Three main issues emerge in campaigning

Student trustee, off-campus living, event programing dominate platform discussion

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

It was all about DVDs and SVRs in 2004. But 2005 is a whole new Hoggle game.

In this year’s student body presidential elections, the alphabet soup of key campaign issues is much like musical chairs — or “CD,” with just a dash of “SVR” for flavor.

On a self-contained campus where students aren’t afraid to make their needs known, some platform repetition between candidates is inevitable. If there is only maybe two, dominant desires or displeasures voiced by the populace, then a ticket looking to address voter concerns would wisely include these in their campaign platform.

This year, however, at least three significant issues have made their way onto the same four tickets’ platforms — a situation that either gives candidates a chance to boast that “great minds think alike,” or recognizes the importance of certain ideas to the University’s future and the student body.

In their unabbreviated form, the key campaign promises are: the addition of a student member to the Board of Trustees; the improvement of various aspects of off-campus life, such as town-gown relationships and student safety; and the creation of an endowment to fund more concerts and speakers — around which the promise of “U2” swirled.

The fact that each ticket chose a slightly different approach in each issue places a greater burden on the voters, who must be responsibly acquainted with the subjects at hand if they hope to determine which variation is best for them.

Student Trustee
In Feb., the Board of Trustees reports chairman John Obsorn and vice chair Mark Donahue received the Student Senate’s resounding approval to include a section in their upcoming presentation on the benefits of adding a student representative to the BOT.

With no serious action taken for the next four years, the suggestion resurfaced last year in the Charlie Ebersol-James Latio platform. During the campaign, Ebersol said his objective was to have the student body president sit on the Board of Trustees. So there would be a student voice in the campaign issue.

Coca-Cola challenge underway

A student buys a Coca-Cola machine In Pangborn.

By KATIE SCARLETT OHARA
News Writer

Coca-Cola Enterprises is sponsoring a new campus wide competition, offering $2,000 to the dorm that consumes the most Coke products per resident.

“Our promotions in the past few years have not been much success,” said Judah Wilson, campus market representative for Coca-Cola. “I think this will be successful because it benefits the whole dorm.”

Wilson said Coca-Cola offered two $500 travel packages through Anthony Travel and $1,000 in other prizes last year to students who scratched off the winning bottle caps.

“About 20 T-shirts were picked up but no one claimed the prize,” Wilson said. “Promotions have been going on for years, but students don’t seem to benefit.”

In response, Wilson, Food Services and Coca-Cola met to brainstorm new ways to drive sales and promote the product. They decided to give prize money to dorms instead of individual students because of what Wilson perceives to be a strong dorm atmosphere on campus.

“Notre Dame is a community built around dorms. You’re a member of a dorm and then an ND student,” Wilson said. “Two thousand dollars is a nice little chunk of cash and dorms can decide what they want to do with it dorm party, DVD players, whatever they need.”

In addition to the grand prize, one $1,000, one $500, three $250 and four $100 prizes will be awarded to top-placing dorms. The money for the prizes comes from the Coca-Cola-stipaged account with Notre Dame.

“A prestige account means (a company) isn’t willing to not

Teach for America popular choice

By EILEEN DUFFY
Assistant News Editor

Teach for America has issued a call to address the educational injustice in this nation, and eager young college students are responding with thousands of applications yearly.

Notre Dame students are no exception, as they counted for 24 of the 2000 accepted applicants last year, and this year’s October deadline saw 49 students apply compared to last year’s 27.

Teach for America is a two-year postgraduate service organization that seeks to level the educational playing field.

Legends redecorated with ND memorabilia

By JOHN EVERETT
News Writer

In an effort to become a more integral part of the Notre Dame culture, Legends — the on-campus bar and restaurant — has undergone a recent image makeover, including a revamped menu and some eye-catching wall displays.

“We wanted to create more of a Notre Dame experience, and this was a good way to do it,” Legends representative Keith Leek said. “We’ve added the Wall of History and a bunch of jerseys around the pub to make a timeline, mostly of sports, but other stuff as well. With the menu, we came with names for items based on Notre Dame lore.”

Diners can now order such items as a dessert known as “Delicious Intervention” off the dessert menu, which is called “Delicious,” from the Latin word for sweetness.

A flat-iron steak is now referred to as “Nieuwland’s own,” after the botanist and priest who lent his name to the science building. There is a pasta dish known as the “Luigi Bowl,” in homage to Luigi Gregori, the famed Italian artist who became art director at Notre Dame in 1876 and painted the rotunda of the
INSIDE COLUMN

Least favorite Monday

There are now officially five more days until my least favorite Monday of the year.

The day after the Super Bowl, which this year falls on Feb. 7, 2005. It is rapidly approaching, and there is nothing I can do about it.

It’s like moving in your short stack, on the button with kings only and there is nothing I can do about your fate. Super Bowl is a lot like the result and accepting of this given scenario.

As the year was no exception, and my close friends can attest to this. Not only do I spend the majority of the regular season on my futon, Subway in front of me, and discarded "soda" cans around the room that, despite my convictions, will not find their way to the garage. I rarely miss a game.

The NFL becomes my life from September through early February. The playoffs roll around in early January, and they usually provide a few of the best games of the season. This year was no exception, although the Steelers did not hold up their end of the bargain against New England.

Yet, when it comes to the Super Bowl, rarely do you get a game satisfying enough that it provides the appropriate culmination to the regular season. Since I’ve been watching football I have seen a few good ones, including last year’s classic between the Pats and the Panthers. But that’s just it: like a poker tournament, when you pick up a big hand and move all-in, and then realize you are 19 percent to win the hand, the Super Bowl hardly even measures up to its anticipation.

However, you do get lucky some of the time — or else there would be no sense in hoping.

Hopefully next Monday morning, after a historic Super Bowl XXXIV, I will have the same feeling as I would from flipping the king and winning the pot despite the odds.

If not, I will be left with a lonely walk back to my room after the aces held up, bare of everything except anticipation of what is to come in the future.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, an article in the Feb. 1 issue of The Observer said Mary’s spokesman Melani McDonald would not comment on whether or not the alleged suspect in an incident of alleged assault in Le Mans Hall Jan. 30 is a Notre Dame student. McDonald confirmed he is not a Notre Dame student. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What issue would you most like to see student government work on?

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Jenna Linder
senior
off-campus

Alex Garcia
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off-campus

Lizett Martinez
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McGill

Tori Blaney
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off-campus

Jacob Benedict
sophomore
Fisher

"Meal plans — I'm not in favor of flex to because it will reduce the variety of the dining hall."

"Meal plans — just give us a final answer and let it be done."

"The bathrooms in LaFortune. If the Dome’s are number one in the country, why can’t they renovate LaFun’s?"

"Senior lounge on campus, like in the O.C."

"Notre Dame could use some bigger names on campus for student programming — speakers, musicians, and comedians."

In Brief

The Notre Dame women’s basketball team will take on Boston College today from 7 to 9 p.m. today in the Joyce Center Arena.

The University will offer blood pressure and body fat screenings conducted by ProHealth, LLC for faculty and staff today from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the old Security Building.

Theology professor Todd Whitmore will speak about "Catholic Social Teaching and Interreligious Dialogue" today from 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The talk is sponsored by the Program in Catholic Social Teaching's series on "Comparative Religious Social Ethics."

Ruth Mazo Karras, from the University of Minnesota, will give a lecture on "Clerical Chastity and Medieval Masculinities" Thursday from 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. in 715 Hesburgh Library. The talk is sponsored by the Medieval Institute.

Allison Fruit of Cornell University will give a lecture entitled "Dollars for Keeping: Economic Reforms and the Limits to State" on Friday from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in 119 O’Shaughnessy Hall. The lecture is sponsored by the department of anthropology.

The film "Maria Full of Grace" will be shown on Friday at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. in Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

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

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College choir to perform in L.A.
Saint Mary's women's choir to sing for first time at National Convention

By DANIELLE LERNER
News Writer

For the first time in College history, the Saint Mary's women's choir will perform alongside the top choirs in the nation this week at the American Choral Directors Association National Convention in Los Angeles, Calif.

Under the guidance of Nancy Menk, conductor and music department chair at Saint Mary's College, the choir will stay in Los Angeles Feb. 2-6 and perform three times, including at the new Walt Disney Concert Hall.

While the choir has enjoyed many prestigious performances during the years, including national tours, state conventions and concerts at Carnegie Hall in 1999 and 2001, this week's Convention tops the list for both faculty and students.

"This is truly the first time the College has gone to the American Choral Directors Association National Convention," said junior and three-year choir member Kathleen Karr. "It is by far a Kathleen Douglass, a senior and four-year choir member, is looking forward to the unique experience.

"We are all so excited to go to Los Angeles and perform with the other groups," said Douglass. "We hope people not only recognize our strong music department, but also the talent that comes from this school."

Junior and three-year choir member Lauren Condon feels these performances set the tone for the rest of the year.

"This is such a great bonding experience for the choir and it will make the rest of our performances so much better," said Condon. "It sets such a high standard for everything else we do this year."

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Professors participate in Vista pilot program
WebCT to be replaced by new online system

By LISA SCHULTZ
News Writer

From physics to sociology to German, professors of various Notre Dame departments are participating in a pilot program for a new version of WebCT.

Functions of this program, called Vista WebCT, include keeping track of grades, making course announcements, providing handouts in various formats, giving quizzes and surveys, having online discussions and submitting assignments.

Vista WebCT will replace the old WebCT this May, said Alex Himonas, a Vista Pilot program participant. Students will notice much change, but the upgrade to Vista will add many new features, which aid the faculty, Himonas said.

Teaching functions, like entering grades, have been separated from design functions, like posting a PowerPoint file. Faculty can now view the same screens as students. Additional functions for group work have been integrated and a Web page editor has also been built into the system.

"Besides the new features, a major benefit is that [Vista] will connect with the University's new administrative system," Himonas said.

Some Math 108 students were unable to log into Vista for the first quiz of the semester. The Office of Information Technology was able to work out the problem and students can now log on without problems, Himonas said.

"This program had a lot of troubles at the beginning, but now it is much easier to navigate than the old one," said freshman Katie Scully, a Math 108 student.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Annan urges Darfur action

UNITED NATIONS — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Tuesday urged swift action to stop the killing in Sudan's Darfur region, but the Security Council was divided about sending the case to the International Criminal Court or setting up an entirely new tribunal to handle the case. Annan's call for the council to consider imposing sanctions on Darfur came a day after a U.N.-appointed panel concluded Sudan's government and allied militias had likely committed crimes against humanity and war crimes in Darfur, but not genocide as the United States claims.

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LOCAL NEWS

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Three handlers were loading the elephant into the trailer when it charged out onto a truck crammed a circus animal trainer to death at Memorial Coliseum, police

Iraqi citizens deprived of vote

Interim president reports a shortage of ballots in many Sunni Arab areas

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's interim president said Tuesday that tens of thousands of people may have been unable to vote in the historic weekend election because security problems prevented those in Sunni Arab areas ran out of ballots.

As clerks pounded vote-count tally into computers to compile final results, President Ghazi al-Yawer also saw chaos and a power vacuum in Iraq mean U.S. forces need to stay for now, even though a new government will be formed after the results are known.

If true, the allegation that many "voters were turned away could further alienate minority Sunnis, who already are complaining they have been left out of the political process."

"Tens of thousands of people may have been unable to vote because of the lack of ballots in Basra, Baghdad and Najaf," al-Yawer, himself a Sunni Arab, said at a news conference. "This is a major problem."
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Lucy Patrinella
corps member

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field between by uniting moti-
ved college students from low-income public schools in urban and rural
community. Since its inception in 1990, the program has
enrolled over 200 students in six placement
sites to more than 3,000 students in 22 states in
2004.

Several factors contributed to the program's growth. In
2000, to celebrate its 10-year anniversary, the program
launched an aggressive five-
year campaign strategy. In
2001, Laura Bush recognized
Teach for America as one of
five organizations she would actively support. After Sept
11, the program saw its application rates rise
from 4,000 annually to about
15,000.

There are also more inter-
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sion of the program continues.
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teachers earn a
Master's degree in education and receive about an
$11,000 yearly stipend, Teach for America corps members receive full teachers' salaries through their school districts, to use however they please. Without the degree, corps members are hired using state-approved alternative certification programs, which
are generally more demanding in the...
Red Lobster aims for new image
ORELDO, Fla. — All-you-can-eat diners have been a staple at Red Lobster restaurants, but as the casual dining chain tries to lift its sagging sales, customers are going to see a little more portion control.

Parent company Darden Restaurants Inc., is giving Red Lobster a diet of sharper advertising, a more closely priced menu and less reliance on those famed all-you-can-promos.

Restoring Red Lobster’s health has been paramount to Darden’s fortunes since the seafood chain started slumping in September 2003. With 680 locations, Red Lobster accounts for around half the $5 billion in annual sales at Darden, the nation’s largest casual dining restaurant company.

Improvement at Red Lobster, combined with continuing strong momentum from its Olive Garden Italian restaurants and the steady expansion of its Sizzler brand barbecue chain, is key to further boosting Darden’s stock, which has traded from a 52-week low of $19.30 in August to its current high in the $29 range.

CEO Scrushy implicated in fraud

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Fired HealthSouth CEO Richard Scrushy actively orchestrated a scheme to overstate earnings at the rehabilitation giant, a former executive testified Tuesday as Scrushy’s fraud trial nears a conclusion.

Bill Owens, who served as HealthSouth’s senior vice president of finance and was closely involved in the fraud, said Scrushy pressure him to cook the books, often resulting in $1 billion in additional revenue. Scrushy controlled the entire organization, Owens said.

SBC expects to cut 13,000 jobs

A merger with AT&T led AT&T chairman and CEO David W. Dorman to discuss the merger’s effects, including massive job loss, on Tuesday.

NEW YORK — SBC Communications Inc. said Tuesday it expects to eliminate as many as 13,000 jobs after its $16 billion acquisition of AT&T Corp. closes, but the telephone company assured many of those who can be cut through attrition rather than layoffs.

The projection came during an occasionally heated meeting with investors a day after SBC announced plans to acquire AT&T, its former corporate parent, in a deal that would create one of the world’s biggest telecommunications companies.

SBC executives also offered a more optimistic projection of how long the deal might take to gain approval from federal, state and foreign regulators, saying the merger should be completed by “early” 2006. On Monday, the target closing date was pushed back to mid-2006.

Overall, work force reductions will generate nearly 60 percent of the cost savings that the merger is expected to generate for SBC executives said in the presentation. Other savings will come from combining budgets for capital expenditures and marketing, bringing in efficiencies to reduce real estate and utility costs and improving purchasing power.

Still, the savings are expected to accelerate from between $200 million and $600 million in 2006, depending on when the deal closes, to between $1.1 billion and $1.6 billion in 2007. Annual savings could exceed $2.4 billion in 2009, the executives said.

The meeting included some pointed questions from analysts and money managers who asked whether AT&T had stopped itself from anyone but SBC and whether it sold itself too cheaply despite the company’s rapid deteriorating business.

There also were some audible groans when the question-and-answer session was halted after about half an hour despite assurances early on by Edward E. Whitacre Jr., SBC chairman and chief executive, that the purpose of the meeting was to answer the attendees’ questions.

Instead, the gathering was dominated by a hortatory presentation which offered many new details on the jobs cuts and other aspects of the merger, but also repeated large swaths of the material covered in conference calls on Monday after the deal was announced.

Some of the criticism of AT&T pointed to SBC’s assertions on Monday that the deal’s cost savings might mean the takeover would pay for itself and that even an AT&T in decline possessed a unique set of assets.

AT&T Chairman and CEO David Dorman rejected suggestions AT&T had failed to seek the best possible payoff for shareholders.

“We haven’t been hiding under a bushel basket,” said Dorman, 51, who also was adamant in saying he had received no formal or informal promise that he’ll take over the top job at the merged company when Edward E. Whitacre Jr., 63, eventually retires as SBC chairman and chief executive.

In terms of people who could possibly do this transaction, there’s only three,” Dorman said referring to SBC and its BellSouth rivals, Verizon Communications Inc. and BellSouth Corp. “We know who they are and they know who we are.”
focus on profit because the account is more valuable," said Wilson.

Wilson also said Coca-Cola enters those accounts because they want to be associated with quality. "We are good at academics, sports, everything. We are Notre Dame," he said.

Wilson said the hall presidents greeted the six-week competition with excitement when he presented it at Hall President's Council. Though he has not seen any tallies yet, Wilson has his picks for the winner.

"I would think Keough would win because the past president of Coca-Cola was Don Keough and he is currently on the board of directors." Keough Hall president Ricky Nieto is urging residents to win, but does not feel any pressure because of the dorm's namesake.

"It is just a fun competition. We are pushing it hard... in emails, at hall council meetings, after mass. This cash prize is large," he said.

"Outside of HPC's [Hall President's Council] occasional competition, there really aren't ways to earn that much." According to Wilson, Vending Services keeps track of how many bottles of Coke products are sold from each dorm vending machine. Coke products include Powerade, Minute Maid, Fanta, Dasani, Barq's Root Beer, Sprite and others.

Beverages bought from vending machines that are not in dorms will not be counted toward the totals. Each Tuesday, until the promotion ends on March 5, Wilson will present the standings at HPC. Whichever dorm sells the most per resident wins.

"This works because small dorms can compete with the Dillons and Alumni," said Wilson. "But, unfortunately, if students buy in another dorm, that dorm will get credit." Dean Winter, vending operations manager, said he would guess the amount of Coke bought in dorms compared to those bought at other campus locations is "50-50, but dorms [may] be on the lesser end because of big sellers like DeBartolo, the library and the Joyce Center."

"We don't envision millions of bottles sold," he said. "I don't think [the increase in sales] will be staggering. [This competition] is for fun."

Out of the 204 beverage vending machines on campus, 32 Coke brand machines are spread between the 27 residence halls.

Each dorm has at least one Coke vending machine in their dorm, with Alumni, Dillon, Sorin, Zahm and Keough each having two. Because of Don Keough's ties to Coca-Cola Enterprises, it is the only beverage vending option in that hall.

"It is a courtesy thing. You don't want to insult," said Winter. "He also said this may put Keough at an advantage but "you never know. It depends on how many people choose to participate."

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Health secretary tells states to fix Medicaid

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — President Bush's new health secretary accused some states on Tuesday of mismanaging their Medicaid programs and cheating the federal government and taxpayers of as much as $40 billion over a decade.

"We need to have a very uncomfortable but, frankly, necessary conversation with our funding partners, the states," said Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt. "State officials have resorted to what I would refer to as a variety of loopholes and in some cases accounting gimmicks that shift the cost that they claim to pay to the taxpayers of other states."

He said that if the federal government and Congress can't close these loopholes, they will shift as much as $40 billion in what official describe as "a shell game in which the federal government writes checks for supposedly spent money."

"The tough talk previewed Bush's budget proposal, due next Monday, in which he has said he will keep and expand popular benefit programs to save money. Proponents of such programs are among the biggest and fastest-growing parts of the budget but are also widely regarded as difficult for politicians to cut.

Leavitt, like Bush a former governor, made his case in a balance between frankness and empathy in the run-up to the money fight over the health insurance program for the poor and disabled.

"I sympathize with the state officials who face these pressures. I know why they act this way," Leavitt, a former governor of Utah, told the World Health Congress. "This isn't about blame; it's a simple statement that it has to stop."

In a gesture of fairness, Leavitt personally called dozens of governors in recent days to give him a heads-up about what was causing states to write checks to officials at HHS and the National Governors Association who asked not to be named.

"The governors, meeting in Arkansas, thanked Leavitt for the warning."

Back in Washington, Leavitt tried to strike a balance between tightening his purse strings and identifying some of what he called "the seven harmful habits of highly desperate states."

On double-dipping: "States overpay providers, get their over-payment returned to them and do it the next day and do it the next day. It's a shell game that makes no one healthier."

On inflating overhead costs: "States are shifting costs to the federal treasury for 'administration.' This accounting gimmick encourages wasteful spending and misused bureaucracy.

Medicaid, expected to cost the federal government about $190 billion this year, is paid for jointly by Washington and the states."

Rough seas torment students

'Semester at Sea' ship encounters engine trouble in the Pacific Ocean

**Associated Press**

HONOLULU — There was nothing to hold onto.

Lauren Osgood watched as waves and flecks of sea spray linked at the glass on the door. Computers, library books and furniture crashed to the floor and were flung against the walls as the ship leaned like a massive locomotive from port to starboard and back again.

"We were right by the exit doors on either side, and so you could like see the waves on the door, which freaked me out," said Osgood, a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Madison who was enrolled in the Semester at Sea program, which used the research ship Explorer as a floating classroom.

"That's kind of when I began to panic because you could see the water and realize that you were tipping that much," she said.

The Explorer limped into Honolulu Harbor on Monday for repairs and inspections after passengers endured more than a week's worth of rough seas.

The ship's seasawing motion made sleeping difficult, so many of the nearly 700 students were awake when a wave shattered the glass on the ship's bridge and three of the four engines shut down early last Wednesday.

The incident occurred about 650 miles south of Adak, Alaska, in the Aleutian Islands and about 1,300 miles southwest of Anchorage.

Students said rough seas had plagued the ship since they left Vancouver Jan. 18 with 990 people aboard, including about 700 students enrolled in a University of Pittsburgh program designed to give students a global perspective. Tuition for the program is about $20,000 for the semester, which includes living expenses on the ship and some trips ashore.

The crew distributed plastic bags for nauseous passengers and students sat on the floor during classes because the furniture was not secured to the floor and would topple with the ship's movement.

"We were so used to it after a while. You'd just be talking to someone and when you felt the boat move, you'd just instantly grab for something," said Becca Leonard, 21, a junior at the University of Southern California.
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Naturalized Americans treated as second class

The U-Wire column titled "U.S. President Should Stay Away" that appeared on Jan. 30, fails to make a serious argument in favor of keeping the status quo and limiting the highest office to U.S. born Americans. Mr. Gardner begins his column by asking: "Should a foreigner be allowed to run for president?" He misses the point, or is perhaps asking the wrong question. Once a permanent resident becomes an American citizen, U.S. law (to the best of my knowledge) no longer treats him or her as a foreigner except in matters of national security (intelligence) and serving in the highest office of the land. Yet, Henry Kissinger, who acted as Secretary of State and National Security Advisor, was born a German. Madeleine Albright, who was Secretary of State, was born a Czech. Although it should be considered, perhaps the national security argument isn't rock solid.

As far Mr. Gardner's comment on foreign-born Americans not being willing to fight and die for their chosen country, maybe he should think of the many "foreigners" who have died in Gulf War I and II (and other wars) as members of the U.S. Armed Forces. I believe they bled red, white and blue defending U.S. interests. In some instances they even died for our country without having received U.S. citizenship.

Finally, I think we should admire those who choose to become Americans instead of thinking those who were born here are somehow worth more. I understand matters of national identity and even national security are complicated, but the question stands: will naturalized Americans no longer be treated as second class citizens?

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Letter to the Editor

The Observer Poll

What kind of discrimination do you feel is most prevalent at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's?

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"I believe in my right to be wrong, and still more in my right to be right."

Owen Lattimore

author

WHERE IS HOPE?

Where is hope in a world where one out of three women globally will be vic­timized, raped or battered in their life­time? Where is hope in a nation where scores of people work full­time — even two or more jobs — and still cannot afford basic life necessities? Where is hope in a world where people suffer from genocide, war and political strife, while others do nothing to stop those injustices? We are all resi­dents of a world where differences and four reigns, profit and individual merit drives and hope is scarce.

I always wonder why more students do not participate in social justice activities. It is always the same core of people, routinely replaced through the years, who work to carry the banner of justice here. Indeed, our case is not extraordinary. Throughout the human community, we find a minority of millions of dissent, hope and change. What differentiates actors from bystanders?

I am inclined to say the reason people do not participate in movements for change or justice relate less to their moral consciousness and more to their lack of belief in their power. It is not that people’s hearts are cold or care nothing for the plight of others. Any human in relationships with others has the ability to relate with another’s suffering and empathize. This begs the question, "What are we waiting for?" Some may be waiting for the time when these issues have a close link to their personal interests are threatened. Others seem to be looking for the next charismatic leader with enough confidence and passion to inspire them and make success believable.

The first act to embrace a skewed sense of community which separ­ates certain people into groups — some worth fighting for and others not. The later position follows the wider social pattern of stinking responsibility for our own power. Power, not in the sense of authority, prestige or domi­nance, but in the fact that everything we do creates an effect — in favor of change or the status quo. Power, the ability to act, choose and influence life, is the essence of our existence.

Ultimately, the feeling of powerlessness and despair in the face of the ruins hin­ters action.

I find insight in the afterward of Jim Wallis’ newest book, “God’s Politics.” He reflects on a saying of a co­organizer in response to laments of missing lead­ers like Martin Luther King Jr. to head the charge. She would insist, "We are the ones we’ve been waiting for." "We in this moment, in this place — are the ones neces­sary to create the change we long to see in the world. As Nelson Mandela stated at his inaug­uration, “Our deepest fear is not that we are inade­quate. Our deepest fear is that we are pow­erful beyond measure. It is our light, not our dark­ness that most frightens us.. . . Your playing small doesn’t serve the world. There's nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won’t feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine."

As we prepare for action, we need to form our understanding of the issues and the values that motivate our action. The principles, whether they are based religiously or scientifically, are the founda­tions. For instance, in Catholic Social Teaching, one finds the principles of human dignity (everyone must be respected) and the values that motivate our action.

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Take a closer look at diversity

Talking about diversity is second nature for me. Yes, I am a white, Catholic American (though I don’t really consider myself Catholic any longer), but my life experiences and upbringing have left me with an innate sense of how important diversity is. I was born and raised in Hawaii, a place about as cosmopolitan and diverse as they come. Tolerance was the norm, and it always seemed to me that there were jokes about the habits of different ethnic groups, indeed, as a white person, or “hapa.” I was often on the receiving end of such jokes, but I did not take it to heart. We learned how to laugh at ourselves, realizing that such generalizations were ridiculous, and shared in a collective identity that bridged our differences.

The fact that so many people in Hawaii are hapa, or mixed-race, also played a role in forming my outlook on race relations. To me, it was never odd to see interracial couples or to have friends who were Hawaiian/Japanese/Dinese/Irish. I myself have eight different ethnicities, although Scottish, Irish, Polish, Norwegian, Bohemian, German, Belgian, Caucasian and English—a veritable European mutt, and many of my friends could boast even that. In high school, I was certainly an ethnic minority in the classroom. My high school graduating class was probably about 90 percent Asian, or “hapa.” That being said, I never felt uncomfortable because of this. Again, there were always jokes from my friends (forbidded by the fact that I can’t tan. I burn, peel and am whiter than I was before), but they never had malicious intent.

Diversity has also been present in my family situation. I have three siblings—one sister, Michelle (27) and Sean (23). Michelle and Sean are all biological children of my parents, but Pas was adopted from South Korea as a baby. My father was in the Peace Corps in Korea at the time, and Friends there and speaks fluent Korean. In addition, my family lived in Seoul for two years before I was born. So when my parents returned to adopt, they began looking for options in Korea. Sometimes people ask me if it’s odd to have a brother of another race. To be honest, I never really think of it in those terms. Pat is my brother; that’s all there is to it. When I introduce people to Pat, I never feel like an explanation is necessary. When I’m alone with the people again and they look at me with perplexed expressions, I never know what they’re confused about. When I ask him how Pat came to be a part of the family, and then I understand and explain. I do not think of it in those terms. Pat is my brother; that’s all.

I remember several instances where either I was talking with my mom or she was talking to a group of people and she would mention her “three progenies.” This always threw me off, because I naturally assumed that with three siblings and myself, she’d have been pregnant four times. After a moment, I’d realize my mistake. I always felt good about naturally assuming things that way.

Notre Dame has been quite an adjustment in terms of diversity. I’ve never seen so many white people in my life. This does not mean to suggest that Notre Dame is not a somewhat diverse place. Are there a lot of rich, white Catholics? I don’t think so. There are kids who have enjoyed similar life experiences? Sure. But they’re not necessarily the majority. And even among this group, there is diversity. I think the greatest problems we have here at Notre Dame are a lack of dialogue and interaction between people of different backgrounds and preconceptions on all sides of the issues of diversity. One of my principal frustrations is that I often feel prejudged because of my race. People look at me and say “just another white kid.” First of all, sure, all white people can be lumped into one homogenous group. And second of all, I do know what it is to go through life as an ethnic minority, though I certainly didn’t suffer from discrimination the way so many other ethnic minorities do. Open-mindedness is essential to our learning and getting to know one another.

I’d be lying if I said I was “colorblind.” On the contrary, growing up in Hawaii taught me to see color as beautiful. It’s an important part of who we are, but it also shouldn’t be the single word that comes to mind when we describe ourselves. Notre Dame must make a more conscious effort to foster and increase all types of diversity on campus—racial, international, religious, political, sexual, etc. In the meantime, however, let’s not judge each other by the basis of what we have. It’s Diversity Awareness Week. So look around at your friends, find differences and talk about them. If you’ve got nothing to talk about, then you’ve finally found the problem.

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VIEWPOINT

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Rethink Comparison

If it is not always easy being Jewish at a school where it seems like practically everybody is, in some sense, Catholic. Imagine being in a 200-person auditorium when the teacher asks everyone to raise their hand if they are not Catholic. Imagine the shock when you find that yours is the only hand up. It is for this reason that I am not going to stay silent and feel the need to respond to Dan Allen’s Jan. 31 response, “Play Doesn’t Protect Women.” It is one thing to voice your displeasure about the “Vagina Monologues,” but to compare it to Nazi Germany is inappropriate and uncalled for.

First off, I am not going to sit here and claim to be the most faithful Jew, for I do not speak much Hebrew, and I will be the first to laugh at a Jewish joke. But I find it very difficult to sit around and let Allen trivialize an event that killed thousands of my ancestors. There are many events of mass murder that can be compared to the tragic events of the Holocaust, but you chose to compare it to a play. I recognize it is a controversial play, but once again I stress that it is a play.

You claim that you are helping to protect our Catholic mission here at Notre Dame by voicing your displeasure over this play, yet you choose to compare it to the Holocaust in which the Jewish religion was nearly wiped out. This was an event where Jews saw their friends and families murdered simply because they were Jewish. So here is my advice, if you want to be entertained or want to be a part of the “Vagina Monologues,” be for yourself. As for Allen, I suggest you take some time out of your life to read “The Diary of Anne Frank,” take a trip to the Holocaust Museum and rethink what you wrote. You would like to clarify why we chose Maria Goretti. She is a saint partly because she suffered a painful death instead of consenting to her neighbor’s sexual advances. This is noble, and does not suggest that the victim for the rape was not guilty. In fact, on Goretti had she been raped, nor does her exclamation, “No! It is a sin!” suggest that.

Her exclamation suggests instead that, in that context, the act would have been a sin. She would have been one of the sinners, yes, if she had consented to the act, but not if she had been raped. This refusal is only part of the reason that she is a saint. In fact, it was not the reason she was canonized. It is told that she was only by grace, to forgive her attacker and even prayed for him as she was dying. This commitment to God’s love in the midst of a painful and untimely death is both admirable and inspiring. The baseline to all actions taken through God’s love and forgiveness is what we hope for those who have also been victims of intercourse. We wanted to convey to the women and men who attended the Maria Goretti Project.

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Clarifying our mission

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If "The Incredibles" felt like a down-to-earth, family film of epic proportions, it should come as no surprise that two of the key contributors to the Pixar film share many similarities that are echoed in the film's tight-knit family. John Walker, a graduate of Notre Dame, and Pamela Walker, a graduate of Saint Mary's, met while working on summer theatre productions here at Notre Dame. After working in various theatre productions in Chicago, New York, and moving to Los Angeles, they found a home at Pixar, one of the most prestigious animation studios in the world.

John is the producer of "The Incredibles," while Pamela, a native of South Bend, teaches at Pixar University, the studio's educational arm.

If we could start off with a few Notre Dame and Saint Mary's questions, what dorms did you both live in?

J: I lived in Grace Hall.

P: I was at Saint Mary's in Le Mans Hall.

What were your fondest memories at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's, respectively?

J: One of the best times for me, and maybe for Pam too, was that we used to do summer theatre. We'd stay at Notre Dame in the summer, and do four or five plays. The company was a summer stock company so we hung out together, ate together and worked together. It was a great experience.

P: Ditto.

How have your educational experiences at the two institutions prepared you for the industry and your respective professions?

J: We both were pretty active in the theatre department. Although I was an English major, I don't think actually major in that. But I had something to do with all of the plays. I didn't always get cast in them but I would work somehow on them as much as I could. I got me, at least, thinking about doing it professionally and it got me over the hump of realizing that people could make a living working in the arts. That didn't seem possible when I got to Notre Dame.

P: We both came to Pixar in summer theatre because we got to work cooperatively with other people who were students, (such as) specializing in costumes. Or if we took stage management or scene — there were certain requirements for me as a theatre major that I was able to skip. John fully understood not only cast member and crew and their functions, and all that helps the scene flow well and he's more of a producer now than an actor, but we both produced at one point or another. It's nice to have an appreciation and a knowledge about what everybody does and we got to do that in the theatre department, which I thought was invaluable.

And since that's where our love and interest started, that's where we (decided to) trade vows. We've enjoyed going back over the years when we were working in Chicago because the head of the department, Dr. Bane, invited us back in to critique the URTA auditions every year. So we got to go back and see the new facilities [such as] Washington Hall and the black box theatre upstairs, and then have dinner with him at Morris Inn. That was an amazing manager from the 19th century. I wanted to sort of single-handedly revive that genre. So what I tried to do was produce and act and I did that for a while in the theatre. But after a while, I got more interested in producing and managing than I did in acting. So gradually, the acting sort of fell away. I ran theatres in Chicago and Pam and I produced together, did some work in Chicago and little bit in New York. I've been running a theatre called Victory Gardens in Chicago and Pam was appearing in a play there. She came home one night and said that an agent from Los Angeles had seen her work and if she came out to Los Angeles, he'd take her as a client. So she said, "Guess what, honey, I'm going to L.A." [Laughter] I said, "Wait a minute! You go to L.A., we've got these two kids and we have a job here." But she said, "We need to go to L.A." So she went to Los Angeles and signed with this agent and I thought, "Well, she'll get out there for a few months and then come home and I'll call her and ask when she'd be coming home." But she wasn't coming home so we had to work out there. I started looking for work in Los Angeles and spent about six months going back and forth and I would go out and interview at different places. It turned out that a lot of the big theatre managers and producers ended up at Matt Bein, which was a surprise to me, seeing all these people that I knew. They flew my work and I passed my resume around and I ended up getting a job at Warner Bros. working on an animated film as an associate producer for "The Iron Giant." Then I did another film called "Monsters, Inc." as an associate producer and then the director of "The Iron Giant," Brad Bird got me back at Pixar, directing "The Incredibles" and he brought me back with him. I jumped from Warner Bros. working on "The Iron Giant" to Pixar directing "The Incredibles," which took almost a year to write and be shooting on that since 2000. That's the film version.

John, your work with director Brad Bird produced two classic animated children's films, "The Iron Giant" and "The Incredibles." How did you get involved and begin working with Brad Bird?

J: It was a job I got at Warner Bros. I just interviewed for a job on "The Iron Giant" and the producer, Alan B. Astrachan, asked me to be the associate producer, which is sort of like the line producer. It was a job interview.

"The Iron Giant" isn't as well known as "The Incredibles" but it was a critical success and has become an underground favorite for animation fans. What do you remember most about working on the film, working as the associate producer?

J: We didn't have any time to make it animated. We made it in about two years and it is actually a live animated film. It was a lot of pressure and it was a big disappointment because we had worked so hard and I thought it was really a wonderful film. It was really well-received critically.
John Walker, a producer of "The Incredibles," graduated from Notre Dame as an English major. He currently works at Pixar Studios.

John, what experiences did you gain from working on "The Incredibles" that you'll cherish while producing the film?

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working at Pixar influence you and where your career goes from here?

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on what your future projects might be.

J: I'm not sure what it's going to be. Brad and I are talking about doing another film together. He's got a lot of ideas so we're sort of waiting for him to land on one and then check with Pixar if they'd like to do it.

I'm sure a lot of people have already asked about a possible sequels for "The Incredibles," which would make a terrific film if done well.

P: Perseverance, that's a good one. There's a fair amount of rejection, of course, so you just have to build your own philosophy. And I know I find balance through doing out and meditation and I've written in jour­nals and I've got volumes and volumes of journals. I feel like actors are really misunderstood. So you just have to kind of brazen yourself against the slings and arrows of a difficult business. But if you feel like there's something you have to communicate, in the stage or whatever creative outlet you find, you have to just do it. Theatre has been my creative outlet. So I think if I were a painter, it would be easier. [laughs] Some other way that I could communicate, but it's what I do.

Finally, what do you both feel have been the most satisfying accomplishments over the course of your career?

P: Well, one of the highlights for me was my professional debut with [John] in "The Incredibles" and the proposal and all the home movies that we did. But we also produced a two-person play called "Seurat," which did really well and got some awards and it was a real highlight.

J: Well, I'm very happy to be involved off-Broadway together and that was a big accomplishment, something that I've always been really proud of. Still in the audience when "The Incredibles" premiered at the premier, I had a big party at Pixar for about 1,800 people — that was really a great night. And Pam and I went around the world with the director and his wife, promo­ting the film. That was amazing to see our charac­ters and our movie everywhere we went, from London to Tokyo to Sydney.

That's quite an accomplishment because these last three or four months have been non-stop. First, going around the world. As a student, I went to Rome through the Saint Mary's pro­gram and I was liked also taking [John] there in 25 years. So if we never get to go again, last November we made it to Venice and Rome in quite style because we were driven around and getting private tours, hanging out with Peter Jackson in New Zealand. It was an amazing trip for five weeks and then we've got all these award shows. So today is actu­ally the first day of normalcy since last October so it feels like quite an accomplishment to survive it all. But we're kind of tired. [laughs]

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Illinois defends No. 1 ranking, takes care of Spartans
BC remains undefeated; Clemson upsets Terps; Iowa St. gets Big XII victory

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EAST LANSING, Mich.- Dee Brown backedpelled with his right arm held high and wrist cocked after making a 3-point shot.

It was a sight No. 1 Illinois forced Michigan State into as Brown turned to face a tough test against Michigan State (14-4, 5-2) in an arena known to be raucous. But several Illini calmly made 3-pointers and when they were not making shots from beyond the arc, they scored on low-post moves and found a way to feed him with support.

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Illinois led by as many as 11 in the first half and were ahead 41-33 at halftime. Five players combined to go 9-of-12 on 3-pointers.

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Legendary catcher claims TV station illegally used his name and tarnished his image in raunchy subway posters

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK—Ill-l of former Yogi Berra has filed a $10 million lawsuit against TBS, claiming the cable television network sullied his name by using it in a raucy advertisement for its “Sex & the City” reruns.

Berra’s papers, filed in Manhattan’s state Supreme Court, say the Turner Broadcasting System Inc. ad, which appeared on buses and in subways, caused “severe damage to his reputation” with its reference to Kim Cattrall’s sexually promiscuous character, Samantha.

The offending ad, Berra’s court papers say, quirked readers about the definition of “Yogasrn.” Possible definitions: (a) a type of yo-yo trick, (b) sex with Yogi Berra and (c) what Samantha has with a guy from yoga class.

The answer is the reference to the sexual act made in connection with Berra “engenders a moral taint that has damaged his otherwise spotless reputation,” say his court papers, filed last week and posted on thesmokinggun.com Web site.

The 79-year-old Berra “is a married man and has children and grandchildren,” his court papers say. “He is a deeply religious man who has maintained and continues to maintain a moral lifestyle and has a spotless reputation for integrity, decency and moral character.”

Berra’s lawyer, Lewis Smiley, said he was told TBS stopped running the ad last August.

Nevertheless, he said, he wants the court to order the superstition to never run the ad again.

The Berra suit seeks $5 million on each of two causes of action: commercial use of his name without permission and unjust enrichment by use of his name without permission.

A spokeswoman for TBS, based in Atlanta, said Tuesday: “We do not comment on litigation.”

Berra, a catcher for the New York Yankees from 1946-63 who lives in Montclair, N.J., is one of baseball’s most beloved and quotable characters. He also managed the Yankees and the New York Mets to pennants.

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**NFL**

Smith denies TV report

Running back says he is not ready to retire

**Associated Press**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Emmitt Smith denied a report Tuesday that he will retire later this week.

ESPN.com, citing unidentified “confidants” of the star running back, reported that Smith will retire Thursday in Jacksonville, site of this year’s Super Bowl. Smith spent the last two seasons with Arizona after 13 years with Dallas.

Smith, 35, denied the report in comments to The Dallas Morning News: “Did you see my year last year? Do you think I’m ready to retire?” Smith said in a report on the newspaper’s Web site Tuesday.

Smith rushed for 937 yards and nine touchdowns this season. He has 18,355 yards overall and 164 Tds. He was the league’s most valuable player in 1992. He said on Monday night that he wanted to retire as a member of the Cowboys, the team with which he won three Super Bowls.

Neither the Cardinals nor Cowboys have any announcement-planning regarding Smith.

Asked about Smith possibly retiring, former teammate Troy Aikman said: “I hate to speculate on it. At some point it will end, maybe this year or the next. Emmitt’s had a terrific career. I’m sure the last two years have been difficult for Emmitt in Arizona.

“One thing in this game, when you play on a team that’s together for as long as we were in Dallas, and then you lose guys, it takes a toll.”

Smith was lauded by several players in this year’s Super Bowl as a role model, a man who conducted himself the right way on and off the field.

“It would be a great loss for the league,” New England running back Corey Dillon said. “I’m going to miss him. I looked up to him, watching him win Super Bowls.”

Added Patriots linebacker Ted Johnson: “He’s such a low-key, classy individual. And what he’s been able to achieve hasn’t been given just due. He’s such an ambassador of the game.”

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Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Sammy Sosa could don a Baltimore Orioles' cap for the first time as soon as Wednesday, after he completes his physical and his trade from the Chicago Cubs is approved by baseball commissioner Bud Selig.

The Orioles on Tuesday set up a time for the slugger's physical and were making tentative plans for a Wednesday news conference, even though the commissioner's office was awaiting final paperwork before forwarding the trade to Selig.

Chicago would receive Jerry Hairston Jr. and two minor leaguers for Sosa, whose up-and-down ride with the Cubs is nearing a conclusion. The Cubs would pay $12 million of Sosa's $17 million salary this year.

The swap cannot be completed without Selig's blessing because more than $1 million will change hands, but no problems are anticipated. Selig has been apprised of the negotiations, and the remaining paperwork is expected to be submitted Wednesday.

Still missing is Sosa's waiver of his no-trade rights as a 10-year veteran with at least five years on the same team, and formal agreement to the restructuring of his contract by the league and union.

Sosa's contract with Chicago contains a provision that calls for the team's $18 million option for 2006 to become guaranteed if he is traded and for a $19 million team option for 2007 to be added, one that would carry a $4.5 million buyout.

As part of the trade, Sosa will sign an addendum to his contract voiding that provision.

In addition, Chicago is responsible for a $3.5 million severance payment that must be made within 30 days of the deal. Baltimore becomes responsible for the 2006 option, which carries a $4.5 million buyout.

The deal also is contingent upon Sosa passing the physical, which will be administered Wednesday by the Orioles team physician, Dr. Charles Silberstein.

Finalization of the trade can't happen soon enough for the Cubs, who are ready to sign free-agent outfielder Jeremy Burnitz to a one-year contract with a mutual option for 2006.

That deal wouldn't be finalized until the Sosa trade is complete.

The Cubs initiated the swap with the Orioles in an effort to unload the 36-year-old Sosa, who was once a hero in Chicago. But his popularity and numbers dwindled over the past two years, and the Cubs found him to be expendable after a season in which he hit .253 and struck out 133 times.

Thirty-five homers were more than any Oriole hit in 2004, and his new teammates expect his bat to have an impact this season.

"I'm looking for him to have a monster year," said Jay Gibbons, whom Sosa will replace in right field. "We need­ ed a right-handed power hitter, and here's a guy who hit 35 despite missing time with a bad back. I'd say that makes the middle of the lineup pretty dan­ ger­ ous."

The addition of Sosa means Gibbons will move from right field back at first base, where he played as a minor leaguer.

"That's OK with me," Gibbons said. "If it helps us win, then this works to our benefit. This is my fifth year here, and it's time to start winning."

Sosa will certainly add punch to the lineup, but will he be a positive addition to the club­ house? He was suspected for corking his bat in 2003, and last season he left early during the Cubs' final game, though manager Dusty Baker for­ ding him to sixth in the batting order.

"Yeah, some things happened last year, but I'm sure there was a lot of stuff behind the scenes that we don't know about," Orioles outfielder Larry Bigbie said. "I think he will fit right in. Take away the last two years and give him a fresh start, and I bet everything will be fine."

Sosa has spent most of the offseason in Indiana, about 20 minutes outside Chicago. He knows what Cubs fans think of Sosa, and he expects that opin­ ion might change by July.

"They're happy to have him out of Chicago, and I'm happy to have him in Baltimore. I think he'll be a great addition to the team and to the city," Bigbie said. "I might end up calling all those Cubs fans around the All­ Star break and see how many want him back. Maybe all he needs is a clean slate."

Sosa has a history of answer­ ing challenges with big num­ bers, and Camden Yards might be the perfect spot for his new start. One of baseball's last parks in the majors, it's tailor­ made for home-run hitters.

Former Chicago Cubs outfielder Sammy Sosa gives a thumbs-up to fans at Wrigley Field during the 2004 season. Sosa will become an Oriole today, pending a successful physical.

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Crashes just a part of popularity of X Games

AP Photo/Chris Klein

Aspen, Colo. — When Brian Deegan flew off his motorcycle and went crashing to the ice last year at the Winter X Games, ESPN showed it on what seemed like a continuous loop.

Sure, there was some news value — Deegan broke both wrists and his leg — but crashes are a big part of Winter X Games' appeal and ESPN doesn't hesi­ tate playing them up.

"You look on television and it's like Fear Factor, people eating stuff off all over," snowboarder Tara Dakides said. "People are drawn to things that have severe consequences and injuries. There's definitely a fac­ tor of injury and carnage in all aspects of the Winter X Games." That's for sure.

With motorcycles backflipping over 90-foot gaps, snowmobiles flying off jumps, and skiers and snowboarders contorting them­ selves up to 20 feet in the air, there are going to be spills and most will be spectacular.

Like NASCAR fans who watch for the crashes or hockey fans who are there for the fights, a certain segment of the Winter X crowd is there for the wipeouts.

And it's not just the fans. Some athletes get caught up in the car­ rying on.

"You don't really wish it upon anyone to crash, but sometimes it's nice to see a big crash because it's fun," snowmobiler Blair Morgan said. "Definitely you'll get all that, exciting rac­ ing to the finish and someone cartwheeling down the track. Everything's tied in together."

Of course, ESPN doesn't set up the courses to ensure injury. The cable network, which creat­ ed the X Games a decade ago and still organizes every last detail, walks a fine line between making the courses challenging while keeping the competitors relatively safe.

"I think if the athletes told us something was dangerous, we wouldn't do it," X Games founder Ron Semiao said. "It's never been anywhere where we've pushed athletes to do something that they were against doing or unsure of doing."

While this year's event has been relatively tame — snow­ boarder Chris Klug's broken col­ larbone in practice Friday has been about the worst of it — there have been plenty of spills that have been shown over and over on replays.
James returns, but Cavaliers fall to Magic

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — LeBron James' return wasn't enough to help the Cleveland Cavaliers.

James had 28 points, seven assists and five rebounds in his first game after missing two with a sprained left ankle, but the Cavaliers lost to the Orlando Magic 105-102 on Tuesday night.

Orlando was led by Steve Francis' 30 points and season-high-tying 13 assists.

Cleveland coach Paul Silas expected that James would play, but it wasn't until game time that the Cavaliers star made the decision official.

"I'm not going to play if I'm still thinking about [the ankle] and favoring it," said James, 10-of-20 from the field. "I feel great."

After a quiet first half, James scored 17 points and his short jumper with 44 seconds left tied it at 102.

"I'm really glad to have him back," Silas said. "He makes the game easy for us."

But James' comeback wasn't without flaws. He opened the game with an airball, missed his three 3-point tries and was 8-for-13 from the line — four misses coming in the fourth quarter.

"We gave ourselves every chance in the world to win, but we just couldn't get over the hump," James said. Still, Cleveland appeared to have sent the game into overtime when Jeff McInnis rattled home a buzzer-beating 3-pointer. But after a brief huddle the officials waved off the shot, with replays clearly showing the ball in McInnis' hands as the clock ran out.

"I was like, 'I hope it doesn't go,'" said Orlando's Grant Hill, who scored 21. "I was so tired. I need to rest up."

NETS 107, BULLS 97

Not since he was John Stockton's understudy more than five years ago had Jacque Vaughn played shooting guard.

Yet there Vaughn was Tuesday night, filling a hole for the injury-depleted New Jersey Nets and doing the job well as he tied his career high with 23 points on 8-for-13 shooting, a career-high 9-for-9 from the free throw line.

Nets used their 14th different starting lineup of the season. Vaughn could not recall the last time he scored 23 points (Dec. 9, 2003), and he didn't seem particularly impressed by his accomplishment.

"You see I don't have a stat sheet in my hand, and I wouldn't have known if you hadn't told me," he said. "(Carter) and J-Kidd set my whole table tonight, they put the silverware out there, my napkin, everything."

Kidd contributed 26 points, 13 rebounds and nine assists, narrowly missing his 62nd career-triple-double, and Nenad Krstic had 18 points and seven rebounds for a Nets team that shot its final three games on a five-game Western road trip and returned home with a boost in confidence.

After opening the season 2-11 while waiting for Kidd to return from knee surgery, the Nets have injected themselves into the race for first place in the Atlantic Division.

"We're an offensive juggernaut, and we throw a little defense out there every once in a while," Kidd said.

PISTONS 105, WIZARDS 97

Chauncey Billups made the steal, hit the layup, drew the foul and converted the three-point play in the final 5.10 Tuesday night as the Detroit Pistons beat the Washington Wizards.

"In the end, Chauncey Billups is one of the best big-game shooters in the league," Washington's Antawn Jamison said.

Tayshaun Prince added 25 points, Richard Hamilton scored 23, and Rasheed Wallace had 16 points and 12 rebounds as the Pistons won their fourth straight and beat the Wizards for the eighth straight time on the road.


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"I do not run like a man who loses sight of the finish line. I do not fight as if I were shadowboxing." (1 Cor 9:26)
Crennel stays quiet about Cleveland job

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Just about everyone at the Super Bowl last weekend acknowledged that Romeo Crennel will be the Cleveland Browns’ next head coach. Everyone except Crennel.

The New England defensive coordinator spoke about the Browns job at media day Tuesday, never admitting he’s employed with the New England Patriots. It’s just work for now. He referred to a courtesy from Cleveland.

“I don’t have the job,” he said. “I am employed with the New England Patriots.” He said the rules in the NFL say that anyone can talk to me as long as I work for the Patriots. And I work for the Patriots.

“After this game, if Cleveland decides to offer me a job, then I’ll talk about that job.”

The Browns reportedly are ready to do just that. They were allowed to interview him in early January when the Browns fired Butch Davis.

Crennel, 57, spent one year with the Browns as Chris Palmer’s defensive coordinator in 2000, when they defeated 42 sacks, improving by 17 over 1999. Then he was interviewed for the head coaching job after Palmer was fired. But Crennel believes that was a courtesy because Cleveland already had decided to hire Butch Davis.

Davis quit with five games remaining this season. Crennel emerged as the top candidate to replace him after the interviewing process. After he was interviewed, the Browns offensive coordinator Brad Childress, Browns interim coach and offensive coordinator Terry Robiskie, and Steelers offensive line coach Russ Grimm.

Associated Press

Hingis loses first comeback match

Hingis told reporters she had been “a nice experience, but that she had no set plans for an extended comeback or to play other tournaments.

“I might play exhibitions,” she said. “My life has been very good over the past couple of years and I feel comfortable with it.”

Hingis thought she played well but said the two-year layoff had taken a toll.

“When we’re just still all right now,” Hingis said. “But we will see tomorrow. I’m 25 now. It’s hard for me physically. I’m not 18 years old anymore.”

In the first set, the Swiss star moved swiftly all over the court and used well-placed groundstrokes to break Weingartner twice for a 3-1 lead. After double faulting to drop a game, Hingis rallied against her erratic opponent to win the set in 24 minutes.

Weingartner attacked a weak serve from Hingis to break the opening game of the second set but could not hold her next game. After Hingis went ahead 2-1, the German used a series of powerful shots to take charge in the next five games.

The difference in energy levels between the two players became obvious in the final set, when Hingis could not chase down balls and Weingartner hit winners.

Weingartner quickly strode to a 3-2 lead and set up a match point with a forehand down the line. The German celebrated her 1-hour, 19-minute win after Hingis netted a forehand.

It was Weingartner’s first victory against Hingis, who easily beat her twice in 1999 and 2002.

Elors suffers Woods can retain old dominance

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Ernie Els thinks golf technology and a more competitive PGA Tour means Tiger Woods won’t be as dominant as he once was.

“Everybody has become better players, technology has brought everybody closer together,” Els said Tuesday at the Heineken Classic, where he begins play Thursday trying for his fourth win in a row at Royal Melbourne.

“I think he’s had a very good start obviously, but I can’t see him being as dominant as he once was,” Els said. “The guys out there are a lot more confident, they’ve stepped up to their games. No one is hitting it 30 or 40 yards past everybody else.”

Woods won the Dunlop Phoenix tournament in Japan last November, then shot four rounds in the 60s to win his Target World Challenge against a 10-man field to finish the year.

Ten days ago, Woods rallied from a two-shot deficit over the final six holes to win the Buick Invitational for his first PGA Tour victory in 11 months.

Vijay Singh took over the top ranking from Woods last September. Woods had been No. 1 for five years, but has yet to win a major since moving to 15th place. He was tied for seventh in his last major, the British Open in July.

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Owens announces he will play in Super Bowl XXXIX

Associated Press

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Terrell Owens strode onto the field, claiming a podium near the 25-yard line. He would have been more appropriate to put him right in the middle of the field.

T.O. was clearly in his comfort zone Tuesday at the Super Bowl media extravaganza — the center of attention, the star of the show, the guy making all the news.

And say this about the Philadelphia Eagles’ All-Pro receiver: He didn’t leave anyone in suspense. Less than a minute after returning to the practice field after his second straight practice, cameras began rolling, Owens moved again.

“I will play on Sunday,” he said, relishing the moment as he gestured at some 100 members of the media hanging on his every word.

Then, transforming the podium into a pulpit, Owens put on an hourlong performance that was part All, part Reverend Ike — and pure T.O.

“I have a feeling in miracles,” he said, “just wait until Sunday.”

Adorned with diamonds in each ear and a matching beard, Owens let the conversation flow in all sorts of directions during his news conference. He sounded downright humble while crediting a strong religious faith for helping him through the recovery of his right knee and ankle.

“God brought me here for a reason,” he said.

But there were only momentary interludes. For the most part, Owens was at his bombastic best, saying he has no intention of being a decoy and embroiling the controversy that seems to follow him around like a cornerback in a man-to-man defense.

From Sharpies in the socks to towel-clad actresses in the locker room, it’s all good in T.O.’s world.

“I can’t change who I am,” he said. “I am who I am.”

The New England Patriots, with victories in two of the last three Super Bowls and on the cusp of becoming a full-fledged dynasty, had to settle for a supporting role on this day.

Owens was the star.

“It shows what kind of guy he is,” said Troy Brown, the Patriots’ receiver and nickel back, who came to Foxboro because he wanted to play in this Super Bowl. “It’s running around, well, I’ve got to take my hat off to the guy.”

Owens was in the midst of his most satisfying season when he was dragged down from behind in a Dec. 19 game against Dallas, his leg twisting grotesquely in the wrong direction.

The grim diagnosis: a severely sprained ankle, two torn ligaments, a fractured fibula.

During surgery, two screws and a metal plate were needed to put it all back together. Owens’ hopes of playing in the Super Bowl — the very reason he signed with Philadelphia after eight years in San Francisco — appeared to have been snatched away.

Now, just over six weeks later, Owens claims that his ankle feels like nothing more than a normal sprain, the kind that players deal with every week in such a brutal sport.

“Obviously, it’s a good story for the Super Bowl. Will he play or won’t he?” Owens said.

Well, I’m here, I going to play and I’ll do it.”

Later Tuesday, he took part in his second straight practice, spending much of the time running in place. He got on the field after the Eagles’ 20 offensive plays, catching one of the two passes that were thrown his way.

Both Owens and the Eagles’ trainer, Rick Burkholder, pummeled the risk of doing career-threatening damage by coming back too soon — even though the doctor who performed the surgery refused to give his blessing for Owens to play in the Super Bowl.

“I’m not really concerned about the medical risks,” the receiver said. “Even if I go out and re-injure myself, I can be fixed.”

Owens said he won’t even wear a brace. Just a light tape job should be enough to hold the ankle together.

“There are risks every day,” said. “It was a risk coming over here today on the bus. It was a risk flying to Jacksonville for this game.”

Burkholder plans to use about a half-hour of Wednesday’s practice to work with Owens on stability and balance, followed by a short run. It’s a delicate balancing act — working the player hard enough to see if he can play, but not hard enough to hinder a recovery process that still has a few precious days to run.

“God bless me,” Burkholder said, “I’m riding him through the week, and we’re going to get him to the gate on Sunday and hopefully turn him loose. But you have to ride him right. You can’t run him into the ground Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Because he won’t be worth anything Sunday.”

Super Bowl security will be tight

Associated Press

New Orleans is playing host to an event that demands security — a Super Bowl with a security problem for this city’s first Super Bowl.

From jet skis to cruise ships, watercraft regularly ply the St. Johns River, a federal waterway that runs right alongside Alltel Stadium.

That means they must be checked and checked. Ships carrying visitors to the thousands are monitored around the clock. And Coast Guard divers have to search the river on a regular basis.

NFL vice president for security Mike Aberich called the river “a unique aspect of this Super Bowl,” but he also downplayed the impact it had on the security plan Tuesday.

“We are very pleased with what we have seen here,” Aberich said. “We have completed the front and back of our team, our employees will be safe — not just at the game but at the many other events.”

Although Aberich and Jacksonville Sheriff John Rutherford said the three-pronged approach to Super Bowl security — via land, air and sea — was the first of its kind, they also said it was merely an additional part of a detailed security plan.

NFL security teams are being banned on the river, largely because of the cruise ships. Only certain private boats, whose owners won permits in a lottery, are allowed on the river. And Coast Guard divers are regularly inspecting the bottom of the ships, plus keeping other boats a safe distance away.

Also, more than 50 agencies — some federal, some state and some local — combined to develop, install and carry out the security plan.

“It’s like at the Pro Bowl, where you have everybody wearing different helmets but signing肯定是同一种情况,”Rutherford said. “We have guys wearing 53 different badges all pulling together for the same cause.”

Aside from the river aspect, security for the Super Bowl has been rather routine for sports’ biggest event — officials have refined the process every year since the terrorist attacks of 2001.

“We get better each time,” Aberich said.

Security also has become increasingly seamless. Aberich believes Sunday’s game in the river town will continue the trend.

“We’ve had chances to improve every year, and we have,” Aberich said. But Aberich said the enhancements don’t imply a lessened focus on security, even though the NFL and police declined to give specifics about anything that the checkpoints that must walk through before the game.

Aberich advised fans to arrive early, travel light and be patient. They will be searched and scanned with X-ray machines before being allowed into the stadium — methods unheard of a year ago, but common at big events since the 2002 Super Bowl.

Rutherford said one improvement from last year’s Super Bowl in Houston is that nearly 30 more metal-detecting wands will be used to help decrease waiting lines.

The usual items like camcorders, strollers, noisemakers and umbrellas are banned. Rutherford also strongly encouraged fans to leave electronic devices, including cell phones, at home to expedite the scanning process.
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Los Angeles Lakers coach Rudy Tomjanovich protests a call during his team's game against the L.A. Clippers Wednesday. Tomjanovich missed the Lakers' game against the Charlotte Bobcats on Sunday.

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## Tomjanovich considers resignation

**LOS ANGELES — Rudy Tomjanovich is considering resigning as Los Angeles Lakers coach because of health reasons, a team spokesman said Tuesday.**

ESPN.com reported that Tomjanovich would step down following Tuesday night's game against Portland. Spokesman John Black said that would not be the case.

"He's considering several options and resigning is one of them. That decision has not been made," Black said. "There won't be an announcement tonight. He won't coach tonight because he's not feeling well. This has nothing to do with cancer."

The 56-year-old Tomjanovich, who was a former assistant coach at Kansas State, won a pair of NBA championships with the Houston Rockets, missed the Lakers' win over Charlotte on Sunday night because of what the team said was a stomach virus. He returned to the coaching ranks this season after recovering from bladder cancer.

"Assistant coach Frank Hamblen, the only holdover from former coach Phil Jackson's staff, guided the team against the Bobcats and will coach them against the Trail Blazers," Black said. "As far as I know, there will be no announcement."

"There has been discussion about Tomjanovich's absence, "Black said. "He loves the team and the team loves him."

Tomjanovich did not return a phone message from The Associated Press. After cutting ties with Jackson and trading Shaquille O'Neal during the offseason, the Lakers have been a mediocre team this season. They were 23-19 going into Tuesday's game against the Trail Blazers.

"I'm excited and nervous and about who should get to fly, the pilot asked everyone to get off and flew the plane to Miami empty," a team spokesman Ellis Perez said.

When players and other passengers got off the plane to Miami empty, the pilot asked everyone to get off and flew the plane to Miami empty. A "difficult situation presented itself in which players and other passengers were arguing with each other and the crew," Perez said.

The team made new travel plans and was not scheduled to arrive until Tuesday night, hours after the scheduled first game.

Three Red Wing players join United Hockey League

**FRASER, Mich. — Red Wings defencemen Chris Chelios and Derian Hatcher and forward Kris Draper signed with the Motor City Mechanics of the United Hockey League on Tuesday for the remainder of the season.**

"I'm excited and nervous and looking forward to playing," Chelios said.

The addition of three NHL players should provide a boost for the struggling Mechanics (11-29-6), who are struggling.

"It's just a chance for the team to do something," Chelios said. More than 300 NHL players are on teams in European leagues while the league is on strike.
Notre Dame Starting Lineup

#12 Teresa Bonita 6-3 Senior 8.6 PPG, 6.0 RPG
#21 Jacqueline Batteast 6-2 Senior 18.1 PPG, 6.7 RPG
#3 Crystal Erwin 6-1 Sophomore 6.6 PPG, 4.2 RPG
#32 Breona Gray 5-7 Sophomore 6.0 PPG, 3.7 RPG
#13 Megan Duffy 5-7 Junior 11.8 PPG, 5.6 APG

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Meanwhile, a Boston College victory gives Eagles a boost heading into the toughest stretch of their schedule. The Eagles face Notre Dame and Connecticut twice and Rutgers once in its final nine games of the season. It would also be the first time Boston College has ever defeated Notre Dame at the Lahman Center.

"They are anxious to check out our trend," McGraw said.

The Eagles have played in back-to-back Sweet 16 games but have only gotten one win for a big win. While they have beat en several good teams, they haven't grabbed a win over any big top-25 teams. But Boston College can't have any bad losses either, with its defeats coming to Michigan State, Storard and Rutgers.

"They're one of those really good teams that's a little bit overlooked but they respect the deserve," McGraw said. "They're just a really solid team and they don't beat themselves.

Three Eagles average double figures in scoring, with a fourth — Claire Drosch — at 9.1 points per game. Jessica Deveny paces the team by averaging more than 18 points, five rebounds and two assists, while Kathryn Ress tallies 12 points and Brooke Queenan adds 11.7 points per game.

Notre Dame showed up Sunday that the team is more than just all-American Jacqueline Batteast, Batteast, who scored only nine points on 3-of-17 shooting while battling stomach flu symptoms, played just nine minutes against the Connecticut game. But Courtney LaVeere, Megan Duffy and Charol Allen picked up the slack by scoring 14 points, 12 points and 11 points, respectively.

The win snapped the Huskies 112-game regular season Big East home winning streak. The Irish used a suffocating 2-3 zone defense and fed the inexperienced Connecticut guards throughout the contest. But McGraw considers the Eagles' guards, including Deveny, better players than her Huskies counterparts.

The Irish must also stop Boston College's post edge. The Eagles shoot better than 50 percent from beyond the arc in Big East play. "They have really good guards," McGraw said. "They're smart. They have a great assist-to-turnover ratio. Deveny's really good, and we've got to contain the three-point line. We didn't do a good job with that against Connecticut so we've got to do a good job against Boston College.

The Irish should be well-rested for the game. McGraw had the team off on Monday, which helped players recuperate after the Connecticut trip. But McGraw wasn't pleased, either. She wanted the players to practice Wednesday, but the time to shake off the stomach flu and will start Wednesday.

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Boston College Starting Lineup

#11 Kathrin Res #42 Southard 6-0 Junior 12.0 PPG, 4.8 RPG
#2 Brooke Queenan 5-11 Senior 9.1 PPG, 5.9 RPG
#15 Clare Drosch 5-11 Senior 9.1 PPG, 5.9 RPG
#4 Muffet McGraw Notre Dame coach 5-8 Junior 17.7 PPG, 5.3 RPG
#3 Sarah Marshall 5-7 Sophomore 4.7 PPG, 5.2 APG

Women's Polls as of Jan. 31, 2005

1. LSU
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9. Rutgers
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Notre Dame is deep at every position, but McGraw often has her players in different minutes. But McGraw often has her players in different positions, and because of the All-American Batteast, Notre Dame has size and depth. The 6-60-4 Eagles have a challenge without a doubt, but McGraw knows her team can win on the court.

Muffet McGraw Irish coach

Inglese has scored in 12th season with the Eagles and has a career record of 213-132 at Boston College. She has coached the Eagles to back-to-back Sweet 16 appearances in 2003 and 2004.

Boston College was hot at all positions. They went on an 11-game winning streak before starting Big East conference play. There, the Eagles lost to Rutgers, their first loss, and the last Big East loss.
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championship tournament. "It's just great experience for him," Notre Dame coach Bobby Clark said. "Playing in the international stage with and against some of the top players in the world—that's just a great learning experience." Dalby agreed.

"It was a really good opportunity for me, being exposed to it," he said. "It was good for me to get experience doing that.

Dalby also captained the national Under-18 squad before coming to play for the Irish. This winter, his teammates included professional players like Freddy Adu and other collegiate players. They lived together for a month, training with two-a-day practices and then competing as a team.

"A lot of the pro guys and (college players) had played together at other times so it wasn't too unfamiliar," Dalby said. "Everyone had to get to know each other better on the field and off the field to make things work.

The Poway, Calif. native played all 90 minutes in the first two matches and came off the bench in the third as a defensive central midfielder.

In addition to the experience gained against the world's top competitors, playing for the national team was a time to enjoy the sport Dalby has grown to love.

"As far as the whole tournament went, the second game we played—which is the game that sealed our qualifying—is definitely the thing I remember the most," he said.

As a coach, Clark considers Dalby a top-notch player. "The thing that Greg brings is that he's a very dependable in everything he does," said Clark. "That's both on and off the field—he's the sort of kid that anything he does, he gives it 100 percent.

But it isn't just Dalby's dedication that sets him apart. "He's got a great ability to make the game look easy," Clark said. "I always say that's the true trademark of any great player, that they make their job easy. Good players aren't turning and twisting and dribbling...he seems to find easy avenues. He connects with his teammates. He just makes the game look easy."

Clark knows that the experience with international play will be important for Dalby's development as a player, who was named a second-team All-Big East selection after the 2004 season.

"You can't give someone that experience without being involved in it, and he's very, very fortunate to be involved in it. Dalby credited the coaching staff at Notre Dame with his development between playing with the national Under-18 and Under-20 teams.

"Before I came to Notre Dame, I was a central defender," he said. "For the last year and a half I've been playing defensive midfield and learning a lot from the coaches how to play that position."

Dalby said his time with the Irish soccer program led to positive experiences with the national team. "I've been successful on this team and I hope I've contributed to my teams experience in qualifying," Clark attributes that not just to Notre Dame's influence on Dalby's soccer but the greater lifestyle of being a student-athlete.

"That's part of being an athlete at this school," he said. "I think the team should be competing and playing at the highest level and we should also be attending to our academics. I think that's a key example of a great student athlete who's very organized—the ideal student-athlete."

Next fall, the Irish will return a number of top players, but they also will lose three of the nation's top defenders to Major League Soccer (MLS). With only Ryan Miller returning to anchor the defense, much of the burden of maintaining the traditionally stingy Irish defense will fall to Dalby.

However, after competing at the international level, the sophomore is ready for anything in the future, from a national title run with the Irish to a try at playing professionally.

"It was really good, getting the opportunity to get exposed to international play and to be playing professional level."

"But that takes nothing away from the impressive accomplishments of this team. Notre Dame soccer is here, and no end-of-the-season letdown is going to get in its way.

Earlier this year, Stewart said that he and his fellow captains wanted to put Notre Dame soccer "on the map." Today is signing day for the program, and replacing Stewart and his classmates will be crucial to future successes for Clark and the players who cycle through his system.

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ors for standout keeper Chris Sawyer and Hermann Trophy semifinalists awards for Jack Stewart and Kevin Goldswaithe. The three players were chosen in the first two rounds of this year's MLS draft.

This didn't surprise Clark, however.

"I think if we're going to be a top program, if we're going to continue to be a top program, we should have players that will be getting drafted and will be getting involved in the national team," Clark said. "Hopefully, that's going to be an ongoing commitment to our program, that we're going to have people involved in the MLS and on the national teams."

This team fell short of every NCAA team's ultimate goal—a national title. They were eclipsed by the success of a sophomore program, which deserved every accolade it received in their own standout year. But that takes nothing away from the impressive accomplishments of this team. Notre Dame soccer is here, and no end-of-the-season letdown is going to get in its way.

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some confidence."

The Belles know they cannot rely solely on a poor performance by Calvin to be successful, though. Saint Mary's must shut down 6-foot sophomore Lisa Winkle to keep Calvin's scoring low.

Winkle is a double-threat for the Knights. She enters the game leading the league in field-goal percentage at 64 percent and is second in the MIAA in scoring, averaging 17.2 points per game. Winkle leads the conference in rebounds, as well.

The Belles will also have to keep a close eye on Knight guard Kristen McDonald, who is third in the MIAA in scoring.

Belles believe that the best way to counter the double-threat the Knights pose is to "stay fresh" for running up and down the court with Calvin.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You should probably take a little extra time to change to someone you may have been neglecting lately. The more you can do to help others, the better. Take care of any health concerns.***

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take the ball by the horns and do whatever you must to get things done your way. Take action now and don't let anyone mislead you when you know instinctively that you are right.***

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ND Women’s Basketball

Crucial conference test

Irish must beat Eagles to keep Big East regular season title hopes alive

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

In terms of earning the Big East regular season title, Wednesday’s matchup between Notre Dame and Boston College isn’t a must-win for the Irish, but it sure would help. The No. 16 Irish (18-3, 6-2) host the No. 15 Eagles (15-3, 6-1) at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center in a game that carries huge implications for both teams.

“The next game is the most important game on our schedule,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “We can’t afford any more losses if we want to win the conference.”

Notre Dame, fresh off a 65-59 victory against Connecticut in Storrs on Sunday, has three teams ahead of it in the conference standings — the Huskies, Rutgers and Boston College. A victory tonight gives the Irish the edge over the Eagles, at least for now. Notre Dame plays Boston College and Rutgers on the road again this season but does not face Connecticut. The Irish and Huskies split a pair of games already.

Men’s Soccer

The ‘other’ football team rises to prominence

Dalby plays in world championships

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

Athletes dream of putting on the jersey with the letters “U,” “S” and “A” emblazoned across the front. At that elite level, competition is only a dream for most players.

But for soccer standout Greg Dalby, that dream became reality as a member of the U.S. Under-20 national squad, who recently qualified for the world championship this summer.

“It was just a great honor to represent our country in a world competition (and) world qualifying,” Dalby said. “I had a lot of fun doing it.”

The United States will compete in the FIFA World Youth Championship this summer after going 3-0 in qualifying competition this winter. The team defeated Trinidad and Tobago, Panama and Costa Rica to clinch a berth in the World Championship, which begins in May.

Irish defender Greg Dalby dribbles downfield in a game last season.

SMC Basketball

Belles face Knights in road test

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Coming off a 73-59 loss to Albion one week ago, the Belles (9-10, 4-6 MIAA) look to rebound and return to .500 tonight against Calvin College (14-4, 8-3) in Grand Rapids, Mich.

“Beating the Knights will be a tall order for Saint Mary’s, as Calvin averages a plus-10 scoring margin,” Belles head coach Suzanne Bellina said. “Tri-State beat them the other night, and we beat Tri-State last week. That’s really giving us...”