Students question voting expert

By PAUL SPADAFORA
News Writer

Freshmen culminated a summer of study Thursday with the second annual First Year of Studies Academic Convocation - an event focused on the upcoming election and the effects of voter participation.

The Convocation, titled "Election 2004: A Watershed?", gave students the chance to explore and discuss the 2004 presidential and congressional elections through interaction with Thomas Patterson, author of the assigned summer reading "The Vanishing Voter: Public Involvement in an Age of Uncertainty".

Students were asked to consider the various factors that will influence the election in the coming months and the program began with an address by voting expert 

"Vanishing Voter" author Patterson offers political insight

By AMANDA MICHAELS
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Editor's Note: Before answering those at the First Year of Studies Academic Convocation, "Vanishing Voter" author Thomas Patterson did not down to answer questions about his take on Election 2004.

Q: Judging by information on VanishingVoter.org, it seems that the "vanishing voter" is making a reappearance. To what do you attribute the spike in public interest in this election?

A: I think there are three factors in particular that have contributed to increased election interest this year.

The first is the Iraq conflict, and its ties to the larger war on terrorism. We didn't see a jump in participation in the off-year or midterm elections after 9/11, but we've seen a real surge in interest since Iraq. Controversial war can lead to increased interest in election politics, because the stakes are higher.

The second is the economy. It's always an important issue when it's somewhat weak. From 1960 to 2000, the only election when there was a clear jump in participation was '92. In '92, the economy was like today's. With a declining economy, you get increased participation.

The third is George Bush. He ran on being a uniter, and while that may still be his aim, that has not been the result. The Gallup Poll has been in place since 1935, and this year it has measured the biggest gap between Democrats' and Republicans' respective disapproval or approval of the president. He certainly has a polarizing effect, and increased tension indicates that there's a lot at stake in this election. That intensity of feeling is part of the increase we're seeing in participation.

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A major change

I am a film and television major. Again. I never wanted to be one of those people. Those边上 Ede people who change majors like Jennifer Aniston changes her hair. But I was. Sort of. I started out as a PTT major. I loved it.

I was fascinated by the material and excited by the prospect of working in such a dynamic, high-energy, high-adrenaline industry. I was amazed by the combination of art, psychology, and marketing.

I could go on to create movies or TV shows that make complete strangers cry, or have nightmares, or laugh out loud. I could make documentaries or work in television news and help inform people about events all over the world or within their single-stoplight communities.

I could touch people's lives.

But not a lot of other people saw the potential that I saw. They saw an easy work load: "Labs" that are really just going to watch a movie, papers about TV shows, playing with cameras and computer programs.

They went with English Engineering and Orgo. Work is finance. Work is even anthropology is work. Film and television is just a glorified study break.

My friends and my boyfriend made fun of me at first. I'm not a Barrymore or a Coppola; I'm not a mortgage or tying my shoes. But that was a kind of compromise. But by spring my doubts had taken over and I dropped out.

Anyway, my family and friends were excited for me and encouraging. Film and television was amazing by the combination of art, psychology, and marketing.

The auctioneer and his assistant acknowledge the high bidders during Thursday's NDSP-sponsored Bike and Lost Property Auction held at the Stepan Center. More than 120 bikes abandoned on campus were up for auction, along with miscellaneous personal items. The event was free and open to the public.

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Documentary provokes controversy
“Fahrenheit 9/11” screenings encourage student debate

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Sold-out crowds packed the new Performing Arts Center to see both showings of Michael Moore's controversial documentary “Fahrenheit 9/11” Thursday night.

Running opposite to the Republican National Convention — in both timeslot and viewpoint — Moore's “provocative” made the same waves on campus as it has across the country.

"It made me feel Bush was not in as much control as he portrayed himself to be. However, Michael Moore is also extremely biased. For the most part it made me feel sympathetic for the soldiers," said sophomore Meghan Hurt, a self-described independent Republican.

"I still do not believe Bush could have done anything to stop 9/11. In the upcoming elections I will not change my Republican vote.

For senior Andrea Wolfe, the shock factor left the biggest impression.

"It is good to be aware of some of the things that occurred throughout 9/11 and the war, but it wasn't very delicately presented. It was harsh," she said.

Meghan Hurt sophomore

"Some comedy added relief to tension and took away from the seriousness of the matter."

The film politically resonated more for some, like junior Austin Buckley.

"It is entertaining, I agree with a lot of Moore's ideas, though I think he could have made his points a little more coherent," he said.

"Fahrenheit 9/11" will be shown again Friday at 7 and 10 p.m. in the Browning Cinema.

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Above, a full house prepares for a screening of "Fahrenheit 9/11". Below, NDChima usher Victor Wong checks tickets for moviegoers Tom Sutton and Meghann Tabor.

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youth interest was Vietnam — though Iraq hasn't yet produced that kind of mobilization. The war has raised two issues cited as top voter priorities by researchers around the world. Iraq and Iraq comes out as the higher priority for younger voters.

Young adults concerned with the war's impact are more likely to become involved in the election, especially those in college or the better educated. Concern with the economy mainly reflects the economic dislocation felt by those without college degrees.

There's just something about war — not a quick, precise war, but one with controversy — that gets young people motivated to involve themselves in politics.

Q: How do you see the media's impact on this election, and have they been appropriate? A: It varies depending on any number of factors.

Q: What are we basically seeing is a replay of past practices. The media is stuck in a mode in the reporting of campaigns, with more time spent on the horse race than the substance. Iraq is out there in the general news, but not in the campaign news, and the economy has been mostly absent from coverage. So far, the economy has received only one-fourth of the coverage devoted to Iraq.

The smaller issues that come out of nowhere are the ones that get the most play. We're already in the third flurry of stories about Kerry and Vietnam and the swift boat controversy. It's as if the campaign-type issues that are being focused on have little relevance with how the candidates will behave in office. They're just red meat for the press.

In 2000, reports about Bush's drunk driving incident got more coverage than all the foreign policy stances of all the candidates during the entire campaign process combined. So these tendencies were there in that campaign.

Q: So the media learned from their errors in Election Night coverage in 2000.

A: They learned the lessons, but have trouble keeping their promises... the glass of wine goes to their lips, and they can't seem to stop drinking.

It's a lot of people concerned with the horse race, because once these stories get momentum it's hard for most organizations to resist the tide. Good intentions help, but larger forces are at work.

Q: Why doesn't the rise in convention interest seem to match the rise in voter turnout interest? Does it have to do with cutbacks in convention coverage?

A: There is more interest in conventions in a relative sense, but it is reflective of the higher election interest in whole, and the audience is basically the same as in years past.

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Q: Assuming that this increased participation will show in the voting booths on November 2, can you predict whether or not it will be a continuing trend for future elections?

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CAMPUS NEWS
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Security council approves resolution
UNITED NATIONS — The Security Council narrowly approved a U.S.-backed resolution late Thursday aimed at pressuring Lebanon to reject a second term for its pro-Syrian president and calling for an immediate withdrawal of all foreign forces — an indirect reference to Syrian troops.

The resolution was adopted with the minimum nine "yes" votes, with the remain six countries on the council abstaining.

The Lebanese constitution now bars a president from serving two consecutive terms, but Parliament was expected to remove the restriction, with many seeing that as the desire of Syria, which wields the real power in Lebanon.

Men acquitted for 1994 bombing
BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — A federal court acquitted five men Thursday of being accessories to the 1994 bombing of a Jewish community center that killed 85 people, the deadliest attack in Argentina's history.

In a nationally televised verdict, a three-judge panel cleared four former provincial police officers and a former used car sales­man accused of supplying the van used in the attack, which also injured about 300 people.

The verdict concluded a three-year trial — the longest in Argentine history. The five were never accused of direct involvement in the bombing but were charged as accomplices for their parts in a stolen car ring responsible for the sale and delivery of the van.

NATIONAL NEWS

Voucher program funds restored
WASHINGTON — The government is restoring millions of dollars that were to be cut in the program that helps poor families pay the rent.

The Housing and Urban Development Department is putting back about $156 million after reviewing public housing authori­ties' appeals of a decision in the spring restraining spending on Section 8 voucher maintenance.

The money will be distributed to 379 of the 398 housing authorities that appealed. The agencies informed them late last week of the decision.

Soldier guilty of aiding al-Qaida
FORT LEWIS, Wash. — A soldier accused of trying to give al-Qaida information about U.S. troops, including methods for killing sol­diers, was found guilty Thursday on all five counts of trying to help the terrorist network.

The verdict in Spec. Ryan G. Anderson’s court-marital, which began Monday, was announced late Thursday afternoon.

Anderson, a tank crewman whose 81st Armor Brigade unit is now in Iraq, was accused of trying to give terrorists informa­tion about U.S. soldiers' strength and tactics.

The terrorists he thought he was meeting with were actually undercover federal agents, prosecutors said.

LOCAL NEWS

Fatal truck crash closes toll road
NEW CARLISLE — A truck driver who ran out of fuel on the Indiana Toll Road was killed and another semitrailer Thursday after he pulled to the side of the road and got out of the cab.

The second eastbound semi hit the disabled vehicle and caught on fire, police said.

The driver of the second truck, Arthur M. Johnson, 58, of South Bend, suffered severe burns.

Associated Press

BESLAN, Russia — camouflage-clad commandos carried crying babies away from a school where gunmen holding hundreds of hostages freed at least 26 women and children Thursday during a second day of high drama that kept crowds of distraught relatives on edge.

Men and women wept with disappointment or waged each other with relief as a man read the names of the freed hostages over a loudspeaker.

Some of the toddlers released were naked, apparently because of the stifling heat in the school, where the hostage-takers refused to allow authorities to deliver water, food and medicine for the captives.

Tensions had risen earlier when the militants fired grenades at two cars near the compound in the Wild West of security forces, and hours later two blasts interrupted a nervous calm during the night. A policeman was reported injured by one of the explosions after mid­night.

President Vladimir Putin said everything possible would be done to end what he called a "horrible" crisis and save the lives of the children and adults being held at School No. 1 in Beslan, a town in the southern region of North Ossetia.

But it was unclear how much either side was willing to give to avoid further bloodshed in the siege — the latest incident in a series of violent incidents believed linked to Russia's war in Chechnya. A dozen people were reportedly killed by the attackers who were spotted near the school was captured Wednesday, an official said Thursday that 164.

Reports after the standoff began Wednesday said the attackers demanded the release of people jailed after attacks on police posts in June that killed more than 90 people in Ingushetia, a region between North Ossetia and Chechnya. But officials said Thursday that the hostage­takers had not clearly for­mulated their demands.

Late Thursday, Lev Dzugayev, a North Ossetia official, said his previous statement that 334 hostages were seized Wednesday might have been too low, and many in the anxious crowds said they believed the number was much higher. Putin: "At least 800 people are being held hostage," read a sign held up for television cameras.

Relatives, friends and neighbors who crowded outside barricades block­ ing access to the school gasped when the hostage release was announced by Dzugayev, an aide to the president of North Ossetia.

Dzugayev and other official said 26 women and children of various ages were released, but Russian media reported that one woman went back to be with her still captive child­ ren. An official at the cri­sis headquarters said there was another group of five hostages was let go sepa­ rately.

An Associated Press Television News reporter saw two women and at least three infants being led away by soldiers. Some toddlers among those released were completely naked, apparently because of the stifling heat in the school, where the hostage takers refused to allow authorities to deliver water, food and medicine for the captives.

Dzugayev called the release "the first success" of negotiations and said they came after mediation — including inside the school — by Russian Asheve, a former president of the Ingushetia republic who is a respected figure in the northern Caucasus.

The hostage release came after anilates were sent soaring by two powerful explo­sions, followed by a plume of black smoke rising from the vicinity of the school. The crisis head­quarters said the militants fired grenades at two cars that apparently drove too close to the building.

2.5 million warned to flee Florida

Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Residents and tourists in cars, trucks and campers clogged highways Thursday in the biggest evacuation ever ordered in Florida, fleeing inland as mighty Hurricane Frances threatened the most powerful storm to hit Florida in 1950.

At 5 p.m. EDT, the hurricane was centered 375 miles southeast of West Palm Beach and was moving north­west at close to 10 mph. Hurricane-force winds extended up to 80 miles from its center.

This could be the first time since 1950 that two major storms have hit Florida so close together. On Aug. 13, Hurricane Charley splintered millions of dollars worth of homes, knocked out power to hundreds of thousands and killed 27 people when it tore across the state.

Charley's example — and Frances's tremendous size, at 1,300 miles across, or about as big as the state of Texas — rodded people like Linda Silvestri, 58, to get out of the way. Silvestri, who lives in Palm Bay on the central Florida coast, headed inland to Gainesville to be near a hospital because she just received a kidney transplant.

"I hope I have a house when I get back," she said.

The hurricane warning covered most of the state's eastern coast, from Florida City, near the state's southern tip, to Flagler Beach, north of Daytona Beach.
Bush says ‘we will prevail’
Kerry calls incumbent president unfit to lead country

Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Bush picked apart John Kerry's record on the Iraq war and tax cuts Thursday night and summoned the nation toward victory over terrorism and economic security at home. "Nothing will hold us back," he said in a Republican National Convention acceptance speech that launched his fall re-election campaign.

"We are staying on the offensive — striking terrorists abroad — so we do not have to face them here at home," Bush said in a prime-time address not far from Ground Zero of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

"And we will prevail."

"Four more years, four more years," the delegates chanted as Bush strode — along with Dick Cheney and his wife and extended families. On cue, thousands of red, white and blue balloons floated down from the ceiling, mixing with confetti and colored streamers in a made-for-television spectacle.

Bush's speech marked the beginning of a two-month campaign sprint to Election Day, and Kerry clearly couldn't wait. In a ferocious nationwide television spectacle, he readied a new general election advertising campaign to build on elements in his convention-week criticism, he said.

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President Bush accepts the party nomination at the Republican National Convention Thursday night.

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will be held Saturday at 10 a.m.

John Jenkins is expected to preside over his father's funeral mass. The service will be in St. Leo's Church, located at 1920 North 102Nd St., Omaha.

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PERCENTAGE OF VOTERS VOTING FOR VARIOUS CANDIDATES

Retirement from the Senate of Sen. Bob Dole

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"I think we'll see a six to eight-point increase in ranks of voter turnout," he said. "I think this is one of the most important elections in decades."

Despite the interest expressed in the topic, however, many students had a mixed reaction to the conversation as a whole. At the end of the conversation, approximately a third of the students who originally attended were remaining.

Alexandra Persley, a freshman majoring in the convocation, said "It was really disrespectful that people got up and left during the question and answer session". Michael Redding, another student in attendance, said "The whole event reflected elections in general. . . a lot of those who stayed might have been more set in their ways politically."

"People are at all different levels of engagement," explained Kolman. "For many, this was their first exposure to a topic like this, so their attention span might be understandingly limited.

"The people who are into it will come away with a lot," said freshman Erin Mulholland. Kolman said that the conversation was a useful introduction to the freshman about the value of their political participation.

"This conversation was important in itself, but it was even more important as a first step for these 18-year olds to take in preparation for the election," she said.

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To our very, very confused friend: Happy 21st Tony! Your Boys

We're not being well served by the various media outlets, Patterson said. "I like Michael Moore's contribution, and I like Bush Limbaugh's contribution, but I don't like it when they're the dominant contribution ... We're not being well served by our primary sources of information."

Throughout the convocation, Patterson emphasized the significance of this election.

"I'm not going to have my country go to war to defend this country questioned by those who have refused to serve when they could have and by those who have misled the nation into Iraq," he said at a midnight rally in Ohio less than an hour after the president concluded his own remarks.

Kerry won five military medals in the Vietnam War; Bush was stateside in the middle of a heavily fortified convention hall. His introduction was a video that stirred memories of Sept. 11 — and credited him with helping to bring the nation into a state of readiness.

Bush added: "To pay for that spending, he is running on a platform of increasing taxes — and that's the kind of a promise a politician usually keeps."
**Market upbeat after slow week**

**Prices bounce back up after Republican National Convention hinders trading**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks strode higher in a late-session buying rush Thursday, as oil prices stepped back from their highs and investors shrugged off mixed economic data, focused on renewed optimism on the government's upcoming jobs report. The Dow Jones industrial average jumped more than 120 points.

Trading has been muted all week due to the Republican National Convention in New York and the upcoming Labor Day holiday. Investors were also looking ahead to an after-the-bell outlook from chipmaker Intel Corp., which came in gloomy, as expected, and U.S. employment data scheduled to be announced Friday.

The markets grew increasingly more upbeat Thursday as swirled among traders that President Bush would allude to bullish job growth numbers in his speech on the final night of the convention. Still, analysts were puzzled by the strength of the rally.

"Could it just be that there's no one in, it's low, and there's nothing new negative?" asked Janna Sampson, director of Portfolio Management at Oakbrook Investments.

"People might be thinking, 'You know, I want to do it for September, I want to do it today, and I'm taking a four-day weekend.'"

According to final readings, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 121.82, or 1.2 percent, to 10,290.28, its highest point in seven weeks. The broader gauges also rose sharply. The Nasdaq composite index added 23.02, or 1.1 percent, to 2,093.43. The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 12.40, or 1.1 percent, to 1,118.31. The S&P sent the S&P 500 back into positive range for the first time since the start of 2004.

In economic news, work- er productivity rose a dis­appointing 2.5 percent in the spring, the smallest gain since late 2002. The reading by the Labor Department, which measures the amount an employee produces for every hour on the job, missed economists' esti­mates for a rise of 2.8 per­cent, and was down sharply from the 3.7 per­cent pace posted in the first quarter.

In a second report, the Department said the num­ber of new people signing up for unemployment ben­efits rose for the second week in a row, reflecting the lingering impact of Hurricane Charley. Economists were expecting claims to go down. The Commerce Department said orders to U.S. facto­ries grew by 1.3 percent in July, following a 1.2 per­cent advance in June. The increase was led by a big jump in demand for com­mercial aircraft and parts. Orders for nondurable goods, such as food prod­ucts and chemicals, rose 2.3 percent for a second straight month.

Crude prices climbed after Russia's largest oil producer, Yukos, warned of a possible production halt following a Moscow court's decision to freeze its assets as part of an ongoing battle over back taxes. Light, sweet crude for October delivery was up 6 cents to settle at $44.06. Investors were also hold­ing their collective breath as Hurricane Frances took aim at Florida's eastern coast, less than three weeks after Hurricane Charley struck the state, pushing the nation's jobless claims higher and denting retail sales in the Southeast.

The fact that the market was up in spite of so many negative factors was cause for optimism, analysts said, and perhaps a sign that investors are setting aside some of the worries that kept them on the sidelines during the summer. It's almost as if the sellers are "getting a bit tired," said Bill Groenveld, head trader for vFinance Investments.

**Russian oil company fears closing**

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russia's largest oil producer, Chesnotgas, will press ahead with a huge back-taxes bill, said Thursday it is unable to pay wages and that production is in imminent danger of stopping.

The statement by the Yukos oil company followed a court decision Tuesday that froze accounts in its subsidiary companies as part of the global freeze paralyzing the production activities of Yukos," the company said.

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**Mexican oil director extradited**

MEXICO CITY — The former director of Mexico's state oil company was extradited Thursday from the United States to Mexico, where he faces charges of diverting funds to a presidential campaign.

Rogelio Montemayor arrived at Mexico City's international airport aboard a commercial flight from Houston. Federal agents escorted him to a hangar controlled by the attorney general's office for processing.

Montemayor had gone to the United States and had been fighting extradition. But following a medical exam and official protocol, he was released. He left the hangar with his lawyer. He carried an envelope stuffed with files and refused to speak to reporters.

**New deal reached for ATA Airlines**

CHICAGO — ATA Airlines on Wednesday reached a tentative contract agreement with the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers union.

Bob Haines, a spokesman for the union, said the members will vote on the contract on Sept. 8 and 9. The contract includes pilots, flight attendants, mechanics and machinists.

The negotiations were mediated by the National Mediation Board in Washington.

The cash-strapped airline is seeking financial concessions from all its union work groups, including pilots, flight attendants, mechanics and machinists.

Talks with the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association, representing 600 mechanics, are also in mediation, but broke off last week on wage differences.

Negotiations with flight attendants are ongo­ing.

In August, the airline said that if it can't cut costs significantly by renegotiating aircraft leases, it will run out of money in the first quarter of 2005.
TEHRAN — Iran acknowledged Thursday that it plans to process tons of raw uranium, but said the U.N. nuclear watchdog was informed long ago and accused Washington of sensationalizing the matter.

The International Atomic Energy Agency said in a report obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press that Iran plans to process more than 40 tons of uranium into uranium hexafluoride gas. Experts said the amount was enough for four or five nuclear weapons.

The U.N. report did not specify what plans Iran had for the material, which is spun in centrifuges to produce enriched uranium. This can then be used to generate electricity or make nuclear warheads, depending on the degree of enrichment.

Ali Akbar Salehi, a senior adviser to Iran's Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi, said Thursday that Iran's plans were not a secret. "This is the information Iran provided to the IAEA a long time ago," he told the AP.

"The agency knew the capacity of the facility before it was built."

All Akbar Salehi
Iranian official

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Anonymous source
Tizvesta newspaper
Hurricane Frances looming, tourism grinds to a halt

Businesses could lose millions

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Casey Pavlacka planned to be in Walt Disney World on Thursday for a Labor Day weekend trip with her best friend.

Instead, she stayed home in Michigan after her mother-in-law sent photographs of damage from Hurricane Charley three weeks ago, and warned that the approaching Hurricane Frances would be much worse.

“We wanted to be in Florida right now, but we would rather be safe than in a hurricane,” said Pavlacka, 23, by telephone from Grand Rapids, Mich.

Pavlacka planned to be in Orlando, Fla., after her mother-in-law stays open 24 hours a day.

The weekend wasn’t a total loss for hotels. Most of the 1,200,000 hotel rooms in metro Orlando, which has the second-largest hotel market in the nation behind Las Vegas, were occupied — by evacuees. Just over 1,000 rooms were available for Friday.

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Students are invited to take part in “A Conversation with Tom Mendoza” on Thursday, September 9, 2004 from 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in Giovanniini Commons A (lower level Mendoza, across from the BIC).

This is the first event in the Mendoza College of Business’ Vocation Ambition conference series for 2004-2005. The series will offer students a unique opportunity to consider the role of vocation in business and the meaning of ambition within the world of work. This series provides a forum to ask: What does it mean to be a success? Must one choose between the material and the moral? What does it mean to be called to vocation in business? How will my career expectations, and those of others, shape my life decisions? Sessions are designed to allow extended time for questions and personal reflection.

Tom Mendoza and colleague Mike Riley are the kick off speakers. Tom Mendoza (ND ’73) is President of Network Appliance, a leader in the growing network-attached storage market. To support higher education and the University of Notre Dame, Tom Mendoza and his wife Kathy endowed the College in March 2000. Mike Riley, a top systems engineer at Network Appliance, and a 1986 graduate of Notre Dame, will join him.

To facilitate maximum dialog, the event will be limited to 40 students. We will accept reservations on a first come, first serve basis by email to jcalder2@nd.edu.

4 killed in mobile home

Associated Press

LIVINGSTON, Texas — Four people were found shot to death inside a burning mobile home Thursday, and a relative in his 70s admitted to the shooting and surrendered, police said.

Sheriff Billy Ray Nelson identified the victims as the man’s wife, daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter. The deaths may be related to the older couple’s marital problems, the sheriff said.

“When he turned himself in, he showed no signs of remorse,” Nelson said. “He was very calm. He just wanted to report it.”

The names of the victims and the man were withheld pending notification of relatives.
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Observer Poll

Should Tariq Ramadan be allowed to teach at Notre Dame?

Yes 54%

No 46%

*Poll appears courtesy of www.ndsmcobserver.com and is based on 387 responses.

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A number of Democrats allege that during the past four years, President Bush has failed to stand up for our values, as stated in his rhetoric, his policies and even his personality. In candent times, when America faces foes bent on its destruction, Bush has neglected his country and the world. In his first month in office, Reagan met in the basement of the Capitol and told his colleagues, "We must pause to face the facts."

Bill Rinner

A Voice of Reason

Bush merely revealed that America can no longer stand to be the "feel good" government. He has been collecting "green cards" for the past eight years.

Bush has earned many detractors via a pro-foreign policy, since his "passionate conservatism" experiment and various missteps have embraced a philosophically and fiscally unsound method to legitimate their self-righteous indignation.

For all intents and purposes, hatred is the biggest ace in the deck. Objectifying a conscious effort to reject any form of understanding and distinguishing ideas from people has completely closed our minds.

During the Clinton administration, the government was the best leader. The concept of the government as the central authority was born. The government was the best leader.

Gary Caruso

Capitol Comments

Bush lied, even when appealing to the mind successfully demonstrated his arguments. Jonathan Chait, editor of The New Republic, a moderate-liberal magazine, helped bring Bush's lies out of the closet with his column "Mad at You." Which ultimately manifests his own intellectual shortcomings as he explains that by blocking the president's face or seeing his voice on television, his rhetoric, his policies and even his personality is the best leader.

Waiting in line for President Reagan

This liberal Democratic writer stood with thousands of Americans for nearly seven hours to view former President Reagan lying in state at the rotunda. Anyone in Washington during the past three years. I salute his passionate conservatism experiment and various missteps have embraced a philosophically and fiscally unsound method to legitimate their self-righteous indignation.

Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, Gary Caruso, and Vice President Dick Cheney spoke in vices, personal, ascobic, visceral untrue strawn man issues against Democratic presidential nominee, Senator John Kerry.

Two decades ago, I opposed every Reagan policy. Reagan, like President Kennedy, has been idolized far beyond the man's public accomplishments. In his first month in office, Reagan met in the basement of the Capitol and told his colleagues, "We must pause to face the facts."

Many forget how Reagan turned inward and almost squirm when America flexes its muscle. Often waving in windows across the country.

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"I squirm when America flexes its muscle. Often waving in windows across the country. Waiting in line for President Reagan"

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Umphrey's McGee rocks out with fans on a boat tour in New York. The group formed in December 1997 at Notre Dame.

By JACQUELINE PALLARDI and MARIA SMITH
Scene Writer and Scene Editor

Imagine this: you are standing on an 80-acre farm on a starry, midsummer night. Around you are 20,000 bodies rocking to a steady beat. The cause? It's Umphrey's McGee, and the stellar band from Chicago is coming tonight to a town near you.

Your watch hits three in the morning, and the music isn't showing a sign of slowing down. Lights still spin on the roof and, when the lights go out, a shower of glow sticks flies through the tent in time to the seemingly endless jam.

That such superhuman harmony actually happened should speak for the band's popularity. It should tell you that the men composing this band have the kind of natural talent that moves people together, and that they are very impressive. In fact, adequate praise of their talents not resting on the authority of the very experience of their artistic genius would lack what makes them truly great artists. But not many Notre Dame students participated in the Bonnaroo experience of Umphrey's McGee, or worse, have never even seen Umphrey's McGee perform live at all.

So here's some advice — see them live. But keep in mind that seeing the band live once still doesn't do the music justice.

In the tradition of bands like the Grateful Dead, Umphrey's McGee has developed a following of fans that travel miles to hear as many shows as they can. Following on the heels of Phish from Vermont, Widespread Panic from the South, moe. from New York and the String Cheese Incident from Boulder, Co., Umphrey's McGee has emerged as the Midwest's own neo-hippie jam band.

In the 1960s there were Deadheads. Nowadays Phishheads, Spreadheads or in this case Umphreaks and McGeeks will go to incredible lengths to see the bands they love perform. Fans paid upwards of $350 and walked through miles of mud when traffic was stopped for the Coventry Phish festival in mid-August. Umphrey's McGee's following may not be this devoted yet, but it's on its way.

The bands thrive on their live performances to disseminate their sound as much or more than on their studio albums. True to form, Umphrey's McGee encourages fans to record their shows, albeit only for personal use and not for sale. Internet, club and concert swapping of live tapes feeds the fan base and spreads the group's fame every day.

Seeing Umphrey's McGee live is an experience for anyone, but for Notre Dame students, the show might evoke particular loyalty. The jam band lifestyle may be a far cry from anything around campus, but Umphrey's McGee did indeed first meet and form their band at the University of Notre Dame. At a school with little in the way of campus bands, Umphrey's McGee is without a doubt the biggest claim to musical fame.

"Anchor Drops," released on June 29, marks the highest point of musical sophistication the band has reached. The only way to really understand a band like Umphrey's McGee is to go to the show. But until then, a few more words should give an idea of what they are like. Where some bands compose a hit and end there, Umphrey's McGee is always improving. Guitarist Brendan Bayliss, keyboard player Joel Cummins, bassist Ryan Stasik, percussionist Farag, guitarist Cinninger and drummer Kris Myers work off of eight bar building blocks to create songs that evolve on their own with the help of all the musicians. The music evolves constantly, becoming more sophisticated with every performance. The group's musical rapport and understanding of each other's musical styles allows them to transition seamlessly from one song to the next. Songs blend into a single unresolved jam that constantly keeps listeners on edge. They exhibit their skill through all the elements of style, and especially in their thick textures and heavily syncopated rhythms. Their mathematical rigor is characteristic of the art that is at the same time completely unpredictable. To use the popular lingo, "it's heady stuff, man." Umphrey's McGee taps into every kind of music. They have played melodies from Beethoven, Grieg's "In the Hall of the Mountain King" and the Allman Brothers' "Jessica" in their own funk-rock style. Their music seems at times to be as comprehensive as verbal language. Further, that is, if this last quality of their work is not enough to blow your mind away, the lyrics are also exceptional. They contain everything from inside jokes to profound philosophy that makes the musical experience all the more intriguing, suggestive and enjoyable. In order to do them justice, take it upon yourself to slap some interpretation or label on their musical style by witnessing them perform tonight at The Mishawaka Brewing Company. Enjoy the show.

Contact Jacqueline Pallardy at jpallard@nd.edu and Maria Smith at msmith4@nd.edu
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Florida's Pagano ties for NL lead with his 16th victory

Associated Press

The way the Florida Marlins are playing, only a force of nature could slow them down.

That's exactly what happened. Carl Pagano and the Marlins beat the New York Mets 9-6 Thursday for their seventh win in a row before packing up and flying back to South Florida to prepare for Hurricane Frances.

The storm has already forced the postponement of Friday night's game against the Chicago Cubs — but the Marlins aren't fazed.

"The good news is, I saved $159 on my car insurance," manager Jack McKeon said, spoofing the ubiquitous commercials in his own way. "Hopefully, we'll start up again Saturday and keep going the way we've been going."

Players showered and dressed quickly so they could return to a state bracing for its worst storm in at least a decade. Frances, packing 145 mph winds and the potential to push ashore waves up to 15 feet high, could be felt in Florida by midmorning Friday.

"A lot of us have houses and family up there, so obviously we're worried about it," Pagano said.

The Marlins said no decision had been made on whether to call up any of their Triple-A affiliates Friday, or Sunday when the front-postponement will be made.

Pagano, who tied for the NL lead with his 16th win, allowed four runs and eight hits in six-plus innings. Damien Easley and Juan Encarnacion each drove in two runs.

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Pagano threw a four-hitter for his first win since the All-Star break. Bill Hall drove in four runs and the Milwaukee Brewers beat the Pittsburgh Pirates to sweep a split of their four-game series.

Hall's three-run homer in the second gave Sheets a 5-0 cushion.

"When you get that lead you can relax a little bit," Sheets said. "Everybody can relax, the hitters, the pitcher, the fielders, the bullpen. That was a big momentum shift for us."

Sheets walked one and struck out 10. He allowed a double to the second batter he faced, Jack Wilson, but didn't allow another baserunner until the sixth.

"That's Ben. Get him a lead and it's over," Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon said. "He's got a great breaking ball."

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"It was a major blow to the Padres, who are in contention for the wild-card spot. San Diego was two games behind the Cubs heading into a slugfest homestand.

"We know coming in here we had to play our best ball, and we didn't do it," manager Bruce Bochy said. "We need to regroup and head home."

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World Cup of Hockey

United States suffers second loss, 3-1 to Russia

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Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Alex Kovalev scored the opening goal and minor-league goaltender Iliya Bryzgalov held his own against the American stars as Russia beat the United States 3-1 in Saturday night in the World Cup of Hockey.

Bryzgalov, property of the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, had 20 saves, and Damius Zubrus and Viktor Kozlov also scored for Russia, which dealt Team USA its second consecutive loss.

The Americans, 0-2 in the tournament, lost to Canada 2-1 on Tuesday night in Montreal.

A handful of Russian fans, some wearing old Soviet Union jerseys, consistently made more noise than the American crowd.

Their team gave them plenty to cheer for, outshooting an American squad with high-profile NHL players.

St. Louis Blues forward Keith Tkachuk scored Team USA's goal on a power play. The Americans stayed close thanks to another stellar performance by goaltender Robert Esche, who finished with 42 saves.

Esche, who stopped 30 shots against Canada, held off the speedy Russians for most of the game. Russia outshot the Americans 45-21.

Dallas Stars forward Mike Modano played for Team USA despite a lower-body injury. He assisted on Tkachuk's goal with a pretty pass, but the U.S. team seemed flat offensively.

After a sluggish first period in which they were outshot 16-4, the Americans came out aggressively in the second, getting six shots in the first five minutes. But Russia tightened up defensively and played a physical style.

Kovalev's winner, at 5:05 of the third period, was a thing of beauty. He slipped the puck through a defender's legs, charged to the left, waited for Esche to go down and launched the puck into the right corner.

Kozlov sealed it with 1:58 remaining when he wristed the puck from the high slot between two defenders and between Esche's pads.

In the second period, Zubrus got help from American captain Chris Chelios on his team's first goal.

With a defender on his back, Zubrus skated around the back of the goal and fired a shot that hit off Chelios' skate and into the net to put Russia up 1-0.

But the Americans answered 1:24 later when Modano sent a perfect pass from the blue line to Scott Tkachuk, who slid the puck under Bryzgalov's pads with 6:16 to play in the second period.

Finland 3, Germany 0

Mikko Kiprusoff earned his second straight shutout as Finland blanked Germany 3-0 Thursday night in the World Cup of Hockey, clinching home-ice advantage in the quarterfinals next week.

Kimmo Timonen of the Nashville Predators, Teemu Selanne of the Colorado Avalanche and Jere Lehtinen of the Dallas Stars scored for Finland, which shut out the Czech Republic 4-0 Monday night in Helsinki.

The Finns now return to their capital to meet archrival Sweden on Saturday.

Sweden is also 2-0 in the European pool and gained home-ice advantage in the quarterfinals after back-to-back wins over Germany (5-2) and the Czechs (4-3) in Stockholm.

Germany travels to Prague to meet the Czechs on Friday in a game between two winless teams.

In the quarterfinals, the group winner meets the No. 4 team, and the runner-up plays the No. 3 team.

Timonen scored the opening goal midway in the first period with Finland on the power play before a crowd of 12,975.

Selanne, who got an assist on the goal, put in his first midway in the second period when the Finns had a two-man advantage for 28 seconds.

Selanne one-timed a slap shot from the left circle.

Olaf Kolzig of the Washington Capitals, starting his second game in goal, had no chance.

Timonen set up Selanne's first goal in the tournament with a perfect pass.

The Germans, who played much better in the second period, had an excellent chance to get back into the game with a two-man advantage for two minutes later in the period.

But Kiprusoff, who backstopped Calgary to the Stanley Cup finals last season, was never seriously challenged.

Instead, Mikko Eleranta — one of only two players from the Finnish League — wasted a golden chance to make it 3-0 after the Finns killed the penalties.

Leaving the penalty box, he took a mid-ice pass and skated in on a breakaway. But Kolzig made a brilliant pad save.

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(THAT'S WHAT RUSH IS FOR)
Utah defeats Texas A&M 41-21
Quarterback Alex Smith finished with 435 yards of offense
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Alex Smith made sure Utah justified its first preseason ranking.
Smith overcame some early accuracy problems and threw for three touchdowns, ran for two more and finished with 435 yards of offense to lead the No. 20 Utes past Texas A&M 41-21 Thursday night.
Smith and the Utes backed up their ranking with 582 yards of offense and averaged their only non-conference loss of last season. Local officials dubbed Thursday "Utah Day" and there were hours of prep games festivities before the Utes took the field. Then, the fun really started.

"If we spread you out like, that's going to be tough to stop us," said Smith, who passed for a personal-best 359 yards. "It was nice, very nice."

Utah led 7-0 barely a minute into the game and scored the first four touchdowns, despite some early inceptions from Smith.

"That first half could've been scary if we take advantage of all those," Smith said of handful of turnovers passed and several others that were dropped. "I was a little bit nervous. I've been waiting for this game for so long.

Smith, who completed 21 of 29 passes, topped his 340-yard passing performance against Oregon last year. He also ran 13 times for 76 yards.
The Aggies, who last season lost their last three games and five of their last six, continued to struggle on defense. Utah scored five times on defensive blunders in which the Utes were all but untouched on their way into the end zone.
Texas A&Mquarterback Reggie McNeall ran for two touchdowns, including a 59-yarder late in the second half, but struggled with his passing.
Too many drops and too many miscues here and there. They just never let us get going," A&M coach Dennis Franchione said.

"The Utes played like they deserved to be in the Top 20," A&M used 14 freshmen in its first season-opening loss in four years. The last time the Aggies opened with a loss was also the last time they started the season on the road, a 24-10 loss at Notre Dame in 2000.
Utah was not an ideal opponent for a team that went 5-7 last season away from Kyle Field. The Utes lost to the Aggies 28-26 a year ago when a two-point conversion attempt failed in the final seconds. There wasn't talk of revenge as the game approached, but the Utes certainly felt vindicated after approaching, but the Aggies fell to 0-2.

"That was our game plan — To come up and go no-huddle and get them while they were getting used to the elevation," Savoy said.
Smith ran through a wide hole for a 7-yard TD and had a 35-yard scoring pass to John Madsen, who didn't have an A&M player within 10 yards when he pulled down the pass and trotted down the sideline. Smith also scored on a 37-yard run.

Johnson, playing for the first time in two years because of injuries and a one-year suspension for drunken driving, gained 77 yards on 20 carries for the Utes.

"Utah just never let us going."

Dennis Franchione
Texas A&M coach

Utah running back Marty Johnson gains seven yards before being tripped up by Texas A&M, Jaxon Appel Thursday night.
NCAA Football

Florida's teams cope with hurricane

Associated Press

MIAMI — Florida State and Miami will still play in prime time, just four days later than planned.

The nationally televised game, originally scheduled for Monday night, was postponed Thursday as Hurricane Frances moved closer to Florida's east coast. No. 11 Florida State's opener against Middle Tennessee State on Saturday also was rescheduled.

The game between the No. 5 Seminoles and the No. 6 Hurricanes will be played next Friday night at the Orange Bowl.

"Our biggest concern is for the safety of anyone who is in the path of Hurricane Frances, and we felt the appropriate thing to do is to reschedule the game," Miami athletic director Paul Dee said.

Florida's home game will be played Oct. 16, athletic director Jeremy Foley said.

In baseball, the Florida Marlins postponed Friday's series opener against the Chicago Cubs. The team said no decision has been made on whether to call Saturday or Sunday games off, or whether to play the games next Friday night.

"The biggest concern is obviously we're worried about the players and their families down there," Marlins president David Samson said in a statement. "We're first and foremost concerned about the safety of all residents in the state of Florida and will return to baseball-related activities at Pro Player Stadium when the storm has passed and it is safe for our fans to attend."

Marlins players were anxious to get back home before the hurricane hits.

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No one has been more influential in making Woods the golfer he is than his father, Earl, who taught his toddler to make Woods jangle coins or juggle balls just like it was back in '96 and '97, "It's tough," Woods said, "just like it was back in '96 and '97, when he had a heart attack and had complications with heart surgery.

"We're just glad we're on the field."

The troubles began earlier this year when the storm has obviously we're worried about the players and their families down there, so obviously we're worried about it," pitcher Carl Pavano said. "It's tough with what's going on in Florida right now."

Added outfielder Juan Pierre: "I know I'm getting home and I'm getting out of Dodge. It looks like it's going to hit us; let's hope it's not too bad."

The Tampa Bay Devil Rays have been in contact with league officials about their possibilities. Tampa Bay is scheduled to play Detroit, Friday through Sunday at Tropicana Field.
Belles lose opening match

By JUSTIN STEITZ
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's volleyball team faced a difficult challenge Thursday when they opened up their season against Alma.

The Scots have won the conference title the last three years in a row. A year ago, the team lost in four to Alma. Unfortunately, the Belles came out on the wrong end once again as they lost in straight sets.

Prior to the home opener, captain Elise Rupricht talked about the importance of the contest.

"I believe the team is looking forward to beginning competition and ready to begin the season with a win," said Rupricht.

However, the Belles were unable to find their rhythm against the defending conference champions. In the first two games they lost 15-30, and fell in the third and final match 21-10.

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However, King is not the only person looking for good things out of Brophy this season.

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Sophomore Noriko Nakazaki is disappointed to miss the cut by three strokes.

"I think she is probably one of the toughest opponents that the Belles will face this year. Now Saint Mary's must regroup and prepare for their next game on the road against the University of Saint Francis at 2 p.m.

The Cougars are 2-3 on the season and didn't face the Belles during the 2003 campaign.

On Monday, the Belles will attempt to win their first conference match, as they take on Albion in a second straight away game. Play begins at 7 p.m.

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ND Women's Golf

Irish begin season at ND invitational

Washington State, 16 others will compete in tourney

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

As the 2004-05 campaign begins, the Notre Dame women's golf team is poised to make last season — the best in Irish history — a distant memory.

On the heels of 2003's record success, which saw the team compete in their first-ever NCAA regionals, the Irish have lofty goals.

Last year the Irish finished ranked No. 50 in the nation, their highest placement ever. This year, they aim to finish in the top 35.

The team will get its first opportunity to reach that milestone this weekend, playing host to the fifth annual Notre Dame Invitational.

Based on history, the Irish are in a great position to take long strides this weekend, having won this event the last two seasons and going unbeaten at all other tournaments too.

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Along with co-captain Suzy Hayes, Brophy will work to guide Notre Dame to a third straight tournament title this weekend.

Joining them will be Gebauer and talented freshman Jane Lee, who qualified as the No. 4 golfer.

"Jane is disappointed to qualify in the No. 4 spot," King said.

"Freshmen year can be a little overwhelming, but look for her to get better each time."

Because of close competition, King will decide the fifth golfer qualifying rounds have been exceptions.

However, King is especially pleased by how quickly the players have shown improvement from an already successful effort last season, and has high expectations for her this season.

"Katie has really proven herself over the summer, as well as 2003," King said.

The event will consist of 54 rounds over Saturday and Sunday.

Each team will be represented by five golfers, with the lowest four scores counting towards the overall score.

Senior Katie Brophy and Lauren Gebauer both qualified for the U.S. Women's Amateur Sophomore Noriko Nakazaki played well in qualifying, but missed the cut by three strokes.

Brophy, a team co-captain, has shown great improvement and is expected to be favored with home course advantage.

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER

Irish face toughest challenge of season, No. 2 Santa Clara

Team also competes against Stanford at home this weekend

It would be unfair to say, in a season just two games old, that this is a defining weekend for No. 2 Notre Dame. So I won't. But I will say that the upcoming contests — against No. 13 Stanford and No. 4 Santa Clara — represent a golden opportunity for the Irish to take a step closer towards the one ingredient the team is missing — greatness.

Greatness is achieved by winning the big games, the games that count. The last time Notre Dame saw greatness in its women's soccer was in 2000 when the Irish gave the legendary (synonymous with historically great) North Carolina Tar Heels all they could handle in the NCAA semifinals.

This year, the Irish are a talented team, but to transform into a great team, they will have to learn from 2003. Last year, the Irish were a good team, a very good team. They were talented and ranked second in the country for most of the year. But they were not great.

The first sign of trouble happened when geographical (and unranked) rival Michigan beat them at Alumni Field to put the sole blemish on what would have been an undefeated regular season. That game could have been a fluke, and the Irish could have moved on and cruised through the postseason. But disappointing losses in the Big East Tournament semifinals and then in the second round of the NCAA Tournament (as the No. 2 seed and, once again, to Michigan) left the Irish with a nice record but without greatness.

Granted, very few teams are perfect. Perfection is the goal, but almost inevitably there will be some losses along the way. However, what separates the good from the great teams is that, despite a loss here or there, great teams don't beat themselves when the stakes are high.

If you're having trouble following my painfully abstract logic, allow me to clarify.

For you visual/arithmetically-inclined learners, last year's college football season provides a perfect example. Southern Cal — great team. Oklahoma — very good (but not great) team. Notre Dame — don't get me started, I'm still in therapy.

Great teams have talent, but, unlike the above Oklahoma Sooners, they are not afraid to lose in crucial games.

The North Carolina women's soccer program solidified its dynasty, not when gifted players signed on to play at Chapel Hill, but when they all embraced their talent, their destiny as champions and refused to let anything stand in their way.

Programs like North Carolina's women's soccer and USC football have an intimidating presence whenever they compete, one that does not waver under duress or shrink in fear from an opponent's rally.

The 2004 Irish have the talent. They just need to win the big ones.

This weekend's games will not provide a definitive answer as to the greatness of this year's Irish squad. That will have to wait until the postseason. But high profile match-ups like Stanford and Santa Clara are the next best thing to play-off soccer.

Two wins would certainly be a step in the right direction. The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Matt Mooney at mmooney@nd.edu

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Sports Writer

Sophomore midfield Kim Lorenzen dribbles the ball up the field during a match against Eastern Illinois Aug. 29. The Irish compete against No. 2 Santa Clara and No. 13 Stanford this weekend.
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more than intimidating. However, the Irish take com­
fort in the challenge ahead of them. "We see it as an opportunity to put up a good match," Loomis said. "We have a great chance. If we come out on the top of our game with enthusi­asm and toughness, I think we'll give them a good match."

It seems as if the Irish even thrive on the idea of being underdogs. "We're really fired up for the match, and I think we'll put up a big fight," Loomis said. "We know we can stand up to them."

Wednesday night, the Irish showcased their potential as a team, defeating Loyola Chicago three games to one.

Notre Dame cruised to victories in the first two games, registering 30-24 and 30-19 wins respectively. Although Loyola defeated the Irish in the third game 30-17, Notre Dame bounced back, edging out the Ramblers 30-28 in game four.

Loomis described the Loyola match as an opportunity to gauge their progress as a team. "I think we learned a lot not only about where we are now but where we can go," he said. "(Thursday) in practice, we really focused on learning from our mistakes and doing as much as we can on our side of the net."

"I think if we can apply what we worked on at practice against Nebraska, we'll have a good showing."

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are going to be complete teams and it's going to be a challenge for us," he said. "They expose your weaknesses. These are the kind of teams that can test your players and test your system."

Despite the steep caliber of competition, Waldrum likes the idea of testing his team so early in the season. "Whether you win the early games or lose the early games, they're played more for finding out the areas we need to improve before the end of the season gets here," he said. "It's a great way for us to measure where we are."

Notre Dame met a similarly difficult challenge last year traveling to California to face off against the same two teams in SEC's Adidas Classic. Stanford, behind star goalkeeper Nicole Barnhart, kept the Irish out of the net, but Irish netminder Erika Bohn was equal to the task, resulting in a 0-0 stalemate. Both goalkeepers return this year for a rematch. Meanwhile, Santa Clara gave the Irish all they could handle before eventually falling to Notre Dame by a narrow 2-1 margin.

"Santa Clara has got one of the top programs of the country year in and year out," Waldrum said. "It's turned into a good rivalry with us over the last few years."

This year, the Irish hope to add more offensive firepower to the mix, and their leading candidate is Big East Player of the Week Katie Thorlakson. The Irish forward surged out of the gate this season, having a hand (or a foot) in eight of the 10 Irish goals scored in the first two games. She totaled seven points (two goals, three assists) in the first half of a 7-2 blowout of Baylor to tie a school record and then assisted on all three goals scored against Eastern Illinois.

"I'm just looking to create chances and hopefully our team will finish a lot better (with our) goal scoring," Thorlakson said. "Mentally I'm pretty strong so I just try and go out and perform."

As pleased as Waldrum is with Thorlakson's statistical success, he is even happier that one of his stars is finally gaining some national recognition.

"I'm so happy that the Big East finally recognized her. Last year she had a great year for us and she was so underappreciat­ed by people outside of our pro­gram," he said. "It was a trav­esty for her not to be on the all-Big East Team last year. I really look for her to break through and finally get the recognition she deserves."

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Three Irish midfielder Jen Buczkowski chases after the ball during Notre Dame's 3-0 victory over Eastern Illinois Sunday.

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sophomores Sara Otto, Erin Nolan and Katie White. Otto finished first for the team at both the conference championships and at the NCAA Division III Regionals at Hanover College by placing 22nd and 84th. Co-captain Elizabeth Commers had only words of praise for Otto.

“She’s already a leader for the team,” Commers said. “It was a natural role for her.”

Although Otto’s importance to the team as a leader is evident, she does not view herself as the only individual the team looks upon for inspiration and support. “We all lead together,” Otto said. “Together we are preparing mentally and physically for the championships at the end of the season.”

Leading the team throughout the season will be co-captains Rina Zander and Commers. Otto described the two as perfect for the role of captain. “They both lead by example,” Otto said. “Rina is very goal-oriented, and Elizabeth has always been encouraging.”

In a sport that can easily become individual-oriented, Barstis says he expects the two captains to assume the natural role of assistant coaches on the course, guiding each runner towards the team’s season goals.

“They know my plan so I look for them to lead,” Barstis said. “We just need to work on our confidence.”

The team has plenty to be confident about, as sophomore transfer Meghan Murphy and freshman Megan Gray have already shown great potential. Barstis said they have been a great addition to the team.

“We have been able to replace the loss of last year’s seniors with excellent runners,” Barstis said.

The Belles are hoping to showcase their excellence at today’s season-opening Heidelberg Invitational in Ohio. However, Saint Mary’s primary goal in regards to the meet is to view the race as a variation. For the Belles, this is an opportunity to build team unity and to gain experience working together while racing.

“We are viewing the races this season as workouts and looking to learn from them,” Barstis said. “They help us learn how to run together, and this will hopefully motivate the runners to improve their times by working together.”

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Irish midfielder John Stephens readsies to head the ball in Notre Dame’s 2-0 exhibition win over Northwestern Monday.
**Crossword**

**ACROSS**
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6. Shift very carefully.
8. Personal assistants keep track of them.
15. Follower of Christ!
18. Raised rumblers.
23. Spray unit.
25. Radio power.
27. Bad thing to have.
29. Buckets.
32. Stick to.
33. Buckets.
35. Commits to.
37. Former first lady.
38. Breathing abnormality.
40. It's... by your voice line again.
41. Record problem.
43. Fronted.
44. Personal assistants.
45. "What's that noise?"
47. Think fit.
48. Overflow.
49. Slugger.
51. Collector of "One Mic." rapper.
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**Horoscope**

**Aries** (March 21-April 19):
You have yourself too much time to think about things that are bothering you. You are always busy, the constant flurry of activity.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20):
You'll be well looked out in front of you today. If you are careful and question what everyone is doing, you will find in the better of things and be successful.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20):
Prepare to meet some interesting new people.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22):
If you let everyone do his or her own thing, you will discover it's easier to get your own way. It's all in the strategy you use today.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22):
Someone meets you and leaves you with the impression of the opposite sex.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):
Think twice or you may find yourself in the midst of a scam. Not everyone will be trustworthy, so don't get involved in just any venture.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):
You may see eye-to-eye with a partner. Listen and observe what this person is doing before you make a decision that could affect the outcome.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):
You'll have a big impact on everyone you deal with today. Your energetic and pubic way of presenting what you are is very persuasive.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):
You will be in the mood to entertain and do your thing. Don't be afraid to overspend; it will worth the day.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):
You have everything going for you now. All you have to do is to put your plans into motion. Don't let an emotional problem stand in your way.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):
The more you do with others, the better your day will be. You can collaborate and come up with a workable solution to a cash flow problem.

**Horoscope**

**Jumble**

**Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words:**

**WHOYS**

**KROPE**

**PRIMEC**

**KITSYC**

**Answer:**

**Yesterday's Jumble Answer: GULCH AGONY POLISH FETISH**

**What the initiator meant when the singer wanted the be a plot: A "SOLO FLIGHT"**

**Happiness Today:**
Your strength of character will share this year, giving you an edge you hadn't had in the past. This year is about you, being the best you can and taking care of yourself. As long as you don't overload yourself with unnecessarily worry, you will do OK.

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:**
Enid Blyton, Salma Hayek, Lennons, Lewis, Keanu Reeves

**Happy Birthday:**
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Jumping into the fire

ND VOLLEYBALL
Irish take on No. 2 Nebraska in a key two-game series at home this weekend

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

In this case, adjectives and accolades are unnecessary. The No. 25 Irish know exactly what they're in for when they meet No. 2 Nebraska this weekend — its ranking says it all.

"They're definitely ranked No. 2," said senior Emily Loomis said. "They have a lot of offensive threats. We'll have to play a good all-around game and be ready to fight." Notre Dame is set to meet Nebraska both tonight and Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center. Nebraska is used to starting off its season with a win, posting a 26-3 all-time season opener record — including a victory the last four years.

Last season, the two teams visited for the No. 1 slot in the national blocking rankings. The Irish were ranked first nationally with 3.72 blocks per game, interrupting Nebraska's three-year hold on the record. Nebraska finished the season sixth as a team with 3.17 blocks per game.

For most teams, the Huskers' record and rankings can be nipping at their heels. But for the Irish, the accolades are unnecessary. "They're in for what they're in for when they're in for what they're in for," said the team's newcomer, Emily Loomis. "We feel confident as a team because we've got great talent-laden roster." Barstis said. Returning veterans include four of its top five runners. In addition to the team's veterans, a transfer student and a freshman will also be joining the Belles. Coach Dave Barstis said the team's newcomers add a sense of enthusiasm to our team deeper," Barstis said. Returning veterans include

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ND WOMEN'S SOCCER
Notre Dame faces No. 4 Santa Clara and No. 13 Stanford in adidas Classic

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

So much for getting their feet wet.

With only two games under its collective belt, Notre Dame will face perhaps its biggest challenge of the season when the Adidas Classic begins at Alumni Field today. Santa Clara, ranked No. 4 in both the Soccer America and Soccer Buzz polls, will headline the teams visiting South Bend, followed by Stanford (No. 13, No. 19) and Southern Methodist.

The No. 2 Irish (2-0-0) will face the two toughest visitors when they host Stanford (1-0-0) tonight at 7:30 p.m. and cap off the weekend with a 1:30 p.m. match against growing rival Santa Clara (0-0-1). Coach Randy Waldrum admits the two games this weekend could have vital importance to the Irish season. "Irish face toughest challenge of season"

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SMC CROSS COUNTRY
Runners hope to continue progress

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The Belles are hoping to establish themselves as one of the conference's top programs. Coming off their best finish at last year's MIAA Championships, the team is only expecting top performances this season to reach that level. Already off to a promising start, Saint Mary's is returning four of its top five runners. In addition to the team's veterans, a transfer student and a freshman will also be joining the Belles. Coach Dave Barstis said the team's newcomers add a sense of enthusiasm to the talent-laden roster.

"We feel confident as a team because we've got great first-year runners that will make our team deeper," Barstis said. Returning veterans include

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MEN'S SOCCER
Team opens regular season today

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

There's a first time for everything, but Bobby Clark does not expect the Irish to lose their season-opening match for the first time since he's been here. At the adidas/IU Credit Union Classic, the No. 9 Irish take on Oregon State today at 5 p.m., and face Boston University Sunday at noon. The event is hosted by Indiana University, the nation's top-ranked team heading into the season. Although the early start to

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American League

Pitcher Mark Redman picked up the win as the Oakland Athletics won 4-2 over the Chicago White Sox.

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Bob Morton and the Notre Dame offensive line look to protect the Irish backfield after a shaky 2003 campaign. Morton's switch to left guard is one of several position changes in the line this season.
Willingham more appropriately called it swagger on Tuesday. It led to the Return to Glory of 2002, and its absence led to a forgettable 2003.

Willingham had the national stage in the season-opening Kickoff Classic in 2002. Questions floated about how quickly Willingham could turn the program around and if this game against the defending ACC champions was too big of a test too early.

An answer of a dominating 22-0 victory over Maryland, 24-17 win over Purdue and 25-23 statement over Michigan, gave the Irish a confidence and swagger they rode to an 8-0 start.

But the ugly end to 2002 led to more questions starting the 2003 season. A miraculous overtime win over Washington State staved them off for a week.

But there came 38-0 at Michigan. The swagger was gone. Add in a 4-15 loss to USC, a 37-0 pounding from Florida State — both at home — and a 38-12 defeat to close the season at mediocre Syracuse, and the impact of early-season results become apparent in Willingham’s short two years in South Bend.

Go back to the Bob Davie era (just for a few seconds) and see the importance in recent Notre Dame history of early-season confidence leading to a successful season.

Remember the three-game losing skid in the beginning of 1999 that led to a 5-7 campaign. Remember the near-upset of No. 1 Nebraska in 2000 that came a week after an unranked Irish team handsomely beat No. 23 Texas A & M, leading to an eventual BCS appearance. Remember the 0-3 start in 2001 that all but sealed Davie’s fate in South Bend. College athletics, more so than pro athletics, ride on a cumulative effect of confidence and emotion throughout the season.

Why? They are younger and are not playing for a paycheck like the pros.

The fan support in college is more apparent from day-to-day as athletes can feel the spirit on campus from the dinning hall to the classroom.

The significance of every college regular season game is far more important than national championship or major bowl aspirations falling because of one bad day in between the lines.

That’s why Saturday night is so critical for the Irish.

On paper, it looks like a game the Irish should win easily.

Dominating an inferior opponent (which the Irish didn’t do until the BYU game in week 10 last year) will have this team riding high into next week’s rivalry game against Michigan. But factor in a nationally-televised season opener — at night, on the road, in the first game of the year, with the Irish possibly focusing on next week’s long-awaited revenge on the Wolverines — and it’s easy to see why the Cougars are the source of that confidence leading to a one-sided victory over Michigan.

But inorta in a nationally-televised season opener — at night, on the road, in the first game of the year, with the Irish possibly focusing on next week’s long-awaited revenge on the Wolverines — and it’s easy to see why the Cougars have the all-important thing.

So the next question natural­ly is where do they come a week coming off a 5-7 season, hav­ing lost nine of its last 14 games — four by at least 31 points — and not ranked in the top 25 any business in believing it can return to its early-season form of 2002? Willingham says it’s happened before.

We get it with improved physical skills that come through the winter conditioning and weight training.

That’s the only place this team can get confidence from since 2003 was so disappointing.

But it works both ways. Maybe this team struggles in Provo and escapes with a win, leading to questions heading into the Michigan game.

Willingham feels the team is headed back to its 2002 form. "They all believe and are focusing on the right things in this program, and that, to me, puts us on the verge of doing something big," said Saturday. The Irish have a chance to begin the season with a confidence back.

It’ll be a long road to determining their success, or lack, in 2004.

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Big men on campus
The more experienced offensive line shuffles positions to improve overall play

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associated Sport Editer

If you look up statistics for a football team, you’ll find the usual suspects — “touchdowns,” “receiving yards,” “tackles.”

What you usually won’t find are the statistics for the offensive linemen. This is a real shame. Unless you dig rather deep, statistics for a football team might have the most important job of the team, you’ll find the usual suspects — “touchdowns,” “receiving yards,” “tackles.”

Scrubbed and criticized

After a 5-7 season in 2003, many of the Irish faithful placed the blame on the offensive line.

At the start of the year, only then-senior Sean Milligan came into the season as a returning starter. That experience went out the window pretty quickly, after Milligan was injured against Michigan and did not play the rest of the season.

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As far as the criticism last year, that just comes with the territory,” Stevenson said. “I’ve played offensive line my whole life and even in high school, I’ve experienced that when anything goes wrong it’s the offensive line’s fault, and when everything goes good it’s somebody else who gets the credit.”

Those same growing pains and disappointment from last year might just be a real positive for the team this season.

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Experience meets potential

The one member of the 2004 offensive line who is not a returning starter might have the most important job of all. As the center, sophomore John Sullivan’s job is to snap the ball to the Irish quarterback.

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I’ll be in just as well as any other offensive lineman,” Quinn said.

My hope is that at some point there will be a letdown the next weekend, it’s because he has those stars. You’ll see a guy like Harris come in and make a big splash.”

The shuffling of the line is just a normal part of an evolving football team, according to the Irish coaching staff.

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by the numbers

15 number of interceptions Brady Quinn threw as a freshman last season
14 number of starting linebackers BYU loses from 2003
33 national ranking of BYU defense last season
6 number of “payback” games BYU has won out of seven since 1999
4 number of BWU wins last season
5 number of Notre Dame wins last season

Mark LeVoir, center, speaks with Brady Quinn, left, during a 37-0 loss to Florida State last season. Graduated lineman Jim Molinaro looks on. LeVoir moves from right guard to right tackle this season, and Dan Stevenson replaces LeVoir at guard.
Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 0-0
AP: NR
Coaches: NR

Tyone Willingham
third season at Notre Dame
career record: 5-9-46-1
at Notre Dame: 15-10
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NOTRE DAME

WILLINGHAM

Tyone Willingham enters his third season as Irish head coach, a season which has determined the career direction of many past Irish coaches. He needs to motivate the team to defeat the Cougars as much for himself as for the team on Saturday night.

Crowton enters his fourth season unsatisfied with his team's offensive production a year ago. He now helps more with quarterback coaching, and he has recruited personnel to fill specific skill positions on the offensive side of the ball.

Quinn looked impressive in last week's scrimmage. The sophomore has a year of experience in the offense, and coaches say he has been studying tape and even adding his own ideas to the gameplan. In addition, Quinn will be working with a deeper receiving corps.

BYU will throw the ball early and often, but Crowton has not had a definite starter to guide the passing attack.

The Cougars defense ranked 14th nationally in pass defense last season, allowing only 4.51 yards per play and just 3.2 yards per rushing play. However, they also have lost their three starting linebackers and surrendered 580 yards to the Cougar offense in a scrimmage.

The Cougars lose many of their top run defenders, but return Brady Poppinga and Aaron Franciscus for dominating line play. Quinn and the receivers should be able to open up the field that could become a strong ground game, expect a spread out field effort, and great things from Quinn and the receivers.

The Irish offense will be improved over 2003 because of Quinn's and the offensive line's experience, and Grant regains his own ideas against the Irish offense.

Both coaches are coming off disappointing losing seasons, and with BYU in a fan base seeking the revitalization of the program especially Williamingham.

With nothing to go on but preseason talk and recogntion, Willingham will play the nod for beating BYU by a good margin last season.

Irish experts

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Notre Dame is the more talented and explosive team in this matchup. The improved Irish offense should be able to move the ball consistently against the Cougar defense. Notre Dame's defense must contain BYU's passing attack to shut down the Cougars. It won't be an easy opener but the Irish will prevail.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 24
BYU 13
The defensive line and linebackers bring experience. Justin Tuck is a force containing running backs on the outside sweeps, and the Irish have a good chance to improve a 2003 defense that allowed just 127.2 yards per game on the ground last season.

The Digest of the Irish defense will come from the backfield.

New defensive back coach Steve Wilks has his work cut out for him, with an abundance of talent but also an abundance of youth in the defensive backfield. Burrell and Parish get the nod at safety. Burrell finished last season with four interceptions.

Junior college transfer Todd Watkins excited Cougar fans with a 50-yard touchdown catch in the BYU spring game last year. The Cougars lose Toby Christensen, the top receiver last year, but they return all other major receiving threats, including tight end Daniel Coats.

The Irish run defense will force the Cougars to pass. BYU will obligate Decker and Berry to spread most of their run in the backfield or double team blocking schemes and a patchy secondary will take its toll for an hour. Working us a 42-40-yard dash and could cause problems.

D.J. Fitzpatrick bit a game-winning field goal last season and two 56-yard field goals in last week's scrimmage. Punting could be a question mark. Kick return men should be Rhema McKnight, Chase Anastasio and Carlos Campbell.

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BYU is 3-0 in its three openers under Crowton, with all three games at home. The Cougars perform better in front of games at Edwards Stadium, and the Irish 6-1 in its back games since 1999, getting revenge more often than not.

The Irish need to win this game, and they will play like it. But the Cougars have the time on the line and will play better in front of a loud, large home crowd. BYU will turn the ball over a couple of times, the crowd and atmosphere will keep them in the game longer.

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Sizing up the Irish and the Cougars

2003 Average Per Game

**Total Yards Gained**
- Notre Dame: 336.3
- BYU: 313.1

**Total Yards Allowed**
- Notre Dame: 306.2
- BYU: 340.2

**Rushing Yards Gained**
- Notre Dame: 157.2
- BYU: 98.1

**Rushing Yards Allowed**
- Notre Dame: 131.6
- BYU: 127.2

**Passing Yards Gained**
- Notre Dame: 179.1
- BYU: 215

**Passing Yards Allowed**
- Notre Dame: 174.7
- BYU: 213

**Kick Return Yards Gained**
- Notre Dame: 74.4
- BYU: 70.7

**Kick Return Yards Allowed**
- Notre Dame: 49
- BYU: 65

**Punt Return Yards Gained**
- Notre Dame: 31.8
- BYU: 23.3

**Punt Return Yards Allowed**
- Notre Dame: 41
- BYU: 28.8

**Yards Per Punt**
- Notre Dame: 37.9
- BYU: 42.4

**Punts Blocked**
- Notre Dame: 1
- BYU: 2

**Turnovers Lost**
- Notre Dame: 26
- BYU: 25

**Turnovers Recovered**
- Notre Dame: 28
- BYU: 28

**Yards Penalized**
- Notre Dame: 51
- BYU: 63.8

**Points Scored**
- Notre Dame: 20.2
- BYU: 16.3

**Points Allowed**
- Notre Dame: 25.8
- BYU: 26.2

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**NOTRE DAME'S OFFENSE vs BYU'S DEFENSE**

Dwight Ellick [above] and Preston Jackson will start at the cornerback spots, with Quentin Burrell and Freddie Parish named the tentative starters at safety.

The uncertainty of this defensive backfield is frightening, especially against a team that loves to throw the ball. This group's performance will tell two things - they will determine how close the game gets this Saturday, and they will also show Michigan receivers like Braylon Edwards how vulnerable they are.

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**BYU PASSING OFFENSE**

John Beck and Matt Berry lost top receiver Toby Christensen, but Chris Hale, Daniel Coats and Rod Wilkerson all return as the second through fourth receivers from last season.

Junior college transfer Todd Watkins [above] runs a 4.28 second 40 and led the Foothill Valley Conference last year with 134 points as a kicker and receiver. He also averaged 22.9 yards per catch.

Ellick, a former track star at Notre Dame, should draw covering Watkins in man-to-man to match speed with speed.

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BY HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN

Sports Editor

They are deep, talented and athletic, but it has yet to be determined which ones will play.

The Irish have a group of six tight ends, Billy Palmer, Jared Clark, Anthony Fasano, Jerome Collins, John Carlson and Marcus Freeman, and it is still unclear as to who will get the majority of the minutes. As of now, the fifth-year senior Palmer is listed as the starter, but offensive line/tight ends coach Mike Denbrock said nothing is set in stone.

"All those guys are going to play a lot of football for us, so I wouldn't necessarily put a lot of stock in who's listed first or second on there," he said of the depth chart. "The important thing for us is to make sure that we're incorporating the best players that we have available to us in our offense, and those guys all fit into that."

Joining the experienced Palmer is fellow fifth-year senior and converted quarterback Clark. The 6-foot-4 Clark had 15 catches for 142 yards last season, an average of 9.5 yards per catch, while Palmer caught one ball for 15 yards. This duo provides the experience of the group, along with Collins, who is also a fifth-year senior, but is in his first year at tight end, after playing linebacker in 2003.

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6 Irish tight ends compete for playing time

BY JOE HETTLER

Sports Writer

Brigham Young's major weakness in 2003 appears to be another problem in 2004.

The Cougars finished just 16 points and barely over 300 yards per game a season ago, enter 2004 with hopes that their offense emerges as a help, not a hindrance. Last season, BYU went a dismal 4-8 and were shutout for the first time since 1975.

"We're trying to get everybody really offensively," BYU coach Gary Crowton said. "We were not happy with the production of what we did last year. We really looked at it, we have worked hard on it and we have a little more experience at the quarterback spot this year.

"We think we have a pretty good group, and they're going to definitely help us have a huge impact on our offensive scheme this year. Some guys have stepped up, Marcus Freeman has done a great job, really worked hard in the offseason and done a lot for us. I think Anthony Fasano has come back, been working hard this summer, and put in some good work."

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Irish tight end Jared Clark pumps his fist after a first-down catch against BYU last season.

Cougars receiver Brett Cooper and the BYU kick returning squads averaged 20.2 yards per return in 2003.

BYU return 2 quarterbacks and Thorpe candidate safety

By Chip Mbinski

The Observer

IRISH INSIDER

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