Professor emeritus injured in U.N. attack

By MEGHANNE DOWNES

The Aug. 19 suicide bombing outside the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad, which killed at least 22 and wounded hundreds, seriously injured a Notre Dame professor who was in Iraq researching the costs and reconstruction after the recent war.

Gilbert Loescher, a professor emeritus of political science, and colleague Sergio Vieira de Mello, a U.N. special representative, were working in the headquarters when the late-afternoon explosion occurred. Loescher, who retired from Notre Dame three years ago, was working for the Open Democracy Project at the time of the blast.

Rescue workers examine the rubble of the U.N. compound Aug. 19 after a suicide bomber blew up a large portion of the building. Notre Dame professor emeritus of political science Gilbert Loescher was seriously injured in the attack that killed 22.

Loescher, who worked in the United Nations in New York and at the United Nations in Vienna, was in Baghdad conducting research on the costs of reconstruction and the reconstruction effort.

Before rescuers were able to free him, Loescher was flown to a U.S. Army hospital in Landstuhl, Germany for medical attention. As a result of the blast he lost both legs above the knee, fractured several bones, severely injured his right hand and sustained several scrapes and cuts.

Loescher's wife and daughter joined him in Germany and created a Web site to post updates of his recovery. The Web site also said Loescher's condition varies daily but has improved considerably. He remains in the intensive care unit on a respirator, and doctors have begun to reduce his sedatives, which had stabilized his condition and relieved pain. His larger wounds remain open and some cuts on his body were so deep staples were needed to close the lacerations.

Doctors and family members were uncertain whether Loescher is aware of the severity of the bombing and if he knows that Vieira de Mello died about the alleged sexual assault incident.

Eram charged with conspiracy to commit rape, criminal deviate conduct and sexual battery in connection with a March 28, 2002 incident at a tri-level house on Warrick Street. During defense attorney Mark Lenyo's question ing of the victim — who was a 20-year-old Notre Dame student at the time of the incident — admitted she had consumed alcohol while taking two prescription medications, disregarding the instructions on the bottles. She said she drank three mixed drinks and several sips of beer, prompting Lenyo to question her written statement that she was "100 percent sober" on the night of the incident. The woman also said she had not intended to inform either the University or the police of the event. When she was contacted the Notre Dame administration after she told her family what had happened.

The University, she said, specifically advised her not to go

Lawsuits threaten student filesharing

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER

For years, students downloaded copyrighted music and other files under the auspices of file-sharing programs such as Napster, Grokster and Bittorrent. Most knew their activities were not legal, but few feared they would be turned to trouble for downloading the latest U2 song.

A series of court rulings and decisions by the Recording Industry of America threaten to change this culture, putting students who illegally downloaded copyrighted files at risk of legal action.

"We are advising all students to think very carefully about the degree to which they put themselves at legal risk by downloading or sharing copyrighted files," said Gordon Wright, Notre Dame's chief financial officer.

Saint Mary's has repeatedly warned students not to download copyrighted files.

ND tuition, fees continue to rise

By MEGHAN MARTIN

As a result of the August 19 bombing, the costs of attending Notre Dame have risen once again.

Tuition and fees increased, which were announced in the spring for the 2003-04 academic year, jumped from $32,515 to $34,680 for each on-campus student. While a $1,660 rise in the cost of a Notre Dame education has risen once again.

ND tuition itself has constituted the increase was made after the annual funding to the three organizations to Student Affairs included benchmarking the University's programs with those of other comparable national institutions, such as Boston College, Duke, Indiana University, Clemson and Texas A & M, among others. Most of these institutions, Kleva said, charge students directly for services ren ders on top of the usual health services fee.

"This is not a big jump," Kleva said. "The administration is very sensitive to any tuition increases.

"To be able to provide these programs on campus, you've got to support them.

"Notre Dame is not alone among the peer nationally when it comes to charging students for medical services within in general tuition package. A large part of the health and wellness organizations' report to Student Affairs included benchmarking the University's programs with those of other comparable national institutions, such as Boston College, Duke, Indiana University, Clemson and Texas A & M, among others. Most of these institutions, Kleva said, charge students directly for services rendered on top of the usual health services fee.

"They charge anywhere from $55 per semester to over $200 per semester at Duke," she said. "We thought $50 per semester was a realistic and workable fee to help us out in the future."
Scandal at the Rock

Shoul ders aren't sexy. They can be freckled, bony, muscular, shrimpy or even mino rly attrac tive, but they're not sexy. I don't sit in South Dining Hall with my girl friends talk ing about the hot shoulders on that guy in the stir-fry line, and I seriously doubt that any of the men on this campus waste their time checking out the shoulders on us. But apparently, according to the rule-makers at the Rock—that's the Knute Rockne Memorial Work out building for all of you sloths out there—shoulders are an urgent issue. Or rather, hiding shoulders is an urgent issue. Let me explain. When this exhausted, sweat-splashed, endor phin-drenched female stumbles the last few steps of her lake run up those famous stairs, she is not only greeted by the smiling statue of Rockne's crouched, contem plating looks of security guards—names and suffer under the scrutinizing eyes to protect our chastity, then or she will say, frowning disappoint edly, "Sorry," he will reply, to the indignant look on the front desk attendant's face. "Sorry," he or she will say, frowning approvingly at my shoulder-exposing tank top. "You gotta have sleeves on to come inside." This has happened to me on several occasions, and countless more times to my female friends—having our ambitious post-run plans of weight-lifting, stretching, or even just getting a drink of water shot down at the sight of our scandalous shoulders. Never mind that male friends walk right on upstairs in their full-length pants and boots, but could be wearing a hat, gloves, and oversprayed weight-room chlorine and basketball rubber familiar light-headed scents of sweat—w e d Dunkirk, Ind.—Volunteers discovered the hand Tuesday along Indiana University of the Dunkirk Kiwanis Club. Volunteers discovered the hand Tuesday along Indiana 167 just north of Dunkirk, about 15 miles northeast of Muncie. Investigators determined the hand had been recon structed for use in a biology or anatomy class. The bones were connected by wires, said Lt. Andy Coffee, command er of the Indiana State Police post in Bedtley. "It's kind of weird when you reach down to pick up trash, and I looked down and realized—that's not animal bones," said James Wasson, a veterinarian who was working with members of the Dunkirk Kiwanis Club. When he spotted the bones in the grass, Wasson immediately backed away and called police, who later secured the scene and took a series of photographs before picking up the hand. The Show: Notre Dame's annual opening concert, will return to campus Friday with performances by LeAnn Rimes and Peas and Gusto. The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center, and tickets can be purchased at the LaFortune Box Office for $10. Legends of Notre Dame will hold a Club Dance night from 12 a.m. to 4 a.m. Saturday morning to celebrate its grand opening. To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

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Department of Chemical Engineering changes name

Discipline will now be known as Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

In order to better reflect their gradual process towards integrating bioengineering and molecular biology into their curriculum, the Department of Chemical Engineering formally changed its name over the summer to the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering.

According to Mark McCready, department chair, the name change reflects seven years of integration of molecular engineering into his department's curriculum, faculty interests and research opportunities. In addition, new faculty in bioengineering were hired and additional faculty modified their interests in research to better represent a biological perspective.

"By the end of last year, we felt we had made enough progress on our plan to alter the department name to reflect our changes in research and curriculum," he said. "The embrace of molecular biology is occurring because it provides intellectual and educational opportunities that are so exciting we could not pass on them."

"The name change will benefit both undergraduates and graduate students better access to research and courses focusing on biomolecular engineering. Courses in such areas as biomaterials engineering and bioprocess engineering have already been offered, and McCready said that his department plants to recruit at least one additional faculty member specializing in bioengineering to further advance course and research opportunities."

"If the opportunities were there to take electives, I would consider it," said Jon Conover, a Knott Hall junior majoring in the department. "The more opportunities there are for people, the better." Agnes Ostafin, an assistant professor in the department specializing in biomolecular engineering, said that the name change may also attract students with an interest in this area of engineering who would not otherwise have applied. "In the past, students interested in these areas were unaware of the opportunities available to them. Web searches did not hit our department, and our name was not associated strongly with this area," she said. "If they [students] do not see they can get appropriate training here, they will go elsewhere. It is a necessity to sell the assets of the department in the strongest terms possible."

At the graduate level, McCready said that the changes to the graduate core are planned in "the near future," but he also said that the addition of biomolecular engineering to the department's name will probably not significantly improve the reputation of the program, since it is already highly regarded. "Since we are already recognized by leading chemical departments as producing students for their Ph. D. programs who are better or equal to any other university, our growth into bioengineering will not be likely to improve this situation," he said. "However, our students will be intrinsically better educated ... [and] should see expanded employment opportunities as chemical engineering programs around the country are hiring faculty who have bioengineering interests." Chris Norfolk, president of the Chemical Engineering Graduate Student organization, says that the department's additional focus on biomolecular engineering will have a global rather than an individual effect on students enrolled in the program. "The change in name makes the department more appealing to a wider group of students, at both the graduate and the undergraduate levels, and we're excited about attracting even greater numbers of the nation's brightest students into our labs," he said.

Andre Palmer, an assistant professor in the department, said that the name change reflects the growing importance of biomedical and biomolecular engineering within the numerous concentrations that comprise engineering. "I am thrilled that the department is at the vanguard of the trend towards biomolecular engineering," he said. "Biomedical and biomolecular engineering is the hottest, fastest-growing trend in engineering right now ... universities are trying to increase their research capacity in bio-based projects and industries such as pharmaceutical companies all over the world are looking for students with a fine-tuned understanding of biomedical, biochemical and biomolecular applications and concepts."

Palmer also said that students of all levels in the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering will see benefits. "The name change will benefit current students because when they enter the job market, prospective employers will understand that our curriculum includes solid grounding in biomedical theories and applications. I hope it also encourages current engineering students to consider taking a bio-based course, or to conduct research in a bio-based lab," he said. "Additionally, both undergraduate and graduate students who are considering study at Notre Dame will understand that they can take advantage of the department's shift toward biomolecular engineering."

McCreay said that his department is considering some changes to the undergraduate chemical engineering curriculum, but these changes are not related to biomolecular engineering. He also said that the current concentration option in biomolecular engineering will continue for students who wish to take electives devoted solely to this topic.

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Don’t wear socks, they’re just gonna get rocked off anyway...
Tuition
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services.
"We're an academic environ-
ment," Kleva said. "But we provide
support to that academic environ-
ment - but tuition is coveted to provide
the best academic envi-
ronment possible. We don't want to
try to rely on our own resources ... to be
able to provide 24-hour service and to
improve and expand educa-
tion. We do provide quite com-
prehensive health services on cam-
pus, and for that we require addi-
tional funding. We don't want to
decrease services."
Students who visit the University's health center, which is open 24 hours a day during the academic year, are not charged for such basic services as physician visits, drop-in appointments or overnight stays in the center's upstairs inpatient care department. The center provides a free van service to transport students to and from off-campus doctor, dentist, physical therapy and counseling appointments during nor-
mal business hours.
Kleva estimated that the health center has had an aver-
age of 18,000 annual visits for the last 10 years in its
walk-in clinic, which includes alien and travel/immunization services.
Since the addition of the annual fee, University Health Services has not increased its operating expen-
ses, and an administrative office has been the lowest costs possible to students who utilize such services as X-rays and mammograms.
"The costs that we charge are way below market," said Ann Kleva, director of Health Services.
The extra revenue generated by the addition to this year's tuition package is being allocated to a Student Affairs fund that has been alloted to the Student Affairs office, which offers three health and wellness organizations.
"(The money) is solely used to support student health and wellness and prevention services on campus," Fowlkes said. "This was a necessary increase to maintain the richness of healthcare on cam-
pus.

The $50 per semester Health Center Access Fee that students and parents will be assessed is not expected to increase over the next few years, Kleva said.
"I don't anticipate an increase - we feel in the very near future that this isn't something that's going to increase annually," she said.

Another increase to the tuition bill that students and parents received in the mail this year was in the room telephone charge, an annual fee that covers the costs of local phone and voicemail servic-
es.

Room phone fees increased $7 in 2003-04. From the last academic year, a 4.5 percent rise compara-
tive to that which affected room and board charges.
"We key the phone rate increase
to the increase in room and board," said the University's deputy CIO Dr. Dewitt Latimer. "Like room and board, the phone service is tied to the cost of provid-
ing it."

Although dorm room phone charges have increased for stu-
dents, they have not risen at the same rate assessed to the rest of
faculty, staff and adminis-
trative office. They have been an 11 percent increase in their own
phone services this year, he said.

While increased revenue will cover the ever-fluctuating costs of operating phone systems on
campus, it will also allow the University to utilize increased technology in the voicemail system used by fac-
ulty, staff and students alike.
"The old phone systems that don't treat voice as data will be replaced by systems that do treat voice as data," Latimer said.

Latimer heads the newly created Integrated Communication Services directorate on campus, which has brought the former Telecommunications department under the auspices of the Office of Information Technology since July 1 of this year.

"One of the reasons we merged
departments is to gain
experience and increase
productivity," said Keith Fowlkes, Saint Mary's director of Information Technology.

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SMC launches technology store

By ANGELA SAOUDE
News Writer

A new addition to Saint
Mary's is now open for business.
The campus iStore, located in the
Information Technology office, offers
students, faculty and staff educational-price
computers, software, Nextel cellu-
lar service and other purchas-
es.

"The feedback I've received
has been very positive," said Keith Fowlkes, Saint Mary's director of Information Technology.

"Most people who bought through us are finding that they are having far fewer problems with their comput-
ers," said Fowlkes.

If there is a problem with something bought from the iStore, a technician will be sent out to fix it.

"It takes the worry out of buy-
ing a computer for college," Fowlkes said.

"The Saint Mary's campus is
progressively transferring from
 Dell computers to Omni Tech computers. These machines are particularly designed for Saint Mary's campus. All of the equip-
ment in the iStore is tested by
Information Technology and comes with a one-year warranty."

"The Omni Tech computers are a brand that might not be familiar to many people, but they have great prices, service and support," said Fowlkes.

Baghdad
continued from page 1 and colleague Arthur Helton, from the Council on Foreign Relations, died in the blast.
They expect he will experience
 significant emotional trauma as
he tries to run, throwing
 his limbs about rhythmically
and rolling his head."

Fowlkes is hoping to attract
new students, faculty and support,
"We're more than willing to
attract customers from the Notre Dame and Holy Cross communi-
ties," Fowlkes said.

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Saint Mary's new technology store, iStore, offers computers, software and cellular phone service. The store is located in the Information Technology building.

"We're going to be having promotional events in December and near the end of the year," Fowlkes said. During promotional events, the iStore will open its mobile kiosk in LeMars Hall's Reinebeau Lounge.

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Seven dead in hail of gunfire

Worker kills 6 in Chicago warehouse before being shot dead by SWAT officers

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A man who had been fired from an auto parts warehouse six months ago opened fire Wednesday with a gun and killed six employees in a rampage through five blocks of buildings, being shot to death by police.

Salvador Tapia died in a gun battle he waged with police inside and outside of the building, hiding behind a container as he fired off rounds from his semiautomatic pistol, authorities said.

"He got up, he had the gun, they ordered him to drop the gun, he refused to drop the gun. That's when the officer shot him," acting Police Superintendent Phil Cline said.

"We saw a guy shooting at police officers outside the building and saw people running around like crazy," said Al Martinez, who owns a business a half-block away. "We came and saw all the cops running, hiding behind cars." Tapia, 36, lost his job just months ago for causing trouble at work and frequently showing up late or not at all, Cline said. He said Tapia had an extensive arrest record.

Cline said when police arrived shortly after 8:30 a.m., they tried to get in the building but were driven back by gunfire. A man said when an assault team entered the building they had trouble maneuvering through all the auto parts. He said four people were killed at the scene. Tapia and two others were taken to hospitals and died there.

"From the scene it appears that he went throughout the supply warehouse shooting them," Cline said. "They weren't in all one section."

Tapia also tied one man's hands behind his back, but the employee escaped unharmed, Cline said.

Pamela George was cooking at the Dos Grill across the street when a warehouse worker ran in, looking for a phone. "He said someone was in there shooting. He was really scared, like a chicken with its head cut off," she said.

She said police arrived and evacuated the restaurant within five minutes. All buildings within a block of the auto parts and supply store were evacuated.

It was the nation's deadliest workplace shooting since July 8, when Doug Williams shot 14 co-workers, killing six, at a Lockheed Martin aircraft parts plant in Meridian, Miss., before taking his own life.

In the Chicago area, William D. Baker, 66, killed four people and himself at a Navistar International engine plant in suburban Melrose Park in February 2001.

Mars makes closest pass in eons

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Mars, the planet the ancients feared and the moderns revered as "the red planet, the Fiery One, or Death Star," made its closest pass to Earth in 60,000 years Wednesday, glowing a pale orange in a moonless night sky.

Mars is usually about 149 million miles away from Earth, but on Wednesday its orbit brought it about 34.6 million miles away, achieving the closest point at 5:46 a.m. EDT. The planet will not be so close to Earth again until July 2007.

Tertius Dormehl and his two children, among those waiting in the long lines wrapped around the parking lot of Johannesburg's planetarium to gaze through a giant Zeiss telescope, said: "It's stunning, so bright that it's incredible. It got you wanting to wander off to space travel — the ultimate adventure," said Dormehl; 40, a project manager at an information technology firm.

For the sharpest eye on Mars, there was no beating the orbiting Hubble Space Telescope, which snapped dramatic close-ups of the passing planet.

"They are quite spectacular. You know they were going to be good; you were expecting them to be something else," said Michael Wolff, an astronomer with the Space Science Institute in Boulder, Colo. "These are the best that have ever been, and will ever be taken with the Hubble Space Telescope."

David Laney, head astronomer of the Cape Town Observatory, said the best vantage point was Tahiti but that viewing would be spectacular anywhere. The good viewing will last for several days as Mars pares away from Earth, astronomers say.

"The planet is at its biggest and brightest from any position," Laney said. "There is something special about being eyeball to eyeball with Mars."

Budding astronomers abounded at the Johannesburg planetarium.

"I want to study outer space, and I'd really like to go to Mars," said 8-year-old Jessica Gallacher. Her pony-tailed friend, 7-year-old Robin Walker, said she'd stay away. "I'm scared there would be aliens there," she said.

The Vatican's Jesuit astronomers at the pope's observatory at Castel Gandolfo manned their 40-centimeter Zeiss telescope for some nighttime viewing, said the Rev. Salvino Maffeo, the retired director of the observatory.

In Australia, the skies cleared over Sydney and thousands of people went out to catch a glimpse of the planet in the eastern sky. The view got better overnight Wednesday as Mars rose in the horizon.

About 3,000 people gathered along Hong Kong's waterfront for a closer look. Some waited to peer through a telescope atop Hong Kong's Space Museum, while others settled for the naked eye and cameras.

In Argentina, hundreds of people bundled up against the South American winter chill and passed the night at Buenos Aires planetarium to look through three telescopes set up for the occasion.
Wishon said this is a dangerous assumption, adding that it is possible that the RIAA may choose to use other techniques to identify violators. One of these could include setting up a "honeypot" of illegal files and identifying users who download these files. "I personally don't think that any student, faculty, or staff member is safe from inspection if they are downloading copyrighted files."

Gordon Wishon
chief information officer

The law has been very slow to attack technologies that are used for illegal purposes. It attacks the illegal file sharers.

Tim Flanagan
general counsel

"Pernicious assumption," that is, that students who download copyrighted files are to be treated as if the information is available, and that a student, faculty, or staff member is safe from inspection if they are downloading copyrighted files," Wishon said. "Tactics like a honey pot are used elsewhere to attract other types of illegal behavior and I wouldn't be surprised if they were used here."

In addition to targeting users of copyrighted files, the RIAA has also attempted to shut down file-sharing tools such as Kazaa. It was unsuccessful in shutting down these services, and a judge compared them to a VCR, stating that while a VCR could be used to violate copyright laws, there are "substantial non-infringement uses" for both VCRs and file-sharing programs.

Flanagan noted that the RIAA set out of court a lawsuit against a Princeton student who created a tool that allowed students to easily search for and download copyrighted files.

"The OIT is not the police. We have plenty to do without tracking illegal or unethical behavior on our network. If we are told there is content on our network that is not in compliance, we will take action," Wishon said.
Many South Bend and Mishawaka-area restaur­ants and taverns have wit­nessed a sharp rise in student sales, coinciding with the beginning of classes and the return of students.

Deanna Reed, manager of Fidder’s Hearth, a downtown tavern that opened on North Main Street last year, has found success with an influx of Notre Dame cus­tomers.

"It’s not astounding­ly dra­matic, but it is a market," he said.

Drinking establishments likewise count on traffic from Notre Dame students, as well as thirsty football fans.

Fidder’s Hearth, a down­town tavern that opened last September, has seen a “little bit of a jump” over the past week.

"The big boom is home football weekends," said Jason Fawcett, a bartender at the Irish pub, said he has seen "a lot of students".

"They’re really busy restaurant on Grape Road, said Deanna Reed, manager of Famous Dave’s, a barbecue restaurant on Grape Road, said business is booming now that Notre Dame stu­dents have returned for the fall semester.

“We’ve definitely picked up since students came back," Reed said. "It’s a huge plus for us — I’d say 10 to 15 percent this week.

Higher-end restaurants also count on increased business when school is in session.

"We’re standing behind the team, and we hope the community gets the bene­fit," Mott said.

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The company, Ebbers and five other former executives were charged in federal court, including six former executives were accused of falsifying the firm’s books in violation of Oklahoma securities laws.

Each executive faces 15 charges, each carrying up to 10 years in prison. The former executives have one week to appear in court in Oklahoma City.

WorldCom, which now calls itself MCI, could face mil­lions of dollars in fines and restitution.

"By falsifying information, the company looked stronger on paper than it really was," Oklahoma Attorney General Drew Edmondson said.

"The full extent of the fraud remains to be seen," Edmondson said.

Although this marks the first crim­i­nal charges against Ebbers and the company itself, other former WorldCom executives have been charged in federal court, including executive financial officer Scott Sullivan, who was also charged in Oklahoma.

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The Oklahoma charges come as MCI faces new management, being sold to a bankruptcy court and the possibility of being sold to a company that will pay off its investors.

"Today’s action against the company would only punish our 20 million customers and 55,000 employees — 2,000 of which work in Oklahoma," MCI general counsel Stasia Kelly said in a statement.

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Schwarzenegger discloses views

By MEGAN O'NEIL

WASHINGTON — The FBI internal affairs office is investigating the conduct of the lab's chief of scientific analysis in the Oklahoma City bombing case, according to people familiar with the investigation.

The Associated Press reported last spring that a transcript of a Justice Department interview showed that FBI scientist analysis unit chief Steven Burmeister initially had admitted in 1995 that his lab's procedures performed shoddy work in Timothy McVeigh's case, but then retracted statements before appearing as a prosecution witness.

AP also reported that lawyers for some FBI lab employees sent a letter to Attorney General John Ashcroft in 2001, just days before McVeigh was executed for his role in the bombing, alleging Burmeister may have been pressured to give false testimony in the case. No action was taken and the allegation was never divulged to McVeigh's attorneys.

The FBI's Office of Professional Responsibility, which investigates allegations against agents, recently opened an internal investigation into Burmeister's conduct in the McVeigh case, including his recantation, according to persons familiar with the investigation.

One of Burmeister's former colleagues said the FBI internal affairs office had contacted him in the past month.

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Arafat tells militants to stop violence

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Arafat on Wednesday asked militant groups to halt attacks on Israelis, the Palestinian leader's first public attempt to restore calm following the collapse of the armed groups' unilateral truce.

Israel, which has tried to sideline Arafat from the peace process, dismissed his appeal as empty rhetoric and said the army would keep rounding up terrorist suspects and hunting down their leaders.

Militants formally abandoned the nearly two-month unilateral cease-fire after Israel responded to a deadly suicide bombing in Jerusalem last week with missile strikes on Hamas leaders in the Gaza Strip.

Arafat stepped forward with the appeal at a time when he's caught in a power struggle with his prime minister, Mahmoud Abbas, and when the United States is pressing the Palestinians to act against militants, a key requirement under the creaking U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan.

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Rajoub openly supports the peace plan and has arrested militants in the past. But in an interview with The Associated Press, he was evasive over whether he would launch a crackdown now, and suggested Israel should stop military action first.

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Abbas staked his political future on being able to rein in Palestinian militants through persuasion, rather than force. With his authority crumbling, Abbas was meeting with Cabinet ministers Wednesday to try to rally support.

Abbas was to present the achievements of his first 100 days in office to parliament Monday, and aides said he was planning to seek a vote of confidence.

But amid speculation that Abbas could lose, Information Minister Nabil Amar said later it was not clear whether such a vote would be held.

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FRANCE

Officials ponder holiday cut

Associated Press

PARIS — France, a country where leisure time is sacrosanct, is mulling a radical plan for financing health care after a heat wave estimated to have killed thousands. Make people work on a national holiday.

The idea, which the government floated Wednesday, immediately split opinion and provoked one main question — which of France's 11 national holidays should go? Labor Day, perhaps, or a religious festival?

At least two ministers said Christmas should not be touched.

"There's no question of touching holidays."

Alain Bocquet
French legislator

But most of all, abolishing a holiday would signal that France is ready to make sacrifices to better care for the vulnerable, he said.

"It's a very important, very strong symbol," Meckachera said in an interview. "The gesture of solidarity is more important than the financial gesture... so that we never witness again what we saw." Thousands died in the heat, the government has estimated, many of them elderly and living alone. The deaths focused attention on France's struggle to care for an aging population and prompted a storm of criticism that the center-right government reacted too slowly.

Secretary of State for the Elderly Hubert Falco noted that Germany has made people work the Day of Reconciliation and Prayer in November to finance care for the aged since 1995.

"It's one of the possibilities, among many others," Falco said after a Cabinet meeting. "It would be, as is the case in Germany, a holiday that would be worked to the advantage of national solidarity."

At first blush, the idea seemed fraught with risk.

Many French, long connoisseurs of fine living, appreciate the extra time off granted by a law passed by the previous Socialist government that restricted the working week for many to 35 hours.

There are also religious and historical sensitivities.

Transport Secretary Dominique Bussereau said he opposed abolishing a May 8 holiday that celebrates the end of World War II in Europe, or Christmas, or Armistice Day on Nov. 11, when fighting stopped in World War I.

"Definitely not May 8, because it left quite a few memories; not December 25 because I want Christmas presents," he said.

On the political left, there was outrage.

"There's no question of touching holidays," thundered Communist lawmaker Alain Bocquet. "There's no question of erasing May 8 and the memory of victory over Nazi barbarity and fascism!"

Jean-Claude Mailly, a leader of the Workers' Force trade union, said a wealthy country like France should not have to make workers labor longer to finance health care. The union, he warned, would not take kindly to the abolition of the May 1 Labor Day holiday.

"It's enforced charity, totally unacceptable," he said in an interview.

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Egypt is a country with a special history and grace. There is an air about the culture where friends greet each other with a kiss on both cheeks. Many of the developing countries, it is common to see men walking arm in arm on the street. There is a calming simplicity and a peaceful joy among the people.

Many Egyptians welcomed strangers with open arms. During his studies in Cairo last semester, Terry Fitzgerald, now a Notre Dame senior, met many random people on the streets who wanted to meet at later times for tea or conversation.

Despite having little money, Egyptians were willing to give him gifts and share what little they had.

His time in Cairo during the war added a special dynamic. The day the war began, the U.S. State Department advised Americans in Cairo not to go out, and the city was heated with protests. Despite this, he took a30-minute walk alone from the school to the dorm without feeling threatened. He walked around town with friends that evening, and they were invited into a wedding to dance around the new couple. The Egyptian hospitality was warm, however this attitude was not shown for all aspects of the United States. "We love Americans! We do not love your war!"

Near the end of my summer there I was on a National Security Education Program scholarship, I could talk with taxi drivers and shopkeepers and hear about the war. Egyptians described Bush as "magician" (crazy) and a thoughtless Yankee. There was graffiti on one street wall saying, "No, no, no to American products." However, I personally encountered no hostility in Cairo. The streets were safe. I heard about no stories of crime. There's a sense of communal justice and with one cry, several armed guards standing outside buildings could run to one's aid.

Learning about the Qatar and visiting mosques were key opportunities to be great Muslims and be close to the faith. The word "Islam" itself has an awesome sense of dignity with a literal meaning of "peaceful submission." This is a far cry from images of terror we may associate with the faith. Linking Islam primarily with extremist terrorism does the faith a gross injustice. Jihad is also a term that's been misunderstood. With a definition related to a purposeful struggle, jihad resembles evangelism more than war. However, some Muslims have hijacked the idea and used it to justify violent acts. On top of that, the Western media reports these extreme incidents and soon the world has a misconstrued view of the principle. Only when the faith is seriously threatened or attacked does jihad permit the use of force in limited fashion. This has similarities to the Catholic doctrine of the just war theory. While there are notable differences between Christianity and Islam, claims that the Qur'an tells Muslims to kill Christians are alarming. I am at a loss for how one reaches this conclusion. Another key lesson gained from Cairo was to distinguish between the political and religious aspects of Middle Eastern culture. We may often lump the two together as being one in the same. There are countries with strict social rules that stem from their nation's government and not the Quran. My Quran professor noted that, while fierce dictators such as Hezbollah and Saddam Hussein may have proclaimed themselves to be great Muslims, those true to Islam know the opposite to be true.

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The best exemplars of the faith I encountered were the many common people in the streets of Cairo who lived with peaceful hearts and a joyful love towards others.

Returning to the States brings a second reality check. Terry has struggled to find a shift from heavy social concerns in Cairo to worries about one's personal comfort in the United States. He has also returned with a sharper insight and concerns about democracy. He has grown more suspicious of American media, having had an external perspective, and feels troubled by a seemingly unquestioned acceptance of American news. There is much that today's current and rising leaders must address. Notre Dame is meeting this challenge head on. For the first time, incoming freshmen were required to do specified readings about tensions between the Middle East and the United States.

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California recall mocks electoral process

By Eric Howerton

There’s a new breed of politician, and it’s coming to a theater near you!

The recall election in California has been the topic of much debate recently and many are scrutinizing, “Are recall elections effective?”

Are they merely a way for big money hustlers like Bill Simon to sway government doings? And is Arnold Schwarzenegger, diminutive Gary Coleman, watermelon smashing comedian and general state. And it’s happening again in California.

Have all tried their hand in the politician rocket to stardom of John Kennedy. Since actor John Wilkes Booth popped

The real humor lies not in the traditional running up of candidates to take the job and should be replaced by someone who can perform to a higher standard.

Unlikely an impeachment hearing, recall elections don’t accuse the defendant with any illegal activity, rather, they merely censure and point out a lack of constituent confidence and in a democratic society, if the majority of people want to remove someone’s political authority, shouldn’t they have the right to do so?

This is where things start to get ugly. Most educated Americans concur that the majority of the population is made up of complete buffoons, and they’re right in this belief. So to prove them right, the current candidates are based on millions of button-pushing nincompoops seems like a very precarious way to run a country. But Americans dig stereotypes, it’s important to keep in mind that Arnold could have some very serious health concerns in the near future. Remember that stereotypes of Arnold’s era have been linked to causing brain damage. And I don’t think merely saying, “It’s not a toom-ah,” will dispel concerns.

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Johnny Depp's Captain Jack Sparrow from Pirates of the Caribbean was a breath of fresh air in a summer filled with lackluster and formulaic blockbusters.

The blockbuster season appeared to be off to a good start with the release of X-Men 2: X-Men United. It is the follow up to the successful 2000 adaptation of the Marvel comic series about a world filled with mutants with wonderful and terrifying powers.

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Disney wrote the book on pirate clichés. Of course, clichés can work against a film too. After 12 years Arnold Schwarzenegger returned to the franchise that made him famous. But for fans of the first two Terminator flicks, there's not much new in Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines. 

Evil computers from the future send a killer robot back in time to kill the leader of the human resistance. John Connor (Nick Stahl) and the humans send another reprogrammed killer robot to protect him. First time they sent a shape shifting Terminator, this time they send a shape shifting Terminator (Krystiana Loken). Schwarzenegger tosses in a lackluster performance — he has more personality pre-tending he knows something about politics. And even though the film has well choreographed action sequences, watching indestructible robots smash for each other for hours at a time gets really boring really fast. Remember when bullets were objects to be avoided?

One of the summer's biggest stinkers, The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen, also had a lot of real potential. Sean Connery stars as an aging adventurer, Alan Quartermain, who is put in charge of a group of literary superheroes in Victorian England to stop a stock B-movie madman hell bent on world domination.

The premise is a PLS major's fantasy: Quatermain teams up with Captain Nemo, the Invisible Man, Tom Sawyer, Mona Harker, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. But the shoddy acting and cumbersome script manage to suck the life out of any of the League's characters. Conner's days as an action star are long over.

Sometimes, old ideas can be reused. What do you get when you cross Dawn of the Dead, The Stand, 12 Monkeys and Lord of the Flies? 28 Days Later.

The breakout hit of the summer was released last November in the UK and has been steadily gaining momentum at the box office culminating in a double weekend take. The final blockbuster of the season brought some much-needed hope and much-needed levity to the summer movie bustfest.

**Freddy vs. Jason** settles that argument every 12-year-old guy had at sleepover at some point. Pitting dream killer Freddy Krueger of the *A Nightmare on Elm Street* franchise against hockey masked madman Jason Voorhees of the *Friday the 13th* franchise against each other in a no hold barred deathmatch was the perfect way to forget about a summer of lame movies. **Freddy vs. Jason** may be cheesy, but at least it knows it's cheesy.

Even a buffed up LL Cool J couldn't save S.W.A.T. from being a “so what” movie.

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ST. LOUIS — Kerry Wood struck out 11 in seven shutout innings for Chicago, but the St. Louis Cardinals rallied against five Cubs relievers for a 4-2 victory Wednesday night.

The Montreal Expos beat the Philadelphia Phillies 9-6 Wednesday night and closed within one game of the NL wild-card lead.

Marlins have won four straight and eight in a row in the first of a three-game series after the Rockies swept four games from them.

and an RBI double in the eighth and Jim Edmonds followed with a single off Mark Guthrie. Farneyworth (3-1) got the victory after pitching two scoreless innings for Chicago, but the St. Louis Cardinals won the game 4-2 in the seventh inning as the Cubs relievers failed to hold a 3-2 lead.

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BOSTON — Todd Walker hit a tiebreaking homer in the seventh inning as the Boston Red Sox overcame a three-run deficit and beat the Toronto Blue Jays 6-3 Wednesday night for their sixth win in seven games.

With the score 3-all, Walker connected on an 0-2 pitch from Roy Halladay (17-7) for a two-run homer. He became the ninth Boston player with 10 or more homers, a Red Sox first.

David Ortiz added an eighth-inning solo homer for Boston, which tied the game in the fifth inning with a season-high 10 runs.

Burkett gave up three runs and four hits, their eighth straight game with a season-high 10 runs.

Bartolo Colon struck out a season-high 10, and the AL Central-leading White Sox got 15 hits in a 13-2 win.

Chicago pounded two homers, a triple and three doubles in the fourth off Wells (12-5), who has just one victory since the All-Star break. The left-hander had won six of eight decisions but is 0-2 in his last six starts.

Alomar drove in four runs with a solo shot into the first row of seats in left field, quite different from Tuesday when his 3-run home run tied the game in the ninth inning.

With the score 3-all, Walker hit a two-run home run with the game tied. Boston's Johnny Damon, left, squeezes Todd Walker's arm in jest after Walker hit a two-run home run with the game tied.

Mulholland made his first start since last Sept. 13. The 40-year-old left-hander worked in 39 games in relief this year, but was called upon when scheduled starter Jason Davis developed tendinitis in his right shoulder.

The Tigers hit a season-high five homers, but once again failed to win consecutive road games. They have not won two straight on the road since June 3-4 at San Diego.

Gerut hit a two-run homer and a two-run double and Matt Lawton drove in three runs with three singles.

Crisp went 4-for-5 — all singles — stole a base, and became the first Indians player to score four times in a game since Roberto Alomar on Sept. 19, 2001.

Jack Crossed (2-0) pitched 2-3 scoreless innings and David Blake worked the ninth for his fourth save.

The Tigers rallied from a 6-1 deficit with a five-run fifth inning that featured three homers off Mike Timlin (6-4) pitched one scoreless inning, and Byung-Hyun Kim got four outs for his 11th save in 14 chances. John Burkett gave up three runs and seven hits in six innings.

Boston began the night five games behind the New York Yankees in the AL East. In the wild-card race, the Red Sox were one game behind Oakland and Seattle, who shared the AL West lead.

Halladay, tied with Chicago's 24 runs the last two nights are the most by a visiting team at Yankee Stadium since the White Sox won 10-9 and 17-4 on June 17-18, 2000.

Alomar has avoided the New York media in his first trip back to the city since being dealt by the Mets last month. But he brought loud groans from fans, who booed him each time up, by ripping a two-run homer to left that gave the White Sox a 7-2 lead.

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**US OPEN TENNIS**

Davenport feeling hopeful

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lindsay Davenport is replacing thoughts of retirement with hope for a U.S. Open title.

If her injured left foot holds up, she just might pull it off.

Davenport, the only past Open champion in the women’s field, didn’t play perfectly Wednesday night, but she played well enough to put together a 6-2, 6-4 victory against overmatched Maria Elena Camerin, an Italian ranked 92nd.

“The main thing is, my foot didn’t hurt, and I’m on to the third round. You always want to be doing things better and better at Grand Slams,” Davenport said, and she knows what she’s talking about, having won three such tournaments.

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**MLB**

Braves being cautious with Smoltz’s elbow

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Atlanta Braves closer John Smoltz went on the disabled list Wednesday with tendinitis in his right elbow, probably derailing his chances of breaking the single-season save record.

Team physician Dr. Joe Candiotti stressed several times that the condition is not serious, and said Smoltz is not expected to have any lingering effects when he returns Sept. 8.

To take his place in the bullpen, the Braves recalled lefty Jung Keun Bong from Triple-A Richmond.

Smoltz, who had reconstructive surgery on his right elbow in 2000, will rest completely for seven days.

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**USA BASKETBALL**

LeVelle Couling with U. S. during 1st half

Associated Press

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Strange things happen at international basketball tournaments, and there were plenty of them — including Mexico being within five points of the U.S. team in the second half — on a wacky Wednesday at the Tournament of the Americas.

The Brave’s win, lost by Mexico, was a record-setting 57-55 in 4:09 by Bobby Thigpen.

On Wednesday, the U.S. beat Argentina 97-92, Canada beat the Dominican Republic 78-75 and Puerto Rico locked up a berth in the final of a tuneup event Saturday. Davenport got an injection later that day, and now is relying on ice and tape.

“Hopefully, as more days go by, if it doesn’t flare up, I’ll be more and more confident of pushing off it and not really worrying about it,” she said.

“More than anything, each day that goes by, I just have to keep playing the type of tennis that it’s going to take to win the tournament, not necessarily being injury-free.”

Not long ago, she was talking about quitting altogether. After losing to Venus Williams at Wimbledon last month, Davenport said, “It definitely ran through my mind when I was out there that that could be my last singles’ match at the Ali England Club.

In France and England, Davenport said Wednesday, she was “just really frustrated dealing with another injury, another surgery, another layup. It’s tough to make that choice.

It’s going to take to win the season at my best. If this was a four-game lead, I wouldn’t be doing this. This is a luxury thing.”

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DOTSON INDICTED ON DENNEHY MURDER CHARGE

WACO, Texas — Former Baylor basketball player Carlton Dotson was indicted Wednesday on a charge of murdering his former teammate and roommate Patrick Dennehy, and prosecutors began the process of extraditing him to Texas.

The grand jury heard evidence for about 90 minutes before handing up an indictment against Dotson, who has been jailed in his home state of Maryland since his July 21 arrest.

The indictment, which contained a single murder count, alleges Dotson shot Dennehy on or around June 22. Dennehy's body was found in a field southeast of town July 25.

He had been shot twice in the head, according to an autopsy report. District Attorney John Segrest and other law enforcement officials have refused to discuss motive, which is not mentioned in the one-page indictment. The maximum penalty for the murder count is life in prison.

Segrest's office on Wednesday began the paperwork to formalize a request to Gov. Rick Perry's office to seek Dotson's extradition. If Dotson continues to contest extradition, a judge in Maryland will schedule a hearing.

"How long it will take to secure his presence here is anybody's guess," Segrest said.

Dotson's lawyers could not be immediately reached for comment.

The grand jury met twice, Segrest said. Dotson's estranged wife Melissa Kethley testified Aug. 13, and McLennan County sheriff's investigator Clay Perry and Waco police detective Bob Fuller testified Wednesday.

Kethley's mother, Pam Bayuk, said the family had been expecting the indictment.

"We just didn't know why it took so long," Bayuk said Wednesday.

Kethley has said she last saw her husband when he drove Dennehy's vehicle to visit her in Sulphur Springs the night of June 12 — the same day Dennehy was last seen on campus.
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Julius Peppers is too big-time to still shop at Wal-Mart, and he's too small town to have a wild night with his rapper buddies at the Grammy Awards.

Taking one of his trademark long pauses to think about his answer, "And I don't really get why. I guess I really just don't see myself in a famous light."

"Other people around me see it, but I'm just me. I like to play video games, watch TV and go to the movies. That's about it."

Charlotte has never really had a marquee athlete, and currently counts NASCAR stars among its most famous residents. Big names have come through the small city — Alonzo Mourning, Vlade Divac and Larry Johnson all played here for the now-departed Hornets. But all went on to bigger things in the bright lights of Miami, Los Angeles and New York.

For the Panthers, about to begin their ninth season, Kerry Collins made a small splash on the nightlife scene early in his career, but tight end Wesley Walls was the only player with any celebrity staying power.

That leaves Chris Leak, a freshman quarterback at Florida who set national high school records while playing in the Queen City, as Charlotte's most celebrated athlete.

Peppers is about to change that, whether he wants to or not. When the Panthers took the North Carolina standout second overall in the 2002 draft, he already had a following with many of the team's fans, having starred at nearby Chapel Hill.

Then he earned NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year honors, getting 12 sacks in the 12 games he played. Peppers probably would have done more, but was suspended from the final four games of the season for testing positive for an illegal supplement.

In the time he did play, the native of tiny Bailey, east of Raleigh, attracted an impressive fan base that stretches far beyond the Panthers' faithfull and fathers who want their sons to grow into strong defensive linemen.

Now, he's on the verge of becoming Charlotte's first superstar, its first athlete to draw widespread attention outside the Carolinas.

Peppers is considered an A-list athlete among A-list celebrities. But if he's impressed by the doors it has opened for him, he doesn't let on.

He had a prominent role in one of Nelly's videos, and now considers the St. Louis-based rapper a friend: "I know his crew pretty good."

He attended the Grammy Awards: "I mean, you go to the Grammys when you get asked. It was cool, it was all right. It was all that."

And he got great seats at a Mike Tyson fight: "Going to fights are cool, I guess."
Major League Baseball

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NBA

**Former Indiana Pacers coach Isiah Thomas argues a call in a game last season against the New Jersey Nets. Thomas was fired Wednesday, seven weeks after Larry Bird was named the president of basketball operations.**

**Thomas fired as Pacers head coach**

**Associated Press**

**INDIANAPOLIS — Larry Bird insisted he took his new job with an open mind about the future of coach Isiah Thomas.**

The Indiana Pacers' president of basketball operations needed only seven weeks to come to a decision.

Bird wasted little time in making his first major move. Firing Thomas on Wednesday and immediately tapping former assistant Rick Carlisle as his successor.

"I just had a gut feeling this wasn't going to work," Bird said of a surprise move that came only two months before the start of the season.

Bird said he didn't feel comfortable with the Pacers' direction after a second-half swoon that knocked them out of first place in the Eastern Conference and into third.

Bird also said there were other problems with Thomas, who was with the U.S. men's basketball team at the Olympic qualifying tournament in Puerto Rico earlier this week.

"I spoke to him one day in a meeting, and I talked to him one day on the phone. The communication wasn't really there," Bird said.

Carlisle and Bird's relationship dates to the 1990s when the two were teammates with the Boston Celtics. Carlisle also was an assistant for Bird from 1997-2000, but was passed over by current Pacers CEO Donnie Walsh in favor of Thomas.

Carlisle spent the past two seasons as coach of the Detroit Pistons before being fired in May. Carlisle spoke with Bird on Tuesday night and said he was interested. "He's my first choice," Bird said.

Bird said he would have fired Thomas even if Carlisle was not available.

Bird and Thomas were contentious rivals from their days of leading the Boston Celtics and Detroit Pistons to NBA titles in the 1980s.

When he was hired July 11, Bird walked off the podium at a news conference and shook hands with Thomas — but neither smiled.

The Pacers were 133-115 in the regular season under Thomas, making the play-offs all three seasons but never advancing past the first round. Speculation swirled toward the end of the season that Thomas would not be back for the final year of his four-year contract.

**In Brief**

**Lima placed on disabled list due to injured groin**

**KANSAS CITY — Kansas City Royals pitcher Jose Lima was placed on the 15-day disabled list with a strained groin for the second time this season Wednesday.**

The Royals also added outfielder Rondell White to the roster. He was acquired Tuesday from the San Diego Padres.

Lima won his first seven decisions after he was signed out of the Independent Atlantic League, but was 0-1 with a 10.13 ERA in two starts since coming off the disabled list.

General manager Allard Baird said he was unsure who would take Lima's next scheduled start Saturday against Anaheim.

"We'll make a decision for Saturday, whether that would be a waiver claim, a trade or in-house," Baird said. "We feel our chances with whoever toes the mound for Saturday is a better bet to contribute than an 80 percent Jose Lima."
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that he would be on a team with players much bigger and stronger than he. Rather than fretting about size, he said that he was more encouraged to train and practice harder.

"I like being smaller; it's a challenge," Martin said. "I realize that personally I've got to be one of the hardest-working individuals just to keep up.

Martin seems to have kept up. As a junior, he was the fourth leading scorer on the team with 13 points (six goals and one assist). Being a midfielder, however, Martin is unable to focus primarily on offense.

Calling the position "the soccer brain," he explained that a midfielder is responsible for really bolstering the team because of his responsibilities on both the offensive and defensive side of the ball.

Of course, having a soccer talent in the world means nothing without a coach to organize it all, and Martin believes Notre Dame has one of the best in Bobby Clark.

"We call him 'The Boss' because you can't just call a guy like this 'Coach,'" Martin said. "He's so much more than just a coach. He's a father figure, a mentor, and probably least of all, he's a coach."

Before Clark was hired in 2001, the Irish went 15-17-5 in their two previous seasons. Under Clark, the Irish are currently a cumulative 24-13-5. Despite his coaching expertise, Martin maintains that "The Boss" is special because of who he is off the field.

"He teaches us more about life and just how to be a good person," Martin said. "He's a saint, or as close you can get at least."

In fact, it is because of Clark that Martin has said this year's seniors are so anxious to win a national title. With the recent Soccer America poll placing the Irish at No. 3 in the nation, Martin says it may be hard for the team to maintain its focus, which should be the immediate goal.

"For the season, there's ultimately one goal that every team in college sports has — the national championship," he said. "But in the meantime, we want to try and eliminate distractions and keep everyone on the same page.

"Even if the Irish are unsuccessful in their pursuit of a title, Martin said that his experience at Notre Dame has been more than he dreamed.

"It's far beyond what I expected," he said. "I couldn't ask for more than what I've been given at Notre Dame. I think what makes it special is the quality of individuals. I think there's just a special kind of person here. I'll be deeply saddened when I have to leave."

Although it's still a long way off, Martin already has tentative plans for what he wants to do after he leaves Notre Dame. He said that in a passing offense, the Irish would like to continue to play professionally, but if that doesn't work out, he wouldn't be averse to attending law school, perhaps even at Notre Dame.

What is most important to Martin, though, is what people remember about him after he leaves Notre Dame. "My goal at Notre Dame is to leave a legacy in the soccer program," he said. "By that, I don't mean championships or winning percentage, but just the way the team handles itself on and off the field. (The seniors and I want to kind of create a mold in which future leaders can stop in and be able to lead this team in the right direction.)"

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ally different offenses. Before the switch to the pro-style offense, the Irish were always a run-first, pass-second team. Dickiedrick's system strives for balance, but emphasizes the pass. Running the offense well all comes down to spacing.

"What you have to understand first of all, is what a passing game means. Spacing is important. It opens up lanes," Notre Dame head coach Tyone Willingham said. "When you understand that in a passing offense, then you begin to open up lanes and put pressure on a defense at certain points. It's the overall learning process and knowledge that we are gaining that is better than last year."

"Hopefully, every guy on our squad has learned a little bit more this year, and we learn a little bit more next year."

With the team now improving its understanding of the spacing concept, the coaching staff builds off those fundamentals to install the thick playbook.

"It now becomes how you apply the concept, is it vertical, horizontal, how do you work in the concept?" Willingham said. "The great thing about the system is once you understand the concept, you can take the concepts and show it to people in plays."

One player in particular who coaches think has improved from a year ago is starting quarterback Carlyle Holiday. Last season, Holiday didn't seem to have a total understanding of the new system. After getting on the field experience in a more pass-oriented offense, studying film over the winter and having an off-season of practice, Dickiedrick can't even begin to explain the difference between the third-year starter from this year in last.

"Oh God, it's like light years," Dickiedrick said. "Even with the veteran receivers and the returning group, we have been able to install so much more and do so many more things. I think he has a much better handle on things now than he did at last year this time."

"He is a totally different person."

Dickiedrick wasn't able to quantify the difference in how much of the offense is currently in place compared to last year, but he said, "Quite a bit more of the offense has been put in this year."

No Game Tape

With Washington State opening its 2003 campaign Saturday against Idaho, some fans would argue Notre Dame has the advantage in seeing the Cougar's game film. But that is not necessarily the case.

"We are handicapped, because I don't know of our ability to see them play. We don't trade this film. We don't have a game as you would with them," Willingham said. "We hope we can watch the game. It's very difficult when you watch a football game on television, to watch the game of football. To actually see all of the nuances of a football game, you can't see with a television copy."

Willingham actually said he would prefer the option of having the roles reversed this weekend, the Irish playing and the Cougars on the sideline, on one condition — only if the Irish would win of course.}

Tight End Situation

With the transfer of Greg Olsen and the unknown severity of Gary Godsey's knee injury, the tight end position has suddenly become a minor area of concern for the Irish.

Throughout the off-season, the tight ends — namely Jared Clark and Billy Palmer — tried to become better all-around players.

Last year, Clark was viewed primarily as a receiving threat while Palmer was at his best blocking.

"Clark's) doing a much bigger job with his blocking, and is much more consistent. What that brings is an opportunity to be an every down tight end," Dickiedrick said. "I think Billy has made strides in that area this spring."

Anthony Fasano and Marcus Freeman, who both sat out the 2002 season as freshmen, are pushing for playing time as well.

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The Multicultural Student Programs and Services staff would like to invite everyone to join us at our annual Welcome Back Picnic. Music will be provided by Conjunto Caribe and MSPS student groups. Come enjoy the music, entertainment, and free food.

Date: August 29, 2003
Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Place: Fieldhouse Mall
Rain Site: LaFortune Ballroom
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"Some real critical people that I talked to had some very compelling things to say about [Rooney] that got my attention. If you look at his record as a pitching coach and recruiter - I think it was phenomenal. He was the third person I interviewed and was clearly the right person for the job for us." At Stetson, Rooney's pitching staff led the Hatters to consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances and 40-win seasons. In 2003, Stetson eliminated perennial powerhouse Georgia Tech from the NCAA Tournament. With the Irish, Rooney will assume the role of pitching coach and work with assistant coach David Grewe on recruiting.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to be here and work at Notre Dame," Rooney said. "You really feel like you're working with the upper-echelon student athlete in the country with the combo of academics and baseball here."

One aspect of Rooney's position that makes him enthusiastic is the talented staff O'Connor leaves behind. Rooney will work with juniors Niesel, John Axford and Johnson, who returns to the staff after missing all of 2003 due to shoulder surgery, sophomores Ryan Doherty and Tom Thornton and a hyped incoming freshman class that includes Texas phenom Jeff Manship.

"Certainly the staffs [Notre Dame has] assembled in the past couple of years have been phenomenal, and I'm honored to follow in those footsteps with the staff we have this year," Rooney said. "With the corps of guys we have returning and the young guys coming in, I think it's a tremendous situation from a pitching standpoint."

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**MEN'S SOCCER**

**Small in stature, not ability**

*Three-time captain Greg Martin leads Irish to new heights*

By JUSTIN SCHUVER

*Sports Writer*

It's okay to call Greg Martin short. Really, He doesn't mind. "I've always been the little guy," he said. "The guys will joke about it." The jokes about Martin stop at his stature, however. There's nothing funny about the Plano, Tex., senior's leadership ability or the respect he garners from his teammates. After all, Martin is the first three-time captain in Notre Dame men's soccer history. "I think it was flattering to know I had earned the respect of my teammates," Martin said of his sophomore year, the first year he was named captain. "At the same time, any time there's a leader, it's a credit to his team-mates." Even so, the 5-foot-8, 151-pound Martin has a lot to be proud of, especially considering that he didn't even begin to play soccer until the fifth grade, unlike several of his Irish teammates who had been playing at much earlier ages. Despite his late start, there was no doubting Martin's talent, and at 15 years of age, he began to tour around the world with the Under-17 U.S. National Team. In January 1999, Martin traveled to the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla., a school that trains soccer players for college admission and academic recruitment.

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