Diversity board develops harassment proposal

By ANNEESE WOOLFORD  News Writer

Saint Mary's Student Diversity Board is developing a proposal to incorporate a discrimination and harassment clause into campus policy.

The decision to work on a proposal for the clause was based on student complaints about the lack of specific details regarding the current policy. The policy highlighting harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault currently included in Saint Mary's student handbook depicts the College's stance that no incidents of any form of harassment will be tolerated. It lists examples of incidents that constitute harassment and warns that any student or employee found to have harassed another will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action.

The current policy further details the victim's rights, reporting procedures and suggestions for prevention.

Nila Ahmad, vice president of SDB, heads the proposal's development. She began by researching the policies of other colleges to obtain a better understanding of what is commonly included in discrimination and harassment clauses.

Ahmad then looked at the framework of Saint Mary's current policy and proposed the addition of specific factors on which discrimination cannot be based. She also proposed a common definition of harassment and a procedure to handle violations of the clause.

"The clause is still in the beginning of its process in working and revising it, so it's still too early to tell much of anything about it," Ahmad said.

Last Monday, Ahmad presented the proposal to Saint Mary's Board of Governance in hopes of its endorsement as a student initiative. BOG responded with suggestions to improve the proposal, giving it one week for further review.

"BOG reviewed the proposal and seemed to agree that a harassment clause was necessary for Saint Mary's," Ahmad said.

However, we were unable to take a vote because we lost quorum as people left for other meetings and rehearsals," said Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, vice-president of BOG.

A vote for BOG to endorse the idea of the harassment clause will be taken Monday. The proposal will then move on to Linda Timm, vice president for Student Affairs, for further analysis before BOG places an official vote. It must then be presented to the Student Affairs Committee, the Council of Student Affairs and the Board of Trustees for final approval.

"Student Diversity Board has put a lot of work into the clause and are hoping to get it implemented as soon as possible. It is an important clause for increasing diversity and awareness on this campus," said Jablonski-Diehl.

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Recruitment abroad arises

By TERESA FRAULISH  Assistant News Editor

While over 1,000 international students are currently studying at Notre Dame, only 266 of these students are undergraduates, according to the International Student Services and Activities (ISSA) database. ISSA, which is somewhat lesser than other national universities like Notre Dame that have international enrollment, has attempted to increase the percentage of international undergraduates to Notre Dame's target enrollment of 5 percent.

"Currently the percentage of enrolled undergraduates stands at about 4.8 percent," said Matthew Potts, undergraduate admissions counselor for international students.

"We are actively trying to increase the University more accessible to foreign students, representatives from ISSA have worked with students to develop their own programs. "We provide support, orient, advise and refer students. The interest is to provide for a culturally diverse experience for all students, whether American or international," said Connie Peterson-Miller, assistant director of ISSA.

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who may have previously been unable to find the necessary funds to attend Notre Dame, Potts said.

Although no new clubs have emerged this current semester, many have gained approval within the year. For the most part, approved clubs have remained static.

Webrusa

Meaning "brotherhood" in Swahili, Webrusa is concerned about the need for cross-cultural development and brotherhood. In another attempt to make the University more accessible to foreign students, representatives from ISSA have worked with students to develop their own programs. 

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Inside Column

Dancing to the death

When most people think about competitive childhood sports and activities, a few stand out. They see hockey, football, cheerleading, and maybe the occasional debate team. But there is another, less obvious cutthroat subculture that would pop into the minds of very few people: Irish step dancing.

As members of the community fighting Irish, we are all familiar with Irish dancing, as we try to do the Irish jig at home games, watch the Irish Guard perform the victory clog and attend the annual Farley Feis.

But the real world of Irish dancers is a highly-structured realm of vast ambition and unbridled competition, one which takes dancers all over the globe and embroils them in countless petty rivalries.

My own Irish dancing teacher (danced until I was 13) encouraged an egotistic competitive attitude in her dancers, who were consequently hated by other schools. I couldn’t stand half of them myself, and I despised Mrs. Glade (name changed to protect the guilty) most. Mrs. Glade habitually stood in the corner of the studio, banging a black wood­en stick on the floor in time to the music and harping out criticisms and boasting that she used to teach students in the clos­est. She pushed her two daughters so hard that one now has severe tendinitis and the other has broken or sprained one toe and both ankles at least once.

And for some reason, the Glade Academy parents brought into her warped win-or-die, Irish-dancing-is-life attitude. They drove their children hours each weekend to every single feis and were particularly hard on the girls that had hard enough to compete.

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NDSP issued a state citation Wednesday for disregarding an automatic signal on Juniper Road.

Employee taken to hospital

A University employee was transported by ambulance to Memorial Hospital Wednesday for treatment of an illness.

Suspicious activity reported

NDSP received a complain Wednesday about suspicious activity outside of the University football stadium.

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♦ Concert with Notre Dame Brass Ensemble 8 p.m. in Basilica of the Sacred Heart

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Female sports professionals discuss women in athletics

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

A panel discussion held Thursday night in McKenna Hall, entitled "Women in Sports Through the Media's Eyes," featured four prominent females in the world of sports and their opinions on topics ranging from Title IX and gender equity in sports to media representation and coverage of women's athletics.

David Haugh, sports columnist for The South Bend Tribune, moderated a forum, which included Coquese Washington, assistant Notre Dame women's basketball coach; Nancy Armour, Associated Press sports writer; Christine Brennan, USA Today columnist; and Nan Tulchinsky, South Bend Community School Corporation director of athletics.

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Tulchinsky, a Saint Mary's alumna, spoke about the opportunities that did not exist in her generation with respect to women's athletics.

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Rickard appointed to interim position

By LAURA CORISTIN

Saint Mary's College president Marjorie Elder appointed Marcia Rickard as interim associate dean of faculty and director of the Center for Academic Innovation at the College late last month.

Rickard's appointment came after Patrick White assumed the duties of interim vice president and dean of faculty when Karen Ristau resigned.

Rickard joined the Saint Mary's faculty in 1978 as an associate professor in the art department. As interim associate dean, it is Rickard's responsibility to advise the vice president and dean. She will serve on a number of committees, including committees for curricular assessment, rank and tenure, and faculty grants and the general education task force.

International

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for international students

Guillermo Munoz, a junior from Spain, said Notre Dame admissions counselors were one of the main factors in his decision to study at the University, adding that financial aid would significantly increase awareness of the school about University initiatives to develop additional support programs for foreign students.

"Notre Dame is not well-known abroad. I think financial aid would significantly improve the opportunities for foreign students to attend Notre Dame," Munoz said. "There would be a greater pool of applicants (with the aid)."

Senior Grace Augustina, from Indonesia, said she was excited about University initiatives to increase awareness of the school abroad.

"Notre Dame is not well-known abroad. I think financial aid would be really helpful for international students," she said. Augustina said that many Indonesian students she knows were interested in attending the University, but simply unable to consider it because financial aid was previously nonexistent. In addition, she said she would like to see Notre Dame develop additional support programs for foreign students.

She said, "The support for international students here is not as great as other schools."

Despite limitations, current international support programs are helpful in transitioning students. For example, Notre Dame said freshman Mary Catherine Magee, from Canada. "It was... nice because they had a special orientation for international students." Magee said. "Knowing other international students (through special programs) is helpful because you can go talk to them."

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No more games, American officials tell Iraq

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

In another warning to Saddam Hussein, U.S. officials said Thursday they are planning to "play games" with U.S. weapons inspectors to encourage the Iraqis' claim not to have nuclear, chemical or biological weapons. "If they do not have weapons of mass destruction and the purpose of the U.N. resolution, of course, is for them to agree to allow inspectors in and to allow the inspectors to make some conclusions," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said at a Pentagon news conference.

Iraq on Wednesday accepted a tough new U.N. Security Council resolution demanding it disarm and allow inspectors unfettered access anywhere in Iraq. But Iraq's acceptance letter was filled with anti-American invective and repeatedly claimed Saddam's government did not have any banned weapons or production programs.

"I've never tried to predict what [Saddam] might do, but one thing I know better not to do, and that is play games," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said.

Added Secretary of State Colin Powell, during a trip to Canada: "I think what we're interested in seeing is a new spirit of cooperation, if there's going to be one, from Iraq.

Bush called Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar on Thursday and the two leaders "expressed full solidarity in demanding that the Iraqi regime disarm," McClellan said.

The president has said repeatedly that Iraq does not possess the weapons the United States would lead a "coalition of the willing" to disarm them for.

The weapons inspectors are to resume their search for illegal caches by Dec. 23 and are to report to the Security Council 60 days after they start looking. Iraq has until Dec. 8 to give a full accounting of all its banned weapons programs as well as programs to develop long-range missiles and remotely controlled aircraft to deliver them.

At any point, inspectors are to report to the Security Council in the event of failure by Iraq to comply with its obligations combined with any false statements or omissions in the list. Administration officials have said the resolution also prohibits Iraq from firing on U.S. or British planes patrolling no-fly zones over northern and southern Iraq. The United Nations set up the no-fly zones after the 1991 Persian Gulf War, saying they were to protect residents of U.N. nations demanding that Saddam not attack Kurds in the north and Shiite Muslims in the south. But U.S. officials have been deliberately vague about whether they would view any Iraqi firings as a breach of the latest U.N. resolution and therefore an automatic trigger for war. Powell said Iraq's reactions to enforcement of no-fly zones would be looked at "with all seriousness if they continue to do that" and that Iraq must understand the threat of military action is real. "The United States has demonstrated considerable patience over the last two months," Powell said. That patience will continue. But at the same time, there should be absolutely no confusion or misunderstanding.

"If the Iraqis do not comply," Powell continued, "there will be consequences. Those consequences will involve use of military force to disarm them, to change the regime."
Health, Cultural Competence seminar to be held

By EMILY FORD

Saint Mary's College will host a Health and Cultural Competence Community Leader's Seminar Saturday, one of 11 workshops designed to explore contemporary health issues in terms of gender and culture.

The event was organized by Marcia Good-Mauro, a fellow in anthropology with The Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership. The idea for this event originated from this summer's Community Leader's Seminar, "Tapping the Wellsprings of Wisdom," in which over 100 local women participated.

"There was such interest and enthusiasm that generated out of that experience that we made a commitment to continue providing four opportunities throughout the year to continue exploring women's leadership and intercultural issues together," said Bonnie Bazata, director of community connections with CWIL. "Health and wellness was a key focus from the summer and so we continued that theme here within an intercultural focus."

Mayadene Paysoure, a community member who volunteers at Memorial Hospital's Sage-ing Center, said she is looking forward to offering insights into health as part of the aging process.

"I want to inform people about a spiritual Eldering Tool called life review and life repair that helps us to reframe our past experiences, to achieve a more conscious and fuller living," Paysoure said.

What will make this weekend's seminar such an innovative discussion, according to CWIL's Web seminar such an innovative discussion, will be the mix of age, race, culture and students, staff and community members working in various fields.

Mary Lauck, CEO of Girl Scouts of Singing Sands Council, Inc., will be one of the community members participating in the workshop. She is also currently a member of the Women's Wisdom for Community Change, a development initiated at a previous CWIL retreat.

"The reason why I'm going to be participating is because ... I've been actively involved in many, many areas at the campus level," Lauck said. "But also because the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership has just been a wonderful, new innovative program here at the college and I participated in the retreat-workshop that was held several months ago. It was a wonderful opportunity for women leaders to come together. It was a learning experience, a sharing experience."

Bazata also said that these workshops provide the community with a chance to learn not only about health and well being, but to communicate with different cultures as well.

"One of the things that makes these experiences so dynamic is the mix of age, race, culture and experience," Bazata said. "So this is a unique and powerful opportunity for students to not only learn about a given topic, but also develop confidence, develop new relationships, learn more about the community and possibly even find a mentor."

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IN BRIEF

Lehman Brothers lays off 500 employees

Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. cut its ranks by 500 employees on Thursday, including its chief investment strategist Jeffrey Applegate, a person familiar with the matter said.

The companywide cuts at the New York-based investment bank, one of Wall Street’s biggest, amounted to 4 percent of its total work force of 12,980 as of Sept. 30. “We have made small adjustments across all divisions and regions to reflect the challenging environment,” said Hannah Burns, a Lehman Brothers spokeswoman. “Still, the number is not significant in relation to the size of the overall firm.”

Burns declined to confirm specifics about Thursday’s cuts, and would not comment on Applegate’s status.

Since the end of 2000, more than 32,000 securities workers have lost their jobs as the bear market has severely curtailed financial deals and profits.

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Hormone therapy sales plunge

As sales of Wyeth’s estrogen-only pill Premparin — once one of the most widely prescribed drugs in this country — and of all estrogen-only hormones have fallen about half as much, according to IMS Health, a health-care information company, researchers are still studying whether estrogen-only pills, only used for women who have had hysterectomies, are safe.

IMS monthly data on U.S. revenues from Premparin, Premarin and combined sales of all hormone replacement pills show the decline has been accelerating since July, after a slight increase in June.

“We had originally expected them to be down 30 percent once a fall year rolled around, and they’re there already,” J.P. Morgan pharmaceutical analysts Carl Seiden said Thursday, referring to Wyeth’s pills.

A 102-page indictment charges the five executives allegedly looted corporate accounts, built a golf course with company money and used corporate jets for personal business, while saddling the company with massive debts and lying to investors.

Officials believe the executives secretly transferred hundreds of millions of dollars belonging to the firm into accounts controlled by the Rigas family.

Prosecutors are seeking forfeiture from the five men of more than $2.5 billion for the alleged fraud and corporate racketeering.

The Securities and Exchange Commission also announced Thursday that Brown had consented to an entry of partial judgment against him in the agency’s civil lawsuit.
Call 259-1000 for more details

Johnny Bums.

Caribbean Student Organization of the University of Notre Dame (CSOUND)

CSOUND President Habibah Bell said members have plans to increase diversity on campus through the recruitment of Caribbean students.

"The purpose of this club is to educate the Notre Dame community about the many rich cultures and traditions found in the Caribbean," he said. "And we have a little fun at the same time." The most recent event was an "Island Jam" dance party.

All the other regions of the world have representation on campus, Bell said. She added, "It was about time (to) bring a taste of the Caribbean."

Note Dame Fly-Fishing Club

"Our mission is to bring together people who share an interest, a passion, in a place that you wouldn't really expect to find something like this," said President Johnny Burns.

"We've set up plans for discount gear purchase, we've had private casting lessons, we have fly-tying workshops and cast demonstrations and of course we take trips out to the rivers," he said.

Note Dame Gaelic Society

President Padraic McDermott said the club's mission is "to bring Irish and Scottish culture to the campus through music, sports, festivals and academic events." The club is soon to host a night of Irish music and dance in Coleman-Morse, as well as popularize and instruct on the field sport, hurling.

Note Dame Green Party (ND Green)

"Our goals are to make people aware of an alternative, to distribute information about the Green Party, to support Green Party candidates when possible," said facilitator Andrew Casad.

"What made me go ahead with the idea was the dearth of progressive activity on campus," Casad said. "Students seem so concerned with other issues like football, that true progressive reform seems to elude most people," he said.

Note Dame League of Alternate Historians (ND-IAH)

"The purpose of the ND-IAH will be to foster and conduct scholarly discussion on the subject of possible divergence where events in history might have transpired differently and their after effects," according to the club's constitution. In keeping with the spirit of the club, President Matthew Aderman said, they plan to keep students from all disciplines informed on events geared to promote both history and alternate history. Through discussions, movies, and tours of historical sites.

Mystery Science Theater 3000 Club

The Mystery Science Theater 3000 Club is geared toward humor and relaxation, said club President Geoff Mattison. "It's a place where one can take a break, meet new people, and learn how not to make a movie," he said. The club meets two days a week, Tuesdays and Sundays, in O'Neill Hall.

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The waiting game

For now, NDTV and the other student organizations seeking club status will have to wait. Not having club status at this time does not bother Johnson, as the organization is currently focusing on establishing a quality program. "Student recognition, he believes, will come in time. "I think we've been able to show that we can do it." he said. "I hope that the University will see that we just want to make the show. We don't want to rip on the University."

Johnson, however, said he was somewhat frustrated by the delays. "Initially it seemed that things were going really well but come mid-September it seemed like things were going downhill," he said. "[Student Activities] are just doing their job and I can't really complain because we're an exceptional situation."
**VIEWPOINT**

Saint Mary's security is problematic

Rampant staff turnover this year and a federal investigation last year into misreporting of crime statistics were bad enough for Saint Mary's Security Department. The College.FlatAppearance undefined controversy surrounding this month of a female security officer now sounds the death knell for public trust in the embattled department.

Sgt. Beth Rathert remains suspended from her job in campus security after the College’s human resources director claimed Rathert’s illegal transcript was missing from her personnel file. Rathert was suspended on Nov. 7. On Tuesday, she received a letter barring her from campus.

Both the suspension and campus ban are problematic. Rathert claimed the suspension followed her recent request for backup. In an Oct. 24 letter to police resources, Rathert filed for lost wages, alleging that the College paid female security officers $50 less per hour than male officers who performed the same duties. Rathert was ignored in a college transcript was missing from her personnel file.

Defending same-sex marriages

Some people say that marriage is something sacred between men and women. Others may say that marriage is something anyone can enter into, just as long as they truly love each other. No person can argue over the moral merits of this topic, but when many things in society depend upon a person’s marital status, this is something that must be considered. Homosexuals should be allowed to enter into marriage or some other type of civil union. This will allow them to have several rights bestowed on heterosexuals who marry.

Who is to decide whether being homosexual is right or wrong? That question depends upon what society believes. In this does not mean that the government has the right to decide whether it is right or wrong. There is even the view that marriage should stay the way it has been forever. Well let me correct some of the misconceptions. Marriage hasn’t always been what you may have thought it was. Take for example the Christian church that for its first 500 years, allowed divorce and remarriage. Protestant denominations were rolled. The question of whether it was sinful to remarry divorcees whose ex-spouses were still alive. The Bible says marriage is between one man and one woman. Churchgoers say that marriage is a religious institution. Well, to contrary this, civil marriage is a government institution that grants hundreds of state legal rights and responsibilities and over a thousand federal legal rights and responsibilities. When people go to a county clerk’s office and pay a fee for a marriage license, religion plays no role whatsoever. The country in which we reside in is not a theocracy.

The U.S. Constitution makes no mention of the Bible or any other religious text. The idea of allowing homosexuals to enter into marriage is not to make religions accept same-sex couples, but to protect homosexuals under the legislative establishments offered to others.

Many people may say that the Ten Commandments are the law of America. Only the Ten Commandments are legal to break in America. Only the commandments against stealing and breaking are backed by law all over the world. If you would like to take this concept even further, you may go to say that the first three commandments are actually unconstitutional. Now this in no way means that the Ten Commandments are wrong, but that they are not legal or constitutional standing. So how can people argue the meaning of the Ten Commandments with marriage? One remark by people against homosexuality is that marriage is set up for raising children. Sterile heterosexual couples and post-menopausal women are given the same marriage contract everyone else gets. To take a step further, many of the rights that accompany marriage have nothing to do with children. Citing a phrase that is so often used, "Don’t rape to raise a child.” Then one must believe that a village believes in full equality for all of its people.

The whole issue that I am arguing is not the fact that people should accept the marriage between people of the same sex. What is being tried to be realized is that the government should recognize situations where homosexuals who are married receive incentives over homosexual couples.

James Mangrum

Zahn Hall
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Has the recent lawsuit against Lafayette Apartments made you reconsider your plans to move off-campus?

| YES | 23% |
| NO | 76% |

**Quote of the Day**

*"Quotation, n: The act of repeating erroneously the words of another."*

Ambrose Pierce

writer
Midterm election brings era of civility

Last week's midterm election finally ended the Clinton era for those who have come to expect the former president to the degree that they misread this column and voice objections with nasty e-mail messages. Now they can proudly point to President Bush who has led a successful election that was not tainted with vocal vitriol, one which returns Republican control to both houses of Congress.

Democrats shouldn't consider the 2002 midterm election as much of a loss as the 2000 presidential election. On the other hand, Republicans shouldn't celebrate as much as 2000 either. The 2002 midterm election was one of the most over-interpreted, yet perhaps most misinterpreted election since World War II. In 1998, Bill Clinton did not lose congressional seats because the American public opposed the president. Rather, he was able to hold or even extend his margin for victory by the narrowest of margins. His results were due to the unique circumstances of that election.

None of those situations happened this year. Not one House seat in the country that had been rated leaning, likely or solidly Democratic in mid-October went Republican. Republicans simply won seven out of 11 of the two-up races. Only one Senate seat was in danger. Likely or solidly Democratic went Republican, and that was freshman Georgia Sen. Max Cleland's whose challenger, GOP Rep. Saxby Chambliss, began to surge in the final week.

Of course, our war on terror has placed an unusual circumstance that would benefit any incumbent president. This nation is completely in the Republican's hands for the next two years. Republicans should imagine what this year's election might have been like if Al Gore were the incumbent busting our uncertain security, possible war with Iraq and the country's willingness to speak as one as issues throughout the campaign.

Shutter Bush may, he was not our sitting president, so this election serves as an end to blaming the Clinton Administration and a return to political civility.

The promising sign for the future came during the post-election appearances of candidates and party officials from both the Democrats and Republicans. They spoke with more civility and graciousness for each other than during the past decade. Democrats may need communications revisions for their next campaign messages, but the bitterness of the 2000 election and the Gingrich years has vanished, Republicans, especially Newt Gingrich on post-election interviews, explained how they interpreted their victory without the nasty tones of the past.

Perhaps this nation's political figures have finally outgrown the petty bickering that began in 1995 and returned to being the loyal opposition. Perhaps the "I am right and you are wrong" attitude that brought Gingrich have one-on-one and-for-all been buried in favor of demanding compromise that prevailed when Republicans Bob Dole and Bob Michel worked as minority members with a Democratic majority lead by Tip O'Neill and George Mitchell. It is now George W. Bush's government to lead. Right or wrong, the nation will have nobody else than Bush to praise or blame in the 2004 presidential election. How well his party uses political civility may determine his success or failure.

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Letters to the Editor

Asking for stop to chalk amendments

Some confusion exists about the anti-war messages that began to be chalked on the sidewalks around campus earlier this semester and the more recent cases of pro-war or sarcastic counter-messages we've seen.

The Notre Dame Peace Coalition launched the chalking campaign earlier this semester prior to one of the four weekend, and we've continued the tradition before each home game.

Our goal has been to stir people to think about the moral, ethical, legal, logical and even economic aspects of plans to launch a preemptive attack against a perceived potential attack.

The sidewalk messages have been our way of reaching a wide audience with what we hope are meaningful messages, and pages of chalk is an effective and creative way of advertising. We're exercising our free speech right.

We encourage others to do likewise, whether they oppose the war or support it or just want to ridicule our efforts. As far as I know, no member of our group has amended anyone else's chalk messages. If they have, or if anyone who is not a member of our group has, thinking they're helping our cause, we ask that you please show respect for others and stop.

If you'd like to learn more about the Peace Coalition and possibly join in our consciousness-raising efforts, come to a meeting.

Ed Cohen
Notre Dame Peace Coalition
Nov. 14

Republicans must stop global warming

Regarding the letter, "What would Democrats do differently?" by Ty De Long in the Nov. 12 issue of The Observer, I am astonished Mr. De Long sees no difference between the Republicans and the Democrats on global warming. The voting records on environmental issues clearly show that Republicans by a large vote against environmental protection while Democrats vote for it. You can see for yourself their respective voting records on the League of Conservation Voters' website (http://www.lcv.org/piesearch/index.aspx).

Incredibly, Mr. De Long asserts that "It makes no difference what... one country does." He obviously is unaware that as the consumer of some 25 percent of the earth's energy resources and as the most polluting nation, what the United States does makes a big, big difference. By refusing to be a partner in the international Kyoto Accords, which are designed to reduce emissions of the gases that cause global warming, President Bush has taken a major step backwards. During the presidential campaign, his Democratic opponent, Al Gore (author of a perceptive book titled "Earth in the Balance") made it clear he would champion the Kyoto Accords.

President Bush and many other Republicans are so busy worrying about the Accords' possible effects on our economy they cannot see the disastrous consequences that global warming will have on our climate, on our environment and probably on our economy as well. The irony is that our economy is one of the strongest in the world, yet other countries are leading the way to progress in environmental protection while we skulk on the sidelines.

Indeed, Mr. De Long, the differences are enormous.

Laura Puderer
Conservation Chair
South Bend-Elkhart Audubon Society
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Capitol Comments

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Voyewpoint
Friday, November 15, 2002
Above, Maria Conticelli plays Florence, recently broken up with her husband of 14 years. To the left, Heather Muth plays Olive, who takes Florence in as a roommate. Below, Olive and the girls play Trivial Pursuit.

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By C. SPENCER BEGGS

Neil Simon's 1966 smash hit, "The Odd Couple," is one of the most recognized farces of the writer's career. In 1980, Simon reworked the show and recast the leads as women and updated a lot of the humor. The result: "The Odd Couple (The Female Version)."

It was only a matter of time until Saint Mary's Communications, Dance and Theatre Department took up the challenge.

The play follows Olive (Heather Muth), a successful television news anchor who lives in a bachelorette pad in New York. When her friend Florence (Maria Conticelli), arrives in hysterics to the weekly girls' night out Trivial Pursuit party, the girls come to calm her down as she reveals that she and her husband of 14 years have broken up. Olive takes Florence in as a roommate until she can reconcile with her husband.

Unfortunately, the brash and messy Olive and passive aggressive and anal retentively tidy Florence are not exactly a match made in heaven. Cabin fever sets in and the two are at each others' throats, culminating with a date Olive has set up with two Spanish brothers from upstairs, played by Vince DeDario and Curtis Bittle.

To get the New York accents in the show together, Director and Associate Professor of Theatre Katie Sullivan called in Modern Languages professor Nancy D'Antauno to teach the girls a Brooklyn accent. Spanish professors Jennifer Zachman and Jose Antonio Rico-Ferrer helped the men put the lisp into word "espanol."

Getting the cast to perform as an ensemble in character was vital to the show, Sullivan felt that it was essential for the cast to get to the same energy level for the fast-paced banter to work.

"I have seen Simon plays performed where anything for a joke rules, where the actors aren't viewing this person as a real life 3-D person that they have to let come through," Sullivan said.

Simon plays can often feel like they have nothing to do with reality and yet be very poignant to audiences. Nobody is quite as witty as Olive or Florence, but Simon's script speaks to what everyone wishes they said. Sullivan sees it as a challenge for the cast to relate such a over-inflated sense of urgency to an audience.

"This seemed to me to require the cast to work boldly and broadly and yet still try to base everything in truth or believability... it's easy to play the punch line, but I hoped that we could discover relationships and human foibles that we all share," Sullivan said.

To ward off unreality and prevent the cast from becoming one-liner machines, Sullivan threw two Trivial Pursuit parties for the cast. Each member of the ensemble was required to improvise in character during the 90-minute party. More importantly, they had to engage in banter with each other.
While the cast has worked hard on their accents, Sullivan chose not to use the Jewish New Yorker attitude for the show. Attempting to perform a Simon show without this comedy staple is usually certain death for any ensemble. Still, Sullivan’s cast manages to get big laughs without it, though there are a number of punch lines that fall flat on their faces in its absence. The cast muscles through this error marvelously, but it still feels like there’s an element missing to the repartee.

The cast of this show really shines as an ensemble. Muth and Conticelli rule the show. The chemistry between them is electric and they manage to keep making the show feel more and more urgent as their petty arguments boil over. Muth has gotten into her character so much, in fact, that she seems to be a completely different person than her pleasant and soft-spoken real life personality. Conticelli plays a strong straight woman for Muth’s sharp jibes. She expertly plays with the contrast between Florence’s strict demure decorum and tempestuous rage.

Bittle and DeDario rise splendidly to match to Muth and Conticelli. The men’s Spanish accents tend to rove from the Iberian Peninsula and throw in a Mexican dialect and even a bit of Italian. Though technically incorrect, it’s hysterically funny on stage and entirely forgivable.

Not only are Muth and Conticelli hectoring roommates Olive and Florence on stage, the pair actually lives together in Annunciate Hall. Muth pointed out that their offstage relationship was, in some part, similar to their on-stage one.

“It’s sort of funny because in real life, Maria is the neater roommate and I’m the messier roommate, so it worked out perfectly. It was helpful that we were roommates in real life because we already had a good chemistry together,” Muth said. Of course, the pair actually gets along famously in real life. Muth added that the show will speak to college students who have had the experience of having a difficult roommate.

“The Odd Couple (The Female Version)” opened Thursday in the Little Theatre. General Admission is $16.50, $14.50 for students and seniors, $8.50 for members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s communities and $7.50 for students. The show runs tonight and Saturday night at 8 p.m. and on Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Call Special Events to reserve tickets at (574) 284-4626.

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Above, Florence is on a date with Jesus, the Spanish man from the apartment above. To the right, Olive complains about her increasing irritation with her roommate. Below, Olive presents dinner to Manolo and Jesus, the two Spanish brothers.

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WASHINGTON

In a game that already had turned ugly for the Utah Jazz, Michael Jordan (age 39) scored 19 points, including back-to-back layups that gave the Wizards the lead for good. Jordan, who played nine seasons for the Jazz before leaving as a free agent this summer, scored 10 of his 16 points in the first game against his old team. He and Matt Harrington had the two double technicals.

"Every time we play them, we’re going to whip ‘em," Jordan said. "We’re going to play hard. I’m going to make sure of that." Malone now scored 26 points, and Stockton had 17 of his 21 assists before fouling out in the final minute.

"We didn’t have a lot of enthusiasm," Utah coach Jerry Sloan said. "Just give me the ball and I’ll do that instead of getting charged up. Some guys look like they’re trying to do us a favor if we ask them to run." Jordan made just 7 of 17 shots in 34 minutes, all from behind the arc. The Wizards went 36-for-39 from the free-throw line, although Iverson’s two misses with 18.1 seconds almost cost them.

The Wizards built a lead in a turnover-filled first half, but the Jazz closed the second quarter with a 19-6 run to pull within 48-40. Washington had 11 turnovers at halftime, while Utah had 12, matching the Wizards for the entire game in a victory at New Arena.

Stockton and Malone scored 16 of Utah’s first 18 points to start the second half, and the Jazz took their first lead, 56-55, on Stockton’s pull-up jumper with 6:29 left in the third.

Philadelphia improved to 5-0 at home. San Antonio has lost consecutive regular-season games, the first time since dropping three in a row from March 27-31 of last season.

Orlando 101, Los Angeles Clippers 80

Tracy McGrady wasn’t going to lose to the Los Angeles Clippers twice in a week.

McGrady scored 35 points and thoroughly dominated the game as the Orlando Magic rolled to a 1-01-80 victory over the Clippers in the opener of a six-game road trip. On Sunday, McGrady scored 32 points, but the Magic stumbled down the stretch and suffered a 120-117 home loss to the Clippers. Back at home, Los Angeles was looking for its first sweet season of Oprah Winfrey since 1991-92 but didn’t come through.

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High-priced Hampton could be headed to the Marlins

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Mike Hampton will rethink blocking a proposed six-player deal that would send him from Colorado to the Florida Marlins, the pitcher's agent said.

The Marlins and Rockies agreed to a tentative trade that would move Hampton and outfielder Juan Pierre to the Marlins for catcher Charles Johnson, outfielder Preston Wilson, left-hander Vic Darensbourg and infielder Pablo Ozuna. Hampton and Johnson both have no-trade clauses and have until midday Saturday to decide whether to waive them. Before the deal was agreed to by the teams, Hampton said he would block it.

"It was probably premature," Hampton's agent, Mark Rodgers, said Thursday. "We owe it to the Marlins to at least let them make their best sales pitch to Mike. I think they'll have that opportunity.

"Mike is not going to summarily dismiss it and say no way to the Florida Marlins. He might as well take advantage of this time to do what he needs to do to make a good, thoughtful decision."

Rodgers said Hampton was open to reconsidering.

"Mike was caught off guard," Rodgers said. "Mike said to me this morning that this says a lot about the Marlins. They're trying to make their team better."

Johnson, who signed with the Marlins to live close to his home, also is "deliberating," according to his agent, Scott Boras. "We'll look into it. It's a big change," Boras said. "He went to Florida for a reason. He knows there's an opportunity in Colorado. It's just something he's beginning to think about."

Rockies general manager Dan O'Dowd would not speculate on whether the deal would go through, saying, "I'm in a holding pattern on that."

Florida general manager Larry Beinfest refused to comment on specifics but did say, "I'm hopeful that the work we did here can culminate in something happening."

"We'll see what happens," he said. "I'm optimistic about the work we did and the way that we moved through on a couple of different areas."

Hampton, a 30-year-old left-hander, was 7-15 with a 6.15 ERA this year — the highest in the major leagues among pitchers who qualified for the ERA title.

He is 21-28 with a 5.75 ERA since leaving the New York Mets to sign a $121 million, eight-year contract with the Rockies in December 2000, the richest deal for a pitcher.

Following a 9-2 start in 2001, he is 12-26 with a 6.62 ERA. Hampton is owed $84.5 million in salary through 2009, plus $19 million in deferred money from his $21 million signing bonus.

Johnson is due $25 million over the next three years — plus $1 million extra in 2005 if he is traded.
Agassi loses twice in Masters Cup, loses grip on No. 1

Associated Press

SHANGHAI, China
Andrei Agassi’s second loss in the season-ending Masters Cup means Lleyton Hewitt will finish the year with the world No. 1 ranking.

Agassi double-faulted on match point, handing Juan Carlos Ferrero a 7-5, 2-6, 7-6 (6) victory. Shortly after the match, Agassi withdrew from the tournament with a hip injury. Thomas Johansson of Sweden will replace Agassi.

Agassi came into the eight-player tournament with a chance to overtake Hewitt in the rankings and finish the year No. 1. But he failed to reach the semifinals after his second straight loss.

Hewitt then celebrated his top ranking by handing Marat Safin his third straight loss, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.

“I think Lleyton obviously has had a great year,” Agassi said. “He’s again proven himself to be the best out there, and that’s not easy to do.”

Agassi’s second straight defeat also clinched a semifinal berth for Switzerland’s Roger Federer, who ran his record to 2-0 by stopping Jiri Novak 6-0, 4-6, 6-2. The round-robin portion of the tournament ends Friday when Carlos Moya takes on fellow Spaniard Albert Costa, Ferrero plays Novak and Federer meets Johansson.

Safin cruised through the second set, when Hewitt served a miserable 28 percent, and had an early break in the final set. Hewitt, however, broke back.

In the ninth game, Safin won the first two points before eventually losing his serve. It was the opening Hewitt needed, and he held serve in the next game to close out the victory.

Safin said Hewitt’s main strength is “just dedication and consistency. Nothing else.”

Now Hewitt must wait until the Moya-Costa match to see if he plays in the semifinals or if his year is over.

“I think I’ve got better and better every match that I’ve played this week,” Hewitt said. “I knew I had to get a win on the board tonight, and I did that and now it’s out of my control.”

Agassi battled Ferrero evenly, unlike his disappointing performance against Novak in his first match Wednesday. But mistakes once again buried any chance Agassi had to pull out a victory.

“I didn’t expect to come out and play a bad match,” Agassi said. “It was just a tough match. I expected it to be tough and it was tough, and I’m not sure it’s any consolation when you lose it.”

Ferrero, one of three Spaniards in the field, lost his serve only twice in the match — and both came in the second set when Agassi raced out to a 4-0 lead.

In the third set tiebreaker, Ferrero had triple match point at 6-3. But Agassi won the next three points before Ferrero held for a 6-4 advantage and his fifth match point.

This time, Ferrero clinched the win.

“Right now I’m playing with a lot of confidence,” Ferrero said.

Federer, the first Swiss player to qualify for the season-ending championships since Jakob Hlasek in 1988, played well against Novak. Federer took the first three games of the final set, then easily held serve the rest of the way to become the only undefeated player in his Gold Group.

“I Hewitt, Safin, Moya and Costa are in the Red Group. Moya, at 2-0, clinched a semifinal berth on Wednesday.

After three round-robin matches, the top two players in each group advance to Saturday’s semifinals. Hewitt is trying to become the first player since Pete Sampras in 1996-97 to win this event in consecutive years.
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NFL

Peppers suspended 4 games, will appeal

Associated Press

NEW YORK Carolina Panthers rookie defensive end Julius Peppers was suspended for four games by the NFL for violating the league's substance-abuse policy, his agent said.

Agent Marvin Demoff said the league office told him that Peppers had tested positive for a banned substance in a dietary supplement. A source close to Peppers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Peppers did not test positive for steroids.

Demoff said Peppers would appeal the suspension, meaning he can play in Sunday's game against Tampa Bay.

In a statement released together with one from his agent, Peppers said he couldn't discuss the suspension until there's a ruling on his appeal.

"While I would like to provide the fans with more information due to the legal ramifications I cannot comment on the situation and I will not be able to until the appeal process is complete," he said.

Peppers practiced with the Panthers (3-6) on Thursday, but complete," he said.

"We're not looking at it like it's that serious," Fields said. "We're not looking at it like it's that serious," Fields said. "We're playing Tampa Bay on Sunday, and he's playing." If Peppers is suspended for all four games, he would lose $235,000 in salary. He signed a seven-year, $62 million contract in July, the richest deal in team history.

The 22-year-old player was drafted by the Panthers with the No. 2 overall pick in the draft.

Peppers also has a one interception.

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IN BRIEF

Memphis downs Syracuse
For openers, Memphis and Syracuse put a couple of hottest freshmen in the Madison Square Garden spotlight in the first major college basketball game of the season Thursday night, and Jeremy Hunt and Carmelo Anthony shrugged off the pressure. Hunt and Memphis won the freshman showdown 70-63 after letting a 17-point lead melt away as they fell behind by 18 points. Price had all but four of his 19 in the second half. The Crimson Tide opened the second half with a 10-0 run that gave them a 43-25 lead with 13:24 left in the game. Oklahoma went 5-24 with out scoring to start the half, missing six shots and committing turnovers as they fell behind by 18 points. Price finally started to shoot — he was 1-for-2 in the first half — and the Sooners were able to chip away, getting within 60-55 with 1:30 left on a steal and layup by Jabaari Brown. Williams then made two free throws to restore the two-point lead and he answered the next two times Oklahoma scored as well, never letting the Sooners closer than five points. Neither team looked smooth in the first half but Alabama’s defense let it take a 33-25 lead after 20 minutes. Price was never able to get it going on offense and Free picked up the slack with 12 first-half points. This was Alabama’s first victory over Oklahoma in four meetings.

Krzyzewski leaves game
Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski didn’t return to the Blue Devils’ bench for the second half of Thursday night’s exhibition game because of pain in his right leg. The 55-year-old Hall of Fame coach had his right hip replaced March 24, his second hip replacement operation. He was limping badly as he made his way to the locker room at halftime of his team’s game against the EA Sports All-Stars.

Mike Cragg, an assistant athletic director, said Krzyzewski was taken to Duke Medical Center for X-rays. Cragg said Krzyzewski had a checkup on his hip last week, and doctors said he was doing fine.

It was unclear whether Krzyzewski would be admitted to the hospital, a school spokesman said.
The sixth-ranked Blue Devils won 102-74, with top assistant Johnny Dawkins taking over for Krzyzewski.

“T ime to go, and he’s in terrible shape,” Dawkins said. “I think he’s going to be great, but that’s just my instinct. I do know him, and he’s a heck of a fighter, and if there is any chance he’ll be out there, he will.”

Duke opened the regular season Nov. 23 against Army.

Krzyzewski’s hip appeared to lock up as he moved off the bench when point guard Chris Duhon was fouled hard and tumbled to the floor with 8:05 left in the half. Duhon sprawled his left wrist on the play and missed most of the second half.

IN BRIEF

Williams, Crimson Tide surprise Sooners
Mike Walker added 14 points for Alabama and preseason All-America Erwin Dudley had 12 points and eight rebounds. But it was Williams, a sophomore guard, who came up big when the Sooners made their late run. Ehi Ere had 24 points for Oklahoma, while Hollis Price had all but four of his 19 in the second half. The Crimson Tide opened the second half with a 10-0 run that gave them a 43-25 lead with 13:24 left in the game. Oklahoma went 5-24 without scoring to start the half, missing six shots and committing turnovers as they fell behind by 18 points. Price finally started to shoot — he was 1-for-2 in the first half — and the Sooners were able to chip away, getting within 60-55 with 1:30 left on a steal and layup by Jabaari Brown. Williams then made two free throws to restore the two-point lead and he answered the next two times Oklahoma scored as well, never letting the Sooners closer than five points. Neither team looked smooth in the first half but Alabama’s defense let it take a 33-25 lead after 20 minutes. Price was never able to get it going on offense and Free picked up the slack with 12 first-half points. This was Alabama’s first victory over Oklahoma in four meetings.

AND it might’ve provided just a little measure of revenge for Crimson Tide fans — on Sept. 7, in a rare matchup of their football teams, then-No. 2 Oklahoma rallied in the fourth quarter past Alabama 37-27. Memphis beat Syracuse 70-63 in the opening game of the two-day event.

William, Crimson Tide surprise Sooners

NEW YORK

Mo Williams scored 25 points and No. 8 Alabama beat No. 3 Oklahoma 68-62 Thursday night in the season’s first matchup of Top 10 teams.

Both schools had four starters back from teams that won their conference tournaments last season and Oklahoma was coming off an appearance in the Final Four. It looked like the season opener for both, especially Oklahoma, which didn’t get its offense going until the game’s final two minutes.
Ten Tournament Champion surprised,” said Irish coach off in the second round scheduled earlier game. The winners of p.m. or at the conclusion of the Tournament Selection Handy Waldrum. “There are so Irish will then take on the Big round games. Friday’s action a host site for first- and second-Committee named Notre Dame continued from page 24 closer to campus

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MENS SWIMMING

Swimming ventures southwest for meet

By JOE HETTLER
Associate Sport Editor

Notre Dame's men swimming team lost to Air Force earlier this season. So did Texas Christian University, the Irish opponent this weekend.

However, some members of the Notre Dame swimming team don't think that's a good comparison of the two teams. "When we lost to Air Force, it wasn't really comparable to when [Texas Christian] lost to them," freshman Patrick Davis said. "We lost to them at Air Force, which is 7,000 feet above sea level and [Texas Christian] lost to Air Force at home. It kind of makes a difference because of the differences in sea level."

Losing to Air Force may be the only thing that the Irish and Horned Frogs have in common. The team's depth in distance, will to get to this point, is very excited to make another trip this early in the season. So did Texas

Christian has the edge in the sprint meets. Losing to Air Force may be the only thing that the Irish and

Notre Dame is also hoping to get some momentum after beating Michigan State Nov. 8 at home. The Irish have been led by strong performances from the 400-medley team of Jason Fitzpatrick, Frank Krakowski, Doug Bauman and Tim Randolph. The team's depth in the 1000-meter freestyle was noticed against Michigan State, when Notre Dame's Patrick Davis, Matt Berke and J.R. Teddy took second, third and fourth, respectively.

"They are very strong in sprints, but we're strong in distance," Davis said. "We expect to get a lot of points in distance." Davis also added that the team is very excited to make another trip this early in the season. Davis said the freshmen are especially excited. "I'm not used to making these big trips," Davis said. "It's really cool to go across the country and swim against these other teams."

Notre Dame and Texas Christian are both working so hard to get to this point. It's time to start playing the real thing. The Irish will square off against Belmont at 4 p.m. Sunday in the first round of the Guardians Classic. If Notre Dame wins, the Irish face the winners of the Brown-IUPUI game Monday night and automatically advance to the tournament's semifinals next week.

Notre Dame initially decided to hop into the Guardians Classic as a way to add a pair of home games early in the season before the Irish begin a rigorous non-conference schedule. But the tournament gives the Irish a chance to start addressing a pair of problems that surfaced in their first two exhibition games - finding rotation in the post and communicating on defense.

Coach Mike Brey attributes the relative lack of defensive communication to his team's general reserved attitude on the court. But in a defense where players routinely switch on screens, the Irish say they have to start being a little more vocal. "It's just a matter of having a bunch of new faces," Dan Miller said. "We're getting used to playing with each other, and as weeks go on, we'll know where our guys are. Right now, we still have to work on that.

The Irish are also searching for an established rotation in the low-post. Brey played five big men in Notre Dame's final exhibition game. "We're getting used to playing with each other, and who steps forward," Dan Miller said. "We're getting used to playing with each other, and who steps forward."

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MENS BASKETBALL

Irish anxious for first real game

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Now it's for real. After a summer spent sweating in the Joyce Center, three weeks of practice, countless scrimmages and a pair of exhibitions, Notre Dame finally takes the court Sunday for its first regular-season game.

"We can't wait," senior Matt Carroll said. "We've been working so hard to get to this point. It's time to start playing the real thing."

"We can't wait. We've been working so hard to get to this point. It's time to start playing the real thing," Carroll grinned. "For most of our guys, we've got deep range, we're not going to worry about it."

The eight-team Guardians Classic counts as an exempt event. Four teams - Notre Dame, Belmont, Brown and IUPUI - play at the Joyce Center while the other four (Creighton, Texas Arlington, Furman and Alabama State) compete at Creighton's gym. The four winners of Sunday's games advance to the semifinals, held next week in Kansas City. The four losers of Sunday's games play a consolation game Monday before the four winners play to determine seeding in the semifinals.

The way the bracket is designed, the Irish could potentially face Creighton, who upset Florida last season in the NCAA Tournament. "If you run into a Creighton, it would be a good match-up for us," Brey said. "It would be like a Big East game."

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Volleyball

Fourth straight conference title not enough for the Irish

♦ Two wins this weekend will give Irish perfect season in Big East

By MATT LOZAR

Sports Writer

Friday, November 15, 2002

The Observer

The Big East regular season title is in their possession for the fourth straight year, but that isn’t enough.

“With only the top four teams in the Big East qualifying for next weekend’s postseason tournament, the Irish recognize their opponents this weekend are playing for more than usual. "[Miami and Virginia Tech] need to win these games to make the Big East Tournament, so it is do-or-die for them," Kelbley said. "We know that and have to play at a high level." Notre Dame and Miami have never met before tonight's match mainly because Miami's volleyball program wasn’t restored until the 2000 season. The Hurricanes lead the Big East in hitting percentage (.271), assists per game (14.89) and kills per game (16.58). Miami started the season on a 15-game winning streak. The Irish defeated the Hokies last year in the first matchup between the teams. Outside hitter Ana Lang leads Virginia Tech, averaging 3.77 kills per game. Middle blocker Cheryl Simon ranks fifth in the Big East with a 1.25 blocks per game average. After falling to Syracuse in the country in blocks per game, the Irish reclaimed the top spot with six blocks in last weekend's sweep over the Orange. Freshman middle blocker Lauren Kelbley scored eight of six blocks and is ranked sixth nationally with a 1.64 blocks per game average. Having wrapped up a berth in the postseason tournament, the Irish know they could be facing these two teams next weekend in Pittsburgh. Dropping a match to the Hurricanes or Hokies could damage the Irish's aura of invincibility.

"The road trip is not necessarily our hardest, but probably the most important. If we win, it shows that we deserve to win Big East," Kelbley said. "Nothing is more important especially going into the Big East Tournament."

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

McGraw announces signings of top 20 recruiting class

Guard and forward headline 2003 class

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

For the seventh consecutive year, the Irish announced a top 20 recruiting class. On Thursday, coach Muffet McGraw announced that Crystal Erwin and Susie Powers committed to the Irish program.

"It's good for us to continue to have top 20 recruiting classes because that's where we want to be," Muffet McGraw Irish coach

Erwin will be joining the Irish from St. Paul High School in Santa Fe Springs, Calif. The senior forward averaged 22.6 points per game and 14.5 rebounds last season. She holds school records in career points and rebounds. But what McGraw likes best about Erwin is not her 14th national ranking by Blue Star Basketball nor her third all-stater ranking by All-Star Girls Report. Instead, the Irish coach impressed by the depth Erwin will add to the current Irish team. "Crystal (Erwin) brings a lot of things that we really need," McGraw said. "She's a very aggressive player, someone who doesn't back down from anyone. She's physical, she likes a physical game." McGraw noted that Erwin's physical style of play would add a lot to an Irish team that does not play very physical basketball. Erwin, who is expected to play right away for the Irish, could add a new dimension of aggressiveness.

"I don't consider us a physical team," McGraw said. "I think she's somebody that's going to really come down and bodies are going to be flying. That kind of physical is really a good thing." Powers could also add some versatility to the Irish game. The Denver, Colo. native from Highlands Ranch High School is a point guard, but can also play shooting guard or small forward. "Susie Powers is a great passer," McGraw said. "She's going to help us at the guard spot with passing, shooting. She's very intense and she works hard. I think she gives us some versatility." Powers attended the same high school as current Irish sophomore Katy Flecky. The two played together at Highlands Ranch in 2000. McGraw is comfortable that both women will not only bring physical skill to the floor, but will fit in well with the Irish team chemistry. "It was just a great fit," McGraw said, citing the same high school of seven people to be inducted into the Saint Joseph's University Athletics Hall of Fame in Philadelphia this weekend. McGraw played point guard for Saint Joseph's for four years and was team captain in her last two seasons. She set the Hawks' single-season record for steals with 102 in 1976-77.

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**Second season begins**

The Irish womens soccer team hosts the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament while the mens and womens cross country teams try to qualify for the NCAAs.

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**Irish forward Amanda Guertin tries to avoid two Pittsburgh defenders in a match earlier this season. The Irish host Ohio State Friday at 7 p.m.**

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**Irish womens soccer team hosts the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament**

**By JOE LICANDRO**

Sports Writer

The time is now for the Notre Dame womens soccer team.

After a roller coaster, injury-plagued regular season, the Irish are eager to begin their second season against Ohio State this Friday night in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

With a three-week layoff since their last game as a result of not qualifying for the NCAA Tournament, the Irish are eager to begin their season.

The Irish received some great news earlier this week when the NCAA announced the signings of two recruits for her 2003 class.

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**ND WOMENS BASKETBALL**

Head coach Muffet McGraw announces the signings of two recruits for her 2003 class.

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**VOLLEYBALL**

Notre Dame at Miami Friday, 7 p.m.

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**MENS BASKETBALL**

Notre Dame vs. Belmont in Guardians Classic Sunday at 4 p.m.

Irish are eager to begin their season in a tournament at the Joyce Center.

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**MENS SWIMMING**

Notre Dame at Texas Christian Friday, 7 p.m.

Notre Dame at Southern California Saturday, 1 p.m.

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**ROUNDS**

By KATIE McVOY

Associated Sports Editor

Tyronne Willingham made it very clear that he believed Courtney Watson deserved to be a finalist for the Dick Butkus award.

In fact, he felt so strongly about it that during a teleconference on Thursday when Watson was named one of three finalists for the prestigious award, Willingham even suggested renaming the award.

"It would be really kind of appropriate in a sense for me to make the request I’m going to make," Willingham said. "Because I think it would be in Courtney’s honor to almost name the award after him."

Watson joined Maryland’s E.J. Henderson and Oklahoma’s Teddy Lehman as a finalist for the award, which is presented annually to college football’s best linebacker. The winner of the award will be announced Dec. 13 in Orlando.

While Willingham was busy praising Watson’s talent at the linebacker position, Watson was tightly focused on giving credit where he thought credit was due.

"It’s just a credit to my teammates," Watson said. "You can’t be a good player without the guys around you. It’s the redefinition of the players and the philosophy of the coaches."

Watson has been an integral part of a successful Irish defense that is holding its opponents to only 14.5 points per game. The Sarasota, Fla., native leads the team with 81 tackles, eight tackles for a loss and three sacks.

He’s also recorded three interceptions, including an interception that he returned 34 yards for a touchdown against Stanford.

"I think Courtney, first of all, has placed a great deal of respect on his teammates, but I think so much of that should be credited to him because of his leadership," Willingham said.

Being named a finalist for the Butkus award comes near the end of a season that had anything but a pleasant start for the Irish in the Big East Championship, has a shot at automatically qualifying for the NCAA Championships, has a shut at automatically qualifying for the NCAA Championships.

By JOE LINDSLEY

Sports Writer

For both the Notre Dame mens and womens cross country teams, Saturday’s Great Lakes Regional is the race they have been preparing for all season.

The top two teams in both the mens and womens races will automatically qualify for the NCAA Championships, which will be held in Terre Haute, Ind.

The Irish mens squad, ranked fifth nationally and coming off their first ever victory at the Big East Championship, has a shut at automatically qualifying for the NCAA Championships.

The men, on the other hand, are hoping to finish high enough to warrant one of 13 at-large bids to the NCAA Championship.

Both squads have to contend with one of the most competitive regional fields in the nation, with teams such as No. 12 Michigan and No. 19 Michigan State in the mens race. The men will have a

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**Courtney Watson named finalist for Dick Butkus award**

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**Two Irish runners race in the Big East Championships. The Irish are trying to qualify for the NCAA Championships at this weekend’s Great Lakes Regional.**

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**Courtney Watson returns an interception in No. 9 Notre Dame’s 34-24 win over Florida State on Oct. 27.**

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