Discourse misses Ramadan's presence

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

Editor's Note: This is the third in a three-part series exploring the controversies and implications surrounding the visa revocation of Tariq Ramadan, a professor who was scheduled to begin teaching at Notre Dame this fall.

As controversy regarding the State Department's revocation of Professor Tariq Ramadan's visa continues, students and professors at Notre Dame are expressing concern that — without unconventional voices like Ramadan's — the discussion of Middle Eastern conflict will remain unilateral on campus and at other academic institutions.

"In addition to relying on the sound and often brilliant scholarship of dozens of non-Muslims, it is necessary to engage the opinions and ideas of influential Muslim intellectuals, including controversial ones like Ramadan," said John Heisler, director of the Peace Institute.

"We have invited him to join our community of debate and intellectual discourse as a participant in a conversation that is wide-ranging, complex and absolutely critical to peace and justice issues in our time."

The administration has maintained that it exercised caution in appointing Ramadan, and despite the controversial nature of his ideas, has insisted that the multilateral discussion he would foster would contribute to the University's mission.

"We need a look, and particularly concentrated on the conclusions that he reached and certain things he was writing about," University President Father Edward Malloy said in an interview earlier this month. "On the basis of all of that, it seemed to be that the reason for hiring him — which was to promote a conversation with Islam and with a particular society."
**Inside Column**

**Standing Tall**

Being tall is more than just having a few more inches in height than the average person—it is a way of life. Since I am six feet tall I am all too familiar with the struggle of finding long jeans or a date in a dance who is about my height.

I have been above-average height for my entire life. I remember picture day in elementary school when we were instructed to line up shortest to tallest. I would have a streaking feeling in my stomach, for I would badly want to stand with my other girls from the front of the line. This would work for about one minute, until my teacher would promptly escort me to the back of the line to stand with all the peculiarly tall boys.

Things really got out of control when I grew six inches during seventh grade, which is quite an amazing feat. It was at this point when I realized I would forever be the tall girl.

I was questioned several times a day if I played basketball. No, I do not. When that was not a satisfactory response I was asked if I played volleyball. No, I am not athletic. It was usually about this point in the conversation when the person questioned me on the use of height would get a disgusted look on his or her face to suggest I was potentially a waste of athletic potential—which, by the way, I am not, for I am extremely uncoordinated.

Of course there was always the question in my life where random men supposedly from a "modeling agency" would approach me at the mall or in public venues to tell me and my parents that I would make a "great model" because of my height. It was somewhat flattering, but I was never invited to model by a random man in a small town in Ohio is not exactly the best way to break into the world of modeling.

Shopping for stylish pants with a long inseam was a never-ending endeavor. I get very upset when I see short girls snatching up the long inseam jeans at Gap just inches of difference.

In all reality I like being tall. It seems that when I meet people for the first time it always gives us something to talk about. I can always reach things on the top shelf. It is always reassuring to know that I am taller than what we were told, and of course it is comforting to think that if I begin to shrink during my elderly years I will still be considered tall.

It seems that being tall helps me make some fellow tall friends, with whom I can share the woes of being tall. So to all my fellow tall girls out there, stand tall and be proud of your height. And to all of some fellow tall friends, with whom I can wear high heels is always a way to make up the long inseam jeans at Gap just inches of difference.

**Correction**

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Kelly Meehan at kmeehan1@nd.edu.

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**Offbeat**

Court says horse does not count as a vehicle

**PITTSBURGH** — The state Supreme Court ruled that Pennsylvania's drunken driving law can't be enforced against people on horseback, a decision that inspired the dissenting justice to wax poetic.

The court ruled Wednesday in a case against two men in Mercer County in 2002. Riders Keith Travis, 41, and Richard Noel, 49, were charged with drunken driving along with a man driving a pickup who allegedly rear-ended the horse Travis was riding away from a bar on a dark country road.

All three men failed field sobriety tests, police said, but a judge found that the charges against Noel and Travis after they argued that the word "vehicles" in the state's drunken-driving law doesn't apply to horses.

Man legally changes his name to 'They

BRANSON, Mo. — A Branson man has put a face to the anonymous reference people often make to "they" by changing his name to just that: "They." The former Andrew Wilson, a 43-year-old self-employed inventor, was granted legal permission last week by a circuit judge to change his name. It's just They, no surname.

He also has changed his driver's license to reflect his new name.

They said he did it for humor to address the common reference to "they." "They do this, or 'They're to blame for this.' Who is this 'they' everyone talks about? 'They' accomplish such great things. Somebody had to take responsibility," he said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Faculty panel discusses current domestic problems

Students sit in on political conversation

By ADRIENNE RUFFNER
News Writer

With the November elections just around the corner, Notre Dame students are increasingly challenged to evaluate their political views. On Thursday night, the Faculty Panel on Domestic Issues pushed national problems to the forefront of campus conversation when they discussed domestic issues.

Professors Jorge Bustamante of the Kellogg Institute for International Studies, David Betson of Economics and Public Policy, and Walter Nicgorski of the Program of Liberal Studies each spoke about domestic issues crucial to the upcoming presidential election.

"Domestic issues are pretty much in the shadow of international policy," said Nicgorski. "We are, after all, at war."

While media focus has been concentrated on the situation in Iraq, the panel addressed key national issues such as immigration, health care and Supreme Court appointments. Two of the most debated domestic issues, abortion and gay marriage, are likely to be resolved by the Supreme Court—a fact that Nicgorski emphasized. He said that four to six justices will likely retire within the next four years, making the future president's appointments all the more important.

Nicgorski also said that because the Constitution is a "model in our world" and has provided "unparalleled political stability," the United States must have justices who will adhere to it.

Betson lectured on healthcare, explaining that while politicians often focus on the plight of uninsured children, coverage for the elderly should also play a role in the election. He said that Americans do not receive ample coverage for the amount they pay each year.

"Choice and using our collective power as consumers should be at the forefront in health care reform," Betson said.

In discussing Mexican immigration to the United States, Bustamante said that the two candidates' positions couldn't be more contrasting.

"Immigration is not a crime-related problem but a labor issue," Bustamante said.

President Bush favors a guest worker program that would allow migrant workers to come to the country temporarily in exchange for work, while John Kerry supports an earned progress system that legalizes immigrants after they have come to the country, he said.

The lecture concluded with a question-and-answer session during which students asked about the issues in more detail.

Junior Kamaria Porter said she believed the lecture was informative and useful.

"I really appreciated the perspectives on economic issues, especially healthcare," Porter said. "There are so many people in our country without it, and this needs to be fixed."

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Residents remain on hall roof for 50 hours

By MEGG CONROY and JEN ROWLING
News Writers

What started in the fall of 2002 as a commemoration of Fisher Hall’s 50th anniversary has evolved into an annual campus-wide event. The Fisher Roof Sit seeks to promote community and charity through this 50 hour event that has a variety of activities associated with it. Given the length of the event, everyone on campus has a chance to take part.

The Roof Sit begins rain or shine this evening at 7:50 pm, and continues for 50 hours, officially ending on Sunday at 9:50 pm. All events are free, and, according to assistant rector Isidomino Angiollo, are sure to provide a good time.

Tonight’s events will feature a local band The Royal They andHA! Comedy show. Fisher will also present Fisher Feats of 50—a series of random and crazy acts done by Fisher residents in the spirit of charity. Accompanying this variety of acts will be free pizza, subs and mocktails from Fishing Center.

In last year’s Fisher Feats one Fisher resident earned $1 per egg for each of the 50 eggs thrown at him; another guzzled a bottle of syrup in 50 seconds for donations.

The music and food will continue through Saturday with another exciting line-up. Fisher resident Tom Schreck will perform at 8:45 p.m., followed by Matt Merren & Brass ensemble. At 10 p.m. Fisher will introduce its newest addition to the ‘Roof Sit’—a campus-wide dodge ball tournament. Brother and sister dorm teams can be submitted into the tournament, which will continue until midnight on South Quad. The winning team gets $150, which will be given to a charity of its choice.

On Sunday the Roof Sit will wind down with some equally interesting activities. Like today and Saturday, inflatable bungee runs and sumo wrestling will be available. Although Sunday will be a milder day, the Green Waves will still be sitting to raise money.

Demonstrating their strong sense of dedication and commitment to this event, not even a football game will keep Fisher from raising money. During Saturday’s game hall staff and dorm rectors take turns sitting on the roof.

In 2002, the resident assistants of Fisher wanted to not only commemorate the 50th anniversary, but also help the local community. Organizers decided to raise money for Betsy Greenwood, the daughter of a Notre Dame Law student who died in February from a drowning accident, through donating funds to the Chad Sharon Memorial Scholarship Fund. In addition to this, contributions were also made to the Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

In its third year, Fisher has decided to continue to donate to the Chad Sharon scholarship fund and rotate the second charity every other year. This year some of the profits will go to St. Adelbert’s Church in South Bend, which is looking to replace their roof. Last year donations amounted to approximately $3,000, and this year they hope to match if not beat this previous total.

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Shiite cleric says vote will be held
NAGAO, Japan — U.S. warplanes bursted insurgent positions in Nagao, and friendly ground troops pushed into the sprawling Buddhist temple complex Tuesday in a weekend mission aimed at disarming the militia of a renegade anti-U.S. Shiite cleric.

Despite violence sweeping the country, Iraq's top Shiite Muslim cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani is insisting elections promised for January must be held on time, an aide said.

With car bombs, shootings and kidnappings evening, Iraqi Shiite cities effectively under insurgent control, there are concerns that Iraq will not be ready to hold a vote by the Jan. 31 deadline. But Shiites, who make up about 60 percent of Iraq's 25 million people, are eager to hold elections since they expect to dominate government.

Former aide to governor indicted
HAHTFORD — A top aide to former Gov. John G. Rowland was indicted Thursday on charges that he violated state ethics rules and allegedly pocketed money and pay bribes.

The 15-count indictment accuses former co-chief of staff Peter N. Ellef II, also was the aide's son, Peter N. Ellef II, also was named in the indictment.

For more than a year, the two were making funeral arrangements.

Three killed by Palestinian gunman
A spokesman for the Israeli military said Thursday that two AK-47 assault rifles were found on the two gunmen.

A third Palestinian managed to hide near the base and later fled. Palestinian gunfighters slipped back into the post at about 6 a.m. and opened fire, killing an Israeli officer and two soldiers and critically wounding another soldier, the military said.

Several rounds of gunfire erupted, killing two Iraqis and wounding another. Three Israeli soldiers were also killed.

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SMC holds retreat for busy students

By ERICA RANGEL
News Writer

In hopes of relieving some stress for students swamped with tests, papers and presentations, Saint Mary's campus ministry is offering the second annual Busy Person's Retreat. The four-day retreat starts on Sunday at 8 p.m. and closes Thursday, and was designed by Sister Olivia Marie Hutchesson and the Sisters of the Holy Cross last year to connect Saint Mary's students and staff who are too busy to leave campus for a retreat.

"The goal is to bring everyone together in a time of reflection and faith, while still working around everyone's hectic life schedule," campus minister Annie Crew-Renzo said. The retreat is free and open to people of all faiths.

Crew-Renzo said the nontraditional format is what draws students to participate. "The only planned meeting is on Sunday where everyone meets to discuss the goal of the retreat and compare schedules," Crew-Renzo said. The remaining four days are based on the schedules of those involved. The participants will meet in small groups with the retreat directors, campus ministers and sisters for 30 minutes and will individually pray for 30 minutes.

She also said that the retreat allows for a lot of personal attention. Sophomore Beth Sands participated in the retreat last year and was praised its benefits. "I really loved spending time with the sisters," Sands said. "It gave me a chance to de-stress." She was also pleased with the flexible format. "It really was convenient to plan all the meetings to accommodate my schedule," she said.

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Knights serve the community

By ELIZABETH CHEFFERS
News Writer

Each year during the traditional Smokers event sponsored by the South Bend Knights of Columbus, there is a surge in student interest in the Knights—an organization that remains largely mysterious despite its easily identifiable stone building nestled beside the Coleman Moore Center.

In fact, the Knights of Columbus is the largest lay organization in the Catholic Church, with over 1.6 million members in 12 countries. It is dedicated primarily to serving each other and the community through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

It was founded in 1882 by a 29-year-old parish priest, Father Michael McGivney, in the basement of Saint Mary's Church in New Haven, Conn. The Vatican is currently investigating McGivney's case for sainthood. Brent Burish, grand knight at Notre Dame, said the organization accepts only men on the condition of being Catholic gentlemen committed to the exemplification of charity, unity, fraternity, patriotism, and defense of the priesthood. The order has been called "the strong right arm of the Church" by popes, presidents and other world leaders who laud their staunch principles, and states that it is consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and is infalling in its loyalty to the Pope.

"It is firmly committed to the protection of human life, from conception to natural death, and to the preservation and defense of the family," Burish said.

The Notre Dame council was formed in 1910 and has a long history of active participation in campus life. The organization is dedicated primarily to service through educational, charitable, religious, social welfare, war relief and public relief works.

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Sign up to compete in the DDR tournament in the Student Activities Office this week, at the DDR sign-up table in LaFortune on Friday (11am-2pm), or by showing up on Saturday!
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**IN BRIEF**

**Jillian’s holds bankruptcy auction**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Strong bidding by two other potential buyers drove up the sale price of most of Jillian’s 35 restaurant-nightclubs to $64.8 million in a bankruptcy auction, a Jillian’s official said.

A joint venture of Dave & Buster’s, based in Dallas, and a Boston investment company called Gemini Investors III placed the high bid Wednesday, said Greg Stevens, Jillian’s chief financial officer. The sale is subject to approval by the federal bankruptcy court in Louisville.

The two joined forces when the other bidders drove up the price, Stevens said. Dave & Buster’s and Gemini Investors III were the “strongest bidders for Jillian’s in its plan submitted to the bankruptcy court, meaning that Dave & Buster’s had offered $27.6 million for nine of the restaurants, and largest Jillian’s outlets in eight states. Gemini had bid $11 million for 19 more, including the Louisville, Indianapolis and Covington, Ky., clubs.

The new deal could include some of the clubs in Rochester, Tacoma, Memphis and Katy, Texas — left out of the original offer, Jillian’s President Dan Smith said.

Most billionaires ever in Forbes 400

NEW YORK — The nation’s billionaire’s club was more than 135 points smaller this year, dropping to 313, according to the Forbes magazine Thursday.

There are now 313 billionaires in the country, the largest number ever and a huge jump over last year’s 262 members, according to Forbes magazine, which Thursday released its annual ranking of the 400 richest Americans.

The combined net worth of the 400 rose $45 billion, reaching $1 trillion this year for the first time since 2000, according to Forbes.

The top spot was held by Microsoft founder Bill Gates, whose $48 billion in estimated wealth was up $2 billion from 2003, Forbes said. Gates was again followed by investor Warren Buffett with $41 billion, the last dollar higher with an estimated $40 billion increase, according to Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen, who held the No. 3 spot although his net worth fell $2 billion to $20.5 billion.

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**Big problems found at Fannie Mae**

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators have raised the possibility of removing the management of mortgage giant Fannie Mae after finding accounting problems they described Thursday as more serious than those discovered in the 1998 criminal case.

Fannie Mae corporate’s overall financial picture improved, with a 38 percent climb in earnings for the first three months of the year compared with the same period in 2003. Fannie Mae’s management has taken "significant actions" to improve the company’s accounting practices, according to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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Historic case celebrates 50 years

By TRICIA de GROOT
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The event featured a panel composed of two undergraduate professors, one law school professor and a second-year law student, and was followed by open discussion and a question-and-answer period.

The forum began with a brief introduction of the plans for the evening from Kathryn Bethea, school professor and video clip themed, "After 50 years, how far have we come?"

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The final speaker, assistant professor in American studies Thomas Guglielmo, discussed the dangers that exist in a general, celebratory attitude toward history. He stressed that although Brown v. Board of Education over-turned the idea of "separate but equal", it wasn't until years later that the federal government took real action to desegregate.

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The speakers reminisce about their Notre Dame experiences and share with the audience their own insight and reflection on the matters surrounding the Brown v. Board of Education decision.

Law professor Jay Tidmarsh began by focusing on three points relevant to the court decision: Background information that set the stage for the case, the case itself and finally the time immediately following the decision.

Tidmarsh also stressed that following Brown v. Board of Education overturned the idea of "separate but equal", it wasn't until years later that the federal government took real action to desegregate.

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The final speaker, assistant professor in American studies Thomas Guglielmo, discussed the dangers that exist in a general, celebratory attitude toward history. He stressed that although Brown v. Board of Education over-turned the idea of "separate but equal", it wasn't until years later that the federal government took real action to desegregate.

"It is a family affair." Filbert said. "We serve food, beer, wine and pop and host anywhere from 300 to 500 people each meeting."

Bringing together old friends, classmates and fellow alumni, these weekly events draw in devotees from all over the country.

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With the formation of the Smokers Committee, came a vow by Krause to host a speaker at each meeting — an initiative for people to gather together as a family before the upcoming game.

As a gesture of appreciation and acknowledgement of the Smokers mission statement, a promise was made that the head coach of the Notre Dame Football team would make an appearance at one gathering each year.

Unfortunately, the frequent turnover in the coach position has caused this promise to be neglected, perhaps due to lack of communication and the passing of Krause.

Nevertheless, many great speakers have come to the meet­ings, and Notre Dame baseball coach Paul Mainieri and basketball coach Mike Brey are planning appearances.

The speakers remind us of their Notre Dame experiences and share with the members their love for our alma mater.

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Students enrolled in the class Ramadan was scheduled to teach have been reading his writing and reported no evidence of radical or offensive material.

"I was surprised to be in his class this semester, and right now we're reading his works, and I can't see anything wrong with it," said sophomore Arabic and political science major Anne Kroeger, adding that though she cannot speak for her classmates, she was "pretty sure" they felt the same. "Some people say he is anti-Semitic — but when did it become very important to get multiple perspectives on events," psychology professor Daricia Narvaez said. "The U.S. is very ethnocentric and needs to grow up to adult conversations about complex realities — and negotiate settlements instead of using violence to suppress perceived threats."

This lack of knowledge is often seen as a danger to academic freedom and intellectual discourse.

"Professor Ramadan's presence will make a valuable contribution not only to the Arabic studies program but to the intellectual life of the University as a whole," said professor of classics and theology Joseph A. Amr. "Because we are living in a time when people are being manipulated because of their fear, all freedom is jeopardized — academic and otherwise. What we know cannot hurt us; the danger lies in what we do not know."

Others, such as Daniel Pipes, the creator of Campus Watch, a Web site designed to review and critique Middle East studies in North America, oppose the free dialogue argument.

"Wars are not resolved through dialogue but through one side giving up, our goal is to help our allies to defeat their enemies," Pipes said. "If we forget this basic fact, we will wake up and find that our allies have instead been defeated."

Several students have also backed the government's decision in this matter, arguing that caution must be exercised in cases such as Ramadan's.

In August, the American Association of University Professors expressed a letter to Secretary of State Colin Powell and Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge on behalf of Ramadan. In the letter, Dr. Robert O'Neill, Chair of the Special Committee on Academic Freedom and National Security in a Time of Crisis, criticized the revocation of Ramadan's visa.

"Foreign scholars offered appointments at an American institution of higher learning should not be barred by government from entering the United States because of their political beliefs or associations or their writings," the letter said. "Assuming that we visa issued to Professor Ramadan was withdrawn for the reason stated by the Department of Homeland Security, then the action was manifestly at odds with our society's respect for academic freedom."

The issues brought to light by Ramadan's case have resonated at other American academic institutions ever since September 11. "The PATRIOT Act and the creation of the Department of Homeland Security have fostered an atmosphere that has led to a witch hunt on a number of campuses directed against professors of Middle East and Islamic Studies," said professor of Middle East studies Asma Afsaruddin.

"While this nation has genuine security concerns, such concerns should not result in policing the academy and intellectuals to ensure political correctness. This very notion severely threatens our basic values of academic freedom and integrity."

Afsaruddin also warned that the government's decisions in cases like Ramadan's will have a long-term impact on U.S. foreign relations, as well as academic freedom.

"I think it is a highly unfortunate and ill-considered action on the government's part which will have an adverse effect on the academy as a whole, since it effectively puts us on notice that we may be penalized for speaking our conscience if that goes against the status quo," she said. "It has important consequences as well for civil liberties and for our long-term relations with the Arab and Islamic world."

University administrators have said that at least in this case, it cannot yet be determined whether or not the PATRIOT Act and the Department of Homeland Security are in fact stifling academic freedom.

"In the case of Professor Ramadan and Notre Dame, I think we have to see how this plays out before we can make any clear judgment," University spokesman Matthew Storin said. "Obviously the visa revocation did raise questions."

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"I wanted to make a difference."

Drivers

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Richards continued from page 1 during this year’s campaign season.

Despite this, she said, the topic is not being sufficiently addressed by candidates and the media.

"The crisis in health care is not new. It is restricted to the elderly and the young," Richards said. "It is everyone’s problem."

A mother of four, Richards got her start in the public life as a vote for local political campaigns in Austin, Tex. In 1982 she was recruited by the Democratic Party and was elected state treasurer — the first time a woman elected a statewide office in 50 years.

With her popularity already cemented at home, Richards arrived at the national political scene in 1988 at the Democratic National Convention, where she delivered the keynote speech. Riding on that momentum, Richards was elected governor in 1990 and served one term.

She recently published a book titled "The New Bottom Line: Winning My Battle with Osteoporosis." Richards, who was frequently interrupted by cheering and applause from the audience, admitted that the health care issue is a very complex and expensive one. Answering to the theme of the conference however, she said it is possible to provide health care for everyone in a world where the median age is steadily rising.

"We can do it with careful planning, political will and money," Richards said. "But the devil is in the details."

Widespread dissatisfaction has not been enough to overcome the fear of a cumbersome and impersonal governmental replacement to the existing HMO system, she said.

"I am here to tell you that is what we are doing without any help from the government what it can do," Richards said.

The former governor was particularly critical of pharmaceutical companies that have made it difficult for many Americans to afford the drugs they need.

Calling it "absurd," Richards described how residents of New Hampshire pay as much as one-third more for their prescription drugs than their neighbors in Canada. She described her dismay that patients today are often educated than any generation before it and therefore need to be engaged with lecture series and public events.

"We have got to take responsibility for our health and take responsibility for talking straight to our government," Richards said.

Americans have had it let down by government health care not only in seeking a healthy life, said the former governor, but also in seeking a respectful death.

Richards described her dismay that patients today are often sustained for weeks by machines and "only to delay the inevitable." Richards said.

"The point of it all is not to live longer but to live well while we are here," Richards said.

The conference will continue today with several panel discussions focusing on the various issues within universal health care.

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Band

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year and attended three in 2002, including a weeklong trip to Florida State. Due to a major budget cut, this year the band will travel only to Tennessee — and exclusively through money raised by band members, said band director Ken Dye.

"There is no funding — it's just purely a matter of budget and we have to do fundraising to go to the one," Dye said.

"The trips just aren't being funded," many students at last weekend's Michigan State away game were surprised to see no band — and so was Michigan State, Dye said.

"I got a very nice letter from the MSU band. They said we're really going to miss you," he said. "This has been going on for years."

According to Dye, the band's travel funds constitute a major part of the group's overall budget, and the band is not receiving the level of funds from various sources that it did in years past. The band's operating budget comes primarily through Student Affairs, which oversees the group.

"Football travel is a huge chunk. We don't have significant resources," Dye said. "I would like to say that there could be more funds for away games, but really it isn't up to us."

Though Dye didn't know specifically why or how the cuts occurred, he compared Notre Dame unfavorably to other similar universities. "At other schools, there's much more support from those who receive the band — such as the athletic department," Dye said. "Most of the other schools get a significant travel budget."

For its part, the University said no individual bears final responsibility for decisions related to the larger budget from which the band's funding is derived. The Student Affairs fiscal year budget is ultimately approved over the summer by Father Mark Poorman, vice president for Student Affairs, said Carole Coffin, Poorman's assistant. But both that budget and the Student Affairs budget are determined by a variety of administrators, she said.

As a rule, the band always includes all members when traveling to away games. At this point, Dye said he didn't know what the total cost of the Tennessee trip would be and the portion of the total budget it would comprise.

Band members themselves, especially seniors and juniors, said they are surprised, disappointed and hurt by the current situation.

"I think it's discouraging in that most schools bring their bands here," Fowler said. "We worry that by this we think we don't get as much credit as we should."

Four-year band members said this year's situation was especially frustrating given higher participation in previous years. "It's really disappointing and disheartening when the University doesn't pay for a single thing for the band for away games," senior baritone player and four-year member Eric Swanson said. In particular, members said the lack of funding this year raised major questions about the University's commitment to the band's tradition.

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When a professor charged with enhancing dialogue between the world of east and west at one of the world's premier Catholic universities is accused of consortning with terrorists, the academic community turns up its ears. 

Tariq Ramadan was hired by Notre Dame to call into focus centuries of theological and cultural differences that have become very real and very immediate to our world today. In the process, he has found himself embroiled in an academic conflict all his own. The U.S. State Department, at the behest of the Department of Homeland Security, revoked Ramadan's work visa just days before he and his family were scheduled to leave their home in Switzerland for a new one in South Bend. According to the University, neither government agency has provided it or, by proxy, the student body, with concrete as to why Ramadan has not been allowed to enter the United States.

Many believe government has every right to withhold sensitive intelligence from the public in order to ensure the safety of Americans at home and abroad. In doing so, the Department of Homeland Security and the State Department may have an unequivocally valid claim for barring Ramadan's entrance to the United States. If the scholar does, indeed, pose enough of a threat to the well-being of the country as a whole to justify his visa revocation, the government should be praised for its vigilance.

However, there is more at stake in the case of Ramadan than anything involving national security. We cannot conclude whether the government acted justly or unjustly because of the many gaps within the story. Many scholars believe academic freedom is at stake. They contend that by revoking Ramadan's visa, the government is effectively attempting to silence the voice of an individual whose background runs contrary to its own, and using the mantle of the Patriot Act to do so.

Whether valid or invalid, the government's claims against Ramadan bring to the forefront the issues of discourse and engagement. Students, faculty and members of the University community should evaluate their own claims to academic freedom. Given the strength of our democracy and the freedom of speech which we defend so fiercely, America's universities, particularly Notre Dame, are places where open discourse and continual dialogue are both cherished and encouraged. If individuals who espouse divergent views are suppressed, contacts will neither be understood nor resolved, and education will suffer.

The University has stood by Ramsey and its decision to hire him from the moment his visa revocation was announced. By showing public support for the scholar in such a widely discussed controversy, University officials have demonstrated their devotion to academic freedom and educational justice. Notre Dame's efforts have been laudable, and it should continue this quest for answers. It should not allow the issue to be buried under bureaucracy.

The ramifications of Ramadan's visa revocation go far beyond that of a single professor at a single university. The University should not let this incident set a precedent in its recruitment and hiring philosophy, nor let it discourage Notre Dame from seeking out or hiring diverse or controversial scholars, for it is only through exposure to a breadth of views and experiences that understanding and true education can occur.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Debates should be well informed

Every day, I must look at the conservative opinions that appear in the Letters to the Editor and try not to upchuck my Oriental Frysto. Sorry, against my better judgment, I will lend my opinions and join the small voice of liberals on this campus.

Although I had the hardest time stomaching Ellen Hartley's letter, I will spend some time re-reading it so I can refute some of the misleading statements he has made. That being said, there are a few things I must absolutely say in response to his letter. First, I take issue with the following statement: "The truth is that the wealthy... are the people who pay all the taxes..." While it must be noted that the top tax bracket, which is all households with a yearly income of $311,951 or more, pay a higher percentage of the money received by the federal government through income taxes, it is the share of the federal tax burden that alarms me, particularly most of those who identify themselves as Democrats.

A study done by the Tax Policy Center can make clearer what I wish to say. Assuming that the Bush tax cuts become permanent, the top one percent's share of taxes would drop from 43.2 percent to 22.8 percent, the bottom 69 percent's from 2.2 percent to two percent, but the rest, the middle class, would see their burden drop from 25.5 percent to 26.1 percent ("Middle Class Tax Share Set to Rise," Milbank and Weisman). The argument that tax cuts are not about wealth is that wealthy are paying a larger share of the income taxes. That is what a progressive taxation system does. Many take issue with President Bush asking the middle class, those most affected by the economic downturn seen during his administration, to bear more of the tax burden while easing the wealthy's, hence the so called "tax cuts for the rich." Second, Hardy claims "Rock the Vote would have you believe that a draft is just around the corner." Rock the Vote never claimed that a draft was around the corner. They present a

[Letter continues...]

Steve McDermott
"The test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in mind at the same time and still retain the ability to function."  
F. Scott Fitzgerald
Dropping the ball on nuclear terrorism

Suppose Interstate 89-90, north of Notre Dame, has the nation's highest volumes of hazardous waste transport. Suppose there are 77,000 metric tons of one hazardous waste and inhaling a million of a gram can cause lung cancer. Suppose standing unshaded, next to its containers, delivers lethal doses within minutes. Suppose the containers have never been tested for sabotage. Suppose the United States will ship these containers to Nevada, in dozens of daily convoys, for the next 40 years. Suppose the convoys will be unique in appearance, easily targeted, and mostly unguarded. Suppose these convoys will pass through Chicago than any other U.S. city.

Suppose a rural accident could contaminate 42 square miles. An urban accident could be of hazardous-waste transport. Suppose government will contract with firms, using least-cost bids, to haul the waste. Suppose these firms are not legally/economically liable, even for deliberate transport-safety violations. There is no need to suppose. All 12 facts are from the U.S. Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Agency. All concern high-level-radioactive waste from U.S. commercial reactors.

One June 9, 1999, campaigning for president, then-Governor Bush wrote Nevada's governor. Bush promised he "would veto any bill to send nuclear waste" to Nevada "because the best science says it is in the designation that would send nuclear waste to any proposed site." Many scientists said the hundreds of thousands of cross-country shipments would inevitably cause "Mobile Chernobyls." On the other hand, in February 2002, after Vice President Dick Cheney's secret meetings with nuclear-power lobbyists, Bush broke his campaign promises. He said transporting waste to Nevada is a "safer alternative" than continuing storage at 100 nuclear facilities. Calling for more nuclear plants, he said the Nevada dump "demonstrates enhanced costs in nuclear power." Bush gave the nuclear industry billions of dollars in taxpayer subsidies.

Americans with DOE, four times more nuclear waste gets to Nevada. But the pro-nuclear International Atomic Energy Agency says they are wrong. Using only DOE's numbers, models and assumptions, IAEA proved public expenditures from the DOE could be reduced to less than 100 times higher than DOE claimed. Even if DOE erred by a factor of only a thousand, many people could die, without any accident.

Is Bush-2000, or Bush-2002, correct about nuclear and terrorist risks? Contrary to Bush-2002, no other nation plans cross-country, nuclear-waste transport and immediately, unmanned, permanent storage. Yet these nations say it's safer to keep waste at nuclear plants, where it has been for 50 years. If waste is unsafe at these plants and needs to go to Nevada, why does Bush want more nuclear plants, all having initial, onsite waste-management? Besides, what of new U.S. nuclear plants are not cost-effective. None has been ordered since 1972.

In current conditions, a million nuclear reactors are between two and five times more expensive than coal, two and seven times more expensive than natural gas, two and three times more expensive than solar thermal-and between two and five times more expensive than wind. Solar photovoltaic is more expensive than nuclear.

The non-partisan budget-watchdog group, Taxpayers for Common Sense, says nuclear costs continue worse. "Private investors away from nuclear power because production of nuclear-fried electricity costs at least four times as much as one could get from alternative sources," the group says. "Yet the federal government continues to recklessly spend taxpayer dollars.

Why are we? Dr. William Bush, who teaches in the department of biological sciences and the department of philosophy at Notre Dame. Her column appears every Friday. She can be reached at 1-2674 or through an e-mail address.

Letter to the Editor

Dropping of bipartisanship

Look, all of this political stuff is making me sick. Absolutely sick to my stom­ ach, and I can't take it any more. I'm down for politics, in fact, I champion them, but you know why? Because it is so low in the 18 to 24 age group? The majority feel that politics is dirty and pointless. That's not so secret, and I'm sure I just enlightened no one with that previ­ ous sentence. My biggest problem with most viewpoints in The Observer is that there is rarely a call to action. They simply consist of complaints with no suggestion for a solution.

Well to both sides, the Democrats and the Republicans, I call upon you to stop the same calling, stop the finger point­ing, stop the smearing and stop the hate. I know you hate each other. I can see it, and I can feel it every day. I've seen Republicans reach to tear a Kerry bumper sticker out of their democratic. Friend's hands. I have friends who won't go to Republican meetings or watch the early days of the RNC with me because they simply don't want to hear it. But I'd like to point out that nothing good ever emerged from hatred. At a University that houses some of the brightest, I'd hope that at least here there's a chance of understanding that. At such a spiritual institution, I'd hope that we'd realize the importance of our ignorance. I'm no theologian, but I think Jesus would stand against nam­ing others, racism, and home­ phobes simply because of the label that they carry. To me that just doesn't seem like Jesus' style.

What we all need to realize is that political parties boil down to ethics. Both parties generally want the same thing, but want two different political parties to get it. I'm not going to be upset that some­ one wants to drive the Pacific Coast from San Francisco to Los Angeles as long as they realize the joy, splendor and speed available on I-5. I can't argue with someone's world view, as long as there is sound logic behind it. The Republicans would probably register and take voters to the polls that are likely to vote against their cause. But I'm definitely "grinch­ing" the prin­ ciples of democracy, but can't you understand their logic?

If someone came up to you, a Notre Dame student, and told you that you were right, you'd probably think that's ridiculous. But if everyone started to think that way, they simply don't want to hear it. But I'd like to point out that nothing good ever emerged from hatred. At a University that houses some of the brightest, I'd hope that at least here there's a chance of understanding that.

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An interview with Ari Hest: 
More than just your average singer-songwriter

By MADDIE HANNA

Ari Hest doesn't need to prove anything to anyone. Quietly confident, the 20-something songwriter pens insightful lyrics that revolve around his outlook on life: "Never was there any doubt I would make my way out of want to know what life's all about/And I will get there."

Although he may fall into the group of singer-songwriters automatically categorized as following John Mayer and other commercially successful artists, Hest deserves credit for the name he has made for himself through his hard work and musical talent. This summer, he released his fourth album and major label debut, Someone to Tell. This follows Story After Story (2003), Come Home (2004), and an EP, Incomplete. Despite ranging from the infectiously exuberant to the extraordinarily melodic, Ari's songs share one key aspect: intelligent lyrics with actual meaning, a quality not often found in the manufactured guitar-pop so overplayed on the radio today.

Senior Music Critic Maddie Hanna sat down with Ari Hest to find out just what inspires this talented singer-songwriter.

First of all, how would you describe your music to the average college student? It's pretty exhilarating music, guitar driven. The songs are really personal and relatable to everybody. Stylistically, its rock, but with some jazz and folk. It's not really clear-cut what kind of music it is... It's pretty diverse.

How did you get started in the music industry? I started playing frat parties at Cornell. I would just play four-hour shows, mostly cover songs. At first everybody would get a drink while I played my own songs, but that started to change. I liked playing music; I didn't like school. I transferred to NYU to be closer to home and to be closer to the music scene.

When did you start releasing albums? Was it a difficult process?

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Who are your musical influences? I started playing guitar when I was tenning; I didn't really have that much of an appreciation for music yet. It didn't start becoming such a big deal for me until I started making music and realized that what's on the radio isn't necessarily all that's out there.

What is your favorite part of being Ari Hest?

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If you could be any artist, past or present, who would it be?

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What is your five-year plan?

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Why should Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students come out and see you on the 27th? What are your reasons? And I start¬ing to think? What are your reasons for liking it? That's a hard question to answer actually. I think people really like my music, I don't really understand why.

Hest will play at the Noble Dining Hall at Saint Mary's on Monday at 5 p.m. Tickets are free.

Contact Maddie Hanna at mhanna1@nd.edu

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Nest will come to the Notre Dame/St. Mary's community to promote his fourth album, Someone to Tell. His live shows are extremely popular and he has won legions of fans with his performances.

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By MARIA SMITH
Some Editor

The DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts is starting off with style with performances from some of the pre-eminent jazz musicians of our time.

On Sunday the center kicked off with a performance by jazz great Wynton Marsalis. Less than a week later, it is getting ready for another swinging good time with the Marcus Roberts Trio. The musicians are renowned for elaborating on historical styles of jazz not only with great talent but also with originality and class.

Pianist Marcus Roberts went blind at age five, seven years before he learned how to play. He earned the prestigious Helen Keller Award for Personal Achievement in 1988 for his accomplishments in music.

The trio is composed of three members, pianist Marcus Roberts, left, bassist Roland Guerin, center, and drummer Jason Marsalis. They often host music workshops in the areas where they perform in order to promote music education.

All that jazz: The Marcus Roberts Trio comes to Notre Dame

The trio was a big hit among the attendees.

"It was a wonderful experience," said one fan. "I have never seen a jazz performance like this before. The musicians were so talented and they really brought the music to life." Another fan said, "I was blown away by the trio's virtuosity. They played some beautiful arrangements and I could feel the passion they had for the music." A third fan added, "I was pleasantly surprised by the sheer talent of these musicians. They really know their stuff and it was a pleasure to watch them perform."
By KYLIE CASSIDY, JOHN KELLY AND KEN FOWLER
Sports Writers

Mention the name Siegfried in any number of half ball football programs and it may elicit shudders or grins, depending on who the upcoming oppo-
nent is. Two straight interhall championships will do that.

As the Ramsblers prepare for the 2005 season, with 9 of 11 starters to be a definite sign of improvement; the year prior to last year's Carrolls had not scored a touchdown in six years. The Vermin hope to break through with a tough Rambler defense and one time to their advantage. No. 10 Carroll is coming off a loss to Zahm last week, The Rambler keys to this game are reducing mental errors which disturbs head coach Kevin Phipps. And, The Kangaroos of Carroll are feeling the pressure of needing to break through this week.

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Fr. "Monk" Malloy
2:00 – 4:00 pm

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3:00 – 5:00 pm

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Ted Mandell
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Tales from the Notre Dame Hardwood
Digger Phelps
4:00 – 6:00 pm

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9:00 – 11:00 pm

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Todd Tucker
10:00 – 12:00 pm

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**Rangers move within two from first**

Associated Press

**ARLINGTON, Texas —** The way David Dellucci’s luck had been going at the plate, he figured his hard-hit liner would be caught for the final out.

“I went from frustration to elation,” he said. Dellucci’s hit was just out of the reach of a diving Jermaine Dye, and skipped into the right field corner. The double drove home A.J. Pierzynski, who scored the winning run.

“It definitely does a lot for our confidence,” said Pierzynski. “Texas, a surprise contender after four straight last-place finishes, moved within two games of the AL West-leading Athletics with 10 to play. The Rangers have yet to make a row and 10 of 13.

Hank Blalock hit a solo homer with one out in the ninth, his 32nd to pull the Rangers to 4-3 against Octavio Dotel (4-2).

Then the stage got set for Michael Young doubled for his fourth hit and Mark Melhuse and Bobby Crosby homered for the Athletics (87-63), who lead both Texas and Anaheim by two games. Oakland plays at the Angels this weekend, and the Rangers host Seattle.

Texas opened its final series against the A’s with wins over All-Star starter Mark Mulder and Barry Zito. This was the 22nd time Mulder, Zito and Tim Hudson started in the same three-game series during their five seasons together. Only twice before, both at the New York Yankees, had the A’s been swept, in April 2001 and April 2004.

“We’re still in pretty good position,” said Hudson.

**In Brief**

**Mickelson pulls out of World Golf Championship**

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Masters champion Phil Mickelson withdrew from next week’s American Express Championship in Ireland for personal reasons, the PGA Tour said Thursday.

Mickelson, No. 4 in the world ranking, is the third player in the top 50 to pull out of the $7 million World Golf Championship event, Kenny Perry (No. 16) and Nick Price (No. 35) also withdrew.

Mickelson said two weeks ago at the Canadian Open, when he signed with Callaway, that he planned a busy fall schedule with the American Express, Las Vegas, one of the Florida tournaments and the Tour Championship.

But he has not played well in the two tournaments since his great run through the majors — second at the U.S. Open, third at the British Open, tied for sixth at the PGA. Mickelson was a combined 144 under par in his first 16 tournaments this year, but played the last two in 12 over (tied for 43rd at the NEC Invitational, tied for 57th at the Canadian Open).

**Green plans to play Friday, sits out Saturday’s game**

SAN DIEGO — Los Angeles Dodgers slugger Shawn Green will sit out Saturday afternoon’s game against the San Francisco Giants in observance of Yom Kippur.

The first baseman-outfielder said he will play Friday night when the Dodgers and Giants, battling for the NL West lead, play the opener of a three-game series in San Francisco.

“Playing one of the two is the most consistent with my beliefs as a Jewish person,” Green said before the Dodgers played the San Diego Padres on Thursday night.

But when asked to explain, Green said: “I’m not orthodox, I am Jewish and I respect the custom. I feel this is the most consistent way to celebrate the holiday.”

**Hamilton keeps cycling gold medal, with help from lab**

LONDON — Helped by a laboratory’s big blunder, Tyler Hamilton will be allowed to keep his Olympic cycling gold medal. The International Olympic Committee dropped its investigation Thursday into a blood test from the Summer Games that showed Hamilton used a transfusion to boost his endurance. The decision was made only because the Athens lab mistaken­ly put his backup sample in a deep freezer — not because the IOC believes he was clean.

Ham­ilton, who declared he is “100 percent innocent,” tested positive for blood doping on Aug. 19 after his time-trial victory. But the finding could not be confirmed because there were not enough intact red blood cells in the second sample, the IOC said.
Lyons, Off-Campus teams strive for consistency

By RYAN KIEFER AND BRIAN CARDILE
Sports Writers

While long passes, runs and stellar defensive plays often make the highlight reels, consistency and balance usually win games over the long haul.

A sense of stability is exactly what the Lyons and Off-Campus squads will be looking for when the two teams meet Sunday afternoon. As it is still early in the season, both teams are still trying to find what will be effective for them as the year progresses.

The Lyons are building upon the confidence they received after their 26-0 defeat of Howard last Sunday. This week, the team spent most of their practice time trying to correct mistakes resulting from what captain Traci Kazmerski called "first game jitters". "We are trying to eliminate some of the mental errors we made last week," she said. That's our biggest concern at this point of the season."

Solid play on both sides of the ball keyed the Lions' win last week. Kazmerski was optimistic that this balance would continue this weekend. "Our offense and defense contributed equally to our success last week," she said. "We feel our balance is a strength of our team. Our older girls bring a great deal of experience while our freshmen bring sheer athletic ability." The Off-Campus team did not play on Sunday, but captain Lauren Blum does not foresee that to be an obstacle on Sunday.

"We were happy we didn't have a game last Sunday because most of us were at Michigan State," Blum said. "The team looked to build upon their solid defensive week and especially its solid offensive line. However, the practice time was spent trying different players at different positions in an attempt to develop an effective game plan for Sunday. "We're still figuring out what works," Blum said.

A unique aspect of the Off-Campus squad is that it holds connections to some of the other teams. Many team members were part of other dorms' squads last year and will look to use their knowledge of their former teams to their advantage. Above all, however the team hopes to enjoy themselves this season.

"We're a random group," Blum said. "But we all like each other, and we're out to have a good time this year."

Both teams were in action Thursday night, and will look to make the necessary adjustments from those games to be successful on Sunday.

Lewis vs. Howard

First-week losses have discouraged neither the Chicks of Lewis, nor their upcoming opponent, the Ducks of Howard. Despite each team dropping opening matches, the captains remain positive, looking forward to rebounding in this weekend's contest.

Coming off a season that saw them fall an extra-point shy of the championship, the Chicks began their 2004 campaign facing the team that crushed their dreams in last year's title game. While not quite as close as 2003's one-point affair, Sunday's Badin-Lewis contest was a highly competitive match. The two stout defenses allowed a combined total of one score, which came in the form of a Bullfrog 10-yard touchdown pass early in the second half.

Despite the loss, Captain captain Sheila Dawes is not discouraged, citing a few bad breaks — notably a fourth down pass interference penalty that led to the Badin score — as the cause of defeat. Dawes and her team are confident that the team can improve to .500 this weekend against Howard.

To do so, however, the Chicks must first overcome a team also hungry for its first victory. The Ducks fell last weekend to a well-prepared Lyons squad 26-0, and will be looking to avenge this opening week debacle. Despite the lopsided loss, a Ducks team twice the size of last year's feels its added size and experience will begin to show as the season progresses.

The stage is set, for an important meeting for two squads looking to get their seasons back on track after tough opening losses. As neither team has yet to find the end zone, a low-scoring affair may be expected. However, Howard's seemingly porous defense might be just the remedy for the stagnant Chick offense. Whatever the outcome, it should be an aggressive match between two teams eager to prove they are better than their winless records indicate.

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Griffins are looking to redeem last week’s loss, Big Red hoping for win in first game

By KEVIN BRENNAN AND MIKE TENNANT
Sports Writers

The second week of the sea­
son is rarely considered “do­
or-die” time. But don’t tell that to Stanford captain Vin
Monaco.

“We know that if we lose two games this early, we will prob­
ably be out of the playoffs,” Monaco said. “This is a must-win game for us.”

Standing in the Griffins’ way will be last year’s inte­
rihedral football runner­up, Bill­
on. The two are set to square off Sunday at 1 p.m. on Riehle North Field.

Stanford will try to rebound from its disap­
pointing 7-6 opening game loss to Keenan in which the Griffins totaled a measly 20 yards of offense. Monaco blamed the struggles on predictable play calling and an inability to establish the run, but promised that an overhauled playbook would get the offense back on track.

“We’ve been retooling our defense in practice all week,” Stanford quarterback Matt McQuerry said.

Stanford has added several new plays which it believes will allow the running game to take off with tailbacks Dan Campion and Rudi Nkinezungabo. The Griffins hope a consistent rushing game will open things up for the passing attack.

Dillon, on the other hand, had a bye last week and will be playing its first game of the season. The Big Red’s lack of game experience worries cap­
tain Mike Roaldi.

“It’s definitely a disadvan­tage in the first half in terms of game speed and knowing when to make your cuts, but we think we can handle it,” Roaldi said. “We’ll just have to get into it as fast as we can.”

Dillon will fall back on its tradi­
tion of dominant rushing offense. The Big Red has run the same wing-t offense for the past five years. This season will be no differ­
et as the team plans on run­
ning the ball 90 percent of the time.

Stanford realizes it must stop the Dillon rushing attack. The team’s defensive performance against Keenan leaves plenty of room for optimism.

“The defense played very well,” McQuerry said. “They forced a lot of turnovers and gave us great field position.”

In addition, Stanford doubts that it will see anything too unexpected from the Big Red.

“We have a pretty good idea of what plays they will run, but this is the first time in the last four years that we have the personnel to match up,” Monaco said. “I think we will be able to neutralize their offense for the first time this year.”

Monaco feels the key to vic­
ory will lie in his team’s atti­
dute. The captain wants the Griffins to come out with much more fire and intensity than they did last Sunday.

Dillon believes the game hinges on its ability to run and hold onto the football.

“If we can control the time of possession, we will win,” Roaldi said.

Keenan vs. Mor­
rissey

Defense will be the name of the game this week as Mor­
rissey takes on Keenan Sunday at Riehle Field.

Both teams took home victo­
ries last week with impressive defensive performances, each giving up just six points.

“Any time you step on the field you want to get the win, and we did,” Morrissey senior cap­
tain and wide receiver/defensive back Aaron Ronsheim said about last week’s victory over O’Neill.

The Morrissey defense was equally impressive, rushing for over 100 yards against the Angry Mob. It will again look to run­ning back Nick Klein to lead its scoring attack Sunday.

“We’d like to keep on the ground again,” Ronsheim said.

“Our offensive line will be the key.”

Sophomore center Tony Cunningham and senior guard Dave Esparza will anchor Morrissey’s line against a Keenan defense that gave up just 20 total yards to Stanford, including an impressive nega­tive 15 in the second half.

“We played well, but there are still a lot of mistakes — penalties and turnovers being the big ones,” Keenan senior cap­
tain Pat Downey said.

Those mistakes included two separate touchdowns being called back by penalties, including a 56-yard punt return called back on a clip­
ing penalty.

“Hopefully we can chalk it up to­
first-game jitters,” Downey said.

“We worked this week to eliminate the mistakes,” Ronsheim said.

Morrissey will also attempt to eliminate some first game mistakes, including two turnovers.

“We have to take care of the ball,” Ronsheim said.

Meanwhile, on offense, the Knights will look to establish their running game behind sophomore running back Alex Stalfferi.

Downey knows this will be diffi­
cult to do against a Morrissey defense built on stopping the run, and the Knights will again look to sophomore quarterback Eric Laumann and wide receiver Dan Zenzler for leadership on offense.

“You have to take what the defense gives you,” Downey said.

The 3 p.m. game looks to be an intense showdown between two playoff-caliber teams, and both appear to have the same game plan.

“You line up your guys, we’ll line up ours and we’ll see who is better,” Downey said.

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Belles to encounter first major test of season

"I'm looking for everyone to have their best race of the season so far," Barstis said. He also said that no one has seen what the Belles runners are capable of doing. This is the first race that the team will actually race and not treat as a work-out. The past five weeks have been a challenge for the runners, who have used every meet up until now to prepare for this critical competition. Barstis is hoping for his team, who placed sixth in the conference for the 2003 season, to come out of the conference championship with a fourth-place finish or better. This weekend will account for one third of the points that will decide the final standings.

"The team knows they have a challenge ahead of them. Calvin College and Hope will most likely dominate the conference, with Kalamazoo also vying for a top spot. The Belles know that it will require a certain amount of mental discipline in order to outrun last season's fourth and fifth-place finishers. "It's going to be tough because I expect Albion and Alma to give us a fight," Barstis said.

Everyone on the team is confident that their work so far will pay off in the upcoming weeks. Megan Gray, who has finished first for the Belles in every race so far, doesn't doubt that their preparation has prepared them physically as well as mentally. "I know that all of our training is designed to help us peak at the right time," Gray said. "Running is a very mental sport, I'm confident that what the team has done so far will help us later on."

In order to come out of Saturday's race in a good position in the conference standings, Saint Mary's will draw on the five grueling weeks of practice leading up to this race. "This week of training will be light so the team can recharge," Barstis said. He is confident the goals they have worked toward as a team will give them the edge in this race. Gray agreed, noting their ability to run as a team has done nothing but help them on the course.

"It's really awesome when we are racing and come up to one another, we say good job and encourage each other," she said. "We're competitive with each other because we know that will help the team do better."

The consensus of the team is that they are willing to do whatever it takes to help the team do well. The Belles will have their first opportunity Saturday to see if the preparations they have made are enough to make them serious contenders for at least a fourth-place finish this fall.

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Belles looking to snap losing streak at invite
By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer
The Belles will travel to Holland, Mich. to participate in the Hope College Triangular on Saturday. At the triangular, Saint Mary’s is set to face two league opponents — Hope College and Olivet College. This trip should give the team a good chance to regroup amidst its current three-game losing streak.

Olivet comes into the Triangular with a record of 1-3 in the conference and 6-5 overall. The Flying Dutch are currently two matches ahead of the Belles in the MIAA. Olivet is eighth in the standings, ahead of the Belles in the MIAA.

With the Hope Triangular a week until they face Albion on Saturday’s game. At Olivet College, and Saint Mary’s first game is set to begin at 11 a.m., while its second game is set for the second time this season Oct. 2 at 11 a.m. Following the game, the Belles will not play for a week until they face Albion for the second time this season Oct. 2 at 11 a.m.

With the Hope Triangular a good way to earn a few wins, the Belles hope to move up in the MIAA standings.
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SMC SOCCER
Flu and injuries plague roster
Players try to recoup before facing Olivet
By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer
The only opponent the Belles can’t seem to beat this year is the common cold. Thanks to an outbreak of illn ess and some coinciding injuries, the Saint Mary’s lineup will be less than certain heading into Saturday’s game at Olivet College.

“We’re feeling good about how we’re playing, but we’ll have to deal with a couple players as question marks thanks to a bug that’s spread among the team,” coach Caryn Mackenzie said.

“Hopefully, we’ll be back to full health soon.”

The Belles also have had to deal with injuries suffered in their 2-0 win against Albion on Tuesday. Center midfielder Ashley Hinton, who scored a goal in that game, sustained a mild concussion when she attempted a header and make contact with another player’s head instead. She hasn’t practiced with the team since and is considered questionable for Saturday’s game.

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“We’re going to take a few good halves together instead of fighting from behind or worrying about holding on,” Mackenzie said. “This team has the talent to put a great game together. We’ve been fortunate thus far to win the games where we didn’t play consistently the whole way through. We’re looking to change that.”

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Sister dorms to square off in Pasquerilla Cup

By CHRIS KHOREY, PETE CRACCHIOLIO AND ABBY RICHARDSON
Sports Writers

The rivalry between Mod Quad dorms Pasquerilla West and Pasquerilla East is different than many long-standing feuds.

"PW is our sister," Pasquerilla East captain Allison Ferber said. "If they were playing anyone else I would root for them. But when we're playing each other, we really want to beat them.

Despite the more respectful nature of the rivalry, the Pasquerilla Cup is always a donnybrook, and it should be set again when the Pyros and Purple Weasels face each other Sunday at 2 p.m. on West Quad.

Pasquerilla East lost Tuesday to Farley 14-0 in a game that saw the offense struggle and the defense allow touchdown passes of 35 and 20 yards. Still, Weasels captain Abby Nerlinger is making sure her team isn't overconfident.

"We'll be ready for them," she said. "It's always a big game with PW, since they're our sister dorm." Ferber also sees a lot of potential in the young Pyros squad.

"A lot of our team is freshman," she said. "Many of them were playing in their first interhall game.

The Pyro offense showed more life than the shutout against the Finest would indicate, as quarterback Laura Adams looked sharp connecting with Caroline Alley. Ferber was also impressed with the running game.

"We moved the ball well with our running," she said. "We just need to get a few big plays to go our way.

Weasels defensive tackle Sara Gernak feels confident, however.

"Our plan is to quash the running game," she said. "We're also looking to get as many sacks as possible.

As for the Purple Weasels, they are coming off a 6-4-6 tie with Walsh in which their defense dominated but their offense struggled.

The Weasels will rotate three quarterbacks in Sunday's game—Anne Marie Hart, Erenna Manion, and Laura Joyce. Each one brings a different set of skills, according to Nerlinger.

"Erenna was our second string quarterback last year, so she has more experience," the captain said. "Anne Marie is our deep threat, she can throw longer routes. Laura is good under pressure.

As for the defensive success, Nerlinger credits that to up aggression and passion for the game.

"We played some very aggressive defense, especially our line," she said. "We love defense.

Farley vs. Walsh

The two defensive beasts of Bag football finally meet. Walsh (6-0-2) takes on Farley (1-1-0) on the Sunday in what could be one of the best defensive battles in this young season.

Walsh has given up only one touchdown this season, and Farley has only given up three. Tuesday, Walsh tied Pasquerilla West 6-0, and Farley defeated Pasquerilla East 14-0.

Our defense is pretty tough," Finest wide receiver/running back Erin Mulholland said. "We know what's at stake and I think we'll play a great game.

Walsh, on the other hand, needs to do some major regrouping after the loss of their captain and quarterback last game. Carrie Campbell was injured in an extra point attempt against Pasquerilla West.

"I just have a sprained ankle, it doesn't look like I'll be playing, but you never know," Campbell said of Sullivan.

This will force Walsh's freshman quarterback, Mary Sullivan, to step up and lead the Wild Women. Sullivan had a good head on her shoulders and I think she'll do well," Campbell said of her protégé.

Farley's offense should be strong, according to captain Angela Zehrbach.

"They have a strong offensive line and Megan Speaks is amazing, they always get open," Zehrbach said. "We are going to come out with a strong offensive line and give our QB some time in the backfield.

Farley's game plan is to maintain what has been working for them and to adjust to its opponent.

One of our greatest abilities is to adapt to whichever team we are playing," Zehrbach added.

The Finest have confidence and despite a win under their belt, Walsh feels it can play with Farley.

"We put in a new formation and we're going to run some different plays from that," Campbell said. "We'll generate some more passing plays and options.

Badin vs. Pangborn

One shutout its opponent and the other was shutout.

Sunday, this is sure to change, as the Badin Bullfrogs take on the Pangborn Phoxes.

Last week, Badin defeated Lewis with a score of 7-0, while Pangborn lost to Welsh Family 19-0.

"As a whole, we played a very good first game," Badin captains Stephanie Heath said. "Our defense played a fantastic game.

Meanwhile, Pangborn is still working on its offense.

"Our offense is brand new," Pangborn captain Katie Murray said. "(The) Welsh Family game was the first time we've ever played under the pressure of a real game.

Now after playing two games each, both teams are ready for the game against each other. They did not get a chance to face each other last season.

"We know that Badin is the returning champion," Murray said. "They're going to be tough.

Pangborn hopes Sunday will be a springboard for the season.

"I'm hoping Sunday we can really find our groove by knowing which plays and players consistently perform and using that as a pattern to follow the remainder of the season," Murray said.

Badin is ready to face the Phoxes.

"We have continuous practices," Heath said. "We added a couple new plays and adjusted to our weaknesses.

Badin's defense is strong and a key factor in their games. Some of the key players are Rita Morgan, a captain, and Colleen Mallahan. In the game against Lewis, Morgan made an interception that made a big difference in the game.

Badin's offense is strong as well, although they took some time to get into the first game.

"Our offense has a good core of receivers," Heath said. "We hope for a full 40 minutes from our offense [next game]."

Even though Pangborn's offense is new, it has learned a lot through its experience of the games.

"At the end of the last game, we gained some offensive momentum and things started to click," Murray said. "This week I think we can continue that momentum and use it. After Sunday's loss, everyone realized we needed to step up and everyone did.

The game is set for 6 p.m.

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After a scoreless first half that saw the Irish double up the Mountaineers in shots, 6-3, and take three corners to the host's one, West Virginia jumped ahead at the 63-minute, 18-sec-
cond mark on a fluke goal. Mountain-er goalkeaper Nick Noble blasted a long goal kick that sailed over Irish defender Jack Stewart's head and ended up at Smith's feet.

Irish goalkeaper Chris Sawyer did everything he could to keep the ball out of the net, including stopping Smith's initial shot, but the West Virginia forward pushed home the rebound for the contest's only goal.

"It was basically just a big kick from a goal kick — it went all the way up, and we got caught without good cover," Clark said. "Sawyer actually half-
saved it, but the fellow followed up the rebound and stuck it in."

Despite playing without the services of a handful of players due to sickness or injury, includ-
ing forward Brian Murphy, defender Dale Bellas and midfielder Nate Norman, Jon Thompson and Ian Etherington — the sophomore was red-carded for arguing with the referee last late in the game.

Thompson and Ian Etherington was sent off... so we played a game.

"Villanova is flying high. That will be a nice challenge." Bobby Clark

Irish coach

"That will be a nice challenge. I think we're looking forward to that game." Clark said. "That will be a nice challenge. I think we're looking forward to that game."

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The Lyons defense thwarted the only scoring chance for the remainder of the game, forcing a Pangborn punt on a fourth-and-goal from the 30 with less than two minutes remaining in the game. The Lyons tried a hurry-up offense, but failed to gain any yardage on three plays and had to punt the ball away with 30 seconds left. A 50-yard boot ensured the tie, leaving the Phoxes in terrible field position with only 15 seconds left in the game. The Phoxes tried to go for it all, but a 15-yard pass play was all they could muster. "Hopefully we can use the momentum and offensive production we established in the second half and bring it into Sunday's game against Badin," she said.

The Badin Bulldogs put in some new plays this week in practice and their offense clicking on all cylinders. After Thursday night's 12-0 win over Howard, the offense probably realized it only needs one play. Co-captain and senior quarterback Stephanie Heath found senior wide receiver Erin Diminick early and often, en route to completing 12-of-20 passes for 180 yards and a touchdown. Diminick pulled down 7 of those passes for 125 yards, including a 10-yard option pitch from Mooney to running back Traci Kazmerski.

"Making a lot of mistakes last week but we came a long way in practice," Callie Whelan, Howard captain.

A Pancake breakfast will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the West Quad on the West Quad Fields at 5 p.m. Badin will look to improve to 3-0 when it faces the Phoxes at 6 p.m., also on West Quad.

Howard remained focused nonetheless, intercepting the ball and regaining possession a few plays later, but it was too little too late. Despite the loss, Howard still remains upbeat and confident. "We made a lot of mistakes last week but we came a long way in practice ... we were happy with our performance tonight," captain Callie Whelan said. "Lewis better make sure they bring it this Sunday."
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physical style of play, Pittsburgh will be looking to attack and play a quickly paced game. "It is going to be really big for us," Buczkowski said. "These games are always competitive and it is always a huge rivalry." However, the Irish will be seeking to further their dominance over their opponents, wanting more from themselves after last week's games. "We were not satisfied with last week's performance," Buczkowski said. "We got the wins, but we have something more to prove to these teams in the Big East. We want to show them how hard we work." One of the key players for the Irish this week will be sophomore Jill Krivcek. "Jill has stepped up this year and she and she controlled the middle really well against UConn," Buczkowski said. "She can win headers and has a strong presence in the air." With several returning players from the 2003 team, including Krivcek, the Irish are hoping to continue their winning streak against the Panthers. The last time these two teams met, the Irish defeated the Panthers 1-0 off a long pass from Christine Shaner to Mary Boland for the goal. Additionally, the Irish have won all seven matchups against the Panthers that date back to 1997. The Irish hold a 30-2 scoring edge. However, the Panthers will be returning nine of last year's starters and could present a threat if the Irish do not focus on how to control the game. "Pittsburgh is a really physical team so it will a challenge for us on having to move the ball better," Buczkowski said. "We are not taking it lightly." "We just go into each game knowing it is important." Jen Buczkowski Irish sophomore After tonight's matchup, the Irish must prepare to face the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay (2-4-1) at Alumni Field Sunday. This will be the first time in 12 years the two teams will meet. Despite Wisconsin-Green Bay's losing record, the Irish are not underestimating its talent. "When you play teams that are not highly ranked, you think they are going to be easy and you're not going be mentally sharp," Buczkowski said. "And then you take it easy and they end up giving you a game. That is what we did against Syracuse." And so the Irish will be heading into the weekend and try to play at their top form against Pittsburgh and Wisconsin-Green Bay. "We just go into each game knowing it is important," Buczkowski said.

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Irish forward Katie Thorlakson dribbles the ball between two Santa Clara defenders Sept. 5. The No. 1 Irish return home this weekend to face Pittsburgh and Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Golf

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In spite of the challenges in front of the team, Irish coach Debby King is confident in her team's abilities. "We had our best qualifying of the semester, and hopefully that is a sign of good things to come for us this weekend," King told und.com.

Junior co-captain Katie Brophy emerged as the team's top qualifier and is poised to lead the Irish the weekend. Junior Lauren Gebauer will also line-up for the team in Texas. At the Lady Northern Invitational on Sept. 11-12, the two juniors led the team in scoring, as they tied for 17th with 11-over-par 227s. Sophomores Noriko Nakazaki and Stacey Brown will join them in the lineup this weekend, as will freshman Jane Lee. Lee, who has competed in every event for the Irish, and Brown will hope to get back on track after struggling during the Lady Northern Invitational.

"If we have a top-five finish, we'd be very pleased." Debby King Irish coach

With the fall season barely underway, King still wants to make a statement this weekend. "If we have a top-five finish, we'd be very pleased, because we are competing against some of the best teams in the central region," King said.

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ND SOCCER

Road woes ... returning home

Men lose first Big East game, No. 1 women play two games at Alumni Field

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The No. 17 Irish (4-2-1 overall, 1-1-0 in Big East) have been playing with fire. Statistically dominating opponent after opponent — with the exception of consensus No. 1 Indiana — Notre Dame has stumbled to cash in on scoring opportunities, often forcing the squad to squeak out victories, as was the case against Evansville Sept. 10, or settle for a draw, as the Irish did Sept. 12 against Cal State Fullerton.

Thursday night the Irish finally burned.

Behind a second half goal from West Virginia forward Jarrod Smith, the Mountaineers (4-3-0 overall, 1-2-0) overcame a 1-0 shooting deficit to knock off visiting Notre Dame, 1-0, Thursday night in Morgantown, W.Va.

"It's always disappointing to lose, but the Big East is a tough league and every game is tough anyway, but it's especially difficult on the road," coach Bobby Clark said. "The big thing is that you've got to move on."

Junior Tony Megna, left, scores a goal against Georgetown Saturday. Amanda Cinalli kicks the ball against Eastern Illinois earlier this season. The men lost Thursday at West Virginia.

Women's Interhall Blue League

Welsh Family records second shutout of year

By DAN TAPETILLO, KEN FOWLER AND TOM STILES
Sports Writers

Aggressive Welsh Family defensive proved to be too much for the Off-Campus team during Thursday night's game. After defeating Pangborn 19-0 last Sunday, the Whirlwinds collected their second consecutive shutout this season by defeating the Off-Campus squad 20-0.

"It is important for the defense to be strong," Welsh Family captain Mary Pendergast said. "It really sets the mood for the offense.

Despite struggling for com­plete early in the first half, the Whirlwinds offense managed to establish the tone of the game towards halftime. With five minutes left in the half, Welsh Family scored its first touchdown off an option from quarterback Melissa Sands to Lauren Hoeck. Hoeck ran for the 15 yards into the end zone to give the Whirlwinds the 6-0 advantage. However, it did not take long for the Whirlwinds to score again after Sands threw a 10-yard and connected with Lauren Pease two minutes later. Welsh Family collected the extra point to give itself a 13-0 lead going into halftime.

Despite the comfortable lead, the Whirlwinds were aware of the talent the Off-Campus team possessed.

"These were the best players from other teams last year," Pendergast said. "We were told that they were going to think of us as their little sisters and try to get revenge in the spring."

After the game, Welsh Family head coach Jen Buczkowski said, "We will be back."

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

This weekend, the Irish will face the measuring stick to see where they stand against the top teams in the Central Region. The team will travel to Lubbock, Texas, to compete in the program's first-ever Central Regional preview at the Jeanine McInerney Invitational, held at the Jerry S. Rawls golf course. Texas Tech, who is hosting the event, will also host the NCAA regionals in the spring. This is the first time the Irish have qualified for this tournament, as last season was their first time they qualified for the NCAA regionals. The tournament, a 24-hole event, will begin today and run through Sunday.

The field of competition will be extremely tough for the Irish, ranked No. 30 in the Golfweek.com rankings. Leading the charge will be Missouri, ranked No. 1 in the Golfweek.com rankings. Oklahoma, Iowa State and Arkansas are all ranked in the top 20 as well. However, despite the strength of many of the competing Central Regional teams, the Invitational cannot be deemed a true preview of the NCAA regionals, which will be held in the spring. Big Ten schools, including No. 2 Ohio State, No. 3 Purdue, No. 4 Michigan and No. 13 Michigan State will not be participating.

Irish to face tough match

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

This weekend's games as the No. 1 ranked team in the nation, the Irish (8-0-0) are looking to continue their dominance over their opponents.

This week, Notre Dame over­took the No. 1 position from North Carolina for the first time this season in both major polls and is aware of the challenges it will bring.

"Even though we are excited because we know how hard we work; we realize that we are going to have a huge target on our back," sophomore midfielder Jen Buczowski said. "It is going to be much harder to play their best against us."

Despite the pressure the Irish will be under to maintain their ranking, the team has managed to dominate all of its previous opponents. The Irish hold a 25-6 scoring edge over its competitors and a 179-48 edge on shots taken at the goal.

The next challenger for the Irish will be Big East rival Pittsburgh (3-2-0) tonight at Alumni Field. Known for its road woes, the Panthers are looking to rebound from a loss Thursday night.

Photo courtesy of Notre Dame Sports Information
Irish junior Lauren Gebauer will play this weekend in Texas.

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Fighting Irish defensive end Justin Tuck is one sack away from tying Notre Dame’s all-time record
Irish know how the Huskies feel

Two thousand, one hundred sixty-one miles separate Notre Dame and the University of Washington, but the Irish remember exactly how the Huskies feel right now.

After opening the season with an embarrassing nationally-televised defeat to Brigham Young, the Irish know dropping to 0-2 with a loss to Michigan would be devastating for their season. No one outside the locker room believed in them, and the Irish took an "us against the world" mentality into that game.

A 28-20 win appears to have turned the season around.

Now, the Huskies come to South Bend following two straight opening season losses at home — a place where the Huskies used to be almost unbeatable. Their rushing defense gave up 424 yards to UCLA last week — including 322 to one player. They haven't had a losing season since 1976.

The last two times Washington started 0-2, they finished the year with a winning record. Going 0-3 would be a disaster.

"We're getting ready for a Washington team that's going to come out fighting, come out swinging. Their backs are against the wall after not starting the way they wanted to," running back Ryan Grant said. "They are going to come out the same way we did before Michigan. It definitely know the situation. We don't want to get sidetracked and want to make sure we're ready for Saturday."

The Irish know the Huskies have the ultimate opportunity to turn their season around with their backs against the wall in a nationally-televised game. One Washington player even said this week that he's had the Notre Dame game circled since he signed with the Huskies coming out high school.

That type of attitude, combined with the urgency and desperation to get the season's first win, will send the Huskies out of the tunnel sky-high. Washington needs a fast start to take the crown out of the game. This team has the talent, especially on offense, to compete with the Irish and make it a shootout.

But the Irish say they aren't judging Washington just by what they see on paper. Tyrone Willingham hopes his players aren't just saying the right things and actually believe the Huskies can make Saturday afternoon closer than many think it will be. He knows his team has to build this attitude through the week. Waiting until Saturday afternoon is too late.

"Hopefully what we will be is an experienced football team that can look at the videos that we'll receive on them and understand that this is a very capable football team," Willingham said. It's easy to be skeptical of the Irish taking a non-serious attitude since the Huskies have had a difficult start to the season.

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But the "us against the world" attitude isn't just on the Washington sideline. It also resides in the Notre Dame locker room.

"Just for the simple fact that at the beginning of the season, no one gave us any credit," defensive lineman Dan Stevenson said. "No one thought we could do anything. A couple of wins to us doesn't really do much but look nice and feel good. But we want to keep taking it one game at a time. The one-game-at-a-time mentality has the potential to spread to a Washington team coming into a hostile Notre Dame Stadium."

If the Irish don't continue that attitude and start looking past the Huskies, Notre Dame could return to a "backs against the wall" situation next week with a 2-2 record and an untested, but impressive, Purdue team coming to town.

That's a place the Irish don't want to revisit.

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Tyrone Willingham
Irish head coach

"They are very aggressive and we have a big challenge ahead of us."

Carlyle Holiday
Irish wide receiver/punt returner

"One of the main things we focus on is setting up a score or getting ourselves in the endzone."

Derek Curry
Irish outside linebacker

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Defensive end Justin Tuck needs one sack to tie Kory Minor's all-time Irish record

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame defensive line coach Greg Mattison isn’t surprised Justin Tuck is within one sack of tying the all-time Notre Dame record.

Simply put, the defensive end has it all.

“Tuck is a problem,” Mattison said. “I can’t even begin to describe the guy. He’s a problem of the best kind. He’s one of the best players to ever wear a Notre Dame uniform. He’s a student of the game, a problem on the field and a problem in his dorm.”

Simply put, the defensive end has it all.

The first thing is, he was born with great God-given ability,” Mattison said. “He’s got the range, he’s got the speed, he’s got the strength. But probably his biggest (asset) is he’s got unbelievable pride. He’s got great character. He’s really good to have around the guys. He has a burning desire to be good.”

After red-shirting as a freshman, Tuck recorded 15.5 sacks during his first two years playing for the Irish. He has three sacks in the first three games in 2004, giving the Kellolyn, Ala. native 21.5 for his career.

Tuck has been the player of the year in football for his school’s division. He averaged 17.6 sacks during his junior season and was a first-team All-American. In 2002, Tuck still has a year of eligibility remaining if he wishes to exercise that option.

But for now, Tuck simply wants to help his team win football games.

“It’s not about Justin Tuck, it’s about Notre Dame football,” he said.

Retiring his sneaker

Tuck wasn’t just an outstanding football player for Central Coosa County during high school. He also dominated opponents on the hardwood.

That was a long time ago,” Tuck said with a laugh Wednesday.

But the 6-foot-5, 260-pounder can’t deny his basketball skills.

“I was Movin’ Joe,” Tuck said. “I was a basketball player.”

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Tuck couldn’t have been more happy with Willingham’s decision to retain the former defensive coordinator.

“That was big,” he said. “After a long time, you get comfortable with the guy, and having to change over after being comfortable with him, that slows the process a little bit. As a defensive lineman and as a player myself, we were afraid of the game in a sense when Mattison stayed.”

During the 2002 season, few opponents were able to adjust to Tuck’s abilities, the pass rush, especially after he recorded five sacks in his first three games.

But Tuck’s major flaw was an inability to consistently stop the run, forcing the coaching staff to take him out on likely run plays.

Tuck managed just 44 total tackles during that season.

In the offseason, the defensive end committed himself even more to the weight room and becoming a complete player.

In 2003, Tuck had a break-out season, recording 73 total tackles and becoming a complete player.

Teammates noticed the difference Tuck made when he entered the game.

“He’s an incredible football player,” fellow defensive end Corey Abiamiri said. “I think he’s the play on the field raises everyone’s play around him.”

Tuck’s outstanding season came to an abrupt end midway through the final game of the season against Syracuse with a knee injury.

Tuck missed the rest of the game and — after surgery — could not participate in spring practices.

But the standout end didn’t let this setback keep him from working even harder during the offseason on rehabilitation and preparation for the 2004 season.

Eyesing history

After completing rehab, Tuck doesn’t feel quite as good on the field. He couldn’t shake off the idea of re-injuring his tender knee.

“When you’re in rehab so much, it really doesn’t cross your mind but once you’re in camp, and its time to play football, you’ll sit up, sleep on the field, it crosses your mind a lot,” Tuck said. “That’s a great thing ... This secondary, they gave you a lot of time out there, too. I’ve been lucky.”

Lucky or not, Tuck can’t help but think about the sacred record he’s about to overtake.

“Mentally, I’m trying not to have a lot of focus on it,” he said. “I’m trying to downplay it, a lot, but it’s a big thing. Anytime you can put yourself in a category like that, with all of the talent that’s come through this program through the years, it’s a big thing. When it happens I’m probably going to downplay it, but in the back of my mind I’m going to say, ‘That’s a great feat.’”

Once he tackles the sack record, Tuck will have questions to answer about his future at Notre Dame. He still has one year left of eligibility but the NFL is a real possibility.

Tuck’s in no rush to make that decision. He’d rather take everything one step at a time.

“I would sit here and be telling you a lie if it didn’t cross my mind in a way,” he said. “Just like my knee, you have to put it in the back of your head because I have 12 games to play this year. After we win the bowl game, I’ll sit down with my family, and we’ll see where we’re at then.”

Justin Tuck has brought power and speed off the end for the Irish for two seasons and counting.

By the numbers

number of Washington punt returns in its first two games this season 0

number of yards UCLA running back Maurice Drew gained against the Hoosier defense last weekend 322

lengths of Drew’s five touchdowns 47, 62, 58, 15, 37

number of Pac-10 schools on Notre Dame’s schedule this season: Washington, Stanford and Southern California 3

points Notre Dame scored against Washington in the last two meetings between the programs at Notre Dame Stadium 100

points Washington scored in those two games 20

number of wins Tyrone Willingham has against Washington in five past meetings as coach of the Stanford Cardinal 8

number of Division 1A teams Notre Dame has never lost to with a minimum of four meetings, including Washington 0

Justin Tuck pursued Michigan quarterback Chad Henne, left, and sacked the freshman once in a 28-20 victory. OAKLEY SERVENCE/The Observer
Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Record: 2-1

At Notre Dame: 17-11

Against Washington: 0-5

Tyrone Willingham
head coach

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

Tyrone Willingham third season at Notre Dame

Career record:

81-47-1

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Notre Dame

Willingham, Dierick and Baer rebounded well from the 20-17 loss to BYU. Willingham is 0-3 all-time against the Huskies, though all of those losses came when he coached at Stanford.

Another home win would boost support for a much-scrutinized staff.

Washington

Gilbertson has his work cut out for him to motivate a young and struggling Huskies squad. If the 0-2 start would be forgivable with a victory at Notre Dame Stadium this Saturday, but a loss would be devastating — to the team and Gilbertson's job.

Notre Dame

Casey Paus was pulled from the Huskies first game after throwing three interceptions against Fresno State, but he rebounded to throw for 200 yards and two touchdowns against UCLA. If Paus does not turn the ball over, he is a legitimate threat.

Quinn has not dominated any secondary, and it hasn't all been the receivers' fault. But Saturday will be a good time for him to go through all of his progressions. The offensive line must give Quinn time, but they should not have trouble against a team with no pass rush thus far.

OFFENSE

Brady Quinn has not had a great game, but he has made the necessary plays for Notre Dame to win twice. He is looking downfield more to various receivers. Quinn looks uncomfortable and rushed at times, but emerging receiving options will help him.

If Washington's run defense doesn't rank as the nation's worst, it is definitely close. The Huskies surrendered 661 yards on the ground with their 3-4 defense, and Gilbertson said his entire defense missed assignments last weekend. Washington needs help.

WASHINGTON

Gilbertson has not had one less interception than Quinn, but circumstances made those turnovers glaring. Quinn will have a home crowd behind him — and in Paus' case, Quinn could have his first great game of the season against a soft defense. Paus could throw a lot of deep balls.

Notre Dame is playing a team desperate for a win, but the road conditions and improved Irish offensive line attacking spell trouble for the Huskies' swiss-cheese defense. The offensive line should get a good enough push to open up even bigger holes for the running backs.

The deciding factor of whether Quinn's record will be the success of the Irish running game. If the line can open the game up, there is no end of options. But Washington's pass defense may not bend if they are ready to play.

Saturday has the potential to be a shootout or a blowout. The first quarter will have a telling effect on the game's outcome. Washington will get a couple of big plays, but the Irish are simply too good and too focused to let this one slip away before next week's showdown with Purdue.

Yes, Washington isn't a good football team. Yes, they lost two home games already. And, yes, they have no business beating the Irish in South Bend Saturday. But the Huskies will be up for the game, meaning Notre Dame needs to come out sharp on all cylinders to secure its third straight victory. With that said, the Irish should win with relative ease.

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Washington Huskies

Record: 0-2
AP: NR
Coaches: NR

Keith Gilbertson
Second season at Washington
Career record: 5-4-1 at Washington: 6-8

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WASHINGTON

Huskies Rushing

Notre Dame's run defense was ranked sixth heading into the Michigan State game. The Irish gave up 165 yards to the Spartans, and the entire defense feels there is room for improvement. But this defense — led by an experienced lin­ebackering — has pride in stopping the run.

Huskies Passing

Zbikowski elevated the secondary's play last week, and Preston Jackson has been impressive so far. The deep pass coverage is still a question mark, but the secondary is playing aggressively — including a Mike Richardson interception.

Special Teams

The Irish field goal kicking has been sufficient. Punt and kick coverage must improve after giving up an 85-yard touchdown return last weekend. Freshman Justin Hopkins may return kicks, most likely, alongside Chase Anastasio. Holiday has looked good on punts.

Intangibles

Notre Dame has as much to prove as the winless Washington team. The Irish are expected to beat Washington. In front of the home crowd, coaches and players will want to establish they are undoubtedly better than teams like this.

Washington is desperate for a win. The last two times, the Huskies started a season 0-2, they went to a bowl game. But 0-3 is different. Gilbertson will have his players ready for this game. Road crowd aside, this is a Huskies squad eager to prove their worth.

Neither team can win this battle in a pre-game prediction, because neither team proved so last week. Washington's building confidence and spark the defense. Huskie nation lost a teammate in practice last week and has improved. Irish kick coverage must improve.

Notre Dame is expected to win the game. The team does not express overconfidence, but it would be easy to approach this game much like the one against BYU. The home crowd should make a huge difference, but Washington is hungry.

NOTRE DAME

WASHINGTON

ANALYSIS

Washington is not good, but a trip to Notre Dame Stadium often brings out the best in bad teams. Even if the Huskies come to play, it won't matter. The Washington defense is terrible, especially against the run.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 41, Washington 10

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Sizing up the Irish and the Huskies

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**NOTRE DAME RUNNING BACKS**

Starter Ryan Grant is not 100 percent, so he may see limited carries again. But Walker and fullback Hashon Powers-Neal have proven they can help carry the load. Until Quinn proves he can pick apart opposing secondaries, the running game will remain the focal point of Notre Dame’s offense and the deciding factor in whether or not the Irish win.

**WASHINGTON RUSHING DEFENSE**

Defensive lineman Mike Mapualensega will miss three-to-four weeks at least after partially tearing his posterior cruciate ligament. But even with a healthy Mapualensega, the Huskies have struggled to stop the run. UCLA’s Maurice Drew drummed the Husky defense for 322 yards and five touchdowns last week. Fresno State totaled 137 yards on 35 carries.

To win the game, Washington has to stop the Irish running game. Looking at the average yards per carry of Grant and Walker, that should be difficult.

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Unlikely sources help improve Irish offense

By JUSTIN SCHUWER
Associated Sports Editor

Slowly but surely, the Notre Dame offense is beginning to show signs of life. In the BYU game, the Irish amassed 285 yards total offense in a losing effort. In a win over Michigan, the team collected 313 total yards. In the win Saturday over Michigan State, the Irish picked up 384 yards.

According to offensive coordinator Bill Hordnick, one reason for the improved offense has been the rediscovery of a consistent running game.

"I think when you're able to run the football it opens up a lot more things," he said. "As long as the running game goes I think it really allows you to do what you want to do. You take the first game for example, when you're not running the ball and you have to drop back 55 or 60 times, that's 55 times where it's not good for anybody."

To say that there has been a rebirth of the running game is an understatement. Against BYU, the Irish rushed for a net gain of just 11 yards. Against Michigan and Michigan State, Notre Dame collected a combined total of 384 yards.

The coming-out party of freshman Darius Walker against Michigan — 31 carries, 115 yards — was certainly one factor for the improved running game. Ryan Grant's improving health has been another.

Injured for the entire BYU game and not quite 100 percent against Michigan, Grant burst back onto the Irish scene with a vengeance against Michigan State Saturday, collecting 66 yards and a six-yard touchdown on 11 carries. Grant still doesn't feel he's back to 100 percent.

"I feel comfortable," Grant said. "I've been working on a lot of different things this year, and I feel comfortable wherever I'm at with my ability.

"My leg right now is hindered by some things but I'm anxious to be in a position where I can be full go and when that time comes I'll take full advantage of it."

Walker feels that having a second option on the team helps him in his own game.

"Coach has always told us the running game is one of the most important aspects on the offensive side," he said. "So and Ryan are very close ... we both sort of bring our aspects to the game and help each other.

"Ryan's a real good runner, and I try to do a little bit more of the shiftiness type of running. We just try to help each other and keep each other motivated.

The running game has been one improvement in Notre Dame's offense, but the disappearance of a viable passing game has also proved fruitful — especially in the play of wide receivers Jeff Samardzija and Matt Shelton.

Coming into the season, neither was listed as a starter, but both receivers have played crucial roles. Shelton scored a touchdown in both the Michigan and Michigan State games, parlaying his speed into a 46-yard touchdown reception against the Wolverines and a 25-yard touchdown catch against the Spartans.

Samardzija led the team with four receptions against the Spartans, including several key catches on third-down situations as the Irish ran out the clock.

"Obviously when you have guys stepping up like that and making plays for us, it gives the defenses more to worry about," Irish quarterback Brady Quinn said.

For the 6-foot, 175-pound Shelton, the sudden burst of offensive production has been as much of a shock to him as anyone.

"On campus, there's probably not one person who can tell you who I am," Matt Shelton Irish wide receiver

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Washington's biggest weakness: run defense

By PAT LEONARD
Associated Sports Editor

Notre Dame's defense surrendered 22 rushing yards to BYU. The Irish struggled to get 56 against Michigan then more than doubled last weekend at Michigan State to 165 yards.

But Washington coach Keith Gilbertson said the Irish defense couldn't call that a weakness.

"If their defense gives up 165 yards, I'm going to give them a game ball," Gilbertson said. "I think, the UCLA kid had that at the quarter. We look at 165 yards and think that would be a pretty good day of rush defense. I don't think that's a problem.

"UCLA's Maurice Drew gained 322 yards and scored five touchdowns against Notre Dame last week. Washington averaged an average of 194.5 yards in its first two games. Those totals were meaningless because the defense could not stop the run.

"Obviously you feel like we rushed for a significant number, but (UCLA) rushed for twice that," Gilbertson said. "If you don't stop the run, you're not winning football games.

Washington has not stopped the run yet, and the Huskies are 0-2. Gilbertson's team has lost to unranked Fresno State, 35-16, and unranked UCLA, 37-32 in early season home games.

Linebackers Joe Lombard (31 tackles) and Evan Benjamin (21) and cornerback Derrick Johnson (18) lead the team in tackles, but the Huskies now face a Notre Dame team whose rushing totals have begun to climb.

"I think there's lots of concerns," Gilbertson said. "Our safeties and corners have to make better tackles ... Look at their offense, how it improves all the time. They certainly have found a couple of tailbacks. That tailback (Darius Walker) is going to be a great one.

On the other side of the ball, quarterback Casey Paus commands an offense that has put up decent yardage and point totals thus far. Paus is 31-for- 67 for 383 yards and two touchdowns.

But Paus and the offense struggled with turnovers against Fresno State. The Huskies intercepted four times — Paus had three — and fumbled once. The Bulldogs scored two of their fourth quarter touchdowns on an 18-yard fumble return and a 75-yard interception return.

"I'm concerned about everything we do," Gilbertson said. "The 21 points for Fresno State (in the fourth quarter), we gave them all three of the touchdowns. They didn't have to work for one. We got 24 points in the first quarter last week, but UCLA got 20. That can't happen."

Paus' number one target is Charles Frederick (6-feet, 185 pounds), who has caught 13 passes for 214 yards. Sophomore running back Kenny James (5-foot-10, 215 pounds) has gotten off to an impressive start, carrying the ball 17 times for 75 yards against Fresno State and 27 times for 133 yards against UCLA.

But Gilbertson said even the running game is not a given heading into Notre Dame Stadium.

"They're a tremendously defensive football team," the coach said. "They run, they tackle, they pressure the passer. Their line has terrific athletes on the edge. I have a lot of respect for them."

Notre Dame averages 25.3 points per game. Washington averages almost just as many at 23.5. But the Irish defense — though it bended in its first three games — did not break.

And Gilbertson is well aware.

"Nobody's getting in there. Nobody's getting in the end-zone," Gilbertson said. "They're knocking the hell out of you, that's what they're doing.

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