Victim lectures on date rape

By KATE RAND
News Writer

Katie Koestner was just like every other student in the room during her freshman orientation at the College of William and Mary. She had spent the last few days meeting new people and finding her way around campus, and was partially enjoying the movie "Monty Python and the Quest for the Holy Grail" when she spotted a guy who she now describes as "straight out of GQ magazine." The two became friends and saw each other for the next few weeks to study chemistry.

"We were not dating, not hooking up. We were hanging out. It's a very technical term," said Koestner, who gave a lecture entitled "No-Yes" at Saint Mary's Tuesday about her experience as a sexual assault victim.

The pair eventually decided to go on a real date to a French restaurant, but while the evening began like a dream, it ended like a nightmare. According to Koestner, her fancy evening out with "Prince Charming" ended when he raped her in her own bedroom.

The first thing Koestner realized was that her "friend" was 60 or 70 pounds heavier than she was, and that she could not move her legs out from under him even if she tried. He began kissing her and with one hand pinned her arms above her head. She asked what he was doing, and he responded "nothing," and told her that everything would be fine if she would just relax and stop thinking so much.

According to Koestner, she eventually got him to stop, and he slept for five hours while she sat nervously in the corner pressed against the wall. When he awoke, he took advantage of her scared, sleep-deprived state and raped her. Koestner did not flail her arms around, but rather kept them, tight fisted, crossed against her body. She pressed "Prince Charming" to a standing-room-only crowd in Jordan Auditorium Tuesday night that Welch even received a job offer to work here in South Bend.

"Do you have any head football coaching experience?" one MBA student asked Welch jokingly.

Welch suggested Jon Gruden as a better alternative, but turned the joke into an opportunity to tell the Mendoza College of Business that running a business isn't that much different from sports—it's a game. The teams with the best players and the most drive win, and winning is the objective, according to Welch.

"I think this whole game of business is no different of a game than the game you play across the street," Welch said.

Welch emphasized player development in business leadership. This is accomplished only by having a clear set of values and treating each person individually, he said.

"Every person should be treated fairly in an organization, but every person should be treated differently in an organization," Welch said.

Welch earned both praise and criticism during his term at General Electric. GE spent more than $20 billion on new acquisitions, including the purchase of the National Broadcasting Company, RCA and the Kidder Peabody & Co brokerage firm. While he earned some enemies, he also left a mark on the business world. Welch was able to register as he ate lunch in his apartment.

"I don't know why we didn't have this before," he said.

University Registrar Harold Pace shared in students' enthusiasm.

"We have been really happy with Web registration, and we hope the students have too," he said.

He added that the best compliment his office could get was that "I wasn't just using it." Using the system without time-consuming training was a key element to implementing Web registration, and the Registrar's office feels they have accomplished this goal.

McCarthy agreed with the Registrar's Office.

"DARTing was pretty much the same as past years, but I didn't see DART/page 4

Welch: Values build a winning team

By NORREN GILLESPIE
News Writer

Jack Welch knows the game.

During his tenure as General Electric as chairman and CEO, Welch set three priorities for himself and the corporation in the game of business: create a family atmosphere, make growth a priority, and always, always win.

His strategy was so successful that it catapulted General Electric—and Welch—to become one of the most respected business leaders in corporate America during his term from 1981 to 2001.

His philosophy was so well received among a standing-room-only crowd in Jordan Auditorium Tuesday night that Welch even received a job offer to work here in South Bend.

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It is in giving

It's that time of the year again. Thanksgiving has come and gone. The Christmas lights are up. The holiday spirit is in the air. Finals, papers and projects plague students as the winter holidays approach. In the midst of it all, we sometimes have to make things work.

One thing that has helped me get through times like this is tradition. Before you think I'm going to go on and on about Notre Dame tradition, I'm not. Notre Dame's tradition is great. Although there are many wonderful activities at Notre Dame in the coming Christmas season, they are not tradition for me.

Christmas time is when my brothers, my sister and I get together and practice our music for the prelude to the children's Mass. We sing Christmas carols and watch the Nativity pageant performance. For me, Christmas tradition is making cookies with my brothers, sister and my parents. We watch Christmas movies on Netflix and bake them until the house smells like a confectionary. Christmas means going out and picking a tree together, putting up lights around the house and putting up all the pieces of artwork that we've made dating back to preschool. We roll pieces of wrapping paper into a cone and come up with silly sayings. We sit together around the table spreading tamales.

Part of that tradition includes giving. My family makes tamales at Christmas. My mother and father and their brothers practiced this before they were married. We've always left a glass of milk, a plate of cookies and a plate of tamales for Santa. And while we make some tamales for us to eat ourselves, we make most of them to give to friends of the family as Christmas gifts.

So this year, I wanted to bring some of my family tradition to Notre Dame, because it just didn't seem like the holidays until I got home and wanted to change that. So I made tamales for some of my friends. Not only has that helped me get into the spirit of the upcoming holidays, it also provided me with an outlet for all of the hustle and bustle of finals.

We are all busy at this time of the year. Time is of the essence. Find something to make it easier, to help you through it. Make the most of your time. Enjoy the rare, warm December.

Merry Christmas.

Angela Campos

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**LOCAL WEATHER**

The AccuWeather forecast for noon Wednesday, Dec. 5.

**BEYOND CAMPUS**

Brown grad investigated for having Anthrax

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Palestinian suicide bombings in Israel over the weekend followed by retaliatory Israeli missile strikes on Gaza City Monday have once again polarized segments of the University of Michigan community over the latest bedlam in the 53-year conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. "Every time one of these things happens, it's supposed to remind us we're all on opposite sides. Instead, it distracts from how many Israelis and Palestinians love one another and are friends with one another," said English professor Don C. Epstein, president of Humanistic Guard, a student organization dedicated to the values of Jewish culture. Americans, who now have an understanding about what it's like to experience such horrific devastation at home, are witnessing a wave-up of violence in the Middle East since before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Some students said this could prompt more of a bias against Palestinians.

PROVIDENCE, R.I. Tomas Foral '99 did nothing out of the ordinary when he placed two vials of anthrax he found in a University of Connecticut laboratory into his personal freezer said his brother Tad Foral '99. Kerr. Kerr, the University of Connecticut Dean of the School of Agriculture and Natural Resources, said, "Graduate students, and faculty for that matter, put samples away in case they need them for future grants and that sort of thing.

But when federal and state investigators closed in on the Wilbur O. Atwater building on campus to test for anthrax exposure and question foral, university officials were more than willing to accommodate them by canceling classes and halting research in the pathobiology building.

Those who knew Foral as an undergraduate at Brown were surprised to hear he was under government scrutiny. "I'm stunned," said Tad Heuer '99, who roomed with Foral for three years at Brown and is now studying in England as a Marshall Scholar. "I believe that a lot of this is just the unfortunate coincidence of Tamas having kept a vial of something that happens to be the cause of a very large public scare at the moment." Heuer described Foral as a "very studious person," methodical and conscientious in whatever he did. He said he saw Foral's style of the vials in line with his interest in animal diseases, including West Nile virus and Eastern equine encephalitis, samples of which Foral also kept in his freezer.

"When he saw anthrax [about to be destroyed] he was thinking we need more scientists who know about anthrax, not fewer of them," Heuer said.

**MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY**

Mid East attacks polarize campus

**HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

Police launch investigation late

Memphis, Tenn., Police waited four days after Harvard University professor Don C. Wiley's disappearance to launch a full investigation into explanations other than suicide, possibly losing crucial evidence. Both Wiley's sister-in-law and a Memphis police officer familiar with the investigation said the preliminary police inquiry— handled by the police department's Missing Persons bureau — did not include the forensic tests and area canvassing conducted by Homocide bureau detectives when they took over the case four days later. Wiley, Harvard's Loeb professor of biochemistry and biophysics, was last seen after a banquet at the Peabody Hotel in downtown Memphis on midnight Nov. 15. His rental car was found abandoned on a bridge over the Mississippi River four hours later. Susan Wiley, Wiley's sister-in-law, said Missing Persons investigators told her the day after the disappearance that they were only actively investigating suicide at that point.

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5 Day South Bend Forecast

The AccuWeather forecast for 5 days. The 5-day forecast is subject to change and high temperatures.

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Group recommends more power

By JASON McFARLEY
News Editor

Should a measure by the Faculty Senate win support of University officials, faculty who want to serve on Notre Dame's most powerful academic body may have to go through the senate first.

The senate on Tuesday took an ambiguous step to give itself that authority, laying out a plan to align the group more closely with the Academic Council, the chief governing body of the University's educational affairs.

At a meeting that ran past two hours, senators passed along to a joint committee of the senate and Academic Council their recommendation to consider two actions that would shift power between the groups.

- The senate would elect the 20 elected faculty members of the Academic Council from among sitting senators.
- The senate's five executive officers would be Academic Council members, increasing by four the current number of faculty members of the council.

The move would increase faculty composition of the council to 54 percent, with administrators holding the remainder of seats.

"We saw it as a significant detail in increasing the power and importance of faculty in the governance of the University," said Michael Zuckert, vice-chair of the senate.

The proposals were part of the senate's most aggressive strategy to date to restructure itself. The effort to gain more formal power has concerned the group since senators considered disbanding in May, citing disinterest among faculty and lack of respect from administrators as reasons for dissolving the group.

The senate lacked authority to vote itself out of existence eight months ago. Changes to the senate require approval of the Academic Council, University President Edward Malloy and the Board of Trustees.

Changes senators considered Tuesday would need approval of the very body the senate wants to restructure power from - the Academic Council.

"This will have to be approved," said senate chair Jacqueline Brogan, "but that's been our agenda this fall... to take it to the Academic Council to recommend that changes be made."

Before the full council votes on the proposals, however, the joint committee of five senators and four council members will examine the changes potential for approval.

The committee essentially acts as a mediator between the two groups and serves as a gauge for the senate to measure how much support its proposals, however, the joint committee will examine the changes potential for approval. The committee essentially would need approval of the very body that changes were made."

In other senate news:
- Stuart Greene, of the University Writing Program, agreed to be the faculty representative to the Student Senate.
- Members approved the nomination of Lionel Jensen, chair of the East Asian Languages and Literatures Department, to be chair of the senate's Administration Committee.
- Senate officers agreed last week to begin meeting with deans of the University's colleges to discuss changes to the group, Brogan said. The officers expected to meet today with College of Arts & Letters Dean Mark Roche and College of Engineering Dean Frank Incropera. Meetings with other deans will take place in January, Brogan said.

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GSU lobbies for new handbook

By ANDREW THAGARD
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The Graduate Student Union plans to work with representatives from the MBA program and law school to draft a graduate student handbook, replacing the current graduate and undergraduate du Lac rulebook.

Members of GSU, law and MBA programs met with Bill Kirk, director of Residence Life, Jeff Shoup, director of Residence Life and Housing and James Powell, dean of the Graduate School to discuss the need for a handbook of rules applicable only to graduate students.

"We don't want to be treated as kids," Kishor Deshpande, GSU vice-president, said. "We're all adults and we know how to behave in situations."

The idea to create a separate graduate student handbook arose from GSU concerns over the tailgating policy, first brought up by Tracy Kijewski-Correa, Notre Dame Security/Police enforced du Lac's tailgating rule and some graduate, MBA and law students were cited although they were of legal drinking age.

The committee's purpose is to evaluate what rules should refer to graduate students and place them in a separate handbook to avoid future confusion.

"There are many instances where du Lac doesn't apply to grad students," said Gabriela Burgos, GSU president.

GSU hopes to assist in forming the committee as soon as possible.

In other GSU news:
- The GSU Information Technology Committee has reached an agreement with OIT over paper allowances at University computer clusters. OIT initially allotted each graduate student 1000 sheets per year identical to the undergraduate amount. OIT has now agreed to extend that allowance to a maximum of 3000 sheets for the remainder of the school year.
- Suzann Gallagher will not return to her position as GSU elections, credentials and procedures secretary. Gallagher has decided to take a leave of absence, citing personal and family reasons.
- "I want to thank everyone for the help this semester," she said during the Tuesday night meeting.

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her legs together and bit a chunk of skin out of her cheek, which she later used as evidence in her trial. When it was all over her assailant walked out of the room and said "Thank you." After the rape, Koestner told her R.A., who took her to her services kit. 2 hours after it occurred. The nurse there did nothing but tell her to get some sleep, even though evidence can be collected up to 72 hours after it was assaulted. She went to the dean of students who told her "to think about it." Finally the police helped Koestner, leading to an eventual trial. Her assailant was found guilty after admitting that she had said it a dozen times.
Some people don't understand the meaning of no, even when you've said it a dozen times," Koestner said. "I" learned that the hard way.
Koestner has managed to turn the worst night of her life into a positive experience. Speaking at colleges, high schools, and military bases across the country in the years since the tragedy has helped strengthen Koestner's voice and has strengthened the huge audiences who attend each lecture.
After the attack, Koestner earned national recognition as a speaker against rape and has spoken about rape. She appeared on the June 3, 1991 cover of TIME Magazine and has appeared on Larry King Live, Oprah, NBC Nightly News, 20/20, and Good Morning America. In 1993, she worked with HBO to make the docu-drama "No Victim: The Katie Koestner Story." She has presented her program over 1,000 times to more than 700 institutions nationwide.
Koestner acknowledged that most women in the audience had probably been informed about date rape statistics at some point, but that they most likely did not know all the facts, and probably had a two dimensional idea of the situation.
While Koestner said that she "hates statistics," she shared a few with the group. According to Koestner, 84 percent of the time rape occurs, the victim knows the assailant.
"Nobody told me that when I was 18," Koestner said. "Date rape didn't exist then, not until my photo was on the cover of TIME.
Koestner reported more statistics which revealed that 98 percent of the time drugs or alcohol are involved in sexual assaults. One out of four women and one out of eight men are raped or sexually assaulted in their lifetime. Approximately every 20 minutes someone in the United States is raped.
"All I want is one day without rape," said Koestner.
Three main points Koestner stressed during the lecture were that rape is defined as sexual intercourse without effective consent, effective consent, silence does not constitute effective consent, and a person incapacitated by alcohol cannot provide effective consent to have sex.
"Five years ago, the definition of rape was physical force," Koestner said. "In 2001 rape is sex without effective consent."
Koestner said that it is very hard to publicly share her story.
"I don't regret it, ever. I could have been a chemical engineer, but I don't think I would have such a positive effect on people every day if that's what I was doing," Koestner said. "It's hard though; it's emotionally draining.
"When asked how she draws strength from public speaking, Koestner told the audience that she is a very determined person, who is very single minded about achieving her goals.
"When you hit rock bottom, there is nowhere to go but up," she said.
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Israel strikes Palestinian targets: In the most wide-ranging military attack on Palestinian areas in 14 months of conflict, Israeli warplanes and helicopters today bombarded security offices in eight areas of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, killing at least two Palestinians and injuring scores.

Antimissile weapon test successful: A prototype antimissile weapon demolished a mock warhead last night high above the Pacific Ocean in the second consecutive success for the Pentagon's costly missile defense program, military officials said. The administration has said it wants a rudimentary missile defense against long-range missiles available by 2004 to 2006.

Haitian boat beaches near Florida: An overloaded sailboat carrying 185 Haitians ran aground in shallow water 10 miles off the Florida coast Monday after being at sea for 10 days. The Haitians were taken to a Coast Guard station in Miami, where they were to be questioned by the Immigration and Naturalization Service at a nearby detention center to see if any will be allowed to enter the United States, said INS spokesman Patrick Mancha.

Jane Olson’s efforts to withdraw her guilty plea allowed to enter the United States, said INS spokesman Patrick Mancha. That tax is one of several proposals from Republican, that will be sent to the Democratic governor about his proposed $2 increase in their newly acquired forward-operating base on November 25, 2001 in Southern Afghanistan.

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Judge denies plea reversal: It's a hard and at times sarcastic terms, a California judge today rejected Sara Jane Olson's efforts to withdraw her guilty plea to charges that she participated in a plot to bomb two police cars here 26 years ago as a member of a self-styled revolutionary group, the Symbionese Liberation Army. Ms. Olson, who had fought this day of reckoning for decades, first as a fugitive for 24 years, then through numerous delays in her trial, is to be sentenced on Jan. 18.

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Casino tax increase opposed: County and city leaders are opposing Gov. Frank O'Bannon's proposal for a $2 increase in riverboat casino admission fees to help solve the state's financial problems. Evansville City Council members agreed Monday to add their names to a letter by Mayor Russ Lloyd Jr., a Republican, that will be sent to the Democratic governor about his proposed $2 increase. That tax is one of several proposals from O'Bannon to shore up a projected 3 billion budget deficit. The increase from $3 to $5 per casino patron requires legislative approval.

Marines probe more territory

Kandahar: Having established significant firepower on the ground here, American marines are now probing deeper toward the chaotic swaths of territory still under control of the Taliban, military spokesmen here said today. The 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit's Force Reconnaissance Platoon has begun widening its patrols across an arc of desolate territory that is essentially no-man's-land, focusing particularly on an area between here and Kandahar, the Taliban's last bastion of control. Those elite troops - the Marine Corps' closest equivalent to special operations forces - have joined light armored vehicles on closer-in patrols and Cobra helicopter gunships. Marine spokesmen said the force here was intended to put pressure on the remaining Taliban forces, blocking escape routes and interdicting them if they move. Under the ground rules imposed on journalists accompanying the marines here, it is not permitted to disclose the exact size or location of the force. It continues to grow, however, as C-130 and C-17 cargo aircraft maintained a nightly air bridge. The C-130's alone are averaging 10 flights in and out a night.

G.E. ordered to clean up Hudson

The Environmental Protection Agency reiterated today its order that the General Electric Company remove hundreds of tons of poisonous chemicals from the Hudson River in New York. "We are going forward with this important cleanup," Christie Whitman, the agency's administra- tor, said this afternoon. The announcement that the E.P.A. would not alter its original order of Aug. 1 was certain to please environmentalists, who had expressed fears in recent weeks that G.E. might adjust the order to make it easier for G.E. to meet.

General Electric discharged many tons of polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCB's, from plants on the upper Hudson for more than 35 years, before the government banned the chemical in 1977. PCB's have been linked to cancer in animal tests, and a stretch of river nearly 200 miles long was placed on the federal Superfund cleanup list in 1984. For a quarter of a century, the river contamination has spawned lawsuits, disputes between G.E. and environmentalists and arguments over how best to proceed with a cleanup.

G.E. has long resisted dredging of tainted river bottom, contending that it would do more harm than good. The company says that it has spent some $200 million in research and restoration efforts over the last two decades, and that in any event the river shows signs of rejuvenating itself.
BYU ministers face honor code ruling

By ANNIE VANCE
The Daily Universe

PROVO, Utah
Brigham Young University students John Hash, Charles Clawson and Corbin Clawson and Utah Valley State College student Neil Walton will appear in court today to appeal a citation they received for holding a dance.

Under the city Dance Hall Ordinance, public parties are to uphold requirements such as providing surveillance cameras, metal detectors and state-certified security.

Governmet, school and church dances are exempt from the law.

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Hash said they would not appeal the citation because he wants to be able to graduate in December.

Jenkins said the appeal process takes five school days from the time the recommendation is made. Jenkins declined to specify the nature of the violations, citing the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, which prevents such disclosures.

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High-tech scooter unveiled

By ZACHARY NORMAN
Harvard Crimson

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.
Dean Kamen at last unveiled his latest invention — a high-tech scooter — on "Good Morning America" Monday after months of media speculation and a lot of interest that some have said will "change the world."

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Injured servicemen discuss combat

Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. Three servicemen injured in an explosion inside an ancient Afghan fortress said Thursday they hope to return as soon as possible to the war on terrorism.

At a news conference, the men praised northern alliance fighters and said they trusted them to help after the explosion.

"They're our friends, and they're going to take care of us," said Paul, a 30-year-old Army captain from suburban Chicago who is a member of the 5th Special Forces Group. Citing security concerns, military officials declined to give full names for the wounded servicemen.

Five servicemen were injured during an uprising by Taliban prisoners at the fortress outside the city of Mazar-e-Sharif. Two did not attend the news conference because of their injuries.

At first, northern alliance soldiers were curious about Americans, said Michael, a 27-year-old Air Force security specialist from Oxford, Conn., who is based at Hurlburt Field, Fla. The other four injured servicemen are based at Fort Campbell, on the Kentucky-Tennessee state line, 50 miles north of Nashville.

Eventually, the northern alliance soldiers began greeting them with what translated to "thank you" in English.

"It's hard to put into words the conditions that these soldiers are facing," Capt. Paul said of the northern alliance. "The lack of equipment. The lack of cold weather clothing. And the fact is they continue to fight."

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Paul Sargent 1st Class

The men's injuries ranged from broken bones to ruptured eardrums. All were expected to recover, with the possibility of some permanent hearing loss. Capt. Paul said.

All received the Purple Heart. The CIA agent, Johnny "Mike" Spano, was killed by rioting prisoners, becoming the first known U.S. combat casualty in Afghanistan.

Before the uprising, the men said they lived most of the time in caves, rarely bathed and sometimes went hungry.

They said they believe in their cause, especially after witnessing the transformation of Mazar-e-Sharif once the Taliban fled.

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I live two lives, I wear two faces. I have a friend in my first. Her face lies, Steeped in joy but ravaged by life-harden ing wrinkles, it screams the age of 65 while her lamy body can only claim 49 years — 49 years of abuse. Too often wincing in pain, her face contains a severe limp, and in addition to having one knee shorter than the other, her left side has slowly crippled itself thanks to multiple strokes that began at age 5. I first met her at the illegal homeless shelter that I called home for a summer. While waiting in the coffee line I could not help but introduce myself to the beaming smile with which she greeted me at 6 a.m.

With an eye for the beautiful and an insatiable desire to help in the soup kitchen in any way she could, you would never guess that she lost her brothers to drugs, that her daughter committed suicide after her father repeatedly molested her, and that she wore a beatnik, redheaded, choppy hairstyle because she had just been raped on the streets and wanted to reduce the chances of it happening again by making herself look ugly.

All these stories were told on slow, chilled evenings on a wooden bench in the backyard that she had the honor of sitting on successfully at Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s or any other four-year institution.

And again, to The Observer staff, thank you for shining a long overdue light on a school that is an important asset to our community. I have a friend in my third. Her face — a much more desirable face I might add.

Twenty minutes south of the shelter, I wake up the first morning back from a $15,000 semester and lazily stumble into my kitchen looking for some of my mom’s designer coffee. No more, but no problem. I jump into my mother’s champagne-colored convertible Jaguar and drop the top. Yes, I could have taken my sister’s Jeep Grand Cherokee, but to be quite honest, I find that her four-inch lift and 34-inch chrome tires make the ride a bit bumpy. I opt for the sleek and the speed.

I love racing down the palm-tree-studded road with the warm wind sucking at my face and the beautiful sun futilely attempting to penetrate my sunglasses/musclebound/long-sleeved shirt. I hit the pang poised and waiting. I pull up; glance over.

Holy Cross College deserves recognition.

I am writing to commend The Observer and its staff on a job well done. In the Dec. 4 edition, Holy Cross College was finally given the recognition it deserves among the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s community of which it is already a member. However, too often, it is forced to be a silent member. Perhaps because of its small size, it is not given adequate recognition in The Observer and the rest of the ND/SMC community. Yet, finally, it has been. Putting the story of HCC possibly offering a 4-year degree in the future on your front page is big news for both Holy Cross and the rest of the community. Holy Cross College has given many past and current Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students their start, including myself. The Brothers of Holy Cross created a unique environment 25 years ago, and its well-respected reputation continues to this day. The small, close "family" a student experiences at Holy Cross provides them with the experiences they need to continue on successfully at Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s or any other four-year institution.

In the future, Holy Cross will remain at its core a two-year, transfer-intent institution, the addition of a four-year degree is exciting. I know the admissions team at Holy Cross College has worked long and hard to increase enrollment at Holy Cross College and has thus far been extremely successful. I wish them continued success in this new challenge and am confident they will meet their goals.

And again, to The Observer staff, thank you for shining a long overdue light on a school that is an important asset to our community. I only hope that such coverage of Holy Cross College will be included in your "beats" in the future.
Students fight battle between life, drudgery

It starts with the annoying pulse of my alarm clock. It’s there on the mornings that I step into the frigid air when, just minutes before, I was wrapped in the warmth of my bed. I feel it as Iudge off heavily to an 8:30 a.m. class, with that almost embraced feeling of being up so early, so early. I see it in my fellow class-goers from the groggy looks on their faces, which all but scream for more sleep (a rare compromised feeling of being up so early, to learn. I see it in my fellow class-goers from classes and it’s there every late night of studying; it is the从来没 type. This driving force, this source of drudgery, is nothing more than grades. It starts with the annoying pulse of my alarm clock. It’s there on the mornings that I step into the frigid air when, just minutes before, I was wrapped in the warmth of my bed. I feel it as Iudge off heavily to an 8:30 a.m. class, with that almost embraced feeling of being up so early, so early. I see it in my fellow class-goers from the groggy looks on their faces, which all but scream for more sleep (a rare drudgery of campus academic life.

On those surreal weekday mornings and those late night cram sessions, I inwardly marvel at the driving force that got me out of bed so early and tucked me into bed so late. After some pondering, I was soon able to narrow the possible forces down to a single suspect. This adversary, while influential, to the silent and intangible type. This driving force, this source of drudgery, is nothing more than grades. For me, it is another late night and I am taking a study break or, as I fondly refer to it, a “sanity break.” I am in the process of cramming two weeks, three chapters and 100 pages of psychology for a test I am to take later on this very day. And no matter how little and only for the big picture and at a press conference.

Davie stated that just a few years ago, the coach would have to look at the team as a whole and not just at the individual player. Please keep in mind the incredible sacrifices the entire coaching staff has made and the enormous pressure that has been placed upon them before laying harsh criticisms upon them. These amazing men have been such an inspiration to me and all who have been blessed to have worked with them.

To those men, thank you for everything you have taught me, good luck to you as you move on from Notre Dame, and may God bless you and your families.

Michael Swolker
james
Alumni Hall
Dec. 4, 2001

Appreciate coaches’ sacrifices

As Coach Davie and consequently the rest of the Notre Dame coaching staff is released from the University, let us please not forget to treat these men with the respect they deserve as not only people, but also as members of the Notre Dame family.

For the past year and a half, I have been blessed with the opportunity to work with this outstanding group of men. They have through time become my surrogate fathers and brothers, my mentors, and my inspiration. I have finally found a job that I love going to every day. This semester has been the hardest of my life as I have been confronted by many of the difficulties that life throws at us sometimes. No matter how bad my day was, I was going to work always put me in a great mood. It was there that I felt the sense of the Notre Dame spirit the strongest. I don’t know how I ever could have gotten through the past few months without them. The coaches always took time out to talk to me could always make me laugh.

These are truly amazing men with incredible personalities, wonderful families and genuine hearts. They love Notre Dame and everything for which it stands. They have put in hours, often arriving well before 8 a.m. and sometimes not leaving until midnight, just to try to develop the team to its full potential and to give you the team of many of you claim you “deserve.” They strive to balance their jobs and families, while never relinquishing their absolute passion and love for the game itself.

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Meghan E. Finnerghy
supervisor
Pangborn Hall
Dec. 4, 2001

Davie did not have Irish attitude

While I believe that Bob Davie brought some positives to the Notre Dame football program, such as a high team GPA and graduation rate, I should applaud the message that Kevin White sent to the Notre Dame community by letting Davie go on Sunday. The problem was not Bob Davie’s lack of knowledge for the game, or his effort. The problem was attitude, and I don’t believe that Bob Davie has the type of attitude that has always propelled Notre Dame to success.

First, Davie’s pessimistic attitude brings down our players, I am sick of hearing how bad they are going to play, or that teams like Navy and Boston College are college football powerhouse. As Davie states before playing winless Navy, “This game, because of who we are playing, is a game that every year is going to be a challenge.” Is he talking about Navy, the team that has beaten Notre Dame 38 years in a row? We are never defeat college football powerhouse like Nebraska and Tennessee if we have the attitude that a team like Navy is superior to us. Bob Davie seems scared to play even the worst teams — similar to how our offense is scared to throw the ball or be aggressive. Maybe that’s why playing a winless Navy team becomes a showdown, instead of a joke.

Second, Davie’s attitude on the field doesn’t instill confidence in his players. I can recall last year when the hopes and dreams of a national championship were still high. Yes, Terrence Howard, the starter, fumbled on the first play from scrimmage, but it was a good reason to bench him for most of the game. How can players play with freedom and enthusiasm when they are constantly worried that one single mistake will get them benched? Players should feel like they are going on the field do something positive, not scared to play.

Finally, and worst of all, Bob Davie has accepted defeat. After the loss to Stanford, Davie reverted back to the high GPAs and graduation rate of Notre Dame football players, suggesting that this season wasn’t a dismal failure. Well, I hope news for you. Anytime Notre Dame loses more than they win, it is a failure. At a press conference, Davie stated that players have to have the stomach to be successful. I don’t believe that Bob Davie has the football team’s true character. He says that the team succeeded because they are good people. He tells us that it is difficult to produce a national championship team with Notre Dame’s high academic standards. On Sunday, Kevin White said that Bob Davie is wrong. The ability to achieve athletic success while maintaining academic excellence is the essence of Notre Dame isn’t it’s make us special. It’s why we came to this University and it’s why we are Notre Dame.

On Sunday, Kevin White refused to let Bob Davie take that mentality away from us.

Michael Swolker
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SCEA Santa Monica ★★★★★ (out of five)

Graphically, this game is astonishing. Each track is highly detailed and almost confusingly intricate. The tracks are comprised of so many different levels and shortcuts that it is hard to keep track of where a racer is located on the course. Racers can easily become disoriented on these tracks as angles change; there is no solid point of reference to use to determine if one is racing on the bottom or sides of the track.

Often times it is a guessing game when a racer careens off the edge of one track; sometimes what lies beneath is another section of track, other times you fall off into the great CGI beyond.

The trick to winning this game lies all in a character’s Kinetic Suit boost meter and keeping it full.

Racers can access the energy in their boost meter to get an extra edge over competitors, utilize con-

Latest Metal Gear as ‘Solid’ as they come

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

Metal Gear Solid 2: the Sons of Liberty isn’t a videogame, it’s a movie. Of course, that statement is only half true; players of Konami’s follow-up to the 1998 Playstation hit Metal Gear Solid will spend about as much time watching the game as they do playing it.

Konami has pulled out all the stops with MGS2. In fact, the 3-D graphics are so good that cut-scene movies are almost indistinguishable from normal gameplay; they even have an imperceptible load time. The game is one of the first new-wave videogames emerging on the market that are beginning to take advantage of the Playstation 2’s advanced graphic rendering abilities. MGS2 doesn’t just up the ante, it takes gaming to a whole new level.

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MS2 doesn’t make many quantum leaps in format, however. Fans of MGS2’s predecessor will recognize Konami’s gameplay style with only a few minor tweaks and improvements. While some games require major format overhauls between sequels, Konami wisely decided to stick with one of MGS’ strongest selling points: escape and evasion style espionage rather than double-barreled gun-blasting action (although MGS2 leaves plenty of room for that, too). In fact, MGS2 seems to be just an extension of the original title.

MS2 does, however, change genre slightly in this new installment by adding a touch of the supernatural. The addition is modest and really adds an extra boost to the game.

Besides having graphics the quality of the latest CGI movies like “Final Fantasy: The Spirits Within.” MGS2 has one of the most impressive soundtracks in gaming history. The professional tracks are laid down by some of Hollywood’s best known sound editors like Harry Gregson-Williams. In surround sound, MGS2 can have the feeling of a blockbuster action flick.

The real improvements in MGS2 come from its beefed-up plot. While the Metal Gear series has always been known for its complex web of setups, double crosses and reversals, MGS2 takes the cake for having the most intricate and riveting storyline. Critics of MGS3 complained that the ending was unsatisfactory and rightfully so. MGS2’s addictive plot will have gamers hooked for hours.

In all fairness, it wouldn’t be prudent to reveal even a smidge of the plot to this cliff-hanger. But gamers will see both old and new faces as well as Metal Gear conventions such as hiding in a cardboard box, starting out with almost nothing but a pack of cigarettes and elaborate nicknames.

MGS2 is undoubtedly a fast-track to becoming a videogame classic and obviously redefines the standards in action/adventure gameplay and cinematic effects. With more than 2,000,000 copies of the game shipped out already, MGS2 should be on every Playstation 2 gamer’s wishlist this holiday season.

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There are several ways to gain boost. A player can take advantage of the boost strips located along areas of track. When racing over one, a player receives the same acceleration as active boost- ing without depleting the meter. To be able to actively boost a player must have a significant level in their boost meter. Meters can be filled either by siphon boosting — sucking up the power from boost strips as you pass them — or by performing tricks to earn boost. This is the best way to gain boost, and it is doubtful that a player could win a game without performing any stunts. Performing several stunts in a row creates a combo, providing additional boost.

Power-ups can also be gathered throughout the game, comprised of either five yellow crystals or one red crystal. Power-ups are randomly assigned and can provide the option to deactivate the boost of players in your proximity, perform stunts at double the speed, steal other character’s boost and more.

Single player options include the single race, a season and a practice race, while two player options include a practice race and a split screen option, as well as a competitive/best of series for up to four players.

The single player season mode is the key to unlocking new tracks and characters then accessi- ble in the single race, practice races and competi- tive races. The season consists of a series of races where a player must finish with a certain ranking to advance to the next race. There are three options to re-play games within a season. Each sea- son becomes increasingly more difficult with more stringent requirements for qualifying.

Kinetic adds a new and interesting mode of rac- ing to a genre full of creative transportation. Once the tracks are mastered, this game offers endless entertainment and extraordinary graphics.

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**GTA 3:** for mature audiences only

By BOB MASTERS

Scene Writer

When Pope John Paul II called 20th Century Western society a “culture of death,” he may have anticipated a time when the average American could experience car-jacking, gang warfare, prostitution, drug use and homicide from the comfort of their own couch.

With Rock Star Games’ holiday release of Grand Theft Auto 3 for Sony PlayStation 2, that time is now.

Following the same plot of Rock Star Games’ previous Grand Theft offerings, Grand Theft Auto and Grand Theft Auto 2, players take on the role of a small-town crook in the corrupt metropolis of Liberty City. Set-up by his girlfriend during a heist, the player manages to escape from the police after a gang of thugs overtakes the police car he is traveling in.

Aided in his escape by a member of a local crimi- nal outfit, the player begins doing odd-jobs for Liberty City crimerlords in his quest to become a “made-man.” GTA3 carries a mature rating and it definitely earns it, with missions ranging from tailing suspected informants to gunning-down rival gang leaders.

Graphically, GTA3 is in a league of its own. The previous Grand Theft Auto games, GTA and GTA2, were two-dimensional cartoons. Updated for a more powerful system, GTA3 is a stunning visual extrava- ganza. The action takes place in three large playable environments, each with their own unique aspects including harbors, airports, major business centers, armories, red-light districts and residential areas. The visuals are incredibly crisp; buildings are three-dimen- sional and sleek, cars are detailed down to hood-ornaments and the player receives a make- over into a leather-jacket, cargo-pant clad hood.

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**Grand Theft Auto 3**

Rock Star Games ★★★★★ (out of five)

The game is set in real time so the player will see the sun rise, watch thunder storms roll in, and expe- rience the setting sun give way to the darkness of midnight.

If the player jumps into a car too fast, the door will remain open until he reaches out and close it. If a cop comes too close, the player will flip him the bird.

Bullet-wounds and beatings produce oozing blood, so brutally realistic a mature rating may seem tame. All these graphical extras add up to make GTA3 a visual experi- ence like no other game on the mar- ket.

Game time is divided spending half the time on foot and half the time inside a car. GTA3 offers both first and third person character control and plays about as well as most next-generation role-playing games.

Once inside a car, however, GTA3 transforms itself from a RPG into a top of the line auto sim. Mini-vans and sedans handle just as awkwardly and slowly as their real-life coun- terparts. Sports cars and perform- ance vehicles are a true pleasure to handle, offering a high speed get-away vehicle that includes a hand-
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Jackson, who started in place of injured Doug Christie, scored 16 points, while Bibby had 18 points and six assists. Hedo Turkoglu scored 15 points in a reserve role for Sacramento, and Scott Pollard added 13 rebounds and a career-best seven blocked shots.

The Bucks were lethargic from the start, but Cicely pulled up three points in just over a minute and took a seat with the Knicks ahead 48-36 with 8:13 left in the third quarter.

Othella Harington replaced him but he picked up quick fouls, including two offensive fouls and a technical in a 30-second span as the Bucks whistled away a 15-point lead, pulling to 66-62 after three quarters.

The Kings, who won for the eighth time in nine home games, were going nowhere midway through the third quarter, but it was all a blur when Vlade Divac scored six points in a row, including a pair of free throws.

Sacramento outscored Philadelphia 32-11 over the next 12 minutes, eventually taking a 15-point lead. The 76ers pulled to 56-51 in the final minutes, but Mike Bibby and Bobby Jackson both contributed driving layups to seal it.

Allen Iverson, who scored 46 points in an overtime win at Arco Arena last season, played 47 minutes but went scoreless in the first seven minutes of the fourth quarter, finishing with 20 points and 12 rebounds.

The Kings, which never led and dropped its six home games, were going nowhere midway through the third quarter.

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Surprising Maryland signs with Orange Bowl

Associated Press

Maryland is returning to the Orange Bowl for the first time in 46 years, a fitting end for perhaps the most surprising team in college football this season.

The Terrapins (10-1) accepted an invitation Tuesday to play in the Jan. 2 game Tuesday. It will be Maryland's first bowl since 1977 Cotton Bowl.

If the Terrapins' first bowl appearance since 1985 and their first appearance in a BCS game, Friedgen said: "It's been a dream season in a number of ways," athletic director Debbie Yow said.

"We're excited," coach Ron Turner said. "We're in the first pick in the Bowl Championship Series. It's one of the great stories in college football this year. We're extremely excited to be part of the BCS and to go to New Orleans."

"Coach Turner and the staff and the kids have done an exceptional job," athletic director Ron Guenther said. "I think it's one of the great stories in college football this year. We're extremely excited to be part of the ACC Coach of the Year balloting."

The Orange Bowl, by virtue of Maryland finishing its regular season Nov. 19 with a 23-19 win over North Carolina State, finished second in the ACC's Atlantic Division.

The BCS championship game between the Volunteers and LSU.

"It looks like we're going to get to play one of the great teams in the country," Terrapins' rookie coach Ralph Friedgen said. "It's really an opportunity for us and an honor for us to be able to play with the caliber of teams mentioned as the other candidates for this game."

The Terrapins' first conference title since 1985 and assured them a spot in a BCS game. It was quite a turnaround from last season, when Maryland finished 5-6. As a result, Friedgen said: "It's really one game away from playing for the national championship."

"If we were fortunate to win the Orange Bowl game, we'll definitely earn some respect," Friedgen said. "You're talking about three teams that are really one game away from playing for the national championship."

Maryland finished its regular season Nov. 19 with a 19-13 win over North Carolina State. Maryland is 6-9-2 all-time in bowl games. Maryland is 6-9-2 all-time in bowl games.

"It's important that we travel well," she said. "We have no reason to believe that we're not going to be traveling well to bowls. I think it's one of the great stories in college football this year. We're extremely excited to be part of the BCS and to go to New Orleans."

This will be Illinois' 14th appearance in a bowl game. The Illini are 6-7, but they've won their last two bowls, including a 63-21 upset over Virginia in the 1999 Sugar Bowl.

"One reason Illinois is appealing to us, besides the fact we've secured the Big Ten title and an exciting team, is that they have a very enthusiastic group of supporters and they are eager to see them in a bowl," Sugar Bowl executive director Paul Hoolahan said.
Associated Press

Harrington, Crouch, Dorsey and Grossman in hunt for top honor

NEW YORK
Quarterbacks Ken Dorsey, Joey Harrington, Eric Crouch and Rex Grossman were picked Tuesday as finalists for the Heisman Trophy.

Dorsey threw for 2,652 yards and 23 touchdowns and 23 this season for No. 5 Nebraska (11-1) to lead No. 1 Miami (11-0) to the Rose Bowl.

Harrington threw for 2,415 yards and seven touchdowns and ran for 1,115 yards and 19 scores for No. 6 Florida (9-2).

Grossman led the nation in passing efficiency, throwing for 3,896 yards and 34 touchdowns for No. 6 Florida (9-2).

Dorsey's superstitions mostly deal with his pregame routine and are usually related to appearance, music and travel.

One of them broke the week Miami played Pittsburgh, and Dorsey was so worried about something bad happening, he taped it back together. He didn't even think about replacing it.

He only changes them when he gets a haircut. And he only gets haircuts before big games — and the Panthers didn't fall into that category this season. He had haircuts before Penn State, Florida State and Syracuse — the last one lasted him through two other big games, Washington and Virginia Tech.

He already has plans for a haircut before the Rose Bowl on Jan. 3, when No. 1 Miami (11-0) most likely will play Tennessee or Nebraska.

Dorsey certainly will go through his usual pregame routine before the Bowl Championship Series national title game.

It starts in the hotel, where Dorsey walks around his room until it's time to leave for the stadium. His routine has just begun.

"Everyone makes fun of me that just latches on," he says. "They're more stress releasers than anything else."
I wonder why. Why would that be?" he said. "Could it be that I'm Irish-Catholic, and having been at Boston College and beating Notre Dame? What more can I say about it? What more can I say?"

Another reporter asked if Notre Dame was Coughlin's dream job.

"The fact of the matter is, I have a job, it's a good job, I love the job. I came here for one purpose," he said. "I have not heard one word from Notre Dame, and I'm not going to talk about rumors. What more do you want me to say? What blackboard do you want me to write it on?"

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word. "It's very tough, people don't understand," David Graves said after Notre Dame's one-point loss Tuesday. "It's 18,000 people on top of you and they're screaming at you. They know your name, everything about you, your family. It's different. It's a different venue from every place in the country."
Sure. Notre Dame has played before loud crowds before. Sure, they've stepped on the court and been booed from the opening tip to the final horn. Sure, they've beaten teams in front of the rowdiest of crowds. As long as that crowd wasn't backed wall-to-wall inside Assembly Hall.

"They're right on top of you, only five, 10 feet from the court," Graves said. "And they say it loud enough to make sure you can hear them, too."

How daunting is it for opposing teams that, when a television timeout is called, the circus takes the court? Even before players give the ball to the ref, the ball strikes up a poppy tune. Then two male cheerleaders unfurl a 15-foot square flag with "IU" on it. The dance team parades around the edge of the court. All this is going on while cheerleaders run around the floor with flags spelling out "Indiana Hoosiers." Oh, and the crowd is louder than a rock concert.

Indiana might be the only place where the fans actually get fired up during timeouts. Want to take the crowd out of the game? Blinking lights? Take the ball up the court nice and slow. "They're loud in here," Humphrey said. "You can't hear yourself think, you can't hear your teammates. That's college basketball right there."

Any college basketball player worth his salt loves shutting up the crowd. All you have to do is have a good game. You couldn't blame him if he wanted to get out of Bloomington as fast as he could.

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sun. "It's a tough place to play," said junior guard Matt Carroll. "You can't hear anything. It disrupts your timing on the offensive end because you can't call any plays.

The Irish found themselves in trouble early in the first half and allowed the Hoosiers to jump out to a quick 12-point lead only 10 minutes into the game.

Notre Dame battled their way back into the game and cut the Indiana lead to only two points with one minute left to go in the game in a strong drive to the basket by Thomas. The Irish then proceeded to foul Coverdale, who promptly converted two free throw attempts, giving the Hoosiers a 74-70 lead with 30 seconds remaining. Thomas then nailed a three-pointer cutting the lead to only one.

"Chris Thomas is a really good basketball player. He has a really great future at Notre Dame," said Indiana head coach Mike Davis. "I just hate that I have to see him for the next three years."

On the ensuing inbound play, the Irish were once again unsuccessful in keeping the ball out of Coverdale's hands. As soon as Coverdale received the inbound pass, he was immediate­ly fouled by Swanagan. With nerves of steel, Coverdale preceded to hit two more crucial free throws.

"I thought it was a good call by the referees." said Thomas. "We both fouled each other. I thought it was a good call by the referees."

Although Perry would miss his free throw attempt, Humphrey's last second full court heave bounced off the backboard giving the Hoosiers a hard fought 76-75 victory over the Irish.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look for improvement against Maple Leafs

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

After a solid weekend of basketball on its home court, the Saint Mary's basketball team will take the road again and face Goshen College on Wednesday night.

The Belles will be looking to knock off the Maple Leafs after playing fairly well in their last weekend. "We were very excited to come out at home," said head coach Suzanne Smith. "The team really came ready to play Friday night. We made a few mental mistakes that if we would have cleared up, I think we could have won the game. Saturday was a real nice opportunity to play a lot of people and gain some game experience."

The Belles split the two games and now face a Goshen team that took second place in its own tournament last weekend. According to Smith, the Belles must adjust to the high-pressure defense that the Maple Leafs will use. "They really get after you defensively," said Smith. "We're going to have to be a lot stronger with the ball than we were last weekend. We need to clear our space and holding our ground and not being intimidated by that pressure."

Smith also believes that Saint Mary's can utilize their depth as an advantage. "They don't have a lot of depth, so we're hoping to tire them down a little bit," said Smith.

Smith also said that many of her players are starting to really play well at this point in the season. "Elizabeth Linkous has really stepped," said Smith. "She was all-tournament team and hit some big shots and just brought a lot of intensity over the weekend. Kristin Macht was been playing real consistent too."

Senior Jamie Dineen said the Belles should be ready for Goshen's offense because they worked on numerous defenses last weekend. "We did a lot of different things and it's defense," said Dineen. "We pressured, we worked on our zone and we played man-to-man. That was really good for us because we haven't really done all of those defensive sets in a game situation."

After Wednesday game, the Belles will travel to play in the Wheaton College Invitational tournament next weekend before heading to Hawaii for two more games on Dec. 17-18.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Louderback announces 3 signings for Class of 2006

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame women's tennis coach Jay Louderback has announced the signing of three incoming freshman for the 2002-03 school year.

Lauren Connolly (Oklahoma City, Okla.), Jennifer Smith (Charlottesville, Va.) and Kristina Stastny (St. Louis, Mo.) have signed national letters of intent to enroll at Notre Dame next year and join the Irish on its team in the fall.

All three are ranked among the top 25 current high school players in the country and they have combined for seven state high school championships and four national doubles titles in junior competition.

"We're excited about this class," said Louderback. "It is a great class in both singles and doubles. I think all three are going to have a shot at playing immediately for us. This class is going to be crucial for us since we lose five seniors after this year. They are going to have an opportunity to come in and make a big impact on our program immediately.

Connolly will join the Irish after graduation from Bishop McGuinness High School. Currently she is ranked 58th nationally among players 18 and younger. She is the 25th-ranked high school senior in the United States and has a National Indoors doubles title to her credit. Connolly has won three Oklahoma state titles at No. 2 singles and has not lost a set in the state tournament. In each of her first three seasons of prep tennis, she played behind her sister, sister Sarah Jane, (Oklahoma City, Okla.), who recently completed her first season of collegiate action by leading the Irish with eight singles victories and 14 combined wins.

"Lauren Connolly is a solid singles player and a great doubles player," said Louderback. "She is one of the top doubles players in the country. She makes very few errors and is a smart player. Her sister Sarah Jane, who is here now, also is a great doubles player. I don't know if it is something in the water or what, but they both play very good doubles."

Smith, who did not participate in prep tennis at Charlotte Catholic High School, is ranked 26th in the country in the 18-and-under division and is 10th nationally among high school seniors. She also has a national doubles title to her credit, coming from the National Hardcourt Championships.

"Jennifer Smith brings a lot of athleticism... she has a very good all-around game, a good player and she's a very good player," said Louderback. "She is a good athlete and has a very good all-around game. She volleyes well, hits the ball well off the ground and has a good serve. Once she gets into college and plays a lot of college matches, she is going to be good. She is going to have an opportunity to play high for us."

Stastny, a senior at St. Joseph's Academy, recently captured her fourth state singles title, becoming the first player in school history to win four Missouri state championships in singles. Stastny is ranked 21st in the 18s and is the eighth ranked player in the nation who will enroll in college next fall.

She has won doubles titles in the National Indoors and the National Clay Court championships. Stastny's brother Yan is one of the top freshmen on the Notre Dame hockey team and her father, Peter, is a member of the National Hockey League Hall of Fame.

"Stastny is a great competitor," said Louderback. "She comes from a great athletic family and competes maybe as well as any kid we've had here. We think she has the chance to develop into a great player and she's a very good player right now. She has strong groundstrokes, covers the court very well and plays smart tennis, while still being a bit of a retriever. She has started recently to become a little more aggressive and, in college, I think she will be able to be very aggressive."
Indiana beats Notre Dame 76-75 behind Coverdale's foul-shooting down the stretch

By JOE LICANDRO
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BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

Last year, Tom Coverdale hurt Notre Dame by scoring 30 points, leading Indiana to an 86-78 victory. This year it was Coverdale's automatic free throw shooting at the end of the game along with sophomore teammate Jared Jeffries' game-high 28 points that enabled the Hoosiers to narrowly escape with a 76-75 victory over the Irish.

"I would describe this as the best game of my career," said Jeffries. "I really pulled it together on both ends of the floor tonight. I think playing in front of a packed house helped me a lot."

Despite great individual efforts from freshman Chris Thomas and seniors Ryan Humphrey and Harold Swanagan, the Irish were unable to avenge last year's defeat to the Hoosiers. Thomas led the Irish with 24 points while Humphrey and Swanagan scored 23 and 17 respectively.

Thomas was poised through the entire game, not allowing the boisterous Assembly Hall crowd to affect his play, while Humphrey and Swanagan were critical to the second half Irish comeback.

"Chris Thomas didn't look like a freshman out there," said Irish head coach Mike Brey. "Swanagan was amazingly efficient on the offensive end. Ryan Humphrey continued to play well. He's taking a lot of pride leading this team. We just came up a little short at the end of the game."

Playing in front of a packed house at Assembly Hall in front of 17,000 scrummiing Indiana fans created a very hostile environment that the Irish had not yet faced this season.

Men's Basketball

Hoosier Heartbreak

Freshman guard Chris Thomas goes up for a layup against Indiana. Thomas led the Irish with 24 points, but Notre Dame still suffered a razor-close one point loss.

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Football

2001 banquet cancelled

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

The Notre Dame Football Banquet, originally scheduled to take place on Friday, has been cancelled. The athletic department announced Monday.

When Athletic Director Kevin White announced the firing of head coach Bob Davie on Sunday, White told reporters that the banquet would still go on as scheduled.

But after speaking to Dave on Sunday night, the athletic administrators chose not to ask Davie to speak at the public forum as Notre Dame's former head coach.

"Under the circumstances, he didn't really feel comfortable doing this," sports information director John Heisler said. "It's been something with the general public involved and with all the things, with that, if he wasn't comfortable doing that, nobody was going to tell him that he had to."

The annual banquet had been used in previous years as a recruiting tool, with many potential players making their official visits over the weekend of the banquet. After Davie's firing was announced, the administration pushed to delay the players' visits.

"I talked with a number of the assistants about their recruits, and near as possible we are going to defer to a week in January, where that's possible," White said Sunday.

Associate athletic director Bernard Muir contacted each of the recruits who planned on attending.

"He's just not comfortable doing that," Stoops said for this story.

Safety Jake Carney from Youngstown, Ohio, was originally planning on coming up to South Bend this weekend, but changed his plans after the recent developments.

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Stoops will remain at OU

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Sports Editor

While all Notre Dame officials remain tight-lipped regarding the search for a new head football coach, the list of potential candidates began to come together Monday. With Oklahoma head coach Bob Stoops pulling himself out of consideration and Stanford giving Tyrone Willingham permission to speak to Notre Dame, in a conference call with the media Tuesday Stoops, whose name one day after his indecisiveness indicated he may have had an interest in the job.

"When you answer your phone, somebody's always on the other line," Stoops said in another conference call Monday. "It's hard not to talk to them."

But Stoops, a native of Youngstown, Ohio, who turned down the head coaching post

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By ANDREW SOKUAP
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BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

Since then, the Irish have suffered 13 consecutive losses in Assembly Hall since Richard Nixon was president. Irish fans are in a class of their own. They boo every call that goes against Indiana. "Buy some glasses, ref!" one fan screamed after a ref called traveling on Tom Coverdale. It didn't matter in the slightest that Coverdale made it from the three-point line to the basket without dribbling the ball once. Any call against Indiana is a bad call — an opinion shared by 17,456 people.

They heckle the players mercilessly. "Thomas, you're a bum!" "Give it to Graves, he can't hit nothin'!" And in Assembly Hall, the players can hear every boo.

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