Saint Mary's set to inaugurate Mooney

New president confronts College's enrollment, visibility challenges

By MEGAN O'NEILL
Assistant News Editor

Saturday's presidential inauguration of Carol Mooney officially marks new leadership and a new course of direction for Saint Mary's College.

Mooney, a 1972 Saint Mary's graduate and its 11th president, was selected to replace predecessor Marilou Eldred in December 2003 and has already served at the helm of the College for one semester.

The inaugural weekend will include a day-long academic symposium moderated by faculty members and a formal induction ceremony. The campus will celebrate its diversity through guest speakers and other colleges and universities.

During the inauguration, Mooney will announce the challenges she will face in her official inauguration of Mooney.

First among these is Saint Mary's recent struggle to garner national attention and attract applicants. This year's freshman class had roughly 50 fewer students than the previous year.

"It's difficult to convince a 17-year old young woman that [she wants] to be in an all-women's college in northern Indiana," Mooney said.

The new president has placed recruitment and increasing the visibility of the College at the top of her to-do list.

"Marketing is a sort of dirty word in academia but we do really need to attack enrollment, our admissions, increasing our classes," Mooney said. 

Efforts so far have included changes in recruiting techniques and publications. The College has also created a new office at Saint Mary's — the vice president for enrollment management. The position's duties will include overseeing admissions, financial aid and retention at the College.

"We're fairly far along in the pullout..." she said.

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Former ND associate provost transitions into SMC role gracefully; reaches out to students

By NICOLE ZOOK
Assistant News Editor

If she is under any stress as her big day approaches, Carol Mooney does not show it.

Sitting in the Sister Madelena room in LeMans Hall, she gracefully shared answers and smiles with journalists from several television stations and newspapers Thursday, revealing no sign of strain regarding her inauguration as the eleventh president of Saint Mary's College this weekend.

"I am thrilled," she said. "It's a privilege, and it's humbling, but I couldn't be happier."

Mooney, a 1972 graduate of the College and 1977 graduate of the University of Notre Dame Law School, was a law professor at Notre Dame before serving as a Notre Dame vice president and assistant provost. Her formal inauguration into her role as the first lay alumnus president at Saint Mary's will take place tomorrow and Sunday.

"In one sense a transition occurred last spring, when I was trying to do one and a half jobs," she said. "Notre Dame was wonderful to me. I got many opportunities, but I've never had a second glance back. ... It was hard to leave, but I've not had a moment's regret about doing so."

Mooney said that her transition from Notre Dame to Saint Mary's will hold some differences, the most marked being the smaller size of the College compared to the University.

"The Saint Mary's alumni, faculty, students, parents, alumni, donors, benefactors — just about everyone — feels like part of the College," she said.

Community and I find that fun, a challenge," she said.

Mooney has already begun to solve her challenge in the short months she has been working at Saint Mary's. She said she works well with the presidential staff and has reached out to students throughout first semester. In the fall, she invited each residence hall to an open tea or dessert night.

"I decided that was a good way to try to get out into each of the residence halls, so I went ..." she said.

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Sri Lankan Notre Dame student addresses tragedy, loss

Junior recalls scenes of tsunami's devastation

By MEIGHAN MARTIN
News Writer

Five weeks ago, Notre Dame junior Dinal Edirisinghe wanted nothing more than to spend Christmas at a beach in his native Sri Lanka, something that his family had done for years. His parents, however, had decided that they would celebrate the holidays in Amman, Jordan, where his father manages a textile factory.

"I complained to my parents about spending eight days in Jordan and not going to the beach in Sri Lanka," Edirisinghe said. "If we were in Sri Lanka, we would have gone to our ancestral home in Galle (a city in the south of the country) for Christmas Day. But we were lucky. We weren't in the country that day."

Instead, Edirisinghe and his mother were on their way to catch a flight to Colombo, the Sri Lankan capital, when they received a phone call from his father warning them not to board the plane. It was Dec. 26, and Edirisinghe and his mother turned on the BBC to learn that a tsunami had hit their country, devastating miles of coastline and instantly leaving tens of thousands of people homeless. Edirisinghe and his mother listened in shock.

"My initial reaction was, let's see if we can get home and do something," he said. "But if we did so, we would need to get back to the capital, and that would divert resources. We decided, why do that? So we remained in Jordan for a few more days."

While the Edirisinghe family's frantic efforts to contact friends and relatives in Sri Lanka proved largely futile in those first few days following the disaster, news agencies provided them with information about the extent of the destruction.

Twenty-seven thousand Sri Lankans, they learned, had been reported dead.

"I'm sure there are 41,000..." he said.

Above, damage from the tsunami washes up on a Sri Lankan shoreline. At right, Sri Lankan native and Notre Dame student Dinal Edirisinghe.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Here's to you, Culligan man

With everybody back at Notre Dame after a long winter break, most students can tell you something that they missed while away from school. Many people are glad to be back with their friends. Others missed South Bend specialties like Egg Benedict at the dining hall or the smell of ethand in the evening.

For me personally, I am most grateful to have my nearly infinite supply of crisp clear Culligan water back. For those of you who don't know, Culligan spring water is delivered in five-gallon containers and can be found in many offices and dorm rooms on campus. Not only is it the most pure and refreshing water I know of, it also is delivered by some of the most unsung heroes at Notre Dame.

These workers... no, that is not the right word... I mean, legends deserve to be recognized and I'm here to tell their story. Forgive me if I seem to exaggerate but I assure you, these men do exist.

For two to three years, I have three roommates and I go through about 30 gallons of Culligan water (six containers) and at the end of those two weeks we anxiously await the arrival of a certain green man. He arrives when we least suspect and brings with him a large handcart laden with 40-pound jugs of water. Sometimes his name is Ben; sometimes his name is Dan. Regardless, he is always the Culligan man to us.

Weather conditions have never stopped them from making the delivery. Snow, fog, freezing rain and fog puddles are no obstacle for these warriors.

Although my room is located on the third floor, this is hardly a challenge for the Culligan man. Even when the elevator doesn't work, he has been known to haul the water up the stairs handhanded.

And his feats don't stop once he gets to the room. While it would be sufficient to leave the water outside one door, the Culligan man personally takes each of the five gallon jugs and places them next to our door. Where one of my roommates tried to lift two of the jugs at once he failed entirely... clearly he doesn't have the strength of the Culligan man.

The matter of Culligan water delivery happens all over campus. To some it might seem mundane and routine. To me, it is so much more. My roommates and I have come to see it as a constant supply of Culligan water and we have a deep appreciation for the man who delivers it to us.

And I'm sure most people on campus have their own "Culligan man"... a person they rely on week after week and who never gets any real recognition. So for all those unsung heroes, this one's for you.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Steve Coye at scooper@nd.edu.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: What was the best thing about winter break?

Anne Kroeger sophomore Badin

Steve Friend sophomore Fisher

Taryn Lewis freshman McGlinn

Sarah Muscarella freshman Pangborn

Craig Peters sophomore St. Ed's

Michael Keller sophomore Dillon

"Having no obligations."

"Showering without shoes."

"Skyline, Chipotle and the Cincinnati Bengals."

"Not having partietals."

"Family, friends and the heat."

"Knowing I'm coming back to 601 Flo Points."

OFFBEAT

Clean underwear saves man lost in woods

ROGERS, Ark. There's another reason Mom is right when she says you should always have a fresh pair of underwear. A city attorney learned last week that they can attract rescue helicopters.

Ben Lipscomb found himself lost in the flooded backwoods while out duck hunting with his Labrador retriever.

He only managed to make it out by tying his white briefs to the end of his gun barrel and waving them at an Arkansas State Police helicopter. Decked out in full camouflage hunting gear, Lipscomb was practically invisible as the helicopter made several passes at dusk.

"They had passed over me a couple of times," he said after he was safe and sounded back behind his desk at City Hall. "I knew I had something to do to get their attention."

New Geneva toilets cost $300,000 each

GENEVA - Switzerland is renowned as one of the richest, cleanest and most efficient countries in the world. Now, authorities in Geneva are bringing the city's public convenience up to scratch — at a cost of $13 million for just 35 new toilets, Swiss daily Le Matin reported Tuesday.

Each sparkling new facility is designed by a different architect at a cost of $313,000 — about the same as one-bedroom city center apartment.

Three of the toilets have already been installed.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Notre Dame women's swimming team takes on Michigan and Illinois at 6 p.m. tonight and at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow in the Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The soon-to-be-released Miramax film "The Choirs" ("Les Choristes") will be shown at 7 and 10 p.m. tonight in the Browning Theatre of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The film is nominated for a Best Foreign Film Golden Globe Award and will be presented in French with English subtitles.

The men's basketball team will compete against St. John's Saturday from 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena.

ND Cinema will present the film "Sex is Comedy" Saturday at 7 and 10 p.m. in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

Kristi Anseth, winner of the 2004 National Science Foundation Foundation Award, will lead a seminar called "Synthetic Hydrogel Niches for Cartilage Regeneration" at 3:30 p.m. Monday in 138 Debartolo.

The Town Hall Meeting "And Still We Rise ... Remembering Is Not Enough" will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the student lounge of the Coleman-Morse Center. The event is in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. day.

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

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Dallmayr publishes book on peace talks

Special to The Observer

In his "Querela Pacis" (The Complaint of Peace), the 16th century scholar Desiderius Erasmus employed a conventional literary device of his time to endow peace with a personality and voice. Fred Dallmayr, Packey J. Dee Professor of Political Theory at the University of Notre Dame, has taken up the theme in his book, "Peace Talks — Who Will Listen?" which recently was published by Notre Dame Press.

In Erasmus' work, Peace challenges the reader to explain how "if I, whose name is Peace, am a personage glorified by the united praise of God and man, as the fountain, the paternal, the guardian of heaven or earth can bestow ... if our species is to survive, if our species is to survive, if our species is to survive ..."

Dallmayr articulates Erasmus' challenge in more contemporary terms, applying it to the evolution of international law and global ethics and alluding to similar expressions in such widely varied writings as those of Francisco de Vitoria, Immanuel Kant, Hannah Arendt, Confucius, Ibn Arabi, and Jalal ad-Din Rumi.

According to Calvin Schrag of Purdue University, Dallmayr provides "a vibrant contemporary voice in the proliferating multicultural conversation of mankind" which "makes the strongest case yet for a peace-making culture that would be able to restrain the war machine mentality of our present age."

Robert C. Johansen, professor of political science and senior fellow at Notre Dame's Kroc Institute for International Studies, said that Dallmayr's book "opens our minds and hearts to an urgent, timely message of how to think about making peace. With penetrating insights and fascinating exploration, he shows that this message, which must be heeded if our species is to survive with dignity, has timeless roots that he vividly brings to light at once ancient and modern, Western and Eastern, and from the global North and South."

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 1978, Dallmayr specializes in modern and contemporary European thought as well as in comparative philosophy and cross-cultural dialogue, and global human rights.

Course to examine coming trends

"Ten Years Hence" to look at next decade

Special to The Observer

The year was 1995 and the world was at relative peace, President Bush had been out of office for two years, gasoline was considered expensive at $1.30 per gallon, and dot.coms were becoming all the rage.

Few would have thought that 10 years later the United States would be waging war on two fronts. President Bush's son would be starting a second term in the Oval Office, gas would be going for $2-plus, and dot.com would be more like dot.bomb.

While no one in '95 could have predicted these specific events, perhaps general patterns could have been foreseen, which is the premise behind a new course at the University of Notre Dame that will examine what's on the horizon between now and 2015.

Titled "Ten Years Hence," the 1.5-credit course will bring eight forward-thinkers to campus throughout the spring semester to explore issues, ideas and trends likely to affect society and business over the next decade.

Specific topics will include biotechnology, religious fundamentalism, economic demography, oil and peace, futurology and work, and natural resources.

"We hope to give students, faculty and guests a sense of the near future and the possibilities that lie in store for us by the year 2015," said James S. O'Rourke, a management professor and one of the course's instructors. "The speakers we have lined up will assist students in understanding emerging issues related to demography, science, sociology, economics, anthropology, commerce and technology, and how they will affect our lives over the next 10 years."

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By comparison, the Dow rose 6.1 percent, the Nasdaq climbed 14 percent, and the S&P was up 8.2 percent over the course of the contest from Oct. 1 to Dec. 15.

Though she emphasizes she's no expert, Plummer is a longtime investor, who, when not making music, often can be found analyzing financial reports and studying expert opinions.

Plummer's twin sister, Kathryn, a violin professor at Vanderbilt University, also participated in the Barron's Challenge and — thanks to some tips from the more experienced Carolyn — topped her twin with an 11th-place finish on a 15.6 percent rate of return.

The magazine also conducted a separate contest for college students.
Comet-busting craft emerges from safe mode

Associated Press

PASSADENA, Calif. — NASA's Deep Impact comet-busting spacecraft emerged from "safe mode" and was operating normally, the space agency said Thursday.

The spacecraft went into protective mode after launch Wednesday aboard a Titan IIIE rocket, and once its engines ignited, but before it had reached orbit around the comet Tempel 1.

"We're back on the timeline with full operations," said Dave Williams, manager of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The spacecraft will release an "impactor" that is designed to collide with the comet and produce a crater the size of a football stadium. That should allow instruments aboard the spacecraft to study material beneath the comet's surface. The mission cost $330 million.

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admissions process here, and looking at our numbers right now we're quite hopeful that we have a significantly larger class," Mooney said.

"I think that the company we belong in, and that's where we should be," Carol Mooney, Saint Mary's College president, said.

Spill affects Alaskan community

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Fuel oil from the Seledang Aju has fouled a fishing community some 300 miles from the wreckage of the grounded freighter, prompting new concerns about the impact of last month's spill in the Bering Sea.

State environmental workers found as many as two dozen birds by the beach after landing near the spill site, said Lt. Greg Huycke of the state's Department of Environmental Conservation.

"It makes you wonder what other cold-water spills there may be," said Dave Pearson, a spill response official with the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.

Since the oil was reported to the state Wednesday, the agency has been trying to assess the threat to the local water table and area seafood processing plants, Pearson said.

The 738-foot Seledang Aju, a freighter carrying soybeans and 442,000 gallons of fuel oil and diesel, broke apart Dec. 8 off Unalaska Island after efforts to stop the disabled vessel.

Six of the ship's crew members were lost at sea when a rescue helicopter crashed.

Salvage crews have recovered nearly 43,000 gallons of oil and some water from the ship, but most of the fuel is believed lost. Smaller balls of oil have been spotted in remote areas. About 600 dead birds have been spotted near the spill site, said Petty Officer Thomas McKenzie of the Coast Guard.

Music for Two Gambas and Organ

Mary Anne Ballard, viola da gamba
Elizabeth MacDonald, viola da gamba
Craige Cramer, organ

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Malaria threat emerges in Asia**

BANDUNG, Indonesia — Health officials plan to go door to door and tent to tent with mosquito-killing spray guns beginning Friday to head off a looming threat that one expert says could kill 100,000 more people around the tsunami disaster zone: malaria.

The devastating and heavy rain creating conditions for the largest area of mosquito-breeding sites Indonesia has ever seen, said the head of the aid group anchoring the anti-malaria campaign on Sumatra island. The new threat was just reported by the Dec. 26 tsunami have been diluted by seasonal rains into a brackish water that mosquitoes love.

While the threat of cholera and dysentery outlook is diminishing by the day because clean water is increasingly getting to tsunami survivors, the danger of malaria and dengue fever epidemics is increasing, said Richard Allan, director of the Mentor Initiative, a public health group that fights malaria epidemics.

**Black Hawk helicopter crashes**

BOGOTA, Colombia — A U.S.-donated military helicopter crashed Thursday while flying near La Conchita, a village of Manguipayan, 340 miles southwest of the capital, Bogota. Early investigations indicate the crash was caused by bad weather, the army said in a statement. An army official said the problem was "thick fog."

**National News**

**Search ends in mudslide zone**

LA CONCHITA, Calif. — Authorities ended the search Thursday for victims of the deadly mudslide and warned residents not to return to the town because of the danger of another collapse.

The death toll stood at 10 in the beach community devastated by Monday's torrent of rain and ice, and even that list of missing people had been located. 13 homes were destroyed and 18 others were damaged.

"The La Conchita community is a geologically hazardous area," Sheriff Bob Brooks said. "That's just scientifically, it is today, and it will remain so. We do not recommend that people return to this area or the people who stay here remain here."

**FDA reconsiders Mevacor sales**

BETHESDA, Md. — Vast numbers of people would take a cholesterol drug if it were offered over the counter even though they don't meet the medical criteria, federal health advisers were told Thursday.

The cholesterol drug Mevacor has long been available by prescription. Drug companies are now asking the Food and Drug Administration for permission to sell a low-dose version directly to consumers for the first time.

The advisory committee that is meeting through Friday will make a recommendation later ordering them to stop making the case that their client, Spc. Charles Graner Jr., left, walks with his defense attorney Guy Womack during a break in his court martial. He is being tried in the Abu Ghraib prison scandal.

Army Spc. Charles Graner Jr., left, walks with his attorney Guy Womack during a break in his court martial. He is being tried in the Abu Ghraib prison scandal.
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Edirisinghe said. "There are probably also thousands upon thousands of survivors. I had five cousins vacationing in coastal areas. One cousin held his twins and hung on to a tombstone as the waves went through ... Another guy held his twins and hung on to a sacking bag, and the water was pushing [by]. There are just some of the stories."

More stories of both tragedy and survival revealed themselves after Edirisinghe and his mother arrived in Colombo — two days after they had initially been scheduled to return.

"There was a train we heard about called Queen of the Sea," he said. "I rode on it when I was young. Wirik train took the train off its tracks. One boy said — he was seven — but he buried the rest of his family.

While Edirisinghe and his parents had escaped the tsunami, they returned to Sri Lanka above his head close friends had been reported missing in the wake of the tragedy.

Before Notre Dame, I thought about entering the law faculty in Sri Lanka," Edirisinghe said. "A friend who had advised me on the decision was washed away.

She was 28."

Amid the loss and confusion of such tragedy, Edirisinghe said his first instinct was to do anything he could to help in the relief effort. His first task was to deliver more than 500 letters from Sri Lankan workers in his family's Jordan textile factory to the company's headquarters for distribution to family and friends at home.

"I have a little ritual when I get off the plane. I touch the ground and do the sign of the cross," Edirisinghe said. "And then we [deliver] the letters."

Edirisinghe's house in Colombo was untouched by the waves which allowed him and many of his friends to contribute to the relief effort.

"I went home and packed up all the clothes I had and sent them to the places where they were needed," Edirisinghe said. "Everyone did that."

During his time at home before returning to Notre Dame to begin the spring semester, Edirisinghe said that he was rarely able to see friends who had also returned home for the break. Many of them had gone to the town of Beruwela to pass out relief aid. He said it was hard to see everyone, but was pleased that they were helping.

"It's amazing to see how people are doing such things on their own," he said. "And the way the international community responded was unbelievable, the whole world is helping out."

The New York Times reported Wednesday that donor countries pledged $237 million to a relief appeal made by the United Nations after the disaster. Edirisinghe said that help from both outside groups and Sri Lankan citizens has combined to create a sense of hope amid the despair of his country's situation.

"There are 25 people who work in my father's factory whose families are no longer. They left the country for three years to send money back to their parents and families in Sri Lanka. What is the purpose of their lives? More if their loved ones aren't there?" he said.

"The best way to help the dead is to help the living. The worst moment is the turn of the tide."

In a country as rife with political, ethnic and religious conflict as Sri Lanka has found itself in recent years, "people now have only hope would allow the divided nation to repair its differences and begin the slow recovery from this tragedy."

"I think the best way you can honor the people who have died," he said, "is to make sure that they have not died in vain — to make something good come from it." The northern and part of the eastern regions of Sri Lanka have been held for more than two decades by Tamil rebels, who have clashed with the Sri Lankan government over the leadership of their homeland in the North. The Associated Press reported that 65,000 people have died from the civil war alone, before the tsunami struck the island in December. Edirisinghe said that the situation appears to him as though history is repeating itself.

"The last time something huge like this happened is in legend. Twenty-three hundred years ago," he said. "They say the sea came into the land and the mother of Sri Lanka's greatest king, Dutugemunu, was a sacrifice to the gods. ... She was sent to another king and their son was the one who united the country, because it was then divided into parts."

The story, Edirisinghe said, gives people hope.

"A lot of people now say this is like history repeating itself. That incident was followed by Sri Lanka's brief war. It is when the sea came in that Sri Lanka found its greatest moment. So a lot of people are hopeful," he said. "Don't get me wrong, though they are still very depressed."

Edirisinghe returned to Siegfried Hall to finish his junior year this month. His role now, he said, is to educate as many people as possible about Sri Lanka's situation in the wake of the tsunami. He has already gathered a number of friends and colleagues to plan fundraising and awareness events on Notre Dame's campus. A film screening is already in the works.

"I see myself as a messenger, as bringing out the message," he said. "Here there are people who genuinely care. To see that, all I had to do was look in my e-mail inbox only four days after the tsunami. People even contacted my rector and have stopped me on the quad to see how I'm doing. ... I feel fortunate and humbled."

Still, the transition from the devastation of Sri Lanka to the everyday college life of Notre Dame has not been without its moments of tension.

"It's like coming into two different worlds: you come to Notre Dame and everyone's so happy and everything's so ordered," Edirisinghe said. "Sri Lanka was like one big funeral."

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**Retailer begins new campaign**

Wal-Mart introduces counter initiative to employer policies

**Associated Press**

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Wal-Mart chief executive Lee Scott led a media charge Thursday to counter criticism that the world's largest retailer is a behemoth that takes advantage of its workers and stifles competition.

Scott said he wants Wal-Mart workers to know the company was short of catastrophic. Scott said he wants Wal-Mart to have a better handle on how it is perceived by the public.

The company bought full-page ads in more than 100 newspapers around the nation to highlight its message that it provides opportunities for advancement and that its stores provide mainly full-time jobs with a broad benefits package.

"We want to get those myths off the table, set the record straight," Scott said in a phone interview. He was in New York City for a round of media interviews.

But a union critic of the discount chain said Thursday the company was ignoring social costs created by its no-strike, no-hiring protections.

The extension comes after US Airways, a biggest carrier, hopes it will have found a investor to provide hundreds of millions of dollars needed to emerge from bankruptcy protection. The airline, the nation's seventh-largest, has been struggling for years to organize Wal-Mart workers, said the company was long of the truth.

Union spokesman Greg Denier said Wal-Mart may count about three-fourths of its workers as full time, but said those employees do not make for a full family package. He said the health insurance the company offers was too expensive and does not provide enough coverage for illnesses that are not catastrophic.

Wal-Mart has 1.2 million employees in the United States, making it the nation's largest private employer. Scott said Wal-Mart gives communities stable jobs, and workers have advancement opportunities and benefits that include stock purchases, a 401(k) retirement plan and discount cards.

Scott said the company wants to take its message directly to its customers and their communities.

"Customers trust us, and they know their trust is well-placed," he said.

That's true of some of Wal-Mart's shoppers but not most, said Jim Rice, chief credit officer at Bernard Sands Retail Performance Monitor in New York.

"I don't think a majority of shoppers pay attention to either the charges or to Wal-Mart's defense," Rice said. "If Wal-Mart has good selection and good prices, they'll keep shopping.

But Rice said Wal-Mart was right to respond to its detractors.

"Any time you don't answer (criticism), you're going to suffer damage," Rice said, noting Wal-Mart often has let its critics speak and not mounted a defense. "This will have a positive effect."

Shares of Wal-Mart Stores Inc. fell 44 cents to $53.64 on the New York Stock Exchange Thursday, when most stocks were pressured by higher oil prices and concerns over the economy.

**Small businesses will hire in 2005**

**The Observer**

**MARKET RECAP**

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| NYSE | 7,028.67 | +46.97 | 771.5 | 25.7 | 20.5 |
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**IN BRIEF**

Feds extend US Airways financing

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — US Airways will have the cash it needs to keep flying through June after a bankruptcy judge approved a deal Thursday between the struggling airline and the federal Air Transportation Stabilization Board.

An interim financing deal had been set to expire Saturday, but U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Stephen Mitchell gave his blessing to an extension through June 30.

By flying, the airline, the nation's seventh-largest, hopes it will have found a new investor to provide hundreds of millions of dollars needed to emerge from bankruptcy protection.

The extension comes after US Airways, a unit of US Airways Group Inc., extracted more than $800 million in annual concessions from its labor unions. Old union contracts reluctantly agreed to accept pay and benefit cuts, but Mitchell last week imposed an estimated $200 million in concessions on the International Association of Machinists when that union failed to reach a deal.

**Airl ine to begin serving Hawaii**

LAS VEGAS — Southwest Airlines Co. will sell seats on ATA Airlines flights to Hawaii and other U.S. locations starting next month, the Dallas-based carrier said Thursday.

All connections between the two airlines would be made at Chicago's Midway Airport, leaving travel to the islands inconvenient for West Coast and Southwest CEO Gary Kelly said his airline would consider adding connecting cities in the West, mentioning Las Vegas as a possibility.

**Retailer begins new campaign**

Wal-Mart introduces counter initiative to employer policies

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — At this time last year, Randy Herz wasn't planning to add any new employees at his estate planning and asset management firm. He thought it would be more prudent to invest money in technology.

Now, Herz said he expects to hire three or four people by the end of the year.

Herz, who attributed the improvement to clients who have more money and who are more focused, said he's making decisions about their finances and estates.

The growing economy has helped some small business owners decide that it's time to start hiring again or, in the case of new companies, hiring for the first time. They've held off expanding their staffs while they waited for the right business conditions — sales, cash flow and a sense of confidence and optimism in their customers and clients.

Those business owners are part of the hiring trend across the country. The nation's employers, many of whom are small businesses, are adding jobs at a steady pace, said William Dunkelberg, chief economist with the National Federation of Independent Business, an advocacy group representing small company owners.

"It looks like everything is proceeding nicely and smoothly," Dunkelberg said after the Labor Department reported that employers created 157,000 new jobs during December. That number was fewer than Wall Street wanted, but Dunkelberg said an even and sustainable pace rather than a torrid one is healthier for the economy.

Improving business for customers of Steritech Group Inc. has allowed the Charlotte, N.C.-based pest pre-

vention and food safety firm to increase its hiring plans, human resources director Mark Moser said.

While Steritech's business has grown in the past few years, the company was conservative in its hiring because many of its customers are in the hospitality industry that was hit hard after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Moser said.

Moser said the company has continued to hire service workers, but the staffers who perform the work for customers, but "we wanted to make sure that industry was back on its feet before we made an investment in support personnel," such as office workers.

Steritech, which has about 550 employees nationwide, expects steady growth in hiring this year, Moser said.

At Harbor Sweats, a Salem, Mass.-based candy maker, "we probably have not grown at the rate we might have if we had felt more confident in the economy," owner Phyllis Leblanc said.
Bush proposes Pell Grant award raise

By Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush is proposing to raise the maximum Pell Grant award by $500 over the next five years and fix a president shortfall in the matching funds of a federal college aid program. The Associated Press has learned.

That would put the maximum grant at $4,550 by 2010 — up 12 percent from the $4,050 offered today.

The White House declined to disclose whether the president wants to increase the grants received by more than 5 million low-income students, but congressional and education officials familiar with the details of his proposal said Thursday that Bush will call for raising the Pell Grant award $100 a year for five years.

Pell Grants, the government's largest form of financial aid, help low-income students afford college. The grants range from $400 to $4,050, depending on students' family size and the cost to attend school and whether they are enrolled part-time or full-time.

News of an increase comes as the Bush administration prepares to send a new budget to Congress next month that the administration promises will include cuts in domestic programs. Previous frequently emphasized spending increases for politically popular programs to take the sting out of painful trimming they've done in the federal budget.

While touted by both Democrats and Republicans, the Pell Grant increase Bush is expected to propose Friday during his visit to Florida Community College at Jacksonville is shy of his pledge to "get it right on" the Pell Grant.

On the campaign trail in 2000, Bush said he would triple the maximum award to $5,100. Developing a matching formula, it's been stuck at $4,050 for three years.

"Four years after making — and breaking — a campaign promise to raise the value of the Pell Grant, President Bush is finally willing to make good on that promise," Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., ranking Democrat on the House Education Committee, said in a statement Monday.

"I also hope he is ready to offer a serious solution to the shortfall in funding for Pell Grants. ... My concern is that the president will rob Peter to pay Paul — increase money for Pell Grants by cutting funding for other important education programs. That is not a workable solution."

"My worry is that the senior vice president of the American Council on Education, which represents colleges, said his group would be happy with any increase in the Pell Grant award, especially if it is coupled with eliminating a growing deficit in the program."

"If true, these proposals would mark the most significant development in the Pell Grant program since it was created 30 years ago," Harley said. "The higher education community would vigorously applaud this action."

When the economy is slow, more students enroll in college and the Pell program typically runs a deficit, Hartle explained. Students eligible to receive the grants are sent the money even if it exceeds congressional allocations, he said. Because the economy has not been robust in recent years and more people have gone off to college, the deficit has grown to roughly $4 billion, he said.

"It's a shortfall on paper, but when aid eligibility looks to increase the Pell Grant they do so with the knowledge that the program is roughly $4 billion in the hole," he said. "Eliminating the shortfall would make it much easier for Congress to increase the maximum grant."

The White House on Thursday hinted that Bush was planning action on the Pell Grant program deficit.

"The president has been strongly committed to Pell Grants and insuring that more students are eligible," deputy White House press secretary Trent Duffy said. "There is a serious shortfall in the program and the president is committed to addressing it."

Although Congress did not raise the maximum grant last year, lawmakers did increase Pell Grant money by $424 million, to about $12.4 billion. However, Congress also decided not to block the Education Department from updating tax deduction tables used to calculate Pell awards.

If the Education Department updates the tables, it would cause about 1 million prospective Pell Grant recipients to have their eligibility reduced by an average of $300, according to Brian Fitzgerald, staff director of the Advisory Committee on Financial Assistance, which advises Congress. The update would also save the Pell program about $300 million a year.

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Associated Press

LANGLEY, Va. — And now, a look into the future: al-Qaida, out; Hollywood, out; India's Bollywood movie industry out; China, out; America's superpower, out; China and India as world players, in.

At least, that's what U.S. intelligence future-gazers predicted Thursday.

"How we mentally map the world of 2020 will change radically," said the National Intelligence Council Chairman Robert Hutchings at the release of his panel's new report, Project 2020. "The unclassified forecasts offer a range of scenarios about the world of 2020 - but whether these new players fit into the world cooperatively or competitively remains an important uncertainty for the United States."

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The groups' members will be tapping technology that provides instant connections for communications and training, posing a significant intelligence challenge to organisations including the CIA.

"Our greatest concern is that terrorists might acquire biological agents or, less likely, a nuclear device, either of which could cause mass casualties," the report said.

The council trends carefully on the success of democratisation - an issue Bush has made the cornerstone of his foreign policy. It predicts democratic progress in key Middle Eastern countries, including Iraq and Afghanistan, which may be an example for Muslim and Arab states still ruled by repressive regimes.

However, Russian and Central Asian countries could slip backward, according to the report.

The National Intelligence Council reports directly to CIA Director Porter Goss but remains separate from the agency. It is responsible for preparing National Intelligence Estimates for policymakers. Although its products are generally highly classified, significant details have emerged on its overblown estimate of Iraq's weapons capability.

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Celebration at Saint Mary's

Saint Mary's certainly has reason to celebrate. After six months of having College President Carol Mooney at the helm, she will officially inaugurate Saturday during a public ceremony.

But Saturday's spectacular doesn't tell the whole story. The College's accompanying week of events has been well-attended by students, faculty and staff — showing that the occasion is not just in honor of an individual but also truly a community event.

In an unprecedented move, the College even elected to excuse students from classes today to allow them to attend an all-day symposium focusing on women's colleges, spreading the spotlight beyond campus and putting the inauguration into a national context.

The College was right to do so. While this is a time to celebrate Mooney, her accomplishments thus far and the path laid ahead, this also is a time to celebrate being a thriving women's institution. Many of the week's events have focused on the rich and unique history of Saint Mary's itself, looking at a time when Mooney was herself a student and taking a closer look at where the College is now.

This is a golden opportunity for Saint Mary's students — one that comes around so rarely it needs to be taken advantage of now. The events this week are as much about each individual on campus as they are about Mooney and the College. Because events on the scale of an inauguration occur so rarely, it is important for students to take part in every opportunity they can.

Attending today's symposium, Saturday's events and next week's, Mooney helped to plan, will strengthen not only the student body's connection with Mooney, but also its sense of itself in history.

A presidential inauguration is the perfect time to commemorate the tradition of Saint Mary's — a tradition built on history, reputation and the strength and uniqueness of all those who know it is to be a Saint Mary's woman. In planning and executing a full week of events for the whole community, the College gave its rich past and its future leader the recognition they deserve.

Presenting last year's 'Bonehead awards'

January brings with it an end to the previous year and a fresh start on the calendar. As the winter solstice fades into the fog of the holiday season, nearly everyone resolves to achieve that which has alluded him in the past. This year, many members of the Notre Dame Board of Trustees simply need to ask themselves, "What have I done?"

Saint Mary's and Notre Dame's history do the impulses of a few power-drunk Donors — Trump "Women Bees" ride roughshod over the institution with such bone-chilling effects. The "retire­ment" of University President Mooney Malloy behind closed doors could be publicly explained as the passing of a torch after his substantial research. The premature public firing of the first­ever ethnic minority head coach of any Notre Dame athletic team wins for the trustees the 2004 Bonehead of the Year Award.

Last year, Notre Dame was not alone. The administrations, boards of trustees and athletic departments of other major universities ran closely behind Notre Dame for the title of "Bonehead." These institutions need to reexamine how their actions sent harmful messages to their alumni and the American public in 2004. Unfortunately, both of my alma maters ranked first and second last year — the University of Notre Dame and the University of Pittsburgh.

But it resolved for the coming year that the majority of followers on the Notre Dame Board of Trustees note and never more repeat their leaders' pressuring of the athletics department on such an ill-advised public relations disaster as the firing of the head football coach before his contract expires, especially if that coach is a "first ever" at the University. In 2004, Notre Dame announced to the world that its academic­ies no longer rank over athletics and the university back to Willingham. As a result, Notre Dame proved that it is not intolerant enough to allow its "first ever ethnic minority head coach of any university sport" to prove himself within the allotted time of a five-year contract. Had it honored all five years of the contract, the University could evaluate the coach on a season of play operating entirely with his recruits in his own system.

Ironically, a decade before Notre Dame tried to rhyme its reputation into a passable research uni­versity with a new slogan, it did fulfill its half­of the five­year con­tracts of two prior elite football coaches — one, an assistant with no col­lege head coaching experience and the other, a high school coach also with no college head coaching experience. The incoming head football coach may resolve for 2005 to change the term "contract" to "endowment" in his agreement with the university so that the Holy Cross order recognizes its fine print.

To the fans and alumni of the Bonehead Award run­ner­up, the University of Pittsburgh where I earned a masters degree, it resolved that you soil search your conflicted minds in the coming year. Never has any university gone from such academic standards as when it won a football national champi­onship in the mid­1970s to such abject academic standards in recent times. As a result, the athletic standings of its teams suffered for decades.

Now that Pitt has balanced high acade­mic standards for its athletes with winning teams, why not give the next head football coach what you refused to allow the departing coach — the entire season before complaining. The efforts to remove Walt Harris in mid­season was a disgrace, especially in light of his dramatic wins and selection in a major bowl. It also shows that you stop acting like a wife abuser and enjoy your successful football and basketball teams, not to mention your professional Pittsburgh Steeler.

For the future, Notre Dame trustees also need a reality check to avoid repeating next year's pitfalls in 2005 and beyond. As it stands, Notre Dame will never win a national football championship without going undefeated, so the athletic director needs to examine future sched­ules with an eye on pacing the team through its premier season or bust each sea­son. With a playoff, of course, a nonstellar coach's odds of competing in a national champi­onship game dramati­cally increase, so the Notre Dame president or athletic director needs to look at their own team's needs to pass for the "plus one" bowl for­mat. If course, if aca­de­mics still rank above athletic wins and revenues, simply honor athletic contracts while scholars research their projects.

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"The Constitution only gives people the right to pursue happiness. You have to catch it by yourself."

Ben Franklin

Inventor
Intern your way to success

Listen up, people, especially you freshmen, and most especially you little overachieving fresh meat straight out of high school. I want to share a little chunk of wisdom. I've decided to drop in on my毕业. College is a game. Well, that's part of the game. It can be a luxuriously-furnished and pocketbook-breaking day-care center for the undecided, or it can be the launching pad for your success. It just depends on how you play it.

I highly suggest the launching pad option, but it's not that simple. The launching pad image is, of course, the one we're all familiar with. It's part of that formula for success every parent and politician swears by as though it's the Bible of capitalism. Go to college, ace the classes, graduate cum laude, get a lucrative job, get the house with the white picket fence with the freshly baked Norman Rockwell American dream pie cooling off on the windowsill for those picture-perfect 2.5 kids.

College is that mythical magic factory of success. But as most of us know, and many will soon figure out, that's not how it works. A bachelor's degree is about as rare nowadays as a millionaire (or the game shows manufacturing them). Not that I completely agree with the assessment, but I once saw the message "UCLA diploma" scribed on the inside of a toilet stall with an arrow underneath pointing to the roll of toilet paper.

Obviously this was a message for the undergrads, pardon the pun, but I never quite saw toilet paper the same way after that. There is truth, though, to the idea that in the current job market, an undergrad diploma carries little more worth than mulch. But it doesn't have to. That's the part I just figured out, in my classically belated way, on the eve of graduation.

Of course, I realize that the overwhelming majority of you reading this will not be struck with soup-puking psycho-panic convulsions and rectal hemorrhages by what will follow. According to a survey by Vaultreport.com, 80 percent of all graduating seniors will have completed at least one internship by the time they've shuttled their mortar boards (that square thing on top of your head at graduation, dude) skyward.

The thousands of bloggers like Joshua Micah Lukacs, now of pressthink.org, New York University Department of Journalism program, have achieved a milestone with a post about forged National Guard documents. Now that CBS and Jayson Blair have made "media" synonymous with "larceny," it seems profession that's nothing without our readers' trust is losing its foundation.

But the press' salvation is the very eye that's catching its mistakes: bloggers. Their motivation is simple — they want to know what's going on — and that will always spur better journalism than Mary Mapes' desire to stick it to the president. The broadcast news giant just couldn't achieve the accuracy — something journalists should kind of know, that determines your chances of success in that jungle outside of UCLA. This is an uncomfortable truth, and one that is certainly regurgitated in the high-minded principles of academia.

I want to be clear that I'm neither knocking nor mocking this prestigious and world-class institution. Getting in is no picnic, as we all know. Getting in, however, is just the beginning of the game. Just remember that outside the gates of this noble institution is a harsh world that plays by its own rules, and like it or not, the name of the game is survival.

Different people find new hires, guess where internship programs rank? No. 1. Good internship can be almost as important as a UCLA diploma, said Dario Bravo, a UCLA Career Center "God of Information" and probably one of the most important people you'll ever meet.

It is a lamentable but undeniable truth that it is who you know, and not what you know, that determines your chances of success in that jungle outside of UCLA. This is an uncomfortable truth, and one that is certainly regurgitated in the high-minded principles of academia.

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How does a company follow up an underground, system release, smash hit? By releasing a sequel that surpasses the first title, “Pikmin 2” is one of those few games that takes a completely original idea and then builds on it to make it even better.

The story of the game directly follows the events of “Pikmin” and its hero, Captain Olimar. But this time around he has help from his sidekick Louie. Olimar and Louie must collect “treasure” to help pay off the debt of the corporation they work for with the help of sprite-like animals known only as Pikmin. Basically, Louie and Olimar lead them around like a general leads an army.

Unlike in the original “Pikmin,” in “Pikmin 2” you have an unlimited amount of time to pay off the debt. This creates a more relaxing atmosphere and allows everyone to enjoy every aspect of the game. Tasks are more easy to accomplish with the addition of Louie by splitting the task force of Pikmin and taking on two different problems at once.

The addition of two new types of Pikmin also makes the game more rounded, providing a better chance of survival in the tough world. The original “Pikmin” had three different types of Pikmin with different abilities. The new types, along with the old, create a balanced squad ready to take on any trouble that the player can throw at you, from carnivorous plants to rushing water, and from electrical fences to snare bird hybrids.

Visually the game is very reminiscent of the original “Pikmin” with only minimal improvements to the graphics. But the game still looks great and screen transitions are extremely smooth. The only problem with the visuals, which may not even be a problem for some gamers, is the massive amounts of color on the screen. It might eventually give you headaches, but other than that, brightens the mood and enhances the style of the game.

The soundtrack to the game is quirky, with a definite children’s music feel to it, but this only enhances the game. It creates a background of fun that easily entices the player. The sound effects also display a childlike quality, from the mechanical voice of the spaceship to the singing voices of the happy Pikmin.

The controls of the game handle very well, using the e-stick for easy command of the Pikmin, while basically simplifying the game into easy to use one-button moves. Not overdoing the controls makes this game great for everyone from the most advanced gamers to people who have never played before.

Another huge addition to the game is the multiplayer option. Playing solo or with a teammate is great, but going head-to-head in a Pikmin battle royal is even more intense. The GameCube doesn’t skip a beat, even with so much action on the screen at once. “Pikmin 2” is a great game with very few flaws. Its major downsides are the fact that it is slightly repetitive, over-stimulating to the point of headaches, and childish (although a lot of people love that). This is a great buy for people who love fun games that you can get a lot of play time out of with minimal effort.

On the surface, this game is aptly named, because it is basically the same game with a different story. But once playing through the game, you will realize it is more than just an “echo” of the original.

While “Metroid Prime 2: Echoes” has many of the same properties that made the first “Metroid Prime” a hit; it is the equivalent of a remake that is just as good as the original. The basic premise of the single player mode is the same. The game plays an intergalactic bounty hunter name Samus Aran who must use the first person perspective to combat and defeat the enemy. But the game is not just combat. Puzzle solving using scanners to open doors and find key codes as well as using Samus’s morph ball and grappling hook abilities to get to hard to reach areas, make this a great adventure game as well.

The game updated all abilities at the beginning of the game and must tra­verse a hostile world, finding all of your items and re-upgrading your armor. You can even upgrade your armor and weapons using technology native to the aliens and to the planets you are currently on. If you don’t upgrade, you won’t be able to beat the game. Once completely upgraded, you become an unstoppable force capable of completing the hefty tasks the game lays upon you, which of course include killing the big bad guy again.

Samus Aran has the option to use the jetpack to fly around the planet. The biggest addition of the game, which prevents it from being just a clone/sequel, is the addition of the multiplayer death match and capture the flag. The game’s multiplayer allows you and up to three of your friends to fight for dominance over the level. There is nothing like fighting with your friends to be the first to get the rocket launcher and take control of a headed game.

Visually, the game is exactly the same as the original “Metroid Prime,” but this isn’t a bad thing. The graphics are still top notch and show few signs of aging at all. The game has the potential to make the game even more breathtaking, but the same engine was used in this game as the first.

One thing lacking in the cinematics is the lack of voiceovers for the movie clips. There isn’t a single human voice in the entire game, which makes the game seem detached and less engaging.

The audio track is very well done, establishing just the right amount of suspense and scariness to make it seem almost movie like. The ambient noise and special effects noise though is where the game’s sound shines through.

Overall, “Metroid Prime 2: Echoes” is a great game that is just as playable and fun as the original, but it has flaws. The lack of a good storyline and the jumbled plot take away from the action of the game, and the addition of multiplayer death-match instead of a co-operative play isn’t enough to keep this game from essentially being a clone of a former great game. While it is a great sequel, that is all it is.
Prince and Donkey Kong return

endo’s rhythmic innovation hits a bad note

JOSH TALLEY

The follow-up to last year’s Game of the Year absolutely buries its predecessor in all aspects. While “Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time” was an amazing platformer with interesting puzzles and good combat, “Prince of Persia: Warrior Within” is foremost a fighting platformer with enough puzzles to make lovers of the first game stare in awe. After the events of the first game, the Prince is being hunted by Fate itself. To stop it, he must prevent the Sands of Time from being created by using them to travel back to the beginning of the timeline and destroy them before they were created.

Confused yet? Don’t worry the game explains everything in more depth.

The biggest change from the first game to this game is the darker atmosphere. The entire mood of this installment is different than the original. The game has been revamped to make all the enemies scarier, more deadly and spooky, and even included boss fights, which are a new feature to the game.

The game also gives a complete makeover to the Prince himself. The Prince has traded in his imperial red sash. The player now can also perform over two pages of combat combos to savage his enemies with. The player can also string together or their own combinations or attacks to make customizable combos and fight in a 360-degree environment. But one of the key factors of the first game is still around in the second, making the game all that much better. The Prince can still control time, using it to outrun enemies and traps by slowing time down or rewinding time after a misstep on a ledge or bridge. Developing control over the combos and the Sands of Time is critical to the game because without wither of these, you will not survive long enough to even think about beating the game. Finally, the traps in the game are vicious enough to stop you were the enemies fail. Elaborate puzzles are used to escape them and get around large sections of traps. These puzzles involve climbing ropes, pillars, running on walls, back flipping off a wall during a free fall, and many others.

The visuals in the game are stunning and can be seen in different view modes, including first person, third person, and landscape. The cinematics are gorgeous and help further the story in a totally engrossing way. This game pushes the GameCube to the edge of its capabilities and shows what exactly the system is capable of doing.

The soundtrack is also a huge part of this game, giving a great classical score during exploration and puzzles while also delivering a powerful driven rock score, performed by Godsmack, during the combat sections of the game.

The game has another feature that may make the game more difficult, but is a great addition to the game. The game learns from your movements and adapts to your style and plays accordingly. This makes the game extremely challenging but well worth all of effort. "Prince of Persia: Warrior Within" is an amazing game for any fan of the action/ adventure or platforming genre.

Donkey Konga

Ever played "Dance Dance Revolution"? Like to beat your own drum? Then try your hands at "Donkey Konga," an interactive music drumming game.

Okay, that sounded really bad. But just give it a chance. The game is probably not half as bad as you think it is.

It's actually a lot of fun when played with other people. The premise of the game is that a song is played through the television with symbols that signify when to hit the drum. The game comes with a set of double bongos that allow you to strike the left bongo, right bongo, both bongos or clap. Then you just choose a difficulty level and play along with the song.

Pretty simple, right? Wrong. There are two difficulty levels ranging from Monkey (easy) to Chimp (standard) to Gorilla (hard). The game contains songs from a wide spectrum of genres and some decent "classics." With music from ska to metal to old video game tunes, there has to be something you would enjoy on the game.

But the music is one of the big problems with the game. There just isn’t enough of it, a large enough selection of good songs, or varied enough music for continual use. You can get really tired of some of the songs after playing them just once or twice.

There is also a setting where you memorize the beats of a song and play them from memory. This seems like a useless section, because a lot of people won’t care enough to memorize the music to attempt it. This could definitely have been replaced with more music for the regular version of the game.

The real treat in the game though is the multiplayer. You can challenge your friends (if they have another bongo set of course) to a one-on-one head to head challenge to see who the better drummer is. Even better is playing duets with a friend. By default, you play the same song, but different beats. This makes for a frenzied, complex game you can play for hours. And if you want to play a quartet, the GameCube will play as the other players, so you and your friends can compete against the system.

There is nothing about the visuals that is great. Basically, it is just the rhythm pattern with colors and Donkey Kong banging on a drum. The sound is pretty good because the songs are pretty true to the original versions of the songs.

Overall, the game could use a lot of work, mostly involving more and better music. Hopefully, more discs are released that are just extension discs containing more music.

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Young quarterbacks impress

Brady, Manning, Vick, McNabb are rising stars in new generation of quarterbacks

Associated Press

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Michael Vick sat on his couch around this time last year, trying to pick a playoff quarterback to root for.

Vick had a tough choice. There was Donovan McNabb. Peyton Manning. Tom Brady.

"I was pulling for Donovan," Vick recalled this time. "He's my homeboy, but at the same time I was pulling for Peyton, pulling for Brady because those are all guys I'm cool with."

Perhaps there is a reason for that. Vick, McNabb, Manning and Brady are part of the new generation of quarterbacks, rising stars in the league that have yet to hit 30. This year, Vick is a part of the playoff bunch with his three friends, and they have helped make history.

From MVP Manning to rookie Ben Roethlisberger, none of the eight QBs in the quarterfinals is older than 28. It is the first time since the AFL-NFL merger that all the quarterbacks sit on the bench for a change, that number is older than 28.

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"That's a good thing," said coach Herman Edwards, who has 28-year-old Chad Pennington leading the Jets.

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"It's always been accepted as fact in this league that you need a great quarterback to go very far, and I think you can see the eight teams that are left believe that," Colts general manager Bill Polian said.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles look to break early season slump

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

After a long break, the Saint Mary's swimming team is looking to bounce back as it travels to Hilldale College this weekend. The Belles currently stand in 27th place in the MIAA conference record of 0-2 after losses against conference opponents Hope and Olivet.

Saturday, the team will take on Alma College beginning at 1:00 p.m.

However, the Scots have suffered their own set of problems this year as they remain locked with the Belles at the bottom of the league, still searching for their first victory this season. All three of Alma's losses have been against conference rivals, by an average of 60 points in each meet.

Last year in their only head-to-head competition, the Scots were victorious over the Belles with an impressive 124-97 performance. A few bright spots for Saint Mary's during the meet came from Kelly Nelis, Kate Libidz and Sarah Nowak in the women's 400-yard medley relay. Nelis also scored an impressive first-place score of 4 minutes, 21.11 seconds.

In the other events, Libidz concluded the 50-yard freestyle finishing in third place with a time of 26.72. Then a sophomore, Nowak ended with a second place finish in the 200-yard individual medley.

Following the Belles trip to Islamorada located in the Florida Keys, coach Gregg Petofcy remarked this was one of the best winter trips he had ever experienced with the team. So now for Saint Mary's, they must build upon what they have learned and come out ready against the Scots.

This weekend look to captains Ashley Dyer along with Libidz and Nowak to carry the load for the Belles. Meanwhile, other swimmers such as Nelis, Rachel Boury and Katie Dingeman should help the team improve in the 400-yard medley, while freshman Noreen Sherrod will look for her continued success in the 100-yard freestyle.

After Saturday, Saint Mary's will await Kalamazoo College whom comes to town Jan. 21 to face the Belles.

The Hornets stand in third place in the MIAA standings, posting a mark of 2-1. After losing the Belles handily during last year's competition, Saturday's meet should be a good test for the Belles who look to close out their season on a strong note.

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PGA

We struggles with quest to make cut

Associated Press

HONOLULU — After scrambling to salvage a 5-over 75, Michelle Wie turned in a chair and playfully stuck out her bottom lip as if she had just been scolded.

The 15-year-old quickly found one positive note from a tough time Thursday in the Sony Open.

"I'm not in last place," Wie said.

She fired better than 10 men among early starters on a blustery day at Waialae Country Club but she was nine shots behind co-leaders Stewart Cink and Brett Quigley, and facing an uphill path to her dream of making the cut.

Still, she wasn't the only one who struggled.

The Kona wind, rare for these parts, gustted up to 25 mph in some areas but Wie, along with 67 other participants, have on everyone's mind. Two-time defending champion Ernie Els backhanded the last hole for a 71, while Vijay Singh stumbled home to a 69.

"It was hard hitting every shot — the drive, approach shots, anything," Wie said. "It's tough for the guys over here, you know? Going to be tough to get a girl here, too."

Wie opened with a 72 last year at the Sony Open, then followed that with a 68 — the lowest score ever by a female competing on a men's tour — to miss the cut by one shot.

Given the conditions, her 75 wasn't bad. And she hit several shots she didn't have last year, such as a knuckledown driver to keep the ball low into a wind that caused palm trees to sway.

"I was very impressed, all the different shots she was playing," said Matt Davidson, a Q-school grad who unwittingly made Wie's PGA Tour debut playing in front of some 3,000 people, enough to line every fairway from tee-to-green, standing six-deep behind the first green when they finished the round.

"I didn't feel like I was playing with a 15-year-old girl," Davidson said. "She's very polished. She has all the tools to be out here."

Bret Westerhol also played with Wie and had a 70.

Quigley and Cink each shot 60, and hardly anyone noticed. Almost everyone at Waialae came to watch the 10th-grader from Punahou School try to prove she can play with the boys.

Quigley birdied both par 5s, but really made up ground with a chip-in from 60 feet for birdie on No. 1, which plays into the wind and left even the strongest players reaching for a 3-iron for their second shot.

"That was stealing two strokes there, for sure," Quigley said.

NFC

Colts to face muddy field

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — The New England Patriots are preparing what may be the best defense against Peyton Manning and his speedy receivers, a slippery field.

The team left the Gillette Stadium grass uncovered through Wednesday's rain and Thursday's fog. With more rain or snow expected Friday and freezing temperatures for the weekend, the Indianapolis Colts' prolific offense could find the footing frustrating in this playoff game.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick knows a cold front may be as critical as his three-man defense front in slowing down the Colts. But he certainly wouldn't turn the field into an icy rink or a quagmire just to help his team, would he?

"My job is not to pull weeds," he said Wednesday with an innocent smirk. "I have a lot of other things to do. Or make the field and all of that. I'm sure that will all be taken care of."

A coach like Belichick, who delves into the smallest detail includes weather conditions in his planning, although he may not have the final say on field maintenance.

"I'm sure he's consulted on it," team spokesman Stacey James said Thursday, "but it's a collaborative effort between our stadium operations people and the grounds crew."

There's a 90 percent chance of rain or snow on Friday before a dry weekend with temperatures ranging from 20 to 34 degrees on Saturday and 16 to 33 degrees on Sunday with mostly cloudy skies. There'll be plenty of time for the moisture to turn to ice before the game's late afternoon start.

There are heating coils underneath the field at Gillette Stadium that could keep the turf from freezing. Of course the Colts won't stop all that moisture from making the field slick, maybe even muddy.

Coats could Tony Dungy said the field conditions won't be a factor. But his team plays home games indoors in 72-degree temperatures, artificial turf and no wind.

"We feel like it's our nature," to play in inclement weather, Patriots linebacker Roman Phifer said. "We live up here. We play in it. We practice in it. So obviously, that's something that we're used to."

Other Patriots think a slippery field won't make a difference to the fifth highest-scoring offense in NFL history with 522 points and three receivers — Marvin Harrison, Reggie Wayne and Brandon Stokley — with more than 1,000 yards receiving.

"They beat people in cold weather. They beat people on turf," strong safety Rodney Harrison said. "They're going to run the ball. It doesn't matter what surface they're playing on. They could be playing on hot coals. It doesn't matter."

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Irish to face familiar enemies at dual meet this weekend

By MIKE TENTANN
Sports Writer

Old foes are making a return to South Bend this weekend, as the No. 21 Irish women's swimming team takes on No. 13 Michigan and Illinois. The Irish will look to build on a positive winter training trip to the Caribbean that pitted them against Michigan as part of the St. Lucia Invitational. The meet included nine events in short-course meters. Although the Wolverines outscored the Irish 209-170 at the invitational, the Notre Dame team has a positive attitude going into Friday's meet.

"We weren't expecting to do awesome, so we kinda surprised ourselves," freshman Caroline Johnson said.

Johnson and other Irish swimmers believe the trip was a complete success and feel their previous experience against the Wolverines will give them an edge this weekend.

"We know what to expect. Practicing right after them, we know how hard they work," Johnson said. "Practicing right after them, we know how hard they work.

Johnson won the 100-meter backstroke at St. Lucia with a time of 1 minute, 54.20 seconds, edging out NCAA qualifier Kaylin Brady of Michigan. Johnson was the lone individual winner for the Irish, and is ranked 34th in Division I in the event.

Also claiming a victory at St. Lucia over the Wolverines was the Irish 400-meter freestyle relay team. The team of sophomores Katie Carroll, Rebecca Grove, Ellen Johnson and junior Christel Bourvon finished in a time of 3:55.18, which was more than a full second ahead of the Michigan team. The Wolverines took 15th in the event in last year's NCAA Championships.

Irish teams also finished third and fourth in the relay. The team of senior Georgia Healey, sophomore Meghan Linnell and freshmen Noemie Brand and Megan Bullock finished with a time of 4:10.34, while the team of freshmen Katie Guida and Raine Paulson-Andrews, senior Katie Eckhold, and sophomore Kissy Archer finished in a time of 4:17.76.

The Fighting Illini are riding high into South Bend on the heels of a first-place finish last week at the Irvine Invitational relay meet in California. The Illini swimmers finished in the top three of all three meets throughout the two-day event. The Irish are confident though, and feel prepared to face Illinois.

"They have a few good swimmers, but they're not as talented as Michigan, definitely," Johnson said.

The meet will be the only one Notre Dame will face Illinois this season, while the Irish will face the Wolverines again one week from today in a dual meet in Ann Arbor.

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The Reviews Are Hot—Damon's Grill Puts It All Together

Hot, delicious food on a flaming grill...nuzzle fun in the clubhouse...No other restaurant in South Bend offers more variety.

Damon's Grill is like two restaurants in one. On one side, there’s a quiet, relaxing dining room. And on the other side, a fun-filled clubhouse. A full-service bar separates the two distinct dining areas.

"Our branding slogan is 'It All Comes Together At Damon's Grill,"' said Shannon Foust, President/CEO of the casual dining chain with more than 135 restaurants nationwide.

The kind of folks that come together at Damon's Grill include those who enjoy exceptional quality, flame-grilled food and the opportunity to enjoy other foods and dine or be entertained by the sports and national trivia games on our big screen.

The two dining areas have distinctly different personalities. The music is quieter in the dining room, and in most of the restaurants, there's a fire in the fireplace in the wintertime. The dining room is ideal for quiet, leisurely meals and conversations.

On the other hand, the spacious clubhouse, with its multi-tiered, stadium-style booths and tables, is the perfect environment for fun and excitement. The clubhouse features four giant television screens that feature sports events, news and national trivia.

According to Foust, Damon's Grill is linked by satellite to the National Trivia Network where guests compete against other players in over 3,500 restaurants and bars nationwide as well as players inside the Damon's Grill clubhouse and bar.

"Dining room and clubhouse guests come together on one very important point - the unique flavor of the ribs, steak, chicken and seafood prepared on Damon's open flame grill," Foust continued. "Our menu centers around our award-winning barbecue ribs. Side items, salads, desserts, and even the beverages that are on our menu are chosen because they pair well with the signature Damon's Grill flavor.

Damon's menu features a long list of appetizers too, including Damon's Famous Onion Loaf which has been on the menu since the founding days, 25 years ago. The Onion Loaf is made in-house from giant Spanish onions, hand-sliced, breaded and fried into a loaf. "It's our most popular appetizer," Foust said.

"It takes extra time in our kitchen, but we think it's worth it to provide our guests with a premium, signature product that they can't get anywhere else."

Damon's unveils several special promotions throughout the year, plus their annual RibFest. "RibFest is a celebration of our famous ribs heritage. We always feature our original ribs on the menu, although we sometimes spice up our other RibFest offerings according to popular food trends at the time. Over our 25 year career, many food fads have come and gone. But in the end, basically, our original recipe is the award winner and it always seems to remain the favorite," Foust said.

The reviews of Damon's Grill confirm that it's the hottest place to have it all in South Bend.

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Moss fined $10,000 for TD celebration

Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — Randy Moss trusted out to his truck in the subzero cold, with a huge, black hooded sweat shirt cover­ ing almost his entire face. All that was showing was a carefree smile.

In his usual flippant manner, Moss showed no remorse for his latest mis­ deed. Minnesota’s controvers­ ial wide receiver was fined $10,000 Thursday by the NFL for pretending to pull down his pants during a touchdown catch during a playoff win last weekend.

“ Ain’t nothing but 10 grand. What’s 10 grand, to me?” said Moss, whose salary this season is $5.75 million. He then jokingly suggested he might per­ form a more vulgar cele­ bration next time.

Peter Hadhazy, the league’s director of game operations, penalized Moss for unsportsmanlike con­ duct in a letter released by the NFL.

“Your actions were based on poor judgment, did not reflect well on you or the Vikings, and were insulting to many,” Hadhazy wrote. “They have resulted in wide­ spread criticism and need­ lessly detracted from Minnesota’s dramatic play­ off victory. Fans should look to you and your team­ mates to see how to com­ pete and win in football. But when you lose your focus on playing and engage in sideshows as you did on Sunday, you forfeit much of it.”

Moss also briefly bumped the goalpost with his back­ side before hugging team­ mates in the end zone fol­ lowing a four-quarter touchdown catch that clinched the Vikings’ 33­17 victory over the Packers.

League rules mandate discipline for “obscene gestures or other actions construed as being in poor taste.” A fine for the first offense under those guidelines costs $5,000.

The NFL said Moss was fined more than the mini­ mum because this isn’t the first time he has been dis­ ciplined for unsportsman­ like conduct. He paid a $25,000 penalty in 1999 for squirting an official with a water bottle.

Moss wasn’t the only player fined on Thursday. The NFL also fined New York Jets linebacker Eric Barton $7,500 for hitting San Diego quarterback Drew Brees in the head during last weekend’s playoff game.

Southern California hiring Floyd

LOS ANGELES — Tim Floyd is being hired as Southern California basketball coach, taking the job Rick Majerus accepted then abruptly quit last month.

USC spokesman Tim Tesalone said Thursday that a news conference will be held Friday afternoon on campus to introduce Floyd.

The former Chicago Bulls and New Orleans Hornets coach will return to the college ranks, where he was 127-­58 in eight seasons at the University of New Orleans, then 91-­49 in four years at Iowa State.

Floyd, 50, was fired as Hornets coach last May after they went 41-­41 and lost in the first round of the play­ offs in his only season with the team.

Leinart delays announcing decision

LOS ANGELES — Heisman Trophy winner Matt Leinart has delayed announcing whether he will return to Southern California for his senior season or turn pro, saying he will reveal his plans Friday.

“I need an extra day to continue gathering information,” the USC quarterback said Thursday, the day he originally set as his deadline for the decision.

The NFL deadline for underclass­ men to declare for the draft is Saturday.

Two other USC juniors, line­ backer Loa Tapatu and punter Tom Malone, also are expected to say Friday whether they will enter the draft.

Leinart, 21, obviously is having a diffi­ cult time deciding.

Earlier this week he said he has sometimes changed his mind almost hourly.

The redshirt junior and the Trojans didn’t play their final game of the season until Jan. 4, when he threw an Orange Bowl record five touchdown passes in a 55-­19 win over Oklahoma that gave USC a sec­ ond consecutive national title.

Players, owners forge new steroid agreement

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — With some of its biggest stars under suspicion and lawmakers demanding action, Major League Baseball adopted a tougher steroid-testing program than will sus­ pend first-time offenders for 10 days and randomly test players year-round.

The agreement was bolstered by base­ ball management and its union Thursday as a huge step forward but was criticized by some as not going far enough because the penalties are less harsh than those in Olympic sports and amphetamines were not banned.

“I’ve been saying for some time that my goal for this industry is zero toler­ ance regarding steroids,” commission­ er Bud Selig said.

A first positive test would result in a penalty of 10 days, a second positive test in a 30­day ban, a third positive in a 60­day penalty, and a fourth posi­ tive test in a one­year ban without pay.

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Irish return to action against tough field in Kansas City

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

After a month away from the strips, a number of Irish fencers will return to action today when they travel to Kansas City, Kan., to compete in the three-day North American Cup. Many of the squad's top fighters are expected to make the trip to bout in the fiercely competitive event, including epeespat Kerry Walton, Amy Orlando, Greg Howard, Jesse Lauechli and Patrick Gettings, foilists Andrea Ament, Rachel Cota and Frank BonTempeo and sabers Martel Zguzis, Valerie Providenza, Angela Vincent, Patrick Ghattas, Matthew Snares and Nicolas Diacou.

"It's a continental competition," Irish coach Janusz Bednarski said. "It will not be easy for the kids, but we are sending the best." This is at their level, and they have to try to get good position in country.

Five Irish fencers placed in the top five at the North American Cup in Richmond, Va. Dec. 10-12 in most recent competition. Zagunis took home second place in women's saber after falling to Columbia University rival Emily Jacobson 15-12 in the event finals, and Ament dropped a 15-11 decision to Harvard's Emily Cross in the women's foil finals to claim her own runner-up finish. Ghatas and Walton both picked up a third-place finish in men's saber and women's epee, respectively. Ghattas lost a 15-14 semifinals heartbreaker to the eventual event winner Ivan Lee, while Notre Dame's Anna Garza topped Walton one round shy of the finals. Orlando rounded out the quintet of top-five Irish finishes, securing fifth place in women's epee.

While the skill level at December's North American Cup was impressive, Bednarski believes this weekend's talent display will trump that seen last month.

"I think that this [cup] will be tougher than the last one. The best — we are going for everything. All the best fencers from the continent are competing for their national teams and are already prepared. But like in December where some of them started a little bit later in training — now everybody will be in form," Bednarski said. "In addition to providing an opportunity for the boutiers to qualify for their respective national teams, the North American Cup will offer one last opportunity to gauge the fencers before the Irish begin dual meet competition Jan. 21 in New York. "It's one of the last steps to check their form and to make final touches to prepare them well for the first dual meet," Bednarski said. The [North American Cup] will have very strong opponents [this year] — they are the same like last year, the event is going to be bigger, so it will be interesting to see.

After fighting at the Cote Sports Complex in New York Jan. 23, the Irish return home to host the Notre Dame hosts Jan. 29-30 at the Joyce Center.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles hope to improve their record Saturday

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

Fresh off a key conference win over the Adrian Bulldogs, the Belles look to continue their winning ways.

Saint Mary's is looking to bounce back to .500 overall Saturday against the Fighting Scots of Alma College. The Belles (7-8, 2-4 in the MIAA) are currently in a four-way tie for fifth in the MIAA with Kalamazoo, Tri-State and Olivet. However, the Belles have fallen well behind undefeated conference leader Albion. With each game crucial between now and the end of the season, wins against bottom-feeders teams like the Scots (0-7) will be important.

However, the Belles have been streaky all season, following short winning streaks with losing streaks. Coach Suzanne Bellina is looking for the team to get hot down the stretch this season.

"This stretch, starting tonight, is so important to us," Bellina said following her team's victory over Albion. "The Scots have been led all season by center Erica philp, who averages 12.1 points and 7.3 rebounds per game. philp is joined in the frontcourt by 5-foot-11 forward Michelle Detting, who has scored 9.8 points and grabbed 6.8 boards per game this year. senior forwards Emily Crouchbaum and Maureen Bush will draw the unenviable task of guarding Alma's twin towers. However, these two have also proven to be a force in the paint. Bush is averaging 8.8 points per game. Crouchbaum is averaging 13.3 points and 5.5 rebounds per game and was recently awarded MIAA Player of the Week."

"She's so solid and consistent," Bellina said earlier this season of Crouchbaum, "she always gets the job done." In their last game, the Scots were destroyed 88-49 by Albion. Alma was outrebounded 39-24 by the Britons. A solid effort by Crouchbaum and Bush could control the glass for St. Mary's. However, philp and Detting both average more rebounds per game than the Belles forwards.

Another key player in this game will be Belles shooting guard Bridget Boyce. Boyce is averaging almost 10 points per game to lead the Belles. She will most likely be matched up with Scots freshman guard Ashley Matsuzak. Matsuzak didn't start in the early season, but since earning a starting position in the backcourt she has averaged almost 10 points per game.

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Irish enter season ranked No. 10

Huddle enters season favored to claim the 5000-meter title

By RYAN KIEFER Sports Writer

Irish coach Tim Connelly has plenty of reasons to smile this spring. He has a seven-time All-American, an established group of distance runners, and a preseason No. 10 ranking, from trackwire.com. The goal for the Irish this season is simple — to win a Big East title — something they have been unable to do for the past four years.

The Irish will take the first step toward this goal Saturday when they face Central Michigan and Michigan State in an open meet in Mount Pleasant, Mich.

Coming off a cross country season in which the Irish finished fourth in the nation, it is no surprise distance running is a strength of Notre Dame's team.

The star in this group of veteran runners is Molly Huddle, a seven-time All-American who qualified for the finals at the U.S. Olympic Trials last summer at the 5,000-meter distance. The junior is considered a favorite for the NCAA title in this event.

The current concern for Huddle, though, is her health. Huddle ran the NCAA cross country championships on a broken foot, but still managed to finish 28th. Connelly was cautiously optimistic about Huddle's rehabilitation.

"She's still just cross training, but we expect her to start running in a week or two," Connelly said. "We don't know if she'll be ready for [the] indoor season, but I think she will. She'll definitely be running when we start outdoors."

Senior Lauren King, who is also coming off an injury, and senior Meagher bring valuable experience to the team. Junior Stephanie Madia, an NCAA qualifier at 5,000 meters last spring and an all-American in cross country this passed fall, will also make a significant contribution to the team's success.

Madia is one of three cross country all-Americans running track for the Irish. The others are Meagher and freshman Suni Olding.

"She's still just cross training, but we expect her to start running in a week or two."

Tim Connelly
Irish coach

The Irish open their season Saturday in Mount Pleasant, Michigan. The Chippewas are coming off an impressive showing in their first meet, held last week and highlighted by several sprinters and throwers already qualifying provisionally for the NCAAs. The meet kicks off the indoor track season for the Irish, a season full of promise and reason for optimism.

"I really think we have a balanced team, apart from distance," Connelly said. "We have a good group of sprint hurdlers, an all-American high jumper and a good group of freshman sprinters."

Tiffany Gunn will be the 400-meter hurdle specialist from the Irish, and Stacey Cowan will look to build off an indoor all-American performance in the high jump.

This weekend the focus will be shifted from the distance runners to these other areas of the team.

"We just want to see where we are at this meet," Connelly said. "It's a great opportunity for our sprinters, hurdlers and throwers."

Connelly made it clear that his team's focus is on larger, long-term goals.

"Winning the Big East is our goal every season, but we also want to send as many athletes as we can to the NCAA's," he said.

The Irish also feature defending Big East steeplechase champion Ryan Johnson and 400-meter champion Ryan Postel, Postel and Nurudeen will join with Jordan Powell and Treaser McClain-Duer to reprise their Notre Dame record-holding 1,600-meter relay team.

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"Younger players to step up and fill their shoes. According to Bayliss, the team has more strength than expected. According to the performance of the guys this fall, I think we are in much better shape than I expected to bring different talents to the table and the lower part of the lineup — I have options I’ve never had.

Although early-season line-ups are subject to change and reworking, after the fall season Bayliss plans to have Steven Bass, Barry King, co-captain Brent D’Amico and freshman Sheeva Parbhu in the top four positions. Although Parbhu, an Omaha native, is playing the first college season of his career, he performed well in fall competition.

Replacing Haddock was a big priority for the team. Scott and Brent D’Amico are two years, graduated in the spring. Although Parbhu, a senior, and I want this team to be a different transition, at this point — and this is early — it looks like Keckley and D’Amico will start together, possibly at No. 1, followed by Langenkamp and Parbhu. But third doubles had been problematic.

"We’ve gone through a couple of challenges, but at this point — and this is early — it looks like Keckley and D’Amico will start together, possibly at No. 1, followed by Langenkamp and Parbhu. But third doubles had been problematic."

"We’re fresh, we’re hungry, and we haven’t played since Jan. 3 practicing and I think we’re reading to go."

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Irish goalie Morgan Cey makes a save against the USA under-18 team on Nov. 18.

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Irish goales Morgan Cey makes a save against the USA under-18 team on Nov. 18.

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With three of them against conference opponents. But first, they must take care of business against conference opponents. For Ohio State, who comes into the Joyce Center ranked second in the conference with a .926 save percentage — tied with Notre Dame for ninth in the conference with a 3-1-3 record.

The Buckeyes split their last series against Ferris State, beating the Bulldogs 3-1 on Jan. 7 in Columbus, Ohio, before dropping the Saturday game by a score of 3-2 in overtime. Ferris State is currently one of two teams — Ohio and Michigan State — tied with Notre Dame for ninth in the conference with a 3-1-3 record.

Last weekend, Notre Dame visited Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., for a series with conference foe Lake Superior State, tying 1-1 on Friday and then losing in overtime 2-1 Saturday. The Irish are 1-4-1 in their last six CCHA games.

One reason for Notre Dame’s difficulty this season has been a lack of scoring goals. The Irish are dead last in the CCHA with a woeful scoring average of 1.47 goals per game — Lake Superior State is 11th with a 2.25 goals per game average.

Even with its anemic offense, the Irish have still been able to keep games close thanks to the play of senior goalie Morgan Cey, who has a record of 3-4-4. Cey’s 2.24 goals against average is fourth in the CCHA, while his .928 save percentage is currently ranked second.

"(Cey) is a senior, and he wants to see this team win," Poulin said. "He’s seen this era of having so much success over his career, and I think he looks at it as saying, ‘I’m a senior, and I want this team to go out in a blaze of glory.’"

This team can definitely rely on its goaltending, but I think maybe we’re relying on it a bit too much right now.

The Buckeyes counter Notre Dame’s goaltending with an impressive goalie of their own. Dave Caruso has collected an 11-4-3 record this season with a 2.24 GAA and a .918 save percentage. Both marks rank in the top six of all CCHA goalies.

Ohio State’s real strength is on offense, where the Buckeyes rank in the top six of the CCHA with a 3.41 goals per game average.

Junior Reid Polley (12 goals, 10 assists) and freshman Todd Fritschke (three goals, 19 assists) lead the Buckeyes with 22 points each. Defensive Sean Collins’ 15 points (four goals, 11 assists) is the second best scoring total among CCHA defensemen.

The Buckeyes have ridden their talented special teams to the top of the CCHA standings, as well. Ohio State’s 19.1 percent power play rate is fifth in the conference and its 87.9 percent killing rate is first.

Notre Dame drops the puck against Ohio State at the Joyce Center tonight at 7:35 p.m., and Saturday at 7:05 p.m.

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The newcomer Purdueconnected from page 24

per game. Purdue has also seen fresh-
man Lindsay Wisdom-Llyon emerge as one of its key play-
ers.

The newcomer had 11 points in the Boilermaker win over Michigan and was averag-
ing 6.3 points and 2.8 rebounds per game. Purdue's ho-

Purdue's losses have come against
Houston at home, UCLA, Duke and Ohio
State.

However, the Boilermakers did beat a very
good DePaul team. Also leading Purdue is Tye Houston, who averages 7.5
points per game.

Purdue comes into Sunday's game af-
after a loss against Minnesota. Wisdom-Llyon had 10 points and 10
rebounds for Purdue in the defeat.

Notre Dame, meanwhile, will try to rebound after two consecutive losses, the last one at home to Connecticut.

Against the Huskies, the
Irish turned the ball over 17
times and had trouble putting
down defensive rebounds.

"We have a lot of work to
do," Irish coach Muffet
McGraw said after the game.

Sunday's game marks the
third game in a tough stretch for Notre Dame.

The Irish must win if they are to stop their first losing
streak of the young season.

In order to do so, they hope that All-American Jackie kateast gets healthy.

The senior injured her
ankle in the first half of
Wednesday's game.

"I was pretty
surprised because I
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competition."

Teresa Borton
Irish center

She averages
18.4 points and
6.8 rebounds
per game. Against the
Huskies, Ratckeast
was held to eight
points on 2-for-
12 shooting.

Notre Dame also relies heav-
ily on point guard Megan
Duffy. The junior averages
11.1 points and has 79 assists
on the season.

In the past, Teresa Borton
averages 8.3 points and 5.5
rebounds for the Irish.

Notre Dame hopes to get
back on track after
Wednesday's disappointing
setback.

"I was pretty surprised,
because I thought we would
give them more competition,"
Borton said after the 67-50
loss to Connecticut.

Tipoff with Purdue is 5 p.m.
at the Joyce Center.

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FOOTBALL

Brown exploring options in football program

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Charlie Weis and his new Notre Dame coaching staff have Super Bowl and national championship rings, head coaching experience and numerous accolades and awards to their collective names. They don't, however, have a Heisman Trophy winner. At least not yet.

Former Irish great and 1987 Heisman winner, Tim Brown, was at Notre Dame on Thursday to explore a possible return to South Bend and become involved with the football program in some manner. Associate Athletic Director John Heisler said Thursday evening Brown cannot help with recruiting unless he is hired by the University, either as a coach or graduate assistant.

"He was here," Heisler said. "He is similar to a number of former players who have expressed interest in helping the football team."

Brown, who recently finished his 17th season in the NFL, has been one of the greatest wide receivers in history. The longtime Los Angeles/Oakland Raider has been selected to 11 Pro Bowls, caught 1,094 receptions and amassed 14,934 yards receiving as well as 100 career receiving touchdowns. He spent last season with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers after 16 years with the Raiders.

Heisler said Brown is trying to plan his future and looking into all possible opportunities — from playing another season to assessing several business ventures.

"I'm not sure where it goes from here," Heisler said. "He has a lot of options. I can't speak for him. He's just exploring his options and figuring out, 'Where does my life go from here?'"

Brown is Notre Dame's seventh and most recent Heisman Trophy Winner.

ND BASKETBALL

Searching for answers

Notre Dame looking to bounce back after 70-61 loss to Syracuse

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Coming off a disappointing home loss to No. 7 Syracuse, the perfect opponent for the Irish (10-3, 2-1 in the Big East) on Saturday at 2 p.m. would seem to be St. John's (6-6, 0-2). But this isn't the 2004-05 edition of the Red Storm that had six scholarship players suspended in the middle of last season, fired coach Mike Jarvis eight games into the campaign and lost 15 of its last 17 games.

This is a St. John's team that beat then-No. 17 North Carolina State 63-45 in November and held the Wolfpack to 10 first-half points, won as many games by Dec. 30

Irish hoping to snap two-game losing streak this Sunday

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

Two straight Big East losses, and the Irish are on the ropes.

After losing to No. 16 Connecticut on Wednesday and Villanova on Jan. 9, No. 7 Notre Dame (13-3, 2-2 Big East) is back in action against in-state rival, No. 24 Purdue on Sunday.

Purdue (10-5, 3-2 Big Ten) is led by sophomore forward Eric Lawless, who averages 15.8 points and 5.6 rebounds per game for the Boilermakers. She is joined by Katie Gearlds and her 13.3 points and 4.1 rebounds.

HOCKEY

Busy stretch awaits the Irish

Team will play five games in the next nine days

By JUSTIN SCHUEVER
Associate Sports Editor

For a team that has had its share of early troubles, the next few days might be just what the doctor ordered.

The Irish 15-11-5, 3-9-4 in the OHL] start their busiest stretch of the year Friday, in which they will play five games in nine days. Notre Dame faces No. 12 Ohio State (13-6-3, 10-3-1) in a two-game series this weekend at the Joyce Center, then travels to Green Bay, Wisc., to face Michigan State in an unusual Tuesday night match up. The team finishes up its hectic streak with a two-game series next weekend against Wisconsin, with the Saturday night game to be played at Chicago's Allstate Arena.

"It's a great thing," Irish coach Dan Polo said. "A lot of times you feel sorry too much on what you're struggling with, when you're not playing games. I honestly feel that this weekend is a great test for us, but it's also a great time for us to step up."

The Irish might relish the large span of games, especially given their 8-5 win over Bowling Green on Saturday. "It's good to be back in a home game," Irish setter and captain Jon May said. "It's a good chance for the guys to play for the fans and just enjoy the game."
A NEW ERA
College Welcomes Carol Mooney
College ready for inauguration
Alumni, academic representatives on campus for ceremonies

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary's Editor

Saturday will be an ordinary day for many of the students of Notre Dame, but for the students of Saint Mary's, it will be a day unlike any other. The campus will be bustling with activity as the community comes together for the inauguration of new President Carol Mooney. The event, which is expected to draw approximately 200 delegates and members of the senior class from Notre Dame Law School, will take place at 1 p.m. in the atrium of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

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Future of Saint Mary's bright for students under Mooney

There was something with us in the church last spring when Dr. Mooney gave her opening remarks to the student body. Our future president, Dr. Carol Ann Mooney stepped gracefully up to the microphone, and as she spoke, a brilliant light came through the stained glass windows in the Church of Our Lady of Loreto. Many of us noticed the light, and we talked about it afterward. "Did you see that?" And thus began a new era in the rich history at Saint Mary's College.

And last fall, Dr. Mooney was eager to sit down with the inauguration dance committee in order to give us her feedback for the feeling on campus during the year 1972 (her graduating year), which we will try to recreate at the dance on Sunday.

One aspect about Dr. Mooney that I think is so special and unique is that she, herself, attended Saint Mary's. Wednesday, one senior I know complained about the fact she had to put on her cap and gown again during the inauguration. "It's just depressing to put on it," she stated. I disagree. None of us want to think about leaving. There's something about being a student here that can't ever be described. It can only be experienced. That is why I think it's so wonderful that Dr. Mooney attended our college. She's one of us. As Sarah Catherine White, our student body president, casually stated once, "She's an alum, she has four girls of her own, she just gets it."

I don't know exactly where Saint Mary's is headed in the future, but I am hopeful. I can't explain that would be like trying to describe the affect that Saint Mary's has on a woman. It would be like trying to explain the light we all saw in the church that afternoon. I have this feeling that Dr. Mooney has a vision that includes continuing to strengthen women as that we, like many before us, will leave as well-rounded, thoughtful individuals, rich in spirit and in hope.

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By MEGAN O'NEIL

Past Saint Mary's Presidents

1997-2004: Marilou Eldred
1975-1986: John Duggan
1965-1975: Edward Henry* John McGrath* Sister Mary Grace*
1961-1965: Sister Maria Renata Daily
1934-1961: Sister Madelva
1931-1934: Sister Irma Burns
1916-1931: Mother Pauline O'Neill

*Each served separately from 1961-1975

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College hosts week of events to celebrate inauguration

By MEG CASSIDY
In Focus Wife

Nothing gets college students excited quite like free T-shirts.
And Saint Mary's is no exception.

In order to initiate the enthusiasm on the Saint Mary's campus for the upcoming inauguration of College President Carol Mooney, the Saint Mary's Board of Governors distributed free inauguration T-shirts to the student body on Monday afternoon.
The bright pink shirts feature a useful calendar on the back that outlines the week's schedule of events.

This is a busy week for the college community. The inauguration of the College's 11th president will formally take place on Saturday afternoon.

Leading up to the ceremony itself is a week of workshops and events for students to participate in and enjoy. Many students have already put a lot of time and energy into planning these events and the anticipation on campus is high.

Senior class president Jacqueline Cuisinier said the student inauguration committee began planning this week months ago.

Cuisinier said Mooney personally met with the planning committee and had a lot of ideas and input about how the inauguration week could be a positive one for the entire community.

"The week of events is themed around our new president and the differences between her graduating year from Saint Mary's and today," Cuisinier said.

The theme "Then and Now" is the inspiration for this week's schedule of events, which is centered on inaugurating the College's identity by celebrating a new beginning while appreciating its past.

The events began on Tuesday night with a forum entitled "Then and Now: Same Issues, Different Women." This discussion-based forum brought all faculty and current students together to talk about large social issues that both sides could learn from. The topics included the wars in Vietnam and Iraq, student activism and apathy, changing roles of women and feminism and changes in the Church.

On Wednesday at noon, another forum focused on the issue of the proposed merger between Notre Dame and Saint Mary's that occurred in 1972 when Notre Dame became a co-ed institution. Like the other scheduled events, the intent for the lecture was to reaffirm the unique identity of Saint Mary's while also appreciating the history of the school as it enters a new age.

Thursday night the movie "Now and Then" was shown in Carroll Auditorium at 7 p.m.

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The inauguration ceremony will be held in O'Laughlin Auditorium at 1:30 p.m. with a reception to follow in the dining hall. The ceremony will include music by the Saint Mary's College Women's Choir and this year's senior class will march in cap and gown.

Sunday night from 7 to 10 p.m., the week of inauguration celebrations will culminate with a dance in the Angela Athletic Facility. The theme for the dance is also "Then and Now," and students can choose to wear either a costume inspired by '70s fashions, or modern attire. The music will dually feature popular songs from both eras.

Senior and co-chair of the inaugural dance committee, Lindsay Greene said Mooney met with her committee and shared with them her ideas for the night. Greene said that the purpose of the dance is for students to get the opportunity to meet and interact with Mooney on a more personal basis.

"We will be raffling off some movies and CDs from her suggestions and will definitely be providing Butterfinger's, as they are her favorite," Greene said.

There will also be food from Jimmy Johns and Fazoli's at the dance.

After all the planning that has gone into making this week an eventful one, the schedule is in place for a celebration that aims to unite and inspire the Saint Mary's community as it embarks on a new beginning.

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