Students receive information from the Career Center's booth at Tuesday night's Activity Fair. Held in the hockey dome of the Joyce Center, the fair had numerous booths representing various clubs and organizations ranging from athletic to service to academic. Groups attracted potential members with ploys ranging from T-shirts to food.

Attention all boys:

Check out Scene's review of Play Station video games to find out what's hot and what's not.

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Saint Mary's students will have the same opportunity to get involved at their Activity Fair at Angela Athletic Facility tonight from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Zahm, Sorin rectors ease into jobs

Editor's Note: This is the first of two stories about the new rectors and rectress on Notre Dame's campus.

By NATE PHILLIPS

Perhaps even more eager than the first year students to experience the traditions and rigors of Notre Dame are the new "freshmen" rectors. These rectors have the responsibility of maintaining order in the dorm and helping students spiritually and emotionally.

Both Father Tom Bednar of Zahm Hall and Sean Seymore of Sorin Hall have accepted the challenges of this job and enter their first year in their respective positions.

Unlike many of his colleagues, Seymore is not a Holy Cross priest. He will finish his graduate degree in Chemistry at Notre Dame this May. He attended the University of Tennessee for his undergraduate degree, and received his master's degree from Georgia Tech.

Seymore has been the assistant rector of the dorm for two years, and decided to take the job as rector after the administration approached him concerning the opening. He is uncertain as to how long he is planning on remaining rector, considering he will graduate this year.

"I am just focused right now on taking Sorin into the 21st century," he said. "It seems like a natural progression for me to go into jobs..."

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Scholarship for ND students honors local bishop

By JENNIFER MORGAN

Students from the Fort Wayne/South Bend, Notre Dame's home diocese, "I was very moved, completely surprised and very honored," said D'Arcy. "This scholarship shows that the relationship between the office of the bishop and the University of Notre Dame is the best in the country."

"Bishop D'Arcy is a most valued member of the Notre Dame family," said university President Father Edward Malloy in a press release.

"As our bishop, he safeguards the union of this institution with its mother Church..."

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FATHER JOHN M. D' ARCY

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This Week on Campus

Wednesday
- Event: Saint Mary's Activity Night 7 - 9 p.m.
- Angela Athletic Facility
- Movie: "Happy Gilmore"; 10 p.m.
- LaFortune 10:30 p.m.; Delbarton 101; $2 admission

Thursday
- Pep Rally 7 p.m. Dillin Pep Rally; South Quad. Bands begin playing at 5:30 p.m.
- Movie: "Gladiator"; 10:30 p.m.; Delbarton 101; $2 admission

Friday
- Mass at Basilica immediately following football game

Saturday
- Mass at Stepan Center 25 minutes after football game
- Movie: "Gladiator"; 10:30 p.m.; Delbarton 101

Outside the Dome

University of New Mexico students hold vigil

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

As the crowds slowly dispersed from hearing presidential candidate Al Gore speak, they passed a large circle of University of New Mexico students holding candles outside, singing and chanting against the violence of rape Monday night.

More than 100 students participated in a candle light rape vigil that was put together at the last minute by concerned members of the campus community. Their main concern was to speak out against the administration’s lack of action following sexual attacks on campus.

Christy Lewis, a student organizer, said she was there to raise awareness about rape and UNM’s limited response to campus safety.

“We are protesting UNM’s not doing anything about the violence,” she said. “It’s unfair what they’re doing.”

Alima Rosa Silva-Vanvelos, student activist and member of Feminists Liberating Our World, told students in the circle to look at each other’s faces and understand that each of them is a potential rape victim.

“Never matter where you came from, you are vulnerable to rape,” she said.

After the circle had broken, Silva-Vanvelos said she was thrilled the vigil coincided with the ending of Gore’s speech, although it was not planned that way. She said the community and media was on campus to see Gore and they had to go through or around the circle, which brought much exposure to their cause.

“They saw the lights and wondered why we were here,” she said. The group of male students took part in speaking out against the violence. Chris Chavez, a senior, said he hoped the candlelight vigil would bring awareness to their cause.

“I hope the administration sees this as a call to get help from them.”

University of Arkansas

Murder - suicide shocks campus

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.

John Locke, comparative literature program director, and James Easton Kelly, a non-degree graduate student, died Monday from an apparent “murder-suicide” in Locke’s office John A. White, University of Arkansas chancellor, said. Capt. Brad Bruns said witnesses heard three gunshots. Four empty casings were found, Bruns said, in the 38-caliber pistol found on the floor between the two bodies in the office. Rolinda Corbit, a junior, said she was in the hallway in the morning, and heard three gunshots. She went into an office, shut the door and made a 911 call. Bruns said he heard one shot after he arrived. He said the first officers on the scene did communicate with someone in the office, and the officers talked to one person. “I heard a person say he needed help and was hurt,” he said. She said the first officer on the scene “talked to the guy in the room.”

BISHAMON UBH MY LIDE

No more scooters for students

PROVO, Utah

Those holding their breath in anticipation of the fateful decision about scooters on BYU campus can exhale. They can also be thankful that the scooters fold nicely and have an easy-to-carry position. On Monday, the University Traffic Committee decided to ban scooters on university property and classify them in the same category as skateboards, roller skates and in-line skates, and Vice President Jan Scharman approved. The use of any of these items on campus may result in a citation from Provo City Court and a fine. The Traffic Committee found scooters to travel at speeds greater than the pedestrian population on campus and have limited control to turn or stop. The above factors, suggesting that scooters may create danger for other students on campus, were really only part of the final decision. According to the University Police Department, the university has sustained damage to sidewalks, benches, railings and other campus facilities by the use of such devices.
Annabi offers bleak assessment of state of East Timor

United Nations

The United Nations warned Tuesday that recent militia attacks against peacekeepers in East Timor appear to be a coordinated effort to destabilize the territory's transition to independence and discredit the interim U.N. administration.

Assistant Secretary-General Hedi Annabi told Security Council members that they should be prepared for a worst-case scenario in which the militias may try to destabilize East Timor through "offensive guerrilla-style operations" against civilians and U.N. peacekeepers.

In an unusually bleak briefing that followed a six-day suspension of the territory's transition, Annabi said he believed that the intent of the militias "is to continue a pattern of violence against the civilian population and UNTAET in order to try and undermine the transition process."

To counter the increasing violence, plans to reduce the number of U.N. peacekeepers bordering the territory and the presence of militia are being implemented. But Indonesia's U.N. Ambassador, Markarim Wibisono, rejected suggestions that the mere presence of army uniforms among militia members is enough to hamper justice, noting "such material can be easily acquired on the black market."

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The decision came after Indonesian officials promised a thorough investigation and said two of those involved had been arrested and will be charged in court.

Their level of activity within East Timor is reflective of a degree of coordination and preparation that has not been seen so far," Annabi said.

On Tuesday, U.N. officials said pro-Indonesian military and peacekeepers exchanged gunfire near East Timor's troubled border. The U.N. has repeatedly complained that militia gangs use refugee camps in Indonesian-controlled West Timor as bases for border incursions. Security on the border has been stepped up ahead of Wednesday's anniversary celebrations.

No one was injured in the clash between a squad of Australian troops and two militia members, peacekeeping spokesman Col. Brynar Nymo said.

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While condemning the recent attacks on U.N. personnel, Wibisono stressed that UNTAET — not Indonesia — is responsible for what goes on inside East Timor.

But several Security Council members said Indonesia was responsible for curtailing the source of the violence — the militias who operate across the border in West Timor.

The spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees echoed that sentiment Tuesday in Geneva. A "just and lasting solution to the refugee problem" depends on law and order being imposed in West Timor's sprawling refugee camps, said spokesman Kris Janowski.

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From assistant rector to rector, I am really excited; there is quite a lot of responsibility.

Despite the fact that he is not a priest, Seymore has a strong spiritual sense. He holds his spirituality as his highest priority, and hopes he can help the men in his dorm on their spiritual journeys.

But while he doesn't sport a white collar, Seymore's views on dorm management are in line with his ordained colleagues, including the pastoral policy.

"As I see it, parietals are a great thing for the staff. We are tired by the end of the day and we need a break as well," he said. "It quietly does dorms, relaxes everyone, and brings the day to a close."

Seymore describes himself as highly motivated and driven.

"I am glad to be here at Zahm and am excited to work with people that have such a strong sense of ambition," Tom Bendor

Zahm rector

ministry.

Bendor takes his responsibilities as a Holy Cross priest very seriously, but at the same time, he knows that working with this type of people can be tough.

"Bringing a priest is a great way of accompanying young people in their spiritual lives," he said. "I especially enjoy the pastoral aspect of working in the dorm with a group of young men."

"I am excited to be working with the guys as they express celebration and suffering, and I hope that I can serve as a witness of God's love. And, uh, I am also excited about the Nebraska game," he added with a laugh.

Thus far, Bendor is impressed with the guys in the dorm, especially with the number of service projects and community service outings the dorm has sponsored.

"The guys are great. They have great dorm pride and are very welcoming. I guess that is why Zahm has such a great sense of tradition," he said.

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The Supreme Court on Tuesday barred distribution of marijuana to people in California whose doctors recommend it for medicinal purposes.

The court, 7-2, to grant an emergency Clinton administration request, postponed the effect of federal court rulings that would have allowed a California club to distribute the illegal drug for medicinal use.

Government lawyers had sought emergency help from Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who referred the request to the full court.

Only Justice John Paul Stevens dissented. He said the government "has failed to demonstrate that the denial of necessary medical care in seriously ill and dying patients will advance the public interest."

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Sorin rector

At age 29, Seymore is closer in age to the men in his dorm than other rectors. He hopes this will foster a more open environment.

"Relationships with other people are very important to me," he said. "I am welcoming and inviting, and I think the guys think that I am somebody that they can talk to."

Seymore really appreciates and values the community feeling of Sorin Hall and is excited about the coming year.

"We are closely knit, and everybody knows everybody else. Sorin is my home, and it feels good to be here," he said.

Also entering into a rector position is Brother Tom Bednar of Zahm Hall. New to the Notre Dame community, Bednar has spent the past 12 years working in schools in Chile.

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China arrests Catholic priest: Police have arrested a priest in China's underground church for celebrating Mass in a private home. Five men seized the house in Jinan in southeastern Fujian province on Aug. 19 and took away the priest's holy chalice, the U.S.-based Cardinal Kung Foundation said. It said the priest's whereabouts remain unknown. China forbids worship outside state-approved churches. In recent weeks, authorities in three provinces have detained more than 150 Protestants worshiping in house churches.

French minister resigns: The quarter-century of Carinthian separatist violence that has stymied successive French governments led to the resignation Tuesday of France's respected interior minister, creating cracks in the left's governing coalition. Jean-Pierre Chevenement, who served three years as interior minister, said his departure was the "logical consequence" of his open disagreement with the Socialist-led government on a peace plan for Corsica. Political opponents said Chevenement's departure was a sign the left was weakening.

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Beating causes LAPD legal woes

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

 Victims of the Los Angeles police corruption scandal can sue under the federal racketeering law originally aimed at the Mafia. A judge ruled in a decision that could cost the city hundreds of millions of dollars.

U.S. District Judge William Rea issued his ruling Monday in a civil rights lawsuit filed July 3 on behalf of Luis Guerrero, 36, who alleges that officers grabbed, choked, kicked and punched him, then arrested him on trumped-up charges in 1997.

The ruling allows Guererro to refile the lawsuit under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, the 1970 law aimed at busting "criminal enterprises" such as the Mafia. RICO allows plaintiffs to receive triple damages and extends the statute of limitations to 10 years after a case is committed.

This could become the first case in which a police department has been held responsible under RICO, said Erwin Chemerinsky, a University of California law professor.

"I think it's insanity," Police Commissioner Levenson said of the ruling.

The judge in the Guerrera case has yet to rule on whether it can proceed as a class-action on behalf of all those who were abused by the police. No trial date has been set.

The case was brought by lawyer Stephen Yagman, a longtime critic of the LAPD who has filed some 15 lawsuits against the department.

"This will show what I was saying all along was correct. The LAPD is a criminal enterprise," Yagman said. "When I said this in the past, it was ignored as the ravings of a lunatic."

RICO was designed by Congress to crack down on organized crime, drug dealers and smugglers. In subsequent decades it has been used against street gangs, HMOs, tobacco companies, law firms and medical practices.

In the 1990s, the National Organization of Women and two abortion clinics used RICO to win millions of dollars in damages from the anti-abortion group Operation Rescue.

With the lawsuit against the LAPD, "it's pushing the statute to its limits and it's ratcheting up the stakes," said Loyola University law professor Laurie Levenson.

Yagman said he and co-counsel Brian Lysaght invoked RICO when a one-year time limit appeared to be running out on some of the lawsuits involving alleged victims of police misconduct. A RICO lawsuit could also lead to federal oversight of the department.

Technically, the lawsuit is not against the LAPD, which is immune from litigation, but against city officials and current and former police chiefs.

The lead defendant is former Police Chief Daryl Gates, who was forced out in the aftermath of the riots over the Rodney King case.

"I want to rebuild the LAPD so it serves the Los Angeles community and stops being an occupying paramilitary force."

Stephen Yagman

lawyer and critic of LAPD

Weekend rain could help crews fight fires

Associated Press

RED LODGE, Mont. — Montana’s governor asked President Clinton to declare Montana a federal disaster area Tuesday because of its huge wildfires, as exhausted firefighters looked hopefully toward the weekend and the possibility of rain.

Gov. Marc Racicot told Clinton the state has exhausted its fire fighting resources and asked for a federal disaster declaration that would free up more federal money. The governor estimated wildfires are costing Montana businesses $3 million a day.

In a visit to one fire camp near Helena, however, the governor heard a forecast for what would be a first break in the drought that has helped feed the fires.

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Bob Nester

National Weather Service forecaster

It was the first major accident in the firefighting efforts on the 192,400-acre Clear Creek fire, where more than 1,500 men and women have been scrambling firelines for more than a month.

"This will be a huge wind change that will help feed the fires."

Cooper temperatures and scattered rain showers are expected for the Labor Day weekend, said Bob Nester, a National Weather Service forecaster.

"This is the first real weather pattern change in the West for three months," he told Racicot.

The National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho, said there were 31 large fires burning on 674,000 acres in Montana on Tuesday. The biggest accounted for almost 250,000 acres after the Valley Complex and the Mussigbrod fires in the Bitterroot Valley burned together.

Nationally, there were 84 fires on 1.6 million acres. Idaho reported 26 large fires on nearly 745,000 acres, Wyoming, five large fires on 52,000 acres, and South Dakota one 65,000-acre fire.

So far this year, 6.2 million acres in the United States have burned, the center said.

In Idaho, thousands of firefighters were injured when a driverless fire tanker rolled over their tent as they were resting between shifts. One man had a broken leg and two broken ribs, and another had abdominal swelling and neck pain.

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Gore to Bush: ‘put up or shut up’ on health care policy

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. Al Gore outlined his $100 billion plan to help provide health care to every American child and said Tuesday it’s time for rival George W. Bush to “put up or shut up” on health care policy.

Bush reiterated that Gore was reassuring to the kind of partisan sniping that’s paralyzing Washington.

“I felt like his comments undermined the point I made,” said Bush, who was campaigning in Maine and New Hampshire. “If we want to get something done in Washington we have to change the tone of the discourse.”

The Demerocratic National Committee backed up Gore with a new ad on prescription drugs for Medicare. “Bush has no specific plan,” it charges. It’s the fourth political ad in a week on the health care debate, because the Clinton-Gore administration’s effort to nationalize health care was soundly rejected last year. “Under Al Gore’s watch, there are 2.4 million more uninsured children in the country,” said Gore. “Every child ought to have good, high quality health care.”

Bush argued he’s flying solo in the health care debate, because Gore is offering them details of what he’d do if elected — unlike Bush, a Republican.

“The time for generalities without specifics I think is just about over,” said Gore. “It’s kind of put up or shut up time.”

Speaking with reporters on his campaign airplane, Bush was scathing.

“It’s not very presidential to me,” said Bush.

The Democratic National Committee backed up Gore with a new ad on prescription drugs for Medicare. “Bush has no specific plan,” it charges. It’s the fourth political ad in a week on the drug issue, which is particularly popular with seniors.

Gore, campaigning in a photo-friendly park, listened to local residents talk of the difficulty they’ve had getting coverage for their children.

The parents of one 2-year-old who suffered a broken leg told Gore they eventually were able to get coverage through a federal program, but it took a bureaucratic fight, and better outreach would help.

“Let’s not play games with this. Let’s put the facts on the table,” Gore said, then underscored his point with details of his plan. His $100 billion, 10-year children’s health proposal is an expansion of an existing program offering coverage to children of the working poor.

Gore would cover children in families making up to 250 percent of the federal poverty level. He said that would offer coverage to the 11 million uninsured children by 2005.

“We need to cover every child in the next presidential term,” said Gore. “Every child ought to have good, high quality health care.”

Gore argued he’s flying solo in the health care debate, because Bush is ducking on offering specifics for child and senior health care. “I encourage our opponents to enter that debate also with a specific plan,” said Gore. “I think it will be a campaign that better serves the American people if they can compare the plans that both sides have put forward and make the judgment for themselves.”

Gore on Monday touted his plan to add a prescription drug benefit to Medicare, and Bush said he would offer details on his plan next Tuesday.

Bush deputy campaign manager Mark Fabiani said, “Now the question is what will he do for the children? What does Governor Bush intend to do about the 11 million uninsured children in the country, 1.4 million of whom live in Texas?”

In response, a Bush spokesman, Dan Bartlett, contended, “Under Al Gore’s watch, there are 2.4 million more uninsured children in America because the Clinton-Gore administration’s effort to nationalize health care was soundly rejected by the American people in 1993.”

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Voters consider campaign reform

Sacramento, Calif.

California, the Wild West of political giving and spending, and two other states will offer voters the chance in November to overhaul their campaign finance laws.

California’s ballot proposal would limit political donations, while initiatives in Missouri and Oregon would finance campaigns with taxpayer money.

The measures in Oregon and Missouri would put those states in the forefront of the campaign-finance reform movement, California, on the other hand, is playing catch-up as it considers the kinds of donation caps that 44 states already have.

In California, individuals, corporations and other special interests can donate as much as they want.

Democratic Gov. Gray Davis has exploited that system like no one before him, shuttering reports by collecting more than $21 million for his re-election two years from now.

If Gore has raised $18 million in the same period for his Democratic presidential run.

California’s Proposition 34 would set the limits for donations from most sources at $20,000 for gubernatorial candidates, $5,000 for other statewide candidates and $3,000 for legislative candidates.

Political parties could give unlimited amounts to candidates but collect no more than $25,000 a year from one donor to support or oppose specific candidates. Soft money donations not targeting a candidate would be unlimited.

“It diminishes the power of special interests,” said Senate Democratic leader John Burton, co-author of the measure. “It’s infinitely better than basically having special interest people giving $50,000 a day and $100,000 contributions. It’s an outpouring of criticism from government watchdog groups.

Proposition 34 would make it harder to track who is seeking to buy influence. Miller said instead of giving directly to a candidate, a special interest could give to a party, which could then channel the money.

“It’s really money-laundering, is what it is,” Miller said.

Miller had two other objections: It would permit special interests to “bundle” contributions from their employees to increase their impact, and it would supersede far more stringent restrictions approved by voters four years ago, now moving through the courts.

Republicans, too, take a dim view of the proposal. It exempts statewide officeholders from bans on all but one area — Democrats — from the donation caps until after the 2002 election, leaving Davis unaffected by its provisions.

And it defines each union local as a separate entity, rather than belonging to one statewide or larger organization. So countless union groups could donate the maximum. Unions generally support Democrats.

The heart of the plan is the transparency of giving Gray Davis the right to continue pilfering donors for the next two years,” said Shawn Steel, vice chairman of the California Republican Party. “A plan crafted by Democrats, supported by Democrats and designed specifically to help California Gov. Gray Davis cannot be good for the people.”

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Casinos attract Asians, Hispanics to Las Vegas

Washington

Those new hotels and casinos that sprouted up in Nevada’s Clark County this past decade attracted more than just gamblers anxious to try their luck under the bright lights of Las Vegas.

The boom also brought an influx of Asians and Hispanics eager to bill construction and service-industry jobs, a development that helped make Nevada the fastest-growing state in the 1990s.

New Census Bureau estimates being released today show that increases in the nation’s two fastest-growing minority populations are also helping to spark gains elsewhere.

Between July 1, 1990 and July 1, 1999, the nation’s Asian and Pacific Islander population grew 43.0 percent to 10.8 million, and the Hispanic population grew 38.5 percent to 31.3 million, the Census estimates show. These are the last such estimates to be released before detailed Census 2000 results come out next year.

California, Texas and New York — the three most populous states — have the highest numbers of minorities, but Nevada, Georgia and North Carolina experienced the biggest percentage increases.

Census analyst Larry Sink said: “It’s largely a continuation of the trend from the 80s. It’s largely being fueled by immigration.”

Hispanic and Asian growth is largely being fueled by immigration, said Steve Sisk, founder of the area’s Commerce. In that county alone, the Hispanic population grew 3 percent in 219,075, while its Asian population rose 139.3 percent to 64,636.

“In-migration into southern Nevada is dominated by people from Southern California,” said Dr. Keith Schwier, director of the Center for Business and Economic Research at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas. “And Southern California has historically had a high portion of the Asian and Hispanic population.”

California had the biggest Hispanic population with 10.4 million, while the Asian population increased 4.3 percent to 2,719,075. Hispanics moved into the state at a rate of 2.35 percent during the same period.

Nationally, the country’s white population increased 2.3 percent between 1990 and 1999 to 275.6 million. Blacks remained the country’s largest minority group, experiencing a 3.8 percent spike during the same period to 34.8 million, while the American Indian and Alaska Native population increased 15.5 percent to 2.3 million.

“The white, black and American Indian populations for the most part just don’t show that dramatic of a change,” Sisk said. Overall, the Hispanic and Asian growth is "largely being fueled by immigration."

Nevada’s 50 percent population growth led all states during the 90s. Its Asian population rose 123.7 percent to 88,208, the largest such increase in the nation, while its Hispanic population rose 144.6 percent to 304,364. Hispanics can be of any race.

Unprecedented new hotel and casino construction in Clark County opened up more jobs during the decade, said Steven Kwon, a Las Vegas archivist and founder of the area’s Commerce.

Population rises:

For U.S. populations between 1990 and 1991

♦ Asian: 43%
♦ Hispanic: 38.8%
♦ American Indian and Alaska Native: 15.5%
♦ Black: 13.8%
♦ White: 7.3%
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It was, strangely, probably the high point of my day. My roommate wasn’t here yet, and I hadn’t had a chance to find many people I knew. So this was my first chance to see a bunch of people I knew and like.

As I left the dining hall that night, I started thinking about the dining hall. I knew it was where I was comfortable with everyone or where I knew all the inside jokes. It’s where I know all the returners and managers, it’s where I know all the inside jokes. I am now one of those veterans who has funny stories about people who are gone to tell younger members. This is my niche.

This sounds strange, I know. You are probably thinking to yourself, “What kind of niche is that?” You do dishes, clean up after other students and deal with food a lot. How can you enjoy that?”

I enjoy it because of the people. Not just the students workers, but the full-time workers as well. Sure, I hate doing dishes as much as the next person. But if I’d never worked back on the dish line, I would never have met Walter, who’s really warm, nice, funny guy. If I didn’t work downstairs, I’d never have met Linda, who’s always happy to see me, always helps me get what I need and gives me high-fives whenever he hasn’t seen me for awhile. If I didn’t work in the Grab’n’Go, I would never have met Betty, who always has a hug for me and who I corresponded with over the summer.

I’ve met a lot of interesting people. There’s one man who works in the back who is an immigrant from Vietnam. He was studying to be a lawyer when the war started and he lost his youth to that war. After the war, he immigrated to the U.S. and now he works in our dining hall. I bet you didn’t know anyone so interesting worked back there!

The student workers are pretty interesting, too. About 95 percent of the people I know who are minority students, I know from the dining hall. This is also where I met Katie, originator of two famous statements (1) “I may work in the dining hall but I’m not dirt!” and (2) “Love is where you read books and talk about your childhood.” It’s where I met Mike, the man who invented the concept that if you are funny, you don’t have to do work.

I’ve met a lot of other great people at the dining hall, but I can’t describe them all. I guess the point of this whole article, if I could really ever be said to have a point, is that there really is a niche out there for everyone. It just might not be where you would expect.

Marlayna Soeneker’s column appears every other Wednesday.

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I invite you to reflect on the importance of personal and community-based passion and mission as we begin this academic year. Four years ago at the commencement ceremony in the JACC, Sr. Helen Prejean's talk and related it to the passions and collaboration of "many diverse partners" who made their service experiences possible.

On Thursday afternoon, August 24th, over 100 First Year students gathered in our Center Multipurpose Room with their professors for a new course initiative. They will be able to incorporate community-based learning opportunities into their South Bend community into their First Year Composition writing course because of the collaboration of four groups: Office of First Year Students, First Year Writing Program, agencies in the South Bend area, and our own Center. I was especially pleased to share the enthusiasm of two First Year students in McGinn Hall who expressed their appreciation for the opportunity and the passion of their professors for this challenge.

I am also anticipating my first First Night to see many options in the area of social concerns and service in the midst of other invitations for you students to share your gifts with the Hall, campus and off-campus possibilities. It is encouraging that all received by mail the listings of the multiple Social Concerns Seminar offerings during breaks which often complement other CSC programs in "calling us all to action for a more just and humane world."

I am grateful that a press conference on Thursday will clarify a new program, called New Initiatives in the Northeast Neighborhood, which has included "many diverse partners," on and off campus. The CSC has welcomed the initiative to be deeply involved in this effort and to help direct the best of our ND mission to be collaborative and sensitive to our "neighbors."

This past Sunday, August 27th, I participated in a special Eucharistic Celebration in the African-American parish of St. Agatha in North Lawndale (Chicago). Fr. Mike Ivers, who was a dynamic speaker at the conference last February, "Reconciliation and Renewal in the Cities: Faith-Based Initiatives," was leaving the vibrant parish community after 12 years of shared ministry. In his homily, he asked those of us with Notre Dame connections to stand. As I looked at our current Notre Dame African-American students, other students and alumni who learned so much from Mike and the "diverse partners of St. Agatha," I was moved with gratitude. Many Notre Dame alumni of St. Agatha had trans-formedative experiences and will continue to on SSPs and Urban Plunges. Thanks for your interest and support. The CSC welcome your ideas, suggestions, passions and sharing in our mission.

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Games seduce the strongest of men

Where, oh where, have all the boys gone?
Where, oh where can they be?
With their joysticks in hand, Never seen on Notre Dame land, Where, oh where can they be?

There are several guilty in acting from the Notre Dame campus, few men remaining who have suffered from watery eyes, underexposure to sunlight, deprivation of sleep, and thumb exhaustion. Students who venture from these males are not MBAs who have fallen into the hands of torturous enemies. Rather those chaps have succumbed to the warping ways of video games.

Video games. The prescribed torture is unending hours of sitting in front of television playing the same game until in sear of total numbness. The footage is not limited to student organizations. O'Neil resident Bobby Goedert reports that 70 percent of his dorm mates possess a game system. Three out of five rooms in Sorin Hall are equipped similarly. The presence of game systems increases the likelihood of a video game obsession infection.

Epidemics especially break out when the winter arrives. Those people with mild symptoms of the malady quickly escalate to full-blown obsession. Common rooms, to which each section's residents gravitate, become the breeding ground for the infection. Community rooms in Morrisey, Virginia, Sorin, Knott and Keough dormitories seemingly promote the mania by holding tourneys to determine the video game guru of each respective hall. The winner of each competition receives respect and admiration from his fellow residents and companion victims of infirmity.

Video game obsession is not a new-fangled concept. John E. Patricia, yet another victim to the mania and a Keough alum reminisces these merely parish denominations lasting for days on end. "You have to understand that these games suck ya in. It's just hard not to play those systems at Notre Dame are able to elude the video game craze. Sorin resident dental assistant Michael Campbell has become immune to the "crazy, competitive and emotional" nature of these contests by weathering out the storm and concentrating on more important aspects of student life. Janitor Brian Gray has also observed the pandemonium of rivalry. "There are guys that play, and guys that don't. Some of the people that play, they can get scary." What factors nourish this obsession in one? Spencer Berg attributes his susceptibility to "his illness as being, a 'corner-cutter thing.'" Quake 3, a first-person shooting game, satisfies his primary instincts. The only advantage to Beg's game playing must be that he does not have to take any car- cose to skin. Most guys, though, acknowledge that video games monopolize their time because of the mindless and distracting nature of the entertainment. Adversely, video game fever helps to cure other illnesses such as acute boredom and stress from finals weeks. Other sufferers of the video game plague prefer games like "Blitz Video Game Fever helps to cure other illnesses such as acute boredom and stress from finals weeks. Other sufferers of the video game plague prefer games like "Blitz nearby."

Streamlined, society recognizes the symptom into a disease. The affliction is peculiar in its preference to affect the male's central nervous system rather than those of the females. Occasionally a female is infected. Various ladies in Purgatory and Walsh Hall do boast of owning a video game system. Walsh senior Tara Jeffersen revealed that cliches are not "into the shoot em up games." Rather, most popular among the women are the "old-school" games like "Mario Brothers," "Mario Kart," "Donkey Kong" and "Tetris" games.

The plugin of video game obsession continues to spread across the Notre Dame campus, claiming thousands of men and women. Until a cure is found, the madness will persist in its attempt to corrupt every able body.

Beware, beware.

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Wednesday, August 30, 2000

By JOSE CUELLAR

X-Men return to Academy

The X-Men have done it again. After a summer blockbuster movie, The X-Men based followed that success with a new video game, "X-Men: Mutant Academy." One is used to seeing the X-Men in games like "Marvel Vs. Capcom" in which characters of the Marvel Universe fight it out in teams of three against other teams in the Marvel universe and even some that appear in Capcom games. No one can forget the only pure X-Men fighting game "X-Men: Children of the Atom." Few of us will remember the one arcade game in which you and your five closest friends could play at the same time against Magneto and his minions as one of the X-Men. Although it was cool to watch the game in two screens, "X-Men: Mutant Academy" brings the fun of the arcade into your PlayStation and for this reviewer, a 13-inch television.

"X-Men Mutant Academy," gives you the option of playing as one of the X-Men at even as one of the villains from the X-Men movie. One can choose between Wolverine, Storm, Cyclops, Jean grey (as The Phoenix), Sabertooth, Toad, Mystique and even the Master of Magnetism, a.k.a. Magneto. Keeping true to the movie, the programmers at Paradigm even included the movie costumes. Two more X-Men, not in the movie but extremely popular, were added to the cast, everyone's favorite Cajun Gambit and the incredibly hairy and smart beast, the Beast.

Professor X, Charles Xavier to all his X-Men fans, stays in the background and acts as your trainer. They all have their individual powers at full strength and the combos, when executed, offers plenty of eye candy for X-Man fans.

When you start the game, you get the chance between several modes. One of one combat is found in the arcade mode. A story mode takes you to the creation of Professor X and the supervion of Professor X and Cerebro, you learn all the moves for your favorite character. Keeping with the school environment, you even get a grade. Survival mode is a real challenge and should only be picked once your are a seasoned fighter or until the lip of your thumbs can withstand a direct flame.

Cerebro Mode is one of the best additions to any type of game. It contains full motion videos (FMVs) of each X-Man once they finish their training in the academy mode. It also features the trailer for the X-Man movie and some drawings from the comic book. The trailer is the only one that is unlocked, the rest have to be unlocked after hours and hours of play. I am still working on that.

The FMVs are not the best but are a great addition to the game. The voices of the characters are right out of the X-Men cartoon. My only problem with the game was control. I spent hours in the academy mode with my favorite X-Man teas throwing Gambit and even when I could do his super moves none called the 52 yard drapes, my personal favorite it was hard to recreate the combination when I was fighting it out in the arcade mode.

I spent most of the time using simple combinations. At one point I got so desperate that I began playing with my sister. I threw down my controller to the floor and began pressing every button at random. It was then that I finally got Gambit's super move to work. Laid gray!!

Control aside, I really liked this game. I can also a big fan of the graphics that were developed for the game. All the characters are in 3D and the backdrops, even though they are in 2D are right out of the comics. X-Men know-it-alls will really love this game. "X-Men" teas throwing Gambit and even when I could do his super move none called the 52 yard drapes, my personal favorite it was hard to recreate the combination when I was fighting it out in the arcade mode.

"X-Men: Mutant Academy" is a very entertaining game for both X-Man fans and non-X-Man fans. It's especially great for those who just want to see these X-Men characters in action. Therefore, I highly recommend this game to everyone.
"Tenchu" ninja assassins jump back onto screen

New prequel to popular game gives hardcore fans of gory original deadlier weapons, longer missions and more stealth kills

By ADAM TURNER
News Video Games Review

With all these nerds running around, checking the big Episode II news on starwars.com — for example an interview with the key grip it seems that everyone in the entertainment industry is trying to cash in with a prequel success. Activision has decided jump on the prequel bandwagon by purchasing the Playstation rights to release the prequel to the million-copy selling "Tenchu: Stealth Assassins." Tenchu 2: Birth of the Stealth Assassins" is set four years before the original Tenchu.

For those of you who may be newcomers to Tenchu, the name of the game is stealth. With either ninja, you must sneak through 11 different massive levels in the story mode, traveling from place to place throughout feudal Japan on missions handed down from your master, Lord Gobha.

For those of you who preserve through the 11 missions for either character, you are granted an additional seven missions to complete with the use of Fujinmaru, a powerful ninja.

A new concept in "Tenchu 2" is mission objectives. Different missions have different objectives, as opposed to the best-find some bad guys/ kill bad guys find boss kill boss go to next level/ repeat. Sometimes the mission is side through enemy defenses and assassinate an evil warlord. Sometimes the objective is to creep through a stronghold to steal something. No matter what the objective is you can be sure that it will be a bloody good time.

For me, the one thing that was always so frustrating growing up playing video games was that if you were sneak up on some unsuspecting sap, you should be able to take them out with one well-placed blow. "Tenchu 2" gives you this opportunity.

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In addition to the original stealth kills, each character has three more stealth kills to compensate for the frustration of failing in a dark corner for two minutes while your roommates tell you what a stupid game you're playing. Then, all of a sudden, you run up and blood flies everywhere, on the floor, on the wall, or on some other goon.

This game has a mature rating, kids. There'll be mommies and daddies catch shot glasses/ blood flies/ fan the blood/ hit fan the blood/ dead. No blood, no foul? Probably not, but for you serious Tenchu fans out there, there is also a mission editor included with the game, allowing those who are most bored on a Saturday night to amuse themselves by creating their own n'er-d fermented.

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These people also hide from the sunshine. They hang out in the shadows of a billboard cluster to increase their dark powers. They also check out starwars.com a lot. Okay, so you're probably going "Ah, another Observer review that finds no fault at all with the product in an attempt at positive PR for everyone." Against that's not what you're thinking. You're thinking, "Why should I buy this game? Why is this review rambling?" Is that guy sitting by the door in the game box going to see me stick this stack of cups in my bag?" Well, all this and more, my friend. He's not really looking at you, by the way. Make a run for it. I'll tell you what sincerely displeases me about this game. The graphics are the same as the original. There hasn't been vast improvement in any department really. Some things are different, but by no means is it a tremendous change. I think they blew their graphics budget on the opening full motion video sequence. On top of that, some of the stage paths are not as hard to follow, but almost annoyingly impossible. Example 1: The one hour on first level looking for hole in ceiling. I broke the sign pointing to the hole and I was lost. Which makes me stupid, but it is hard to follow at times.

Another flaw in the system is the view, which is just awful at times. There is a constant need to hit the L1 button to look around, even when you're not in a tight spot.

The most annoying bug I caught was that sometimes, when you're right on top of someone you're sneaking up on and you're going for the stealth kill, the screen flashes and all of a sudden you've passed through them and they start spurring blood everywhere.

This ticks me off because if I'm going to spend the trouble of sneaking up to the bad guy, the last thing I want to do is give me the little stealth-kill movie.

There then is the problem of the learning curve. The learning curve is not fast if you're unfamiliar with the game. The controls take a bit of getting used to. Since 99 percent of the population is still used to playing Mario Kart. A training level allows you plenty of opportunity in work out the kinks, but it is still super-annoying, because you don't want to learn, you want to play. Which is why you're in college in the first place, really.

For those of you who are hardcore and like your games violent and dirty, with great amusement, I highly recommend Tenchu 2. For those of you who have girlfriends, just make sure to hide it before she comes over.

Upcoming video games...

Nintendo 64
Aidyn Chronicles
Mario Tennis

Playstation
Chrono Cross
Valkyrie Profile

Playstation 2
Madden NFL 2001
Street Fighter EX3

Dreamcast
Powerstone 2
Hammonds picks up resting Helton, Rockies win 2-1

The Associated Press
Wanted
PLA PHILADELPHIA
Todd Helton got some rest and Jeffrey Hammonds picked up the slack.

Wanted 3-4, 1-2, other halfback RBH on the eligibility list in the sixth inning, as the Colorado Rockies edged the Philadelphia Phillies 2-1 Tuesday night.

10-10 He's also looking for volunteers to help.

If you're interested in applying, please contact ECDC-ND at 284-6162 or stop by the office in the middle of the fifth Glavins single home run, who led off with a double.

Colorado took a 1-0 lead in the third when Ben Petrick scored on Juan Pierre's RBI single.

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Woodard's strong performance leads Indians in win

Associated Press

Arlington, Texas

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ed the Texas Rangers 12-1 Tuesday night.

Woodard's strong performance leads Indians in win

Aug. 2.

Red Sox 8, Devil Rays 0

Pedro Martinez came within three outs of his first career no­hit, loading the Boston Red Sox to a brawl-filled win over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

After hitting leadoff man Gerald Williams in the first inning with his fourth pitch of the night, Martinez (15-4) retired 24 in a row before John Flaherty singled to the right­

center on a 2-2 pitch leading off the ninth. Martinez then retired the next three batters, finishing with the third one-hitter of his career.

"I don't really care. I've achieved enough," Martinez said, when asked if he was dis­

appointed.

Both benches emptied, but there were no punches thrown.

Williams came out of Tampa

Bay's clubhouse and ran back

to the field, in front of the Devil

Bay's dugout.

Vaughn was ejected by plate

umpire Phil Cuzzi in the bottom

of the seventh inning for argu­

ning balls and strikes after

Martinez, who was working on

a no-hit bid, threw a called

third strike by him.

Eiland allowed two runs and

five hits in two-plus innings.

Royals 7, Twins 3

Blake Stein allowed five hits

in 2-3 innings and the Kansas City Royals used two big innings to beat the Minnesota Twins.

Mike Sweeney had a two-run double in a four-run third inning off J.C. Romero (2-4), and Jermaine Dye added a two­

run double in three-run fifth.

Sweeney's hit extended his hitting streak to 15 games and tied him with George Brett for the fourth most RBIs in a sea­

son for Kansas City with 118.

The game was played in front of 11,931 fans, a season-low for the Royals.

Stein (5-3) cruised through the first six innings, giving up only three hits and never facing more than four batters in an

inning.

Sweeney hit a three-run home run with two outs, stole second

and scored on Torii

Wilson.

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**Olympics**

Track twins look for combined win

Associated Press

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Olympic track team member

Alvin and Calvin were third-place finishers at the trials. Calvin is virtually assured a spot in the final, while Alvin will get that opportunity at Sydney, hoping to run in the 1,600-meter relay final, win gold medals and break the world record.

Calvin was a 400-meter gold medalist at the trials and fourth in the Olympic 800-meter final, while Alvin was third in the 200 meters and fourth in the Olympic 200-meter final.

Calvin has a son, Jaraj, 4, and Alvin has two children — a son, Shraee, 10, and a daughter, Shayah, 6. The 27-year-olds resemble each other very closely. Calvin can be distinguished by his longer goatee and earrings shaped like the letter "C." U.S. coach John Chaplin had trouble telling them apart at first, introducing them by their wrong names. The brothers still tease him. "When he calls one of our names, the other answers," Alvin said.

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Associated Press

NEW YORK

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ESPN could televising the game as part of its Sunday night package. Network spokeswoman Diane Lamb said ESPN wouldn't comment until after baseball makes a final decision.

It would be the third straight international opener for baseball, which started the 1999 season at Monterrey, Mexico, with a game between San Diego and Colorado, and opened this season in Tokyo with a two-game series between the New York Mets and Chicago Cubs.

Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez, the 1999 American League MVP, was the top attraction for the game. Rodriguez, who is out for the season with a broken right thumb, was born in Vega Baja, Puerto Rico, and lives in Rio Pedros.

Texas infielder Luis Alicea was born in Santurce and lives in Florida.

**ATHLETIC TRAINING & SPORTS MEDICINE**

There will be a meeting for any Notre Dame Freshmen students interested in the student athletic training program. The meeting will be held on Monday, September 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the Stadium Athletic Training Center. (Gate E - Football Stadium)

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**

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ESPN could televising the game as part of its Sunday night package. Network spokeswoman Diane Lamb said ESPN wouldn't comment until after baseball makes a final decision.

It would be the third straight international opener for baseball, which started the 1999 season at Monterrey, Mexico, with a game between San Diego and Colorado, and opened this season in Tokyo with a two-game series between the New York Mets and Chicago Cubs.

Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez, the 1999 American League MVP, was the top attraction for the game. Rodriguez, who is out for the season with a broken right thumb, was born in Vega Baja, Puerto Rico, and lives in Rio Pedros.

Texas infielder Luis Alicea was born in Santurce and lives in Florida.

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NEW YORK
Never shy, Serena Williams arrived in defense of her U.S. Open title resplendent in tied-dye lilac and black, and flashing a pente smile that bespoke the confidence of champion.

The crowd at Arthur Ashe Stadium was still buzzing from the dismissal of French Open champ Gustavo Kuerten, the men’s No. 2 seed, who fell victim to lanky Australian qualifier Wayne Arthurs’ 26 aces in a 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (1) defeat.

If the fans thought that upset would be a prelude to another, Williams quickly set out to dispel that notion and abuse them of that notion and her recent heel injury might hinder her.

First she made her court-coordinated fashion statement, slowly peeling off her lilac jacket to reveal a sheer, flowing dress that perfectly matched her lilac sneakers.

“It shows how good I look, how in shape I am,” Williams said with a laugh.

Then she made a tennis statement, ripping a return winner and the tiebreakers decide thefavorites to win this tournament. Arthurs then pounded her opener. Ivanisevic lost anoth­
er and raised her arms in triumph. Two points later, she had won her first — and only — game, breaking Davenport at 4-6, 6-1 in 44 minutes.

In the fourth game of the sec­ond set, Leon Garcia, who prefers to play on clay rather than the hardcourts of the National Tennis Center, whipped a winning forehand into the corner and raised his arms in tri­umph. Two points later, she had won her first — and only game, breaking Davenport the last of her three rounds of qualifying and three matches of the tournament before falling in four sets to eventual finalist Andre Agassi.

This time, after a solitary break by each player in the first two sets, Arthurs and Kuerten won the next three points and held for 5-5. Two games later, they moved into a second straight tiebreaker, which Arthurs dominated, racing out to 6-0 lead. Kuerten won the next point, but the hole he was in was much too deep. Arthurs then pounded his final ace to complete the massacre.

Told that Kuerten was one of the favorites to win this tournament, Arthurs replied, “Not any

more.”

Kuerten became the only sec­ond No. 2 seed to lose in the first round of the U.S. Open since 1956, when the present system of seedings started. The only other time it happened was in 1994 when second-seeded Goran Ivanisevic was ousted in his opener. Ivanisevic lost anoth­er first-round match on Tuesday. Kuerten was the second seed­ed player to tumble from the tournament on the second day.

Earlier, No. 16 Julie Huard­-Ducouze fell to Miraim Oremans 6-3, 6-4.

Lindsay Davenport, the 1998 women’s champion, romped past Gala Leon Garcia of Spain 6-0, 6-1 in 44 minutes.

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Williams begins title defense with straight sets win

Serena Williams 1999 U.S. Open champion

"I was not the usual Serena. It showed a little bit because it should have been a little quicker."
Vanderbilt player suffers injuries

**Hammond falls 100 feet down elevator shaft**

Associated Press

NASHVILLE—Vanderbilt University football player Luke Hammond was critically injured Tuesday after falling 100 feet down a dormitory elevator shaft.

Hammond, 19, a freshman linebacker from Montgomery, Ala., fell Monday night trying to climb out of a crowded elevator stopped between the ninth and 10th floors.

He suffered internal injuries, and doctors operated on him Tuesday morning, removing his spleen, university spokeswoman Bethel Johnson said.

Several people reportedly forced the door open and Hammond fell to the basement as he attempted to lower himself to the floor below, Caldwell said.

The remaining students on the elevator, who called university police on the elevator's emergency telephone, were safely removed.

The elevator was taken out of service for inspection after Hammond was conscious and speaking when he was transported to Vanderbilt University Medical Center, officials said.

The 6-foot-3, 215-pound Hammond, signed with Vanderbilt in February after an outstanding prep football career at Wetumpka (Ala.) High School, the same school that produced Vanderbilt's All-SEC linebacker, Jamie Weibahn.

During his senior season at Wetumpka, Hammond made more than 100 tackles and averaged 6.7 yards per carry as the team's leading rusher.

He was also an outstanding performer on the school's baseball team and planned to pitch for Vanderbilt.

His father, Warren Hammond, played football at the University of Tennessee-Martin, and he has two older brothers who played Southeastern Conference football elsewhere. The oldest, Albert, is at Alabama.

In March 1997, another Vanderbilt player died when he fell seven stories from his dormitory window in the early hours of the morning.

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FOOTBALL

Denman up for linebacker award

Senior linebacker Anthony Denman takes down a Spartan in last season's game against Michigan State. Denman recorded 89 tackles last season for the Irish.

Denman was Notre Dame's leading tackler in six games a year ago. Denman was a member of Football News' All-Independent team last year and was named NBC/Sports/Chevrolet Notre Dame MVP for his efforts against Michigan State.

The independent selection committee, comprised of 28 of the nation's foremost media members, begins reviewing the candidates this week and more players may be added to the watch list. The committee will select 10 semifinalists on Oct. 19. Subsequently, the three finalists will be announced on Nov. 9, at Spectator's Sports Bar at the Downtown Marriott Orlando. The 2000 Butkus Award winner will be announced Friday, Dec. 8, during the Butkus Award Gala at Hard Rock Live at Universal Studios CityWalk.

Last season, former Penn State linebacker LaVar Arrington won the award before becoming the second selection in the NFL draft. Former Butkus Award winners include Trev Alberts (1993-Nebraska), Percy Snow (1989-Michigan State) and Derrick Thomas (1984-Alabama).

NFL

Cowher avoids topic of Stewart's role

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH

Bill Cowher isn't saying much about what bench role Kordell Stewart's role will be in the Pittsburgh Steelers' opener Sunday against Baltimore.

By not talking about anything, Cowher might be saying a lot. Cowher tiptoed around questions Tuesday whether Stewart might replace his former role of Slash now that Kent Graham has beaten him out at quarterback.

"You don't want to elaborate, obviously, for competitive reasons," Cowher said. "They have different styles, and I plan on using those styles." It is just as obvious the Steelers don't want Stewart, one of their highest-paid players, to waste away on the bench. So, just as he did while backing up Neil O'Donnell in 1995 and 1996, Stewart just might show up at wide receiver or running back.

"Or, maybe even at quarterback, to run a series here or there, or in a long yardage situation in which his scrambling ability would give offensive coordinator Kevin Gilbride another option or two," Cowher said. By returning Stewart to his Slash role, a team that was offensive deficient in the preseason potentially could receive what was an effective weapon in 1992 and 1996.

In those seasons, Stewart produced 11 touchdowns despite touching the ball just 37 times as a passer, 54 times as a rusher and 31 times as a receiver.

The only difference between them and now is that Stewart had never been an NFL starting quarterback and he considered his Slash role as merely a part of his apprenticeship.

Now that he has started, it may be difficult for him to return to the role with much enthusiasm or any hope that it might again lead to him starting.

"No, that isn't my focus right now," Stewart said. "I have to study film of the opponent as if I were the starting quarterback, as opposed to going out there and trying to please people and make them cheer and make them happy by playing wide receiver.

"Cheering isn't something that Stewart has heard much of the last two seasons in Three Rivers Stadium, where a fan once threw a beer on him and the booing began this summer with the first series of the first preseason game.

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Morgantown, W.V. is a very difficult place to play, just ask Virginia Tech, and some think the Mountaineers will turn it around this season. A very talented USC team sure looked improved while they were trouncing Penn State on Sunday. That would also mean quality wins over Texas A&M, Michigan State, and we might be able to stretch Boston College into a Top 10 team. And some think the Mountaineers will turn it around this season.

Let's make something clear. 8-4 is not going to be 8-4. Would that make a 7-4 finish? It sounds (knock on wood) and we limp to a down season for Lou Holtz, and the fact that some now are looking for 8-3 goes to show how low expectations have sunk.

A four year span of 7-6, 9-3, 5-7, and 7-4 (or 7-5 perhaps) is not winning. It would show that seven-win seasons are becoming more the rule than the exception. 8-3 was a down season for Lou Holtz, and the fact that some now are hoping for 8-3 to show how low expectations have sunk.

When was the last time so many Notre Dame lovers and haters alike just penciled in an "L" for a game the they have for Nebraska? At home no less! Somehow I think there's a bunch of alumni out there who agree. In any event, isn't speculation fun? All good things must come to an end though, and in just three short days we will be able to base our theories on some important, will we see a team playing together and inspired?

Davie probably stays, and if it's 7-4, maybe he will still stays. If USC turns out to be a Top 10 team and other teams on the schedule end up being good, 7-4 might be deemed acceptable.

At 7-4 it could also come down to how the Fighting Irish look on the field. Will we see another non-existent pass rush or cornerbacks getting beat with their backs to the ball? Will we see something resembling pass protection? How about a quarterback running left and two running backs running right on the last play of the game? Most importantly, will we see a team play together and inspired?

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SOUTH BEND'S BIGGEST PARTY
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Chicago, Ill., was the rowing for the second vari­
sity eight boat last season. Kiernicki, like Bula, is also a
three-year-team member.

The girls who were chosen by the team are “great choic­
es,” said Stone. “They both have different leadership styles but are
very effective.”

Many athletes have endured rigorous off-season training to improve from last year and that the next step to
establish the team as a top collegiate program.

“We are already gaining

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Junior receiver David Givens hails from Humble, Texas. Givens hopes to be anything but humble against his home state rival.

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present coach R.C. Slocum. During Sherrill’s tenure at the
helm of the Aggies’ program, Slocum served as the defen­
sive coordinator, before inher­
ing the head coaching posi­
tion. “When you spend nine years at a place, you can’t help but
have strong emotions,” said Davie. “And if you combine
that with the fact that R.C. and I are extremely close
friends, it makes for a unique
situation.”

Together, Davie and Slocum compiled a nine-year 85-24-1 rec­
er with eight bowl game
appearances. But football
wasn’t their only common
interest.

“We hit it
off from the
time that I
arrived at
A&M,” said
Davie. “I’ve
done a lot of
jogging with
him. We run
like I do.
Both of us
have pretty good hands.
Both played the third 
in the high school band.
Both married high school sweethearts. We both coached
defense. We just had a lot of
the same interests and so we
hit it off in the beginning.”

While Davie looks forward
to the friendly rivalry when
Slocum and company arrive in
South Bend, the fourth-year
coaching staff knows it’s time to
get down to business.

“Before this game is kicked
off, I’m going to enjoy the
moment, but I promise I’m
only going to enjoy it for a
moment,” said Davie. “We’ll
kick that thing off and we’re
going to get after each other.”

“Football is what we do,”
said Davie. “I’ve done a lot of
jogging with IR.C. Slocum]. He
arrived at A&M, I’m already
burned and toasted,” said
Davie. “I think R.C. would be
the first one to say that they
didn’t end the season last
year on a particularly high
note. But it’s amazing what he
has accomplished. He’s done
a tremendous job. I think any­
where people like to see our
successes.

Davie is not the only mem­
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among the Irish with ties to
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Irish Rowing
Irish prepare to begin 2000 season

By STEVE KEPPEL
Sports Writer

The temperature is rising at Notre Dame.

And it’s not just the weather. With just three days left until the Irish kick off their season against Texas A&M, things are heating up.

“It’s been hot enough, and in some ways it concerns me a little bit,” said Irish head coach Bob Davie. “It seems like every year, we go through camp and it’s relatively cool, and then we go out and it’s hot and humid and 90 degrees. I made a prediction — I’m not a weatherman, but I can tell you what, it’s going to be hot as it usually is.”

Combine that with the heat of pressure and scrutiny and Saturday promises to be a scorcher.

The Irish know this and have been preparing for the season opener since the end of last season.

“You always look at the schedule for the next year, and certainly, Texas A&M has been on our minds since then,” said Davie. “You get such a tremendous boost of confidence and momentum from winning the first game. The first game of the year is always huge.”

Saturday’s game against Texas A&M is all the bigger because of the personal ties among the coaches and players.

Davie served as an assistant coach for Texas A&M from 1985 to 1993. First working with outside linebackers under then head coach Jackie Sherrill and then as the defensive coordinator under head coach Butch Davis.

The two captains — who have been with the team since it became a varsity sport three years ago — will be the key leaders on the squad.

“Last season we raced fairly well, but we are young still,” said head coach Martin Stone. “That is our main goal.”

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“Bula, a Madison, Wisconsin native, said that player and coach connections will be key in the upcoming season.

“We’ve been around since the very start and we kind of give direction and coach the others,” Bula said. “We both have a really good relationship with all of the rowers.”

Kiernicki, a senior from Madison, Wisconsin, named co-captains

Every second counts as the women’s rowing team glides towards the NCAA championships.

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