Coughlin takes SAO position

By ERIN LaUFFA
Associate News Editor

Although Brian Coughlin liked his job as rector of Carroll Hall, he decided he was ready for a change. So when Student Activities director Joe Cassidy left the University in 2000, Coughlin applied for position.

“When [Cassidy] left, I thought about it long and hard because I really enjoyed being a rector. But I felt it was time to move on,” Coughlin said.

Following a nation-wide search for Cassidy’s replacement, the University selected Coughlin in May. On July 1, Coughlin took over the director's job from Mary Edgington, who had served as acting director for the past year. Edgington returned to her position as an assistant director within the Student Activities office.

As Student Activities director, Coughlin will coordinate the activities of Notre Dame’s student organizations, residence halls, radio stations and University-supported publications. His job also includes overseeing the operation of LaFortune Student Center, Alumni-Senior Club and St. Joseph’s student center.

According to some Carroll residents, their former rector was an excellent selection for the head of Student Activities.

“He was always really enthusiastic about Notre Dame spirit, so I think he’ll do a good job,” said junior Tom Alesi.

For sophomore Dan Murphy, Coughlin made a favorable impression by joining in a game of volleyball with CarrollOs residence assistants during Freshmen Orientation last year.

“I think he’s a really great guy,” Murphy said. “He cared about everyone in the dorm. He always took everyone’s view into consideration when he had to decide something.”

During his three years as rector, Coughlin had the chance to work with the Student Activities office. In fact, Joe Cassidy asked Coughlin to be an advisor to the office of the student body president. Coughlin left his job as Carroll Hall rector to assume his new position.

Saint Mary's Editor

By MYRA MCGRIFF

Saint Mary’s Editor

Saint Mary’s reporting procedure on sexual assaults is under review by the Department of Education (DOE) due to a complaint issued by the watchdog organization Security on Campus (SOC).

The complaint filed against Saint Mary’s on May 13, 2001 alleged inadequate compliance with the Jeanne Clery act, according to the text of the complaint.

In 1991, an amendment to the Jeanne Clery act stated all colleges had to report assaults under a calendar year, January to January, instead of a fiscal year, June to May. Saint Mary’s did not change their reporting procedure. Consequently, two sexual assaults were filed under the wrong years: one assault was filed under 1997 instead of 1996 and another was filed under 1998 instead of 1999.

Although the complaint is extensive, the two major points of the complaint raised rested in two areas, the way Saint Mary’s reported sexual assault statistics and non-compliance with sexual assault disclosure in their safety security informational brochure.

“We were not reporting the way we should have been reporting,” Keith Dennis, Vice President of Finance and Administration, said. “We had one sexual assault under the 1998 column when it should have been reported in the 1999 column.”

The other major complaint was in regard to Saint Mary’s Safety and Security informational brochure. Due to another amendment in the Jean Clery act in 1992, all colleges had to include in their security brochures the institution’s judicial, reporting, and timely warning procedures. Saint Mary’s did not.

Instead of listing their policy the brochure referred people to the student handbooks. “In the old brochure we didn’t have a statement on our policy on crime alerts. We have to spell it out in the security brochure,” Dennis said.

To rectify the errors stated in the May 13 complaint, Saint Mary’s responded July 16 with a three-page letter and pages of documents to back up their intentions. Included in the supporting documentation was the changed statistics for each year.

Officials begin U2 ticket sales

By JASON McFARLEY
New Editor

A performance at the Joyce Center this fall by U2 is still not a certainity, but University officials have stepped up preparations for an appearance by the star Irish band.

In a move that seemingly assures a visit by the rock act, Notre Dame ticket officials have offered Joyce Center loge holders first chance to purchase tickets for the event.

An Aug. 24 mailing from the Notre Dame Ticket Office includes a letter that tells loge, or box-seat, holders that U2 will be in concert Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena.

The mailing states that tickets go on sale Sept. 15 and includes an order form to be returned to the Ticket Office by Sept. 7.

This week a University events manager in charge of concert booking for the Joyce Center confirmed that Notre Dame officials have been in discussions with promoters from Clear Channel Entertainment, the company representing U2’s international tour.

The recent letter to box-seat holders is standard procedure and doesn’t ensure an appearance by the band, according to Dennis Moore, Notre Dame’s director of public relations and information.

“I would assume that this is a date that must have been proposed to the promoters,” Moore said Wednesday. “It’s not typical that the [ticket] holders get first pass on major events there [at the Joyce Center],”

Moore said Wednesday. He said a formal announcement about the tour would come from Clear Channel spokespeople after Labor Day.

“You would think, given the date they’re talking about, the announcement would be sooner rather than later,” Moore said.

For almost a month, local media and Internet Web site have fueled rumors that the Joyce Center would be a stop for the popular band, according to Moore. “You would think, given the date they’re talking about, the announcement would be sooner rather than later,” Moore said.

If U2 decides to perform on campus, it would put tour representatives and University administrators on a tight schedule for promoting and selling tickets for the event.

If the band opts out of a performance here, box-seat holders who have already secured tickets would receive full refunds, Moore said.

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Don't sweat it

It's that time of year again. Everyone is sharpening their No. 2 pencils, buying overpriced folders from the bookstore and becoming increasingly overwhelmed by that looming feeling of dread that always accompanies the first few weeks of classes. It's not that school in general is a bad or even evil thing. It's just that when handed five or six different syllabi, realizing that you have to get up at 6 a.m. to sign up for a Cardis Box class, going to buy a course packet as big as your left arm, and then, on top of all that, discovering you have to read a 200-page book in three days, college can be as exhausting as it is overwhelming.

The moment your parents tearfully drop you off at Freshman Orientation, it all begins. Within minutes, you are bombarded by the Four Big Questions: college, dorm, hometown, and major. Major? You just arrived, starry-eyed to begin your collegiate adventures and suddenly, you're supposed to have mapped out the next four years of your life and beyond.

Yes, it's a wonderful thing to have direction in your life and most people arrive with at least a vague idea of what they would like to study. However, it's also important to the organization of your life's adventures when you haven't even unpacked your CDs can be a troublesome thought.

Then, extra curricular activities kick in. Notre Dame and Saint Mary's offer an astounding number of ways to spend your "free time," urging you to join a broom ball league, help your community, strengthen your faith and build your resume. With so many options, picking one—or 12—isn't easy. After activity night, you may wonder how you ended up on the email list for the Notre Dame Rodeo Club, or realize that roller hockey just isn't for you.

Before the first-week-stress syndrome causes you to break down in tears and come to the decision that life would be better as a bartender in the Caribbean, relax. Take another look back and realize that you have weeks to prepare for your chemistry midterm. Read on the quad or play Frisbee with your friends, not around the lakens, and realize that you — yes, you — are a bright and capable person. If you have a vague idea of what they would like to study.

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Beyond Campus

Report raises questions about Duke shoe deal

DURHAM, N.C. — When top basketball recruit Amar'e Stoudemire's mother accepted money from Nike consultant George Raveling, she might have jeopardized her son's NCAA eligibility. But she also sparked questions about the role of big-time shoe companies in college athletics.

Those same questions surfaced in July when the Knight Foundation's Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics released a report that argued that the commercialization hurt higher education. Now, administrators, students and fans at Duke University are wondering if the Nike swoosh is mightier than the Duke shield.

Men's basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski has a private contract with Nike since 1993 after switching from adidas. Nike provides the team with shoes, uniforms and practice gear.

"We wear the Nike swoosh on our uniforms," Krzyzewski said earlier this year. "And a lot's for sale here, but with stipulations. It's bad if corporations are running the ranch here. But they're not."

"A university is also a business, but it should not sell values," he said.

Alleva said that in other sports, the University has individual contracts with equipment providers.

"Soccer has adidas," Alleva said. "Tennis has deals... Golf has Titleist and companies like that."

There are obvious benefits for Duke.

Krzyzewski's deal supplements his income from the University, and the team receives free equipment and exposure.

Eric Obeneh, a spokesperson for Nike, said the shoe company has more than 200 contracts with various schools and coaches.

Although he could not reveal the contents of a specific contract, he said Nike offers footwear at a minimum and often uniforms and other apparel.

Penn State University

Campus reacts to student's suicide

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — As word of Timothy Kulp's suicide slowly filtered through the second floor of Hamilton Hall at Pennsylvania State University, where the 18-year-old had lived for about a week, students reacted with sadness and shock.

But with only a few weeks of Penn State experience to his name, not many of his fellow residents knew him well, if at all. "He was never home," said Bryan Brighthill, who lived a few rooms down the hall from Kulp. "But I can't believe that it's so close to the start of college and it's already over for him. He didn't experience anything yet and that is tragic."

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University of Texas at El Paso

Study declares school's soil safe

AUSTIN, Texas — A study released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services declared elevated levels of arsenic and lead in the soil of the Texas at El Paso's soil are not a health threat to faculty, students and staff.

The HHS Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry and the Texas Department of Health released the findings Monday after surveying the area in July on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency. Though the lead and arsenic contents were above the EPA's acceptable levels, UTEP officials said they pose little or no risk to the university community.

A UTEP geology student analysis of the soil earlier this year found significant levels of the two substances, prompting the government to analyze the soil on campus.

"I could say that the entire campus was found to be safe," said Robert Morey, UTEP Director of Environmental Health and Safety. "The metals weren't found to impose any risk."
Local area code set to change

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Assistant News Editor

Because the current 219 area code serving all of northern Indiana is nearing capacity, callers will have to dial a new area code 574 to reach Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and South Bend residents as early as June 2002.

According to Notre Dame’s telecommunications manager Steve Ellis, during the next four months, until Dec. 14, callers will notice no changes while telephone companies prepare their equipment for the new area code.

Starting Dec. 14, a period called permissive dialing will begin, when callers may dial either the old 219 area code or the new 574 area code. Then beginning June 14, 2002, callers must dial the new 574 area code.

The December and June deadlines were set by the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, but may be moved back as a result of appeals from telephone companies.

Before the new area code takes effect, the University has to prepare for the change.

“All literature has to be changed [with the new area code],” said Steve Ellis, telecommunications manager.

“We are pleased we got the information so early and we sent an alert out well enough in advance that we have almost a year to change the area code on current media. We see no additional cost to the University since we have given early notice to the departments and we have asked the printing suppliers to work with each department in ordering appropriate quantities through the transition,” said assistant vice president for procurement services Tim Gibney.

According to Saint Mary’s director of marketing communications Nick Farmer, the College has not yet sent out instructions for ordering media with the new area code, but will do so soon.

“It came as somewhat of a surprise to people over the summer [that the area code would change]. We will be sending out guidelines for the new area code very soon,” said Farmer.

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Governor appoints SMC prof to board

By MARY CAMPE
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Saint Mary’s College social work professor Jo Ann Burke has been appointed by Governor Frank O’Bannon to a two-year term on the board of Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for the Elderly and Aging (CHOICE).

The CHOICE board advises the governor in policies related to care for the elderly and disabled and works with the Indiana Bureau of Aging and In-home Services.

“Dr. Burke hopes to bring ideas and solutions to move towards providing community-based services enabling people with disabilities to remain in their homes instead of solely relying on institutions or nursing homes.”

This is a very exciting time to be on this board,” says Burke. “People are living longer and we need to come up with ways for the next wave of nursing homes to be born.

Burke also works with Real Services Inc., a community-based elderly care agency that covers Northwest Indiana. One member of the agency saw the motivation and time Burke devotes to the cause of elderly care and nominated her.

Rebecca Zaseck, the nominating colleague, believes strongly in Burke’s depth and breadth of experience and believes those qualities will make her an effective board member for the CHOICE program.

“JoAnn is an educator but she’s also a practitioner,” Zaseck, said.

Burke’s background includes 12 years in geriatric and community health nursing and 10 years in family therapy practice, including five years as an American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy-approved supervisor.

Burke earned her master’s and doctorate in social work from Bryn Mawr College. She has an undergraduate nursing degree from the University of Cincinnati. Burke has been teaching at Saint Mary’s for the past four years.

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Now that he has Cassidy’s former job, Coughlin said there are some changes he would like to make, although he added that the Student Activities office is already an excellent resource for students.

"I think this office is in really good shape and the people who work here are great," Coughlin said.

However, he said he would like the office to become more “user friendly.” He explained that when students plan events or fundraisers, they currently have to go through several steps of paperwork to get approval. Although Coughlin said reducing the amount of paperwork might not be possible, he hopes the Student Activities office can begin offering students more assistance in working through the event approval process.

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Saint Mary’s current response remains to be seen. SOC Spokesperson S. Daniel Carter thinks the problem rest in the attitude of the administration.

Carter said that the campus’ knowledge of the Clery act amendments since 1991 and 1992 and not properly correcting their procedures accordingly speaks to the school’s main concern.

"It is clear that their way of accounting is inadequate and not clear. So how much of a priority are these cases to the school if it takes the threat of federal action to make the changes?" said S. Daniel Carter, SOC spokesperson.

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Media gain more access in South Korea: For the first time, foreign reporters will be allowed to attend routine briefings at the Foreign Ministry that in the past have been open only to mainstream South Korean media. The decision was a rebuff to the privileges powerful domestic press clubs have enjoyed for more than 50 years.

Archbishop's wife accepts decision: The wife of a Roman Catholic archbishop said Wednesday she had accepted his decision to leave her after the two met for the first time in three weeks, ending a saga that had embarrassed the Vatican and captivated Italy.

"For the great love for my husband, I'll respect his decision," she told reporters late Wednesday. "But that doesn't change the feeling I have for him."

AMA says no to drug company gifts: The American Medical Association is spending a big chunk of drug-company money to tell doctors not to accept large gifts from drug companies in a campaign that critic says smack of hypocrisy. The AMA is contributing about $400,000 to the $1 million effort, but most of the balance comes from payments between $50,000 and $100,000 from nine major drug companies. The AMA says it makes sense to involve the industry in a campaign that's also designed to inform drug makers about what is considered unethical behavior.

Committee: 40,000 tax returns lost: At least 40,000 federal tax returns and payments involving $810 million were either lost or destroyed at a Pittsburgh processing facility. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., said a previous estimate of 1,900 lost or destroyed was "only a small fraction" of the actual total.

Fire destroys Evansville factory: Fire gutted a cardboard factory on Evansville's North Side on Wednesday, forcing the evacuation of nearby homes and businesses. Five firefighters who responded to the fire at the Sisco Corp. suffered heat exhaustion and were treated at a hospital, officials said. They were released by late afternoon. Buildings within a half-mile of the fire were evacuated for a few hours because of concerns that fertilizer tanks and gas line from a nearby farmers' cooperative could explode.

Foreign aid workers to stand trial

+ Eight jailed for preaching Christianity

Associated Press

KABUL

Two American women and six other foreigners jailed in Afghanistan on charges of preaching Christianity will be put on trial, the radical Islamic Taliban militia said Wednesday.

The parents of Dayna Curry and Heather Mercer said their daughters were healthy and in "good spirits." They met with them on Monday.

We are now working with the ministry of foreign affairs to get back in to see our daughters on a more frequent basis and everything is going very well," said Heather's father, John Mercer. "They have been very gracious hosts. They have treated us very warmly. We are just working with them closely to hopefully resolve this issue."

The foreigners - two American women, four Germans and two Australians - have been held for more than three weeks. They are members of a German-based Christian organization, Shelter Now International, and were arrested along with 16 Afghan employees. The penalty for an Afghan who converts to Christianity is death.

According to Taliban law, foreigners convicted of preaching Christianity in deep Muslim Afghanistan face jail time and expulsion, while the penalty for an Afghan who converts to Christianity is death.

However, the final say on any punishment lies with the Taliban's reclusive leader, Mullah Mohammed Omar. The Taliban, who control about 95 percent of Afghanistan, are constantly revising their interpretation of how to carry out punishments under Islamic law.

"After the investigation is completed, the case will go to court and the court will decide according to Shariat (Islamic law)," Foreign Minister Waisil Ahmed Muttawakil told the Taliban's Bakhtar News Agency. There was no indication of when the investigation would be complete. The announcement followed the weekly council of ministers meeting in the war-ruined capital Kabul, where the parents of two jailed American women waited for a second visit with their daughters.

Texas 7 leader receives death sentence

Associated Press

DALLAS

The ringleader of the biggest prison breakout in Texas history was sentenced to death Wednesday after unexpectedly pleading with a jury to give him the death penalty for killing a policeman while on the run.

"I don't want to just exist anymore like an animal in prison," George Rivas, 31, said in a courtroom filled with relatives of the slain officer. "I don't want to just exist anymore like an animal in prison," George Rivas, 31, said in a courtroom filled with relatives of the slain officer. "I don't want to just exist anymore like an animal in prison." Rivas, 31, said in a courtroom filled with relatives of the slain officer. "I don't want to just exist anymore like an animal in prison."

The jury took less than two hours to return a verdict of guilty. Rivas was the first of the seven escaped convicts to be tried in the slaying of Irving Officer Aubrey Hawkins, who was shot 11 times and run over twice during a holdup Christmas Eve at a Dallas-area sporting goods store.

The slaying took place two weeks after the inmates broke out of a maximum-security prison. Rivas' attorneys had been trying to get him a life sentence, saying he never intended to murder Hawkins. But as the penalty phase wrapped up Wednesday, Rivas, in a surprise twist, asked the jury to give him a death sentence.

"What you call the death penalty, I call freedom," he said, speaking haltingly. "I can finally be free. I'm telling you right now I don't want another life sentence."

After the verdict was read, Hawkins' wife and mother told Rivas he had destroyed their lives and that of the officer's young son, Andrew. Both demanded he look directly at them.

"You sit there with no remorse on your face and you make me sick," said the officer's sobbing wife, Lori Hawkins. "I will never forgive you."
Lawyers honor SMC alumna

By KATIE RAND
News Writer

Helen Burke, a Saint Mary's graduate of the class of 1990, was recently named one of Illinois 40 leading attorneys under 40.

The list is compiled annually by the Law Bulletin Publishing Company, which prints Chicago Daily Law Bulletin, a daily courts newspaper that has provided lawyers with important legal information and news of the day since 1854.

Every year, the Law Bulletin asks its Illinois based readers to nominate attorneys under 40 to join the ranks of their prestigious peers. This past July, Burke was added to the competitive list, and was one of the younger of the 40 attorneys.

"I was nominated by a member of the community. The basic qualifications are to be an Illinois lawyer under 40 who is thought to be worth watching," Burke said.

After graduating from Saint Mary's College, Burke went on to graduate school at the State University of New York at Buffalo, where she earned her Ph.D. in Political Science as well as a degree in law.

Finishing there at the end of 1994, she then moved to Florida where she practiced for a year and a half, before relocating to Illinois for a year of work. All the while Burke worked on her dissertation. Prior to her current position as an associate in the Chicago office of Michael Best & Friedrich, Burke was an associate with Smith & Herzog and clerked for the Honorable Clifford L. Meacham in the Circuit Court of Cook County for two years.

Burke's practice focuses on all aspects of litigation including mechanics lien and commercial litigation, although her primary area of focus is construction. Working with contractors, subcontractors and owners has proven to be a tough job, but Burke has risen to the top of her field.

"I know that contractors and developers can be among the toughest, most opinionated and strong-willed of any client. Helen can stand toe-to-toe with any of them. She knows the law inside and out," Peter Herzog, a colleague of Burke's, said.

In addition to working for a private practice for the last four and half years, Burke is a member of the Chicago Bar Association, National Association of Women in Construction, Chicago Women in Trades and other organizations.

She has also taught Constitutional Law at DePaul University and Political Participation at Saint Mary's College.

Currently she is writing an article with Judge Meacham on construction litigation, her specialty.

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CAMBODIA

Flood victims flee to capital

Associated Press

PHNOM PENH — Authorities struggled Thursday to cope with an influx of villagers flocking to the capital after their homes and crops were wiped out by recent flooding that has left at least 35 people dead.

The government says more than 135,000 people are homeless after heavy rains flooded southeastern provinces in the past two weeks.

Up to 100 people from Prey Veng province arrived Thursday in hopes of getting food. They said they came to the capital after seeing King Norodom Sihanouk on television providing aid to flood victims.

"We don't care if the authorities chase us away, we have nothing and have no choice," said 67-year-old Lonh Khan as she squirmed in for shade under a coconut tree in front of the Royal Palace.

Some 500 more people from southeastern Cambodia took refuge in a Buddhist temple in the capital, Wat Svay Popae, after being ejected Wednesday from a prominent corner park between the National Assembly and the Royal Palace.

On Thursday, police used bullhorns to ask the villagers at the temple to return to their homes, and told some that they would be forcibly removed.

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**Israeli troops pull back from enemy lines**

*Associated Press*

BEIT JALLA

Israeli forces pulled out of the Palestinian town of Beit Jalla before daybreak Thursday, witnesses said, hours after the Jewish state agreed to such a withdrawal if calm was restored.

The pullout, arranged with U.S. and European help, began two days after Israeli tanks and troops entered the village following a heavy exchange of fire between Palestinian gunmen in the city and the Jewish neighborhood of Gilo, across a valley in a disputed part of Jerusalem.

Witnesses said Israeli tanks and armored personnel carriers headed out of Beit Jalla, after exchanges of gunfire stopped around midnight, five hours before the withdrawal began.

Israel radio reported that the tanks and armored vehicles would remain near the town to ensure that the gunfire would not resume.

The move came after a late-night meeting of top Israeli Cabinet ministers in Jerusalem, including Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Defense Minister Bennyamin Ben-Eliezer.

Secretary of State Colin Powell talked with leaders on both sides to try to defuse the crisis. He called Arafat on Wednesday to assure him the Bush administration was pressing Israel to withdraw from Beit Jalla, just south of Jerusalem, State Department officials said. Powell also asked Arafat to help restore calm to the region, they said. Later, Powell called Peres, said a statement from Peres' office.

Peres spent Wednesday talking to officials on all sides in an effort to stop the shooting between Palestinian gunmen and Israeli forces and to pull the Israeli troops out of the town.

An aide to European Union envoy MiguelMoratinos said European Union experts were in the region trying to help bring an end to the fighting.

During the two days Israeli forces held positions in the town, Palestinian gunners continued to target Gilo, a Jewish neighborhood built on land captured by Israel in the 1967 war and annexed to Jerusalem. For the first time, they aimed 50-caliber machine-gun fire at the Jewish houses, and they also fired 60mm mortar shells. One Palestinian policeman was killed and at least 20 people were injured, Palestinians said.

The State Department had welcomed the withdrawal agreement and held out hope that the truce could be a springboard to a wider accord. "Stopping the violence is the way of getting there," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said Wednesday.

But the State Department heightened its criticism of the measures used by Israel in retaliation for terrorist attacks.

"I think we've seen incursions before," Boucher said. "There is a fundamental issue here, and that's trying to reverse agreements and understandings that have been made in the past."

The statement appeared a muted warning to Israel to reverse the Beit Jalla Incursion, the longest-lasting of several into territory Israel turned over to the Palestinian Authority under the 1993 Oslo Accords.

Ben-Eliezer said Wednesday he had no plans to reoccupy Gilo. However, he said, if Palestinians resumed shooting on Gilo after an Israeli withdrawal, his troops would "absolutely" move back into Beit Jalla.

In 11 months of Israeli-Palestinian fighting, Israeli forces have repeatedly entered Palestinian territories, but stayed only a few hours. The incursion, the most extended, threatened to enflame violence to a new peak.

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Residents return home after fires

Associated Press

WEAVERVILLE, Calif. Residents began returning to see what was left of their homes Wednesday as firefighters continued to battle a wildfire that forced the evacuation of more than half of this former mining town of 3,500.

The blaze destroyed more than 1,600 acres and destroyed at least a dozen homes. No serious injuries were reported. By Wednesday night, the fire was 65 percent contained, and damage was estimated at $3.5 million, including destroyed structures and timber.

"We're very concerned the winds could pick up and we could be in the same situation again," said Del Walters, deputy chief of the California Department of Forestry. "Our deputy chief of the California Department of Forestry. "Our objective is to keep the fire where it is."

Investigators believe sparks from a car started the fire in five different spots along Highway 299, about 2 miles west of town, said Kevin Colburn, a spokesman for the California Department of Forestry.

Some residents who fled Tuesday night with armloads of belongings were allowed to check their homes Wednesday after firefighters cut down some trees and reopened a highway.

Firefighters had told Ray Proffitt that his home of more than 45 years had been lost to the blaze. But he returned to find that only his three-car garage had been destroyed. Proffitt, 75, picked through the rubble of his garage, pulling out 50 years' worth of tools.

The night before, he had refused to leave until the last minute, spraying down his roof with a garden hose until the fire crept onto his property and trees started exploding, he said. On Wednesday, his home was the only one of five in the immediate area still standing.

High winds gusts had fanned the fire toward the western side of the town, about 200 miles north of San Francisco.

About 100 miles to the south, a man was arrested on murder charges Wednesday for allegedly starting a brush fire that led to the deaths of two pilots whose firefighting planes collided over the 270-acre blaze.

Prosecutors said Frank Brady, 50, was operating a methamphetamine lab in the woods that may be connected to the Hells Angels motorcycle gang.

In Northern California, about 55 miles northeast of Georgetown, a blaze burning on more than 9,000 acres in canyons was 12 percent contained Wednesday night. No structures were threatened.

Twenty-six large fires were burning on more than 200,000 acres across the West, according to the National Interagency Fire Center.

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Officials: Pilot flying
Aaliyah not cleared

Associated Press

MIAMI

The pilot of the ill-fated Bahamas flight carrying pop star Aaliyah and eight others did not have federal authorization to fly the plane and had been in court on a crack cocaine possession charge 12 days before the deadly crash, authorities said Wednesday.

Luis Antonio Morales Blanes, 30, had not been listed as the pilot for the twin-engine Cessna by Blackhawk International Airways, Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen said.

She said the company did not have federal authorization to fly charters under an air-taxi certificate, which authorizes a single pilot to fly the plane. Bergen said that pilot wasn't Morales.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation. U.S. and Bahamian aviation officials are investigating whether excess weight from baggage — among other possible causes — contributed to Saturday's crash.

NBC "Nightly News" on Wednesday, citing unidentified sources, said the plane was over its maximum take-off weight by 700 pounds to 1,500 pounds. Asked about the report, Randy Butler, lead investigator from the Bahamas Civil Aviation Department, told The Associated Press, "We're not willing to speculate at this time."

He said he did not know where he had been weighed and he would not give a partial weight.

The Cessna was bound for Opa-locka, Fla., when it went down shortly after takeoff on Abaco Island, 100 miles north of Nassau. Everyone aboard was killed in the crash or died later of their injuries.

Aaliyah, a Grammy-nominated star with a platinum-selling album and high-profile movie roles to her credit, had come to the Bahamas with the others to shoot a music video.

Bergen said the FAA was still trying to clarify the relationship between Blackhawk and the plane's registered owner, a Florida company called Skystream. The Miami Herald reported Wednesday that Blackhawk was listed on customs documents as the flight's operator.

"It is not unusual for one company to lease an aircraft to another, but that's something we have to clarify with regard to this flight," Bergen said.

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BRAZIL
Castro makes stop before heading to South Africa

Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO
Fidel Castro arrived in Brazil Wednesday for an overnight stopover en route to South Africa where he will address a world conference on racism. The Cuban president was greeted at the military section of Rio de Janeiro's Galeao airport by state governor Anthony Garotinho before heading for a hotel near the city's legendary Copacabana beach.

He was welcomed at the Othon Palace hotel by about 100 boisterous supporters, waving signs reading "Viva Fidel and the Cuban Revolution!" and flags of the Brazilian Communist Party and other leftist movements.

As Castro walked into the hotel, wearing his traditional olive-green military fatigues, eager onlookers jostled to get a glimpse of him. Castro had been scheduled to dine with Garotinho at the governor's palace, but hotel chef Mario Tavares said he had been asked to prepare a dinner of salmon with green salad and green corn for the Cuban guest, the same dish he had eaten last time he stayed here.

There was no word of Castro's schedule for Thursday, except that he was due to leave for Durban, South Africa for the U.N. World Conference Against Racism.

Although Latin America's largest country has a center-right, market-friendly government, Brazil and communist Cuba have warm relations. Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso is one of the region's most outspoken supporters of involving Cuba in all regional bodies, including the U.S.-sponsored Free Trade Area of the Americas, scheduled to start in 2005.

Cuba has spoken up to support Brazil in its fight to produce generic drugs and force lower prices from multinational pharmaceutical companies.

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Sharpton: Florida hostile to blacks

Associated Press

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The Rev. Al Sharpton on Wednesday criticized the government and police in South Florida, saying he sees a pattern of racial bias causing blacks to be treated as second-class citizens.

"Everyone is not welcome, everyone is not treated the same and South Beach is looking like the Deep South," Sharpton said.

Sharpton spoke before a hearing of a State Advisory Committee on Civil Rights. The panel held an informal hearing to listen to residents' complaints about discrimination and mistreatment at the hands of police.

Sharpton told the committee that his group, The National Action Network, would pressure South Florida government and law enforcement officials to fix what he called a pattern of "continued profiling, abuse and police misconduct."

"We intend to make this a national cry ... we intend to see something rectified here," Sharpton told the panel. About 150 people attended.

Bobby Doctor, regional director for the commission, said the panel has received several complaints alleging police abuse, discrimination in Ft. Lauderdale government offices and concerns over the impact of a federal housing program.

"It is very, very clear that there are a number of problems in the South Florida area," Doctor said.

Some of those waiting to speak before the panel at the hearing occasionally chanted a refrain often heard during the presidential election recount last year: "No Justice, No Peace."

Sharpton and others have alleged that black voters were disenfranchised by institutional racism.

Among other incidents he cited: a Maryland lawmaker earlier this year entered a bar in Perry and was told to sit in a separate area for blacks, and police actions with high-profile black celebrities, such as rap mogul Sean Combs and Raymond Scott, co-owner of the hip-hop magazine The Source.

"Florida in many ways has represented nationally some of the worst forms of abuse of civil rights in recent memory," Sharpton said. "The commission needs to know that there's a national concern."

Last week, Scott was arrested hours after The Source Hip-Hop Awards 2001 was taped on Miami Beach. Scott, 36, was charged with speeding and eight other violations. Police are investigating his allegation that the arresting officer hit him.

Miami Beach Police charged Combs with driving with a suspended license in April. The State Attorney's Office was also investigating a June 9 incident in which Combs allegedly ran a red light and almost hit a pedestrian.

Telephone calls seeking comment from the Miami Beach Police Department were not immediately returned Wednesday.
Wade speaks against reparations

Associated Press

ABIDJAN

Descendant of generations of slave-owning African kings himself, Senegal's president on Wednesday ridiculed demands for financial reparations for the trans-Atlantic slave trade as impossible and insulting.

Almost every nation was once one of slave-owners, President Abdoulaye Wade said ahead of debate on reparations at the U.N. racism conference in Durban, South Africa.

What they owe today, he said, is lasting recognition of the wrong done.

"If one can claim reparations for slavery, the slaves of my ancestors, or their descendents, can also claim money from me," Wade said in an interview with The Associated Press. "Because slavery has been practiced by all people in the world."

Advocates for reparations for the trans-Atlantic slave trade in particular are asking the West "to give us money to forget our ancestors, and the suffering they went through," Wade said. "And I find that insulting."

The Senegalese leader, outspoken on both African involvement in the slave trade and the need for European and American acknowledgment of their roles, spoke by telephone before Friday's opening of the conference.

A campaign driven by African activists is asking the conference to endorse proposals for an apology and financial compensation from nations that benefited from the trans-Atlantic slave trade.

By the most widely accepted estimate, the trade saw 12 to 15 million Africans shipped across the ocean into slavery between 1440 and 1860.

Although many African countries have signed past statements of support for reparations and an apology, African leaders have largely been silent in the run-up to the conference.

On Wednesday, Wade joined the Vatican and South African President Thabo Mbeki in urging acknowledgment of the slave trade as an injustice.

Pope John Paul II already has asked divine forgiveness — a gesture made during the pontiff's visit to an old slave barracks on Goree Island off Dakar. The site is still remembered by the people of that nation.

The Vatican's Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace said Wednesday that a calculation of compensation for slavery could be difficult.

It suggested an "apology or expression of regret to the victim state by the state responsible for the wrong."

In South Africa, Mbeki said Thursday he was seeking for "a measurable commitment within countries and among nations that practical steps will be taken and resources allocated to eradicate the legacy of slavery, colonialism and racism."

"A necessary first step in this regard is an unequivocal acknowledgment of the fact that slavery, colonialism and racism are represented chapters and practices in human history that cannot but be condemned unequivocally as unjust," Mbeki said.

Wade angrily repudiated activists in his own country by saying he would go to Durban to make the case against financial compensation.

What Wade wanted, he said Wednesday, was declaration of the slave trade as a crime against humanity.

"About reparations, ... it is about the wrong done." Wade said Wednesday.

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This is the time of year for advice-giving. New beginnings always bring out the "wise" who are willing to offer guidance. I will prove no exception. My advice is blunt: don't be an idiot.

Usually what is meant by these words in the Notre Dame context is that you should not commit a social faux pas like buying a Crewe (pass) rather than Abercrombie and Fitch or wearing your ball cap dirty, with the sides of the bill turned down or backwards. (Come on, guys, that's so '90s.) There is a deeper meaning to the term "idiot." The classical Greek term stoicheiotes translates "private person" as well as "ignorant person." An idiot here is a person who knows so little about the way that society as a whole — the poles — functions that he or she is unable to be a truly active citizen in that society. It is possible and sometimes encouraged to spend one's time at Notre Dame doing little else but accruing technical knowledge (what the Greeks called techne) in some specific area and nothing else.

Graduates who have taken this route are often considered successes because they excel in that narrow expertise and make money. However, they are, from a classical and Catholic standpoint, profoundly failures. What follows, then, is advice on how to spend your time at Notre Dame so that you do not become an idiot.

1. Take the intellectual resources of Notre Dame seriously. This University is a place of excellence in intellectual conversation on the pressing issues of the day. Your basic university requirements are not sufficient of themselves to enable you to join this conversation with any fluency. They are only a starting point.

2. Catholics, take your Catholicism seriously. People of religious faith need to attend not only to the earthly poles but to the cittyas Dei, the city of God, and how that city relates to the earthly poles. Notre Dame offers masses, retreats and spiritual direction. But there is more.

3. Take South Bend seriously. South Bend is the literal earthly city in which the University resides. (Yes, I know Notre Dame has its own post office address and zip code. So what.) Overcoming idiocy requires learning about South Bend. The city is often characterized as "dangerous" against the "safe" Notre Dame. This simplistic depiction is a form of xenophobia that mixes racism and class snobbery.

There are a large number of Notre Dame students who take what are called service, experimental or community-based learning courses. In such courses there is both immersion in the city and other parts of the United States and due reflection on the complexity of the lives we live there. The Center for Social Concerns oversees many of these courses. Go there. Take the world seriously. Catholicism is often described as a world religion. It is practiced virtually everywhere. But to take this worldliness seriously requires more than, in Pope John Paul II's words, "a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far." Rather, it requires what the Pope calls solidarity, that is, "a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good because we are all really responsible for all." The best way to build this kind of solidarity is to go where other people live and live with them. All first-year students (and sophomores who have yet to do so) should go straight to the International Studies office and get a list of programs for study abroad. Do it now so that you can begin to prepare for this journey. For instance, learn Spanish if you wish to go to Latin America. How do you feel when you feel drawn but who otherwise are as different from you as possible and go live with them. If you come back from that experience an idiot, I'll stop writing this column.

Todd David Whitmore
COLLEGE STATION, Tex.
The Houston chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) is rallying support for Andrea Yates, the Clear Lake woman who drowned her five children on June 20.

According to the Houston Chronicle, the group is forming the Andrea Pla Yates Support Coalition to raise money for her defense. A candlelight vigil will be held in her honor on Sept. 12 to determine if she is fit to stand trial. NOW believes that her husband, Russell Yates, also should be held accountable for the murders because he knew she was mentally unstable. Yates faces capital murder charges in the deaths of three of her children — Noah, 7, John, 2, and Mary, 6 months. She is not yet charged in the deaths of Paul, 3 and Luke, 2. She has pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity.

However, it is NOW that has lost its mind. This irrelevant shell of an organization should condemn Yates just like any other murderer. Perhaps she was, as the organization contends, severely depressed as she held each child’s head underwater in a bathtub. But depression is not an excuse for committing cold-blooded murder, and it is outrageous for feminists or anyone else to offer excuses for her.

The Houston chapter of NOW, as well as those who would support its efforts, do a grave disservice to justice and children everywhere. Shortly after the killings, columnist Anna Quindlen explained in the pages of “Newsweek” the reaction of some feminist colleagues with whom she had discussed the murders. She wrote of their reactions, “And the look says that at some forbidden level she understands. She gets it. Because two very different kinds of horror here. There is the entirely imaginable idea of going quietly bonkers in the house with five kids under the age of seven.” She goes on to write of the “insidious cult of motherhood.”

Offering sympathy where it’s due

Senior expects bittersweet final year

Until now, I did not realize the truth about my body. I’m pregnant. And here’s the news, fellow seniors: all of you are pregnant with me.

Such a profound realization can only be the result of a long and intense period of carousing, one of which I have just enjoyed during the past seven-day weekend. Months ago I anticipated that it would eventually be Senior Week 1, and it has been by all accounts. The joyous reunification of great friends in old haunts has been only tempered by those places have reasons to be proud.

But every year, thousands of parents across the nation work through the stress. They also reap the rewards of selflessness that only raising children can provide. There is no evidence of mental instability, and even the severest depression should not absolve guilt. Five children are dead, and she is responsible. Andrea Yates deserves no sympathy, and NOW only chips away at what little credibility it has left when defense funds are set up and vigils are held in her honor.

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"Planet of the Apes"  

This past summer, few movies were touted with as much advertising propaganda as "Planet of the Apes." Not only is "Apes" a big-budget enterprise that features the ultra-creative Tim Burton in the director's chair, but it is also a remake of the revered 1967 sci-fi classic of the same name. And, like the original, Burton's "Apes" sports Oscar-caliber makeup and is based on Pierre Boulle's novel. Unfortunately, the similarities—most notably quality—end there.

Colored a "re-imagination, not a remake" by the 20th Century Fox hype machine, "Apes" showcases Mark Wahlberg as a human astronaut in the not-too-distant future. While investigating a spatial anomaly, Wahlberg unwittingly lands on an unknown planet that is controlled by the heretofore lesser members of the primate family. Wahlberg and Stella Warren, the requisite scantily-clad female human, are immediately swept into the center of the ape-human conflict when they are captured by the demonic General Thade (Tim Roth) on a slave-gathering expedition. Helena Bonham Carter enters the foray as a human-rights advocate chimp who can speak and communicate at a level similar to the apes, waiving the distinction that her beliefs should be put into practice, it is only a matter of time before the planet.

"Apes" does a number of things very, very wrong. Unlike the original, the humans can speak and communicate at a level similar to the apes, waiving the distinction between human and ape and rendering Wahlberg an unwilling messiah more akin to Monty Python's title character in "Life of Brian" than the misogynistic Charlton Heston. And the search for ape-human prehistory, the scientific premise that was the foundation and modern-day parable of the '67 version, is instead replaced by a simpering animal rights agenda. Aberrations such as these and many others have alarmingly falls for Wahlberg, the Hairless Biped. Once Wahlberg convinces Carter her beliefs should be put into practice, it is only a matter of time before the rudimentary "man-beasts" are pitted against the erudite apes in an epic battle for the planet.

"A.I.: Artificial Intelligence"  

Written and directed by Steven Spielberg, and based on years of input by the late Stanley Kubrick, "A.I." is a futuristic twist on the famous "Pinocchio" fairy tale. Haley Joel Osment stars as David, an 11-year-old boy who lives at a time when the similarities—most notably quality—end there. Sophia (Robin Williams), the architect who forged David, "knows" that he is a human child, and can speak and communicate at a level similar to the apes, waiving the distinction that her beliefs should be put into practice, it is only a matter of time before the planet.

"Moulin Rouge"  

Baz Luhrmann's "Moulin Rouge" is an ingeniously scored, enormously musical for the new millennium. As visually rich as any film in recent memory, it over­whelms his viewers with a dazzling barrage of sumptuous imagery. Much like the director's previous effort, "William Shakespeare's Romeo + Juliet," "Moulin Rouge" is set in an alternate universe where the historical trappings have the narrative peacefully coexist with today's popular culture.

The story revolves around two lovers, Christian (Ewan McGregor), a writer who has come to Paris, and Satine (Nicole Kidman), a tantalizing courtesan at the Rouge. Through the course of the story, Satine must choose between the penniless writer, whom she loves, and the wealthy Duke, whose finances will make her a star and ensure a future for the club. Simply put, there is no mystery to be found in this film, as Luhrmann has taken everything to the extreme. The hallucinogenic cinematography, incorporating quick edits, vibrant colors and plenty of overblown spectacle is sure to induce sensory overload.

Like the Hollywood musicals of old, the characters in "Moulin Rouge" burst out into song at the drop of a hat. However, in this case, the words they sing are culled from who's who of pop music from the 20th Century, which are seamlessly combined in new and exciting ways.

One could go on and on about the luscious production design, the priceless costumes and the recklessly delightful digital effects that blend this whole world together, but "Moulin Rouge" is best seen for yourself. As movies shy away from emotions not rooted in The Julia Roberts School of Romantic Comedies, it's nice to know something as unconventional and potent as "Moulin Rouge" can slip through the cracks and give cinema a swift kick in the butt.

"America's Sweethearts"  

"America's Sweethearts" is a light, romantic comedy about the 'real,' behind-the-scenes world of Hollywood. Julia Roberts plays Kiki, the under-appreciated sister and personal assistant to movie star Gwen (Catherine Zeta-Jones), who's married to actor and husband Eddie (John Cusack). When the "perfect couple" go through a tough break-up, Gwen's talent and fame are met with criticism from American audiences. It's up to press agent Lee Phillips (Billy Crystal) to sell their latest movie in order to keep his own job. In the midst of all the chaos, Kiki and Eddie find their friendship to be much more.

"Sweethearts" was co-written by Crystal and has a full, talented cast, yet it cannot seem to meet the standards of a good film. The storyline is of course predictable and full of far-fetched, stupid comments. One now watch the movie offers, though, is a chance to see Roberts out of the spotlight and playing a lesser role.

But director Joe Roth tries to cover up his poor camerawork with fake Hollywood glamour and a bunch of beautiful actors. Also, Zeta-Jones delivers one of her worst performances as she tries a little too hard to play a conceited, spoiled actress.

"America's Sweethearts" definitively loses a few points because of its emphasis on the importance of looking sexy. Eddie doesn't even look twice at Kiki until she loses 60 pounds and buys tighter clothes. Also, the film moves slowly between its obvious ending. With characters that are vain, greedy and insane, "Sweethearts" is best seen on video, if at all.
stave off summer heat...
NEW YORK
John Franco, a veteran of two strikes and a lockout, and doesn't have any advice for teammates on whether to expect another way stoppage to come soon.

"Nobody's said nothing yet," the New York Mets' reliever said. "It's been — quite — in jest.

Baseball's labor contract expires two months from Friday. It is that late that makes many fans shudder. The sport has gone through eight work stoppages since 1972, and some owners want major economic changes, saying baseball has become a game where only the rich teams win.

Since the end of the last strike, a 232-day walkout that wiped out the entire 1994 season, the New York Yankees have been the National League, including the last three. The Atlanta Braves, another big spender, won the title in 1995 and the Florida Marlins won in 1997, after boosting their payrolls among the top five.

The Major League Baseball Players Association, the sport's strongest union in sports and perhaps in the United States, says the sport doesn't need the salary cap some owners favor and that the recent success of large-market teams is an anomaly, caused partly because they recovered fastest from the strike.

But in contrast to the virulently that was near continuous dur-
Public records expert looks into Almonte conflict

Associated Press

MOCA, Dominican Republic — A public records expert trokked to this remote farming town Wednesday to determine once and for all whether star Little League pitcher Danny Almonte is 12 or 14. Conflicting documents about Almonte's age have surfaced this week, even as he and his teammates were honored with a parade through the Bronx and a celebration at Yankee Stadium for their play at the Little League World Series.

"Danny! Danny!" chanted thousands of people waving Dominican flags as the Rolando Paulino All-Stars Little League team paraded through the Bronx.

"12 or 14 — so what," said a sign along the parade route. "Why investigate only us ... Why? Because we are from the town of Jamao, insists all documents but hers are false. Rojas gave birth the same day. It is not notarized, nor is it signed by a hospital official. The AP reporter also said Wednesday she did not know his exact age.

"We will evaluate who registered the documents to determine which of the two is false," said Ramon Reyes, a spokesman for the national public records office. An announcement wasn't expected until late Thursday. Along with her son's gold-plated baseball trophies and newspaper clippings, Sonia Rojas Breton has a handwritten, photocopied birth certificate that says he was born April 7, 1989. Ten blocks away, the town's official records office has another birth certificate that says Danny was born April 7, 1987.

Still another handwritten document obtained by the New York Daily News from Dr. Toribio Bencomo Hospital in Moca states that Rojas gave birth to a boy on April 7, 1987. Rojas registered him only one day after his birthday, with the help of a midwife in the nearby town of Jamao, insists all documents but hers are false. "I don't know why those people are lying," Rojas told The Associated Press Tuesday at her cement home. "They must envy Danny."

She is baffled by the lack of records at the school she said both Danny and his older brother Juan attended.

"Danny never went to school here but his brother 'Cheito' did," Ermines de la Rosa, director of the Escuela Evangélica Alianza in Moca, said Wednesday. She did not know his exact age.

"We don't know where these documents are coming from," Rojas told the AP on Wednesday. "I know where I gave birth to my son and it wasn't in a hospital."

The handwritten hospital record, seen by an AP reporter on Wednesday, is in a tattered school notebook and lists the names of 30 other women who gave birth the same day. It is not notarized, nor is it signed by a hospital official. The AP reporter also said Wednesday she had found a birth certificate for Danny's older brother. Danny's mother says he is 14, but the birth certificate says he was born Dec. 15, 1985, making him nearly 16.

The government official who was sent to investigate the records, Yancy, didn't copy much of Wednesday's copying the records and sending them back to the main office in Santo Domingo. Danny lived in Moca until last year when he moved to New York with his father. Danny threw the first perfect game in Little League World Series history since 1957 before his team was defeated Saturday by Apopka, Fla., for the U.S. championship. Danny finished the tournament in South Williamsport, Pa., on Sunday, with 46 strikeouts, giving up only three hits in three starts. A run scored in the last inning of his final game was the only run scored on Danny all summer.

Rumors about Danny's age plagued the team throughout the tournament, and Little League coaches in the Staten Island, N.Y., and Pequannock, N.J., hired investigators to find proof that Bronx players were ineligible, to no avail.

Little League officials didn't question Danny's age until Monday, when a Sports Illustrated report was published. The magazine reported Danny's father, Felipe de Jesus Almonte, had registered his son's birth twice, with the earlier record showing a 1987 birth date and the later one showing 1989 — the same evidence an AP reporter had found Tuesday. If documents prove Danny is really 14, Little League spokesman Danny Van Auken said his Rolando Paulino team probably would have forfeited its last victory.

In 1992, a Little League team from the Philippines won the final game in the World Series but it was then stripped of their title for using over-age and ineligible players.

On ABC's "Good Morning America," de Jesus said Wednesday he doesn't understand how the two birth records could be different. Through an interpreter, he said he is not trying to cheat anyone and insisted his son is 12.

"I registered him only one time," de Jesus said, adding he did it in 1990.

The case has stirred a frenzy in the baseball-driven Dominican Republic, which has produced such greats as Sammy Sosa and Pedro Martinez, but also is known for its poor record-keeping. Nearly 25 percent of children over 5 lack proper birth certificates, according to UNESCO.

The lack of adequate records and prospect of lucrative baseball contracts creates an atmosphere vulnerable to fraud.

"Families in the Dominican Republic expect to generate income from their children's baseball future," said Pablo Peguero, the Los Angeles Dodgers' supervisor of baseball operations in the Dominican Republic. Major league teams are prohibited from signing players younger than 16.

The Dodgers signed their Dominican third baseman Adrian Beltre in 1994. Baseball commissioner Bud Selig ruled in December 1999 that the team had recruited him before his 16th birthday and altered documents to make the signing legal under baseball rules.

Other controversies involving Dominican players include Rafael Furcal, signed by the Braves as a 19-year-old when he was really 22, and Willy Tavarez, signed in 1996 when he was 14.
Garciaparra returns to DL

Associated Press

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CLEVELAND — Nomar Garciaparra says his season's over. Without him. The All-Star shortstop was placed on the 15-day disabled list by the Red Sox on Wednesday morning, ending four months of the season. "It's still in the healing process. I need to give it some time. We've got to let it calm down. It's healing, but it's kind of hit the wall," Garciaparra said. He can no longer ignore the soreness in his wrist, and he needs two weeks' rest before deciding if he can play again this season.

"I don't know," he said when asked if he'll play down the stretch. "I'm on the disabled list for a couple of weeks. We'll test it. This is giving me the time to do the right thing.

"I'm going to do everything I can to get back out there.

Garciaparra's loss comes as the Red Sox enter a critical stretch in their quest for a post-season spot.

The Red Sox trail the first-place New York Yankees by five games in the AL East and are four games behind the Oakland Athletics in the wild-card chase.

Including Wednesday night's game against the AL Central-leading Chicago White Sox, the Red Sox will play their next 12 games against Cleveland (five) and New York.

Boston opens a three-game series at Yankee Stadium on Tuesday night's game.

"It was a tough one to lose," Garciaparra said after the 5-2 loss. "It's the Yankees or anyone," Garciaparra said. "But the bad news is there is no new to us. We were thrashed that he tried to come back and play for us, but this team is used to playing without Nomar." If the Red Sox fall farther back in the standings, it would seem highly unlikely that Garciaparra or the club would risk him hurrying himself during meaningless games in late September.

Garciaparra said he would be upset at sitting even if the Red Sox were playing the Tampa Bay Devil Rays if the season was moving into May and not the final month of the regular season.

"I'm going to be disappointed if I can't play period, whether it's the Yankees or anyone," Garciaparra said. Red Sox team physician, Dr. Bill Morgan, said an MRI on Tuesday showed "no new adverse developments ... other than inflammation.

"The good news is there is nothing damaged," Garciaparra said. "But the bad news is that the inflammation increased to the point where I have to shut it down completely and let it heal.

Garciaparra said he consulted with Kerrigan and general manager Dan Duquette as well as the medical and training staff before deciding to rest his wrist.

With the Red Sox fighting for a playoff spot, Garciaparra knew going to be even tougher to watch. But he knew that if he kept playing he would risk permanent damage.

"I know if I don't do this now, there's a chance that this thing could goronic and that's something that I don't want," he said. "That's why I'm listen­ ing to it.

The wrist is telling me it hit a threshold. I don't want to go past that and hurt myself.

Lou Merloni was recalled from Triple-A Pawtucket to take Garciaparra's roster spot and was available for Wednesday night's game. Mikeแห่งชาติ is the regular shortstop.

Garciaparra underwent surgery in April to repair a split and frayed tendon and insert a metal plate. An exposed bone at the bottom of the plate, an injury that had not been known previously, was smoothed during the operation.

He originally injured the wrist when he was struck by a pitch from Baltimore's Alkey in September 1999. Garciaparra pushed himself hard during rehab and came back quicker than even he expected.

He returned to the Red Sox on July 29 in dramatic fashion, hitting a home run and two-run single in a win at Fenway Park over the Chicago White Sox.

But Kerrigan has had to rest the left-handed bat against the Mets. He talked glowingly of San Francisco during a news conference as Magowan listened.

"That was the first time I said, 'I need that day off no matter what,'" he said. "That's why I'm listening to it.

He played the next day against the Mets. He probably shouldn't have gone in four at-bats. And now by plac­ing more rest days in the box, he's removing any temptation he may have to play.

Garciaparra, a two-time defending AL batting champi­ on, is hitting .289 with four homers and eight RBI in 21 games since returning. But 27 of his 42 hits have been singles, a sign that he couldn't be hitting.

"I'm disappointed that I can't play at the level that I'm used to," he said. "I like to play, this is baseball season and I want to be out there."
Is Latin Really Dead?

Why the Academy and the Church Should Preserve the Latin Language

An informal conversation with

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Woods may use Nike clubs

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BEAVERTON, Ore. — Tiger wears the Nike hat, Nike shoes, Nike shirts and pants and even hits Nike golf balls. The only thing he doesn’t use is Nike clubs.

Now the athletic shoe and clothing company is offering Tiger Woods the entire swoosh package with its own brand of golf clubs.

“We’ve had a discussion with him, but that’s pretty much it so far,” said Mike Kelly, Nike’s director of golf.

Woods’ agent, Mark Steinberg of Cleveland-based International Management Group, was at a meeting in New York and not immediately available for comment.

Woods uses Titleist clubs, and a spokesman at company headquarters in Fairhaven, Mass., said Titleist expects Woods to keep using the brand.

“He plays the full set; all 14 clubs are Titleists,” said spokesman Joe Gomes, “and there are no plans to change.”

Nike has been developing a line of golf clubs this year under the help of David Duval, who won the British Open with a set of Nike irons. Nike since has designed a driver for Duval, who was the longest hitter at the U.S. Open at 321 yards, and again topped the field for distance at the NEC Invitational last weekend, driving the ball 311 yards with the Nike club.

The company hopes to introduce its clubs early next year, possibly at the PGA trade show in Orlando, Fla., in January, Kelly said.

Meanwhile, the company also has signed Bryce Molder, a four-time All-American at Georgia Tech who made his pro debut last week at the Reno-Tahoe Open.

“We’re depending a lot on these two guys to help develop our product,” Kelly said.

It’s a product that represents a significant expansion into high-end sports equipment for a company founded on running shoes.

The Nike clubs will compete with other premium brands, including Titleist, Callaway, Ping and TaylorMade — manufactured by Nike rival Adidas.

A set of Nike graphite-shaft iron — 3-iron through pitching wedge — likely will top $1,000, the same range as the other brands.

But it will mark the first time Nike has introduced a product that expensive, despite a host of other pricey items now bearing the Nike label, including a $542 leather coat, a $249 music player and $160 Air Jordan shoes.

Despite the price, retailers are excited about the new clubs, said Jerry Offerdal, owner of Golf Headquarters in Portland.

Nike took the unusual step of consulting retailers during the development of the clubs, rather than just telling them what kind of design they could expect, Offerdal said.

“They want respectability and trust in their name in the hard-goods business, because they’re coming into somebody else’s turf now,” Offerdal said.

“Key match pits Lewis, Rahman

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Lennox Lewis won’t fight again if he loses his rematch with WBC-IBF heavyweight champion Hasim Rahman.

“If I can’t win this fight, why should I go on?” the 36-year-old Lewis said Wednesday at the second news conference in two days for the Nov. 17 bout.

The boxers opened the fight hype Monday in Rahman’s hometown of Baltimore.

Lewis, a prohibitive favorite when he was knocked out in the fifth round by a single Rahman right hand April 22 in South Africa, is a 3-1 pick to win the title back at Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas.

Rahman, who won the IBF title with a stunning upset over Lewis in 1998, is given 2-1 odds to win the rematch this weekend.

“I don’t give Lennox any credibility,” Offerdal said. “I don’t think he’s got it anymore. He’s not the same fighter he was before.”

Lewis, who has won 40 of his 41 fights, said Wednesday he was not going to let another chance for a world title slip away.

“I cashed in on it,” Lewis said. “I cashed in on my opportunity. I had a chance to win a world title. I get credit for that.”

He added, however, that he realized losing to Rahman was a “wake-up call.”

“It helped me get this respectability,” he said.

Lewis, Rahman are 0-1 since their first fight. Both lost on points in contentious decisions.

Lewis went to court, and a federal judge ruled Rahman had to fight Lewis or a federal judge ruled Rahman had to fight Lewis or

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Irish will generate headlines in spring

PISCATAWAY, N.J. – The cold Memorial Day weekend rain washed out the dream of a national lacrosse title for a school from Indiana. But it also nourished the seeds of success the 2001 Irish men’s lacrosse squad planted. Before 2001, no one could expect that a non-scholarship program from Indiana would ever qualify for the Final Four.

But with a Final Four appearance under their belt and scholarships to award for the first time next year, an Irish appearance on Memorial Day weekend will no longer be an anomaly.

“We’ve taken it one more step. Getting scholarships is going to be great,” senior John Harvey said. “This is definitely a program on the rise. Hopefully you will be reading a lot more about Notre Dame in the future.”

A full-scholarship Irish team will certainly generate plenty of headlines and acclaim in the future. But those great teams of the future would be wise to remember the 2001 seniors. This group of seniors that played key roles on the first Notre Dame team of the ’90s to qualify for the NCAA tournament as freshmen played even bigger roles on the first Irish team to win a quarterfinal game as seniors.

They got to Piscataway with the second-best players from the great high school lacrosse programs and the diamonds on the rough from lesser high school programs.

Tom Glatzel wasn’t even considered the best attack player on his high school team — now he was named InsideLacrosse.com’s attack player of the year.

David Ulrich didn’t even start his senior year of high school but he was a two-time All-American in college.

And no one could have predicted that a goalie from Tennessee who played college lacrosse in Indiana would lead his team to the semifinals. But Kirk Howell did just that.

Coach Kevin Corrigan has cultivated quite a lacrosse program in the previously barren lacrosse soil of Indiana. He may one day add a national championship bloom to the top of his creation. There will be more first teams All-Americans in the future. But the roots of these All-Americans will always be the Class of 2001. So as the Orangemen trotted happily off the field after making the Irish just one more team to fall before the strongest lacrosse program in America, the Irish were in no hurry to escape the cold Memorial Day weekend rain.

The Irish, especially the seniors, lingered and soaked up as much of the atmosphere as they could. The seniors let the rain and the memories wash over them, while the underclassmen soaked up the experience and lessons of the Final Four. And promised to return again, only stronger.

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feeders drew double teams — they did all the work for me." While Springinger was cutting up the Irish defense on one end, the Syracuse defense effectively silenced Notre Dame’s two biggest weapons — All-American attackmen Tom Glatzel and David Ulrich.

“They knew who they needed to stop and they did it,” Corrigan said.

Ulrich, Notre Dame’s all-time career assist leader, ditched off two assists and scored Notre Dame’s fifth goal but was held in check most of the game. Glatzel, who was named Notre Dame’s first team All-American this year, did not register a point in the game. He hit the pole twice but never found the back of the net as he was falling to the ground after a hard check.

Young’s goal at 12:07 remaining in the period gave the Irish their only lead of the game. After Young’s goal, no amount of effort on offense seemed to be enough as the Orange defense completely shut down the Irish attack. Syracuse knotted the score at one in the 9:34 mark and dominated the next four minutes to build a 6-1 lead.

Senior John Harvey scored to bring the Irish within two at the end of the first quarter. Ulrich assisted on the goal. The Irish ended the first quarter with some confidence and momentum but the second quarter belonged to Syracuse. The Orangemen scored five straight goals before sophomore Kyle Frigon finally stopped the bleeding with a goal for the Irish. Poor decisions in the first half doomed the Irish, according to Corrigan.

“The decisions had to be made on the field,” Corrigan said. “We just didn’t make good decisions in the first half.”

The Irish added two more goals in the second half while only giving up two. Harvey scored on another Ulrich assist while Ulrich closed out the scoring with a goal off an assist from his twin brother Todd.

The loss ended the best season in Notre Dame history. Notre Dame’s 14 wins and nine-game winning streak were both school record. Notre Dame also defeated the lacrosse powerhouse Virginia and John Hopkins for the first time this year.

The Irish had four other All-Americans. Goalie Kirk Howell was named to the second team. Midfielder Steve Bishko made third team while David Ulrich and Kyle Adams were both honorable mention honorees.
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of.
In LoVecchio, Davie has a proven, consistent quarter-
back. And in Holiday and Clark, the Irish have a solid
group of backups in case LoVecchio is injured — some-
thing the Irish were lacking last year.
But it’s no secret that LoVecchio is the clear starter
entering the season open-
er. And now that the Irish
are beginning game prepa-
ration for Nebras-
ka, he’s slowly
beginning to
make sense in
practices that
were previ-
ously given to
Holiday and
Clark.
"It’s clear to
all of us right now that Matt
LoVecchio is No. 1," Davie
said. "You’d love one guy to
step up and make it easy on
the coaches."
I’ve been
 beim n her e,"
LoVecchio
said. "Our accuracy’s
improved. I think the more you
throw the ball, the more you’ll
become a better thrower."
LoVecchio believes
that he’s becoming a better
thrower because he’s becoming
more patient back there. But at
the same time, when he makes
a decision to release
the ball he lets it go. He had
a little bit of holding onto the
ball too long. His release is
a little bit quicker. He’s a little
bit stronger."
It’s all a part of that matura-
tion process for LoVecchio —
the same maturity that earned
him the starting job a year ago.
"Being around the college
level, being around this level for
another year compared to last
year is just totally differ-
ent," he said. "Coming into last
year, having never experi-
enced a game in that stadium,
you really don’t know what to
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of know the ropes a little bit
and know what to
expect."
Matt LoVecchio
starting quarterback
"That’s one thing that I’ve
worked on, just totally slowing
time down," he said. "I think
the more comfortable you are
with the game plan and all the
checks and everything that’s
going on, the better player
you’ll be. It’s just a matter of
slowing things down and
knowing where everybody’s
going to be is going to make
you a better player."
"I think we’ve thrown the
ball a lot more efficiently than
we did obviously in the fall
and even in the spring," Davie
said. "I think [LoVecchio has]
come back and he’s a little bit
more patient back there. But
at the same time, when he
makes a decision to release
the ball he lets it go. He had
a little bit of holding onto the
ball too long. His release is
a little bit quicker. He’s a little
bit stronger."
That doesn’t mean that
Holiday or Clark won’t see
playing time.
In a scrimmage last Sunday,
Rogers thought that Holiday
played the best, while Davie
thought Clark, despite fum-
lung the ball too much for the
team. "I think we’ve throw-
ning the ball a lot more
accurately now," Davie said.
"Our accuracy’s improved. I
think the more you throw the
ball, the more you’ll become a
better thrower."
LoVecchio believes
that he’s becoming a better
passer because he’s becoming
more patient and he says he’s
more patient because he’s
more knowledgeable.
Friday, August 31
6:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. Flipstock
featuring bands Nine Days (7:00
p.m.), SR-71 (9:00 p.m.) and
They Might Be Giants (11:00
p.m.). Riehle Playing Fields
(formerly Stepan Fields). Rain
location: Joyce Center Fieldhouse
7:00 p.m. Shamrock Invitational:
Women’s Volleyball vs. Idaho,
Joyce Center
7:00 p.m. Comedy/Hypnosis by
Dale K, Washington Hall
9:00 p.m. Midnight - Karaoke in
the Huddle, LaFortune Student
Center
9:00 p.m. - Midnight ND Express
Pool Room open, free billiards,
LaFortune Student Center
Saturday, September 1
7:00 p.m. ND Men’s Soccer vs.
Villanova, Alumni Field
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Women’s Volleyball vs. Idaho,
Joyce Center
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Pool Room open, free billiards,
LaFortune Student Center
12:00 a.m. - 1:30 a.m. Midnight
breakfast in North Dining Hall

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BASEBALL

Top freshman recruits start workouts

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame's highly-touted group of freshman baseball players has arrived for the 2001 fall semester and is touted as one of the nation's top incoming classes.

Tuesday, the freshmen took the field for their first unofficial workout with head coach Paul Mainieri and pitching coach Brian O'Connor.

The talented group of newcomers is led by shortstop/pitcher Matt Macri and right-hander Chris Niesel — who some consider to be the nation's top incoming freshmen at their respective positions.

"Matt Macri was the best high school shortstop in the country and would have been a first-round pick if he hadn't been so intent on playing at Notre Dame," said Baseball America editor Allan Simpson. "They've also got at least four pitchers who should make major contributions as freshmen."

Right-handers Martin Verger and Grant Johnson joined Macri by earning Gatorade player-of-the-year honors for their respective states while another right-hander, John Axford, elected to attend Notre Dame, rather than signing as the seventh-round pick of the Seattle Mariners.

The other newcomers include right-hander Tyler Jones, shortstop Matt Edwards, catcher Jay Molina and lefthander Scott Bickford.

"There's no question that Notre Dame's is one of the strongest recruiting classes in college baseball, and maybe the best," Simpson said.

The most talked about member of the class, Macri hit .465 from the No. 2 spot in the batting order during his senior season with 10 home runs and 65 RBI while leading Dowling to its 42-3 state championship season.

"Filling the shortstop position with freshmen is difficult, as well as having a majority of your pitching staff be freshmen," said Irish head coach Paul Mainieri.

"The thing that makes it soothing for us is to know that eight starting players are back, so that gives a level of maturity and poise to our team and allows the freshmen to get their feet wet and go at their pace.

Niesel's eye-popping senior season for the nation's 12th-ranked team, Aquinas High School, included a 13-0 record and 0.35 ERA, plus 120 Ks and just 11 walks in 81 innings-for nine-inning averages of 13.3 strikeouts and 1.2 walks, with a 10.9 K-to-walk ratio. The 6-0, 185-pounder was one of five pitchers named a first team All-American by Baseball America and was named Broward County pitcher of the year.

"Aaron Heilman and Danny Tamayo were two of the best pitchers in college baseball last year," Mainieri said. "And we brought in a half-dozen guys that have really good arms and have the potential to be as dominating as Heilman or Tamayo. Now they're all young kids and you've got to let them develop. But I'm anxious to see Irish pitching coach Brian O'Connor work with them."

After signing with the Irish in the fall, Vergara went 10-0 with an 0.30 ERA for DePaul Catholic, earning the New Jersey Player of the Year award for Gatorade. Johnson earned the same award in Illinois, going 12-1 with an 0.70 ERA before traveling to Cuba with the U.S. Junior National Team.

"This is as outstanding a class as you'd ever hope to put together," Mainieri said. "Not just for their tremendous ability, but they also are outstanding young men who have a great deal of maturity, poise and confidence—all the attributes that you are looking for—and they all love Notre Dame. It's a great combination and I think this class is going to contribute great things during their career."

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Freshman turnout largest ever at SMC

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

Last year, several Saint Mary's teams had trouble filling their rosters. This year, they're over capacity.

The number of freshmen coming out for Saint Mary's fall sports this year has exceeded the expectations of administrators and coaches. The 13 women at preseason volleyball practice alone topped the total number of first-year athletes last year. The turnout is a good indication to the athletic department.

"The numbers this year are just an indication of where we're going," said athletic director Lynn Kachmarik.

In addition to the 13 athletes who came out for volleyball, upwards of 17 players showed up for preseason soccer tryouts and 10 showed interest in cross country.

Although not all of those athletes will be starting this season, the numbers alone are a sign that the athletic department is beginning to stand on its own.

"In the past athletics has relied on admissions and now I see us as a team," Kachmarik said. "You can't just provide an athletic opportunity, you have to provide a good athletic opportunity." Kachmarik counts two main factors as the cause of the large turnout this season: coaching staff and recruiting. The coaching staff at Saint Mary's has seen improvements as a whole both in quality and quantity.

Last year, the department added a new full-time basketball coach, a first step towards making the entire coaching staff full-time. In addition, part-time coaches have been putting in more time and work.

"Above and beyond a full time coaching staff, we have such a quality part-time coaching staff," Kachmarik said.

New head soccer coach Bobby Johnston, working only on a part-time salary, works full-time hours and head volleyball coach Julie Schroeder-Biek has been spending more time at Angela working with her team. However, time spent during the season is supplemented by the time the coaches have spent recruiting during the off-season.

"I would say we've been able to attract some amazing quality part-time coaches who bring more experience to recruiting," Kachmarik said. "And it has made a dynamic impact on recruiting." Johnston spent time after he was hired last spring recruiting for this year's soccer team.

"Some of the girls that are here, I tried to recruit," he said.

"I talked to a number of incoming freshmen — some that hadn't committed and weren't 100 percent sure this is where they wanted to come." The 12 freshmen that decided to stick with soccer after preseason conditioning speak for the benefit of that recruiting.

The more than 30 women that have already arrived on the practice fields are not the end of the interest. A 6:30 p.m. open meeting in the library promises to bring even more potential first-year athletes.

Assistant athletic director Greg Petcoff expects up to 30 more women to come to the meeting.

The high numbers are not the only benefit that Kachmarik sees, however. "We're going to be able to add diversity to the student body," she said. "It's a win-win for everybody."

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A Saint Mary's soccer player looks to make a pass during preseason practice. Seventeen freshmen came out for the soccer team during a record year for the Saint Mary's fall sports teams.
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The changes you make regarding friendships are long overdue. You need to be with individuals who have more in common and who can provide a challenge mentally.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Secret affairs will lead only to hurt and pain. Focus your energies on what you can do right now. You will end up on top in the end if you are patient.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You may have difficulties relating to foreigners. Try to understand their point of view before making a harsh decision that you will regret. Your all-or-nothing attitude will be a problem.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Someone who appears to be interested in you may just be trying to find out secret information. Don't mix business with pleasure. You will be inclined to fall in love with foreigners. Be careful where you invest your money. Help others make the necessary changes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Some personal events that require stamina and endurance. Someone from the past is likely to come back into your life. Be careful not to forgive too readily.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Demands will be put on you. Don't make promises that you can't fulfill and be careful where you invest your money. Help others make the necessary changes.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Demand will end as quickly as it began. Focus on your work, and let your private life continue. You may have difficulties relating to foreigners. Try to understand their point of view before making a harsh decision that you will regret. Your all-or-nothing attitude will be a problem.

LION (July 23-Aug. 22)
Romantic relationships will develop through colleges. Your personal life has been stressful, but don't blame yourself. It's time to get rid of the old and bring on the new.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Birthday Baby. You are creative, dreaming and slightly ahead of your time. You have a detailed eye for looking at things that allows you to deal with whatever issues you face. You are very observant and you are fond of naturalistic environments.

Libby Cunningham

MEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame falls in semifinals

Editor's Note: After the most successful spring sports season in Notre Dame history, The Observer recaps what happened after the spring academic semester ended. This four-part series will continue until Tuesday, Sept. 4.

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Writer

The Syracuse Orangemen only needed one player to end Notre Dame's improbable run to the lacrosse semifinals on May 26. Attackman Michael Springer, a third team All-American pick, scored six goals on the day to lead the Orangemen to a 12-5 victory. Syracuse's six goals — one short of the semifinals record — was the surest sign of a great day by the entire Syracuse team, according to Irish head coach Kevin Corrigan.

"Whenever Mike Springer has a big day, it means that a lot of people were doing things well," Corrigan said. It was hard to find a weakness in Syracuse's semifinal effort. The Orangemen won more face-offs, scooped up more ground balls and had a better clearing percentage than the Irish. On offense, the Orange attack found Springer open in front of the net over and over again as he slotted the Irish defense to pieces.

"I really didn't do anything," Springer said. "My final effort. The Orangemen won more face-offs, scooped up more ground balls and had a better clearing percentage than the Irish. On offense, the Orange attack found Springer open in front of the net over and over again as he slotted the Irish defense to pieces."

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Former midfielder Steve Bishko receives a pass during an Irish loss to the Syracuse Orangemen May 26. The Syracuse victory ended Notre Dame's season in the semifinals.

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FOOTBALL

Irish confident in quarterbacks

BY ANDREW SOUKUP
Associate Sports Editor

It's amazing what a year can do for a quarterback. Take sophomore Matt LoVecchio, for example. In just one short year, he has gone from being a frantic replacement for a sputtering Irish offense to the undisputed starter entering next week's season opener at Nebraska. In between, he led the Irish to seven straight wins and a Fiesta Bowl berth.

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