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Concerns about possible trouble with the city prompted Tracy Clark of Real Estate Management, Lafayette's property manager for Lafayette, and Capi Wanda Shock of the South Bend Police Department to meet with Lafayette residents on Sept. 4. Clark and Shock advised students of policies regarding gatherings.

Dixon said a key misunderstanding occurred at that meeting, leaving residents unclear as to the official rules.

"The police informed tenants that the City was concerned with parties spilling over into the front parking areas of the complex and adjoining streets, and that as long as parties were kept under reasonable control in the back area, there would be no problem," said Dixon.

But the tenants' lease states that outdoor parties are not allowed without the landlord's permission.

"Quite reasonably, the tenants believed the landlord received permission because a representative of the landlord was present when the police gave the OK for parties in the back area," said Dixon. "That understanding was bolstered at the next party when, throughout the evening, police on regular patrol told students to keep their party in the back."

When police issued citations to five guests at the party, which took place two days after the meeting with Shock and Clark, the city decided to take legal action to get its message across to students and landlord.

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No-show delays Jefferson rape suit

By JASON McFARLEY
News Writer

A St. Joseph County Superior Court judge could forge a jury trial and rule in favor of a former Saint Vincent Mary's student who alleged in a lawsuit that a Notre Dame football player Clifford Jefferson raped her last year.

Lawyers for the alleged victim this week asked Judge Jody Pits Minier to enter a default judgment for the woman, according to court records. If Minier approves the motion, it would have the effect of finding Jefferson liable in the civil case and would likely necessitate a need for a trial.

In the meantime, the judge has postponed the trial to Jan. 21.

The trial was to begin Monday, but neither Jefferson nor his attorney for the former Notre Dame corner appeared in court. That's when attorneys for the plaintiff made a motion for default judgment, a tactic commonly used when the opposing party is unresponsive to court dates.

Counsel for the alleged victim first entered a motion for default judgment in September 2001 after
I thought I would take this opportunity to pass down a few words of advice to my junior counterparts.

Last year, my friends and I congratulated ourselves on being masters of the universe after conquering that most difficult of all years, junior year. I had made it through what was supposedly the most difficult philosophy class, my roommate survived public policy and business law. We were, of course, amazed students to have survived such classes and planned to enjoy the fruits of our labor when we stepped onto campus as the ever-powerful, ever-unproductive senior.

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Jefferson had missed filing deadlines and court dates related to the original April 3, 2001, suit against him. On the day of the hearing to consider the motion, Jefferson retained a new lawyer who asked for an extension to file a response to the original complaint.

Recent documents show that Jefferson, who graduated in 2001, is not currently represented by counsel in the pending lawsuit. His last lawyer withdrew in October because he was unable to communicate with his client after Jefferson returned to his native Texas over the summer.

The suit against Jefferson alleges that he raped then-19-year-old Saint Mary's freshman early March 22, 2001, after meeting her at a downtown South Bend bar. It claims Jefferson gave the woman a false name at the bar and later raped her in his car parked on Saint Mary's campus while she was passed out from the effects of alcohol.

The woman went home to Pennsylvania a week after the alleged assault and has not returned to school. She filed suit after a state police investigation found no grounds to pursue criminal charges.

The suit seeks damages for medical bills incurred by the woman and for physical and emotional suffering. It also seeks damages to discourage the alleged assailant from future sexual assaults.

Jefferson has reportedly denied the rape allegation and claimed the sex was consensual.

Four other former Notre Dame football players are awaiting trial early next year on criminal charges that they sexually assaulted a then-20-year-old female University student in March. University officials expelled the men in April for sexual misconduct, and the St. Joseph County prosecutor brought charges against them last summer.

Jefferson had asked for an extension to file his complaint.

"We have been practicing ever since Fall Break and we've put a lot of work into it.

Meghan Harrass
student

Sloane Williams

For 30 years, the Madrigal Dinners have taken place at Saint Mary's, making it a long-standing tradition for the Saint Mary's College Music Department, as well as for the community.

"The Madrigal Dinner is a re-creation of an English Renaissance feast," Menk said.

"During the course of the dinner, there is choral and instrumental music, along with entertainment provided by jugglers, jesters, and various characters."

Throughout the dinner, there are five fanfares to begin each section of the evening's celebration, each fanfare being introduced by trumpets. The First Fanfare welcomes the guests, while the Second Fanfare brings in the Wassail Bowl, or Christmas Punch. The "Boom's Head", along with the rest of the feast, is brought in during the Third Fanfare. The Fourth Fanfare brings in the Figgy Pudding, actually a flaming cheesecake due to the negative reaction to real Figgy pudding tends to invoke. Finally, the Fifth Fanfare introduces the Entertainment.

Participants in the Madrigal Christmas Dinners include the Madrigal singers and actors, all of whom are Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students. The jugglers are Notre Dame graduates. Also, the Andrews University Early Music Ensemble of vocalists imitates as close as possible to the instrumentalists in the production.

This year, Harrass, as designer, puts a lot of work into it. It's been nice, singing traditional songs, since I'm used to singing contemporary pieces. It's really put me in the Christmas mood and has been a lot of fun," Harrass said.

Although very few changes have taken place over the years, Menk looks forward to improvements in this year's dinner.

"Our costume designer, Maggie Baker, has designed new costumes for the food servers and actors. Also, Thomas Boelman, our Set Designer, has improved the set, making many physical changes to the performance," Menk said.

Since past reactions to the Madrigal Christmas Dinners have been highly favorable, Menk said she is confident in the success of this year's production. "The Madrigal Dinner is a well-supported tradition in our community. We sell out every year, which is why we have added a fourth performance on Sunday afternoon."

The Madrigal Christmas Dinners take place in Regina North Lounge, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Sunday afternoon matinee takes place at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are $32.50 and are available only in advance at the Saint Mary's College Box Office, 284-4626. Tickets to attend Friday and Saturday's dinners are sold out. Tickets are still available for Sunday.

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The lawsuit stated
Lafayette posed a risk to the health and safety of the
community and held Taripp
responsible for permitting
illegal activities on their
property.

"We sued the owner of
the property since the peo-
ple creating problems var-
ied from year to year, so
we concluded the place
wasn't managed well," said
Nash.

At Oct. 30 letter from
Dixon explained
the lawsuit and its con-
sequences to
residents.

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Just returned to
renovate, the
party
exposed residents to poten-
tial eviction and fines from
the City ranging from $50
to $2,500.

Some tenants criticized
the letter as harsh and con-
straining, but Dixon said he
just wanted to make sure
students controlled their
future parties since the City
had its eye on them.

To assuage students' fears,
Dixon held a meeting that
clearly clarified the terms of
the lawsuit and address other student con-
cerns. In a letter he wrote
the next day, Dixon
acknowledged that students
were confused about the
policy on outdoor parties.

Since Shock and other
police officers had given
students information that
corroborated the terms of
their leases, Dixon agreed
that it would be unfair to
assess them attorney's fees.

Dixon said the lawsuit did
not apply directly to stu-
dents, but he advised them
to carefully study and abide
by their lease, namely, the
clause that forbids outdoor
parties without prior
approval. The lease, how-

ever, does not define what
constitutes an outdoor
party.

Dixon insisted he and
Matteo were on the stu-
dents' side.

"Some students were
apart and didn't realize
what we had to do to keep
the city at bay, but we
wanted to let them know
that we hear them and
understand where they are
coming from," he said.

"Your landlord has been
called to task by the city as
a result of your party and
parties that have gone on
at the premises in the past.
Your landlord holds you
accountable only for
your violations of the
laws. He's been much
more concerned about
himself, his Oct. 31 let-
ter said.

"The city wants to
see evic-
tions. Nei-
ther your
land-
lord nor I want to see that
happen."

Senior Lafayette resident
Albert Gembara said the
apartments have been sub-
divided in the months after
the lawsuit was filed, although he thought it was
too early to judge the whole
situation.

"It has detracted from the
whole atmosphere. There
are still some random par-
ties but not to the same
extent," he said.

Gembara said he and
other tenants still did not
know what the status of the
lawsuit was and what, if
any, consequences it would
have for them. Overall, he
said his experience at
Lafayette has not lived up
to his expectations.

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the landlord addresses
them, but haphazardly and
unwillingly."

Nash said she is pleased
with the current situation
at Lafayette and thinks the
lawsuit will be resolved
soon.

"I think that the owner of
the complex and the man-
agement have been working
difficult to help everyone
understand what the rules
should be, and I haven't
heard any complaints from
the police department," she
said.

Dixon recently wrote a
letter to the city asking
officials to dismiss the law-
suit without prejudice.

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Winter storm cuts power to 1.6 million homes

Associated Press

More than 1.6 million homes and businesses were without electricity Thursday from Oklahoma to the Carolinas as a deadly snow and ice storm snapped power lines, canceled airline flights and shut down schools and some government offices.

The storm spread freezing rain and up to a foot of snow from the Texas Panhandle to Virginia on Wednesday, then veered up the East Coast on Thursday. It was blamed for at least 17 deaths, mostly from traffic accidents: six in Kentucky, three each in North Carolina and Missouri, two in Arkansas and South Carolina, and one in Tennessee.

"We've got wrecks everywhere," Virginia State Police Sgt. D.A. Shaver said. "We're calling motorists in to handle the influx, but it will get worse before it gets better.

"It isn't fun driving sideways," commissar John Budnick of Massapequa Park, N.Y., said of morning conditions on Long Island. "It's getting worse, too.

Schools were closed Thursday in parts of the Carolinas, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, New Jersey, Tennessee and Kentucky. A few schools closed in Connecticut and New York City's northern suburbs.

The Carolinas were the hardest hit as freezing rain coated trees and power lines.

Duke Power said about 1.2 million customers were blacked out Thursday in North and South Carolina, far surpassing the record number affected when Hurricane Hugo tore through the region in 1989.

The utility said it could be days before electricity is restored.

California Power & Light reported a peak of 466,000 customers without service. Its worst natural disaster was Hurricane Fran in 1996, which knocked out power 791,000 customers.

Other utilities in the Carolinas also had hundreds of thousands of customers without power.

South Carolina Gov. Jim Hodges declared a state of emergency in the afternoon so the National Guard can be mobilized to help Upstate residents.

Some 3,000 stranded travelers spent the night at North Carolina's Charlotte-Douglas International Airport as the snow爱尔计ed flights off to Charlotte, where many US Airways flights transfer and in. Thursday in Dallas, the airport's primary hub.

The storm also played havoc with airline traffic in the Northeast. A Delta shuttle left New York's LaGuardia Airport for Washington on time at 7:30 a.m., but by the time it arrived at Newark Liberty International Airport, New York's Kennedy International reported no delays.

In Raleigh, N.C., the steady cracks of pines and oaks buckled under the weight of ice, sounding like gunshots during hunting season.

Washington threatened to go to war in Iraq, and some flights were canceled at Newark Liberty International Airport, New York's Kennedy International.

On Wednesday, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the United States will provide intelligence to U.N. inspectors to prove allegations that Iraq still holds banned weapons.

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Iraq

Hussein urges Iraqis to support U.N. inspectors

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

President Saddam Hussein urged the Iraqi people on Thursday to support the U.N. inspection team meeting in Baghdad the next day.

"We shall provide them with such a chance," Saddam declared. "That's a question you should ask the U.S. government."

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Associated Press

Israeil tank shell hits building, kills 7: Amid a battle with Palestinian gunmen, an Israeli army tank fired a shell into a two-story building in Bureij refugee camp in the Gaza Strip, killing seven people and wounding at least seven, witnesses and hospital officials said Friday. Israeli troops moved into the camp early Friday with tanks backed by helicopters. The army said it was conducting a targeted operation.

Australia wildfire destroys homes, cars: The worst blazes in a generation raged out of control around Sydney on Friday, forcing hundreds of people to flee their homes as firefighters struggled against the towering flames. Overnight, strong, hot winds fanned more than 60 fires around Australia's largest city, including one in a park just six miles from downtown. Overnight rain in some areas and a change in wind direction failed to extinguish the flames.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Bush to argue Iraq violating U.N. pact: The Bush administration set the stage Thursday for making its case for U.N. Security Council action against Saddam Hussein, contending it has solid evidence that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction. The White House would not say what its evidence might be.

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Asylum denied for Chinese couple

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO

A couple who claimed they fled China to escape threats of forced sterilization and abortion were denied asylum by a federal appeals panel Thursday.

An immigration judge and the Board of Immigration Appeals had earlier said Xu Ming Li and Xin Kui Yu were not eligible for asylum. In an opinion filed Thursday, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed.

The couple's attorney, Michael Karr, said he would advise them to ask the full court to review the decision by the three-judge panel. Karr declined to comment further on the ruling.

Li and Yu, an unmarried couple, fled China in 1998 after officials gave Li a forced pregnancy exam. At the exam, she was held down while a doctor examined her "private parts," Li, then 19, said according to court records.

Li said she was told she would receive similar tests in the future, and if found pregnant, would be subject to an abortion. She said officials told her boyfriend, Yu, then 21, could be sterilized.

"I was so scared. I was making noises," Li said, according to court documents, adding that officials threatened her, "For the rest of your life you cannot have children.

Her exam came after the two were observed spending time together until early hours of the morning, and a man in their village told Li her relations with Yu was "shameful," she said. Li told him to stop interfering, and that she planned to have many babies with her boyfriend.

After the exam, the couple applied for a marriage certificate, but were told they did not meet the minimum marriage age requirements — 20 for females, 22 for males. A few months later Li and Yu heard there was an order for their arrest. They fled to San Francisco, where they claimed they were United States citizens. They later admitted they were citizens of China.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service sought to send them back to China, but Li and Yu applied for asylum.

"We are interested in highlighting that the introduction of the Euro is not simply an economic event."

Anthony Messina
political science professor

The group of panelists includes both Euro-enthusiasts and Euro-skeptics who will cover the range of opinions regarding the Euro currency and its future implications.

The conference was co-sponsored by the European Union, the Graduate School's Office of Research, the Renkels Lectures, and The Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the Keough Institute and the Political Science and Sociology departments. Student interns also assisted with the preparation and organization of the event.

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United scrambles to chart plan

Associated Press

CHICAGO — United Airlines scammed to chart a course through its financial emergency Thursday as its stock went into a free-fall on expectations of a bankruptcy filing, an action its CEO insisted is not a foregone conclusion.

A day after losing its bid for government assistance, United executives met with union leaders, consulted with a key airline ally overseas and tried to shore-up the financing it would need to keep flying in bankruptcy.

Shares in parent UAL Corp. lost two-thirds of their value in response to the Air Transport Stabilization Board’s decision late Wednesday to provide an $1.8 billion loan guarantee.

United lost $1.5 billion in the stock for the session’s first four hours Thursday, while the New York Stock Exchange reviewed UAL’s qualifications to continue being listed. In heavy afternoon trading, shares plunged $12.2, or 65 percent, to $1 — the lowest level in decades.

Standard & Poor’s further downgraded United’s corporate credit rating following the “disappearance of any realistic possibility of paying off deferred debt and avoiding bankruptcy. United, which has about $1 billion in cash, has $920 million in overdue debt obligations.

“The ATSB’s decision will almost certainly lead to a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing by United as soon as United has completed all documents to fund operations while in bankruptcy, S&P credit analyst Philip Bagley said — an opinion echoed by many others.”

United, which is not inevitable. "What we have said is we’re going to consider all of our options and nothing is a foregone conclusion," he told Chicago’s WLS-TV.

He also tried to calm passenger worries, saying the company is “going to be much better for this experience — absolutely no doubt about it.”

The carrier continued negotiations Thursday to secure a $1.5 billion loan in the event that it files for bankruptcy, sources familiar with the matter said.

The so-called debtor-in-possession financing would allow United to continue operations while restructuring under bankruptcy court protection.

The lead lenders involved in the negotiations are J.P. Morgan, Citigroup, Bank One and GE Capital, a unit of General Electric, according to spokespeople who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The ATSB ruling left open the possibility United could seek loan assistance later by presenting an improved business plan.

Industry experts said there’s seemingly no chance anything could be secured immediately, which United needs to avert bankruptcy.

“I can’t imagine them avoiding it unless someone writes them a check for $2 billion,” said analyst Ray Neidl of Blaylock & Partners.

Germany’s Lufthansa, which along with United belongs to the 14-member Star Alliance of airlines, said it was in talks about offering assistance to its embattled partner. But it’s improbable that Europe’s No. 2 carrier could pitch in enough to help United dodge bankruptcy.

If United does file for Chapter 11, its shares would become almost worthless and a bankruptcy court judge overseeing its overhaul could order far steeper cuts than the carrier has proposed.

Analysts say United’s planned 6 percent reduction in capacity next year may be doubled and thousands of additional layoffs are likely from United’s workforce of 83,000, already down from around 100,000 since the Sept. 11 attacks.

Because of the stock plunge, Dow Jones & Co. removed UAL from the Dow Jones Transportation Average and replaced it with United Parcel Service Inc.

Fenought opens first nightclub

Associated Press

Penthouse Magazine plans to license a chain of upscale strip clubs around the country, hoping to cash in on its well-known name and expanding its franchise as magazine sales have slipped.

The first Penthouse Key Club was filled with customers for its grand opening Wednesday in Cleveland, and the chain will open another in Dallas.

Penthouse consultant David "Slim" Baucom said the magazine expects to sign up about 20 strip clubs nationwide over the next two years.

The sponsor, owner of the Cleveland club, said his club had gotten stale and "You have an internationally known name," Spencer said. "It’s known for sex and it’s known for quality and we want to carry that same theme."

Neither Penthouse nor Spencer would discuss financial terms of their partnership, though Spencer said he spent $1.5 million renovating the club, which now has a lavish mirrored entry hall with velvet upholstered stone benches and murals of Greek statues.

The dining areas feature leather booths and wood paneling. Patrons can choose from some of the world’s top champagnes and cognacs, though the primary drink is beer on tap and the menu is mostly burgers and fries.

The Penthouse plan is to open luxurious clubs with food and drink that cater to women and couples as well as men and that add polish to the image of a seedy strip club with plastic seats and watered-down drinks.

"These will be places where you can go and have dinner," said Penthouse spokeswoman Dottie Meyer. "A higher caliber of girls will be dancing, and it will be a more living-room type atmosphere."

The clubs are an attempt by parent company General Media Communications Inc. to extend the Penthouse brand beyond the magazine.
Grand jury to hear N.H. church abuse case

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. A grand jury investigating how the Catholic church handled child sex abuse cases has been scheduled for a special meeting Dec. 13, The Associated Press has learned.

The grand jury has been hearing evidence against the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester for several months. Sources familiar with the case, speaking on condition of anonymity, said a decision on an indictment could come as soon as the meeting next Friday.

While priests have been convicted on sex abuse charges, no diocese ever has been indicted in the United States.

Attorney General Philip McLaughlin would not comment Thursday on the investigation, but would not rule out a settlement.

The grand jury in Manchester is looking at cases dating to the 1960s, which involve nearly 50 priests and more than 100 alleged victims, according to Senior Assistant Attorney General Will Delker. He said the probe has focused on the church's actions, but individuals also could face charges.

Any indictments likely would be misdemeanors brought under the state's child endangerment statute. For an institution, a misdemeanor conviction carries fines of up to $20,000 per offense.

Patrick McGee, spokesman for the diocese, declined to comment. The diocese covers the state.

McLaughlin's office has been investigating whether diocesan officials violated child endangerment laws by transferring from parish to parish priests suspected of molesting children. He has said he planned to finish the investigation before he leaves office on Dec. 18.

Patrick Schiltz, dean of the University of St. Thomas School of Law in Minneapolis, said an indictment of a diocese would be unprecedented. Schiltz, who has represented the church in abuse cases, said he was skeptical about going after the church, rather than individual wrongdoers.

"To go further and indict the Catholic Church in the clergy sex abuse scandal is pretty out there," he said. Delker would not say whether Bishop John McCormack is a target of the investigation.

McCormack, who became bishop of Manchester in 1998, has been accused of ignoring complaints about abusive priests in Massachusetts while he served as one of Cardinal Bernard Law's top deputies from 1984 to 1994.

Tickets are available at the Heartland Box Office, online at www.cc.com, or by calling 1-530-372-7070. All dates, prices and ticket prices subject to change without notice. A service charge is added to each ticket price. A Clear Channel Event.
Health officials said the sickness is common, especially in colder months, and that it is unclear whether there have been more cases aboard cruise ships than usual, or if the latest cases have simply received more attention.

The cruise industry, still recovering from a slump attributed to the weak economy and Sept. 11, has been aggressive in trying to reassure the public. The cruise lines have been quick to note that they have taken steps to control the outbreak.

The latest outbreak is among passengers and crew members of the Oceana, operated by P&O Cruises of Great Britain, according to the CDC. The Oceana, carrying about 200 people on the weekend, received a $205,000 fine from the CDC for failing to report a case of illness, an official said.

Travel agents said they have fielded a flood of questions from people booking a cruise in advance on cruises, but have not seen many customers back out. "Our passengers are still cruising," said Jeanne T. Van Houten, travel agent. "I feel pretty confident that I won’t cancel anything on this trip."

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BRAZIL

6 South American leaders hold trading bloc summit

Associated Press

BRASILIA

Six South American presidents convened a summit of the continent's largest trading bloc Thursday, aiming to work out a timetable for a free trade agreement covering most of the continent.

A key issue at the two-day summit — taking place amid political and economic turbulence in the region — was a schedule for eliminating tariff barriers between the six Mercosur countries and five other South American countries that belong to the Andean Community trading bloc.

Closer cooperation between the two blocs could give South America more muscle in U.S.-led negotiations for the Free Trade Area of the Americas, which would create a free trade zone stretching from Alaska to Patagonia by 2005.

The Mercosur presidents, who met behind closed doors Thursday, were also expected to formalize a plan to allow people to work in member countries and more easily obtain citizenship.

But turmoil distracted from discussions. Financial chaos in Argentina and currency problems in Brazil have dragged the Mercosur region into crisis.

The trading bloc — Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay — has a combined gross product of almost $1 trillion. Chile and Bolivia are associate members.

On Thursday, traders pushed the value of the Brazilian real down to a five-week low of 3.77 to the dollar.

Investors in South America's largest economy are nervous about inflation while firms are having to pay burgeoning debts in dollars. There are also concerns about President-elect Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's delay in appointing key economic officials.

News that Paraguayan president Luis Gonzalez Macchi faces impeachment on charges of corruption sent ripples of concern among delegates at the summit.

Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Lafer underlined that "there is a democratic clause characterizing Mercosur. That means full respect of the democratic rule."

Mercosur has used its power before to ensure that democracy prevailed in Paraguay.

countries that do not comply with the organization's democracy rule face the threat of being expelled from the trade bloc.

Paraguayan President Luis Gonzalez Macchi, who was attending the summit, told reporters Thursday the allegations against him — that he once owned a stolen luxury automobile and mishandled millions of dollars in state funds — were politically motivated and he was ready to face Paraguay's parliament.

Gonzalez Macchi also said the summit's final declaration Friday will address the political crisis in Venezuela and the crisis in Argentina. Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez had intended to sit in on the summit but was forced to cancel because of a general strike at home aimed at ousting him from power.

Venezuela, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru belong to the Andean Community.

Outgoing Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso hosted the summit, but visiting presidents also met with Silva, who takes office Jan. 1.

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Friday, December 6, 2002
The decision of whether to throw out the convictions rests with state Justice Charles Tejada, who is expected to rule by Feb. 6.

The attack on a white 28-year-old jogger, allegedly by a gang of black and Hispanic youths from Harlem, became emblematic of New York City's deep racial divide to the rest of the nation.

District Attorney Robert Morgenthau's recommendation came 11 months after a convicted rapist who had never before come under suspicion in the case confessed. Also, DNA tests confirmed that his semen was on one of the socks the victim was wearing 13 years ago.

Morgenthau stopped short of declaring the five innocent, but said the confession and the tests create "a probability that the verdicts would have been more favorable to the defendants."

And he said no purpose would be served by retrying them.

The five defendants, who were sentenced to life terms ranging from six years to 1/2 years for late 20s and have already completed prison terms ranging from 14 to 16 at the time of the attack, are now mostly in their struggles with crime and race emblematic of New York City's Central Park youths were round-up because of their skin color and suggested police would not have pursued the case so aggressively had the victim been black or Hispanic. Police said all five confessed — four of them on video — and that evidence proved devastating at trial.

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Sharonne Salaam
mother of one freed youth

"We are truly moved by this decision," said Sharonne Salaam, mother of one of the youths. "But we also feel like we've been victimized, like the Central Park jogger. We all feel we were denied justice."

Through a spokesman, the victim declined comment. Despite remarkable recovery from severe brain injuries, she said she remembers nothing of the attack and was unable to help police identify suspects.

The victim was left for dead in a pool of mud and blood on April 19, 1989, after dozens of teenagers descended on the park to mug runners and bicyclists in a crime spree dubbed "wilding." She was in a coma for 12 days.

The randomness of the spree terrified many New Yorkers. It has said she has no doubts the five youths were coerced into bogus confessions by police who kept questioning them for hours. But until January's confession, there seemed to be little chance of overturning the convictions against McCray, Kevin Richardson, Raymond Santana, Kharey Wise and Yusef Salaam.

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Misunderstanding led to lawsuit

Not only was the lawsuit involving Lafayette Apartments a colossal misunderstanding, but it was also an avoidable one. Police told students they could host parties in their backyards. So students did. They kept their parties contained to the backyard and made sure guests stayed out of the parking lots and front yards. Residents did everything police told them to do. But apparently, there weren’t the right things done.

Despite taking these precautions, the city filed a lawsuit against Lafayette’s landlord following the Sept. 6 Kirkhoff Classic party, stating that the apartment complex was a public nuisance.

Students were then told by their landlord they could not, in fact, hold gatherings anywhere outside the apartments, without prior permission from the landlord. The police had mistaken.

As students feared they would be assessed attorney’s fees or be sued themselves, they maintained the confidentiality rules the police asked them to break. The police said one thing. The landlord said another. The students didn’t know who to believe.

If authorities figure want people to respect rules, they must enforce them evenly and make sure they are known, rather than creating additional uncertainty for students. Students should be held to the same rules as any other citizen. If they throw rowdy parties and in effect invite police action, they must deal with the consequences of their actions.

But at the same time, students should be valued just as much as any other South Bend residents. They should be treated with the same dignity as any other apartment tenants. And that means the police and their landlords owe them the respect to communicate with one another, to coordinate what they tell students and to cooperate with each other’s rules and regulations.

If they expect students to obey the law and comply with the terms of their lease, they must make their instructions clear. They need to distinguish between the law and the lease so students know what is permissible under each. Especilly since some behavior is legal but not allowed according to the terms of the leases.

Police, tenants and landlords now have little work to begin to solve this problem. This is a commendable step in the right direction.

Appreciating the holiday season

Turn to page 23 of Notre Dame’s 1974 Dotte yearbook. It shows a picture of two students looking out separate windows in Dillon Hall. On the left is a student flashing the “peace” symbol typical of the Vietnam era, holding two fingers in the form of a “V.” On the right, lurking in the shadows of the window screen and hard to see, is my friend Joe Scarpelli.

It was 30 years ago this month that I, a senior, met the underclassman Joe. We quickly became friends and stayed in touch throughout college and after graduation. But today, he is as ghostly as his image on page 23. We last touched of each other, and for almost 20 years now we have had no contact.

Many years ago, I sent Joe a Christmas card containing a three-page note. It was returned with the address unknown. Today it sits in a drawer waiting for another sending, but without a hope of ever being sent. Despite all of the Internet tracking technology and Notre Dame databases, Joe has been lost.

This yearbook is one of a limited reminders I have of a good friendship dissolved. I think back to the holiday decorations I had on my dormitory door during those long, lost days at Notre Dame. Twinkling lights, probably banned in the dorms today, surrounded an irreverent Santa with his slightly impaired reindeer, each of which held various alcohol and drug paraphernalia. Today I feel like Scrooge peering with the Ghost of Christmas Past at my boyhood campus.

All of us have pictures of yesterday’s Christmas era. My family has boxes full of World War II era photographs featuring most of my deceased relatives. I wonder if those days were as warm as the memories the photographs instill in me today. They give me an incentive to appreciate this holiday season before it unfolds so my digital photographs will mean more in years to come.

This season is like the calm before the storm, both politically and economically. We have a president intent upon starting war with Iraq regardless of the findings of United Nations’ inspectors. With it come casualties both American and otherwise. How many of those who are nearing the end of their lives on earth are exercising a special effort to appreciate the events of this month?

Throughout the world, families are preparing to celebrate this holiday season. For some, they will lose a loved one before they can celebrate together. For others, this will be the last holiday they will celebrate with their families. Are any of them making a personal effort to celebrate as though it was their last? It is easy for us to ignore global politics while focusing on our personal lives. It is easy for us to limit our sights on what immediately affects us. Without considering how delightful that experience may be in relation to others. It is difficult for us to separate each day and live it with the memories the photographs instill in us.

This writer has no magic formula for appreciating life other than to be aware of the moment as it unfolds. Having lost my father two years ago, I can look back and appreciate various moments we shared together. In hindsight, I would have savored those moments more intensely as they occurred rather than just have “attended” those times. And while today I still have such incredible memories and experiences, I have learned to intensify my personal attention in my contemporary life.

In the spirit of the holiday season from brown-tinted photographs of the Civil War, black and white photographs of soldiers during World War II or colored photographs of Notre Dame in 1974, we make our existence meaningful through our appreciation of events as they unfold throughout our lives. Make this month as meaningful as it is for us. Some days, it may only be a blurred image in next year’s springbook.

Gary J. Caruso
Capital Comments

Should University employees be allowed to unionize?

NO 28% YES 72%

*Poll appears courtesy of NDToday.com and is based on 280 responses.

NDToday/Observer Poll Question

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“When we remember we are all mad, the mysteries disappear and life stands explained.”

Mark Twain
writer
Defending a BCS berth

First, I would like to thank Mr. Leach for his compliments to Notre Dame in his Dec. 5 letter. I am surprised that you would wish to applaud the University of Iowa for their football season. I feel, however, that Mr. Leach has chosen the wrong target in his effort to ensure that Iowa plays in a major BCS bowl.

The first target that Mr. Leach misses is the Bowl Championship Series itself. The premise of Mr. Leach's article is that the best college football teams should play for major BCS bowls. That is arguably a fine idea, but it is not the system that the conferences and Notre Dame are黄昏. The system could have sent the top eight ranked teams in the BCS rankings to the major bowl games, but instead decided to have automatic bids for conference champs and at-large bids left largely to the discretion of the individual bowl games.

Perhaps Mr. Leach should be writing to the Florida State school paper, and imploring a four-loss Seminole team to decline their automatic bid. No matter how the at-large bids are distributed, Florida State will be the least deserving team in a major BCS bowl.

The second target that Mr. Leach misses is the Big Ten. The Big Ten conference has an automatic berth in a major BCS bowl. Iowa did not receive this berth for two reasons. First of all, they lost to a 7-6 Iowa State team. Second, and more importantly, the Big Ten schedule this year did not have Iowa play Ohio State. Had the two teams played, the whole situation would be averted. If Iowa had won, they would have gone to a major BCS bowl. If Ohio State won, Iowa would have two losses and would not go to a major BCS bowl.

Mr. Leach also fails to note that Notre Dame played one of the hardest schedules in the country, playing five teams ranked in the top 25, to Iowa's two. He also fails to mention that the Big Ten is currently trying to bribe the Orange Bowl into selecting Iowa. Were Notre Dame to engage in such behavior, I am sure Iowa fans would be the first to criticize.

Iowa had a very good football season. If they don't end up in a major BCS bowl, it will be because of the system their conference agreed to and because of their conference's poor scheduling. Notre Dame is responsible for neither, and should accept an invitation to a major BCS bowl if it is offered.

Racism is a social problem

We wish to quickly respond to the Dec. 4 letters written by Barry Baumaugh and Andrew Henrick. Both express typically closed-minded white responses to racism fostered within a culture still seething with an undercurrent of white supremacy. As to Baumaugh's argument that we should define racism strictly according to the dictionary, we ask if Baumaugh (associated with the Physics Department) would accept that physics terms can adequately be defined by Webster's. If so, we do not need a physics department at all, we only need the good book of Webster's. Race and racism affect our daily lives just as does physics, and so the process of continual study and redefinition of the terms of racism is no less justified.

In Henrick's column, we see an appeal to a Webster's dictionary definition from 1936. Effectively, this is a definition of racism that was written by white men back when the denial of restaurant service to blacks was considered a white man's moral duty in parts of this country. We argue that such definitions are permanently good because of the context in which they were developed. Also, Henrick asks why we view only societies as racist. We do not; we also acknowledge that individuals functioning within and supporting the racist social structures are racists. Racism is defined as participation within that racist social structure. By structure designed to consolidate power for only one race. Therefore, while non-white people are discriminate based on race, when they do so, they do not participate in the racist social structure and are, therefore, not acting racist. This, however, is not to say that race discrimination is ever permissible.

We thank both men for speaking up and presenting their feelings. Yet, we ask that they and other people (white and non-white) viewing race through archaic status quo analyses might take some time to think about these new, more complete definitions of racism.

Reconsidering issues about Church scandals

I agree with Robert Davidson's Dec. 2 letter that stated that homosexuals should not be barred for the Church scandals. I also agree with him that our society has failed to act as true shepherds and have been complicit in grave evil.

This letter is not my first, and I found his letter a bit troubling for a number of reasons. First, we can agree that homosexuals are not to blame for the current crisis in the Church, without disregarding the facts as they exist on the ground. As a descriptive matter, the sexual abuse involved in the current scandals has been predominantly homosexual. The victims have been largely young teenage males. Whether this indicates that homosexuals are more apt to abuse is a different question.

Nevertheless, we should not allow a false notion of tolerance to cloud our vision of the actual facts as they stand. The abuse involved in this crisis has been primarily homosexual.

Second, though his words indicate differently, to be charitable to a young man studying to serve our Church as a priest, I assume that Davidson takes seriously the Church's teaching on sexuality and homosociality in particular. Those who experience same-sex attraction are experiencing desires which are not to be narrowly dismissed. That is, they desire something which is by its very nature disordered. That is, they desire something which is by its very nature disordered. That is, they desire something which is by its very nature disordered.

The Church's teaching is true, which Davidson and I believe it to be, then such desires might make one more apt to engage in disintegrative behavior including the abuse at issue in the current crisis.

Third, it is true that if the Church had been more faithful to her teachings, this scandal would not be gripping the Church. But Davidson's analysis seems to be way off the mark.

He cites Vatican II's push for decentralization. Though such a push might be found in the pages of the National Catholic Reporter and the writings of Father McBrien, it is unclear where the impetus for such structural reform is in the actual documents of that Council.

Pope John Paul II, Incidentally, a father to his flock, has been offering an authoritative interpretation of Vatican II for these last 24 years. That interpretation is one that promotes a radical service to the truth and the life, the part of the priesthood of the episcopacy, a flowering of lay movements, an understanding that every Catholic is called to holiness, a realization that Christ reveals to us his true path which is radical service to God and others, and a deepening sense of Christ's presence in everyday life.

Our bishops have failed to remain faithful to that authentic vision. By acting as corporate CEO's protecting their turf and failing to act as fathers, they have truly failed Christ and us all.

Our priests have committed grave sin and failed to live their sexuality as a positive gift to the Church. The human carnage left in the wake of these failings is almost unbearable.

But, note that none of this has to do with failing to decentralize or giving up "power." It has everything to do with a failure to realize that authority is not synonymous with power or power but rather with radical service to God and others. It is not synonymous with authoritarianism, which will only come from being open to the truth and letting him lead us wherever he desires.

Tona Boyd
McGloss Hall
Shamus Robb
off-campus
Dec. 6

Coneor Dugan
Notre Dame Law School
off-campus
Dec. 5
Above, a sobbing Horatio (junior Tom Conner) holds a dying Hamlet (third-year law student Matt Holmes). To the left, feigning insanity, Hamlet confounds Lord Polonius (senior Jeff Eyerman). Below, Ophelia (junior Meg Ryan) loses her mind to a broken heart.

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Hidden deep within the bowels of DeBartolo Hall, the majesty of Shakespeare's "Hamlet" electrified the too often stagnant air of an often under-occupied classroom as the Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company brought the 400 year-old text to life Thursday night. With a collection of some of the most talented actors the University has to offer, the NSRSC expertly tackled one of Shakespeare's most complicated plays.

When young Prince Hamlet (third-year law student Matt Holmes) returns home to Denmark upon news of his father's untimely death, he finds that his uncle, Claudius (senior Dan Fisher), has taken the throne and married his mother, Gertrude (junior Katy Kertez).

But it soon becomes clear that there is more than meets the eye to the king's death. Hamlet is visited by the ghost of his father (freshman Ceschinio Brooks-DeVita) who reveals that his death was no accident and implores the prince to revenge his murder.

The disturbed prince feigns insanity to discover whether the specter's words are true. He convinces a traveling troupe of actors to perform a revised version of a play that suggests that Claudius murdered his brother. When the king becomes agitated, Hamlet and his best friend Horatio (junior Tom Conner) are convinced of his guilt and Hamlet vows to take down the king.

But Hamlet's single-minded vengeance costs the life of the woman he loves, Ophelia (junior Meg Ryan), whose brother, Laertes (Adel Hanash), vows to make Hamlet pay at any cost in turn. The situation quickly spirals out of control, fatalistically marching toward one of the bloodiest and tragic finales in Western literature.

"Hamlet" is considered by many to be Shakespeare's most difficult and most beautiful play. Some have contended that the show is, in fact, the single best play in the Western tradition. The Not-So-Royal cast and director senior JJ Marler immediately realized the enormity of producing the show.

"The expectations when people come to see 'Hamlet' are so high that you have to know that you are going to get a great cast and great group of people to work around you," Marler said.

And Marler got exactly what he wanted. About half of the cast members are long-time veterans of the NSRSC, all having worked on three or four of the Company's previous shows. The other half of the cast making their debuts with the NSRSC had a strong foundation to build on. The cast also had a protracted rehearsal period of three and a half months to prepare the show.

"The cast started to gel right away because they've been on stage many times together ... Some cast members started showing real chemistry on day one," Marler said.

The cast's hard work pays off in spades. Holmes captivates the audience with his portrayal of Hamlet, tapping into the deepest recesses of the character's turbulent thoughts to create one of the most amazing showcases of acting skill in a dramatic production at the University in recent memory.

He plays the role with passion and truth, embodying a Hamlet that is both tortured and pure. He dominates the
Above, Hamlet confronts his mother (junior Katy Kertez) about her role in his father's deceitful murder.

To the right, Hamlet parleys with the fratricidal king Claudius (senior Dan Fisher).

Below, the volatile Laertes (junior Adel Hanash) demands to know the circumstances of his sister's demise from Claudius.

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Thrashers’ Dafoe loses 4-3 in return to Boston

Associated Press

Byron Dafoe’s return to Boston wasn’t any better than his departure.

Dafoe made 36 saves and held Boston scoreless for two periods but Glen Murray scored his 16th goal of the season at 1:53 of overtime to lift the Bruins to a 4-3 victory over the Atlanta Thrashers.

Dafoe (2-2-0) made his first start against the Bruins since signing with Atlanta on Nov. 20. It was his second career start against Boston.

“It was kind of weird, but it was good to get it over with,” Dafoe said. “This was the one game I had to be leery of, I’m glad it’s over.”

The Bruins had their eight-game home-unbeaten streak snapped Monday in a 4-0 lost to St. Louis, but they returned to the win column when Murray scored his second goal of the game.

The power-play tally came after a tripping penalty to Mike Weaver behind the Atlanta goal.

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Saddam's son torturing athletes

♦ Group says Iraq's Olympic athletes are being tortured

Associated Press

GENEVA

A human rights group formally demanded that the IOC expel Iraq's national Olympic committee claiming its chief - Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's eldest son Uday - tortured and jailed athletes who failed to please him.

Indict, based in London, said it had lodged a complaint against the Iraqi body with the Ethics Commission of the International Olympic Committee. It said it had included witness statements and United Nations reports.

"Iraq has violated every single provision of the IOC Code of Ethics," said Charles Forrest, chief executive of Indict. "The IOC should have investigated this on its own. Now I hope it will be forced to."

IOC officials said they were aware of the complaint but were unable immediately to comment because they had yet to receive the document.

Indict said Uday once made a group of track athletes crawl on newly poured asphalt while they were beaten, and ordered that some be thrown off a bridge. It also alleged he ran a special prison for sportsmen who offended him.

"The Iraqi committee is the only Olympic committee in the world with its own prison and torture chamber," said Ann Clywd, a British lawmaker who is Indict's chairwoman. "To allow (it) to participate in the Olympic movement is to mocking all of the Olympics' high principles."

The Iraqi committee also participated in the looting of Kuwait during Saddam's 1990-1991 occupation of that country and continues to run front companies that are used to dump U.N. sanctions, Indict claimed.

Indict was set up in 1997 to try to get Saddam and leading members of his regime brought before an international tribunal on charges of crimes against humanity.

Forrest said Indict had compiled testimony from exiled former Iraqi sportsmen, evidence from United Nations human rights investigators and media reports to build its case to the IOC.

Indict had had difficulty collecting evidence from former athletes because they often were living as refugees in the West and wanted to avoid publicity because they were afraid family members who still live in Iraq would be harmed, Forrest said.

He said the IOC should look again at how it tackles violations of Olympic ethics by the national committees.

"The ethical standards the code establishes are not equipped to deal with things like torture or running a prison," he said.

IOC officials noted the organization previously suspended Afghanistan's national committee because it is in effect a很满意 Taliban regime barred women from sports.

Iraq was investigated in 1997 by the international soccer governing body, FIFA, after allegations members of the Iraqi national squad were tortured because they lost a key match.

FIFA spokesman Andreas Herren said two officials were sent to Iraq, where they interviewed members of the Iraqi Football Association. Twelve players also were interviewed and physically examined.

"They weren't able to find any evidence or any witness to confirm those allegations," Herren said.

But, he added, "We were quite conscious of the fact that our investigative resources were very limited. We are a non-governmental organization and there are limits to what we could achieve."

But Clywd said the FIFA inquiry was a "disgraceful whitewash."

"You can't expect athletes interviewed in Iraq to commit suicide by telling the truth. The IOC must deal with these allegations of torture and corruption in a much more serious manner," she said.
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Expos superstars might be on the trading block

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Bartolo Colon, Javier Vazquez and Vladimir Guerrero might be available for the right price.

The Montreal Expos have concluded they will have to shed some payroll in 2003 to keep to the budget given them by the commissioner's office.

Expos general manager Omar Minaya began calling other GMs, telling them to think about proposals to bring

to the winter meetings, which start Dec. 13 in Nashville, Tenn.

Montreal president Tony Tavares said the team had begun talking about possible trades and about extensions with the agents for Guerrero and Colon, both eligible for free agency after the 2003 season.

"Omar is looking at the landscape right now to see what's out there," Tavares said. "You have to look at what all the alternatives are."

Montreal, sold by Jeffrey Loria to the other 29 teams last winter, is operated by the commissioner's office, which is exploring a possible sale before the 2004 season. The Expos had a $38 million payroll last season, and keeping the same group together probably would result in a $50 million payroll next year, the team estimates.

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Minaya declined comment, and commissioner Bud Selig didn't return a telephone call seeking comment.

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NFL

Supreme Court paves way for new Cardinals' stadium

Associated Press

PHOENIX

The Arizona Supreme Court has cleared the way for construction work to begin in earnest on the Arizona Cardinals' new stadium.

Brad Parker, a spokesman for the Tourism and Sports Authority, said a decision announced also gives the go-ahead to Cactus League baseball projects in Phoenix and Surprise and construction of a new youth sports facility.

The Supreme Court without comment denied a petition for review of an Aug. 27 decision in which a Court of Appeals panel ruled that the law that created the TSA was constitutional. The decision upheld a lower court's ruling from November 2001.

A lawyer for west Phoenix developer John P. Long declined comment and a spokesman for Long did not immediately return a call for comment.

While rejecting most of the arguments in Long's challenge, the Court of Appeals did eliminate the TSA's ability to use income taxes from Cardinals employees and their spouses that are not directly related to football to pay for the $355 million stadium.

It also prohibited the authority from pledging state general fund money to secure bonds for the project.

Long sued after land he offered as a site for the stadium was declared it a potential hazard for planes at Phoenix's nearby Sky Harbor International Airport.

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Though work will begin sooner, "we're looking to a formal groundbreaking after the turn of the year," he said.

The Supreme Court's action was "a big, giant step forward in making the stadium a reality," said Michael Bidwill, Cardinals vice president and general counsel and son of team owner Bill Bidwill.

"Despite the pleas of a variety of community leaders who went in to visit with Mr. Long, he decided to take it to the Supreme Court, so it's taken four months of the case court, Parker said.

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Monday Night Football creator found dead

Associated Press

NEW YORK
Roone Arledge, a pioneering television executive at ABC News and Sports responsible for creating shows from Monday Night Football to Nightline, died Thursday. He was 71.

Arledge died at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, spokesman Jeffrey Schneider said. The cause of death was complications from cancer. ABC News reported.

"Roone changed the face of television sports coverage with Wide World of Sports in the early 1960s and the production of the Olympic games," said longtime broadcaster Jim McKay.

Although he retired in 1998, Arledge's far-reaching influence can still be seen on TV; when a slow-motion replay is shown at a sporting event, Arledge's far-reaching influence can still be seen on TV.

When Peter Jennings reads the news or when a sportscaster criticizes a player, Arledge was single-handedly credited with bringing modern production techniques to sports coverage, then building ABC News into a power during the 1980s. For a decade, he was president of the sports and news divisions at ABC.

The 36-time Emmy winner was cited as one of the 100 most important Americans of the 20th century by Life magazine in 1990.

"Roone Arledge revolutionized television and with it the way people see and understand the world," ABC News President David Westin said in a statement. "He was our leader and our friend, and we will miss his passion and his will to make us all better than we were.

Roone Pinecky Arledge was born July 8, 1931, and reared on Long Island. The Columbia College graduate joined ABC Sports as a producer in 1960 after a five-year stint at NBC.

Appealing to his bosses to bring showbiz to sports, the 29-year-old was given control of ABC's NCAA football broadcasts. Through the 1960s, he introduced innovations taken for granted today: slow-motion and freeze-frame views, instant replays, hand-held cameras and the placement of microphones to bring the sound of the game into living rooms.

In addition to all the technical innovations, McKay said Arledge was never more remembered for "putting the focus on the human being involved in sports.

In 1961, Arledge created "ABC's Wide World of Sports," one of the most popular sports series ever, and coined its tag line — the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat.

Arledge, who became president of ABC Sports in 1968, supervised coverage of 10 Olympics from 1964 to 1988, including the memorable 1972 games in Munich disrupted by a terrorist attack in which a somber McKay delivered the news of the deaths of the Israeli athletes. Arledge expanded Olympics broadcasts beyond the competition by including personal profiles of athletes, a style echoed today since his protege, Dick Ebersol, runs NBC Sports.

He was the first to demand that networks, not sports leagues, approve announcers — a philosophy that led to his hiring of Howard Cosell, the abrasive New Yorker who was probably the most famous sportscaster ever.

"His intuitive genius, that sixth sense that told him what would or wouldn't play on television, was never more apparent than when we first worked together in the 1960s," Cosell wrote in his autobiography "I Never Played the Game."

Monday Night Football, still a staple on ABC's prime-time schedule, was brought to the air by Arledge in 1976.

When Sports Illustrated in 1994 selected 40 individuals with the greatest impact on sports over the previous 40 years, Arledge was third behind Muhammad Ali and Michael Jordan.

The reaction was harsh, though, when Arledge was selected in 1977 to restructure ABC's struggling news division — while still running sports.

"People in news were outraged that I hadn't been a reporter or worked my way up," McKay recalled. "The newspaper articles were brutal," he later recalled.

Critics thought he would turn the division into ABC's Wide World of News. ABC created, after disastrous starts, the newsmagazines 20/20 and Prime Time Live under his watch. He lured David Brinkley to ABC and installed him on This Week, reviving the Sunday political talk genre.

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Nevin wouldn’t waive clause for Griffey trade

Associated Press  
SAN DIEGO

The Cincinnati Reds and San Diego Padres agreed to trade Ken Griffey Jr. for Phil Nevin last weekend but the deal died when Nevin wouldn’t waive his no-trade clause.

Nevin said that he told Padres general manager Kevin Towers that he wants to stay in San Diego, where he resurrected his career in 1999 after arriving as a backup catcher in a spring training trade with Anaheim.

"I let them know that’s where I want to be," Nevin said by cell phone from Las Vegas, where he was golfing with Padres manager Bruce Bochy. "I just don’t really want to talk about it, honestly. I’m staying in San Diego and we’ll just take it from there.

Those are things that are supposed to be left between the teams."

Towers said he had no comment.

A baseball source familiar with the proposed deal, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed that the teams agreed to the swap over the Thanksgiving weekend.

Griffey has been bothered by injuries the past two seasons, spending 1 1/2 months at Class AAA Portland.

"Clearly, Cincinnati would not be one of those," Axelrod said.

"Nevin was the top pick overall in the June 1992 draft, by Houston, but developed a reputation as a hothead and loose cannon late in late September, angering Towers and Rochy."

Nevin’s agent, Barry Axelrod, wondered why the Padres would even discuss a Nevin trade in the first place.

"There never could have been a deal, at least from our point of view," Axelrod said.

"There was no trade clause in the $34.5 million, four-year contract extension Nevin signed in November 2001. That extension kicks in with the 2003 season.

But with Nevin again vacating third base in favor of Sean Burroughs, he’s apparently become the target of trade talks. Nevin is expected to play right field.

Last spring, Nevin moved from third to first, and first baseman Ryan Klesko moved to right field so the rookie Burroughs could play third.

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NBA

Stoudamire pleads innocent

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore.
Portland Trail Blazers guard Damon Stoudamire has plead
ed innocent to a misdemeanor marijuana possession charge
related to a traffic stop in Washington state last month.
Teammate Rashard Wallace was expected to do the same.
Stoudamire entered his plea in documents filed in Lewis
County District Court, accord ing to his Portland-based
attorney, Steve House. He and Wallace had been scheduled to
enter pleas Friday on the charges.
Wallace was not expected to appear in court but also plead
innocent through documents, as is the custom in misde
meanor cases in Lewis County, House said.
County prosecuting attorney Jeremy Randolph did not
immediately return phone messages from The Associated
Press seeking comment. Wallace’s Seattle-based attor
ney, David Buley, also did not return messages.
After workouts Thursday morning at the Trail Blazers’
practice facility, Stoudamire said he could not talk about
the matter. Wallace did not comment.
Stoudamire already has legal troubles related to the Feb.
23 discovery of marijua
na at his Lake Oswego home.
Stoudamire and his father
were charged with felony pos
session of marijuana, but the
charges against his father
were dropped. In August, a
district attorney, Steve Houze. He and
judge declared the search ille
gal and rejected a prosecution
request to use the marijuana
as evidence. That ruling has
been appealed.
Late last month Wallace,
Stoudamire and driver Edward Smith of Portland
were stopped on Interstate 5
north of Centralia, Wash., for
speeding. The group was
returning after a Trail Blazers
game against the Seattle
SuperSonics.
A search of the vehicle turned up a small amount of
marijuana, police said. Misdemeanor possession is
punishable with a fine of up to
$1,000 and up to three months
in jail.
Afterward, Stoudamire and
Wallace appeared in a brief
news conference, where they
apologized for the incident.
Stoudamire’s plea comes the
same week that prosecutors in
Oregon’s Washington County
decided not to pursue felony
domestic abuse charges
against Blazers’ forward
Ruben Patterson.
Wallace had been scheduled to
appear in court but also plead
charges.
Monday, Shannon
Patterson went to Washington
County prosecutors and said
she did not wish the prosecu
tion to proceed with the case.
District Attorney Bob
Hermani announced a day later
that Patterson would not
face formal charges because
of a lack of evidence.
The Trail Blazers could take
their own disciplinary action
against Patterson.
“We’re still gathering infor
mation, sorting through what
the options are, and when we
come to a decision, we’ll cer
tainly tell you,” team general
manager Bob Whitlait said.
Patterson apologized to
Blazers’ fans in his first public
comments made before
Portland was routed 103-88
by the Dallas Mavericks
Wednesday night.
“It’s a family matter, and I’m
going to take care of it and
move on,” Patterson said.
Everybody knows I’m not a
bad person.”
NCAA FOOTBALL

Franchione accepts Texas A&M position

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas Dennis Franchione left Alabama after only two seasons to take over as the new coach at Texas A&M.

Erlie Nye, chairman of the Texas A&M board of regents, confirmed Franchione agreed to deal with the Aggies.

Franchione leaves Alabama less than a year after the school hit this year with harsh NCAA sanctions. He replaces R.C. Slocum, who was fired Monday after the Aggies’ 50-20 loss to Texas closed out a 6-6 season.

Texas A&M scheduled a news conference for 9:30 a.m. EST Friday to announce the hire.

The 51-year-old Franchione and new Aggies athletic director Bill Byrne landed in a private jet at A&M on Thursday afternoon and stroked a crimson carpet that had the Aggies’ logo on it.

Franchione brushed past reporters saying, “I’ll talk to all of you tomorrow.”

Byrne also declined to answer questions.

Franchione — 25-11 at TCU from 1998-2000 and 17-8 in two years at Alabama — had been noncommittal on his plans in recent weeks.

He dismissed reports in Texas newspapers that he would be the Aggies’ new coach and called one “idiotic.”

He said he had “never wavered” on his intentions to return to Alabama next season but never promised he would stay.

“The first week they brought it up, he was just like, ‘Don’t worry about it. Just focus on the game.’” Alabama center Alonzo Ephraim said. “That’s just his personal life. I don’t think it will hurt our program.”

Mike McKenzie, who edits Franchione’s Web site, said Thursday that Franchione told him he planned to have the position coaches notify the Crimson Tide players and he wouldn’t return to meet the team.

Franchione’s deal caps a tumultuous week at A&M, beginning with Slocum’s firing and the hiring of Byrne on Tuesday.

Nye said the school and Franchione had agreed to many terms of a contract, including duration and salary.

The A&M board of regents has proposed a five-year contract for Franchione to take over the Aggies’ football program, the Houston Chronicle reported.

The offer to Franchione was believed to be worth $10 million to $11 million.

Despite a 10-3 record this season, Alabama isn’t eligible for a bowl game because it is on NCAA probation due to recruiting violations that took place before Franchione was hired.

Franchione met for about three hours Wednesday with Alabama athletic director Mal Moore and members of the Alabama board of trustees, then left without commenting.

Franchione canceled speaking engagements Wednesday night in Columbus, Ga., and on Thursday in Montgomery, Ala.

Moore said he granted A&M officials permission to talk to Franchione but wanted the coach to stay with the Crimson Tide.

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PGA TOUR

Furyk’s ‘boring’ 64 takes lead

Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. Jim Furyk had a boring round compared to Tiger Woods and Davis Love III, which was fine by him in the Target World Challenge.

While both Woods and Love went eight consecutive holes without a par, Furyk picked his spots at Sherwood Country Club and avoided costly mistakes, which was the best way to move up the leaderboard — and stay there — on a good day for scoring.

“You can make a bunch of birdies, but it’s also a course where you can make a bunch of mistakes,” Furyk said. “If you can eliminate those bad holes, which is difficult, you can shoot a really round.”

That’s what stopped Woods (69) and Love (66).

Woods, the tournament host and defending champion of the $3.8 million exhibition, reached the 15th hole and looked over at a large scoreboard.

“Have to shoot 10 under just to keep up,” he said under his breath.

Instead, he was running in place, answering every birdie with a bogey, and vice versa.

After a par on the opening hole, Woods didn’t make another par until he missed a 5-foot birdie putt on the 10th. He really got it going in the middle of his front nine with four straight birdies that pulled him within two strokes of the lead, then hit into the hazard off the ninth tee and had to get up-and-down for a bogey.

“They were absolutely perfect conditions. Just look at the board,” Woods said, noting that only four players in the 16-man field failed to shoot par or better. “You just knew you had to take it low today.”

The good news? “I didn’t shoot myself out of the tournament,” he said.

Neither did Love, who had the most entertaining round of them all with nine birdies and an eagle. His problem was Love had only four pars.

Good day or bad day?

“If I like making that many birdies,” Love said. “If you miss it any place on this golf course, you can make a big number.”

His biggest came at the par-3 15th, when his ball came up just short in a mixture of grass and rocks. Love had a decent lie, but was worried about hitting the rocks with his club and wound up advancing the ball only a few inches and wound up with a double bogey.

“I should have gotten it out,” he said. “Just chickened out.”

It’s hard to blame a guy for not wanting to get injured, not in a tournament that pays $1 million in the winner and $130,000 for last place. And with the start of the 2003 PGA Tour season — the money that counts — only a month away.

The other secret to low scoring was lack of sleep. Furyk, Price and Harrington — the top three guys on the leaderboard — were all in South Africa last week for the Nedbank Challenge.

“I knocked some of the rust off,” Furyk said.

He played with Chris DiMarco, who knocked the ball all over Sherwood — eight birdies to go with a bogey and a double bogey that put him at 67 with David Toms and Retief Goosen.

Phil Mickelson played the par 5 even par — two bogeys and a double bogey when he hit a 6-iron for his second shot on the 522-yard 11th hole. He was at 66, and gets to play with Woods on Friday.

After going 18 months without playing together, this will be the fifth time in their last eight rounds that Woods and Mickelson — Nos. 1 and 2 in the world — get to spend quality time inside the ropes.

That makes more cameras, which isn’t good news for Woods.

On Sunday in the Skins Game, a man without media credentials clicked a camera during Woods’ swing out of a bunker on the final hole with $200,000 on the line. Caddie Steve Williams removed the camera and dropped it into a pond.

On Thursday, a photographer clicked as Woods stood over a 6-foot eagle putt. He paused but didn’t yell, and missed the putt.

“It was early enough that I was OK,” he said. “I just missed it.”

Williams didn’t leave the camera into the Sherwood forest, he simply asked the photographe in a strong voice not to do it again.
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MAC Championship

- Toledo at Marshall: 2-30 p.m., ESPN
- Western Michigan at Ohio: 3 p.m., ESPN2
- Syracuse at North Carolina State: 5 p.m., CBS

New York Mets acquire Glavine

Glavine had spent 18 years with the Atlanta Braves, winning two Cy Young Awards and posting a 2.96 ERA this year. For more than a decade, Tom Glavine helped put the Atlanta Braves on top. Now, he'll try to topple them.

Glavine, the most sought-after pitcher on the open market, reached agreement with the New York Mets on a three-year contract, his agent said Thursday night.

The Associated Press reported that the deal includes a vesting option which could make the deal worth $42.5 million.

IN BRIEF

Arizona tight end arrested for marijuana possession

A two-time Cy Young Award-winner for the Atlanta Braves, free-agent lefthander Tom Glavine is going where the interest and the money are in the New York Mets. Glavine could sign a deal worth up to $42.5 million.

Arizona's 52-41 victory over California this season, a week after Mackovic had criticized his play. A passenger, Max Necochea, 22, of Mission Viejo, Calif., also was arrested on drug and unlawful use of weapons charges. Police said the marijuana has a street value of about $150,000.

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The New Brunswick Amateur Hockey Association filed a statement in court Thursday calling a father's lawsuit against the league scandalous and frivolous.

Michel Croteau, the father of 16-year-old bantam hockey star Steven Croteau, is suing the NBHA for $300,000 in psychological and punitive damages because his son failed to win the league's most valuable player award.

The statement said Croteau's complaint about his son failing to win the MVP award, despite having the most goals and assists in the league, is "scandalous, frivolous, vexatious and an abuse of judicial process."

The association said such awards are based on independent votes cast by a league committee of 10 coaches and team members. Steven Croteau received only one vote.

Despite the statement, Michel Croteau is not dropping his lawsuit.

"This is not about a trophy," Michel Croteau said. "This whole thing is about a big organization that just doesn't listen to people. They just do what they want and if you go against them, they're so strong they make you look like a fool."

Steven led the bantam league last season with 45 goals and 42 assists in 27 games. Lucas Martin, who won the MVP award, was fourth in the league with 21 goals and 39 assists.

Steven has been suspended from play because of the lawsuit.

Michel Croteau said the hockey association never had the courtesy to explain certain decisions.
ND WOMENS SWIMMING

Irish aim for repeat performance against Pitt

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Boasting senior leadership and quality individual efforts, the Notre Dame women's swimming and diving looks to build on its 3-1-1 start against Pittsburgh. Last year, the Irish defeated the Panthers in the season's opening meet 223-27 by winning 14 of 16 events.

Graduating seniors Carrie Nixon and Kelly Hecking led the team, taking four and three races, respectively. Still, it was the performance of underclassmen that caught not just Pittsburgh attention, but all opponents' eyes from that first meet onward.

Then-freshman Brooke Taylor won the 1,000-yard freestyle, then-sophomore Lisa Garcia won the 200 freestyle and then-junior Amy Deger won the 200 butterfly. Other team members were impressive in a dominant performance. Fast forward about one year. In the women's previous competition at the Minnesota Invitational two weeks ago, the Irish finished fourth with 500.50 points behind host Minnesota (696), Missouri (676) and Wisconsin (652). Junior Lisa Cavadini was the second individual swimmer.

NCAA

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Hassing streak is the second longest active streak in the country. The Cougars qualified for their first NCAA Tournament by winning the Southern Conference. Outside the streak is the second most impressive starting with five goals. Mark Wires leads the team with seven assists. Forward Kevin Bieksa, who has scored three goals and collected seven assists. Forward Mark Wires leads the team with five goals.

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one of the worst records in COHA play, have played extremely well as of late. In its last two games, Bowling Green got an overtime win against Michigan State and a tie with sixth-ranked Michigan.

Falcons are led offensively by defensemen Kevin Bieksa, who has scored three goals and collected seven assists. Forward Mark Wires leads the team with five goals.

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The Irish have been successful against the Falcons lately with a record of 7-2-1 in the last ten meetings between the teams. Last season, the Irish went 3-1 against the Falcons, including winning both games at home.

Afer a 1-3 road trip, the Irish are excited to be returning home, where their last performance was a 2-1 win over Miami (Ohio) back on Nov. 9. "I think we're excited to play at home again," Cey said. "Our fans pack the rink for us and we can play with that extra effort to come out with the win."

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FIRST 100 FANS RECEIVE A FREE ADIDAS T-SHIRT
Belles have high hopes for home tourney

By HEATHER VAN HÖRGÅRDEN
Sports Writer

This weekend will be a true test for the Saint Mary's basketball team as the Belles host the Saint Mary's Roundball Classic. Joining Saint Mary's in the tournament are the University of Chicago (1-3), 2002 Division III NCAA Tournament qualifier Savannah College of Art and Design and Rose-Hulman (1-4).

The Belles started the season off strong, despite losing their first two games to Franklin College (63-86), and Hanover (67-91), at the Franklin College Tip Off Tournament. The Belles picked up their first victory of the season at home on Nov. 26, with their 67-42 victory over Manchester College. They enter this weekend's tournament on a positive note, as they hope to expand on their first home win.

Despite the mixed results, athletic director Greg Petcoff feels the team is meshing very well. "This team is playing very well thus far, despite the two losses," Petcoff said. "When the subs go in, they don't miss a beat. Our expectations are rising, as we continue to win more games each year."

Looking to build on their upset of Kalamazoo in their final game last season, the team is still adjusting from the loss of last year's seniors as well as one player studying abroad this semester. With his former team on the court, coach Suzanna Bellina knows each player needs to play well for the Belles to be successful. "We're an extremely balanced team. Top to bottom, we are very strong," Bellina said. "This year's seniors want to go out on a high note, and the young players want to turn the program a little bit, this season's about beginning with this." Saint Mary's faces Rose-Hulman at 8 p.m. Tonight's winners play Saturday at 3 p.m. Bellina is excited about the weekend's opportunities. "We want to win the tournament. It's our home court, our tournament, and we always want to win it, but this year we have a bigger challenge. I think we have a great chance to win this weekend."

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Irish forward Dan Miller passes the ball off in Notre Dame's 92-71 victory against Marquette Monday. Miller will compete against his former Maryland teammates Saturday.

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over two years ago, Miller remained involved with his former school. He still has old Maryland athletic gear boxed up in his house at home along with his Final Four ring. However, Miller is missing the national championship ring the Terrapins won last year without Miller's help.

Needless to say, Saturday is a game he's been waiting to play for a long time. "It's a game I've had circled for a while," Miller said. "But I can't get too excited about it, I can't get too high about it. I have to go out and prepare for it like any other game."

Easy for him to say. Even without the emotional connection defensive national champion poses a difficult challenge for the Irish. They're deep, talented and experienced.

But that was part of the reason Miller left in the first place. A McDonald's All-American coming out of high school, Miller barely received the chance to star with the Terrapins. His best season came his sophomore year, when he earned the team's "Unsung Hero" award after starting all 34 games. But the next year, he averaged 18.9 points and 4.8 points a game as Maryland's other stars led the team to its first-ever Final Four. Feeling uncomfortable, Miller decided to switch schools.

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Bringing Miller in, even if it was just for one year, would help give the youthful Irish stability and leadership. "Chemistry wise, you have to make sure it's a fit," Brey said. "But he understands that and respects the integrity of his teammates in practice, he earned it in practice last year, and he's a big asset with our young players."

Although the NCAs required him to sit out last season, Miller spent the season improving himself as a player and spending more time in the weight room. He challenged the rest of the players in practice even as he prepared himself to fill in for the Irish the next season.

Even though the season is seven games young, Miller is already well on his way to becoming the impact player the Irish hoped he would be.

His leadership has taken some of the burden off Brey and co-captain Matt Carroll and his presence on the court gives the Irish tremendous matchup advantages.

"Come Saturday, the Irish will need Miller to continue his early-season play if they want to win. After playing Maryland on Saturday, the Irish will face either Texas or George Washington on Sunday," Brey said.

But for now, Maryland is in the spotlight. "The focus is on Notre Dame and Maryland, not Dan Miller and Maryland," Brey said. "But he understands that and I want him to keep playing the way he's playing.

Miller still keeps in contact with his former teammates. He speaks to Dan, Steve Blake, one of his best friends, and has talked with the team almost twice a week. In fact, Blake called Miller to congratulate him after the Irish knocked off No. 10 Marquette earlier this week.

But come Saturday, any friendly feelings Miller has toward his old teammates will disappear even before he steps on the court with a different uniform and sits on a different bench.

"We're still good friends, there's no bad feelings or anything like that," Miller said. "But once the game begins, once it's out on the court, it's over. We're going to go hard at each other."

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By KATIE McVOY  
Assistant Sports Editor

It will have to be a new Notre Dame team that takes the floor on Saturday. The unadjusted Irish squad that was on thin ice against Valparaiso on Wednesday will certainly fall through if it can’t focus and cool off the Sun Devils.


Arizona State is off to its best start in the last 10 years. The Sun Devils have been on fire, beginning with a 5-0 record, including an upset against No. 14 Georgia Monday. In addition, the Sun Devils are looking to add a 14th win to their record-setting home winning streak.

The Irish don’t look so hot. In its last two games, Notre Dame has not been executing effectively on offense. Although it’s been shooting nearly 58 percent from the floor, the offense has not been as effective as McGraw would like.

“We haven’t executed in the last two games. We’ve got a lot of work to do,” McGraw Irish coach.

Arizona State is on fire offensively. The unfocused Irish squad that has not been as effective as McGraw would like, the Sun Devils have run a patient, mistake-free offense.

"Offensively, they don’t make mistakes," McGraw said. “They don’t beat themselves. They just kind of take their time.”

The Irish will have to focus to remove the mistakes from their game. Although they only had two days of practice to fix Wednesday’s mistakes, McGraw is sure two days is enough.

“It’s a lot of mental stuff,” McGraw said. "They just need to focus and get in their heads that they’re going to get on their game.”

Tip-off is Saturday at noon.

Note: Saturday’s game is part of the AstraZeneca Hoops for the Cure Classic II. Arizona State will be playing host to the second annual tournament that benefits breast cancer research, treatment and education with donations going to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

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How to Avoid Computer Lockout

Over Christmas Break

If you’re a Windows 2000 or Windows XP user who logs on to a Notre Dame network domain and you plan to take your computer home to use over the holidays, please follow the steps listed here before you take off for Christmas break. Else, you may not be able to use your computer while away from campus. It isn’t necessary for Macintosh users to take these precautions:

When you get home

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Looking to take the next step

Irish host first 2 rounds of the NCAA Tournament and look to get past the second round for the first time since 1995

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Editor

Since 1995, the Irish have won 150 matches, including an 87-4 regular season conference record. They have also won six Big East regular season titles and six Big East tournament titles. With all those victories and championships, the Notre Dame volleyball team hasn’t been able to do something that seems simple for a team experiencing so much success — win two consecutive games in the NCAA Tournament. But this year might be different.

After qualifying for their 11th straight NCAA Tournament by winning the Big East Tournament two weeks ago, the Irish were awarded the No. 16 seed in the NCAA Tournament. More importantly, the Irish were named a host for the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament.

Instead of having to travel to an opponent’s unwelcoming gymnasium, the Irish will be able to play in the friendly confines of the Joyce Center where they have won their past 35 matches.

“I think it’s a great situation for us, and we are excited to be hosting,” Irish coach Debbie Brown said. “I think it is a big advantage psychologically because we feel more comfortable here. Academic pressures are lessened since the team isn’t missing classes for a day of travel. We probably sleep better in our own beds.”

Notre Dame (23-7) hosts the 12th-seeded Georgia Tech (24-6) on Saturday at 6 p.m. The Irish, coming off a narrow 74-68 victory over North Carolina, are excited to be hosting and ready to face former teammates on the court.

Debbie Brown Irish coach

Chipola’s 22-match winning streak was ended by the Irish, and that weakness was a recurring problem for the Falcons. Special teams have been a big advantage for the Irish, and that weakness was exposed in the second game of the Alaska-Fairbanks series. The Irish lost 5-4 and allowed four power play goals.

“Last time we had a bit of rough luck on special teams,” Gey said. “We’ve been working on it in practice and are going to be ready for Bowling Green, who despite their record are a good team. We’re going to have to be on the top of our game for them.”

The Falcons, despite having

From left, Notre Dame’s Meg Henican, Keara Coughlin and Jessica Kinder await a serve in the Big East Tournament. The Irish host the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament this weekend.