Students robbed on Corby Street

By KATE NAGENGAST
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Three male Notre Dame students were robbed at gunpoint around midnight Sunday after parking their car less than two blocks from an off-campus party in the 500 block of Corby Street in South Bend, confirmed Lieutenant Marc Mersich of the South Bend Police Department.

The students, two juniors from Morrissey Manor and a sophomore from Keenan Hall, said two men, one of whom was waving a gun, approached them from behind a car parked across the street. They said the men climbed out of their vehicle and dropped their wallets and the students compiled.

The men allegedly robbed all three students' wallets — which contained a total of roughly $60 in cash, plus credit cards, phone cards and driver's licenses — took off on foot, the students said. After being robbed, the students walked to the Corby Street party and immediately called police from a friend's cell phone.

An emergency dispatcher informed the students that two suspects had been picked up a few blocks away, but the students said they were unable to positively identify the men because the assailants were wearing nylons over their faces at the time of the robbery.

Without positive identification from the victims or an eyewitness, no one was charged with the robbery, police said.

Mersich said the case had been forwarded to the detective's bureau and that it would continue to follow up on any leads. As of Tuesday night the students' wallets had not been recovered.

Mersich added that more than 300 people were present at the Corby Street party when he arrived.

"There are always a lot of parties the first week back to school and these guys were just in the wrong place at the wrong time," said Mersich.

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Trial dates set for fall

By HELENA PAYNE
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Trial dates were set over the summer for the former Notre Dame football players charged with raping a Notre Dame female, according to the state prosecutor's office.

Lorenzo Crawford, Donald Dykes, Abram Elam and Justin Smith have all been expelled from the University for the misconduct.

The female student was allegedly raped March 28 in an off-campus house. Crawford and Elam will be the first two to go before the court on Oct. 21. Crawford is charged with rape, conspiracy to commit rape, criminal deviant conduct and sexual battery. Elam is charged with criminal deviant conduct, conspiracy to commit rape and sexual battery.

Smith's trial is scheduled for Oct. 28. He is charged with rape, conspiracy to commit rape and sexual battery.

Donald Dykes, charged with rape and conspiracy to commit rape, goes on trial on Nov. 12.

"I don't perceive that there are going to be any changes to that policy," Shoup said.

Harvard University recently attracted attention by announcing its policy requiring "corroborating evidence" before it investigates rape and assault allegations. Shoup said Notre Dame would not be following their lead any time soon, although the University regularly reviews its policies.

"I think that Harvard is just a really different university for how they decide to make changes and I don't know that most universities would agree with how they've come to decide these cases," Shoup said.

Currently, the University investigates rape and assault allegations separately from the local police departments.

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ND officials unveil alcohol changes

By JASON McFARLEY
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School and student leaders are cooperating this fall on a plan to roll out changes to the Notre Dame alcohol policy, five months after announcement of the changes sparked controversy.

University officials this summer approved the historic changes that last spring put administrators at odds with student government representatives. Following a summer of drafting the revisions, both groups say what's key now is helping students understand policies.

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ND & SMC: Works in progress

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Bishop, Foley hold promise

At first, I imagined Libby Bishop and Trip Foley curled up in sleeping bags and telling ghost stories to pass the night hours outside their classmates’ last spring — but made a promise.

Bishop — in promise is a promise. not necessarily those of The Observer.

Meet the new hall rectors and get an insight to who they are and what they aspire to achieve at Notre Dame.

Flanked by dozens of other student government officials at a so-called town hall meeting that followed announcement of changes to Notre Dame’s alcohol policy, then-student body president-elect Bishop swore a twofold pledge: Her administration would fight the changes, and if University officials moved forward with the decision despite student outcry, she and Foley would “be at Bill Kirk’s door every day.”

As it turned out, Bishop and Foley, her vice president, made good on both counts. And they even did it with a yard or ten marshmallow foam.

Too bad. The Office of the Student Body President could probably use a campfire and singing at this point. It’s been a busy past five months.

Bishop and Foley entered office April 1, but their administration truly began March 18. That’s when Father Mark Pearson, vice president for Student Affairs, announced that the University would ban alcohol and dances in residence halls. The unexpected news also brought a loudest of singing rules, but Bishop and Foley were the leaders of a camp full of students who found little solace in the third change.

The pair immediately became central to a student movement against the broad policy revisions. Anyone on the Fieldhouse Mall on March 20, will probably remember the passion — good or bad — of the protest that day. Most people will recall notified Notre Dame undergraduates hoisting burning copies of the student handbook in the air or 600 students marching to the Dome and chanting for Pearson to “come downstairs.”

Years from now, in my mind will be the same memories. But I’ll remember, too, the connection in the promise that Bishop made, a promise that she held on our ears among the protestors.

The student body president and vice president proved tough and smart — a good combination. They took the strong public stands that they needed to, they met in closed session with the administrators who they should have made theirBuyer, and they decided to Plan B — having a say in the rewriting was more than a formality.

And Bishop slept in her own room at night, but despite student outcry, she and Foley would “be at Bill Kirk’s door every day.”

Visitors return to campus and Notre Dame.

Every year, students return to campus and Notre Dame. And this year was no different, according to Matt Voisin, Cacciatore Sauce, Pepperoni Pizza, Cheese vegetables, Pizza, Pepperoni Pizza, Brown-N-Serve breadsticks, Chicken Fajita Pizza, Veal Parmigiana, Spinach, rice with Olives, Beef Stew, Roasted Pork Loin, Roasted Pongon Potatoes, Chinese Noodles, SDH Oriental Court, Vegetable Eggroll, Chinese Steamed Rice, Fried rice, Oriental Vegetables, Mongolian Beef, Chicken Taco, Taco, Mexican Spinach RSID Mexican Bar and Chili Frito.

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SMC construction progresses over the summer

By ANNELEISE WOOLFORD

New Student Center and Dining Hall are Taking Shape in the Heart of Campus

Returning Saint Mary’s students found an addition to campus Saturday upon arrival for the new school year. When they left in May, the new student center and dining hall consisted of a large dirt pit dug next to the present dining hall. Upon returning, students revealed at the progress completed on the project over the summer.

The foundation and base for the new structure of the Noble Family Dining Hall now stands firmly in the center of campus and outlines promise for future construction of the student center.

“I was actually really happy to see that they are making progress and it isn’t still just a hole in the ground,” said junior Fran Dunker.

H.G. Christiansen Construction Company of South Bend began working on the building in March. So far, they have faced only minor setbacks.

The construction itself is divided into two phases. The first phase, the re-designed dining hall, is anticipated to open by June 2003. The second phase includes demolishing of the current dining hall and replacing it with a new student center.

The student center will include a cyber cafe, small theater, snack bar and convenience store. The three-level, 80,000-square-foot structure is due to appear in December 2004.

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ND football ticket-sales prices increase

By JOE HETTLER

Watching Notre Dame football games just got a little more expensive.

The University has increased ticket prices to Irish home football games for students and the general public alike.

Last season, students were charged $114 dollars for all six home games. This year, however, the prices have increased by $2.50 per game, making student season tickets $129 for season tickets.

General admission ticket prices have increased from $38 to $43.

According to Jim Fraleigh, assistant director for ticketing, the increased revenues will be used to help pay for Olympic grants and aids.

“The University wants to increase aids to its Olympic sports,” Fraleigh said. “The ultimate goal is to provide full scholarships to these athletes in the next few years.”

According to Fraleigh, the NCAA allows a certain number of scholarships each year for Olympic sports. Notre Dame’s goal is to provide its athletes with the full amount of scholarships the NCAA allows per year.

Fraeligh also said any money left over will be used by some of Notre Dame’s 26 varsity sports.

Compared to away game prices, ticket prices for Notre Dame football games still seem reasonable, despite the new increase.

Tickets for the Kickoff Classic against Maryland at the Meadowlands are $48. Michigan State football tickets are $42. Florida State are $35. Air Force are $30, and the University of Southern California has the most expensive tickets at $55 per game.

As for future price increases, Fraleigh said that the University reevaluates its prices before every school year begins. He said, as of now there is no plan to change the prices in the next few years.

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Notre Dame is a buzz with construction

By TERESA FRALISH
News Writer

Over the summer construction progressed on a number of projects, renovations and additions at Notre Dame. According to Jim Lyphout, vice president for business operations at the University, all projects are moving ahead as scheduled.

Heasburgh Library
The library is a scene of much transformation. According to Marsha Stevenson, renovation coordinator and director of reference at the Heasburgh Library, study space will be improved and the library’s basement renovation will also add compact shelving for book storage and shelving. In addition, the new basement will contain a service desk and the library’s holdings stored on microfilm and microfiche.

“It will be transformed,” said Stevenson.

Further renovations to the library are planned and Lyphout believes that current renovations will be finished by early next year. “We will update the buildings as funds become available,” said Lyphout.

Stepan Chemistry Hall
The addition to Stepan Chemistry Hall should be completed by the end of November, according to Lyphout. At a cost of $5.5 million, the new addition will provide more research and laboratory space.

Post Office and Security Offices
A new building for the post office and security offices will replace part of the Stepan basketball courts. Construction began over the summer and is expected to be finished by the summer of 2003, said Lyphout.

DeBartolo Center
On the south side of campus, the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts is scheduled to be completed by April 2004, said Lyphout. In addition to a 900-seat concert hall and other larger performance arenas, the DeBartolo Center will contain a 100-seat cinema, a 100-seat studio theater, rehearsal rooms and offices for the department of Film, Television and Theater.

O’Shaughnessy Hall
On the South Quad, work continues on the renovations to O’Shaughnessy Hall and should be completed by November of this year, according to Lyphout. The renovation will add an office suite for the College of Arts and Letters dean’s office as well as space for the enrollment office.

Indiana School of Medicine
As a result of a cooperation between the Indiana University School of Medicine and Notre Dame, the South Bend Center for Medical Education should begin construction in March.

Indiana University operates most of the new facility. “That project is really being handled by [Indiana University],” said Lyphout. The new center will contain an Indiana University program that offers its students the first two years of medical school at Notre Dame. In addition to the medical school program, the University will lease space for transgene research, Lyphout said. The new center will be located at the southwest corner of Angela Boulevard and Notre Dame Avenue.

Other construction projects at Notre Dame includes:
♦ Changes to the Loftus Center, such as a new weight-training center and new football department offices, are scheduled to begin late this year.

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Experts fear high death toll in African hunger crisis

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Palestinian parliament to convene: Israeli withdrawal from land that constitutes Israel's borders with Egypt and Jordan, which would allow the Palestinian parliament to convene for the first time in six months. The decision was announced by the president of the Palestinian National Authority, Mahmoud Abbas.

ZIMBABWE

As many as 300,000 people in southern Africa could die from preventable diseases in the next six months if hunger and malnutrition are not addressed, health officials said Thursday.

Disease and declining health services have made the lack of food faced by 14 million people across the region the worst humanitarian crisis.

"A famine is about health. Food shortages are followed by illness... food aid must be accompanied by health services," said the World Health Organization.

"There is no country I know of supporting the use of force in this at the time," said Adel el-Jubeir, the Saudi Arabian ambassador to the United States.

Iraq at this time, Adel el-Jubeir told reporters at an interview in Washington. "Your allies in Europe don't. Your neighbors in the Middle East don't."

President Bush meets with Saudi Arabian ambassador Bandar bin Sultan Tuesday at Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas. Bush told the Saudi ambassador that Saddam Hussein is "a menace to world peace," and expressed disappointment at the lack of financial support given to Afghanistan.

Saudi Arabia's top diplomat Tuesday over Iraq and other issues with his American counterpart. The meeting came as the kingdom of Saudi Arabia's cooperation in the war on terrorism and Saudi Arabia's relationship with the United States and other countries is strained by differences over Iraq.

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New rectors bring variety to dorm life

By TERESA FRALISH
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Notre Dame welcomes six new rectors this fall to its tradition of residence life.

After living as a priest-in-residence at Keenan Hall, Father Mark Thesing will serve this year as the hall’s rector. Though new to the position of rector, Thesing has been a part of Notre Dame for many years. He earned a bachelor’s degree in science in 1981 from Notre Dame, as well as a master’s in divinity and master’s in business administration from Notre Dame.

Thesing is eager to begin the school year and earn Keenan’s title as Dorm of the Year again. “I’m anxious for the students to arrive,” Thesing said. “My goal is to be the best dorm on campus.”

Anne Napoli comes to Badin Hall from Yale University where she has recently completed her master’s in arts degree in religion. Napoli is returning to South Bend, where she graduated from Saint Mary’s in 1994. Badin’s new rector brings a wide variety of service experience to Notre Dame, including experience with Americorps and as a teacher and counselor at the Youth Center for Change in New Haven, Conn.

Betsy Bright joins the women of McGlinn Hall on West Quad as their new rector. Prior to coming to Notre Dame, she worked as a supervisor at the Northbrook, Ill. Department of Public Works. Bright holds a bachelor’s in arts degree from Marquette University and a master’s in arts degree from DePaul University and has previous experience in youth ministry through service at her parish.

Welsh Hall’s new rector, Candace Carson, arrives at Notre Dame from Cleveland, Ohio where she worked as an associate for Ernst & Young, LLP. Carson graduated from Notre Dame with a bachelor’s of arts degree in 1977 and has previous experience in youth ministry through service at her parish.

Carson credits her experiences at Notre Dame as being instrumental in her decision to become a rector.

“I wanted to see what I can give back to the community,” said Carson. “I’m looking to build a community and a real sense of welcome.

The third new West Quad rector, Edward Mack, prepares to take charge of O’Neill Hall. Mack previously served as the assistant principal and dean of men at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, Ohio. After spending 33 years in Catholic secondary education, Mack looks forward to beginning the year at Notre Dame and fostering a sense of unity in O’Neill Hall.

“I am very excited to watch as the University opens its academic year,” said Mack. “My goal is to continue to build up the community spirit and brotherhood of O’Neill.”

New to St. Edward’s Hall, Dr. John Mojzisek returns to Notre Dame after graduating from the University in 1987. Mojzisek received his doctorate in pastoral counseling from Loyola College this year and has served as a teacher, counselor and campus minister before coming to St. Edward’s Hall.

Having attended Notre Dame himself, Mojzisek knows that he will have a significant influence on the men of St. Edward’s.

“I know well the pivotal role which rectors have the potential to play in the lives of students. I am hoping to be able to play that role and make a difference,” Mojzisek said.
Consumer confidence tumbles

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Consumer confidence in the American economy sank to a nine-month low in August, the third straight monthly decline. Yet in July, demand surged for big-ticket goods such as cars and computers.

The latest batch of economic news on Tuesday offered mixed signals to the economy's direction and suggested that consumers may be growing more nervous, business might be feeling profit-taking anyhow following five winning weeks on Wall Street, analysts were pleased with the results.

"It seems the economy is at an inflection point, a turning point, where it either picks up momentum from the second quarter or loses momentum," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist for RESEARCH MANAGEMENT advisors.

"For the economy to start accelerating sharply, consumer confidence will have to start improving," said econometric Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors.

The index is based on responses by economists to gauge the behavior of consumers, whose spending accounts for two-thirds of economic activity in the United States.

Consumer Confidence Index fell to a nine-month low in August, with a reading of 93.5 in August, down from 97.4 in July. The showing, much weaker than the 97 reading analysts forecast, raised new questions about consumers' appetite for spending in coming weeks.

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distinguishes these beverages from less-concentrated beer and wine, Shoup said.

Poormann’s July 26 letter didn’t address specifics of the other changes, such as where hall dances will be held in lieu of the dorms and the registration process for students 21 and older to host tailgates.

University officials over the summer identified more than two dozen on-campus venues to hold dances, among them the Hesburgh Library, Reckner Hospitality Room, Rockne Memorial gymnasium and Warren Golf Club House. Most of the locations would be free or charge only operating costs, Student Affairs officials said. In addition, Poormann has promised $1,000 to each residence hall to help with dance expenses.

Tailgate registration will be an online process, said Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities. Drinking-age students may register through a link on the Student Activities Web site from 8 a.m. Monday to 4:30 a.m. Thursday the week of a home football game. Between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Friday, registered students can pick up a wristband in the Student Activities Office that allows them to host a tailgater in Blue Field South on Saturday.

To register, students must answer questions about their cars, whether they will serve alcohol at the parties and whether they are co-hosting the tailgaters with other students. Coughlin said Student Activities each week will give a list of registered parties to Notre Dame Security/Police.

Campus security and Student Affairs officials will patrol the parties on Saturdays and continue last fall’s crackdown on underage drinking; said Shoup, residence life and housing.

Enforcement of the ban on hard alcohol in dorms, however, isn’t likely to be as forceful.

Hall staff will implement the new rules “with enforcement similar to previous years” enforcement of other hall rules.

“This truly shouldn’t bring a change in enforcement,” said Student Body President Libby Bishop, who met with administrators twice a week this summer to revise the policy. The idea of privacy in dorm rooms isn’t changed.

Bishop, who with Vice President Trip Foley last spring launched a campaign to nix the changes, said once University officials approved the changes, her office’s main goal became to help implement them.

“Today” that investigators had concluded their search and “we are satisfied there are no further remains on the property.”

However, Police Chief Gordon Huiras said police are looking into whether Weaver might be connected to other disappearances.

“We are going to await the return of the indictment and see what the charges are and proceed from there,” Huiras also said police are investigating the property on Monday with high-tech equipment and a backdrop to see if any additional evidence might have been hidden there.

Huiras did not elaborate. There was no immediate response to calls to his office seeking additional comment.

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Oregon to seek indictments in death of teens

Associated Press

OREGON CITY, Ore. Police don’t believe there are any more bodies at the property where the remains of two missing teenagers were found, but they will check to see if the man who rented the house is linked to other disappearances, the police chief said Tuesday.

Authorities on Monday found a body recovered from a barrel buried under a concrete slab in Ward Weaver’s yard that was that of 12-year-old Ashley Pond. The body of her friend, 13-year-old Miranda Gaddis, was found during the weekend in a backyard shed.

Weaver, 39, who has been in jail since Aug. 13 on an the same apart­ rent charge, has not been charged with the death and has denied any involvement in the teens’ disappearances. But last month, Horner, the chief deputy district attorney in Clackamas County, said he would ask a grand jury to indict Weaver.

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Publication of the 2002-2003 edition was delayed last week because of an omission in the academic records section of the book.

Officials plan to distribute copies by Friday.

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Welcome Back!
SMC adds Intercultural Living

By MELANIE BECKER
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In an attempt to bring more cultural awareness to Saint Mary's, the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL), Campus Ministry and Residence Life brought Intercultural Living to campus this year.

The purpose of Intercultural Living was for participants to learn about cultural diversity and share their findings with the student body. Faculty and staff saw Intercultural Living as a way to bring a community of students together that would not only benefit from the experience, but also bring cultural understanding to both the campus and South Bend community.

"The world looks a lot different than this campus. We need to be able to communicate with everyone, be it an African-American or an American-Indian," said junior Romona Parks.

Student input is the key to the program. While Tracy Robison, director, will oversee the program, the hope is that the participants will run it. Four women will be elected to make up an advisory board and will be responsible for creating a mission and a theme for the program.

Each Intercultural Living resident is responsible for planning one social awareness activity per semester, either individually or as a team. Additionally, they must attend four activities as well. The residency is sponsored by CWIL, and was given $10,000 to plan and run activities for the year.

The 22 participants span most of the fourth floor of Regina North. The committee hopes to see Intercultural Living expand to a larger range and number of students in years to come. Current participants are encouraged to form a community that is more closely knit then most residence sections and are expected to share reflections and learning with each other.

Preliminary ideas include bringing speakers to campus, attending conferences and putting on theatrical performances. Intercultural students were presented with a journal to track their personal progress and growth. The group also agreed to create a quilt that would be left on display at the culmination of the year.

The residents are planning an Intercultural Ball with a target date in early October, which will be the first of its kind at Saint Mary's.

Judy Fean, director of campus ministry, is the liaison between the program and another source of financial support to the program.

"Intercultural Living is a vision of a broader aspect on campus," Fean said.

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Panel decides spy plane too costly for ops

WASHINGTON

A highly promoted, high-flying unmanned reconnaissance aircraft may be getting too expensive to use in risky operations, a congressional committee says. The military says costly new enhancements are necessary to make the craft an effective target-hunter.

With new capabilities sought by the military, the cost of the Global Hawk spy plane, which made its combat debut in the Afghanistan conflict, is expected to reach $45 million to $50 million a copy, or as much as an F-16 fighter, Air Force officials say.

At issue are the competing visions for one of the Pentagon's latest technological wonders, the unmanned aerial vehicle, known as UAV.

With a proposed price tag of $10 million each, the Global Hawk was proposed years ago as a cheap substitute for manned reconnaissance planes like the U-2, whose pilots are at risk whenever they cross enemy territory to snap photographs or eavesdrop on communications.

The House Intelligence Committee, in a recent report on its classified intelligence budget, says the military has gotten away from that vision, however, opting to lead up UAVs with expensive cameras and other sensors.

"You are no longer dealing with a cheap aircraft," said Rep. Michael Castle, R-Del., a member of the committee. "While not disposable (at $10 million), you could at least afford to lose them. Now you're dealing with something you don't want to risk losing."

But some in the military say the idea of expendable UAVs is out of date, and money spent to equip a Global Hawk with the best cameras and electronic eavesdropping technology will pay off in better intelligence on America's adversaries. Military officials say they fully expect the planes to go in harm's way and survive.

Senior Pentagon chiefs are standing by the plane. They say efforts are under way to reduce the cost.

"It's a tremendous platform," Pete Aldridge, an undersecretary of defense who is the Pentagon's chief weapons buyer, said in an interview with reporters. "To start all over again and design yourself a high-flier like that -- it's going to cost just as much. It's just a matter of fixing it.

The plane's military value has increased to the point that the Pentagon wants to add defensive countermeasures to protect it from attack, which would add still more to its cost, officials said.

The Global Hawk is designed to fly well above any battlefield, at about 65,000 feet, safely out of reach of many anti-aircraft weapons. It can loiter over a target area for more than a day transmitting reconnaissance pictures back to base. It carries no weapons.

Its endurance also allows it to photograph an area as large as Illinois in a single mission, said Air Force Lt. Col. Douglas Boone, who oversees the program.

Six have been built, and a seventh is to be completed this year. Three have crashed, including two that were used in the conflict in Afghanistan, leaving some to question its reliability.

Although military officials say such crashes are to be expected in a new aircraft program, the Air Force has grounded the remaining three to seek the causes.

Beginning next year, the military wants to build at least 50 more, and the entire Global Hawk program is expected to cost $3.8 billion. Another House criticism of the Global Hawk is it performs essentially the same mission as the U-2 -- taking many photographs from far away -- while the mission of the retired SR-71 Blackbird remains unfilled.

The SR-71 performed what the military calls "penetrating reconnaissance," flying closer to a target for high-quality pictures.

The SR-71 could safely fly over enemy territory because it was so fast no missile or plane could catch it. A new plane, either with a pilot or without, probably would use stealth, rather than speed, to escape.

Plans for a proposed UAV, the Darkstar, which would have performed this mission, were scrapped in 1999 after a prototype crashed.

Boone expects the Global Hawk to replace the U-2 in a decade or so. Any replacement for the SR-71 requires more money from Congress, he said.

The Air Force envisions Global Hawk as the largest of a family of three UAVs. Another is the Predator, a smaller, lower-flying plane that can transmit video. At least 70 have been built and 24 lost, including some in combat. The CIA has armed several Predators, which it has used to strike at suspected al-Qaida targets in Afghanistan.

These are more affordable than their big brother at about $4.5 million each.

A third plane, called the Predator B, also is in development. Boeing describes the Predator B as a hunter-killer that would fly higher than the Predator and lower than the Global Hawk. It would be designed to carry short-range missiles or guided bombs.

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Los Angeles school board votes on soda ban

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES

The board of the nation's second-largest school district voted unanimously Tuesday night to extend the ban on carbonated soft drinks to all its schools in an effort to combat childhood obesity.

An audience of about 100 people burst into applause as the ban was adopted after 2 1/2 hours of debate. It will take effect in January 2004.

Board member Julie Korenstein, who co-sponsored the measure, said it was needed to fight obesity among students. But a soda industry official complained that banning drinks isn't the solution.

"Physical education and physical activity are by far, more important in combating obesity than banning soft drinks from students' diets," said Sean McBride, a spokesman for the National Soft Drink Association.

He added: "In the end, this is really about the couch and not the can."

Los Angeles Unified District, which has 748,000 students on its 677 campuses, already prohibited carbonated drink sales at elementary schools.

Still permitted during school hours are water, milk, beverages with at least 50 percent fruit juice and sports drinks with less than 42 grams of sugar per 20-ounce serving.

Many Los Angeles Unified schools rely on soda sales to fund student activities such as sports and field trips.

Sodas sold in vending machines and student stores generate an annual average profit of $39,000 per high school and $14,000 per middle school.

In California, an estimated 30 percent of children are overweight or at risk of being overweight, according to the California Center for Public Health Advocacy.
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**Utah polygamist sentenced to 5 years**

Associated Press

NEPHI, Utah

A polygamist was sentenced Tuesday to spend five years in prison for a child rape that occurred when he took a 13-year-old girl as his "spiritual" wife more than a dozen years ago. It was the lightest possible sentence for raping a child. He could have received a minimum of 15 years in prison, the judge said.

Before the sentence was handed down, Tom Green cried as he told the judge he was wrong to have married Linda Kunz when she was so young.

"I recognize, under the law, she was not capable of consenting to marriage," Green said.

Green, who drew the attention of prosecutors when he appeared on a half-dozen nationally televised talk shows, already has served a year of his five-year sentence for bigamy and failing to pay child support.

This latest sentence will run concurrently with the bigamy sentence, and Green could be out of prison in four years, his attorney said.

Green was convicted in June of child rape for marrying and conceiving a child with Kunz in 1986 when she was 13 and he was 37.

"I do not consider myself a victim," Kunz said, sobbing as she begged Judge Donald Eyre for leniency. "I'm a 30-year-old woman who has seven children."

"It was me who pursued him. It was me who fell in love," Kunz said.

Eyre said his sentence was influenced by the Green's strong family relationship and Linda's defense of her husband.

Green and Kunz's 15-year-old son, Melvin, also took the stand.

"I don't consider myself a victim of my father or the product of a crime," the boy told the judge.

Green, now 53, has held out his practice of plural marriage as a God-given path to salvation. Until he was imprisoned, Green lived with five wives and 29 children in a cluster of trailer homes in Utah's west desert, 126 miles southwest of Salt Lake City.

Kunz was Green's step-daughter before their "spiritual" marriage. A Utah court declared the two legally married as part of Green's earlier bigamy trial.
THE OBSERVER
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SPICY SEA NUGGETS = DEATH

Revealing the real Freshman Orientation

Ahh. Freshman Orientation — that magical time of year when these hallowed grounds ring with the laughter of a co-ed group of 18-year-olds playing "Red Rover." When giant football players sit in the dining hall with their tiny, bespectacled roommates, together for the first and last time. When rowd­ ing bands of Saint Mary's girls invade the campus looking for anything even vaguely made and inviting it back to St. Mary's.

Welcome to Notre Dame. Going to school here is a surreal experience, to say the least. Here's a guide I hope will make things a little easier.

Dorm Life
Living in the dorms is fun. Having your significant other booted out at 11:55 every night is a little less than fun. Probably the best advice I can give you is don't get caught breaking parietals. By all means, break them if you can get away with it, but don't do it. If you get caught, you get sent to...

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This school was made co-ed 30 years ago, but to go along with the retro craze, everyone here has decided to pretend that it just happened a few weeks ago. Girls here definitely have a raw deal. They have the more sadistic hall staffs, they have to con­ stantly endure declarations from their male friends that "Notre Dame girls are ugly" and they have the added stress of 2,000 aggressive competitors across the street.

Classes
The academics here can be as easy or as hard as you want them to be. If you want an easy schedule, following the lead of our varsity athletes is never a bad idea. Or you can do what so many other Domers do and enroll at the business college. Try to avoid any class before 11 a.m., on a Friday or taught by someone whose name you can't pronounce.

Parents
There's no hard and fast rule as to how much partying is too much, but if you walk into a store and find yourself surprised that empty plastic cups don't cost five dollars a piece, you might want to dial it down a notch or two.

Weather
It may be nice now, but come January and February, you'll wonder why God decided that this particular latitude and longitude was the armpit of the world. The weather isn't all bad, of course, as it provides people with all the awkward small talk they can handle. Nothing fills those empty minutes before class like phrases such as, "I can't believe how cold it is," "Cold, isn't it?" or my personal favorite, "Cold enough for you today?"

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This might be the reason that so many of you came here in the first place. While our team has fallen upon hard times lately under the barely compe­ tent leadership of former coach Bob Davie, team morale seems to have gone way up under new coach Ty Willingham. We have a solid team, and barring any unforeseen injuries or sexual assaults I think we have a chance this year.

I must say that, even to a jaded old cynic like myself, the Notre Dame home football weekend is an impres­ sive event, filled to the brim with the mystique that is Notre Dame football. Of course, nothing kills that mystique faster than puking in the bushes out­ side the Stadium.

Being a Freshman
Guess what. You're a freshman and everyone knows it. Don't try to pre­ tend you're not. Who else would be walking around the campus wide­ eyed, causing lines in the dining halls and holding up the busi­ ness offices because their charter gives them just a slight­ ly more power than the cleaning staffs, they have to con­ stantly endure declarations from their male friends that "Notre Dame girls are ugly" and they have the added stress of 2,000 aggressive competitors across the street. The administration
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DENVER, CO

John R. Crane

The Metropolitan

Don't bomb Iraq to punish Hussein

Bush's well-oiled propaganda machine is belching out anti-Iraq advertising in full force.

We've been inundated over the summer by reports anticipating an invasion of Iraq. "It's not a question of if, but when," the top brass chant.

Cryptic references to biological weapons facilities in Iraq have been made by U.S. military officials, yet no one can pinpoint their location.

According to an essay by Helena Cobban in the Aug. 15 edition of the Christian Science Monitor, Shai Feldman, head of the Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies, recently wrote: "Despite the deterioration of the monitoring and verification regime applied against Iraq in the aftermath of the Gulf War, Saddam Hussein needed to rebuild the facilities for the production of chemical and nuclear weapons."

Even if the United States found weapons facilities in Iraq, so what? Hussein has done nothing that can be construed as a threat to our so-called democracy to justify an attack by the United States. Countries such as Israel and other allies are producing "weapons of mass destruction" as well. Are we going to invade them, too?

Anyone who says that Hussein might assist Osama bin Laden (a mere bit player in Bush's Middle East Theatre of the Absurd) misses a major point. Bin Laden has long defended the secular Hussein, whom he would describe as a bad Muslim for suppressing Islamic fundamentalism.

Iraq's use of gas to kill its opponents in the 1980s is an exercise of "we the people" act whenever they choose. By comparison, the U.S. administration "provided Iraq with critical battle-planning assistance at a time when U.S. intelligence agencies knew Iraqi commanders would employ chemical weapons in waging the decisive battles of the Iran-Iraq war."

Why did the United States provide such assistance? So Iraq would be unable to take over oil-producing countries vital to U.S. interests.

The idea of such a "regime change" in Iraq has been a hard one to swallow in the Middle East. An article in the Aug. 14 edition of the Christian Science Monitor tells how Middle Eastern opposition is so pervasive, the Bush administration is considering advertising the invasion as an assault led by Iraqi opposition.

Even if such an exercise in international hucksterism works, it won't change that there is nothing linking Hussein to Islamic terrorists involved in Sept. 11. But hey, it's all in the name of making the world safe for democracy.

Indonesian are experiencing such democracy firsthand. Eleven recently tried to sue Exxon Mobil for alleged murders and beatings by Indonesian gas field guards. Bush blocked the suit, saying it would hurt America's relationship with Indonesia in the war on terrorism.

Many innocent lives will be taken on both sides of this unjustified proxy war if and when it comes about. And it will be too late when America realizes, as the rest of the world has long known, that the Emperor Bush has no clothes.

This column first appeared in the Aug. 23 edition of The Metropolitan, the campus newspaper of Metropolitan College in Denver. It is reprinted here courtesy of U-WIRE.

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By C. SPENCER BEGGS
Scene Editor

Each year over 14 major and a host of smaller theatre productions are performed on the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's campuses. With a combined student population under 10,000 and even fewer considering the number of abroad students, the theatre scene on campus is thriving and improving each year.

Of course, the major component of college theatre is the college part; almost every show is open to students of school. In fact, outside of the respective departmental shows of Notre Dame's Department of Film, Television and Theatre and Saint Mary's Communication, Dance and Theatre Department, the majority of participants in campus theatre activities are non-theatre majors.

"Theatre is a great opportunity for students to get involved on campus," senior JJ Marler, director of the Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company's fall show, said.

The 2002-2003 theatre season line-up ranges from light farces like the CDT's "The Odd Couple" to dramatic heavyweights like the NSRSC's production of "Hamlet." Whether making the audience laugh or cry is your cup of tea, you can only do it if you try-out. Auditions tend to be early in the semester and easy to miss.

The Department of Film, Television and Theatre

FTT will perform three shows this year beginning with Niccolò Machiavelli's slightly sinister sexual comedy "The Mandrake," directed by Siiri Scott. The play is a twisted look at courting behavior complete with aphrodisiacs and corrupt priests.

Auditions for "The Mandrake" are tonight and Thursday night at 7 p.m. Callbacks will be held on Friday at 7 p.m. All take place in Washington Hall. For more information call (574) 631-3017. There are two male roles and two female roles available.

The second FTT production of the year will be the Pulitzer Prize-winning serio-comedy "How I Learned to Drive." Directed by Wendy Arons, the show is an out of sequence memory play about sexual molestation. Auditions for "How I learned to Drive" are tonight and Thursday night at 7 p.m. Callbacks will be held on Friday at 7 p.m. All take place in Washington Hall. Those who audition are encouraged to prepare a monologue. Special audition information and materials are available online at http://www.nd.edu/~warons/HILTD/auditions.html, though it is possible to do a cold reading from the play itself.

FTT will perform Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" in the second semester. Auditions will be held Jan. 20 and 21 at 7 p.m. Callbacks will be held on January 22 at 7 p.m. More audition information will be available later this year.

Watch the FTT Web site, www.nd.edu/~ftt, for more information.

The Communication, Dance and Theatre Department

CDT will be performing Neil Simon's "The Odd Couple: The Female Edition," directed by Katie Sullivan. Auditions will be held on Sept. 18 and 19. The department will present "Medea" in the second semester. Further information is available from the department itself; call (574) 284-4640.

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JJ Marler
director
Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company

"Henry IV, part 1" was performed by The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company last fall.

Rip-away pants action at the 2002 Keenan Revue. The randy skit comedy fest is a campus favorite, though only Keenan men may perform.
Auditions will be held on Sept. 9 from 7 to 10 p.m. and a combined callback/audition will be held on Sept. 10 from 8 to 10 p.m. in 204 O’Shaughnessy Hall.

Those who are auditioning are asked to prepare a short dramatic Shakespearean monologue, though cold readings from the play will be accepted. There are 15 male parts and five female parts available. To join the NSRSC e-mail list, send a message to Katy Kertez at kkertez@nd.edu. Check the Not-So-Royal Web site, www.nd.edu/~nsrso, for information on the company’s second semester show “The Taming of the Shrew.”

The Saint Edward’s Hall Players
The SEHP will be presenting Christopher Durang’s “Betty’s Summer Vacation,” a comedy about repressing the truth, in the second semester. Auditions will be during the first week after fall break. Contact the director, senior Bill Kalman, at wkalman@nd.edu for more information. There are five male parts and four female parts available. The SEHP participants do not need to live in Saint Edward’s Hall (obviously, as there are four female parts, well, then again).

A number of other show crop up throughout the year; watch for signs calling for auditions around campus. Joining a group’s e-mail list is also a good way to keep up with audition schedules. Getting up the courage to audition is the biggest hurdle in getting into the theatre scene on campus. Aspiring actors shouldn’t be afraid to audition for more than one show. Each production has a limited number of parts and not getting casted doesn’t mean that you aren’t good enough or they didn’t like you. Remember that everyone in the room is there for the same reason, especially in student run theatre groups. And if all else fails, grab a few friends and head over to the administration offices and start your own group.

The Pasquerilla East Musical Company
Founded in 1997, the PEMC produces one of the biggest and highest quality shows around. The completely student run company will be performing Stephen Sondheim’s “Into the Woods” an iconoclastic and mixed up look at popular fairy tales. Auditions are in late September or early October, but the show itself is presented in the second semester. Check the PEMC Web site, www.nd.edu/~pemusic, for updates. Sign up for the PEMC e-mail list will be at Activities Night. Auditions consist of both singing and dancing. Materials will be made available a week or two before the audition.

Senior Kat Walsh, whose acting and choreography has been seen on campus for the past three years, will be the choreographer of the show. She wants to add a new element to the production with movement.

“I want to explore some things in the show that weren’t done in the Broadway musical.”

Kat Walsh
choreographer
The Pasquerilla East Musical Company

The CDT’s “Learned Ladies” production last spring demonstrated phenomenal production value and fluency in two languages.

Contact C. Spencer Beggs at beggs.3@nd.edu

The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company
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“Glen Garry, Glen Ross” was performed last spring as an independent project in conjunction with the Student Players.
Oakland gets 14th straight win to build lead

The Associated Press

The Athletics moved a season-high 14 straight games over .500 Wednesday, August 28, 2002, with a 7-3 victory over the Kansas City Royals.

The streak is the longest in the majors since Seattle won 15 straight last week and the longest in the A's history since moving to Oakland, as David Justice homered and drove in four runs for the 24th consecutive win, 6-4, over the Kansas City Royals.

The franchise record is a 17-game streak in 1931 when the team played in Philadelphia.

Mark Mulder (16-7) allowed four runs and seven hits in nine plus innings to win his third straight start.

Billy Koch pitched the ninth for his 35th save in 40 opportunities.

Ray Durham homered off Dunkyey Hernandez (3-3) in the fifth for the A's, who scored three runs in the third and eighth innings.

Terrence Long drove in two runs with a sacrifice fly in the third and a double in the seventh.

Jepsen hit a solo home run in the seventh, as an RBI single in the third and a double driving in the eighth.

Joe Randa had three hits, including a two-run double in the eighth inning.

The Indians responded in the seventh with four runs and eight hits, including a two-run single from Carlos Lee and Jeff Liefer.

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Francis agrees to extension

Associated Press

HOUSTON

Stevie Franchise soon will be cashing paychecks deflating his nickname.

Steve Francis, heading into the final year of a four-year, $14.1 million contract with the Houston Rockets, has agreed to a six-year extension at the NBA maximum, which should be between $80 million and $90 million once the new salary cap is established.

"They're willing to put that significant amount of money on the line that we can get some results," Francis said Monday. "When a lot of guys get healthy, I think we can have one of these seasons (this year) that we'll always remember." Francis is among the Rockets trying to get healthy. He is recovering from surgery on his right shoulder and is treating an inner-ear disorder that caused debilitating headaches last season.

The injury and the headaches, diagnosed as Meniere's Disease by the Mayo Clinic, kept Francis out of 25 games. He said Monday his ear treatment is going well and doesn't anticipate headaches to recur this season. Also returning from injuries are Maurice Taylor, who missed all of 2001-02 with an injured right Achilles tendon and guard Glen Rice, who was lost in January with a hurt right knee.

Owner Les Alexander gushed at the prospect of his returning veterans joining first-round picks Yao Ming, the 7-foot-5 center from China who was the NBA's No. 1 overall choice, and Slovenian forward Bostjan Nachbar.

"The talent that's coming back now is just unbelievable," Alexander said. Despite Yao's much-anticipated arrival, the contract solidifies the 25-year-old Francis as the Rockets' go-to guy, as the headrests of his white Mercedes-Benz that sport the embroidered word "Franchise" attest.

The 6-foot-3, 195-pound Francis was an NBA All-Star for the first time last season. Often playing in pain, he averaged 22 points, seven assists and seven rebounds last season.

Francis said he's eager to fully assume the team's leadership role as the Rockets try to transform from a rebuilding club into a contender.

"I think it'll be a good opportunity, not only in being a leader in talking or yelling, but proving things on the court," Francis said. "I will be judged, definitely, on how much we win and how much we lose, and I'm ready for that next step." Francis, drafted No. 2 overall in 1999 by Vancouver, was traded three years ago Tuesday after refusing to sign with the Grizzlies. He was the league's rookie of the year that season and how much we lose, and I'm ready for that next step."
Seminoles chopped down 1 in poll

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — A close game with Iowa State on Saturday night dropped Florida State one spot in the latest USA Today/ESPN coaches poll, released Monday.

The Seminoles fell from fourth to fifth, switching places with Tennessee, after a season-opening 38-31 victory over Iowa State in the Eddie Robinson Classic. Linebackers Kendyll Pope and Jerel Hudson stopped quarterback Seneca Wallace at the 1-yard line on the final play of the game.

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden passed Bear Bryant and moved into sole possession of second place on the all-time Division I-A wins list with his 324th — but not before the Seminoles nearly squandered a pair of 24-point leads.

Defending national champion Miami, which opens its season Saturday against Florida A&M, remained at the top of the poll. The Hurricanes will take a 22-game winning streak into the 2002 season.

Miami received 42 first-place votes — eight more than in the preseason poll — and 1,466 points in the nationwide poll of 61 coaches.

Four of the top eight teams in the poll are from the Big 12 Conference, including No. 2 Texas, which received 10 first-place votes and 1,424 votes, and No. 3 Oklahoma, which got seven first-place votes and is 24 points behind the Longhorns.

No. 6 Colorado and No. 8 Nebraska are the other Big 12 teams in the top eight.

Nebraska was one of six ranked teams in action last weekend, routing Arizona State, 48-10.

Florida State received the remaining two first-place votes. Florida, which begins a new era under coach Ron Zook, is seventh in the poll.

Washington and Michigan, a pair of teams that meet Saturday in Ann Arbor, complete the top 10.

Ohio State is 11th and switched places with Georgia after opening its season Saturday with a 45-21 win over Texas Tech.

Washington State is 13th and is followed by Louisiana State, Oregon, Virginia Tech, Michigan State, Louisville, Southern California and Maryland. Virginia Tech stayed at 16th after a 63-7 win over Arkansas State on Sunday.

South Carolina, Marshall, Penn State, North Carolina State and Wisconsin complete the poll. Wisconsin dropped two spots despite a 23-21 win over Fresno State. North Carolina State advanced one spot after a 34-14 win over New Mexico.

The coaches' poll is part of the Bowl Championship Series formula that determines the participants in the national championship game.

The top two teams in the ratings meet in the game, which this season is the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 3.

Major League Baseball

Cora returns after concussion

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles Dodgers shortstop Alex Cora was released from the hospital Tuesday, a day after being knocked unconscious during a collision at second base.

Cora returned to the team and took early batting practice, but as a precaution he sat out Tuesday night's game against Arizona and will miss Wednesday's game, too.

"The good thing is I'm healthy and all right," he said.

The 26-year-old Cora sustained a mild concussion when he collided at second base with Arizona shortstop Tony Womack on Monday night.

Cora was unconscious for more than 30 seconds, general manager Dan Evans said.

"Even when they rolled him over his eyes stayed shut," Womack said.

Cora was taken off the field on a stretcher, hospitalized for observation and released Tuesday morning.

"We're going to monitor him and make sure he doesn't revisit any symptoms that go along with having had a concussion. That's an order, that's not a request," Cora's teammates were especially glad to see him back at Dodger Stadium.

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Champion struggles to advance

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NEW YORK — Former champion Marat Safin battled his temper and some booming serves from Nicolas Kiefer to advance in the first round of the U.S. Open on Tuesday with a draining 6-3, 4-6, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (4) victory. Safin smashed two rackets during the match, which lasted 4 hours, 31 minutes. In the end, the German gave in to fatigue and cramps.

Twice, Kiefer broke Safin's serve late to stay in the match, and another time Kiefer raced from one corner to the court to the other to save a point. Both players were iced for cramps in their upper legs as the match neared the end. Safin was flat on the court, being stretched while Kiefer sat in his chair as the trainer worked on him.

"He tried as much as he could. It was unbelievable." — Marat Safin tennis player

Safin had 15 aces and 64 unforced errors to 12 aces and 59 unforced errors for Kiefer. Twelve double faults hurt Kiefer's chances for the upset. Defending champion Lleyton Hewitt advanced 6-2, 6-3, 6-3 over Nicolas Courtelot, riding 14 aces to the victory. Carlos Moya, awarded his highest seed at the U.S. Open in three years at No. 9, advanced to the second round of the season's final Grand Slam by defeating Adrian Voinea 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (4). The victory was a grind for Moya, a clay-court specialist who came into the Open after winning at Cincinnati — just the second hardcourt title of his career. Ten of his previous 11 victories were on clay, and he won at Cincinnati by defeating No. 1 Lleyton Hewitt in the final.

Former finalist Mark Philippousis, hounded by knee trouble, was forced to retire from his match against No. 24 Sjeng Schalken after winning the first two sets. Moya came into the Open with four titles this year, tying Andre Agassi and Hewitt for the most on the tour.

It's the first time since 1995 that Voinea has lost in the opening round of this tournament. Philippousis, runner-up in the Open in 1998 but unseeded now and battling a cranky left knee, looked strong for two sets against Schalken. But after losing the third, the Australian fell in a heap on an overhand and came up grievances as he gripped his left knee.

There have been three operations in 14 months on the knee, and Philippousis was in obvious pain as ATP trainer Doug Spreen examined him. When Spreen asked how he felt, Philippousis said, "I'm scared." The Australian struggled to his feet and, after Spreen worked on him, he was able to continue for a while, even winning another game. But on a changeover Spreen examined him again. "It hurts," he told the trainer. A few moments later, Philippousis retired from the match, allowing Schalken to advance 6-7 (1), 4-6, 6-3, 5-3. He left the grounds to get an MRI on his knee.

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NEW YORK — Andre Agassi is joining Pete Sampras as an investor in The Tennis Channel, a 24-hour cable network launching this year.

Agassi, a seven-time Grand Slam tournament champion, will be a spokesman for the channel, which will help promote the Andre Agassi Charitable Foundation.

His association was among a series of announcements made Tuesday by the 24-hour network, which will be a basic cable service.

♦ Deals to broadcast seven pro tournaments: WTA Tour stops in Charleston, S.C.; Manhattan Beach, Calif.; Sarasota, Fla.; and Paris, ATP Tour events in Chennai, India; San Jose, Calif., and Houston.

♦ An original series called "No Strings," billed as "an intimate look at the glamorous lifestyles of professional tennis players off the court," will star Sampras, Lindsay Davenport and Andy Roddick will be featured in the first three episodes.

♦ TV rights for World Team Tennis

♦ A multiyear advertising deal with Wilson Racquet Sports, a division of Wilson Sporting Goods.

The Tennis Channel hasn't said when in 2002 it will launch, but it currently has deals that would put it in 38 percent of the country's cable households.

The network now has rights to more than 1,400 hours of tournament tennis, including five WTA Tour events and seven ATP Tour events.

Its programming lineup will be about 40 percent tournament play, 40 percent instructional shows and 20 percent news or features.

Agassi, Sampras team up

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Bonds aims for the fences and the title

SAN FRANCISCO

Willie Mays knows Barry Bonds better than almost any one. Mays counsels his godson on everything from the perils of fame to the difficulties of hitting in San Francisco's famously fickle weather.

So when Mays says Bonds is capable of becoming a first-time batting champion at 38, it's not wise to take the Hall of Fame's opinions lightly.

"I think Barry can do exactly what he wants," Mays said.

"He's trying for the batting title this year. Whatever Barry does, he knows I'm behind him. ... He's still a young man. He'll have a lot of records when he quits. He's got a lot of records now, but he'll have more. "Don't even worry about the batting title," he gets that. It's not even in the question," Mays said.

After hitting his 600th homer earlier this month, the San Francisco Giants' slugger isn't within reach of any more dramatic home run milestones this season. Instead, Bonds has set his sights on an unlikely goal: the NL batting championship.

Mays, Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth and Frank Robinson all won batting titles. Bonds hasn't done it in his first 16 major league seasons.

During his run to 600, Bonds again expressed surprise at his recent home run feats. It was never his goal to hit this many home runs, Bonds said — and then, almost wittily noting he gave a rare insight into one of his goals beyond .300 still-elusive World Series rings.

"I want to win that batting title," Bonds said simply.

With five weeks left in the season, Bonds entered Monday night's game against Colorado hitting .357. Whatever Barry does, he knows I'm behind him. ... He's still a young man. He'll have a lot of records when he quits. He's got a lot of records now, but he'll have more," Mays said.

He's got a good chance, but it's a long process," San Francisco manager Dusty Baker said. "You can be right on the edge and start to worry. You can be right and you can be wrong. You can be right before his well-documented slump. It's not likely to change if the team that wants to let him walk..."

"Barry gets fewer pitches to hit than almost anybody ever has in the history of the game," said Robinson, a former Triple Crown winner who won by passing Bonds on the career home run list earlier this season. "The only question is whether Barry will get enough chances. There's no team that wants to let him beat you."

The game has walked as frequently as Bonds, who set the major league record with 177 free passes last season. Walker has nearly 100 more official at-bats than Bonds, and that's not likely to change if the Giants stay in the NL West race.

"Barry gets fewer pitches to hit than almost anybody ever has in the history of the game, and he's still in the running for that batting title," teammate Shawon Dunston said. "To me, that's the most impressive thing about his season. I think he'll get it. Nothing he does will surprise anybody these days."

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Reggie Miller, far right, stands for the National Anthem during an exhibition game against China with the U.S. National team. Miller may miss the first game of the World Championships with a sprained right ankle.

Miller may miss first game, wants to play

**IN BRIEF**

New York, San Francisco possible 2012 hosts

CHICAGO

New York and San Francisco were selected Tuesday as the U.S. finalists to host the 2012 Summer Olympics, while Houston and Washington, D.C., were eliminated as contenders. The U.S. Olympic Committee’s board of directors will pick the U.S. candidate for the 2012 Games at a Nov. 3 meeting. Then comes the international competition, where things really get serious.

As many as a dozen cities — including possibly Toronto, Rome, Paris, Moscow, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil — are expected to be in the mix. The international Olympic Committee will pick the host in 2005.

Vikings suffer another loss

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn.

The wife of Minnesota Vikings offensive lineman Lewis Kelly died of pregnancy complications, the second consecutive year of preseason tragedy for the team.

Rakiva Kelly, 24, was four months pregnant, tight end Byron Chamberlin said. Chamberlin and coach Mike Tice were with Kelly when his wife died just before midnight Sunday at Methodist Hospital in nearby St. Louis Park.

"We had a tremendous tragedy," Tice said Monday. "Right now we're reeling a little bit as a family. We'll battle our way through it... and we will all pick up the slack for Lewis Kelly.

Charges against Erickson dropped

A second-degree assault charge against Baltimore Orioles pitcher Scott Erickson was dropped after prosecutors interviewed the player's live-in girlfriend, prosecutors said.

Erickson was arrested July 22 after an argument with Lisa Ortiz that spilled out of their Inner Harbor condominium and into a hallway and elevator. He was scheduled to appear before a domestic violence judge Sept. 6, but court records show that prosecutors decided earlier this month not to press the charges.

"The victim was interviewed by the prosecutor, and her testimony bordered on a recantation," state's attorney spokeswoman Marty Burns said. "With no other independent evidence, the case just could not proceed."

Scott Shellenberger, Erickson's attorney, said he was "extremely pleased," with the decision.

"After reviewing the facts, they determined that Mr. Erickson did not commit a crime, which is what Scott's position has always been," Shellenberger said.

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Independent of the University
Sophomore running back Ryan Grant will joined teammate Marcus Wilson as No. 1 on the depth charts for the Irish following the departure of would-be senior Julius Jones.

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during which he rushed for 77 yards. Four minutes into the second quarter, with the Notre Dame trailing Purdue by three, Grant rushed for 14 yards and crossed the goal line for the first time in a Notre Dame jersey.

But will he add more touchdowns to that total?

"Absolutely. As many as I can," he said.

Despite Jones' unexpected exit, Grant is confident that he's ready to be a top player. After all, he didn't come to Notre Dame to watch from the sidelines.

"I came to Notre Dame to be that type of guy," he said. "I didn't come here to sit and watch. If you want to be a competitor, you want to be in the spotlight."

Wilson, too, is ready to step up to the role that's been assigned to him. Although he was not expecting his chance to come this early, he was nonetheless prepared for it.

"I've been preparing myself whether I'd been second string, first string, no matter what," he said. "It came a lot sooner — my chance — I guess I'm ready."

As fall camp ends, the two rushers are feeling comfortable in both their new roles and in the new offense. The pro-style offense of Notre Dame's new coach Tyrone Willingham will be a distinct change from the run-heavy offense former coach Bob Davie ran last season. Neither Grant nor Wilson can count on carrying the ball as often as they would have in the old offense. But there are expectations that, when it counts, the ball will still come to them.

"I still think that we're going to run the ball," Grant said. "I have the utmost confidence that they're going to run the ball and get in a good position to run the ball."

And the benefit of a pass-heavy offense for a running back?

"It keeps the defense honest," Grant said. "They can't blitz all the time, they don't know where... the ball is going to go. That helps you out a little bit."

Grant claimed that he doesn't have too many pre-game jitters. Whether Notre Dame plays a tough opponent like Maryland near his hometown, or an opponent that presents fewer challenges far way, football is football.

"You have to take every game as that's it," he said.

Wilson, however, has no game experience. He saw no playing time last season after injuring his foot during fall camp. His nerves aren't quite as steely as Grant's.

"I'm a little bit nervous, but that's about it," he said. "I'm ready to play football."

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The Irish offense, is one of several freshmen who have really stood out in the early going.

"Maggie Manning has really put herself in the picture for us," said Wallard. "Amy Warner is back to her form from her freshman year. It has been a difficult year for her coming back from the ACL injury." 

Randi Waldrum
head coach

"Amy Warner is back to her form from freshman year, last year was a difficult year for her coming back from the ACL injury." 

Six minutes after Warner's goal, Sarah Bush responded with North Carolina's fourth goal of the game. The Irish answered once more with a goal by freshman Maggie Manning via an assist from Warner. Manning, who filled in for injured junior Melissa Carpenter into defensive roles with the Canadian National Team during last weekend's games.

The Irish offense showed flashes of brilliance over the weekend, the Notre Dame defense struggled at times. Injuries and missing starters may have caused the defensive breakdowns. None of last season's four starting defenders were in action over the weekend, while Monica Gonzales and Lindsey Jones have graduated. All-senior Vanessa Pruzinsky was held out of action with a knee injury, while returning sophomore Candace Chapman was playing with the Canadian National Team during the weekend.

To make matters worse, sophomore Gudrun Gunnarsdottir injured her foot in Friday's loss against North Carolina. She did not play two days later against Kentucky. Waldrum was forced to call on many midfielders such as Molly Tate, Ford, and Kim Manning via an assist from Carlin and highly touted freshman defender Katie Thorlakson

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even though we won the game. We actually created more scoring opportunities than North Carolina. We did not come out with the same intensity against Kentucky.

Notre Dame did not start well in their game against last year's NCAA runner-up, North Carolina. After falling behind 0-9, the Irish battled back with a goal by Amy Warner in the 64th minute of the game. Warner slipped past the Tar Heel defense to rebound a deflected shot from fellow sophomore Amanda Guertin. The goal to cut the North Carolina lead to 1-0. Coach Waldrum has been extremely satisfied with the play of Warner throughout the season.

"Amy Warner is back to her form from her freshman year," said Waldrum. "Last year was a difficult year for her coming back from the ACL injury. She's extremely fit and her speed is back. I expect her to have a huge year for us."

Six minutes after Warner's goal, Sarah Bush responded with North Carolina's fourth goal of the game. The Irish answered once more with a goal by freshman Maggie Manning via an assist from Warner. Manning, who filled in for injured junior Melissa Tancredi at the forward position, is one of several freshmen who are expected to see significant action this season. Waldrum has been very impressed with the progress of the freshman thus far in the season.

"Maggie Manning has really put herself in the picture for us," said Waldrum. "She continues to get better and better. Jan Walt is another freshman who has really stood out in the preseason. Miranda Ford has done a great job at midfield and defense. Kate McGill had a great weekend for us as well. These players will see a lot of minutes for us this season." 

Sunday's game against Kentucky was another challenging tune-up for the Irish. Notre Dame started the game on fire, but a mental lapse on defense cost the Irish early control of the game. Last season's leading scorer, Amanda Guertin blasted a long shot from the outside the goal box to give the Irish a quick 1-0 lead in the game's eighth minute. The lead would not last long, though, as the Wildcats answered back only 18 seconds later to tie the game at 1-1. For almost the entire rest of the game, the Notre Dame offense failed to recover from the loss of the rhythm and cohesiveness that served them well against UNC. Not until Ashley Dryer's last minute goal did the Irish show signs of offensive life.

This critical goal was indicative of the quick-strike capability the Irish offense will have this season. The goal was set up by Ford. The freshman crossed the ball to midfielder Randi Scheller, who sent the ball up the right side of the field. Fleet-footed forward Warner tracked the ball down and crossed it to Dryer, who promptly sealed the game with an 18-yard rocket shot.

While the Irish offense showed flashes of brilliance over the weekend, the Notre Dame defense struggled at times. Injuries and missing starters may have caused the defensive breakdowns. None of last season's four starting defenders were in action over the weekend, while Monica Gonzales and Lindsey Jones have graduated. All-senior Vanessa Pruzinsky was held out of action with a knee injury, while returning sophomore Candace Chapman was playing with the Canadian National Team during the weekend.

To make matters worse, sophomore Gudrun Gunnarsdottir injured her foot in Friday's loss against North Carolina. She did not play two days later against Kentucky. Waldrum was forced to call on many midfielders such as Molly Tate, Ford, and Kim Manning via an assist from Carlin and highly touted freshman defender Katie Thorlakson. Chapman and highly touted freshman defender Katie Thorlakson will remain with the Canadian National Team this weekend.

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Indiana, the spotlight, the pressure and the expectations were all Holiday’s. LoVecchio never discussed why he left Notre Dame, saying only that “personal reasons” were behind his decision. But Irish offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said he could see LoVecchio’s transfer coming.

When Diedrick visited LoVecchio and his father, Larry, in mid-May, Diedrick said months later that, among other things, the pair wanted a guarantee LoVecchio would start. The offensive coordinator wouldn’t give it to him and LoVecchio was headed to Bloomington, Ind., without a word of explanation to coaches or teammates.

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When Maryland throws its first pass against Notre Dame on Saturday, the effects of the tumultuous Irish off season may become glaringly clear. Depth at the safety position took the biggest blow with rape allegations involving four football players.

Donald Dykes, Justin Smith and Abe Elam, all safeties, were expelled from the University, leaving only Gerson Sapp who had real, consistent game experience at that position. But, according to secondary coach Trent Walters, if spring was the time for the players to deal with the shock of losing teammates and friends, fall camp was the time to get focused on what lies ahead — a season opener.

“A couple of the guys [who were expelled], the guys were personal friends of theirs,” Walters said. “We felt the effect of it in the spring but this fall it seems like they’ve concentrated and focused on the upcoming season and it really hasn’t been a big issue. ... I think right now our focus is on the upcoming game and getting better.”

And the safeties have reason to focus. In addition to losing Dykes, Smith and Elam, the Irish also lost Ron Israel to graduation. Aside from Sapp, the only other player returning with game experience is senior free safety Glenn Earl, who has a long history of nagging injuries.

Earl, a reserve defensive back for the Irish during the 2001 season, suffered a quad injury against Nebraska and missed the next two games, left play early against West Virginia due to injury, suffered a separated shoulder in the Tennessee game and had a concussion against Stanford. His game experience, at best, was inconsistent. But the 6-foot-1 Illinois native is feeling healthy now.

“I feel good,” Earl said. “Everybody’s trying to get their legs back. Everybody’s trying to get over these little nagging ailments ... but I feel good about myself. I feel good about the team.”

Although Earl is aware that an injury could hit at any time, especially considering his unfortunate history, he’s not letting that take any focus away from his preparation for playing a full season as a starter.

“You can control what you can control,” he said. “You can play hard, just play the game, you know, just take it one game at a time.”

Sapp, who returns to the Irish as the most experienced safety on the squad and was rated the defensive MVP following the Blue-Gold game last spring, will be counted on as the leader. Last season he was an Irish reserve safety until he made his first start against Pittsburgh. Sapp, who grabbed his first two fumble recoveries against Navy, is feeling very comfortable in his new role as the senior-most player in terms of game experience.

“It’s really, really great, coming back for my senior year, being the guy with the most in terms of being in the game,” Sapp said. “I don’t really think that makes me better than any other safety ... I just use all that experience to be a leader, kind of an inspiration to be a leader and go out there.”

The real problem for the Irish lies in depth at the safety position. They return only two other players at the position — sophomores Quinten Burrell and Lionel Bolin and freshmen Jake Carney and Mike Richardson, forcing the coaching staff to put some serious concentration into training the inexperienced.

“The first thing you can say is we’ve given them a lot of attention, special attention, working with them and trying to get them to be better so they can be a starter or a back-up,” Walters said.

No one player has stepped to the forefront of the coach’s mind as the go-to guy for the back-up position, but Walters is counting on that as a good sign that they’re all being competitive. According to Walters, the staff will come to a decision about who will back up the position later this week.

Despite the depth problems and the inexperience at the safety position, the Irish think they can hold their own against Maryland on Saturday. If nothing else, they’re excited to play.

“I guess right now, I’m just kind of anxious to see these guys play,” Walters said.

Sophomore Lionel Bolin stands ready at fall practice. Bolin, along with teammates Quinten Burrell, Jake Carney and Mike Richardson, are all competing for the back-up safety position.
FOOTBALL

Holiday outlasts other quarterbacks, claims role for himself

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

The message on his answering machine left Carlyle Holiday bewildered.

All Holiday heard from Matt LoVecchio, his friend, colleague and competition for the starting quarterback job was that LoVecchio was transferring from Notre Dame. At the time, LoVecchio didn’t know where he was going to go, just that he didn’t want to be at Notre Dame anymore.

Before Holiday pushed the button on the answering machine, he was in a neck-and-neck race for the starting quarterback position at Notre Dame. After LoVecchio’s words settled into his brain, Holiday realized he was the man.

“I was a little bit surprised, we were competing hard and nobody was No. 1 or anything like that,” Holiday said. “We were all shocked, he’s a great friend of ours, and we didn’t see any reason why he would leave.”

Now, the Irish are counting on Holiday to execute the complex pro-style offense after he earned the starting job by outlasting his competition.

When Holiday arrived on campus as a freshman with LoVecchio and Jared Clark, Arnaz Battle appeared to be the quarterback of the future. After Battle went down with a broken wrist, Gary Godsey stepped in for two games before coaches replaced him with LoVecchio.

LoVecchio led the Irish to seven straight wins and a berth in the 2000 Fiesta Bowl but lost the starting job to Holiday three games into the 2001 season. Clark’s shift to tight end in the straight wins and a berth in the 2000 style offense after he earned the starting job from Notre Dame.

Jared Clark and Matt LoVecchio dropped out of the three-way race. Junior Carlyle Holiday holds the quarterback position alone after competitors Jared Clark and Matt LoVecchio dropped out of the three-way race.

Women’s Soccer

Irish regroup to end weekend with split

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

If the preseason is any indication, the Notre Dame women’s soccer team will once again be a national force. Despite playing, at times, without six projected starters, the Irish finished last weekend’s IPFW Soccer Showcase with one win and one loss against two of last year’s NCAA Tournament teams.

On Friday night, Notre Dame suffered a 4-2 defeat at the hands of perennial power North Carolina, but the Irish regrouped on Sunday to defeat Kentucky 2-1, thanks to Ashley Drier’s last minute heroics. The senior midfielder’s goal with only 39 seconds remaining proved to be the difference maker in the hard-fought contest.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum was extremely pleased with his team’s effort in both contests, but he acknowledged the Irish need to improve in several important facets. He had his first carry during the Tennessee game and the Navy game have Grant and Wilson in the same spot and Diedrick said it’s fair to expect that they’ll be counted on to play the same role on this team. And what’s more, he’s confident they can both execute that role.

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BASEBALL

Reaching new heights

The Irish reached the College World Series for the first time since 1957 last June. On their way, they knocked off the nation’s top-ranked team three times and attained the program’s highest ranking. Inside is a recap of their season and the path they took to Omaha after classes let out in May.

FOOTBALL

Grant, Wilson step into spotlight near hometown fans

By KATIE McVOY
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It will be both a homecoming and a walk into new territory for Notre Dame’s top two running backs as they head into Giants Stadium this Saturday. Sophomores Ryan Grant and Marcus Wilson, who, even combined, have very limited game experience, will step into the spotlight not more than 45 minutes from hometown fans.

As Grant, the Nyack, N.Y. native, started the spring, many expected him to back up returning starting running back Julius Jones. Wilson, who hails from Brooklyn, was only expected to see sparse playing time.

But with Jones’s departure this summer, there was a need for a new No. 1 man, and both New Yorkers stepped up.

“The next guy’s got to step up and be able to play and, in this place, he gives two guys a great opportunity to stand up,” said offensive coordinator Bill Di reck.

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**Reaching new heights**

- Historic season ends with first World Series appearance in 45 years

By CHRIS FEDERICO and JOE HETTLER

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It began with a shaky 7-6 victory in New Orleans and ended as one of the most memorable seasons in Notre Dame sports history.

After a bleak 12-10 start, including an 0-4 Big East record during its season-opening 22-game road trip, the Notre Dame baseball team turned its early disappointments to go where no Irish team had in 45 years - Omaha, Neb., and the College World Series.

Early-season injuries depleted the Irish lineup, as shortstops Matt Macri and Matt Edwards were lost for the season, leaving a gaping hole at that position. Further injuries to Steve Sollmann, Andrew Bushey and Brian Stavisky forced Irish head coach Paul Mainieri to find replacements and continually change lineups.

"Most of the injuries that we've suffered really showed when you go on the road and play in the conference," Bushey said.

Once the Irish finally got healthy, they exploded for 35 victories in their next 40 games. During this run, Notre Dame won the Big East Tournament for the first time since joining the conference in 1995.

The Irish hosted the four-team NCAA Regional tournament against No. 1 seed South Alabama, Ohio State and Kent State. After winning the opening game against the Buckeyes 8-6, the Irish trounced South Alabama 15-1 before clinching the Regional crown by defeating Ohio State for the second time 9-6.

From there, Notre Dame faced the task of trying to beat the top ranked team in the country, Florida State, at the Seminoles home park in a best-of-three series with the winner heading to Omaha, Neb., for the College World Series.

In Game 1, the Irish silenced the hostile crowd, who gave the northern team little chance to upset the ACC champions, winners of 26 straight games.

Freshman right-handed pitcher Grant Johnson kept the Seminoles in check, while right-fielder Kris Billmaier collected four hits and drove in a career-high five runs to lead the Irish to a 10-4 victory.

After losing the second game of the series 12-5, Notre Dame finished off Florida State in Game 3 behind freshman pitcher Chris Niesel, who allowed only one run and six hits in eight innings of work to lead the Irish to a 3-1 win.

"I'm sure we shocked the college baseball world this weekend," Mainieri said at the final press conference of the season. "It's a feeling you just can't explain. We really believed that we could come down here and do it. But to come down and actually do it, you just can't have words to describe the way we feel at this particular time."

With the hallmark wins, Notre Dame advanced to the College World Series for the first time in 45 years.

In their first game, the Irish had the luck of drawing Stanford — National Championship runners-up the past two years — and pitcher Jeremy Guthrie, a first round draft pick of the Cleveland Indians.

Cardinal ace Guthrie shut down the Irish offense for most of the game, only allowing a three-run homer to Javier Sanchez in the seventh inning for Stanford's 4-3 win.

In its first elimination game, Notre Dame faced the Rice Owls, who were coming off of a 2-1 loss to Texas.

Trailing 3-2 in the bottom of the ninth with one out, centerfielder Steve Stanley tripled and was driven in with a single from Sollmann for the tying run. With Sollmann on first, Stavisky drove a two-run, game-winning home run to the left field bleachers, keeping Notre Dame's season alive.

The Irish fell short, however, in their next game against Stanford 5-3, finishing their season with a 50-18 record.

The loss also signified the end of the careers at Notre Dame for eight seniors, including four-year starters Stanley, Bushey and catcher Paul O'Toole.

"We had a remarkable year and it's an unbelievable honor for me to coach this group," said Mainieri in his final press conference of the season. "I don't think you've seen the end of Notre Dame baseball."

Stanley agreed, saying he'd never forget his experiences in Omaha after three frustrating years of near misses.

"This is the greatest baseball experience I've ever had," Stanley said. "This College World Series is something that I'll never forget. Besides maybe the 1997 team, this is the best Notre Dame baseball team in the last hundred-some years. And I'm very proud to say that.

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The perfect place for baseball

**Fans soak up atmosphere circling College World Series at Rosenblatt stadium**

By JOE HETTLER
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OMAHA, Neb. — Omaha is the perfect place to host the College World Series. Just ask anyone who’s spent the week there.

"It was electric, it was a wonderful atmosphere," said a Clemson fan outside Rosenblatt Stadium. "The atmosphere couldn’t be duplicated. The fans were great. All the fans around us were just very complimentary and pleasant. They hollered and we hollered. It was the greatest atmosphere I’ve ever experienced at a sporting event."

These are the reason why college baseball’s National Championship has stayed in this city of just over 750,000 people.

The College World Series moved to Omaha 53 years ago after spending two years in Kalamazoo, Mich., and one in Wichita, Kan.

During the first few years of the tournament, each geographical region of the country sent its best team to play in the College World Series. Now, the NCAA has grouped teams into a four-team regional, followed by a two-team, best-of-three super regional and finally an eight-team World Series field.

According to ticket vendor Joe Dervin, the atmosphere surrounding the Series has greatly increased over the past 20 years.

“When I first started out it was small, and over the last 20 years it’s really gotten commercialized, which is good for the players and the teams for notoriety,” Dervin said. “The best part about it is that the players are out there playing their hearts out, and it’s just good baseball. It makes for a good environment, and that’s why it’s gotten so popular over the last 10 to 20 years.

Former Michigan head coach Don Lund is one of many fans who noticed several other changes in the college game as the years have passed.

“Metal bats are a heck of a difference,” Lund said. “Believe me, it makes an ordinary hitter a little bit better. The ball goes a lot farther. [Metal bats] make it a difficult judgment where you’re judging some guy as far as power is concerned, and he hits a ball that looks like an ordinary fly ball and it goes out of the ballpark.”

Lund also believes Omaha is the right type of city for the tournament.

“They were talking about moving it to major league ballparks, but they kept it here, and it was the best move they ever made.”

While Lund originally made the trip to Omaha to participate in the CWS, most fans simply come to follow their team or to simply watch some good baseball.

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With so much excitement surrounding this event, the CWS shows no signs of slowing down.

“It’s just a wonderful thing,” South Carolina fan Bill Golding said. “This is baseball’s best. It’s the finest place in the world the kids could ever experience. It’s tops in the nation. The people in Omaha are outstanding people. They do a good job here, and its just fantastic.”

As new teams reach the CWS each year, more fans are exposed to the Omaha experience. These fans continue to follow their teams all the way to Omaha and keep the fun of the College World Series at all-time high.

After all, five million fans can’t be wrong.

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Stanley proves clutch

**Centerfielder helps keep Irish alive in Omaha**

By CHRIS FEDERICO

OMAHA, NEB. - Irish centerfielder Steve Stanley had 999 at bats in his collegiate baseball career. But none of them was as big as his 1,000th in Notre Dame's second game of the College World Series against the Rice Owls.

With the Irish down one run and just two outs away from elimination, Stanley drove a 3-2 pitch from Rice pitcher Justin Crowder to the gap in right centerfield and hustled into centerfield, continuing the third for the triple. Steve Sellmann would later hit a line drive up the middle to bring Stanley home.

Heading into what could have been the last inning of its season, the Irish squad had confidence that Stanley could still make something good happen.

"I didn't feel the game was over at all when I came up in the bottom of the ninth. I thought we had it all the way," said Irish leftfielder Brian Stavisky.

"I just thought that with Stanley up there with two strikes...I knew [he was] not going to back down," said Irish coach Paul Mainieri. "You could just see it in his eyes that there was no way he was going to be denied, and then he hits the triple."

The hit was huge, considering Crowder had allowed only two hits in 5-2 innings of relief, and had set down 13 of the last 14 Irish hitters.

"When he does it, every pitcher, every game of the season," Stavisky said. "He battles, and he's never going to go down without a fight. That was just a great at bat."

On top of the rally-sparking triple, Stanley had not one, but two game-saving catches in centerfield, continuing the stellar defensive play that has highlighted his career. With the score tied and Rice runners on first and second in the sixth inning, pinch hitter Enrique Cruz crushed a ball to the left field gap off of freshman pitcher Chris Niesel. The ball was reactivated as if Cruz had had bases-clearing double. But Stanley proved them wrong when he made a leaping catch and slammed into the outfield wall to end the inning.

"Steve's been playing great defense for us all year. That's just what he does out there in centerfield," Chris Niesel said.

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**The Road to Omaha**

**February 22**

Notre Dame opens its season with a 7-6 win over the University of Missouri.

**March 9**

Freshman infielder Matt Edwards' season when he breaks both bones of his lower leg when chasing a pop fly.

**March 23-24**

Notre Dame is swept in its first Big East series by Connecticut, dropping its record to 9-9. Centerfielder Steve Stanley breaks the Irish record for consecutive games played (205) and ties the record for career hits (295).

**March 28 - May 4**

Notre Dame wins 25 of its 27 games during this time, including a 15-game winning streak, to keep its record to 34-12 and 13-6 in Big East play.

**April 4**

Notre Dame wins its home opener for the seventh straight year, beating BYU 1-0 behind a three-hit shut out from junior J.P. Gagne.

**April 3**

Freshman shortstop Matt Maci has season-ending "Tommy John" surgery to repair his shoulder, which had kept him from playing field since early March.

**May 15**

Notre Dame beats Detroit 23-1, the largest Irish victory in 89 years.

**May 17-18**

Notre Dame sweeps Boston College in a three-game series to end its regular season with a 41-14 record, 18-6 Big East record.

**May 23-25**

Notre Dame goes 3-1 in the Big East Tournament, defeating Rutgers 3-2 in 10 innings in the championship game for its first Big East Tournament title. Left-fielder Brian Stavisky hit a game-winning double in the decisive Game 3 to score Steve Sellmann and send the Irish to the NCAA Regional tournament.

**June 7**

Notre Dame hosts the Regional Tournament at Frank Eck Stadium as a No. 2 seed. The Irish outscore their opponents 42-12 and finish the tournament undefeated to advance to the NCAA Super Regionals where they face No. 1 Florida State.

**June 9**

Florida State scores eight runs in the top of the first inning en route to beating Notre Dame 12-5 and tying its best-of-three series at one game apiece.

**June 10**

The Irish defeat Florida State 3-1 in the decisive Game 3 of the NCAA Super Regionals to advance to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb., for the first time since 1957.

**June 15**

In their first game of the Collegiate World Series in 45 years, the Irish fall 4-3 loss to Stanford.

**June 17**

Trailing the Rice Owls 3-2 with one out in the ninth inning, Steve Stanley drives a triple to right center and is hit home by Steve Sellmann. The next batter, Brian Stavisky, keeps Notre Dame's season alive by blasting a game-winning, two-run home run to right field.

For the second time in three days, Notre Dame falls to Stanford, this time by a score of 5-3 and is eliminated from the Collegiate World Series. The Texas Longhorns would eventually win the Series by defeating South Carolina.
Heroes for a week

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“Heroes for a week?” coach Paul Mainieri said before the team’s final game against Stanford. “Our players said before the team’s final game in a Notre Dame uniform, Stanley signed more autographs by the dugout and answered questions posed by a pair of 12-year-olds.

The media and fans followed the Irish players from the day they arrived in town. Before, during and after practice and games reporters and fans constantly attempted to get a few seconds of the players’ time.

After losing to Stanford and being ousted from the Series, Irish third baseman Andrew Bushey still couldn’t walk out of the stadium without a group of young girls yelling, “Hey, Number 12, could you please pose with my son really quick?” more than a few times, yet he, along with the rest of his team, always found that second extra to say “yes.”

“I have never, ever had this kind of attention and support. I never get sick of it.” Performing well in Omaha also causes a stir among the media and fans. Just ask Irish left fielder Brian Slavisky, who blasted a two-run, walk-off home run against Rice in Notre Dame’s first elimination game to lift the Irish to a 5-3 victory.

After the game, Slavisky was stopped several times to sign autographs before being interviewed by a local radio station. When that interview was finished, Slavisky went back to signing more autographs.

“Kids, they want autographs all the time, but it’s great.”

Paul Mainieri head coach

Paul Mainieri wasn’t even thinking about taking a kid “No” to an autograph or picture. Before warming up for his final game in a Notre Dame uniform, Stanley signed more autographs by the dugout and answered questions posed by a pair of 12-year-olds.

“The demand placed on the players by the media and fans could be overwhelming for a group of guys that usually saw roughly 600 to 800 fans come to each home game at Frank Eck Stadium.

“This is an experience that I’ve never, ever had before, but it’s so exciting that you don’t really sit back and think about it too much.”

Stanley said. “It’s the first time we’ve been on national television. It’s the first time our team, in 45 years, has been to the College World Series, so we’re soaking every minute of this up. It’s been a great experience.”

Stanley seemed to be the most sought after member of the Irish during their stay in Omaha. Young children to older adults all want to meet and talk to these heroes.

“it never gets old. It’s a tremendous experience for me personally and for all of our players.”

For players and coaches at the College World Series in Omaha, Notre Dame’s team transformed from everyday college baseball players into heroes. For a few short days, these players got a taste of playing in the big leagues, with all the hoopla and excitement that comes with the territory.

Yet, isn’t that what the College World Series is all about? The event gives young adults a chance to live out their dreams in front of the entire country and for just a few days feel like the players they looked up to as little children.

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Above left, Irish shortstop Javier Sanchez and third baseman Andrew Bushey ready themselves for action during a game. Above right, Irish first baseman Joe Thurman signs an autograph for a fan. Right, Kids hope for autographs from their favorite Notre Dame players before a game.