith would have never done anything like that."

Marbury scored just 21 points in his team's first five games, missing 24 of 30 shots. The other five American starters, playing against Puerto Rico and Lithuania, were 9-for-18 in that time.

But those struggles are in the past, as the Americans now have a chance to win the gold medal. Next up is a semifinal Friday against Argentina, which in 2002 became the first team to make U.S. squad comprised of NBA players.

Argentina defeated Germany 69-64 in Thursday's final quarterfinal. The other semifinal pits Lithuania, which defeated China 95-75, against Italy, which downed Puerto Rico 93-70. Marbury's 31 points and broke the team record of five set by Reggie Miller against China in 1996, and his scoring total passed the mark of 30 points shared by Charles Barkley (1992 vs. Brazil) and Adrian Dantley (1976 vs. Yugoslavia). The Olympic record is 55 points by Oscar Schmidt of Brazil against Spain in 1988. The record for any U.S. player is 35 by Lisa Leslie against Japan in 1996.

Allen Iverson added 16 points, making three 3-pointers, and the American bench outscored Spain 38-21 in the final two minutes, and they topped 100 points for the first time in the tournament.

The Americans finished 12-for-22 on 3-pointers after shooting a tournament-low 24 percent in their first five games.

"We've been playing against so much noise, it doesn't really matter anymore," Marbury said. "We're starting to like playing against noise."

Marbury had struggled the most in the team's first five games, uncomfortable with Brown's insistence that a point guard should run the offense rather than initiate it.Pesquera wasn't buying Brown's explanation. "I tried to tell him, I tried to explain something about the NBA. I don't know why he continues to do that with his team," Brown said.

The victory also offers a measure of vindication for coach April Heinrichs, who took over after the 1999 World Cup triumph and failed to win the top prize in 2000 or 2003, when the team was captained by the last time by Foudy, who played the entire 120 minutes just three days after spraining her right ankle in the semifinal victory over Germany.

ATHENS, Greece — Written off earlier this year and branded failures back home, Stephanie Maples, Marbury and the Americans are showing signs that they just might be the team to beat after all.

For a change, the face of frustration belonged to someone other than an American after Marbury's performance. He set a men's Olympic record with 31 points and broke the team record of five set by Reggie Miller against China in 1996, and his

Marbury's 31 points leads U.S.past Spain

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Pavin leads way at Buick Championship

Matt Weibring chips out of the sand at the Buick Championship Thursday in Cromwell, Conn.

Associated Press

CROMWELL, Conn. — Corey Pavin started strong and finished with a flourish for one of the best rounds of his career and a three-stroke lead at the inaugural Buick Championship on Thursday.

Pavin matched his career low with an 8-under-par 66 at TPC at River Highlands. It was also a season low for 44-year-old Pavin and the best round in his 12 appearances at the tournament formerly called the Greater Hartford Open.

Pavin has contended in this event several times, especially in the mid-1990s when he finished with a second and third. "I've had good success in the past and for some reason, I play OK," Pavin said. "Anytime you're at a golf course you feel comfortable on, you just feel good that you might shoot a good score or things are going to come together and today was a day that everything seemed to come together." Bob Burns and Matt Weibring are second at 5-under 65. Bunched together four strokes back are the leader and the leader with 66s were Fred Funk, David Peoples, Jerry Kelly, Jason Dufner and Craig Bowden.

Pavin's round was one stroke off the tournament record of 63 held by three players — Bob Tway, Tom Purtzer and Dave Stockton, who did it in 1982. Pavin had nine birdies and two bogeys and softened the greens at TPC at River Highlands. Pavin held a 120-yard wedge shot on the 341-yard second hole for an eagle. His seven-birdie round included a 45-foot chip-in at No. 18 that brought a roar from the gallery.

His only stumble was a bogey at No. 12, when he missed a 10-foot par. The 24-year-old Weibring is playing on a sponsor's exemption and is competing in just his third PGA Tour event. His father, D.A. Weibring, won this event in 1996 with his then 16-year-old son in the gallery.

Matt Weibring is making his first return to Hartford since that win, but remembers vividly his father's celebration and the thrill of playing in the final round and his one-stroke win over Tom Kite. "I've got real good memories of my dad hitting those shots, so kind of in my head, I had an idea what to do and what kind of shots to play," the youngster Weibring said. "If I can stay and not get caught up in what is actually happening, I think I'll be able to be all right." Burns has made just nine cuts in 21 events this season and has one top-10 finish. His first lonely win came at the Disney Classic in 2002.

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MLB

Royals’ Berroa struggles at plate

2003 AL Rookie of the Year falters after solid season

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — At this point in a lost season, the Kansas City Royals can only hope that Angel Berroa turns out better than the calendar.

Rob Hamelin was the AL Rookie of the Year in 1994 with the Royals, a big slugger with a colorful nickname. Five years later, he was out of the big leagues.

The Royals believe Berroa can avoid that fate. Berroa was the AL’s top rookie last year, winning the award and sparking the Royals into a playoff race.

But this year, the 26-year-old shortstop stumbled so badly at the plate and in the field that he wound up at Double-A Wichita earlier this month.

"He knows why we sent him down," Kansas City manager Tony Pena said Monday after Berroa was recalled from his two-week stint in the minors. "This ballclub had not played well the whole year and he wanted to do more than what he was capable of doing. He started pressing and tried to carry the ballclub all by himself, so we sent him down just to get him to relax and come back playing the way he’s capable of playing," he said.

Berroa was hitting under .200 as the weekend approached and striking out four times as much as he walked. He also was among the league leaders in errors. It’s a far cry from last season, when he hit .287 with 17 homers and 73 RBIs. After finishing with their first winning season in almost a decade, the Royals rewarded him in May with a four-year, $11 million contract extension.

Berroa is not the only Kansas City player struggling this summer. The Royals already are out of playoff contention, a disappointing performance for a young team that hoped to build on its 2003 surge. Whatever Berroa is going through — and whether he’s still bothered by the migraine headaches that put him on the 15-day disabled list in April — he’s keeping it to himself.

There’s no chance even to ask. "I don’t want to talk. Nothing to say," Angel Berroa said after Monday’s game.

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Wichita manager Frank White, who played 18 years at second base with the Royals and won eight Gold Gloves over that span, recently said Berroa seemed to be learning from his demotion.

"Basically what you're trying to do is just keep him focused," White said. "When you have the kind of success he had last year — and then this year he's not making the routine plays — then basically, you have to go back and ask, 'Is he ready for them?' Is he doing everything he's supposed to do? Is he going out there before every pitch and say, 'I want the ball hit?'"

In one game at Wichita, Berroa showed off his skills in the field with six assists.

"When you watch him play shortstop, things just come so easily for him," White said. "He's got a quick arm, and he's got a lot of strength in that arm. Every night, he's made two or three outstanding plays."

But on the basepaths, Berroa showed a lapse in concentration that could have cost Wichita the game.

With the score tied at 3 in the bottom of the ninth, he hit it off with a single and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt. Then he took off for third — on his own, White said — and was thrown out. The next batter up singled.

"The good thing is, he was hustling and being aggressive," White said. "You don't ever want to take that away from a guy — you just want to explain the situation."
Paul Robinson / The Daily Cougar

Is living in South Bend dangerous?

Do your allergies or asthma get worse when you return to South Bend in the fall? The problem may be more serious than anyone imagines.

Industry-reported Toxic Release Inventories (TRIs), required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, seem to show that St. Joseph County’s cancer risk, from air pollution, is among the highest in the nation.

Trichloroethene (TCE) and dichloroethene (DCE), the most common of the solvents used in dry cleaning, were found in South Bend waters in the 1990s. Of all counties in the United States, living in an air pollution "non-attainment area," South Bend residents face a cancer risk 100 times higher than that mandated by the U.S. Clean Air Act. The county’s emissions of volatile organic compounds, for example, place it among the dirtiest counties in the entire United States.

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For one thing, TRIs are based only on what local polluting industries claim they release. Most TRIs are never audited. When they are, they show companies greatly underreport toxic releases. After all, would every industry report its illegal releases, if doing so might bring fines and lawsuits?

Second, the South Bend situation is worse than TRI data indicate because TRI county reports cover only releases in a county’s own territory. The South Bend chamber of commerce (aggregate) pollution, including both local and upwind sources, is much higher than the TRI data show. South Bend is downhill from heavy polluters Gary and Elkhart (in Elkhart and Porter Counties). Lake County is in the worst 10 percent of all U.S. counties for land releases of hazardous wastes, for example. Porter County is in the worst 10 percent of all U.S. counties for air releases of reproductive toxicants. These two counties, between Chicago and South Bend, release at least as many carcinogens as does South Bend. And although South Bend residents face pollution from all three counties, our TRI data include only the St. Joseph County contributions to South Bend pollution. Theignore the toxic releases we receive downwind from the other two counties. As a result, we, South Bend residents, often breathe air that is worse than that in other counties.

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Third, industry-report ed TRI data are likely under-reports of pollution because they are company estimates. They are not based on measured releases.

Fourth, the EPA requires only the largest industries to report TRI data. Other releases are ignored.

Fifth, TRI data cover only about 650 of the 80,000 U.S. industrial chemicals.

Ninety-eight percent of these chemicals have never been systematically tested.

Sixth, companies are required to report neither the quantities of toxic chemicals they use, nor the quantities remaining in products — both of which provide clues for estimating actual releases.

Finally, TRI data underestimate local pollution, especially carcinogens, because they do not The information about residents or total toxic chemical exposure, in addition to doses from selected local industries.

What are the main industry-released pollutants? TRI data for 2003, the latest year for which individual data are available, show the 12 pollutants, in pounds per year released in South Bend. St. Joseph County, are styrene (263,945), toluene (66,918), methyl isobutyl ketone (50,685), xylene (49,049), n-hexane (20,998), chlorine (14,806), hydrochloric acid (11,869), ethylene (10,472), manganese (9,013), Glycol ethers (5,364), aluminum (4,895) and zinc compounds (3,697). Who are some of the local companies, like AM General, releasing these chemicals? TRI data show major styrene and zinc-compound polluters include Interplex Corporation. Major ben­ zene, toluene, ethylene and methyl­ butyl ketone polluters include Honeywell. Torro Products and Lock Joint Tube are among those releasing Xylene and hydrochloric acid. Major hydrochloric acid polluters include Kokomo Wire Industries. Federal Mogul is a major lead, manganese, aluminum, nickel, copper and zinc­ compound polluter. Major methyl ethyl ketone and sulfuric acid polluters include Nimit. Koenz-Wagner, E. I. Dupont de Nemours is the largest chlor­ othene polluter. And among other chemicals, Steel Warehouse releases nickel, chromium, manganese and hydrochloric acid.

All these TRI chemicals are extremely hazardous. Most are both carcinogenic and developmental or reproductive toxicants that affect children and women disproportionately. Styrene, for example, also are suspected neurotoxins, cardiovascular toxicants, liver toxicants, gastrointestinal toxicants, immunotoxicants, kidney toxicants, respiratory toxicants and skin toxicants.

But South Bend companies, like Interplex and Nimit, have more in common than industry-reported TRI data. They are the major polluters who receive annual city­tax breaks. South Bend literally pays these industries, even though they make some of us sick.

Do the added jobs created by polluting companies ethically justify their tax breaks? And do these local polluters actually create jobs? Should they be the most vulnerable among us, our children and members of minority groups, bear the burden of South Bend economic development?

See later columns. The answers may surprise you.

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The Show presents
Emcee continues to stand tall for his beliefs in new album

By MARIA SMITH

Anyone who thinks hip-hop is all about cars, money and using women has obviously never heard Talib Kweli.

Since "Black Star," his first album with Mos Def was released in 1998, the emcee has gained a reputation for conscientious rap about real life and real problems. In contrast to many popular hip-hop artists, Kweli talks about politics, poverty and family intelligently and poetically.

Kweli may not have earned the radio time and bigger contracts of some of his more famous peers, but the difference is hardly due to a difference in quality of music. Like much of the best music of any genre, Kweli's tracks have gained more respect than radio play.

"Considering me the entity within the industry without a history of spitting the epitome of stupidity -- livin' my life expressin' my liberty, it gotta be done properly. My name is in the middle of e-Kweli-tj.

People follow me and other cats they hear him flow. And assume I'm the real one with lyrics like I'm Cyranos."

"Quality"

"My heart go out to everybody at Ground Zero. Red, black, yellow, white and brown heroes. It's more complicated than black and white. To give your own life is the greatest sacrifice. But it's hard for me to walk down the block. Seeing rats and mice, crack vials and 40 ounce posters. People broken down from years of oppression. People are put to death when they walk off of a tear gas truck."

"Train of Thought/Reflection Eternal" from "Memories Live"".

MOS DEF and
Talib Kweli are
Black Star

"Take it into your chi, utilize your memory. To help you see clearly, then get back to me. Actually, nothing's new under the sun. So when life be stressing me, my remedy is bringing back sweet memories like the faces that are woven in the fabric of my consciousness."

"Reflection Eternal".

Emcee Talib Kweli has earned respect throughout the Hip-hop community for his politically conscious lyrics.

Photo courtesy of www.freesamples.net
Another school year has begun, and yet again, students must contemplate how to spend their precious first weekend hours.

If you"a music fan, The Show version 3.0, sponsored by the Student Union Board, scheduled for tonight is an event not to be missed. This year’s concert will bring co-headliner Jason Mraz, one of the biggest up-and-coming artists on the popular music scene, to the Joyce Center for a price that is impossible to beat. His album "Waiting for My Rocket to Come" debuted in November 2002 and rose quickly in the charts. You'll most likely remember Mraz for his song, "The Remedy," which constantly played on top 40 radio stations across the country during the summer of 2003.

Mraz grew up in Mechanicsville, Va., listening to the Dave Matthews Band and local roots musicians. He began his career with an interest and participation in musical theatre. After graduating high school, he moved to New York to attend the American Musical and Dramatic Academy, but dropped out after only a year to take up the guitar and focus on songwriting.

After living and working in New York, Mraz returned to Virginia, but only for a short time. In 1999 he headed west to San Diego, known across the country for its coffeehouse scene and large support of upcoming singers and songwriters. One of the most famous artists to emerge from this unique music scene prior to Mraz is Jewel. Mraz began playing local shops and found a weekly gig at a popular, local coffee shop called Java Joe's. Around the same time, Mraz met drummer Toea Rivera. Soon afterward, the two were playing together with Mraz on acoustic guitar and Rivera on djembe. They created a live performance that showcased as much comedy between the two as it did music.

Mraz's popularity traveled to Los Angeles over the course of the next two years, earning the attention of record labels. In early 2002, Mraz signed a contract with Elektra Records. He returned to Virginia, where he wrote and recorded his debut album. Mraz worked with producer John Alagia, famous for producing for the Dave Matthews Band, John Mayer and O.A.R. He was backed by another Alagia-produced band, the Agents of Good Roots.

Since his move to California, Mraz has shared venues with wide range of artists including Bob Dylan, Paula Cole, Jewel and David Gray. The fruits of their labors came to be "Waiting for My Rocket to Come," an album which hit the top 40 charts thanks in a large part to the success of the single "The Remedy." The heavy radio rotation of the single, coupled with word-of-mouth buzz, helped the album find its way into the CD collections of music fans across the country.

"Waiting for My Rocket to Come" blends Mraz's early influences and coming-of-age by combining country and roots rock with the poignancy of coffeehouse folk, elements of jazz and the rhythmic charge of hip-hop. His wide-ranging and unusual blend of musical influences reveals itself in his singles like the upbeat hit "The Remedy," the romantic ballad "You and I Both" and the hip-hop tinged "Gumbade Prophet."

Like many coffeehouse artists, Mraz writes emotional songs about a variety of subjects, but relationships, both good and bad, remain the central focus of much of his music.

Mraz's training as a vocalist shows itself on his debut album, which is marked by the pure clarity and range of his vocals. True to the hip-hop style he admires, Mraz also scats and raps on some of his songs, which adds a different spin to the usual acoustic singer-songwriter sound.

On Tuesday, Mraz released a live DVD combination set, "Tonight, Not Again: Jason Mraz Live at the Eagles Ballroom." Jason is joined onstage by his band and a number of special guests, including Blues Traveler's John Popper. The set list includes four new Mraz-penned songs. In addition to the full-length concert, the DVD includes an array of bonus footage, including exclusive behind-the-scenes segments.

Jason Mraz is not simply just another coffeehouse singer/songwriter. The artist has great potential for longevity. His creative lyrics, inspired delivery and ability to write high-energy music will keep fans looking for more as his career continues to grow.

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Singer/songwriter Jason Mraz mixes a variety of styles, from acoustic pop to hip-hop, on "Waiting for My Rocket to Come."
NATIONAL LEAGUE

Sosa, Ramirez go long to power Cubs past Astros

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Sammy Sosa and Aramis Ramirez hit consecutive homers in a five-run third inning, and the Chicago Cubs beat the Houston Astros 8-2 for their fifth straight win.

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Olympics

U.S. takes gold and silver in long jump

Associated Press

ATHENS — Carl Lewis went 28-5 1/2 to finish second in the men's 200-meters Thursday night, and the long jump is solidly back in American hands.

The United States made it an American sweep instead. It was a comeback for the Americans, who four years ago in Sydney failed to medal in the event for the first time since the 1980 Olympics.

Lewis went 28-5 1/2, and John Moffitt celebrate their respective gold and silver medals won in the long jump.

The event has been in the doldrums for years, and Phillips aims to bring it back, not just in the United States but everywhere.

"It feels good to go beyond the limits I dreamed of as a kid," he said. "Now I have new goals."

Phillips attended the University of Kentucky, then transferred after his sophomore year to Arizona State and began long jumping. He still lives and trains in Tempe, Ariz.

He said he was thinking world record when he fouled on his second and third jumps. An awkward landing on the second foul was a bit embarrassing. "I fell flat on my face," Phillips said. "I think more than anything my pride was cut short."

But it was quickly restored to "a guy," Phillips said. "My parents and myself, we always believed that I would," said Phillips. 26. "I mean, I didn't think that story was that big of a deal. I overcame that. Now I'm Olympic champion and happy and filled with joy."

His big two jumps this month are the best in the event since 2000. His winning mark Friday night was the Olympic best since Carl Lewis went 28-5 1/2 in 1992 for the third of his four long jump golds.

Field dominated by U.S.

Crawford, Williams and Gatling go 1-2-3 in the 200 meters

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Shawn Crawford stood silently amid the Greek chorus of whistles and boos during his relay. For four minutes, he fought to stay composed while rowdy fans chanted the name of their country and their disgraced sprinting star.

It made little difference to Crawford and his teammates. They finished 1-2-3 in the 200 meters Thursday in a big night for U.S. athletes before a rowdy crowd that wanted to see defending champion Kostas Kenteris and get an American sweep instead.

Crawford took the lead off the turn and finished in 20.79 seconds, the fastest time in the world this year and a personal best. Bernard Williams tied his personal best of 20.01 seconds for silver. Justin Gatlin, the 100 champion, won bronze in 20.03.

"We're here at the birthplace of the Olympics, the defending Olympic champion is from Greece and there were certain situations that didn't allow him to compete," Crawford said. "I can understand their feelings. I know they're disappointed. I know they're upset."

The crowd still cheered at the finish. It was the sixth time the United States has taken all three 200 medals — the last sweep was led by Carl Lewis in 1984.

And it gave the United States a total of 18 track and field medals, just two behind the total from Sydney, with the relays and pre-200 events still to come. Russia is next with nine medals.

Crawford was asked whether he felt cheated out of a victory lap because his victory lap was cut short. "I didn't worry about that," he said. "I got a full gold medal."

Olympic Stadium was packed, largely because Greeks thought they would be watching Kenteris, who withdrew from the Athens Games after missing a drug test.

The start of the 200 was delayed four minutes while spectators whirled in dervish and chanted "Kenteris" and "Hellas, Hellas" — the Greek word for Greece. They boomed loudest when the Americans were introduced.

Crawford, a flamboyant personality who had showboated mercilessly in earlier heats, was unusually subdued after the finish.

His victory gave controversial coach Trevor Graham a sweep of the men's short sprints. Crawford and Gatlin are traiting partners under Graham, who acknowledged on the night of Gatlin's 100-meter victory that he was the coach who sent a syringe of a mystery steroid to authorities last year — fueling the drug scan- 
dal that has swept the sport.

Silver medalist Bernard Williams, left, and bronze medalist Justin Gatlin congratulate each other after the 200 meters.

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Fitzpatrick, Gioia and Schmidt receive scholarships for 2004

Special to The Observer

Senior placekicker/punter D.J. Fitzpatrick, sophomore placekicker/punter Carl Gioia and senior fullback Josh Schmidt all have been awarded scholarships for the 2004-05 school year at Notre Dame after serving the team as non-scholarship players. Irish head football coach Tyrone Willingham announced Thursday.

Fitzpatrick enters the 2004 season battling for the starting position at both placekicker and punter after serving in both roles in 2003. The senior played in all 11 games last season, starting eight as the placekicker and punter, and made 1 of 2 field-goal attempts (70.6 percent), including a long of 50 yards against Navy. Also against the Midshipmen, Fitzpatrick kicked the game-winning field goal on the final play in a 27-24 win.

Schmidt was a three-time all-state selection in his prep career in which he was a son, starting eight as the placekicker/punter, and made 50 percent, including a long of 50 yards against Navy. Also against the Midshipmen, Fitzpatrick kicked the game-winning field goal on the final play in a 27-24 Notre Dame victory.

Gioia is competing for a place in placements and as a punter this fall. He did not see game action as a freshman in 2003 after choosing to attend Notre Dame following an outstanding prep career in football and soccer.

Fullback Josh Schmidt runs through a drill at practice. Schmidt, along with two other walk-ons, earned a scholarship this year.

Schmidt is a veteran fullback who emerged as a receiving threat out of the backfield in 2003. The recipient of the 2003 Knute Rockne Student-Athlete Award as the team's top academic performer, Schmidt caught 13 passes for 125 yards last season while playing in all 12 games, including a starting assignment against Brigham Young. In addition to his duties at fullback, Schmidt has been a special-teams stalwart the last two seasons.

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Phillips named new AD at NIU

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Jim Phillips, senior associate athletic director at Notre Dame for the past year and a member of the athletic department staff for the last four years, Monday was named the director of intercollegiate athletics at Northern Illinois University. He succeeds Gary Roth who left the NIU in the spring to become the athletic director at the University of Nevada.

Phillips served as the senior associate athletic director for external affairs during the 2003-04 school year after a three-year stint as the associate athletic director for community relations. His duties included the creation, coordination, management and implementation of all annual, endowment and capital development activities on behalf of the athletics department in alignment with the Central Development Office.

During 2002-03, Phillips, along with Central Development worked to launch the Rockne Heritage Fund — the first-ever athletic annual fund — that directly benefits student-athlete grant-in-aid scholarships.

Additionally, Phillips was an integral part of the campaign to underwrite the building of a new 96,000-square-foot athletics facility. This complex, currently under construction, will house the facilities of the football program, as well as offer strength and conditioning facilities and a sports medicine and rehabilitation center for the University's 26 varsity sports programs.

Phillips also directed all phases of the planning, implementation and execution of the entire athletics community relations program. This includes VIP events and recognition programs. His responsibilities also included development of new institutional and departmental advancement programs as identified by university relations and athletics.

Phillips also oversaw all aspects of the athletics ticket office including ticketing, parking, staffing, systems, and customer relations. He also coordinated corporate sponsorship for the Kevin White Radio Show, and was the liaison between these sponsors and the radio network.

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USC, vice president and legal counsel Todd Dickey said while the ruling could be appealed, the matter was closed.

"At this point, we don't believe it would be useful to go through those processes," he said. "We think the NCAA has firmly made up its mind."

Williams agreed, saying, "I'm kind of done with it right now." USC coach Pete Carroll reacted angrily to the ruling and its timing.

"It's very cold and insensitive for them to deny him this opportunity," Carroll said. "I'm not surprised by it, but I'm disappointed for Mike and his family. You'll have to go and ask the NCAA for answers, how they can turn someone down who is otherwise academically eligible."

The school had applied to the NCAA for a progress-toward-degree waiver and reinstatement of Williams' eligibility.

Williams caught 95 passes for 1,314 yards and a school-record 16 touchdowns as a sophomore last season to help the Trojans finish 12-1 and win the Pac-10 and the Rose Bowl.

NCAA bars Williams from USC team

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - The NCAA refused to reinstate Southern California All-American Mike Williams on Thursday, leaving the star wide receiver unable to rejoin the top-ranked Trojans after being shut out of the NFL draft by the courts.

"I'm glad it's over. Now the team can move forward and I can move forward," Williams said in a telephone interview. "I'm disappointed. I did everything asked of me. I don't know what I'm going to do. I'll just relax for the weekend and watch the game and root for my team."

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Williams left USC, hired an agent and said he was turning pro. That made him ineligible to play for the Trojans.

Williams was projected as a high first-round draft pick.

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Mike Williams catches a pass against Notre Dame last season. The NCAA ruled Thursday to deny him eligibility for the upcoming season.

Around the dial

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

USC vs. Virginia Tech 6:40 p.m. Sat., ESPN

OLYMPICS

Olympic Coverage 12:30 p.m., NBC
Olympic Coverage 7 p.m. daily, NBC
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NFL PRESEASON

Redskins at Rams 7 p.m., FOX
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Patriots at Panthers 7 p.m. Sat., CBS

MLB

White Sox at Indians 6 p.m., FSN
Giants vs. Braves 6 p.m., TBS
Cardinals at Pirates noon Sat., FOX
Astros at Cubs 4 p.m., WGN
Sophomore midfielder Kim Lorenzen dribbles the ball up the field during a match against Northwestern last season.

Among those veterans is forward Justin McGeeney and defender Jack Stewart, protected the 2-0 lead with relative ease, yielding nine shots, only three of which were on net and all of which were smothered by Sawyer.

"We have been at this long enough, and it is nice to have the recognition that this might happen," Waldrum said. "But we understand that the team that wins the national title is the team that gets it done at the end of the day."

Waldrum looks to the seasoned veterans to get the job done. By adding several new players, the Irish have added depth to the team and hope to best their 2003 record of 20-3.

Among those veterans is fifth-year All-American defender Melissa Tancredi and defender Candace Chapman.

Tancredi and Chapman recently received honors of being named to the Soccer Buzz preseason All-American squad, and are among the 25 players named to the preseason watch list for the Hermann Trophy national player-of-the-year award.

This marks the first time since 1997 the Irish will be returning two All-American defenders. In addition to these players, there are several new freshmen who contributed to the team during preseason play in Brazil. Jannica Tjeder, Ashley Jones, Lauren Karas and Amanda Chialli all added a newfound energy to the Irish roster.

The key to success this season will be in adjusting team dynamics. Waldrum said, "Integrating the new players will contribute to the team's rhythm and will help us against the tremendously difficult schedule that we have this year, Waldrum said.

"It must be made quickly," Waldrum said. "We have been working to put those words into action at practice, quickly trying to find a balance in the midst of a fast paced and often hectic season."

"We tend to play so much better when the team has clicked," Waldrum said. "This is when our kids show off their stuff."
Campus Ministry

what’s happening

friday 08.27
African American Student Ministry
the Plunge Retreat
Friday - Saturday
Fatima Retreat Center

saturday 08.28
Mass
5:15pm
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

special event
Student Activities Night
7:00pm-9:00pm
Joyce Center
Stop by the Campus Ministry table for good conversation and a special gift!

Find the latest on upcoming retreat signup dates, Mass schedules and special campus ministry events at campusministry.nd.edu

prayer for the beginning of a new school year
May the Lord wake me each morning with energy and joy.
May the Lord bless my preparations, giving me an organized mind and enthusiastic heart.
May the Lord strengthen me each day with focus and perseverance.
May the Lord bless my classes, making me hungry to learn and eager to understand and remember.
May the Lord refresh me each night with health and rest, blessing my sleep with freedom from worry.
May my semester be fruitful, with my efforts bringing glory to the Lord, and may I always know the joy and love of the Lord.

-Ashley Payne, Kavanaugh Hall

mass schedule

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Saturday Vigil Mass
5:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter A. Jarrel, csc
Sunday
10:00 a.m.
Rev. Peter A. Jarrel, csc
11:45 a.m.
Rev. Paul F. Doyle, csc

Sunday’s Scripture Readings
1st: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
2nd: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Around Campus (every Sunday)
1:30 p.m.
Spanish Mass
St. Edward’s Hall Chapel
3:00 p.m.
Law School Mass
Law School Commons
7:00 p.m.
MBA Mass
Mendoza C08 Faculty Lounge
10:00 p.m.
Rejoice! Mass
Coleman-Morse Chapel

HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS
by Fr. Richard V. Warner, C.S.C.
Director of Campus Ministry

Our new academic year is underway! With the return of the students, the Notre Dame campus is once again what it has always meant to be - a place where talented young people have once again returned “home” and are delighted to be with each other. Whenever I am away from campus for any period of time, as soon as I see the steeple of the Basilica with its glimmering cross, the Golden Dome with the Lady of the House exactly where she belongs, the Grotto just a few yards from the lake shore, and the Notre Dame students - it is almost as if I have never been away. It is home. And it will always be home.

If you are a first year student, you probably have realized a life long dream (or, at least, the life long dream of one or both of your parents and countless other relatives). You are now a Domer. Your life long dream will be with you all the days of your life. This is where you will always be at home.

If this is your last year here, you already know that the thrill of driving down Notre Dame Avenue will always bring goose bumps to your arms and a catch to your throat.

For all of us, a new year holds new and old experiences that, in fact, never grow old. The beauty of the Campus no matter what season; the way the tones of the Victory March are ever so old and ever so new, the way singing at least the last four words of our Alma Mater, “love thee Notre Dame,” locked arm in arm and shoulder to shoulder while gently swaying, the honor of studying at a Catholic University where “Catholic” is not just an adjective and “University” heralds an outstanding academic institution with a world-class faculty with time for students who are smarter than anyone should possibly be; disciplined and dedicated young men and women in ROTC units preparing to serve their country as commissioned officers after graduation; worshiping in the Basilica and in the residence halls; friendships in and outside our residence halls, that we know will last a lifetime; talented varsity and interhall athletes; young men and women who, through their service, will never permit the poor to take second place in their view of our society; and a place where Church takes on the flesh and blood of the One whose Body and Blood we can share as often as we wish.

This is Notre Dame.
This is the home where our hearts are.

Every new year is another opportunity for personal growth which will exceed our expectations. After all, as Paul reminds us, God sees and loves us in us what he sees and loves in His Son, Jesus Christ!

Develop as fully as you can who you are or can be intellectually, spiritually, and as individual people personally loved by a God who will always be faithful to you regardless of the circumstances.

Take advantage of this new academic year, this new opportunity, to become more fully alive in Christ. Take full advantage of our Campus Ministry programs as often as you can. And become amazed as you gradually but surely become the person you have always meant to be as a result of God’s grace, your personal relationship to Jesus Christ, and the specific role which is yours, within the Church, in service of God’s people, and within the community of believers. Become fully alive in Christ!

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because of his draft status, though.

"It's still going to come down to who he performs during the regular season."

There were some surprises in the order that the three players were taken. O'Neill, who played on the top pairing of defense on last year's team, was widely predicted to be taken in the early rounds, and it was a bit of a shock when the defensemen was not selected until the 115th pick overall, by the New York Islanders.

Central Scouting, a private organization that ranks prospects in each year's draft, ranked O'Neill as the ninth-best North American defense­man. The top 300 were polled and the third-best collegiate defense­man behind Grant Lewis of Hart­mouth and A.J. Thelen of Michigan State. Possible for one of those who would have predicted O'Neill would be selected in the earli­ers rounds of the draft.

"It's such an inexact sci­ence," he said.

"[Representatives from] a number of teams told me even on the day of the draft that Wes would go in the first or second round.

"He's handled it extremely well because he knows that in college career is a long jour­ney."

Brown's selection was also perhaps a bit surpris­ing, but collegne­mates had long had to over­come the stigmas of being seen as infe­rior to their European and North American counterparts who play in professional leagues, and this year was no excep­tion.

After Michigan's Alvaro Montoya was selected No. 10 overall, not a single additional collegiate goalie was selected until Brown, who went with the 228th pick to the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Brown was a big part of Notre Dame's success last season, as the team advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in the program's his­tory. Along with senior Morgan Cay, Brown helped the Irish have one of the best defenses in the nation.

"I think that Central Scouting is sometimes looked at as more than what it really is," Poulin said. "When you get down to it, it's just a guy who scouts — it's just that guy's opinion."

"Someone within the AVs' system saw something he really liked in Victor, and when a player fits into your system that's often more important than how they're ranked."

Enter Justin Schuver
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Victor Oreskovich was drafted by the Avalanche in the early NHL Draft. He was one of three Irish players selected this year.

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a calculation of how many points a team receives in the poll divided by the total num­ber of possible points. For example in the AP poll last year, a team receiving 1,500 points — out of a possible 1,625 — would have an AP score of 923.

Six computer rankings are being used in 2004. The high­est and lowest computer rank­ings of any team are thrown out in determining a team's computer average. 25 points will be added to the team ranked No. 1 in each computer poll, 24 for second and so on. The sum of the four computer rankings will be divided by 100 — the largest possible computer ranking total — to get a team's computer aver­age.

The two poll scores along with the computer score will be averaged to get a team's average. Another way to understand the percentage system is to look at a school's polls and computer scores as batting averages.

"The purpose of the B.C.S. is to match the nation's top two college football teams in an end-of-season bowl game for the national championship," Weilberg said. "This formula goes a long way to eliminate some of the controversy sur­rounding previous matchups as we continue to improve the system."

"Under the revised system, co-national champions USC and LSU would have played in last season's B.C.S. champi­onship game. Both the AP and coaches' polls ranked the Trojans No. 1 at the end of the regular season, but the B.C.S. standings had the Trojans ranked No. 3.

"In 2000 and 2001, the human polls had Miami and Oregon ranked No. 2 but other components in the B.C.S. formula kept those two teams from playing for the national title. That's what this simpli­fied formula is designed to prevent."

"We want to have as much consensus around the teams participating in the national championship game as we possibly can," Weilberg said. "But, you know, our intent here was not to try to produce a formula that somehow would continue to have a con­traversial outcome. We're try­ing to use the tools that we have available to us to get the best possible outcome."

The first B.C.S. rankings will be announced Oct. 18 with the top two teams in the B.C.S. standings playing Jan. 4 in the Orange Bowl.

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**FOOTBALL**

Revised BCS format simplifies ranking system

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

After a split national championship in 2003, the Bowl Championship Series formula was due for a major change.

In past years after controversial BCS championship game participants, more components were added to the formula like strength of schedule, quality wins and team losses. This time the BCS is going back to the basics.

The revised formula announced July 15 for the 2004 season will have only three parts — the Associated Press poll, the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll and a computer average.

Each portion will bear equal weight counting for one-third of a team's overall BCS ranking.

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CHANGES IN BCS FORMAT

Below is an example of the new BCS ranking formula.

AP POLL (25)

1 1544 1464 1440
2 1593 1566 1309
3 1452 1413 1256

COACHES (15)

1 1442 1413 1256
2 1432 1400 1249

COMPUTER (10)

1 1354 1425 1440
2 1393 1400 1249
3 1242 1400 1249

RECOMMENDED RECIPROCAL SCHEDULES

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"As opposed to past years where we tried to go in and make a look at previous years' results and make minor adjustments, add elements or tweaks to the poll, this was really a complete re-evaluation of the formula." Big 12 commissioner and BCS coordinator Kevin Weirberg said in a July 15 teleconference. "In analyzing the BCS standings, we wanted to develop a ranking formula that would be simpler and more precise."

The precision part of the formula comes from how the results from the polls and computers are calculated. Each team's poll score will be seen.

**ND WOMEN'S SOCCER**

Kicking things off

Led by All-American谭redi, the No. 3 Irish open the season against Baylor

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The No. 3 Irish are led by a fifth-year All-American, a coach with one of the best career winning percentages in the NCAA and explosive new talent craving a national title.

They are the envy of soccer programs around the nation.

"Our kids realize that being Notre Dame makes you a target on the field especially because of the success that we have had with this program," coach Randy Waldrum said. We are that big game on everybody's schedule.

"They are going to have a lot of motivation to win because I used to coach there," Waldrum said. "But we are more concerned with what we are trying to prepare with what we want to do."

Notre Dame is not rattled, however. Waldrum says his players are hoping to get off to a relaxed start focused on achieving their season goals. Among the feats on the Irish wish list is a Big East Tournament Championship.

In order to attain this goal, Waldrum knows the team desperately needs to focus on the present. Concentrating on one game at a time makes a Big East Championship seem all the more doable. First up is Baylor.

**HOCKEY**

Three Irish players chosen in NHL Draft

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Though they've only recently started full semester classes, some Notre Dame hockey players already have their plans set for professional careers.

Three members of the 2004-05 Irish were selected in the NHL Entry Draft this summer in Raleigh, N.C. Sophomores Wes O'Neill and David Brown were selected in the fourth and eight rounds, respectively, while freshman Victor Oreskovich was selected in the second round by the Colorado Avalanche — a ringing endorsement for a player who hasn't even skated a single shift yet for the Irish.

"We've always liked Victor as a player," said Irish head coach Dave Poulin, who successfully recruited Oreskovich away from such big-name programs as Boston College. "He doesn't come to the team with any more expectations for-"
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Why Ty's Third Year Will Be Pivotal In Deciding Where He Stands As Notre Dame's Head Football Coach

Photo Illustration by Sean HARKINS
Potential is there for 9-3 or 4-7 record this year

The alumni have griped with another losing season first in memory, the student body has complained about the flurry of losses and the critics have left the Notre Dame football program for dead. It’s safe to say, in the historically-pivotal third year for Notre Dame football coaches, Tyrone Willingham has his work cut out for him. But, as any college football follower will, tell you, in August, everyone is underfed and optimism is at its prime. So, with a 5-7 record in 2003 in mind, exactly what can Notre Dame fans expect from Willingham’s third team on paper, nine wins is attainable. So are another seven losses. The 2004 opponents are less daunting than those in 2003, when Notre Dame played a schedule that would make the Arizona Cardinals shiver. Three top five teams, including the co-national champion USC, cut Notre Dame to pieces. The 2003 schedule, with an inexperienced offensive line, and “easy” games against Boston College and Purdue, gives Notre Dame a chance to win many more than five games. There are only three games Notre Dame shouldn’t win on paper, that is.

Besides Michigan, Tennessee and USC, the Irish have as much talent if not more than the other eight opponents. You could even argue the Irish have a reasonable shot at knocking off the Wolverines and Volunteers. Michigan has the best receiving corps in the country and a huge offensive line. But remember, the Wolverines are replacing their starting quarterback and running back, running back from last season. Matt Gutierrez was 37-0 at De La Salle High School, but never played in front of a crowd like the one he will experience at Notre Dame Stadium Sept. 11. A rookie quarterback’s first road start and Notre Dame’s home opener is a definite advantage for the Irish. The key for Notre Dame will be pressuring Gutierrez and not allowing him time to find all those outstanding receivers.

Tennessee also has an inexperienced quarterback at the helm this season. They do return Cedric Houston, who led the Volunteers in rushing during the last two seasons. Notre Dame has the advantage of a bye week to prepare for that road game, while Tennessee faces South Carolina the week before. As for USC, Irish fans should worry about that game when it arrives near Thanksgiving. But realistically, Notre Dame has the talent to win eight regular season games and a bowl, not only because of the schedule, but also because the 2004 Irish are vastly different than the 2003 version. Quarterback Brady Quinn has bulked up and returns with some very valuable experience he gained last season. The offensive line, which received the most criticism a year ago, should be an asset now and give Quinn the running game more time and room to make plays.

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Ask a team to win with that schedule and an 18-year-old first-year quarterback, along with an inexperienced offensive line, and it’s understandable why Notre Dame struggled to a 5-7 mark. But this year’s schedule, it appears, gives Notre Dame a chance to win more than five games. There are only three games Notre Dame shouldn’t win — on paper, that is.

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Young, players to work with. The kicking game could be iffy, especially on punts. But D.J. Fitzpatrick showed improvement filling in for the injured Nicholas Setta during the second part of last season. All in all, this team is significantly better than last year’s. Does that mean Notre Dame fans can bank on eight or nine wins and a respectable bowl appearance? No. As Willingham will tell you, lining teams up on paper is only worth so much. It’s the execution during games which matters the most.

But one certainty is that the team Willingham and the coaching staff puts on the field this year will have much more potential than the 2003 squad. The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Questions galore
Rebouncing from a disappointing 2003 hinges on these nine factors

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

After the return to glory in 2002 and a disappointing 2003, Tyone Willingham is standing at a very important crossroads.

The third year in South Bend has been legendary for many with Frank Leahy, Ara Parseghian, Bill Lewis' and Lou Holtz all winning consensus national titles in their third year and Knute Rockne's 1920 team tying for the top ranking in one of the many less pollists at that time.

The seven other coaches in Irish history went a combined 35-32-2 in their third years, with no national titles and three losing seasons.

Needless to say, this year should set the tone for Willingham and Notre Dame. The following nine factors will have a major bearing on the direction of this program.

Brady Quinn's progression

Thrown into the fire as a true freshman in 2002 Quinn made 59 pass attempts in his first start, just four games into his collegiate career. With Carlyle Dillingham proving unsuited to the pro-style offense, the coaching staff decided to go with Quinn. In many respects, Quinn became the future quarterback of the program from the day he committed.

After making nine starts in 2003, Quinn will take this season much more acclimated to the speed of the college game. He has had a whole year to work with his receivers on timing and the offensive line returns with an invaluable year of experience.

The experience that will carry over can only help the Irish this season. Last season, Holiday looked especially bad against the inordinate blitzes, something Quinn did not have to face in 2003. And this year, he can find his role in the offense, something Quinn did not have last year. This year, he will find the balance and versatility that made him a star in college.

Offensive line's experience

When Sean Milligan went down with an early-season injury, the offensive line basically had five different starters from the prior season. That inexperience showed in inconsistent play.

The quarterbacks had to throw the ball in the pocket to avoid the never-ending blitzes, something Quinn did better than Holiday, which partially explains why he was taken out of the game so early in the season.

This year, the offensive line only graduated one starter, John Sullivan looks like he is going to be the starting center after red-shirting last season. Bob Morton will move from center to left guard. Ryan Harris changes sides from right tackle to protecting Quinn's blind side at left tackle. Mark Lewor is at right guard and a slimmed-down Dan Stevenson is at right guard.

The most exciting aspect of this year's line probably will not be this season. All five of those projected starters have eligibility to return in 2005.

Justin Tuck and Kyle Budiniscak returning from ACL injuries

If these two defensive line players can get back to being as healthy as one could hope for the Irish is seeing Brandon Hoyte in a sling.

Linebacker probably has the least depth of any position on the team. With Hoyte's return unknown, Cory Miles plays into the starting lineup. After Mays, only one of the four backup linebackers saw the field in 2003. Mike Goosby returns to the secondary after a win at Michigan in 2003.

Finding playmakers in the secondary

Over the past two seasons, the secondary has lost four starters to the NFL and their depth hasn't been in place to replace that loss of talent. Cornerback DwightEllick probably has the firmest grip on the starting position but he hasn't used his speed to make big plays yet.

Safety Quentin Burrell has been injured through camp and expected to challenge by Tom Zbikowski for a starting spot.

Mike Richardson is listed opposite Ellick at cornerback and senior Jason McCourty probably be the nickel back. And Lionel Bolon is currently listed at the other safety spot.

Managing the schedule

This team has to take advantage of winning at home. The only game at home where the Irish shouldn't be favored is Michigan. The road schedule is difficult, Michigan and Navy are winnable but the night game at Michigan State looms like a booby trap.

Willingham and the players aren't getting any easier in the near future, so just about every week the Irish are facing a big-time opponent. It's hard for them to take a week off when a "down" opponent is someone like Washington or Boston College.

Getting the swagger back

Willingham started to mention this toward the end of last year, but from the 2002 team the one thing that was missing was the swagger of a team that didn't think they can't be beaten. The Irish lost that swagger when Shane Walton graduated. With the rough end to 2002 and four losses last season, this team was beaten physically and mentally.

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SCOUTING

FREE SAFETY
Quentin Burrell - Sr.
Burrell finished fourth on the 2003 Irish with 58 tackles, including 39 solo tackles. After intercepting four passes and causing two fumbles on last year's team, Burrell is expected to be one of the team's defensive leaders this season.

WIDE RECEIVER
Maurice Stovall - Jr.
As a speedy wideout in 2003, Stovall battled problems with consistency. He enters 2004 as a potential big-play guy and his height (6-5) should make him difficult to defend. Stovall made 22 catches for 421 yards and three touchdowns in 2003.

CORNERBACK
Dwight Flick - Sr.
A veteran corner who was also an all-flying last runner on Notre Dame's track and field team in 2003, Flick is one of the fastest players on the team and should be able to use his speed to make some plays. Flick will probably also see time returning kickoffs.

RIGHT END
Kyle Budinscak - Sr.
Budinscak started the first eight games of 2003, before missing the remainder of the season with an injury. Last year, he made 17 tackles (10 solo) and picked up three sacks for 16 yards.

LEFT TACKLE
Ryan Harris - Soph.
Harris made an immediate impact in 2003, starting eight games as a freshman. He could become one of the nation's best.

LEFT GUARD
Bob Morton - Jr.
The emergence of John Sullivan at center moves Morton one position over to start this season.

CENTER
John Sullivan - Soph.
Sullivan has emerged as one of the stars of this year's line after an impressive performance in 2004 spring practice.

INTERIOR LINBACKER
Mike Goolsby - Sr.
Goolsby missed all of 2003 with an injury, and will return to the inside linebacker position he manned in 2002. On that team, Goolsby finished third in tackles with 75 and also collected four sacks.

INTERIOR LINBACKER
Corey Mays - Sr.
Mays played in all 12 games for the Irish last year, primarily on special teams, but saw action at linebacker in the Washington State game. Mays will likely start this year against BYU, after 2003 starter Brandon Hoyte injured his right arm.

OUTSIDE TACKLE
Trevor Laws - Soph.
Laws was injured last year and did not see any action on the field. He is loaded with potential for 2004. As a prep star at Apple Valley (Minn.), Laws was named a USA Today All-America defensive lineman.

DEFENSIVE TACKLE
Dan Stevenson - Sr.
Stevenson started 2003 at right guard, but missed the Navy and BYU games with an injury. He listed an interception last year.

QUARTERBACK
Brady Quinn - Soph.
Quinn stepped in as a starter in 2003 against Purdue and hasn't looked back since. He attemted 59 passes in that game, the second-most pass attempts in Irish history, including an 85-yard touchdown to Maurice Stovall. He fought inconsistency all year as a freshman, finishing the year with 15 interceptions and nine touchdowns.

FULLBACK
Rashon Powers-Neal - Sr.
Powers-Neal caught a 59-yard touchdown in the 2004 Blue-Gold game and figures to be a versatile offensive option at the fullback position this year. As a converted tailback, he proved difficult to tackle and should provide the Irish with depth in the backfield this season. He did not score a touchdown in 2003, but scored two as a sophomore in 2002.

RUNNING BACK
Ryan Grant - Sr.
After rushing for over 1,000 yards in 2002, Grant was relegated to a backup role to Julius Jones in 2003. With Jones in the NFL, the starting job this year should return to Grant, who proved key part of Notre Dame's 10-3 season in 2002. Last year, he collected 510 yards on 143 attempts with one touchdown.
Predictions

The third year makes or breaks you at Notre Dame, and it's the same for Tyrone Willingham. This team has as much talent as almost anyone in the country, the schedule is manageable and the hunger should be there. Gone are the days of expecting a 10-1 or 11-0 season every year — at least for right now. But 2004 will be a step in the right direction.

Prediction: 9-3 with a bowl win

This year's team has the talent and potential to do good things. Brady Quinn has a year under his belt. The offensive line is back with more experience as well. The Irish offense can put points on the board if everyone stays healthy. This team has a lot to prove, and in Tyrone Willingham's third season, there is no better time to start.

Prediction: 8-4 with a bowl win

Notre Dame has the talent to improve over a dismal 2003 campaign. The offense is better, the defense has potential and the schedule is somewhat easier. But, like any year, Notre Dame must execute to win and do so consistently. By season's end, this team should do enough to quiet critics for at least another year.

Prediction: 8-4 with a bowl loss

A lighter schedule means more wins. The loss of Julius Jones means more losses. But the record of this team depends on how the Irish fare in their biggest games: Michigan, Tennessee and USC. Victories against the Wolverines and Trojans could cause a quick turnaround. The secondary is a huge question mark, and teams will throw against them with relentless air attacks.

Prediction: 7-4, no bowl

It's probably safe to say that Notre Dame was better than a 5-7 team last year. Poor execution in the Michigan State and Boston College games cost Notre Dame potential victories, and it would have been interesting to see what would have happened if Julius Jones had been used earlier and more often. The team should be better this year.

Prediction: 8-4 with a bowl loss

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**STRONG SAFETY**

Lionel Belen - Sr. Belen was used primarily as a reserve in the past two seasons, but is expected to be used in a much larger role this year. He had one start last season, against Florida State, and saw action in 10 other games during 2003, collecting 12 tackles.

**CORNERBACK**

Mike Richardson - Jr. After playing most of 2002 at special teams and as a back-up to starters Dwight Ellick and Jason Beckstrom, Richardson is expected to compete for a start at cornerback this season. He finished the 2003 season with 16 tackles, including 10 solo tackles.

**WIDE RECEIVER**

Rhema McKnight - Jr. McKnight was the top receiver for the Irish in 2003, leading the team in catches (47), yards (600) and tied with Stovall for the most receiving touchdowns (three). He enters the season as Quinn's number-one receiver and should be poised for a breakout year.
Sizing up last year's performance

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Players to Watch

RYAN GRANT
RUNNING BACK

VICTOR ABIAMIRI
DEFENSIVE END

In 2002, Grant became just the seventh player in Notre Dame history to rush for over 1,000 yards. After being pushed to the backup role last year during the re-emergence of Julius Jones, Grant will need to return to 2002 form if Notre Dame is to have a balanced offense. As a true freshman, Abiamiri stepped in and proved a force on the Irish pass rush. Although he only recorded one sack in 2003, he helped cause chaos in the opponent's backfield all year.

by the numbers

Brady Quinn's completion percentage last year (157 completions in 332 attempts). He will look to be more consistent this year.

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number of teams that Notre Dame plays this season who participated in a bowl game in 2003.

Notre Dame's wins in its last 14 games. Those losses included a 45-14 loss to USC and a 38-0 shutout by Michigan in 2003.

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Notre Dame's offensive line in 2002.

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Dillingham ready to step up as backup QB
Former walk-on and MSU 2002 game hero will be second-string signalcaller

By PAT LEONARD
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He threw 59 passes in his first start. He took his blows against the likes of USC, Florida State and even Syracuse. And he's back on his feet. Now, all indications point to a healthy Brady Quinn leading the charge of a reconstituted offense with a year of experience.

"Probably the biggest thing is you've got a quarterback who has a year under his belt, understands the system, and we're probably at an unprecedentedly high level of production and execution," offensive coordinator Bill Dillingham said. "(Brady) has stepped up and become more of a leader and that's something that we really lacked quite a bit last year."

Senior running back Ryan Grant has more experience on the offensive side of the ball, but Quinn receives the major responsibility of leadership because of his position. And so do the backup quarterbacks.

Senior Pat Dillingham, the most likely to back up Quinn to start the season, has his name sealed in Notre Dame football history after completing a simple slant pattern to Arnaz Battle in 2002 that turned into a game-winning, 60-yard touchdown against Boston College.

Dillingham, however, has not yet received the call to consistently contribute to the Irish offense. Since even Quinn is not invincible at the targeted quarterback position, Dillingham has had to prepare as if he were the starter.

"I'm preparing like I'm going to back up (Quinn)," Dillingham said.

"This is just kind of thrown into the mix, so everything's up in the air. These positions are at your heels wanting your reps," Dillingham said.

"I've had a couple of off days lately. Now I just have to get focused and get back on track, hopefully."

Coach Tyrone Willingham said Pat Dillingham is expected to be the backup quarterback this year.

"We've got a lot of competition for three years and two spots. But I think they've bought into a more complicated offense, Bragg and David Wolke. Dillingham has been in the system for three years and said he understands the offense enough to be a serviceable backup."

"It's just a matter of getting out there and executing," Dillingham said.

The offense under Quinn has progressed throughout the fall.

"You're probably never as consistent as you'd like to be (on offense) and that's the thing we coach on," Willingham said. "That's the thing you're always striving for."

Dillingham hopes he has improved to that point, so where if Quinn cannot play for one reason or another, the offense will not miss a beat.

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Fitzpatrick leads the way for special teams

By HEATHER VAN HÖGARDEN
Sports Editor

After a game-winning field goal by a walk-on place kicker with a walk-on holder beat Navy in 2003, this year's kicking game should be improved.

Leading the way will be walk-on place kicker and punter D.J. Fitzpatrick. In 2000, he took over the starting kicking jobs after Nicholas Setta was taken down against Pittsburgh with an injury. Fitzpatrick started the final eight games of the season and converted 12-of-17 field goal attempts, including the game-winner against Navy. But this year will be different for the senior, as he knows he is the starting place kicker, and maybe punter.

"Last year I was just kind of thrown into the mix, so this year I got that good year under my belt. I'm a lot more comfortable, and I don't have to worry about fighting off the nerves," Fitzpatrick said. "I can just go in there and do what I know how to do and relax."

Fitzpatrick said he is more prepared this year for the expectations.

"Last year, I didn't even have time to think about it. I was just kind of thrown into the mix and whatever happened, happened," he said.

"This year, the expectations are higher from others and from myself. So I've definitely made more strides and want to get out there and see what I can do and help the team as much as I can."

At the punting position, the battle is still underway for the starting spot. Redshirt freshman Geoffrey Price is competing with Fitzpatrick, despite having no collegiate experience. Price shined in the spring Blue-Gold game, booting six punts for an average of 42.5 yards, including punts of 64 and 55 yards. He handled the kicking duties throughout that game.

"The spring game was good," Price said. "I enjoyed that. The beginning of camp, I think I was doing pretty well. I've had a couple of off days lately. Now I just have to get focused and get back on track, hopefully."

Coach Tyrone Willingham said, "I really worked hard on my punting game because that was the downside of my experience last year. My kicking's coming along great, so I'm excited to get this year going."

"It's great having a guy like Geoff pushing me, knowing that someone is nipping right at your heels wanting your job, so everything's up in the air. These positions are "What-have-you-done-lately" type positions, so I'm just trying to do the best I can. So whatever coach chooses, whoever ends up out there is going to do a good job."

Although the kicking game is not set in stone, the return game has the potential to be exciting.

Junior Rhema McKnight will be the primary return man, and senior Carlyle Holiday could also see action.

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Irish kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick kicks off against BYU last year. Fitzpatrick, a walk-on, will be the starting place kicker this season.


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