AllianceND still seeks club status

Group ready to work together with Council

By MARY KATE MALONE
Assistant News Editor

Leaders of the unrecognized gay and lesbian student group AllianceND are heartened by the recent restructuring and renaming of the University Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, but said they will not back down from pursuing club status — a privilege the Office of Student Activities has denied in recent years.

AllianceND and the newly-named Core Council on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs have similar goals — both seek to meet the needs of Notre Dame's gay and lesbian students — but their means of achieving those ends are quite different.

University officials said the recent changes made to the committee do not necessarily imply the Office of Student Activities will reconsider AllianceND when it applies for club status this spring. "This is not (initially) recognition, it really isn't," said Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Sister Mary Louise Cade. "I don't know if it's a step forward toward recognition or not, but it's certainly a step forward toward better support for gay and lesbian students."

Cade has served as chair of the Committee since the fall of 1998. She hopes the restructuring will lead to increased communication among different gay and lesbian student groups — like AllianceND, Outreach and Feminist Voice — which will all be represented on its new body.

Students "step out of the closet" on South Quad in an event sponsored by AllianceND on Nov. 18, 2004.

Baron address, club funding mark meeting

Speech hinges in on Notre Dame's role

By MADDIE HANNA
Assistant News Editor

Although he did not always agree with the man he frequently quoted, student body president Dave Baron delivered his final State of the Student Union address Wednesday in a way University President Father John Jenkins likely would have respected — by confronting different questions at the heart of Notre Dame's identity.

"Today, we are a center of Catholicism in the United States," Baron said, addressing.

Senator reject CCC's proposed amendment

By KAREN LANGLEY
Assistant News Editor

Student Senate was marked by debate and controversy Wednesday, as senators shut down Club Coordination Council president Beth O'Shaughnessy's plea for an amendment to increase the percentage of funds available to clubs while decreasing funds given to other Student Union organizations.

Under the proposed amendment, clubs would receive 36.75 percent of available funds, as opposed to the current 33 percent allocation. Funds distributed among the remaining Student Union organizations also never went above five percent.

SMC hosts diversity conference

Event aims to foster leadership potential

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

Long a buzzword on campus, diversity will once again be the central topic of discussion at Saint Mary's tonight as the Student Diversity Board (SDB) inaugural Diverse Students Leadership Conference (DSLC) gets underway at 8 p.m., with the musical and dance performances in O'Laughlin Auditorium.

The conference will continue Friday with a series of leadership workshops and diversity-related lectures targeted at high school and college students.

The conference is intended to foster leadership potential and to prepare participants in function in a diverse environment, conference chair Charalambus Landry said.

"We hope every participant is progressive," Landry said. "We want them to come to the conference perhaps having some kind of underlying prejudice, not even being conscious of it ... but then hopefully as you go through each workshop you learn something about yourself, you learn something about your community and about society and about different cultures."

The marquee performer at tonight's entertainment portion of the event in Alumni-based rapper Eddie "Double E" Clark, who appeared on the UPN show "The Road to Stardom with Missy Elliot," will be in attendance Friday with a live set.

The event is sponsored by the SDB, with support from the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs and the Student Activities Office.

Student government invites academic freedom discourse

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

In preparation for University President Father John Jenkins' impending visit to the Student Senate, student government hosted a discussion on issues surrounding academic freedom Wednesday night.

The event attracted approximately 15 students to the Coleman-Morse lounge in a discussion intended by student government as a way to involve as many student opinions on this issue as possible before its presentation to Jenkins Friday.

In his Jan. 24 speech to students, Jenkins called for the entire student body's consideration of issues concerning academic freedom.

"We've already solicited information from each dorm through dorm senators, and this discussion tonight is to include those whose opinions have not yet been heard," said senior Matt Walsh, chairman of the Senate's University Affairs Committee.

"Father Jenkins wants to hear how the student body feels."

An e-mail sent to Notre Dame students by student government said the event called for the inclusion of randomly-selected small groups to ensure a diverse spectrum of student views was represented.

Senators said previous dorm-sponsored debates greatly con-
INSIDE COLUMN

Takng a bite out of oral crime

People bite people. It’s a fact, folks. Human-to-human biting permeates all realms of society, from domestic disputes to Hollywood cinema to professional boxing — listing all instances would be a mouthful — the problem goes wholly unnoticed by the masses.

On Wednesday, the White Plains News Writers New York man who swam off a portion of his girlfriend’s cheek — that’s a facial cheek, you crazy kids — was sentenced to 15 years in prison after he distraught lover put forth a chilling testimony in court.

He just bit off more than he could chew.

“When I was bitten and my flesh was spat at me, more than my face was damaged,” she told members of the jury.

Indeed, the emotional trauma associated with oral assault is sometimes deeper than the wound itself. Victims of Jenkins — probably not a biter — might not be easy to classify as intentional because the problem was drunk — or reluctant to admit it.

Forget what your mother told you at the dinner table: “A mouthful is generally obvious, but on occasion the victim is unaware — for example, the bite occurred while the victim was drunk — or reluctant to tell others,” a Web site description said.

No kidding.

And are they choking at the bit to get a word in?

The pervasiveness of human biting might surprise you. The Web site medicalhealth.com devotes an entire section to such injuries.

“A human bite is generally obvious, but on occasion the victim is unaware — for example, the bite occurred while the victim was drunk — or reluctant to tell others,” a Web site description said.

No kidding.

The next time you are getting a hickey from a semi-conscious SMC, cliché at TC, realize that you are a skin-break away from becoming a victim to this brutal and tragic trend.

Just remember, you have a better chance of being bitten by two different people over the course of 24 hours than winning the lottery.

So the next time you’re drooling over possible Powerball winnings, keep in mind that someone could be drooling over you.

Contact Katie Perry at kerry5@nd.edu and Joe Piarulli at jpiarull@ind.edu and courtesy of The Observer.

OUR QUESTION OF THE DAY: Would you want to be an RA?

“I think I would’ve been kicked out as an RA.”

Katie Perry and Joe Piarulli

“My roommates tell me to do it.”

“I’m not really too much responsibility.”

Jamie McGinniss

“Yes, although being an RA in Lyons won’t be as bad as not being able to hang out with Sr. Sue.”

Katie Smith

“No... I think Honey is doing a great job in Stanford.”

Mark Quaresima

Correction

In the March 1 issue of The Observer, a new article unmasked business professor Maggie O’Brien as using the Supreme Court in which case concerning an employee’s rights.

Correction: The Supreme Court has yet to rule on the case concerning an employee’s rights.
Howard Hall continues yearly tradition today

By PETER NINNEMAN
News Writer

Howard Hall continues a tradition today with its sixth annual bone marrow drive — an event grounded in beginnings, which still resonate in the heart of the dormitory.

The event began in 2000 when 2003 Notre Dame graduate Anne Gurwahr knew her father had been diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome — a rare form of leukemia — and would need a bone marrow transplant. Gurwahr was inspired by a drive held by Zahn Hall the year before, and set out to organize her own.

The drive — which will take place from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. today in the Sorin and Dickey rooms on the first floor of LaFortune — came through for the Gurwahr family, as an eligible donor was found within a few months. The transplant allowed Anne’s father to continue his battle with cancer long enough to live to see his daughter’s graduation the following year.

With the Gurwahr story in mind, Howard continued to hold the drive. Once again, dorm residents are seeking volunteers from the Notre Dame community for today’s event.

In past drives, multiple student donors have been found, the one who helped the Gurwahr family have been contacted for further testing.

Co-commissioner Grace Shen said students have misconceptions about what the drive really involves.

“I’ve been trying to tell people to register, and they think they’re going to have to actually give bone marrow in LaFortune,” she said.

“There’s a simple blood test and some paperwork. You give less than you would in a blood transfusion,” Gade said.

The donor’s information is entered into a computerized registry maintained by the National Marrow Donor Program. The database contains about four million possible donors, and allows people in need of a transplant to find a compatible donor, Shen said.

The event aims to recruit people who are not already registered. Donors who have already registered have their name kept in the registry until they are 61.

Shen said about 20 people have signed up already, but approximately 300 donors are expected. Howard will cover the cost of registration for all students.

Shen said organizers e-mailed freshmen and sophomores about the drive, as well as minority students. Compatibility matches are often consistent with shared ethnic backgrounds, she said, and minority patients, who are underrepresented in the national registry.

“I think it’s really imperative,” she said. “There’s a severe shortage (especially for minorities in need of transplants). I’m glad Howard has this event that allows students to get involved.”

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the council, she said.

“While there is absolutely no talk — at least out of the administration — about an Alliance/ND club recognition, once you get people talking to each other and communicating, it’s hard to know exactly what will happen,” Gade said.

“Our gay community will be more effective with the input of all these groups finally being able to talk to each other — having structure in which they can communicate.”

The University announced the changes Feb. 24. Instead of six student members, the group will now have eight — one of whom will be a student co-chair. Four administrators will also sit on the Council.

Gade said the restructuring will allow for Alliance/ND to perhaps seek funding from the Council for certain events.

“What we think will happen is that Alliance might be able to plug in some of its activities and get support from the Core Council depending on what these activities are — they must be within the parameters of Catholic teaching,” Gade said.

But Alliance/ND member Curtis Leighton said this restriction on the Core Council intensifies the need for a student group like Alliance/ND to be granted club recognition — as well as access to money for staging events that the Core Council would not be allowed to support.

“I worry that the Standing Committee... isn’t going to have the same impact because they’re hindered by ‘academic freedom’ or any of those types of things,” Leighton said.

Still, the change in composition is no doubt an improvement on the current council setup, said Leighton — who is also the co-chair of Outreach.

“For now at least, the Standing Committee doesn’t provide a lot of support or advocacy for gay students on campus,” he said. “I hope the new Core Council will do some of that by expanding the membership and having some conversation with student organizations.”

Alliance/ND co-coordinator Anna Gomberg said she fears the recent steps might show that the University feels the Core Council will be adequate enough to address gay and lesbian student needs — and that groups like Alliance/ND do not need recognition. She insists the groups are very different.

"Frankly, Alliance/ND is more concerned with student needs than any (administrative) student group like the Core Council," she said. "The student group is going to be different than an administrative body [because it is normalized], it’s the same as all student groups... I don’t think anything that the Standing Committee would do or restrict would make that different."

Alliance/ND has applied for and been denied club status each of the last two years. According to a March 22, 2005 article in The Observer, similar proposals have been denied nine times in the last 10 years.

"I think the gay and lesbian student group successfully securing official status, Alliance/ND’s members sponsor a “Coming Out” closet in the fall, create and distribute orange "Gay? Fine by Me" T-shirts and often make bold public statements to advance their cause.

The Council, however, is an arm of the University and advises Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman on gay and lesbian student needs.

Despite the differences, Alliance/ND co-founder Alina Richards is optimistic the measures are a step in the right direction.

"It just gives me a lot of hope because I think the administration is trying to expand its understanding of the students’ needs," Richards said. "I think Alliance is one of those needs, and hopefully [the University] will come to that realization [to recognize us as a club]... if we continue to do what we’re doing — doing our work and keeping the club status, hopefully we’ll be successful.”

Gomberg said she wasn’t sure what the mission of the new Council will be, but she believes it has potential to improve communication between gay and lesbian groups on campus.

"As things come together more and the communication increases across all those groups, I think that generally is a very good thing — that they’re integrating those groups and encompassing a broader spectrum is a really good thing," Gomberg said.

"We’re going to have to wait and see what it ends up looking like... allowing for more structure and allowing the standing committee to involve more people is a step in the right direction.”

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Friday's workshop titles include "The Co-optation of the 'N' Word," "Taking Point: A Leadership Approach for Those Who Are or Shortly Will Be in Leadership Positions" and "Implementing Sustained Dialogue on a College Campus: The Process, Obstacles and Benefits." Vice President and Don of Faculty Pat White will give a speech at the closing reception at 6:30 p.m.

Conference organizers have been collecting pre-registration forms all week, but students can sign up from 1 to 4 p.m. today in forms all week, but students can

Co-chair Angeline Johnson said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

El Salvador signs free trade pact
SAN SALVADOR — El Salvador on Wednesday became the first Central American nation to join a regional free trade agreement with the United States.

President Tony Saca inaugurated the pact in a ceremony at a food exporting company. But about 3,000 people marched elsewhere in the capital, saying Saca betrayed the treaty, which they say will hurt local farmers, street vendors and organized labor faced with competition from cheaper goods or with tighter restrictions on sales of goods.

Nigerian militants release hostages

WASHINGTON — Militants released six foreign oil workers, including a dozen Texas celebrating his 60th birthday Wednesday, taken cap­\nor last month to press fighters’ demands for a new share of oil revenues generated in this resource southerm state.

But these other hostages — two Americans and a Briton — were kept by militants from the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta. The militant spokesman Teme George said all “low-value” hostages taken Feb. 18 had been freed.

These released Wednesday included Macon Hawkins of Koeskossi, Texas; two Egyptians; two Greeks and a Norwegian. They were taken to the offices of James Ibori, governor of the Delta State.

Militants handed Hawkins to surprised jour­

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LOCAL NEWS

Jurors deliberate in murder case

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The jury, which listened to six weeks of testi­

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usiness video footage.

Bush didn’t ask a single question during the final briefing before Katrina struck on Aug. 29, but he assured soon-to-be-butchered state officials: “We are fully prepared.”

The scene — along with seven days of transcripts of briefings maintained by the Associated Press — show in excruciating detail that while federal officials anticip­

ated the tragedy that unfolded in New Orleans and elsewhere along the Gulf Coast, they were fatally slow to realize they had not mustered enough resources to deal with the unprece­

Tape: Bush warned about Katrina Video shows President, Chertoff clearly told that storm could breach levees

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... the question - "What does it mean to be Catholic in America?" Can a Catholic be an American?" - is asked in an increasingly complex fashion ... This is how we are to be an instrument to do good in the world.

Baron's speech mentioned... but did not stress the numerous small - or even large - accomplishments his administration has achieved this year.

Rather, it was an address grounded in conviction and imbued with a genuine concern for Notre Dame - and with Baron's own philosophy; specifically, his stance on the hotbed of campus discussion sparked by Jenkins' Jan. 23 and 24 addresses to faculty and students on academic freedom and Catholic character.

"Father Jenkins demonstrated a principle in his decision-making that from a multitude of voices, ideas, opinions and perspectives, truth can be identified," Baron said. "I believe that this same principle is applicable to the performance of the 'The Vagina Monologues' and the Gay and Lesbian Film Screenings. Since Father Jenkins' addresses, individuals have been compelled to examine themselves, listen to others and defend their faith.

"Higher learning has taken place. We, as students, are called to make decisions as we learn. Open dialogue with every viewpoint presented and the influence of the Spirit will guide us to truth."

While Baron said he saw the "Monologues" last year and found some content "clearly inconsistent with Catholic thought," he stressed the value of truth, saying the inconsistencies were realities that Catholics cannot choose to ignore.

"I have faith that my faith will lead me to truth, knowledge and the Will of God," Baron said. "We must do more to be Catholic, not less."

That, Baron said, means "'The Vagina Monologues' and the Gay and Lesbian Film Screenings have an important role to play at Notre Dame... but are not the only means by which we must discuss the topics of homosexuality and assault."

... Last year, Baron said performances of "The Vagina Monologues" at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center brought in $15,000 for the S-05 and YWCA organizations in South Bend - a significant chunk of money lost this year when the "Monologues" became a free production in DeBartolo Hall.

"Once again, in this very situation, we are confronted with the question of the role Notre Dame should play in determining how Catholics can go about doing good in the world," Baron said.

He made the distinction between the national YWCA, an openly pro-choice organization, and the South Bend YWCA, an organization without a stated position on abortion.

"Money, raised by Notre Dame students and donated to the local YWCA, would not be used for abortive practices or counseling. It is used to do good that no others are doing."

The heavy discussions across and beyond campus on academic freedom and Notre Dame's Catholic character make this a "momentous time for the University and, specifically, the Notre Dame student body," Baron said.

He quoted Jenkins' inaugural address: "If we are afraid to be different from the world, how can we make a difference in the world?"

"We have a role to play that has national and global implications," Baron said. "It is important that student government be a respectable and thoughtful voice, now more than ever."

And there's no one better to lead the Notre Dame student body through this period in the University's history than current student body vice president and president-elect Lizzi Shappell, Baron said.

"Lizzi Shappell is a woman of will, conviction, insight and empathy," Baron said. "Holding the title of president of the University's largest think tank of America - I thank you."

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But for Baron, what it really comes down to is the necessity of doing good and how he, and his administration, worked to fit Notre Dame into the bigger picture.

"For your time and attention..." he said to the senators, "for your efforts in the last 11 months, for your willingness to be a body of discourse, for your contributions to Notre Dame as a Catholic think tank of America - I thank you.

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Airlines and pilots disagree

Talks with Northwest, Delta employees to renegotiate contract terms fail to yield results

Associated Press

BOMOLUS, Mich. — Two of the nation's largest airlines, Delta and Northwest, failed to reach new contract terms with their pilots on Wednesday after marathon negotiations. Without a deal, Northwest's pilots waited for a judge to rule on whether that carrier could throw out their union contract and impose its own terms. In Delta's case, arbitrating, the judge will decide that issue after a hearing set to begin March 13.

Northwest Airlines Corp. did reach a tentative agreement with flight attendants on Wednesday, the day a New York bankruptcy court had set as a deadline. The same judge, Allan Gropper, could rule at any time on Northwest's request to reject its pilot contract. It wasn't clear when that would happen, but Northwest said a ruling was expected "in the near future."

Delta Air Lines Inc. and Northwest, the nation's third- and fourth-largest airlines, have said they need long-term pay cuts so they can emerge from bankruptcy protection. Both are seeking Chapter 11 protection in New York on Sept. 14.

Attorneys were set to meet with the judge Wednesday night in New York, where pilots agreed to a tentative deal in a meeting with flight attendants that helped emerge from bankruptcy protection. But some experts disagreed.

Delta executives, including Skilling, who has asked for $1 billion in damages at the end of May to reach a tentative agreement with flight attendants that would eliminate all pilots' defined-benefit pension plan. The arbitrators will hold hearings on the contract terms over the next two weeks in a downtown Washington hotel starting March 13 to decide whether to grant Delta's request to throw out its contract with its pilots so the airline can emerge up to $325 million in cuts unilaterally. The union is currently offering about $115 million in average annual concessions.

Both sides agreed to arbitration instead of letting the bankruptcy court make the decision. In late 2004 pilots agreed to a five-year deal that cut pay and benefits by $1 billion annually. It included an immediate 32.5 percent pay cut.

Ex-Enron CFO to testify next week

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Andrew Fastow, the former Enron Corp. chief financial officer who admitted he engineered schemes to hide company debt and inflate profits for years, will testify next week before the full Enron fraud conspiracy trial of his former bosses, company founder Kenneth Lay and former Chief Executive Jeffrey Skilling.

Prosecutors told U.S. District Judge Sim Lake in Houston on Wednesday that Fastow was expected to testify next week against Lay and Skilling in a much-anticipated faceoff between the defendants and the man credited with devising the financial strategies that helped fuel the company's swift December 2001 decent into bankruptcy proceedings.

But Fastow isn't the only worry for the defense. David Delaney, a former high-ranking trading and retail energy executive testified Wednesday that he, Skilling and others lied about the company's financial health as a way of convincing a key creditor to defraud investors.

Delaney has been the government's strongest witness so far, describing the collusion among Enron executives, including Skilling, that made the company look healthier than it was.

Fastow will make his first public statements about his admitted crimes at Enron, and his testimony could be devastating to his former bosses' insistence that they did nothing wrong and no fraud occurred at the company.

Prosecutors contend Lay and Skilling repeatedly lied about Enron's financial health even though they knew that fraudulent accounting propped up the company before it sought bankruptcy protection. Until he reached a plea deal with prosecutors in January 2004, Fastow was the highest-ranking ex-Enron executive indicted in the Justice Department's investigation into Enron's collapse.

A month later Skilling was indicted, followed by Lay in July 2004. Lay has repeatedly skewed Fastow as a crook who betrayed his trust by stealing from the company that made them all multimillionaires.
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O'Shaughnessy's sincerity was apparent, as she pleaded with senators to "stand up for what [you] believe in" and stressed the importance of clubs to the Notre Dame experience.

Siegfried senator Ben Gunt questioned the necessity of the amendment, citing personal experiences with the availability of club funds. "I was part of [Student International Business Council (SIBC)] Hall applied for funding, and got it extremely quickly," he said. "I don't understand why we need even more money [for clubs]."

O'Shaughnessy said the SIBC proposal was "fantastic," but said clubs still "deserve [more] money" for their great contributions to student life.

Academic Affairs Committee chairman Chris Harris acknowledged O'Shaughnessy's ideas, but pointed out the specifics of the amendment. "We are questioning is the fairness of the proposal," he said. "I don't know how I can personally justify giving $44,100 of the student fee increase to the clubs giving everyone else more."

Senators expressed support for O'Shaughnessy's attempts to garner support, not because they were in favor of the amendment. The Senate also voted on -

IRAQ

Saddam admits role in Shiite trials

Former Iraqi leader says 148 executions imply no crime on his part

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — "Where is the crime? Where is the crime?"

So said a defiant Saddam Hussein at the end of Wednesday's hearing in a trial that could send him to the gallows.

In a dramatic speech, the former Iraqi leader told a court that he ordered the trial of 148 Shiites who were eventually executed in the 1980s. He also acknowledged ordering the confinement and flattening of their palm groves and farms in the town of Dujail.

But he insisted he had the right to do so because the Shiites of Dujail were suspected of trying to assassinate him.

"If they are suspecting of shooting at a head of state — no matter what his name is — is considered a crime, then you have the head of state in your hands," Saddam told the judges. "Try him." The bold testimony came a day after prosecutors presented the most direct evidence against him in the four-month trial: a 1984 presidential decree approving the death sentences for the 148, with a signature said to be Saddam's. Saddam did not admit or deny approving their executions, but stated that he was sole responsible for their prosecution, adding that his seven co-defendants should be released.

"If the chief figure makes things easy for you by saying he was the one responsible, then why are you going after these people?" he said.

The deaths of the Shiites are one of the main charges against the defendants, who could face execution by hanging — the same fate as most of the 148 — if convicted. They are on trial also for torturing and imprisonment of the Shiites, as well as the razing of their farmhouses, in a crackdown launched after a July 8, 1982 assassination attempt against Saddam in Dujail.

The prosecution has argued the imprisonment and executions were illegal, saying the 148 were sentenced to death in an "imaginary trial" before Saddam's Revolutionary Court where the defendants did not even appear.

The crackdown, they argue, went far beyond the actual attackers. They have presented documents that show entire families — including women and children as young as 3 months old — were arrested, tortured and held for years. Those executed included at least 10 juveniles, one as young as 11, according to the documents.

The five judges will be able to take Saddam's confession into account when they decide his fate in the case. It will be up to them to decide whether Saddam's actions were illegal, since there is no jury. After Wednesday's session, the trial was adjourned March 12.

The often turbulent trial has become more orderly in the past two sessions under the tough new chief judge, Raouf Abdul-Rahman, who broke a defense team boycott and clamped down on outbursts, shouted insults and arguments by Saddam and other defendants.

The discipline could boost the trial's credibility, which U.S. and Iraqi officials hope will encourage Iraq's sharply divided Shiites and Sunnis to accept the verdict. But outside the courtroom, those divisions have become only blurrier. Nearly 100 people have been killed in the past two days in sectarian violence.

The trial is also beginning to tackle the core of the case against the defendants, as prosecutors presented a series of documents — memos, decrees and reports from Saddam's office and the Mukhabarat intelligence agency — detailing the crackdown.

On Wednesday, the prosecution played an audiotape of Saddam discussing the razing of the Dujail farms with a Baath Party official in the early 1990s, and showed satellite photos of the flattened land.

Chief prosecutor Jaafar al-Mousawi showed the court handwritten letters allegedly by three of the defendants saying they accepted the execution order without question.

"You are going after these people exactly the way you were ordered to do it," the prosecutor, said.

The defendants_FOREACHHOPE to avoid the death penalty. Saddam has not confirmed he will face execution if found guilty.

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Report: Hispanics must adjust better

Education programs could help integration

WASHINGTON — Millions of Hispanics come to America looking for jobs and education, but remaining here seems to be bad for their health.

The longer Hispanics are here, the more likely they are to become obese, to develop diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease. And Hispanics born here have even higher rates of those illnesses, a new government report shows.

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Princeton University

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"We are in the midst of the Hispanic moment," she said at a briefing. But, she added, there are two ominous trends for Hispanics — worsening health status and increased risk of family disruption.

The immigration report, released Wednesday, promptly documented her health concerns.

It found that 22.0 percent of Hispanics who have been in the country five years or more are obese, compared to 16.1 percent who have been here for less than five years.

High blood pressure climbs from 13.4 percent for those here longer. As they stay longer than five years, diabetes rates rise from 6.9 percent to 7.5 percent and heart disease increases from 3.5 percent to 5.4 percent.

And Hispanic immigrants are among those least likely to have health insurance.

Among Hispanics born in the United States, 24.5 percent report high blood pressure, 10.4 percent are diabetic and 7.6 percent have heart disease. Among the native-born U.S. population overall, 22.9 percent are obese, 24.2 percent have high blood pressure, 6.1 percent are diabetic and 7.6 percent have heart disease.

The one positive note, smoking declines from 15.3 percent among Hispanics born here more than five years.

Some 20.1 percent of U.S.-born Hispanics smoke, as do 24.0 percent of the overall population.

NYC police alarmed over student's death

Brutal murder shocks family, investigators

New York — She was a young student who died in a gruesome way: raped, strangled and left on the side of a remote road in Brooklyn. Beige-colored packing tape masked her entire face. A sock was stuffed in her mouth.

The stark contrast between the promising life of 24-year-old Marta Guillen and her ghastly slaying last weekend — and the mystery surrounding her final hours — perplexed and alarmed investigators, who fear her killer may strike again.

Marta Guillen had been set to graduate this semester from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in Manhattan. She graduated with honors from George Washington University in Washington.

"She was kind, she was loving and she wouldn't hurt anyone," her mother, Maureen, said Tuesday outside her home.

"She was a beautiful girl, I mean beautiful inside also," her mother said.

Investigators theorize the killer was a stranger who lured St. Guillen out of The Falls, the lower Manhattan bar where she was last seen early Saturday. But no suspects have been identified.

Later Saturday, authorities received an anonymous 911 call from a man who gave the location of St. Guillen's body — nothing more. Police traced the call to a pay phone at a diner about a mile from where the body was discovered in a patch of woods, and six miles from where she was last seen alive.

Investigators hope to locate the caller, thinking he may have been involved in the crime's planning stages. They also have canvassed motels and hotels, believing the killed, king-size floral bedspread wrapped around the body could have come from one of the establishments. So far, neither lead has panned out.

St. Guillen's family has appealed for the public's help in finding the killer.

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Why celebrity is like Oakland

Legend has it that the gods offered Achilles a choice between a long, undistin­
guished life, or a brief but glorified one. Achilles, gluttonous for fame,
accepted the latter, since to die in battle,2 glorious, means that those who
survived and flourished as celebrities neither have nor want private
lives. As Gertrude Stein once said of Oakland, there is no "there" there.
In the past I have mocked some of the political pronouncements made by film
actors who have somehow come to believe that they do not need just a bit of
use their prominence to share their geopo­

tical insights with the general public.

Most of the commentary deserves the
response that Wolfgang Pauli is said to
have made when presented with a paper
submitted for publication in a
physics journal: "This isn't right. This isn't
even science."
I won't belabor the point — these days
the only people who still believe in fame
have something to contribute to political
debate are other celebrities — except
to show off their knowledge that as a means
to break a person's mind, syphovot is
seeing only to physical torture, at least
only to make a man crazy without laying a
finger on him is to give him an entertaining.
Celebrity seems to me a far worse deal
than fame, but I can still see the appeal
even if I don't feel it. What I cannot
understand is the desire many people have
to appear on television regardless of the
irrelevance of their views. Reality television
seems devoted to finding out just how much people
are willing to humiliate themselves to appear on
screen. I'd like to propose a bold and wholly
useless theory about why this is so.
We have become Berkeleian Idealists. This
form of idealism, named after the Irish
philosopher George Berkeley, holds that
the world is composed not of mind-inde­
pendent material objects, but of Ideas. It is in the essence of ideas to be perceived
by someone. As Berkeley put it "esse est
peragari". To be is to be perceived.
Contrary to popular belief, philosophers
don't actually spend their time debating
the question "if a tree falls in a forest and
there is no one there to hear it, does it make a sound?" but if we did, the
Berkeleian Idealist would hold that with­
out an observer, not only is there no sound, there is no tree either.
This is not the aim of idealism but perhaps
implies that combined with belief in God
(especially himself) was an Anglican Bishop,
at a time when holding that office was still
a fairly reliable indication of belief in God.
An Anglican, all-seeing God secures the per­

nance of trees and other objects that might
otherwise pop out of existence when we aren't looking.

Medieval cathedrals are often decorated with gargoyles and other ornamental posi­
tions so far above the ground that once
in place there is no way that they would have been seen and hence uncarved.
But the craftsman still worked on them as if their
features would have been subject to close
inspection, because God would see them.
As the poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
put it, "In the older days of art,
builders sought with greatest care
each minute and unseen part.
For the gods are everywhere."
In the world today we pay attention to
these things, there is a corresponding
increase in the constant need for the
recognition of others. Herein perhaps
the somewhat compulsive relationship so
many of us have with instant messenger,
e-mail and our cellphones, and hence our
depth unease with the experience of
solitude. In our deep unease with the experience of
the world is composed not of
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education should teach us to be good citi­
zens. I'd agree (if only I believed that those
don't actually spend their time debating
good citizens, but while we're making
lists let me add that that has been
mentioned nearly so often as good citizen­
s but as just as important. A university
education should teach us how to be alone.

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the differences between English and
Japanese comedy. To this day he is unable
for account for this happened. Peter
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The views expressed in this column are
those of the author and not necessarily
those of The Observer.

Consider vegetarianism for Lent

This Lent, we can play a significant role in alleviating the suffer­
ing of the voiceless. From labor in the fields to confinement in the
factories, the work by which our food came to settle on our din­
er plate involved much suffering. It is one thing to silently con­
der wading, but ifthai wddness requires more than mere words.
Therefore, I challenge Notre Dame students, faculty and clergy to
try vegetarianism for Lent.

This decision to give up meat or consume less animal products is consistent with Christ's ministry for the weak and oppressed.
Today, more than ever, animals are deserving of this special con­
sciousness. Factory farms, where the majority of meat and dairy
come from, involve severe confinement and painful slaughter for
billion of animals. This inhumane treatment is a perv­

ersion of Christ's peaceable kingdom where "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; as the still as the full and the young lion and the fawning together; and a lit­
tle child shall lead them." Isaiah 11.6.) This passage, along
from numerous other biblical references to animals to the fact
we ought not to ignore animals as we work towards living in the spirit
of Christ. The way of compassion and mercy can and should

translate into our own time. To ignore it is falling short of our
human potential to honor God's creation.

In his life of service and teaching, forgiving the outcasts of
society. With a similar respect for all of God's creation, we can
allow farm animals into our sphere of compassion. The question
should not be "Why can't we eat animals?" but rather, "Do we
need to eat animals for our survival?" Human beings are not per­
fect, but any steps towards living more compassionately is signifi­
cant progress.
The overall message of Christ's life can inform the challenges
we face today. As theologian Andrew Linzey points out, to
opt for a vegetarian lifestyle is to take one practical step towards
the "kingdom of God." To assist you with this goal, I highly recommend visiting www.veg.org, a site wholly
dedicated to this spiritual journey.

Danielle Nunez
Cavanaugh Hall
Feb. 28

Letter to the Editor

"Today is your day! You're off to great heights.
So... get on your way.

Theodore Seuss Geisel
children's author
I just talked to a friend who, for Lent, plans to give away one thing each day. He will examine his material goods and then, every day, let one of them go. Nothing. This may be easy for the first week, but Extra pair of pants, no big deal; those shoes I never wore, won’t miss ‘em.

After a bit, however, it seems that my friend’s discipline will become more, rather than less, difficult. Let’s just say, this doesn’t go up, say, coffee, where (after the headache goes away) you just sort of got used to its temporary absence. By the time he gets into the final couple weeks of Lent, he will certainly have exhausted his supply of that which he doesn’t mind giving away, and his gifts (which are now permanently, rather than temporarily, absent) will be hitting a little closer to home.

Kate Barrett
FaithPrint

It strikes me, though, that for the very reason that giving your stuff away would get harder and harder, it’s a great metaphor for how to spend your possessions, to let them go. It’s not about keeping stripping away all that separates our souls from Christ and the closer we get to Jesus’ death and transforming resurrection? Maybe I can feel just as secure with seven pairs of pants as with eight, or with one less cell phone. Doesn’t happen when what I have left is really, really favorite sweatshirt?

Does it help to not skip a day of giving? Whatever we wrap around us, literally or figuratively, that makes us feel safe, or cool, or proud, or smart, or daring, can also be the very thing that holds us back from facing just our plain-old-undeniable-possibly-inadequate selves. This same “stuff” can become our reason for neglecting our relationship with God, because in the little corners of our lives where the “stuff,” isn’t, we know that God may be calling us to unwrap these layers of protection. Do we look to accumulate the possessions, to show off our popularity, or expertise in a certain area, out of concern for what others think about what others think of us?

At what point do we recite from the Lord’s Prayer “Give us this day our daily bread,” in order to follow him with all our heart? It’s probably not at the point where we eat chocolate, or beer, or TV or video games. We strip down in a lot of ways during Lent — our churches and chapels look more bare and music of our worship becomes more solemn and stark; we give things up and try to spend more time in prayer; we may eat more as a rite of penance. Shouldn’t we be stripping away our concerns about what others think of us? For many of us, finding 40 things to give up wouldn’t be a hope to dig tip deeply into our favored possessions. These next 40 days, however, could be powerful, transforming ones if we allow ourselves to become own at least a little, and let a prayer of protective armor we usually carry with us. Our mothers were wrong not to give up our things, we could do it all in the little corners of our lives where the “stuff,” isn’t, we know that God may be calling us to unwrap these layers of protection. Do we look to accumulate the possessions, to show off our popularity, or expertise in a certain area, out of concern for what others think about what others think of us?

GIVING UP FOR LENT

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I’ve been a Notre Dame fan for 30 years, and I haven’t missed a game. I’m going to assume that Chute, like much of the Notre Dame community, didn’t watch television when the Irish lost their first game of the season, how poorly we played that first year. To compare this current season to 1995, no one could say we are hurting toward our worst record in 14 mostly mediocre seasons in the Big East. It hasn’t been 14 seasons, and we have played much worse than this year.

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Alumnus
Class of ’96
March 1

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By BOB COSTA

Scene Critic

Notre Dame is not exactly known for its music scene. With limited local venues besides Acoustic Cafe for campus bands to play, most fade away by graduation. But that was never the case for Umphrey's McGee, an exceedingly popular rock band that formed at Notre Dame in December of 1992.

Led on vocals and guitar by Brendan Bayliss — the son of longtime men's tennis coach Bobby Bayliss — Umphrey's McGee has certainly evolved. The group once known for headlining downtown South Bend's State Theater and Wishawaka pubs became a rock band that has headlined nationally acclaimed studio album that features more than three-chorus, verse and melody. All six members of the band, from keyboardist Joel Cummins to drummer Kris Myers, leave their own marks on each track — allowing the album to have a complex tone yet approachable accessibility.

Music critics have been quick to point out Umphrey's McGee has solidified itself as one of the top 25 of the college radio chart for a season.

In T'Morning the mechanical rhythm musicans from the syncs and electronic percussion melts into Cracknell's tender voice. Showing off their mastery of different styles, Saint Etienne have achieved their latest record on an American hipster jazz label, would land the album from South Bend to Amsterdam.

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The Observer

former student band gains popularity

By JOE LATTAL

Scene Critic

Electronic indie vets can still learn new tricks.

You might see rappers wear basketball jerseys or rock stars in the stands at a baseball game, but no one tops Saint Etienne in their dedication to pro sports.

A presence since the late 80s when electro pop ruled the clubs, Saint Etienne is named after its favorite French football club, AS Saint-Etienne.

But whether you call it football or soccer, Saint Etienne is the sheer joy and the drive to hammer out body commentaries and words here and there. Other tracks, like the personal "Milk Bottle Symphony," deliver a driving baseline and a totally電子い inspectors feeling, comparable to Postal Service's "Give Up." Other tracks stand out on electronic production, such as the open-ended "Side Streets" about avoiding the spotlight, which sounds more like a Belle and Sebastian song.

But the highlights of the album are the dance tracks, without a doubt. "A Good Thing" takes you straight to the discotheque with a dance pop groove similar to Kylie Minogue or Goldfrapp.

The track features a triumphant riff of keys, bass and electronic percussion that moves the song forward like a good plot.

In "I'm Falling" the mechanical rhythm produced by the synthesizers and electronic percussion melts into Cracknell's tender voice. Showcasing off their mastery of different songwriting styles, Saint Etienne don't waste a single track on their gem of an album.

The band's new studio release, "Safety In Numbers," takes its performances to a new level.

The Observer
By SEAN SWEANY  Scene Writer

A majority of people envision ancient Greek temples as massive structures, like the Parthenon in Athens, supported by stone columns with many decorations carved into the stone on all sides of the building. What many do not realize is that monumental structures like the Parthenon have their roots in the Greek countryside without stone columns and carvings, the temple of Jesus and Hera at Corinth, Greece. This temple, which was the first monumental temple in the ancient world, is the subject of the exhibition "The Genesis of Monumental Architecture in Greece: The Corinth Project." The exhibition, headed by Notre Dame professor Robin Rhodes, presents the "Corinth Project," a study of the Greek countryside and the construction of its monumental architecture. Through March 21 at the Snite Museum of Art. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday. admission is free.

Rhodes' aim in the exhibit was to "create an architecture exhibit that was not only the architecture he is interested in, but also show visitors how to perform the tasks of recreating the architecture." As visitors look at the many fragments of stone blocks piled in a seemingly random order, they see literally the "building blocks" of the temple and were used to construct the wall. Directly next to these is a massive, nearly to scale partial recreation of what the temple wall would have looked like. A video shows how new blocks are formed in a process called "vacuum forming." This process creates plastic replicas that look exactly like real blocks but weigh much less. The reconstruction allows visitors to see and appreciate the effort that goes into monumental architecutre.

The other monumental aspect of the "Corinth Project" is the intricate system of interlocking roof tiles. After viewing several displays illustrating the nature and design of the tiles, visitors can experience firsthand how Rhodes and his team were able to recreate the terra cotta tiles using modern methods. A video shows the process in real time, as actual tiles the team made are put together to show what a real roof would have looked like.

Additionally, The Chieftains have collaborated with many of the world's top musicians, including Willie Nelson, Van Morrison and Mick Jagger. This world-renowned band is playing at Notre Dame in large part because of the efforts of DPAC executive director John Haynes. Haynes arranged the concert for both last year and this year and believes that The Chieftains "should play at Notre Dame every year for as long as possible." Last year's concert was immensely popular and this year's looks to be no different, as tickets sold out within three days of the sale date.

As a special treat during the concert, The Chieftains will be performing jointly with the University Symphony Orchestra.

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Daniel Stowe, is comprised of more than 60 undergraduate and graduate student musicians. The University Symphony Orchestra performs six concerts on campus each year and traveled to California last winter for several well-received performances. The opportunity to work with The Chieftains and the University Symphony Orchestra to play together was again facilitated by Haynes when he heard that Moloney had created several orchestral compositions that he was eager to perform in concert. The availability of the University Symphony Orchestra and its relatively low cost compared to other symphony orchestras made the concert an opportunity possible.

The two groups will play together again at St. Patrick's Day concert in New York City's prestigious Carnegie Hall in two weeks. "The Chieftains and the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra at Carnegie Hall on St. Patrick's Day — that phrase speaks for itself," Haynes said.

For those who will be in New York City for St. Patrick's Day, tickets are still available for the joint performance. Tonight, the two groups plan to play a variety of other pieces in addition to Moloney's orchestral compositions. The Chieftains also like surprises, and the appearance of Irish dancers is not uncommon at their toe-tapping concerts. What is for certain is that The Chieftains and the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra will create an electric Celtic atmosphere in the Leighton Concert Hall for all to enjoy.

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By SEAN SWEANY  Scene Writer

Since 1962, traditional Irish musicians The Chieftains have been performing at festivals and in their own world, including Pope John Paul II. Tonight, the group will play in the delegation center of the Performing Arts (DPAC) for the first time, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall of the campus center of the Performing Arts (DPAC) for the first time, 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall of the campus center.

Irish musician Paddy Moloney formed The Chieftains from several of the top folk musicians in Ireland. The group performed together occasionally until 1962, when its members began playing together full-time. Since then, band members have come and gone, but The Chieftains have continued to push the boundaries of Irish music with their rich, melodic sounds.

Using traditional Irish instruments including the Uillean pipes, tin whistle, bodhran and a special drum called a bodhran, The Chieftains have promoted the appeal of Celtic music worldwide. The band's lively Irish music is often mixed with influences of Spanish, North African and a distinctive, energetic melody that emerges in each of its 41 albums.

During their four decades together, The Chieftains have received numerous awards and acclaim — including six Grammy awards — the distinction of being named Ireland's Musical Ambassadors and a performance in front of 135,000,000 people during the Pope's visit to Ireland in 1979. Additionally, The Chieftains have collaborated with many of the world's top musicians, including Willie Nelson, Van Morrison and Mick Jagger.

The Chieftains formed in 1962 when Paddy Moloney brought together some of the best Irish folk musicians of the time. The group will perform tonight at the DPAC.

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A new exhibit at the Snite Museum showcases professor Robin Rhodes and his students' reconstruction of the ancient Greek temple of Corinth. The "Corinth Project" is one of those rare museum exhibits that allows visitors to learn more about the topic in a hands-on, instructive manner that is fun at the same time. A trip to the Snite Museum to learn more about monumental architecture at the ancient temple of Corinth is well worth it.

"The Genesis of Monumental Architecture in Greece: The Corinth Project" continues through March 21 at the Snite Museum of Art. Admission is free.
Florida State's Andew Wilson celebrates with the crowd on the court after the Seminoles beat Duke, 73-74, Wednesday in Tallahassee, Fla. A premature first celebration stopped play with 1.7 seconds left in the first half and resulted in a foul against the Seminoles.

The Jayhawks (21-7, 12-3), who have beaten Colorado 34 times in their last 35 meetings, had their 10-game winning streak snapped on Saturday in an 80-52 loss at Texas. But Texas A&M upset the Longhorns 46-43 at the same time Kansas was beating the Buffs.

Kansas ends its regular season at Kansas State on Saturday, while Texas hosts Oklahoma on Sunday.

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**Name finalized for new Indy stadium**

**Associated Press**

**INDIANAPOLIS — To the booming strains of rock music, the Indianapolis Colts announced Wednesday that Lucas Oil Products Inc. had won the right to name the team’s new home field Lucas Oil Stadium — news the company's CEO jokingly called the "worst-kept secret in the world.”

Forrest Lucas said he had hoped to keep a lid on the news that his California-based company had reached a 20-year sponsorship deal with the Colts worth $121.5 million. The deal includes the naming rights for the 63,000-seat, retractable-roof stadium, set to open in May 2008.

"Boy was this the worst-kept secret in the world,” Lucas said, generating laughter in the crowd that turned out. Lucas, who was born and grew up in southern Indiana, said he was delighted that his company had won the right to name the stadium for the NFL team in his home state.

He said Colts fans will get used the name of the new $500 million stadium, which will replace the RCA Dome, where the team has played since the team moved from Baltimore in 1984. The new stadium is scheduled to open in time for the 2008 NFL season.

"I know a lot of people are saying, ‘Lucas Oil — that doesn’t roll off your mouth very good, Lucas Oil Stadium,’” he said, smiling. "But after you do it a few times it will.”

Under the 20-year agreement filed with the Marion County Circuit Improvement Board, Lucas will pay an average of $6.1 million a year starting in 2008. RCA currently pays $1.3 million a year for the naming rights to the RCA Dome. Lucas, 64, recounted his humble beginnings during his short speech, saying he was "born kind of poor," the son of a bricklayer.

A former truck driver, he said he worked hard to open a small trucking company before starting Lucas Oil Products in 1990. The Corona, Calif.-based company has grown into a leading maker of heavy duty and high performance lubricants used in the trucking industry and auto racing.

**IN BRIEF**

**Bonds to star in ESPN2 reality series**

Barry Bonds' reality TV show chronicling the slugger during his pursuit of Hank Aaron's career home run record will debut April 4 on ESPN2, the network announced Wednesday.

The show, titled "Bonds on Bonds" and produced by Mike Tollin and Brian Robbins, will offer a weekly behind-the-scenes look at Bonds and the San Francisco Giants throughout the season. Bonds, who turns 42 in July, enters 2006 with 708 home runs, seven shy of passing Babe Ruth and 48 from breaking Aaron's mark.

"It was over 10 years ago when Mike Tollin interviewed me for the Hank Aaron documentary and I said at the time that no one will ever get close to 755," Bonds said in a statement. "At the age of 42 to finally have a chance to catch legends like Babe and Hank is really a mind-blowing honor.”

Crosby refuses to criticize Team Canada

Sidney Crosby's only regret about the Olympics is he won't be able to play in them for another four years, not that he was passed over for the recent Canadian hockey team.

The Penguins' rookie star declined again Wednesday to criticize Team Canada officials for bypassing him despite the Canadians' poor showing in Turin, Italy, where they failed to reach the semifinals four years after winning the gold in Salt Lake City.

"When I watched the first game, it was tough because I think that was the time I realized it's probably going to be another four years before I had the opportunity,” Crosby said.

"After that, I just became a fan. I was pulling for them and I wanted them to do well.”

"It’s unfortunate it didn’t, but I said before Canada had a lot of expectations and they’re not going to win gold every time.”

Guerrero will not play in World Baseball Classic

Vladimir Guerrero pulled out of the World Baseball Classic on Wednesday, saying he will not play for the Dominican Republic because of the recent deaths of his three cousins.

Fernando Guerrero, 26, Salvador Carmona, 25, and Henry Guerrero, 23, were killed in a car accident last weekend while driving from Don Gregorio to San Cristobal in the Dominican Republic.

Guerrero took Monday and Tuesday off from spring training drills with the Los Angeles Angels after learning of their deaths. He said Wednesday at Angels camp that he was very close to his cousins and he would not be able to focus enough on baseball to represent his country in the WBC.

"I feel mentally that I cannot go out there and play and compete for my country,” Guerrero said.
Teams fear cap limits, begin to dump high-priced veteran players

NEW YORK — NFL owners will try Thursday to find labor peace before the start of free agency, hoping to avoid the mass dumping of veterans for salary-cap reasons.

The owners will meet in New York, looking to reach an agreement with the players’ union that could add $10 million to $15 million to a 2006 salary cap that currently is projected at about $95 million. Without it, some teams could be forced into wholesale cuts to get beneath the cap by midnight. Free agency starts Friday.

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NCAA identifies 65 schools violating academic standards

Notre Dame included in eight schools that earned superior marks

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Teams at 65 schools — including Texas, Tennessee and West Virginia — failed to meet the NCAA's new academic standards and now face the loss of scholarships for their poor grades.

But don’t look for any of the biggest names in football or basketball on the list released Wednesday by the NCAA of those lagging behind in the classroom.

The only school in the six biggest conferences to be sanctioned in football or men’s basketball, the primary money-makers for most athletic departments, was DePaul of the Big East. It could lose one scholarship in men’s basketball next year.

Nationally, 99 teams could lose scholarships as early as next fall. The new academic points system requires each team to meet minimum requirements or face the potential loss of scholarship money when academically ineligible athletes leave school. No school can lose more than 10 percent of its scholarships.

And if the ineligible scholarship athlete stays in school, the NCAA will not take the scholarship away from the athlete’s team.

Sacramento State had the most teams affected (18) and could face the loss of as many as 2.3 scholarships in football. Prairie View A&M in Texas was among the hardest hit schools. As many as 10 athletes in five sports could lose scholarship money, including 5.3 scholarships in football alone.

The NCAA also released a list of schools that consistently outperformed its baseline standards. Among those were Brown, Harvard, Yale, Notre Dame, the three U.S. military academies and William and Mary. North Carolina and Illinois, the two teams that reached last year’s NCAA men’s basketball championship game, were both among the top 10 percent academically in that sport.

Overall, NCAA officials were pleased with the improvement made since last year when about 6 percent of sports teams made the list. Fewer than 2 percent of teams were penalized this year.

“We want people to know that if you’re going to play our games, you’re going to be a student,” NCAA president Myles Brand said.

Brand said a statistical adjustment, similar to the margin of error in public opinion polls, helped some schools avoid the list. Kevin Lennon, the NCAA’s vice president of membership services, said 63 schools also received waivers based primarily on their institutional mission statement, 16 were rejected.

The NCAA may not be so forgiving in the future when the statistical adjustment is phased out and repeat offenders become subject to harsher penalties such as postseason bans and the loss of tournament money. Some university officials hope that sends an even stronger message.

“Obviously, if you received a penalty in this round, you need to find out what’s wrong,” said Walter Harrison, president of the University of Hartford.

Those institutions need to get better and get better quick because those adjustments will be smaller and eventually go away.”

Football teams fared the worse, followed by baseball and men’s basketball. Nine women’s programs were sanctioned, compared with 90 men’s teams.

Six schools — Florida A&M, Jacksonville State, Murray State, Kentucky, Nicholls State in Louisiana, Tennessee-Chattanooga and Tennessee-Martin — all received the maximum penalty in Division I-AA football, 6.3 scholarships.

Scholarship reductions in any sport are not easy to accept,” said Hawaii athletic director Herman Frazier, whose school could lose five scholarships in football and one in baseball. “I have spoken to the coaches of both sports involved and impressed on them a need for improvement to avoid those scholarship reductions in the future.

Only seven teams in the six power conferences — Atlantic Coast Conference, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Southeastern Conference and Pac-10 — were sanctioned.

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essential ingredient to a defense that allowed 94 goals last year, the second-fewest in Notre Dame history.

"There's more pressure," said Kemp. "Everyone's looking at you to play solid and be a leader back there. And in the position I play I have to be a leader — the quarterback of the defense."

Kemp earned that trust last year by leading the nation with a .652 save percentage and being named a second team All-Great Western Lacrosse League selection and CWLL Rookie of the Year.

"I've grown into that role. Last year I had to gain the trust of the upercalssmen." Accolades aside, Corrigan feels the team's trust in Kemp as a leader emanates from the presence he has in the net.

"He's just a very poised kid," he said. "He doesn't get rattled if he lets one in or makes a great save. He stays in there and looks to make the next play. He's back there taking care of his job."

Corrigan knew he caught a player when he shocked Kemp out of Potomac, Md., where Kemp, the team's MVP, captained Georgetown Prep to a 22-1 record and No. 1 national ranking by Inside Lacrosse magazine. But with 18 seasons of experience in recruiting and developing Irish0 athletes, Corrigan knows the gap between high school and college competition, and he says he could not have asked for the better performance by a freshman goalie.

"Now we know he was very talented and going to be a good goalie," he said. "But you don't expect that. He's been everything and more than we thought he could be." Corrigan credits Kemp's fundamentals as the key to succeeding so early in his college career.

"Technically he's very sound," he said. "His positioning and footwork are textbook — the position, the placement, the dummies."

Corrigan is appreciative of Kemp's older brother C.J., an "outstanding goalie" at Fairfield (Conn.) University who plays in the Major League Lacrosse circuit, and credits him with being an instructive resource for Joey.

Kemp is in his second year protecting the net for an Irish team looking to improve an embattled defense to stimulate a post-season birth. And the sophomore sensation hopes to fill those shoes — and the net — and be a defensive catalyst. Kemp's plan this year is as fundamentally sound as his season's goal: don't let as many balls by.

"Last year we were around a nine or 10 goals against average," he said. "This year it'll be great to be around six. You won't lose many games when you're giving up around six every game."

His ambitions, if they come true, would give the Irish an outstanding record. Last year the Irish scored at least six goals themselves all but once. But Notre Dame tallied eight goals in last week's season opener, Kemp and company held No. 14 Penn State to four, the lowest allowed since a 12-2 triumph over Air Force two years ago.

"Kemp, however, was disappointed.

"We actually should've gotten two or three," he said. "They scored two off failed clearnings.

According to Kemp, most of the credit for limiting Nittany Lion scoring record Sunday, tallying nine goals and two assists for 11 points.

"To be honest I didn't even realize how many goals I had scored until the end of the game," Kemp said. "This year, it comes kind of naturally."

By uncluttering Kemp's workspace, he has been able to flourish.

"It's a great help to have four great defenseman," he said. "I'm seeing shots. I know where they're coming from. It's a lot easier for me to save those shots." Corrigan simplified Kemp's success to great goaltending.

"Everything that does or doesn't go in has to go by him," he said. "He made the saves he should have had and some he shouldn't. Whenever you get great goaltending, the goalie steals some. We've gotten used to Joey doing that."

Driscoll said.

"Knowing we have Joey back — takes a little pressure off me," he said. "He's been awesome since the second he stepped on campus."

It is hard to imagine that was only a year ago.

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rebounded and became the main Irish scoring option when Quinn and guard Colin Falls (six points, 2-of-7 shooting) could not get open. He also secured five offensive rebounds and kept several possessions alive with tips or rebounds.

"It was just one of those things where you know you have to get this win, so I just started attacking the basket aggressively," Francis said.

"I think that energy rubbed off on everyone else." The Irish also switched in-and-out of zone and man defenses throughout the game to stifle the Friars' shooters.

Providence freshman guard Shaasar Curry led all scorers with 25 points, but Notre Dame succeeded in keying on Providence guard Donnie McGrath and prevented him from getting more than a few open looks.

McGrath, who entered the game with a team-high 15.4 points per game scoring average in conference play, played all 40 minutes but scored just nine points on 3-of-13 shooting, replicating an equally frustrating 3-of-12 shooting effort in Providence's 92-77 loss to Notre Dame at the Joyce Center Jan. 14.

"Coach Irey wanted us to switch back from zone to man, man to zone, and that was real effective," Francis said. "They were hot early, but they weren't shooting like that all game because of our defense."

Quinn didn't explode for 31 points on 15-of-14 shooting as he did Jan. 14 against the Friars, but he deferred to teammates in the teams' second meeting.

Once Francis scored with 8:45 remaining in the first half to give Notre Dame a 19-18 advantage, Providence couldn't regain the lead until forward Goff McDermott hit 1-of-2 foul shots at the 7:05 mark of the second half to put the Friars up, 66-59.

But Notre Dame answered the threat with a 9-0 run sparked by two Francis free throws. Francis completed the run with a basket to make the score 68-60 with about four minutes to go. And though Providence center Helbert Hill converted an old-fashioned 3-point play to cut the lead to 68-63, Carter, Quinn, Falls and freshman guard Kyle Almarailey (11 points, 3-of-4 3-pointers) made key baskets and foul shots down the stretch to fend off the Friars, who scored just five points with a minute- and-a-half remaining but could not get closer.

Notre Dame takes a 10-9 all-time series lead against Providence with the victory.

Carter, who played only four minutes against the Friars Jan. 14, filled Quinn's scorer's role in the first half by dropping 15 points in the first 20 minutes. He made 5-of-7 field goals, including 2-of-4 3-pointers, in that stretch.

Both teams got off to sluggish overall starts, though Providence prevailed in the early minutes. With the Irish in man-to-man defense, the Friars found lanes to drive and kick, opening a 5-0 lead early and a 10-5 advantage (4-of-7 shooting) at 15:25.

Providence's Curry scored 16 points in the half to lead all scorers.

But Goff hit 1-of-2 free throws, and then Notre Dame switched to a match-up zone, forcing three Providence turnovers in the next four minutes.

McGrath had a 3-pointer with 14 minutes remaining to give the Friars a 13-6 lead, but the Irish went on a 9-0 run, sparked by consecutive Carter baskets and four points from Rob Kurz to take a 15-13 lead at 11:33.

Neither team could miss just minutes later.

Beginning with a Almarailey 3-pointer to make the score 22-18 Irish, Notre Dame and Providence continued to hit free straight 3-point baskets, with Almarailey hitting a second from deep to give Notre Dame a 28-24 lead.

That was part of a stretch in which Notre Dame made eight field goals on eight consecutive possessions, unflazed by the Senior Night atmosphere of the Dunkin' Donuts Center.

"With the amount of places we've played, it wasn't a very intimidating atmosphere," Francis said.

"We've played in much more hostile environments, but they still had the advantage playing on their home court."

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Irish freshman Kyle Almarailey, right, drives past Marquette forward Steve Novak in an 80-72 Notre Dame loss on Feb. 25.

Notes:

ESPN The Magazine has named Quinn to its Men's Basketball University Division Academic All-America First Team, making Quinn the seventh player in the history of Notre Dame men's basketball to earn Academic All-America honors.

Quinn is the first Irish men's basketball player since Pat Garrity (Orlando Magic) to earn the award. Garrity earned the honor in both 1992 and 1997.

Notre Dame is the only school to have a men's and women's player (point guard Megan Duffy) honored as Academic All-Americans this year.

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How often should I go to Confession?

The Church does not offer any definite frequency that one must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, except to say that one who has attained the age of reason (normally, age seven) is "bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious [mortal] sins at least once a year" (CCC 1457). (Keep in mind that this is not so much a recommendation for action as it is a bare minimum for membership, as the Church also requires us to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, but of course the majority of practicing Catholics receive it much more frequently.) The Catechism goes on to state that, "Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion, even if he experiences deep contrition [sorrow for sin] without having first received sacramental absolution" (1457). If he does, one may be even worse off, as he "eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Cor 11:29).

By the term "serious sins," the Church is referring to especially grave sins, also known as mortal sins, which are those that "destroys charity [love] in the heart of man by a grave violation of God's law; it turns man away from God" (CCC 1855). Scripture provides many lists of sins that might well qualify as serious: "fornication, impurity, licentiousness [lacking moral discipline or restraint, especially in sexual matters], idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like" (Gal 5:19-21).

While not explicitly necessary, the Church also sees the value in confessing lesser venial sins regularly as well, that we might all be continually encouraged to grow in holiness by following after Jesus Christ in all things. However, this must be balanced well to avoid the tendency towards scrupulosity, where one tries to find sin in oneself even when there is none to find. If you have questions regarding what is sin and what is not, a solid confessor should help you discern what truly does need to be confessed.

A good rule of thumb that I try to follow is to receive the Sacrament of Confession about once a month, or whenever I feel in my heart that I have done something for which I especially need to seek forgiveness from God.

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USA SOCCER

U.S. team weathered Poland

Dempsey’s goal good enough to squeak out victory in snowstorm

Associated Press

K A I S E R S L A U T E R N , Germany — The last time Clint Dempsey played in a snowstorm, the match was reduced to a penalty-kick shoot out rather than going the full 90 minutes. That was in Texas when he was playing club soccer.

On Wednesday night, Dempsey and the U.S. team defied the elements and beat Poland 1-0 in a World Cup tuneup played in blizzard conditions.

In a some more bumbling Lambeau Field than a soccer field, Dempsey scored the only goal off a misplay by Poland’s goalie in the 48th minute.

“I never played in a game when that much snow came in at the same time,” Dempsey said. “I never saw little flurries turn into big snow like that.”

“The ball kept bouncing around here and there,” Dempsey said. “It bounced perfectly on Dempsey’s fortuitous goal. Eddie Lewis made a superb long pass from the left wing into the penalty area. Goalkeeper Artur Boruc, who entered to start the second half, tried to punch it away. Instead, the ball deflected off the head of U.S. forward Taylor Twellman directly to Dempsey.

All Twellman’s teammates with the New England Revolution had to do was head it into a gaping net.

“The defender thought the goalie was going to get it, and it caused him to hesitate a bit. And I was able to get behind him and get one in the back of the net,” Dempsey said.

“I apologized for his mis-take, but that’s not enough,” Poland coach Pawel Janas said of Boruc. “You need to concentrate more.”

The next time the United States plays at Fritz-Walter-Stadion, it probably will be 50 degrees warmer, with no sign of snow and a frosty wind.

By the midpoint of the second half, the swirling snow made heading the ball an adventure and trying to make cuts a dangerous proposition.

In the final minutes, referee Thorsten Kinhofer even went to a yellow ball so it would contrast against the white blanket on the field.

“I’m not sure the snow was an advantage for anybody,” U.S. coach Bruce Arena said.

“We have been training in California, our domestic players, for seven weeks. And they certainly didn’t show up, with the team’s head coach being in Canada, where there’s no snow.

“We didn’t have the snow and a frosty wind. There were some glaring differences, though. The Boston Red Sox left fielder entered at spring training with his agents and others in a pair of luxury vehicles: one copper, one silver.

He sported dark orange dreadlocks and was on the baseball field for only an hour. He showed up, with the team’s approval, one day after the mandatory reporting date.

The slugger declined several opportunities to say he’s happy to still be with the team he asked to be traded following last season.

“I’m here. I’m here,” Ramirez said when asked if he’s happy to still be in Boston.

He also said he wouldn’t extend his comments about past trade rumors or play for the Dominican Republic in the World Baseball Classic.

“I’m the main focus,” he said, “getting prepared for the season to help Boston win. I’m not ready for the trade. I’m going to go there and make a fool of myself.”

Ramirez isn’t expected to play in Thursday night’s exhibition opener against the Netherlands but manager Terry Francona didn’t think he’d be out of the line-up for long.

Ramirez’s agent, Greg Genske, made it clear his client might not exercise his 10-5 rights (10 years in the majors and five with the same team) to refuse a trade.

“I wouldn’t say that,” Genske said when asked if Ramirez has no intention of leaving the Red Sox. “I’d say he’s kept an open mind. Ramirez, who reportedly was more privacy than he has in Boston, said Wednesday he liked the situation.

“I got paid to play baseball and no (matter) where I go and play, I’ve still got to go and perform even if I like it or not,” he said.

That wasn’t exactly endorsing his current team.

“I’m fine. I’m fine,” he said. “I guess a lot of people want me to be back and that’s why I’m here.”

Ramirez is due to make $19 million in 2006, the sixth year of his right-year, $16 million contract.

Over the 2003 season, the Red Sox placed him on waivers in an effort to relieve themselves of his expensive contract but found no takers and tried to trade him for left-hander Oliver Perez.

On Feb. 9, Ramirez took off the last two games before the trade deadline.

“I think Manny knows that we have made a good faith effort to meet his ... request,” Jed Hoyer, general manager, said on Jan. 12. “We haven’t forgot kind that he’s been for us.”

Genske wouldn’t say directly that Ramirez had asked to be traded.

“It’s difficult to characterize it along all,” he said. “After the last few years it’s a situation where the Red Sox have wanted to trade him or have some kind of trade situation with him. Manny has always been willing to participate in those kind of talks and he’s been willing to keep an open mind and cooper at the Red Sox decide that they want to have trade discussions.”

The team gave Ramirez permission to report on March 1, six days after the first full-squad workout. Genske said Ramirez wasn’t fixed for reporting after Feb. 28. Ramirez said he didn’t want to change his offseason training program by reporting for the first workout.

MLB

Ramirez shows at Red Sox camp, as expected

Outfielder shy about future with Red Sox

Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Manny Ramirez showed up for work Wednesday like other 9-to-5ers, an employee paid to do his job even if he might prefer moving to another company—or team.

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“I wouldn’t say that,” Genske said when asked if Ramirez has no intention of leaving the Red Sox. “I’d say he’s kept an open mind. Ramirez, who reportedly was more privacy than he has in Boston, said Wednesday he liked the situation.

“I got paid to play baseball and no (matter) where I go and play, I’ve still got to go and perform even if I like it or not,” he said.

That wasn’t exactly endorsing his current team.

“I’m fine. I’m fine,” he said. “I guess a lot of people want me to be back and that’s why I’m here.”

Ramirez is due to make $19 million in 2006, the sixth year of his right-year, $16 million contract.

Over the 2003 season, the Red Sox placed him on waivers in an effort to relieve themselves of his expensive contract but found no takers and tried to trade him for left-hander Oliver Perez.

On Feb. 9, Ramirez took off the last two games before the trade deadline.

“I think Manny knows that we have made a good faith effort to meet his ... request,” Jed Hoyer, general manager, said on Jan. 12. “We haven’t forgot kind that he’s been for us.”

Genske wouldn’t say directly that Ramirez had asked to be traded.

“It’s difficult to characterize it along all,” he said. “After the last few years it’s a situation where the Red Sox have wanted to trade him or have some kind of trade situation with him. Manny has always been willing to participate in those kind of talks and he’s been willing to keep an open mind and cooper at the Red Sox decide that they want to have trade discussions.”

The team gave Ramirez permission to report on March 1, six days after the first full-squad workout. Genske said Ramirez wasn’t fixed for reporting after Feb. 28. Ramirez said he didn’t want to change his offseason training program by reporting for the first workout.
Tennis
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"It's pretty timely that we're going to a doubles tournament because it looks like we could use the work," he said after the match.
Stephen Bass and Santiago Montoya are playing at No. 43 and scheduled to play Rice's Rodrigo Gabriel and Jason Mok today at 1:45 p.m.
Bass has been steady for the Irish this season, ranked at No. 17 in the national singles standings.
Montoya is a strong player who has not seen much time on the courts this season, but Bayliss is confident in his ability to compete at this tournament's high level.
Eric Langenkamp and Andrew Roth, set at No. 52, will be facing UCSD's Kazari Negishi and Ramesh S. Thatadpula at 2:15 p.m. today.
Roth has been part of several doubles pairings this season, notably with Brett Helgeson in Notre Dame's lone relative bright spot in doubles against Ohio State. The freshmen battled together in an 8-6 loss to Devin Mullings and Chris Klingenmann at third doubles in what Bayliss called "by far our strongest match."
Langenkamp has also been a strong doubles player for the Irish, usually playing in first and second doubles.
Ryan Keckley and Barry King, one of the strongest Irish duos and playing at No. 76, had a first-round bye and will play Friday at 9:45 a.m. The two juniors have been a highlight for the Irish this season, defeating the then-No. 1 nationally ranked doubles team Ross Wilson and Scott Green in a 4-3 loss at North Carolina in February.
The two could not repeat the performance, however, falling to the No. 1 pair in a lopsided loss at the Eck Tennis Pavilion Feb. 26. Although the performance was disappointing, the team took the lift in stride – Bass and Wilson have won three ITA Grand Slam tournament events while playing together.
A first-round bye also went to Helgeson and Sheeva Parbhu, who play Friday at 10:15.
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Men's Basketball

Irish ruin Friars' Senior Night in road win

Notre Dame defeats Providence in do-or-die Big East matchup

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Chris Quinn did not score Wednesday night until 1:32 remained in the first half. But unlike in its 80-72 loss to Marquette Friday, Notre Dame was able to find production elsewhere.

Behind 21 points from guard Russell Carter and 18 from forward Torin Francis, Notre Dame knocked off Providence 82-75 Wednesday night at the Dunkin Donuts Center, despite its star player's slow start. Quinn finished with 19 points after scoring only three of the whole first half. And the Irish (14-12, 5-10 Big East) now need only one more win on Saturday (DePaul, Joyce Center, 4 p.m.) to earn a berth in the conference tournament beginning March 8 in New York City.

Providence (12-14, 5-10) needed the win just as badly but could not get it done, even though it had the home court and Senior Night on its side.

“They wanted this win almost as much as we did,” Francis said in a phone interview with The Observer following the game. “But I don’t think they wanted it more.”

Notre Dame shot 49 percent from the field and out-rebounded Providence 36-26. Francis grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds to go along with his game-high 26 points.

Men's Tennis

Pairs travel to doubles tourney

By KATE GALES
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After an inconsistent performance in doubles against Ohio State Feb. 24, the Irish head to California for the Pac-10 Doubles Tournament, open to all levels of tennis players.

The tournament is held annually at the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club, located in La Jolla, California. In their most recent outing, the Irish were swept in doubles by Ohio State. The Buckeyes dominated first and second doubles, winning both sets 6-2 and taking the third set 6-4.

Although Notre Dame would rally to win the match 5-2 in an upset of their Midwest rival, the doubles performance concerned coach Bobby Bayliss.

women's lacrosse

Irish hope to continue hot streak against Ohio

By CHRIS WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

Riding a wave of momentum after emotional victories over California and Stanford, the No. 17 Irish (2-0) host Ohio (1-21 today at 4:30 p.m.

A revamped offense and a strong recruiting class created buzz in the offseason and two convincing wins over top programs have the Irish feeling confident.

“We really wanted to win, and we wanted to forget last season,” senior attack Crysti Foote said. “The Cal game was a great win because the whole team got to contribute and it was a great way to open the season. The Stanford game was intense, but I think it was good for us to see that we can come back in any game and any circumstance, and it came down to heart.”

Against Stanford, the Irish twice overcame 5-point deficits, eventually winning 12-11 in triple overtime. Though Notre Dame has performed well in its early season games, it is not overlooking Ohio.

Men's LACROSSE

Sophomore netminder has solid start to year

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

As the Irish prepare to face No. 8 Cornell Saturday, they remember last year's dramatic 11-10 loss to the Big Red. But no one recalls the drama quite like sophomore goaltender Joey Kemp.

A freshman at the time, Kemp entered the season's second game armed with only five minutes of collegiate experience at the end a 14-6 win over Penn State in the season opener. Down by three goals with 3:26 left in the third quarter Irish coach Kevin Corrigan needed a change, and he called upon a fresh Kemp to replace senior starter Stewart Crosland. The switch nearly worked, as the Irish had a good look at the net in the final seconds but could not capitalize.

As a wide-eyed freshman, Kemp credited this year's co-captain, defenseman D.J. Diriscolo, for welcoming him to the team.

"D.J. called a quick huddle to bring me in," he said. "It made me more comfortable. The leadership on the team defense made it a lot easier for me to step in."

A lot has changed since then. No longer a newcomer, Kemp emerged from the game as a full-time starter and an integral member of the defense. Kemp finished the season 6-10 overall with a .515 save percentage.