Senior Catherine Sanders is among the group who is still waiting to hear from a partner in Andersen if her position will still be available. "Everything is uncertain right now, so just a lot of waiting for things to shake out," Sanders said. Sanders is among a group who still hasn’t heard for sure if her offer has been rescinded. She is on an e-mail list at the Career Center that notifies her of possible alternatives or strategies to make it through this unpredictable time. "It’s hard to look for a position now because a lot of jobs have been snapped up at this point of the year," but senior’s don’t know what they’re doing. It’s a tough subject," Sanders said. But there has been a lot of late recruiting this year as the economy begins a slow recovery. Just this week, Fees Global Energy Services and Hewitt Associates called the Career Center about job positions. Hewitt is hiring 30-60 business analysts. Swayne also reports that the government is hiring like crazy for anyone between 25 to 30 percent of the government workforce is retiring, many of them baby boomers.

A new service available at the Career Center this spring is the City Tour informational meetings that highlight job opportunities in 15 major metropolitan cities including.

"We collected the best info we could find on each city," said Swayne. Students can visit the website and find a short description of the city life and connect to links to major employers in the public and private sectors, the fastest growing companies in the city and sample companies by industry. Career service doesn’t end for students after graduating. Students will have access to Go Irish all summer and for 30 days after graduation, seniors can be able to access Irish Online, the online alumni directory that contains nearly 100,000 alumni contacts. Students can add their names to a listserve for a particular city and receive notices about job opportunities available in the area.

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INSIDE COLUMN

The sweetest Cupcake

When my friends and I moved into our off-campus house last August, we had the hardest time making it a home. Courtesy of our parents, we all contributed used furniture and a varied and colorful assortment of silverware and dishes. Even with these tokens from home, our house just couldn’t feel right.

Until I brought an adorable little kitten that I was able to bring home with me after a short weekend stay in September. Cupcake, a Persian-like barn cat with blue eyes and a calico tail, made herself welcome in our house right from the start.

For the first 13 years of her life, Cupcake spent her days outside, chasing mice and catching birds. Growing up a barn cat, she never had the little luxuries afforded to her indoor counterparts. When she breezed into our house back in the fall, she brought with her a breath of fun and humor we never knew.

It took her a few days to warm up to her new surroundings. She wasn’t used to the confinement of a house and she chose to hide under my bed until I drew her out with the promise of food and affection. Since then, she hasn’t spent one minute alone if someone was in the house. According to Cupcake, every empty room was an invitation for attention.

Everything Cupcake does makes us laugh. She finds great joy in litterbox in paper, basking at attention in the sun so it was a prized shiver. Whenever we all sit together deep in conversation, Cupcake looks at us and is seemingly interested and contributing to the conversation. She even willingly takes rides in our homemade papoose when the mood strikes her.

Surprisingly, our cat friends love her almost as much as I do. Even the neighbors Mrs. Norris or Mrs. Jinx, depending on who you ask. Whenever they come over for a visit, she jumps right up and takes a nap on any willing lap. Cupcake especially likes it when they sleep over on our couch, finding a warm nook in which to snuggle for the night.

I don’t want to sound like one of those "cat people" who obsess over their feline with the same ferocity as a teenager at an N’ SYNC concert, but Cupcake is by far the world’s cutest kitty cat. I have a feeling that telling her this several times a day. As a result, my roommate claims she is the most spoiled and egotistical cat she’s ever witnessed. She expects constant adoration and attention. Without it, she becomes extremely agitated.

Granteed, Cupcake may try our patience at times, but we’re more included in our bedroom doors open in the morning. She leaves long white strands of fur all over our black pants. She’s even been known to cough up a few hairballs.

But, we all agree, this year just wouldn’t have been quite as complete without our little Munchkin. **

Maureen Smith

Associate News Editor

TUCSON, Ariz.

An attempted sexual assault allegedly took place in a residence hall shower Thursday evening, the fifth sexually related incident to be reported in a University of Arizona dorm bathroom in a week.

The alleged incident happened at about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, when a man wearing a ski mask entered a woman’s restroom in a university residence facility and attempted to sexually assault a resident who was showering. University of Arizona Police Department Chief Brian Seastone said in an interview.

On Saturday evening, a Manusonia-Mohave residence was confronted by Tucson, Ariz., resident Esteban Rodriguez. Rodriguez was arrested that evening by UAPD officers at his home on the west side of Tucson.

Rodriguez is also a suspect in an incident April 17 in which three females reported he was watching them as they showered. Rodriguez has also reported Rodriguez touched her without her knowledge.

As of Wednesday evening, Rodriguez was still in Pima County Jail, held on $50,000 bond. Seastone described the man in Tuesday’s incident as 5 feet, 9 inches tall, with a thin build, blue eyes and dark clothing.

UAPD security officers were assigned to a foot patrol of all campus residence halls Wednesday night. Seastone said UAPD was working closely with Residence Life to restore a sense of safety to all residents.

Maintenance workers were working on tightening security in La Paz Wednesday by updating the key systems.

Residence Life Director Jim Van Arsend said a majority of the exterior building doors used to have a delay time of up to 1.5 minutes before the alarm went off, but doors now only have a 20-second delay. On Wednesday night a few students assured themselves by manually closing the main door, but many unlocked the door with their key cards.

BROWN UNIVERSITY

Students create Internet magazine

PROVIDENCE, R.I.

Glimpse, an Internet magazine founded by Brown University students last year, is looking to hit the big time. Glimpse examines international issues and cultures from the perspective of students studying abroad. The National Geographic Society contributed $15,000 and nine computers to The Glimpse Foundation, the student-run nonprofit that publishes the magazine, to fund an office in downtown Providence. R.I. Glimpse likely also will receive a $35,000 grant from National Geographic, said president and publisher Nick Fitzhugh. This summer the online magazine hopes to become an online resource center for study abroad students, a syndication service, an organizer of international conferences and a scholarship fund, Fitzhugh said. He said the magazine will be distributed in print to colleges across the country. Students studying abroad write most of the articles in Glimpse and draw on their experiences and conversations with the local population.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

Students deal with limited daycare

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.

Senior Erin Fagg had to wait nearly 17 months before she could register her 3-year-old son in the daycare she wanted. A single mother, Fagg said she wanted the best for Kaiden Thomas, but she wound up on a lengthy waiting list for one of Indiana University’s best daycare centers. In the meantime, she enrolled Kaiden in an uncensored center unaffiliated with the University. “I was very discouraged,” Fagg said. “You want something that’s not going to be raising him — in just as good of hands as you would take care of him.” But at Indiana there aren’t enough hands. University childcare offers eight spaces licensed by the state for infants, creating a waitlist of about 65 families at the only center offering infant service — Campus View Child Care Center. Knee High Day Care Cooperative, an unlicensed co-op, also tends to children as young as six months and up to 14 families. A parent would have to sign up for infant care when she is pregnant.

LOCAL WEATHER

5 Day South Bend Forecast

The AccuWeather.com forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures.

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Authorities quickly ruled out terrorism, though the blast conjured up memories of Sept. 11 for some in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan.

"It was a giant boom — a real giant boom," said Bill Beek, who lives a half-block away. "It sounded like an airplane crashing."

"First we thought it was a bomb," said Alex Vargas, 28, a student at Apex Technical School next door.

"We all had to leave by the back stairs. People were yelling and screaming. "Hurry up!"

Victims were taken to the hospital with burns, severe head injuries, broken bones and cuts after the 11:30 a.m. blast.

Chemicals stored in the basement by a sign company were being investigated as a possible factor, said Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta. Plumbers had been working on the boiler in the building at the time, but that did not appear to be the cause, investigators said.

Kaltech sign company's general manager Phil Morgan said he felt two consecutive blasts in the company's ground-floor offices.

"One pushed me up from my chair and the second one had me out of my chair," he said. When it was over, the ceiling and a wall had come down. "Everything moved. The air was filled with dust."

Windows along the block of West 19th Street between Sixth and Seventh avenues were blown out, and some people were injured by flying glass.

The facade of the building was damaged and several walls were blown out, but it appeared to be structurally sound, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

Police and more than 100 firefighters poured into the area. Some victims, dazed and bloody, sat on the curb awaiting medical attention.

The building housed the sign company and other commercial tenants, said Sid Dinsay, a spokesman for the city Office of Emergency Management. Neighbors said the building was also used for storage by the Apex school, which teaches welding, automotive repair and other trades.

Property records show that the building is owned by 19th Street Associates LLC. The office of Steven Kaufman, a principal in the firm, said he had no immediate comment.

Selected from this arduous try-out, the work just begins for them. Practice is four days a week for two hours each day. Also, there are mandatory lifting sessions three to four days a week for an hour.

"With the preparation, games and community commitments, being the Leprechaun is a pretty work intensive position," said Bisanz. "But it is completely rewarding and the work pays off. Being the Leprechaun primarily requires an insatiable love for Notre Dame and I've had that ever since I can remember. I am just going to try my best to keep the fans fired up and wanting to come back for more."

Scholarships are not given out for the holders of the Leprechaun position. Additionally, a Leprechaun must participate for three years on the cheer squad in order to attain a monogram. Many spots give monograms for playing only one year or even one play. Monogramming, a distinguished honor for Notre Dame athletes, requires three years of hard work.

Even though students must participate in countless hours of practice, the downside to being the Leprechaun has not deterred Macaluso and Bisanz.

"I've always loved this University and its athletic program and I thought becoming the Leprechaun was the best opportunity to share that love with others," said Bisanz. Macaluso remembers when he first wanted to be the Leprechaun.

"Watching Mike Brown and the cheerleaders as a freshman, I thought it looked like so much fun and something that would be very worthwhile and an amazing experience," he said. "I was just looking to have fun with [my] time here at Notre Dame."

Last year, Macaluso served as the Olympic Leprechaun, which he said greatly prepared him for the Varsity position.

"The most important part about this job, though, is being willing and able to show your love and enthusiasm for Notre Dame," he said. "There's a ton of Notre Dame nuts out there, and I'm just another one of them."

"I know that I'll have the support and help of the cheerleaders and my coaches when ever I find myself in a tough situation," said Macaluso. Bisanz added, "I can't wait for next year to get started and begin what looks to be another successful year in Notre Dame athletics."

"Every time I'm in that suit, on a court or field, I know I'm not out there just for me," Macaluso said. "I'm there for the fans — to make them have a good time and to represent Notre Dame and all it stands for. Over a century of fans, alumni, teams, faculty, students, service, and Catholic faith, the Leprechauns are the foremost collegiate icon in the country, and not only that, we represent the best university in the country."

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**West Bank**

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**National News Briefs**

Blake won't face the death penalty: Prosecutors won't seek the death penalty against actor Robert Blake if he is convicted of murdering his wife, the district attorney's office said Thursday. Prosecutors will instead seek a sentence of life in prison with the possibility of parole. Blake was charged Monday with fatally shooting his wife, Bonnie Lee Bakley, 44, after a dinner out last May. Prosecutors said the 66-year-old actor and his bodyguard, Earle Caldwell, plotted the slaying for months.

Man convicted of killing co-workers: A man who shot to death seven co-workers at a software company was convicted of murder today after failing to convince a jury that he was so delusional he thought he was killing Hitler and his henchmen to prevent the Holocaust. The defendant, Michael McDermott, 43, stood impassively as he heard the verdict in a courtroom full of relatives of the victims.

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**World News Briefs**

Mexico accuses Cuba of blackmail: Mexican President Vicente Fox apologized to those who believe he lied about rushing Cuban President Fidel Castro out of Mexico, but Mexico's foreign secretary on Thursday accused the Cuban leader of trying to blackmail Fox. Foreign Secretary Jorge Castaneda accused Castro of trying to blackmail Mexico into voting against a U.N. resolution targeting Cuba's human rights record — and then, after Mexico voted for it, trying to embarrass Fox by proposing a private conversation between the two leaders.

Chechenyan warlord killed by Russia: Russia claimed on Thursday its forces killed one of Chechnya's most elusive warlords, a Jordanian said to have connections with the al-Qaida terrorist network.

**Global News Briefs**

Nine Palestinian youths and two corpses were brought out of Bethlehem's besieged Church of the Nativity. A fresh round of talks started Thursday to resolve a three-week-old standoff at the shrine.

**3-week church siege continues**

Associated Press

BETHLEHEM

In a day punctuated by exchanges of gunfire and the evacuation of a small number of Palestinian men at the Church of the Nativity, Palestinian and Israeli negotiators failed today to reach terms to end a three-week-long siege but agreed to interim steps toward a settlement.

The two sides committed to releasing about a dozen youths from the compound — including two who the Israeli military said were 10 years old — and to removing the remains of two gunmen killed in the first days of the fighting. But negotiators remained unable to agree on the central question of which people inside the basilica were to be considered terrorists, and how they would be handled upon their surrender.

Talks were scheduled to resume on Thursday. Salah Taamari, the chief Palestinian negotiator, struck a moderate tone late tonight. "The meeting was constructive," he said.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon also expressed confidence that the issues could be resolved soon. "I believe that it will not take too long," Mr. Sharon said.

Tonight's meeting, the third session in two days, began moments after a brief gun battle at the church that killed one Palestinian and slightly wounded an Israeli soldier and sent the Palestinian negotiators and their Israeli military escorts scrambling for cover.

It was further undermined by the intractability of both sides on the central questions of identifying the terrorists and defining their fate.

Israel wants the Palestinians to provide a full roster of people within the compound's walls, from which it would select men it accuses of terrorism.

The Palestinians have refused, and instead have asked Israel to hand over a list of people whose arrest it seeks.

Virtualy all the estimated 250 people in the church are thought to be civilians, clergy or Palestinian Authority police officers or security officials.

But a senior Israeli official said today that about 30 gunmen are wanted for terrorism, including two men accused of killing an American-born architect, Avi Boaz, in January.

**Troops seek al-Qaeda in Pakistan**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

U.S. government personnel are searching for al-Qaida fighters in the rugged tribal regions of northwest Pakistan, and the American military is set to send in troops to join the hunt, officials said Thursday.

The United States and Pakistan reached an agreement several weeks ago allowing American military operations on Pakistani soil, U.S. officials said. This will allow Americans to hunt in a suspected al-Qaeda haven previously closed to them — tribal areas that are traditional rallying points for fighters fleeing Afghanistan.

The operations carry considerable risk, physically for the Americans and politically for Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf, who faces a referendum on Tuesday to extend his term as president for five years. He has defied strong anti-American sentiment to support President Bush in countering terrorism.

Pakistan's tribal belt is ruled by deeply conservative and fiercely independent tribesmen who swear little allegiance to anyone but their tribal elders and to laws laid out by tradition and the tenets of Islam. Tribesmen who live in high-walled compounds have warned against U.S. soldiers on their territory. Publicly, Islamabad denied any knowledge of U.S. operations. "No U.S. personnel are present in Pakistan's tribal areas searching for al-Qaeda men," Aziz Ahmad Khan, spokesman for the Pakistani Foreign Ministry, told The Associated Press.

However, Pakistan intelligence and Interior Ministry sources confirmed that civilian U.S. officials, with the help of Pakistani authorities, are quietly working in the areas to trace the remnants of al-Qaida.

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Tenn. doctors sue over managed care program

**Associated Press**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee’s largest physician’s organization sued the state’s four biggest health insurers Thursday, alleging their managed care practices threaten patients’ health.

The Tennessee Medical Association’s class-action lawsuits filed in state court name Aetna Inc., Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee, CIGNA HealthCare and United HealthCare.

They allege that because of the “extraordinary, unequal bargaining positions” between the medical association and the insurance companies, the association’s 6,600 members are forced into entering one-sided contracts.

The associations said the four companies comprise 70 percent of the HMO market in Tennessee and insure nearly 2.4 million people in managed care plans across the state.

The lawsuits seek to stop a number of business practices that TMA alleges delay, deny or reduce payments to physicians.

For example, they claim the insurance companies “bundle” several physician services together to lower reimbursements and deny reimbursement for complicated medical cases in which doctors spend extra time and resources.

Ron Harr, a spokesman for Blue Cross Blue Shield, said he had not seen the lawsuits and could not comment in detail, but he called it “shortsighted.”

“We do everything we can do to keep health insurance affordable,” he said.

Representatives of United, Aetna and CIGNA said they had not seen the lawsuits and declined comment.

Dr. Mickey McDougal, president elect of the TMA, said the association and its individual members have been bringing their concerns to the insurance companies almost daily, but to no avail.

In addition to the TMA lawsuits, four individual physician lawsuits were filed against the companies seeking monetary damages on the same grounds. They cite claims not paid in full, interest due for untimely or slow payments and payments never made but rightfully due.

The TMA lawsuits do not seek monetary damages; they ask that the court stop “these wrongful and financially punitive practices.”

Managed care has been under legal challenge in several states.

Physicians’ groups in New York and South Carolina have filed similar lawsuits this year.

A federal lawsuit against major health care companies is pending in Florida by 600,000 doctors who claim they are routinely shortchanged on reimbursement claims through “institutionalized underpayments.”

Energy bill favors SUVs, farmers

**Associated Press**

WASHINGTON

Motorists can rest assured that their gas-guzzling SUVs won’t be threatened by new energy legislation moving through Congress. And there’s good news too for farmers and wind turbine operators.

But environmentalists are in an uproar, and California lawmakers predict gasoline shortages and price spikes.

The impact of a broad energy bill passed by the Senate on Thursday can be expected to touch a wide array of people, industries and businesses — that if it ever gets out of Congress. Although passed by a wide margin, 88-11, it must still be merged with a starkly different bill that the House passed last year.

After the Senate vote, President Bush appeared confident a compromise could be reached. Between the two bills, he said, there were “the elements of a comprehensive energy policy” that include “the major conservation and environmentally responsible production measures needed to reduce our reliance on foreign sources of energy.”

This legislation “should increase our energy independence,” said Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., although he made clear there were differences with the House. He called the Senate-passed bill “a far more responsible, progressive, consumer-friendly energy policy” than the House bill, which largely mirrored the president’s priorities.

The Senate rejected Bush’s top energy priority: oil drilling in Alaska’s Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. That is expected to trigger a fight with the House, which approved such drilling and gave Republican leaders have shown no signs of backing down.

The Senate bill calls for $14.1 billion in energy tax subsidies ranging from help to refiners to meet sulfur-control regulations and reduce the cost of power from wind turbines to a credit for homeowners who want to buy a solar panel or put more insulation into their attic.

Overall, the tax benefits were about evenly divided between production and conservation and support for renewable energy sources, its supporters said.

The Senate’s proposal would open the Alaska wildlife refuge to oil companies was one of the few victories for environmentalists over the six weeks that senators deliberated energy policy.

The disappointment ranged from rejection of even modest steps to improve automobile fuel efficiency to — in the final hours — stripping the bill of a requirement that the Energy Department impose the more aggressive efficiency standards for air conditioners that had been proposed by the Clinton administration.

“Finding environmentally friendly provisions in this bill is like looking for a needle in a haystack,” complained Elizabeth Thompson legislative director of Environmental Defense.

The claims were rebutted by supporters of the fuel economy improvements, who argued the technology exists for cars to be more fuel efficient and still save the SUV, in any case, either the House or Senate bills address the issue in any significant way, so the SUVs are safe no matter who’s right.

The bill also would require more ethanol use in gasoline, resulting in a tripling of ethanol production to 5 billion gallons a year by 2012, a boon to farmers.

The ethanol mandate survived despite repeated attempts by senators from California and New York to have it removed, or at least phased in more slowly. When the Senate refused even to postpone its implementation for a year, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., accused farm-state senators of ignoring the harm that might come to California, where she said a lack of ethanol could produce gasoline shortages and price spikes.

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Catholics see child abuse as global

Associated Press

Dublin

Catholics worldwide on Thursday welcomed Pope John Paul II's unprecedented summit with U.S. cardinals as a good start in tackling child abuse within the Catholic church, but court cases kept surfacing to remind the Vatican that this is a global scandal.

In Ireland, 70-year-old Morris Tobin, a retired member of the Christian Brothers teaching order, appeared in court Thursday to face 173 charges of abusing children in the 1960s. More than 30 Catholic priests and brothers in Ireland have been convicted of sexually abusing children in the past decade.

"You'd think based on recent headlines that the church only has problems in America," said John Kelly, director of Irish Survivors of Child Abuse, which represents about 800 people abused in church-run schools and orphanages in Ireland needs to take a long, hard look at what his church has tried to cover up in Ireland, in Canada, in Australia, in his own Polish homeland—probably everywhere, if the truth ever comes out." In many countries, church officials and human Catholic faithful were weighing the U.S. cardinals' words versus the policies on sexual abuse being adopted by their own clergy. Some suggested the church's response looked too little, too late.

"The Catholic Church does not act unless the problem is already in great proportions," said the Rev. Robert Reyes, a parish priest in the Philippines, where another priest has been jailed on a sentence of raping a 14-year-old girl. "We don't realize the defect until it is too big to solve."

The Vatican has not offered a blanket policy for Catholics worldwide on whether they should report alleged abuse to church officials or civil authorities, leaving the decision to bishops.

In Puerto Rico, Archbishop Roberto Gonzalez Nieves said anyone who had been sexually abused by church officials should go directly to police. But he refused to comment on at least six cases in Puerto Rican dioceses under the jurisdiction of other bishops, nor on a case he announced last week in his own diocese.

"It's better that complainers go straight to civil authorities because it creates an impression of impartiality in the church," Nieves said.

Newspaper editorials worldwide warned of the unprecedented nature of the Vatican summit. Many expressed hope that the church would build momentum toward wider reforms.

"This was a landmark occasion, which ... has broken through the atmosphere of silence and denial hitherto marking the Vatican's approach to this issue," declared the Irish Times, the paper of record in this predominantly Catholic nation.

"Dirty linen washed in public," read a headline in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The rival Curriciere della Sera newspaper credited the U.S. media's "daily hammering" for forcing the pope and his visitors to confront uncharacteristic openness.

In Britain, an officially Protestant nation, the conservative Daily Telegraph warned that some of the church's sternest critics had an anti-Catholic agenda.

"A minority wishes to destroy the church and will use pedophilas as a handy weapon to do so," said the Telegraph. Britain's top-circulation broadsheet. It said calls for the church to soften its policy of priestly celibacy represented a "gross fallacy."

"A man does not become a pedophile for want of a wife," the paper said.

In Austria, too, church officials dismissed any connection between the priestly celibacy and deviant sexual behavior among a minority of priests.

"It must be mentioned that many cases of child abuse occur in families. There, the celibacy duty plays no role at all," said Bishop Felix Graf von Freyberg.

But the Irish Times questioned whether the church's policies on the priesthood could withstand a future wave of scandals.

"The Vatican has clearly set its face against any move to change celibacy law or to open up the question of women priests," the Irish Times said. "In the longer term, it is likely to find these issues cannot be held at bay and may come to be seen as the most rational way to renew the church."

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Twelve die in bomb explosion in Pakistan

Associated Press

Islamabad, Pakistan

A bomb ripped through a Shiite Muslim mosque deep in the interior of Pakistan's eastern Punjab province, killing 12 worshippers, all of them women, and wounding several others, hospital officials said Friday.

It's not known who planted the powerful device that exploded near midnight Thursday in Bukker, about 300 miles southwest of the federal capital of Islamabad.

The bomb was apparently planted near the section of the mosque where women pray, said Mohammed Nisar, a doctor at the only hospital in Bukker where the dead and wounded were taken. Mosques are segregated.

"The bomb was planted on the women's side and all the dead were women," said Nisar, who was contacted by telephone.

Police have not made any arrests, but Pakistan, and eastern Punjab province in particular, has been wracked by religiously motivated violence in recent years.

Previous attacks against Shiite Muslims have been carried out by members of the violent Sipah-e-Sahaba or Guardians of the Friends of the Prophet group, banned by Pakistan's military president. Gen. Pervez Musharraf. The organization revives Shiite Muslims.

Since January, dozens of Shiite Muslims have been killed in Pakistan. Many of the deaths have been target killings and have occurred both in the Punjab province and in the country's southern Sindh province, of which Karachi is the capital.

During the last week in Karachi a Shiite Muslim doctor was shot and killed as well as the Shiite Muslim owner of a pharmacy. No arrests have been made in the two drive-by shootings.

It's not known if the killings were carried out by the same people or organization. No one has claimed responsibility for any of the killings. Previously Hasan Turabi, the head of a banned Shiite Muslim group, Tehreek-e-Jafria, blamed the upsurge in killings of Shiite Muslims on the return to Pakistan of militant Sunni Muslims from neighboring Afghanistan following the collapse of the hardline Taliban.

Turabi said the Taliban, a movement dominated by Sunni Muslims, espoused the same philosophy as Pakistan's radical Sunni Muslims, and harbored those who had killed Shiite Muslims in Pakistan. With the fall of the Taliban these radical elements returned home, he said.
U.S. government won't meet with Moussaoui

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Zacarias Moussaoui, the man indicted as a Sept. 11 accomplice, asked to speak with prosecutors about the death penalty and classified information but they refused, the government said Thursday.

Prosecutors said they were informed of a request Tuesday by a jail official, an indication Brinkema herself — who wants to represent himself in the case — is already trying to do so.

Moussaoui, however, cannot make that decision on his own. U.S. District Judge Leon Brinkema said she would rule after Moussaoui, a French citizen, has a mental examination.

Moussaoui’s court-appointed lawyers, who remain in the case for now, were informed of the request by government attorneys and have asked Brinkema not to allow the meeting.

The lawyers continue to file briefs on Moussaoui’s behalf. They submitted a pleading Thursday contesting the government’s plan to have a psychiatric examination of the defendant by making this a death penalty case.

In a written motion, prosecutors said, “Although we believed that it would be legally permissible for us to speak with the defendant, we would not have that contact ... without defense counsel present or without permission from the court.”

Still, it must be determined whether he was thinking rationally so he could knowingly and voluntarily fire his lawyers, Dunham argued.

Prosecutors said a complete mental exam is not needed to find that Moussaoui was rationally able to consult with counsel and understand the proceedings against him.

“His defense apparently seeks to stretch the court’s call for a competency examination into psychiatric consultation ... This attempt should be rejected,” the government said.

Dunham said Moussaoui’s request to fire counsel “could be viewed as contrary to the best interests of an individual facing capital charges.”

Moussaoui’s lawyers said they should step down if their client was found to be thinking clearly — objecting even to the judge’s suggestion they remain as “standby” counsel.

Bush, House may clash over Israel

WASHINGTON

The Bush administration opposes extra aid to Israel at a time of delicate Middle East diplomacy, a top official said Thursday, setting up a potential clash with powerful GOP Rep. Tom DeLay, who supports $200 million in hurry-up assistance.

In a second sign of party discord, DeLay and other leaders brushed aside pleas from Secretary of State Colin Powell and tentatively set a vote for next Tuesday on a resolution of support for Israel in its conflict with the Palestinians.

DeLay supports providing $200 million for Israel in the anti-terrorism package the White House plans to begin debate next week.

“It’s under review, but not right now and not in this bill,” Daniels said.

Daniels said the White House opposes using the anti-terrorism package for items that are not needed immediately and that cannot be paid from other existing funds.

His comments highlighted an administration reluctance to do anything that would raise tensions with Arabs, angry over perceived U.S. tensions with Arabs, angry over perceived American bias toward Israel in its conflict with the Palestinians.

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David Obey

congressman

The House Appropriations Committee. Start to write its version of the anti-terrorism bill next week.

Rep. Nita Lowey of New York, top Democrat on the House Appropriations subcommittee that oversees foreign aid, said she and other lawmakers of both parties hope to include aid for Israel in that legislation. She provided no details.

But Democratic support for the aid is not a done deal.

Rep. David Obey of Wisconsin, top Democrat on the Appropriations Committee, said he opposed the idea.

“I don’t believe in Congress ending the president on anything in the Middle East,” Obey said. “On this one, we ought to follow the president’s lead.

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., was noncommittal when asked if he thought Congress should provide more money for Israel, saying “Congress should do everything it can to support the peace process.”

Gephardt also signaled a desire to cooperate with the White House on the pro-Israel resolution.

“If the administration feels we need legislative action on any of this, all they need to do is say it and we will try to be cooperative,” he said. “If they don’t think we need legislative action, then we will try to...
Malaysia installs king

**Associated Press**

KUALA LUMPUR in an elaborate ceremony broadcast to millions nationwide, Malaysia's new king was installed Thursday under a unique system where monarchs are chosen by their peers and take turns at the throne. Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamailullail, 59, underwent formal rites at the national palace, watched by government leaders and foreign dignitaries in the chandeliered throne room.

During the ceremony, Syed Sirajuddin, wearing a regal black suit embroidered with golden thread, raised a traditional Malay warrior's dagger and kissed its hilt, symbolizing grandeur and power in his hands.

A trumpet blared as palace officials repeatedly shouted, "Daulat Tuanku," which is Malay for "Long Live His Majesty," to the rifle-charge of a 21-gun salute, followed by a police band playing the national anthem.

Syed Sirajuddin is Malaysia's 12th king under a rotational system created after independence from Britain in 1957 to spread the power among the sultans and rajas who had ruled over fiefdoms for hundreds of years.

Malaysia's kings do not inherit the throne. Instead, hereditary rulers from nine of Malaysia's 13 states meet every five years — earlier if a reigning monarch dies — and appoint a successor by secret ballot.

But political power resides with Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, who has led Malaysia for 21 years, and a parliament elected every five years.

Under changes instituted in 1990, the king can reject a parliamentary decision and lawmaking have to reconsider it. But if they pass it again, the bill becomes law.

French continue rally against Le Pen

**Associated Press**

PARIS Hundreds of thousands of people marched in France on Thursday in opposition to far-right presidential candidate Jean-Marie Le Pen, who blamed rival incumbent Jacques Chirac for encouraging protests.

The marches were part of the continuing rise street protests following Sunday's first round of the presidential election, when Le Pen qualified to face the conservative Chirac in a May 5 runoff election.

Artists and anti-racism and political groups Thursday urged broader protests against Le Pen, while Muslim and Jewish leaders united behind Chirac.

Student-age protesters led Thursday's rallies after many universities canceled classes so students could debate the country's political situation.

Le Pen, leader of the National Front Party, told French radio that Chirac was behind the protests.

"I don't believe in spontaneity," Le Pen said on RMC-Info.

He said the protests "have been initiated by Jacques Chirac because he has draped himself in the flag of the Republic by calling, in a way, for popular support — including support in the streets."

Chirac, in a prime-time television interview Wednesday, praised the protests against Le Pen. Speaking on France-2 television, he urged protesters to show "determination" — but in a "dignified and reasonable" manner.

France-Info radio reported that 330,000 people marched across the country Thursday. Protestors occurred in cities including Nantes and Brest in the west, Lyon in central France and Toulouse and Aix-en-Provence in southern France.

As the protests swelled, Le Pen issued a statement saying he was the victim of a "campaign of hatred and xenophobia.

Le Pen, a member of the European Parliament, also criticized what he called the "scandalous interference of prime ministers" from the European Union.

His fiercely anti-immigrant platform has been criticized by British Prime Minister Tony Blair and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, among others.

If elected president, Le Pen says he will move to cut France's ties with the European Union, restore border controls to limit immigration and phase out income taxes. He opposes abortion, supports the death penalty and has been accused of being anti-Semitic.

In an interview published Thursday in the British magazine The Spectator, Le Pen denied being an extreme rightist.

"It's not me who has become extreme right. It's the whole of society which has become extreme left," Le Pen was quoted as saying.

He also said Chirac has been "formally crowned as the uncontested leader of the French Left."

But I am the candidate of France — against euro-globalization," Le Pen was quoted as saying.


Jewish and Muslim leaders in southern Marseille also united behind Chirac, saying Le Pen was the "candidate of hatred and xenophobia."

Until last Sunday, France was preparing for a sleepy presidential race, with all polls predicting a run-off between Chirac and Socialist Prime Minister Lionel Jospin.

Bored with the top contenders, a record 28 percent of voters abstained. Chirac received nearly 20 percent of votes. Le Pen nearly 17 percent and Prime Minister Lionel Jospin about 16 percent.

At a campaign stop Thursday, Chirac said voters delivered their message clearly.

"The worry, the discontent, the demand for a new direction, I heard them ... and I want to respond," he said in Lyon.

Also said he was concerned about the old demons of extremist temptation that has contributed to the history of mankind, he said.

Human rights groups and political parties jointly called Thursday for weekend protests in major French cities.

Large protests also were called for Wednesday to mark May Day, when Le Pen plans his annual march honoring Joan of Arc.

One anti-Le Pen group said its protest would begin on a central Paris bridge, where on May 1, 1995, a 29-year-old Moroccan man drowned after being pushed into the Seine by a group of National Front supporters at an anti-immigrant rally.
The Catholic Church can't tolerate sexual abuse

The Catholic Church took a commendable step forward on Tuesday when Pope John Paul II acknowledged that sexual abuse by priests is not only an American scandal but also a global issue that the entire Catholic Church needs to address. While the pope recommended a strong zero-tolerance policy for cases of sexual abuse in the Church, American cardinals issued a vague proposal Wednesday that failed to establish a clear strategy for handling sexual offenders, leaving victims unsatisfied and the Church at risk for future problems.

The cardinals presented a proposal not as severe as the plan the pope recommended. The cardinals' plan only addressed priests who have a history of sexual abuse and called a one-time offense a mere "fall from grace." This response is insufficient and irrelevant because it allows sexual offenders to go unpunished. The cardinals' statement suggested the abandonment of Catholic moral teaching caused the sexual abuse scandal, but they need to go further. When the cardinals reconvene in June, they must determine what motivates certain priests to commit acts of sexual abuse and find a way to prevent them from occurring.

While eliminating the roots of the problem is imperative, Church leaders should also invest effort in preventing new cases of abuse. This involves a comprehensive approach that addresses both the psychological and moral aspects of sexual abuse. The Church must establish a system of accountability that holds priests accountable for their actions and provides a support system for victims. In addition, the Church should continue to educate its members about the importance of safeguarding children and preventing sexual abuse.

The Pope's steps towards reform are commendable, but the Church needs to mobilize its resources and energy to effectively address the issue of sexual abuse. It is crucial that the Church takes this issue seriously and implements concrete measures to prevent future abuse and ensure the safety and well-being of all its members.
As inevitable as seasonal changes, classes of students march through educa­
tional institutions. With spring comes the departure of Notre Dame’s class of 2002. This year’s seniors will be known as the first to take classes of students since Pearl Harbor and the last hard-­
headed students to walk on campus. Today’s seniors enter a much more unstable economy more so than any year before, during the entire preceding decade. They leave their Catholic Disneyland with a feeling of moral crisis, the Catholic Church. What lies ahead for them is not as bright as the 1970’s raging Vietnam War nor as good as the booming 1990’s economy. What lies ahead of them is what they make of it.

A wise father once told his son, “At the end of your life, it’s not what you did but what you sur­round you.” It’s how well you did it that matters. It’s how well you did it that matters. It’s how well you did it that matters. It’s how well you did it that matters. It’s how well you did it that matters.

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ent in a Disney movie, but it rings true as seniors prepare for the “real world.” All of us cannot be president, discover the cure for cancer or make the largest finan­
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Freshmen Shantha Ready and Tom "Doogie" Sutton rehearse for "Slop Culture," one of the four one-act plays being performed tonight as part of the "Freshmen Four."

The 4 freshmen of the theatre

By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

Some remember their first time on stage as being paralyzed in a spotlight while playing a tree in a third-grade production of "The Wizard of Oz." Some never made it to the auditions.

Tonight, a group of students will get to put whatever theatre experiences they've had behind them and take the stage at Notre Dame for the first time.

"The Freshmen Four" or "The Fresh 4," consists of four short one-act plays where all the acting, directing and technical work is done by freshmen. Sophomores Justin Williams, Meg Ryan and Cheryl Turski serve as producers and resource persons for the show. Williams and Ryan each directed a play in the show last year and Turski starred in another.

"It was one of the best experiences of my freshman year and we felt if we didn't put it up nobody would," Turski said.

Though some members of the production have had previous theatre experience, the production is a unique opportunity for first-year students who are curious about campus theatre or were unsuccessful in getting a part in other campus productions to take a little bit of the campus spotlight in a learning and supportive environment.

"I tried out for these plays because I hadn't done theatre in months and it felt really strange," freshman Shantha Ready said.

This year's plays are all comedies. "Slop Culture," which is directed by freshman Steve Hoeplinger, is a humorous commentary on the shared experience of the children of the '90s: hours upon hours of bad television. "Naomi in the Living Room," a comedy by Christopher Durang, is directed by Hallie Taylor. The show is a manic evening in the life of Naomi, an insomniac woman whose son, John, and his new fiancée have come to visit.

"Date with a Stranger," directed by Paul Sifuentes, is a candid peek into a date where a man and woman attempt to get to know each other through sexual innuendo and back-and-forth statements, counter-statements and retractions. "Time Flies," directed by Molly Topper, is the life of two mayflies that live for only 14 hours.

For the most part, the rehearsal process for the shows is laid back. The casts get very close because it is a learning experience for all of them. Hoeplinger thinks the rehearsal process has allowed him to apply and understand many of the techniques he learned in his "Acting: Process" class this semester, but he credits his cast with making the process a positive experience.

"It's been really easy because I tell my actors to do something and they usually do something better than I asked ... It's been a blast, and it's what I look forward to every night," Hoeplinger said.

"The Freshmen Plays" will be performed tonight in the Hesburgh Library auditorium at 7:30 p.m. General admission is $3. Tickets will be available only at the door.

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By MIKE SCHMUHL
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After a 42-year haul, the longest-running musical on Broadway, "The Fantasticks," recently closed its doors on Jan. 13. However, the famous love story that has become so memorable in American society lives on. This weekend on campus, the Farley Hall Players will perform their own version of "The Fantasticks."

The musical itself is relatively simple and small. This is not "Les Misérables" with swarming crowds and intricate subplot. "The Fantasticks" is a clever and charming story filled with love, deception and eventually, renewal. In the words of Lizzie Bracken, the show's director, the production "is a great size musical for Farley Hall Players and is told in a simply beautiful way. The characters are interesting and provide a great opportunity for the actors."

The set is very plain, consisting of two chairs, an imaginary wall, a curtain backdrop that changes throughout the performance and a few props. This humble setting works well with the basic storyline and cast of eight characters. "There aren't many boundaries so every person involved in the production can be as creative as they want," Bracken said.

The musical starts off with an overture presented by the pianist, Lauren Prieto. Throughout the show, Prieto skillfully plays each melody. Her timing and rhythm keep the show going at a consistent pace.

The short intro segues into "Try to Remember," perhaps the
The Will To Win

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Expectations raised high one more time

It's spring and the usual signs that spring is here have hit campus — Pig Tostal, Frisbee on the quad, snow and the Blue-Gold game.

This year, like every year, expectations are high as spring practice ends and fans look ahead to the fall. They're thinking that maybe, just maybe, this will be the year the Irish come home with a national championship.

Fans, coaches and players this year sound a lot like the they did last year.

Bob Davie had high expectations of his team last year.

"Things look pretty good and I think we have a good chance to be successful," he said at the start of spring.

He wanted to take his program to the next level.

Wide receiver David Givens also had high expectations last year.

"I think it's possible that we could win a national championship this coming year," he said. "It's an attainable goal." 

Unfortunately for last year's Irish, those expectations fell a little flat. So it's something of a surprise that the fans are back on the bandwagon this year, talking about how many games the Irish will win and nursing over opinions about the new Irish head coach.

Despite the 5-6 record last season, that little black rain cloud that followed the football team last year seems to be disappearing.

"There has been this cloud, I think I labeled it the eyore cloud, there is this sense that something is wrong, that something is not right, that we lost something," said Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham as his team began practice this year. "That's the first thing we've got to create is a positive feel, a positive nature about this program.

That seems to have happened, at least for the fans. And they have a lot to expect this year.

There are expectations of the new head coach who is so different than head coach Bob Davie, the silent coach who is going to return Notre Dame to national prominence.

There are expectations about the new West Coast-style offense that promises to be more explosive and more exciting than the usual play up the middle. Expectations that have kept fans on the edge of their seat waiting to see who will line up behind center come fall.

There are expectations that Notre Dame will stun the nation in the Kickoff Classic on Aug. 31 and that maybe, just maybe, the Hail Mary pass will really work this year.

The coaches have high expectations as well.

Willingham will accept nothing less than the pursuit of perfection. Wide receivers coach Trent Miles expects his players, who are adjusting to a totally new offensive scheme, to give up the excuse that they're learning and be successful today.

"I personally expect us to be good now," he said. "I don't expect them to settle for [a bad practice], to just put it off as if I'm only learning." That's buckraps. Let's go out there and expect to be good right now."

So that's where things stand.

Coaches, fans, players expect to go out there and be good right now. Saturday they'll see how realistic those expectations are.

As the Irish take the field on Saturday in front of somewhere around 20,000 fans, avid Irish watchers from all over the country will get their first taste of 2002 Irish football. They expect to see a preview of next season, from offensive plays to defensive schemes and special teams line-ups.

They expect to be able to spend the next four months talking about what the Blue-Gold game says about the fall season. Maybe if Carlyle Holiday or Matt LaVecchia takes more snaps, they can talk about who they expect to be the quarterback. Maybe they can talk about who they expect to be the go-to receiver for those third-and-15 plays.

But there's something we all must keep in mind.

Our expectations may not be met. The 2002 season could end and they could be unfulfilled or they could exceed. Expectations are high. Now it's just a matter of time to see if those expectations are placed on a team that can meet them.

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Rising senior tight end Gary Godsey pulls down a pass during spring practice. Having played quarterback, Godsey knows what it's like to take the field with high expectations.

It's just a matter of time to see if those expectations are placed on a team that can meet them.
Players to watch

Quarterbacks
Which player will be taking the snap come fall is up in the air. Carlyle Holiday was Notre Dame's man last year after sophomore Matt LeVoechic (bottom right) struggled in the first two games of last season, but LeVoechic started seven games as a freshman, including the 2001 Fiesta Bowl. Holiday worked well in a duck-and-run offense but it is still unclear how his passing game will develop. LeVoechic has had more experience with the pass and it is quite possible that he will line up behind center in the fall. Third-stringer Jared Clark pulled himself out of the running last week and moved to tight end.

Running backs
With the graduation of running backs Tony Fisher and Terrance Howard, the main running backs responsibility will probably fall on rising senior Julian Jones (top left). Fifth-year senior fullback Tom Lopiencki should see some more carries, although the new offensive style will make less use of the run. Rising sophomore Ryan Grant (bottom left) and fifth-year senior Mike McNair may also make solid contributions to the Irish run game.

Offensive line
The Irish offensive line is probably the most experienced part of the team. Despite the graduation of Kurt Voetens, the Irish return five linemen with loads of experience — Jordan Black, Jeff Faire, Sean Milligan, Sean Mahan and Brennan Curtin. The line has two years of experience and looks as if it was really beginning to gel at the end of last season. Black, Milligan and Mahan bounced between positions but seem to have settled into place in spring practice. Rising sophomore Mark LeVoir could step in if one of those five gets injured.

Wide receivers
With the new West Coast-style offense, the wide receivers should receive some new national attention. After graduating David Greene and Javon Hunter, the wide receiver position wide open. Arman Battle, who did nothing extraordinary in his first season, has spent most of spring practice on the sidelines nursing an injury. Rising junior Omar Jenkins leads the returning receivers in receptions with seven. Ronnie Redman (top right), Lorenzo Crawford and rising sophomore Carlos Campbell have one each.

Defensive line
The loss of Tony Weaver and Grant Irons will be a blow to the Irish defensive line. Returning starters fifth-year senior Ryan Roberts and rising seniors Darrell Campbell and Cedric Hilliard will have to lead the defensive line, which suffered from a lack of depth. Rising junior Kyle Budinske will probably step in as placeholders.

Linebackers
With the exit of Rocky Boiman and Tyreo Harrison, Courtney Watson is the lone returning starter. The linebackers will have some adjusting to do, but the Irish have the numbers to fill the holes. Fifth-year senior Carlos Pierre-Antoine, rising junior Mike Goulsby and rising sophomores Corey Mays and Brandon Hoyte may be able to crack the starting line-up.

Secondary
The secondary is Notre Dame's strongest unit. With only Ron Israel graduating, the Irish have plenty of depth. Fifth-year seniors Donald Bykes and Shane Walton, rising seniors Glenn Earl, Geno Sapp and Jason Beckstrom, rising juniors Vontez Duff, Abrah Elum and Preston Jackson and rising sophomores Dwight Kilic can all make solid contributions. The leading safeties, who provide a combination of talent and experience, should be able to emerge on Saturday.

Special teams
Nicholas Setta will return for the Irish after being the leading scorer on more than one occasion last season, but will have to find a new holder with the graduation of Adam Tibble. Setta will be joined by classmate Joey Hidbold, who was the Irish punter last season. Who will return kickoffs and punts remains questionable but Jones and Vontez Duff, along with Walton, and speedy wide receiver Matt Shelton, have seen action in practice.

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Willingham's Coaching Career

1977 After graduating from Michigan State in 1977, Willingham stayed as a graduate assistant under Darryl Rogers.

1978 Willingham goes to Central Michigan to coach the secondary.

1980 Willingham returns to Michigan State as the defensive secondary and special teams coach under Muddy Waters.

1983 Willingham moves to North Carolina State as the secondary and special teams coach under Tom Reed.

1986 Willingham switches to the other side of the ball and joins the Rice staff as the playmakers coach and special teams coach.

1989 Willingham joins Dennis Green at Stanford as the running backs coach.

1992 Willingham travels to the Minnesota Vikings with Green.

1994 Willingham replaces legendary coach Bill Walsh as Stanford head coach on Nov. 28.

2002 Willingham is hired by Notre Dame, and becomes the school's first black coach in any sport.

Willingham established his reputation because he relentlessly pursued the Irish football program back to the top. Page 4
Willingham never complained about the lack of playing time he got in college. As a senior, he was sixth on the quarterback depth chart. But he expressed his teammates and his coaches with his hard work and his no-nonsense attitude. He would do anything to help his team. Said Darryl Rogers, who coached Willingham during his final year at Stanford. "Kevin was never a high-mornning work out. They'd be shakin' off hangovers while Willingham, who didn't drink, ran at the park.

He never slacked off. "I took the walk-on just one season to see how good his promise to his parents to earn a football scholarship. And the two years that ensued also distanced himself on the football team and grew a spot on the All-Big Ten team his junior year.

But football was his first love, and he never slacked off. "Every Saturday, Willingham would rouse himself early, no matter what. Since Willingham didn't mind waking up early, he agreed to play. The two clicked immediately.

"I didn't expect any opportunity to get a feel for each other and to get a feel for what he thought on certain issues and what I thought on certain issues," Willingham said. "We had very similar minds." Later, when Green was looking to fill a position on his staff at Stanford, he hired Willingham as the running backs coach. "When Willingham left for the Minnesota Vikings in 1992, Willingham followed him.

"It's nice to have a coach who could have picked," Willingham said. "I feel very fortunate that he picked me."

Those who have worked with both Green and Willingham saw similarities in coaching styles when Willingham left Minnesota for the Notre Dame head coaching position at Stanford in 1995. Willingham opted to teach and instruct rather than yell and scream.

"He grew up under the Denny Green system and he's very similar to Denny in the way he approaches the program, his system, his philosophy and his values," said former Stanford coach Trent Walters, who worked with Green and Willingham in Minnesota. "When a player makes a mistake, Willingham will raise his voice only because he understands the player's motion. He is patient with the player to come next to him, and in lower, more gentle, calming voice. He plays the mistake. He trades flashes of greatness for consistency and treats All-Americans the same as walk-ons.

Willingham wanted to create a well-rounded person, not just a football machine. He evaluates success based on the physical, mental and spiritual development of players. The poster boy for micro-managers, Willingham instructs his players to drink milk on everything from how to read a blitz to how to hold a fork at the dinner table.

"I think he's a very good coach. He works with his players. He wants his players to be perfect at.Although he wasn't kidding and he wasn't joking around. It was as if someone cranked the volume knob to full blast.

Willingham's hard work paid off when Baggett got injured. Willingham drove his friend to the hospital in 1994, then promptly took his spot on the 5th chart, starting the final six games of the season at quarterback. He lost the starting job next season, but his team never had seen enough — they voted him team's most inspirational player.

"I'm constantly in the pursuit of perfection, and I want to be the best I can and want to be perfect today," Willingham said.

With respect came success. Willingham led the Cardinals to a 44-36-1 record over six seasons, a Rose Bowl berth and a top 10 finish. He was selected Pac-10 Coach of the Year twice. Coaches longed to work on the same staff with the man who had a reputation for getting involved in every facet of the team without stepping on assistance.

But Willingham will have none of the praise.

"I don't see myself as being any different from anybody else," he said. "In the greater scheme of things, I'm just man.

The second meeting

White didn't agree. It had been nearly three weeks since O'Leary resigned and Willingham was reluctant to select another coach until Stanford's season was over. He wanted to talk to Willingham again.

"He certainly didn't expect another call from White. He remembered looking at a television on the morning of Dec. 14, the day headlines screamed across ESPN that O'Leary had been forced to resign as head coach of the Irish. But Willingham wasn't planning on fielding another call from Notre Dame.
**Mattison finds stability after riding coaching roller coaster**

By ANDREW SOUKUP  
Sports Writer

No roller coaster had more peaks and valleys than the one Greg Mattison rode in December.  

First, Bob Davie's firing left Mattison up in the air. Where would he be coaching in 2002? Then, Gene O'Leary chose not to put together a dominant offensive line at Notre Dame.  

But just five days later Mattison was again thrown into limbo when O'Leary resigned.  

Finally, about a month after Davie was fired, Tyrone Willingham offered Mattison a spot on his defensive staff — not as coordinator but as a defensive line coach.  

"That's part of the profession," said Mattison, the lone assistant coach on Willingham's staff he had retained from Davie's staff. "You take what's given to you, you don't have a choice, you don't have to coach. When you decided to be a coach and coach at the big schools and the big arenas, things like that happen. It happens all the time.  

Having a familiar face on the staff also made the transition remarkably easier for both the players and the new coaches.  

During the winter months, Mattison helped the new staff become acquainted with Notre Dame. He provided a link in the recruiting efforts from the base of operations to Willingham. And the transition was easier for the players because Mattison knew their capabilities.  

But more importantly, Mattison wanted to stay at Notre Dame so he could coach the players he had spent time recruiting.  

"I've put a lot of time into these kids, and I've recruited a lot of them," he said. "I'm just thankful I got to work with a lot of them. You get real close to kids when you recruit them. You put a lot of work into them, you see them grow, and you want to part of their success.  

While he doesn't want to compare his new role to his current job under Willingham, he said it has been easy to work with the new staff.  

And without any specific coordinating responsibilities, Mattison can focus solely on coaching.  

"Coordinating is something I've had the opportunity to do, and I like doing it, but I really like coaching," said Mattison, who served as defensive coordinator at Michigan from 1995-96 before coming to Notre Dame as an offensive coordinator in 1997. "I really like spending my time with the defensive line. That's what I was hired to do, and that's what I'll do."

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**Coaches bring experience, Walters finds himself at Notre Dame**

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Life has a funny way of working out. That's something to which Notre Dame secondary coach Trent Walters can attest.  

Nine years ago Walters found himself as Notre Dame's offensive coordinator Bob Davie at Texas A&M before he came to Notre Dame. When he arrived in South Bend, Davie askeded Walters to come with him and coach the secondary.  

"I always wanted to coach here and one time I was at Texas A&M, Bob Davie (who had just started his first year as Notre Dame's defensive coordinator) was considering me for a position here and I thought about it, thought about it," Walters said.  

"My wife said, "Why do you try to go off Notre Dame, why don't you just stay here at Texas A&M, but just because it was Notre Dame I considered it."  

Although Walters passed over Notre Dame for another offer of Texas A&M, just weeks later he accepted a job as defensive coordinator in the Midwest.  

However, nine years later, he found Notre Dame calling again. When Walters heard former head coach Tyrae Willingham, who coached his son Trent, was on his way to Notre Dame Walters responded.  

By CHRI5 FEDERICO  
Sports Writer

It didn't take much coercion to get offensive line coach Mike Denbrock to leave his position at Stanford and follow his former coach Tyrone Willingham to Notre Dame.  

Even though he had only coached with Willingham for that one year with the Cardinal, Denbrock already had reason enough to make the move to South Bend.  

"The main reason is the type of person (Willingham) is, and the type of things he brings to the table as a head football coach," Denbrock said.  

"It's something that's hard to find out here. He's a guy that has the ability to focus a football program in the direction that he wants to go. He's just a quality individual — period. So it made the decision easy when he asked me to come along."  

While with the Irish, Denbrock will focus on working with the tackles and tight ends, while fellow offensive line coach John McDonnell will mostly work with centers.  

Even though the Irish in recent history at Notre Dame have had trouble putting together a dominant offensive line, Denbrock chooses not to dwell on that but to focus on the future and the resources at hand.

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**McDonnell brings lifelong offensive line mentality to Irish**

By CHRI5 FEDERICO  
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He's done it nearly all his life. From his first year as a tackle and four-year starter at small Carroll College in the late 1970s to his life now beneath the Golden Dome, first-year offensive line coach John McDonnell has always thought like an offensive lineman.  

After all of these years, it's hard to say McDonnell has seen a lot and learned a good bit about how the position should be played.  

"It's been too long ago as far as playing, but I think coaching — once you coach and play a specific position so long, you really start to think and see the things out there," McDonnell said. "That's what you try to relate to the players. You talk to one position to understand another one, and you understand the dynamics out there."  

With all of his experience, McDonnell hopes that some of his knowledge will rub off on those young players.  

You want to teach them what happens out there, so that when it comes to them on the football field, they won't get rattled, because they've seen it before and they've practiced it before, and they understand what's going to happen," he said.  

McDonnell comes to Notre Dame after spending one year coaching under head coach Tyrone Willingham at Stanford.  

"I feel very fortunate that Coach Willingham asked me to join him here," McDonnell said. "I think that this is an outstanding university, and I feel very honored to be coaching here and to be a part of what we're hoping to get."  

Recently, the Cardinal ranked 23rd nationally in rushing, while averaging over 200 yards per game. With the Irish, McDonnell will concentrate on centers and guards as the starting left offensive line before his first-year offensive line coach Mike Denbrock, who will handle tackles and tight ends.  

McDonnell spent the majority of his career coaching at Washington State. From 1989-93, he served as the offensive line/tight ends coach and then for four years working out offensive coordinator duties in addition to coaching the offensive line.  

McDonnell's experience also includes a year as co-offensive coordinator at Weber State and alma mater Carroll College. He was also a long-time served as head coach of Scobey High School in Montana for two years.

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class is in quest for success

Preston pushes for victory on and off the field

By JOE HETTLER
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When talking about football, Notre Dame's running backs and special teams coach Buzz Preston sounds a lot like head coach Tyrone Willingham.

Both express the same things out of the coaching box and have similar philosophies on football—they want their players to win in every aspect of life. These similar beliefs may explain why Preston fits so well on Willingham's staff.

"I come to give them their best every try and try not to be good at playing but good people," Preston said. "Hopefully, try to reach for everything they want, try to be everything they can be in life.

What if his players do not give their best!

"That's not an option," Preston said. "If you give up on kids, I don't ever think you should give up anymore unless you give up on themselves and that's the only way it's not going to happen. In coaching you have to help young men grow in every phase of their life and that's what I feel very strongly about.

Preston started his coaching career at his alma mater, Hawaii, as a graduate assistant for three years. He then headed to Southern Illinois in 1984 to become the wide receivers and defensive backs coach there. During his time back to Hawaii as the special teams coach, defensive backs coach and strength and conditioning coach. During his time in Hawaii Preston helped lead the Rainbow into their first two bowl games in the history of the school's football program. He also was part of the 1992 Hawaii team that went 11-1

After five seasons at Washington State and a year at UNLV, Preston was hired by Willingham in 1999 to be the running backs coach at Stanford. During his tenure there, Preston helped build a running game that led the PAC-10 in rushing in 1999. After Stanford's running backs doubled their yardage from the year before. During his time as a member of Willingham's staff, the two have developed a friendship that is strongly based on their beliefs about football and life.

"I believe in life with Tyrone Willingham is one of a great deal of respect and admiration," Preston said. "He's a class act. He holds true to all the virtues that I feel that you have to have as a coach and what you want to do for young men and for the game. I consider him a friend and I've just been blessed to have the opportunity to part of his program."

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Simmons and wife are a perfect match

By JOE HETTLER
Assistant Sports Editor

Linebackers coach Bob Simmons has been through more than most in his profession.

Four years ago he endured a kidney transplant. His wife happened to be a perfect match, and they donated a kidney to her husband.

"It was very much an unusual situation," Simmons said. "It was just the true meaning of marriage is all about ... The joke is that she's always with me and that I married the right woman."

While his role at Notre Dame is primary different from his role with his old team, Bob Simmons don't mind.

The head coach at Oklahoma for six seasons, Simmons took a year off in 2001 before being hired by Tyronne Willingham to be the linebackers coach for Notre Dame.

Simmons compiled a 30-38 record at Oklahoma State and led the Sooners to an Alamo Bowl appearance in 1997, while also collecting Big 12 conference Coach of the Year honors that season. Prior to his time in Oklahoma, Simmons worked as outside linebacker and defensive line coach at West Virginia and Colorado. At Colorado, Simmons coordinated the Buffaloes to a bowl game in all seven years he was there.

Simmons has known the Byrne family for 18 years since his days at Oklahoma State. "At Oklahoma State, we developed, what I think is a real good relationship with him and I think over the year, he's said, 'I've always had a lot of respect for Coach Willingham. He's always been a dynamic person with a positive attitude."

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Diedrick returns from Canada to family

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

If Bill Diedrick didn't have a family, chances are he'd still be in Canada.

The current Notre Dame offensive coordinator spent two seasons in the Canadian Football League as offensive coordinator for the Edmonton Eskimos. Life was good.

Diedrick, who coached in a league that featured high-octane offenses, "As an offensive coach, it was a lot fun," he said. "I don't think I'd like to be a defensive coach."

The only problem was Diedrick's family still lived in the United States. And after Diedrick's middle son, Justin, won a high school state championship, Diedrick realized he didn't want to be watching his sons play football.

So he took some time off coaching football to be with his family. But just one year later, he landed a job at Washington and in 1998 accepted the role of offensive coordinator at Stanford in 1999. Two years later, Tyronne Willingham.

"He's the reason I wanted to go to Washington," Diedrick said. "In Canada, I followed him to Notre Dame." Diedrick added he would look if you look at how he's not only a wonderful, outstanding person but --

"Diedrick utilizes an offensive system that emphasizes balance between the run and the pass, a philosophy that evolved from his coaching days in the CFL. In Canada, teams could pass at will. But teams were separated by their ability to run the ball. And when Diedrick went to Washington, he added a running game to his wide-open, West-Coast style of offense.

Now an established offensive coordinator, Diedrick does not feel the pressure he once felt early in his career to keep moving from position to position. Notre Dame is his reward for coaching for 30 years.

"When you're young, you feel like you need to keep moving ahead," he said. "As long as you can keep moving forward, you feel like you're at a higher level, you get forced to keep moving toward that level and have an opportunity to stay at some place, that's really the goal of a coach. The last four years have been wonderful and I'm looking forward to a wonderful career here."

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most well-known song from the musical. With deep and powerful vocals, The Narrator (played by Zack Linnert) establishes one of the central themes of the play — to remember the good times, even through times of sorrow or depression. He sings, "Try to remember when life was so tender. That no one wept except the willow."

Next, the Narrator presents the primary characters. Luisa, played by Devon Candura, is a beautiful, young, self-absorbed and self-proclaimed "princess." She desperately wants to try new things and discover the outside world. Matt, played by Matthew Curtis, is a little more experienced through age and education, and believes he knows everything there is to know. Ironically, the two hopeless romantics live right next door to one another.

Yet, their love does not come easy. The lovers' fathers have constructed a wall between the two properties and have organized a fake feud between the families. Comically shadowing Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," the lovers secretly meet against the phony wishes of their fathers and talk about their grand future.

While love brings Luisa and Matt together, the strangeness of gardening allows the fathers to bond and talk of their own plans. Christopher Scott plays Luisa's father, Bellomy, and Tommy Curtin plays Matt's father, Hucklebee. Their quickness, physical comedy and hilarious interactions are some of the highlights of the musical. Bellomy is constantly watering his garden and proclaiming, "Vegetables are dependable," while Hucklebee is wearing goofy suspenders and always trimming his bushy mustache.

After the lovers go inside, the two proud fathers meet to discuss the futures of their children. They agree that their phony plan has worked thus far, but Matt must rescue Luisa so he appears worthy of her hand.

Hucklebee tells Bellomy that he has propositioned a villain to appraise their situation and to abduct the innocent Luisa. El Gallo, also played by Zack Linnert, is a greedy and sneaky character whose world revolves around money and deceit. He bargains with the father over what type of "rape" Luisa should receive in the dark number "Depends On What You Pay." In 1960, when the play was originally performed, there was much controversy over the subject matter and language in the song. Even in 2002, a viewer's initial reaction may be one of surprise or shock, but the carefree and confident performance of the song reassures the audience.

At this time, El Gallo introduces his partners in crime. Molly McShane plays the perpetrating poet, Henry, and Mary Beth Asmussen plays the incognito Indian side-kick, Mortimer. This criminal odd couple seems out of place at first, but their absurdity parallels the ridiculous deal made with El Gallo and the fathers.

Eventually, the time comes for the pretend attack to occur. All three of the criminals fall and play dead as Matt emerges as the hero of the night. The fathers are elated and publicly allow Matt and Luisa to continue their relationship. The closing scene of the first act shows the two lovers embracing as their fathers observe affectionately. Still, the Narrator asks the question, "Will it last?"

In the beginning of the next act, the question is answered with the tune "This Plum Is Too Ripe." The classic lesson of "things being too good to be true" is taught as the characters realize things have changed. Luisa and Matt each have different perceptions of one another in the sunlight. After the song "I Can See It," Matt believes he knows the secrets of the outside world and leaves home in a hurry. Meanwhile, Luisa falls into a miserable state, sad and daydreaming each day.

Just as things seem like they could only get worse, the two fathers run into each other and reconcile their differences by starting up a conversation on vegetables. "Plant a Radish" is an entertaining song and dance number, which has the fathers kicking their feet and dipping their hats. At the same time, El Gallo has taken Luisa to the city and is trying to seduce her as Henry and Mortimer are torturing Matt. Luisa and El Gallo next perform "Beyond That Road," a song that corresponds with "I Can See It." This time around, Luisa is trying to discover what the outside world holds. Zinnert's deep, serious and convincing voice belles with the beautiful and clear voice of Candura. Shortly after, Matt and Luisa meet again and rekindle their romance. They realize that the happiness they were looking for in other places was false, and that in reality, what they were really searching for was right next-door.

All in all, the production is a great success. The talent of the actors and their vocal skill is very impressive. At times, the show seems a little congested, with multiple things going on at once, but this is a result of the space limitations of the staging. Also, the ending is somewhat brisk, and the play seems to jump from confusion to instant happiness. However, the strong parts of the play, such as the amusing interactions between Luisa and Matt, and Bellomy and Hucklebee, make the production very worthwhile.

Perhaps the element that makes the musical so enjoyable, however, is its comic and witty take on love. Everyone can relate to innocent love, goofy friends and the dorky parental figures found in the show. To Bracken, "The Fantasticks" is about letting go of youthful illusions and finding the joy in reality. It's about growing up and learning all the terrible and wonderful truths about the world particularly those truths about love. It's an interesting story because I think everyone in the audience will be able to relate, but which character they relate to and why will vary quite a bit.

The Farley Hall Players will perform "The Fantasticks" this Sunday, April 28 at 3 and 6 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Admission is $5 and tickets will be available at the door. A special Farley Hall performance will be also take place on Saturday at 8 p.m.

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Lifton's 3 RBS lift White Sox past Indians

Associated Press

CLEVELAND

It was supposed to be right between the Cleveland Indians and Chicago White Sox this season in AL Central.

So far, it's not even close.

For seven games, it's been all White Sox.

Kenny Lofton had three RBS and looked like the team's bat, leading in the win, their third straight against Cleveland on Thursday, 6-3 over the reeling Indians.

After sweeping Cleveland last week at home, the White Sox went the final three games of their four-game series at Jacobs Field to improve to 6-1 this season against the Indians.

The White Sox outscored Cleveland 46-18 in the series.

Their lineup outdued the Indians (310 to 212) and Chicago outpitched Cleveland 18-12 in seven innings.

"It kind of lets Cleveland know we're not going to roll over for anybody this year," said Jon Garland (3-1), who cruised for five innings and won his third straight start. "We're going to come out every time we're going to attack."

Royce Clayton hit a two-run homer off Ryan Drese (2-2) and was on all four plays during the game turned by the White Sox, who have won 13 of 16 and have a three-game lead in the AL Central.

Cleveland can't stop its slide. After opening the season 11-1, the Indians are 39-45. Cleveland has gone 1-9.

"If we played the Blue Sox right now we would lose," Indians right fielder Matt Lawton said. "That's the way it is sometimes and we're not doing anything right."

Lawton was called out for the first time this season Wednesday, double-dogged in three runs in the fourth inning to make it 5-0.

Red Sox, 0 Indians

As far as the Baltimore Orioles are concerned, Pedro Martinez already is at peak form.

The three-time Cy Young Award winner made his second straight exceptional start, limiting the Indians to two hits in seven innings as the Boston Red Sox beat Cleveland 6-3 and won the same sweep with a 7-0 victory Thursday.

Martinez (3-0) had a season-high 10 strikeouts and held him scoreless in six innings.

"With the young guys we have here hitting, it's just good," said Clayton. "Jon did a good job. It kept us out of some pretty good jams."

Keith Foulke pitched the ninth and picked up his first save since April 12th.

Manuel tried a new lineup, dropping Lawton from the leadoff and moving Thome to the order after other changes. But the shakeup and Kipnis' four singles against Garland, who didn't allow a hit until the seventh, clinched the White Sox' win.

Garland then traveled West and took on Seattle, who hit a grounder up the middle, which Kipnis fielded and threw to second.

Despite hitting into their fourth double play, the Indians put together a three-run rally with two outs in the seventh, closing to 5-3 and chasing Garland.

When Thome hit a one-out single and Lawton, batting fifth for the first time this season, lined a sacrifice fly run double. But lefty Damaso Marte came on and got pinch-hitter Milton Bradley to ground out.

Lawton, who was rested for the first time this season Wednesday, doubled in three runs in the fourth inning to make it 5-0.

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ST. LOUIS

For Brent Johnson, the end of his long shutout streak was no big deal.

He allowed three goals in the second period, but wore an empty-net to-go grin after the St. Louis Blues overcame a two-goal deficit to advance to the second round of the NHL playoffs with a 5-3 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks in Game 5 on Thursday night.

Johnson, in his first season as the starter, blanked the Blackhawks in Games 2, 3 and 4 and is one of only five goalies in NHL history with three shutouts in a playoff series. After 3 hours, 26 minutes and 45 seconds without allowing a goal, he gave up the three last two on consecutive shots, as the Blues scored four times in a span of 4:34, ending the series with a 5-3 victory over the Blues.

The Blues took a 3-1 series win to advance to the second round of the NHL playoffs.

The St. Louis Blues celebrate a goal in their 5-3 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks Thursday. The Blues took a 3-1 series win to advance to the second round of the NHL playoffs.

Scott Mellanby got his third goal of the series for the Blues. Scott Young and Chris Pronger each scored for the Blues, while Forester and defenseman Nic Johansen scored for the Blackhawks.

Steve Thomas ended the Blues' shutout streak at 4:34 of the second period, the Blackhawks' first lead in the series since Alexander Karpovtsev's game-winner to go to Game 1 victory. Kyle Calder and Steve Sullivan also scored for the Blackhawks, the fifth seed in the Western Conference, who totaled five goals in five games in the best-of-seven series.

Bruins, Canadiens 2

A high-scoring but relatively tame playoff series between the Boston Bruins and Montreal Canadiens turned ugly Thursday night.

With 1:17 left in Boston's 5-2 series victory that evened the best-of-seven series after four games, Bruins defenseman Kyle McLaren caught Richard Zednik, Montreal's leading scorer, with a vicious elbow that knocked him out. McLaren was given a five-minute match penalty.

Zednik was unconscious as he was treated on the ice for about five minutes and was removed on a stretcher and taken to a local hospital with a suspected concussion and facial injuries.

Montreal coach Michel Therrien threatened retaliation against the Bruins' top players in Game 5 on Saturday at Montreal.

Flower refused to comment on the hit, but McLaren said he did nothing wrong.

The Bruins took a 3-0 lead in the first period on goals from Stock, Bill Guerin and Martin Lapointe. Brian Rolston added a key short-handed goal in the second and Sergei Samsonov got two in the third.

Zednik scored both Montreal goals on power plays and leads the team with eight points in four games.

The next battle started on the bench, where McLaren hit Flower on the head.

The Canadiens also upset Guerin, who brought down defenseman Andrei Markov with an open ice knee-check in the second period. Guerin went two minutes for clipping. Markov finished the game, but is questionable for Saturday.

Both Therrien and Odjick compared McLaren's hit on Zednik to the elbow thrown by Tie Domi on New Jersey defenseman Scott Niedermayer during last year's playoffs, which resulted in an eight-game suspension for the Toronto enforcer.

NHL spokesman Frank Brown declined comment, but said the league was aware of the incident.

Therrien and Florier had a shouting match at the benches and the game ended with more fighting in the final minute. A few fans among the jeering capacity crowd of 21,273 threw beer and soda at the Bruins bench.

Zednik looked to have taunted Byron Dafoe after scoring his second goal of the game, perhaps hoping to put the Bruins goalie off his game.

In Game 3 on Tuesday night, Dafoe allowed three third-period goals in a 5-3 comeback win for Montreal.

There was no Boston collapse this time.

Red Wings 4, Canucks 0

Things are quite different for the Detroit Red Wings this time around.

Sergei Fedorov scored two of Detroit's four first-period goals, which resulted in an eight-game suspension for the Toronto enforcer.

Bob Probert returned to the Red Wings lineup after missing Game 4 with an undisclosed injury, and Fedorov off his game.

Detroit was struggling to score. While the Canucks were failing to score on their third power-play opportunity, Fedorov carried the puck through the center of the ice and passed it to Mathieu Dandenault, who beat Cloutier for a short-handed goal from the right circle.

Chants of "Let's Go Red Wings" replaced the chants of "Boo the Pack," from Game 2 when Detroit was struggling to score. Boeing Devereaux's goal off another rebound gave Detroit a 3-0 lead and sent Cloutier to the bench after stopping just six of nine shots. He was replaced by Peter Skudra, who had not seen his first postseason appearance since playing one playoff game for Pittsburgh two years ago.

The Red Wings essentially ended the game with their fourth first-period goal, which illustrated the type of night it was for their collection of future Hall of Famers.

Brett Hull backhanded a pass from the left boards to the front of the net, and Fedorov, with only his right hand on his stick, poked the puck past Skudra as the crowd went wild.

Vancouver president and general manager Brian Burke called a news conference to strongly criticize the officiating on Wednesday. After four games Detroit had a 17-16 advantage in power plays.

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Sixers' comeback fails, Celtics take 2-0 lead

Associated Press

**BOSTON**

Allen Iverson shook off the rust, but his Philadelphia 76ers couldn't shake off Paul Pierce.

Pierce hit the go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:36 left Thursday night to lead the Boston Celtics to a 93-85 victory over the 76ers and send the defending Eastern Conference champions to the brink of elimination.

"It's a whole different game in the fourth quarter because everything's on the line," said Pierce, who survived early foul trouble and 10 consecutive misses to score 11 of his 25 points in the final quarter. "That's when the pressure is on."

Boston took a 2-0 lead despite 29 points from Iverson, who missed the final 14 games of the regular season and struggled in the playoff opener. Game 3 of the five-game series is in Philadelphia on Sunday.

Antoine Walker had 24 points and 10 rebounds, and Pierce also had 10 rebounds as the Celtics pleased a raucous crowd and stayed perfect in the playoffs at the FleetCenter. The last time they made the playoffs was in 1995 — the final season of the Boston Garden and before Walker or Pierce entered the NBA.

The Sixers led 81-77 with 3:21 left to play when Tony Battie hit a basket and Pierce followed with a jumper — just his second basket of the half — to tie it. Pierce, who led the league in fourth-quarter points in the regular season, followed with a 3-pointer from the right side to give Boston an 84-81 lead it never relinquished.

Lakers 103, Blazers 96

Portland's state of desperation didn't seem to faze the two-time defending NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers, who handled the Trail Blazers again Thursday night despite a late scare.

Shaquille O'Neal had 31 points and 14 rebounds, and Kobe Bryant added 19 points despite a poor shooting performance as the Lakers held off the Blazers 103-96 to take a 2-0 lead in the first-round playoff series.

The best-of-five matchup shifts to Portland for Game 3 on Sunday and a fourth game, if needed, Wednesday night. Only six teams have ever come back to win a five-game series after being down 2-0 and just one — Dallas against Utah last year — has done so since 1994.

The win was the 18th in the last 19 playoff games for the Lakers, who are attempting to become the fifth team in NBA history to win three or more consecutive championships.

The Lakers are also trying to eliminate the Blazers from the playoffs for the fifth time in six years.

Before this game began, many fans in the capacity crowd of 18,997 began chanting "three-peat, three-peat" — just as they did in the final seconds of Game 1.

Two wins down, 13 to go.

Derek Fisher added 18 points and Rick Fox scored 13 for the Lakers, who outbounded the Blazers 48-35. Bryant was only 5-of-21 from the field and missed his last nine shots, but in the end, it didn't matter.

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Belles to play final 3 games

By NATALIE BAILEY
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Coming off two losses against Calvin Wednesday, the Belles enter their three final games of this season this weekend. The Belles will face Hope College today at 5 p.m. at the University of South Bend. Saturday at noon and Franklin College at 1 p.m., all on their home field.

No. 3 Hope College will be the Belles' last MIAA contender. Sophomore first baseman Katie Frigge believes the will offer the most competition. "Hope is in our conference and will be a tougher match for us," said Frigge. "But we will have more fans and more support on our home field."

The Belles did not move from their-seventh-place ranking after losing 5-0 and 6-0 in their doubleheader against Calvin on Wednesday. Frigge cited a lack of focus for their underachieving performance. "Our coach had just told us about his resignation, and we were all kind of flat and not really there; we weren't into it," said Frigge.

The Knights took control and set the tone for the games with a run in the first inning of the first game. The Belles showed some promise in the third when Erin Sullivan doubled to center field and made it around the bases, only to be thrown out at home. After a dry spell, with four hits, Calvin got two runs in the fourth inning and then wrapped up the game with two more runs in the sixth. In the second game, Calvin earned two runs in the second, two in the third and a final two in the seventh.

Despite their two losses, the team plans on entering this weekend's games using the same starting lineup, perhaps with a little variation. Graneff fielded the games against Calvin with Libby Wilhelmsen or Kristin Martin as the pitcher, Marnie Walsh as the shortstop, Frigge in left field, Katrina Thobe in right field, Mandy Hayes at third base, Susan Kutz or Sandy Harmony as catcher, Lyn Lapshan at first base, Rebekah Solmos at second base and Sullivan in center field.

"Our biggest problem on Wednesday were the errors of not knowing where the play was at," said Harmon. "This weekend, we have to get on the ball earlier and improve defensively. Just one inning makes the game."

After a trying season due to the weather, new coaching staff and tough competitors, the biggest challenge for the Belles this weekend will be to enter their games with courage, focus and confidence.

"Playing hard, playing like a team and having fun in our last games — I think that is what we need," said Harmon.

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Irish bounce back to whip Wildcats

By CHRIS COLEMAN
Space Writer

Maybe all the Notre Dame women's lacrosse team needed was a wake-up call to remind them that they are the 10th best team in the country.

The Irish put Saturday's loss to Georgetown behind them in an 11-3 victory over Northwestern Thursday.

The women showed flashes of brilliance, holding a young Northwestern team scoreless for the last 36 minutes of the game and spreading the ball around the offensive end; however the Irish continue to be plagued by turnovers.

"A win is a win, but we didn't go out and execute as good as we should have," said Danielle Seaver.

Execution may prove to be the difference in Notre Dame's final two games of the year. If 10-4 Notre Dame defeats Rutgers and No.12 Vanderbilt, they are all but guaranteed a spot in the tournament.

"All we need is to win, and we are in the tournament," said captain Tina Fedarcyk. "They are definitely beatable teams, so as long as we come together and play our game, we'll be fine."

The Irish have come out slow in several games, and that's hurt the team. Three of Notre Dame's four losses have been by one goal in games where the Irish had mounted a comeback and had momentum when time expired.

Players know they cannot afford another game like that.

"Approaching the tournament, we need to play our best and up to the level we know we can," Seaver said. "There are only two games left. We need to step up."

Seaver, who led the team in points against Northwestern with three goals and one assist, converted a pass from Eleanor Weille to open up the scoring.

Anne Riley, Alisa Moser and Meredith Simon, who each scored two goals, then gave the Irish a substantial lead. The Irish were up 6-1 when Northwestern scored two free position goals to make the game 6-3 at the half. Those goals were the last looks Northwestern would get all day.

"We held them scoreless for the whole second half, that's a good thing," said Fedarcyk who is one of the cornerstones on defense.

Kristen Gaudreau and Lisa Lombardi scored their first goals of the year during the second half of play. Seaver and Simon also added in to the all-Irish scoring party in the second half.

The women travel to face Big East opponent Rutgers this Sunday. Rutgers is 7-8 overall and 2-3 in the division.

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Lustig opened the game by scoring the first five points for Project Mayhem on route to a 5-1 early lead for the third seed. However, Robuster Craws were able to capitalize on Project Mayhem fouls to bring themselves as close as 17-14 in the game.

Unfortunately for Robuster Craws, hot shooting by Lustig, Lake Mueller, Jason Mays, Doug Wilson and Brian Rush led Project Mayhem to a late run to set the tone.

No. 4 Lazy Boys beat a scrappy Irish Men squad, 23-17 in other round of 16 action.

Irish Men, playing without Irish assistant basketball coach Lewis Preston, could not match Lazy Boys height inside.

Jason Ditche's strong inside outside play helped Lazy Boys build a 20-12 lead before Irish Men mounted a last-ditch comeback.

Nick Williams' scrappy point guard play and Brian Kahn's shooting touch rallied the Irish Men to 20-15 before Tommey Walz ended the game with a free throw.

"We're a real fundamentally sound team," Ditche said. "Toward the end of the game, we started getting away from that and playing a lot of 1-3-1. When we went back to fundamentals, we were fine."

Williams' refused to use Preston's absence as an excuse for the loss.

"I don't want any sympathy," said Williams. "We're not going to play five guards." In the last game of the night, No. 2 AdWorks All-Stars shot well from the outside and defeated cold-shooting NDToday.com, 21-15.

Jason Sullivan and Ryan Ostick shot well from the outside for AdWorks, while Carlyle Hendy, Abe Ellen and Justin Tuck forced NDToday to defend inside.

"We were hoping that Sullivan wouldn't shoot well today," NDToday's All Tahmashii said. NDToday's zone would have posed a problem for AdWorks if it hadn't shot so well.

"That's the first we've seen all tournament," Sullivan said. "When you face a zone, you have to shoot well and force them to come out of it. They never came out of it, so we kept good looks from the outside."

AdWorks' strategy on defense was to deny NDToday from getting any shots inside.

"We've got some great athletes that can basically shoot down the point guards," Sullivan said. "If a team does manage to get inside on AdWorks, Justin Tuck's blocking skills give the team a really solid blanket," according to Sullivan.

With the inside denied, the Irish did hit long-range shots but couldn't find its shooting touch.

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"We're not really strong shooters so we have to rely on defense," Wagner said.

The Mullahs' strategy was in part aided by Lucky's downgraded roster. Post player Mary Murphy missed her second game in a row while attending her grandmother's funeral. Benjamin has filled in well for Murphy, but Lucky's lineup is much smaller without Murphy.

"It's tough playing against those packed in zones without our post player," Lichon said. "We are trying to play high-low with five guards."

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Irish look to salvage some pride against Crimson

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's lacrosse team will be looking to shake off the disappointment of its last two games when they travel to Cambridge, Mass., to take on the Harvard Crimson Saturday at 1 p.m.

Two weeks ago, Notre Dame's offense sputtered in an 11-8 road loss against Army. That loss ended a three-game winning streak for the Irish in which they played their best lacrosse of the year.

Sunday's one-goal loss to Fairfield was even worse. After struggling most of the contest and finding themselves down six goals with six minutes left in the game, the Irish finally woke up.

Notre Dame staged a furious comeback, scoring five goals in three minutes to pull within one goal of the Stags. Unfortunately, a six-goal deficit proved to be just too much as the Irish fell just one goal short of tying the Stags and sending the game to overtime.

The tough defeat eliminated the Irish from playoff contention, and denied them a top finish in the Great Western Lacrosse League for the first time in four years.

For Notre Dame's seniors, the loss was especially difficult. "I've seen the best and worst of Notre Dame lacrosse," senior captain John Flandins said Sunday after the loss. "The year before my freshman year was the last time Notre Dame didn't make the tournament. Last year, we made it all the way to the Final Four. This will be the first time in my career I won't be in the tournament. It's just embarrassing.

Even though the Irish know they will not compete in the NCAA Tournament this year, Notre Dame's pride is at stake in their remaining two games on the road against Harvard this weekend and at home against Ohio State on May 4.

Head coach Kevin Corrigan hopes his team can correct its recent mistakes.

"I don't know if that last game revealed anything new or profound to us," said Corrigan. "We have to play hard and passionately every time you play."

Corrigan does not plan to make any drastic changes in these final two games. He plans to continue using the same lineups and player combinations that he has played against Ohio State.

"I don't have any major lineup changes planned," said Corrigan. "If I had somebody who could have helped us, they would have already been playing. I'm not looking at next year. I'm just looking for us to win these last two games."

If there is any team that can relate to Notre Dame's frustrating season, it is Harvard. The Crimson started the season on fire, opening their season with four straight wins. Since their initial success, the Crimson's season has been nothing short of a disaster. Harvard has lost seven straight games to fall to 4-7 on the season.

Just like the Irish, the Crimson are hoping to end the season on a positive note.

"They are a really interesting team," said Corrigan. "They are extremely talented, but they are 4-7. Even though they've lost against tough competition, they have not played as well as they would have hoped. Just like us, I expect this to be a tough game for us."

Irish defenseman A.J. Wright looks upfield in a recent match against Hofstra. The Irish men's lacrosse team will look to rebound from two narrow defeats at Harvard on Saturday.

Luckily for Notre Dame, starting attackman Matt Howell and starting defenseman Eric Simon have recovered from injuries and should be at full strength for Saturday's game.

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shambles. The team had gone 15-29 the previous year, had only four scholarship players and had failed to finish a season with a winning record for five consecutive years.

In his first year, Murphy turned the Irish into a 39-22 team. The next year, the Irish won at least 40 games, and made the NCAA tournament from 1992-94.

"I had taken over a program [at Notre Dame] that hadn't won a lot," Murphy said with a chuckle. "It was kind of fun being part of the rie, even though I wasn't the reason we got good. The reason we got good is because we had great kids."

But the Irish did need under his leadership, from a baseball nobody in a team to be contended with on a yearly basis.

In 1992, at the height of his success as coach, national-power Miami offered him a lucrative head coaching deal, but Murphy turned it down.

"I still believed I had more work to do here," Murphy said. "The [new] stadium wasn't built yet. There were things to still get done."

Indeed, in 1993 Notre Dame built a 3,000-seat stadium for its baseball team. In each of those next two years, the Irish won at least 40 games and were turned just one win short of the College World Series.

"We are extremely excited about the opportunity to play Arizona State University because it's a school that has represented excellence in college baseball through the years," Mainieri said. "They represent greatness. That's where Notre Dame wants to get in the sport of baseball. They are to college baseball what Notre Dame is to football. From that standpoint, I think our players are very excited about that challenge."

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Junior pitcher J.P. Gagne hurls a pitch against Ball State earlier in the season. The Irish square off against No. 17 Arizona State in a doubleheader this weekend.

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California and a two-run victory at Oklahoma, the Sun Devils are 26-15 and 9-6 in their conference.

"We're real young this year, real young," Murphy said. "We are very inexperienced and very injured. It came at a bad time, but we're still hanging in there."

Arizona State is led at the plate by outfielders Andre Ethier and Jon Shaffer, both hitting .367 on the year.

Even though the Sun Devils will prove a daunting opponent for the Irish, especially during a Big East break week, coach Paul Mainieri says his team relishes the opportunity to play such top competition.

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Men’s and women’s squads to race at Drake

By NOAH AMSTADTER
Senior Staff Writer

Both the Irish men’s and women’s 4x400-meter relay teams qualified to compete at this weekend’s Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa. But when they take the track, they face completely different odds.

The women’s squad — comprised of sophomores Ayesha Boyd and Kristin Dodd, junior Kymia Love and senior Liz Grow — currently ranks near the top in the country. While the team is confident it can come away from Drake with a gold medal, the focus is on running an NCAA Championships automatic qualifying time of 3:33.

“We should run a 3:32 and hopefully automatically get into nationals,” Grow said. “We know our team’s capable of doing it, so we just now want to get this out of the way.”

The same team competed at Drake last season, beating a highly ranked Baylor team in the prelims before finishing fourth in the finals with a time of 3:37.83.

But, as Grow says, that was then, and this is now.

“We’re a lot better team now, a lot faster and more experienced,” Grow said. “I’m running with some really great guys. That makes it a special experience, too.”

While the women are in a position to sit out the finals, the men’s squad — made up of seniors William “Red” Croker, Nick Saracco, Mike Mansour and freshman Trevor McClain — was unsure a week ago whether or not it would even qualify for the meet.

But with a 3:14.75 time at the Missouri Invitational earlier this month, the team qualified. Qualifying for the meet was especially gratifying for Mansour, a Creston, Iowa, native who competed at the Drake Relays while in high school.

“It’s something I’ve wanted to do all four years here, and to get the opportunity my senior year is especially excellent,” Mansour said. “I’m running with some really great guys. That makes it a special experience, too.”

But when the Irish take the track Saturday with Arizona State, one of the best teams in the country, in their preliminary heat, the team is not going to back down.

“Our first goal is to run our best time of the season and compete,” Mansour said. “We didn’t come here just to fool around or just run and call it a day.”

Mike Mansour
Irish runner

The Irish have athletes competing in other events at Drake as well. Junior Betsy Lazerezi is competing in the heptathlon, the only female athlete outside the relay team running for the Irish.

On the men’s side, both freshman Selim Nurudeen and sophomore Napoleon Suarez competed in the 400-meter hurdles Thursday. Suarez finished seventh in his heat, finishing in a time of 54.22, while Nurudeen finished eighth in his heat in 56.72. Nurudeen also competes in the prelims of the 110-meter hurdles today.

Irish head coach Joe Piane has been highly impressed with Nurudeen’s progress this season, even comparing him to former Irish All-American Errol Williams.

“Selim’s consistent,” Piane said. “He’s doing very well when you consider he’s only a freshman. He’s running probably as well or better than Errol Williams did at the same stage.”

The Irish distance squad is fielding a 4x1-mile relay group, with seniors John Conway, sophomore Kevin Sommers, freshman Eric Morrison and senior Luke Watson comprising the squad.

“It’s a great field, and Drake is one of the most fun meets that we go to all season,” Watson said. “A victory would be great. Other than that, we just want to have a good time.”

The Irish are also sending two field events athletes to Drake — junior javelin thrower Mike Madigan and senior discus thrower Derek Dyer. Madigan, who sat out of competition last weekend to take the MCATS, is recovering from a sore elbow, so field events coach Scott Windsor thinks he took his tests at the right time.

“I think his elbow is better,” Windsor said. “He got past the MCATS, he did okay. That weekend overall actually turned out to be a blessing in disguise for him.”

Dyer, who competed in California at the Mt. SAC and Pomona invitational last weekend, is looking for consistency in the discuss.

“He had between a 170 and 175 (foot) discuss warm-up [throw in California], and he gets to the competition and it’s like he tightens up,” Windsor said. “He just needs to learn how to relax and let his body do what it’s trained to do, and I’ll do it. He’s getting way too tensed up.”

The rest of the Irish athletes compete at the Boilermaker Open at Purdue on Saturday, with events beginning at 9 a.m.

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Women's Rowing

Big East field up next for Irish rowers

By MARK ZAVODNYIK
Sports Writer

After a week off, the Notre Dame Women's rowing team returns to action this weekend at the Big East Rowing Challenge in Worcester, Mass.

Other than Miami and Villanova, the Irish have yet to face any Big East foes this year.

"This is a chance for our region to see others in the league," said head coach Martin Stone.

Over the past two weeks, the Irish have taken advantage of the opportunity to do some late-season training.

Head coach Martin Stone made sure that the Irish utilized the sunny weather doing some rigorous work.

"We used the last two weeks to gain speed. We went through some of our most difficult training cycles," said Stone.

The Irish will enter teams in five of the six events in the regatta.

Notre Dame will race the first varsity eight, the second varsity eight, two boats in the varsity four, the first novice eight and the second novice eight.

Notre Dame is seeded second in all of the races except the second varsity eight race, which they are seeded first.

"We are very excited, every boat has the capability of winning," said sophomore Jayme Szef.

Even though the Irish were ranked ninth nationally last week and No. 10 this week they are not concerned about not getting more No. 1 seeds in this weekend's regatta.

"Seeding is an inexact science. Everybody gains speed over the course of the season," said Stone.

However, this acclaim on the national level has had some effect on the team's training.

"Coach expects us to train even harder now that we are ranked in the top 10," said Szef.

There is more at stake at the Big East Rowing Challenge than just bragging rights. This is the first in a number of races that determine which teams get to race in the NCAA Championships on June 1 and 2 in Indianapolis.

"If we win, it helps solidify our chance for the NCAA Championship," Stone said.

The location for this weekend's race is an ideal for a big regatta. The teams will be racing at Lake Quinsigamond.

"It's a great traditional winning course. They have had Olympic trials there in the past. It holds major races each year," said Stone.

With their earlier strong performances this year, coupled with intensive training, Stone and the Irish are feeling confident.

"I feel really positive. All of our boats have gained speed. There is no indication that we have slowed down at all," said Stone.

As with any regatta, the Irish expect to win this weekend.

"We are going in to come out Big East champions." said head coach Deanna Gumpf.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish hope to avoid letdown

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

After defeating a top-ranked opponent, all of the hard work is lost if the team suffers a letdown in its next game.

Coming into Thursday's game against-2-4 IUPU-Fort Wayne, the Notre Dame softball team knew maintaining a high energy level for the second straight game would be difficult.

"Games like today are very tough to play, especially after a big win," said head coach Deanna Gumpf.

"We talked about it going in, and we knew it was going to be hard. It's tough to really get excited and get up. We just had to take care of business today, and we did."

Using Liz Hartmann's second game-winning home run in as many games and senior Jenny Kriech's first career home run at Ivy Field, the Irish defeated the Mastodons 5-1. The victory extended Notre Dame's win streak to eight games and improved the squad's record to 29-13.

IUPU-FW jumped on the board in the first with its only run of the game, off Notre Dame pitcher Carrie Wiesen. IUPU-FW third baseman Sonia Alteno led off the game with a single. After Wiesen struck out pitcher Mindy Pomeroy, shortstop Angela Grabczak drove a triple to the gap in right center, scoring Antienzo and the Mastodons the early 1-0 lead.

The Irish came back in the bottom of the third inning of the game. Kriech sent a one-out single to left and stole second. She moved to third on Megan Goll's grounder. An error by baseman Madrid reached the miscue by Nicole Stoppnegan, the second shortstop in the day for the Mastodons. Kriech hit the 2-0 pitch over the center-field fence and finally got her home run at Ivy Field.

"I think Jenny had a great day," Gumpf said. "I think Jenny hit the ball, and she played great defensively."

Wiesen went the distance for the Irish and improved to 12-4 on the season. The freshman gave up four hits, walked two and struck out 11 but didn't have her best start.

"I just don't think she [Wiesen] was as sharp as she usually is." Gumpf said. "I think she just wasn't as sharp."

This weekend, Notre Dame plays its final Big East road games, with doubleheaders at Boston College Saturday and Providence Sunday. The Eagles are in fourth place in the conference, while the Priests are 4-12 in the Big East.

"They are both scrappy, and they are both good," Gumpf said. "BC just swept Syracuse, so that tells you right there [how good they are]. They are two good teams that are going to be pumped and ready for us. We have to go in there and just get after it." said Gumpf.

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Happy Birthday! You should take serious look at your insurance policies, investments, wills or any other personal papers that may require updating or changes. You will have greater concerns with political subjects and this could lead to greater discussion with people from different walks of life. Your social circles could be expanded these days with friends or relatives who live for away will be more apparent, but more compatible. 0000 0000 0000

FRI,MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2002
ASL (April 25-May 30): Your creative energy will feed both your and your partner's ability to communicate, and your positive group that will help you maintain the attention you need today. If you are already in a romantic relationship, you will find yourself sitting in a position that will be valuable to you later on.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: You should feel free to, enjoy life to the fullest. You are kind, generous and you will not stand for an outsider speaking negatively of you. You are unique and will result in newfound friendships. 0000

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2002
ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will do fine today with your best bet if you're already in a romantic relationship, you will find yourself sitting in a pretentious position. OOOOO

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2002
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are ready and will result in feeling better about yourself. There is money to be made if you are quick to respond to the offers at your disposal. 0000

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2002
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your ideas and suggestions concern­ation with large corporations or insti­tutions. 0000

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2002
CANCER (June 21-July 22): It may be hard to keep your eye on things these days as your mind will be focused on. Someone you are familiar with recently may be the one you can tell you the truth. But you can question just how honest you are. 0000

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2002
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your high energy should be directed toward doing things with your friends or family. Your friends will be rewarding from a personal point of view and will result in a rewarding travel- 

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2002
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Your days and determination to complete events will be modest and recogni­ tion for your remarkable achievement. You can gain respect and sup­port by voicing your opinion to superiors. 0000

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): New ideas and initiatives will spark enthusiasm in your work or personal lives. You will discover all sorts of interesting information that will be valuable to you later on. The discrimination when it comes to your income will be more apparent. 0000

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Keep your eye peeled for anything out of the ordinary today. Recent events will develop through new ideas that will be valuable to others. 0000

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You would be wise to get involved in a new group that shares your interests or takes you further. OOOOO

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): As long as you don't correct emotional issues, you will do fine today. You can help to you if you are emotionally 0000

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Changes are in order and should result in feeling better about yourself as you see your new directions. Travel nothing, your new projects and you will feel yourself getting into a posit­ ion of power. 0000

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): There is money to be made by you quick to respond to the offers at your disposal. Property investments may be longer term but they will be surpris­ing. Put some effort you investing to value your home. 0000

Birthday Baby: You will be surrounded by plants and animals. You are happy with someone you are familiar with and you will find yourself wondering what your family will do to celebrate the day.

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Showdown at the Eck

Former Irish coach brings 17th-ranked Sun Devils

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Editor

Today, the Notre Dame baseball team hosts 17th-ranked Arizona State, led by former Irish coach Pat Murphy. The game marks the first time the former Irish coach returns to campus after taking the head baseball coaching job with the Sun Devils in 1995.

"I don't want [the games] to be about me," Murphy said. "I want it to be about the players. I think the most special thing about Notre Dame is the people that go to school here. That's what I learned from being here seven years. The people that go to school here are really special, and I want our kids to experience what it's like.

The Irish have been playing some of their best ball of the season, winning 11 straight and 20 of their last 22. The usually powerful Arizona State squad has experienced some of their best ball of the weekend. The Irish are looking to upset No. 17 Arizona State this weekend.

No. 6 Splitters knock out SP Shockers again

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Sports Editor

Van Giles inside game opened up the Splitters outside shooters as the No. 6 seed beat No. 11 SP Shockers II, 21-14.

Giles consistently scored on the inside, picking up six points and demanding double teams almost every possession.

"Usually if I can start hitting some baskets, they have to start putting two people on me; then I can kick it out for open looks," Giles said.

While the Splitters moved the ball around effectively for open looks, the Shockers went cold early on and couldn't buy a bucket. The Splitters opened a 12-3 lead before the Shockers finally started scoring.

"They were a tough team, I give them a lot of credit but we just couldn't hit any shots early on," the Shockers' Ben Gillian said.

This was the second year in a row that the Splitters have eliminated the Shockers. Last year the Splitters beat the Shockers in the round of 32.

"We were hoping for some revenge but it just didn't happen. They are a senior team so that's all right. We are all just sophomores. We'll be back next year," Gillian said.

The victory was in part a statement a game, according to Giles. He said his team, the pre-tournament No. 4 seed, was very upset about being dropped down to No. 6. Commissioners cited an ankle injury to Splitter's Matt Wolbeck as the reason for the downgrade in ranking.

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