Athletes win NCAA graduation rate award

By CLAIRE HEININGER  
Newspaper

Not only can they kick a field goal, serve an ace and win a race -- they can graduate, too.

After finishing second last year, Notre Dame student-athletes earned top honors in the 2003 USA Today/NCAA Academic Awards, a distinction announced Sept. 3.

Ninety-two percent of Notre Dame student-athletes who enrolled in 1996 graduated from the University, constituting the highest overall graduation rate among NCAA Division I-A universities. For student-athletes who completed all four years of athletic eligibility, the rate was even higher, at 99 percent.

Tulsa University came in second by three percentage points, followed by Wisconsin and Duke at 88 percent each. Northwestern at 87 and Boston College at 86. Rice won in 2002 with 91 percent.

NCAA compilations of graduation rates are determined by the raw percentage of student-athletes who entered a university and graduated within six years. Non-graduates include student-athletes who transfer, join a professional organization or leave the university for various other reasons.

Academic Achievement Awards are also granted to the universities that show the most improvement from the previous year, as well as to those who have the best student-athlete graduation rates in comparison to the entire undergraduate student body. This year, the University of Oklahoma topped the first category with a 40 percent rate of improvement. Boston State University won the second with a 35 percent advantage for student-athletes as compared to the overall student body average.

A $2.9 million grant from USA Today first made the prizes possible three years ago. The grant was the largest in NCAA history, and the top institution in each category receives $20,000. The prize money can be used for any purpose; past awards have been used to fund additional scholarships, to support existing programs and to finance new ones.

A reception will be held at the USA Today headquarters in McLean, Va. to recognize the winners, which also include schools from Division I-AA, Division I-AAA, Division II and Division III.

The ceremony will take place Nov. 7 and will feature presentations from NCAA president Myles Brand and USA Today publisher Craig Moon.

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Bust breaks up Turtle Creek tailgate

By KEVIN ALLEN  
Newspaper

A large assembly of police officers descended upon Turtle Creek Saturday morning, handing out citations to minors, arresting unruly partiers and shutting down some gatherings.

The 10 a.m. crackdown, motivated by the Indiana State Excise Police, was an attempt to cut down on large parties at Turtle Creek that might spill over into public areas. Officers from the Indiana State Excise Police, South Bend Police Department and the Notre Dame Security Police collaborated in the effort.

Capt. John Williams, community affairs officer for the South Bend Police Department, said he did not have final numbers regarding how many people received citations on Saturday, but he said there were at least five arrests.

Mike Russell, a junior in Zahm Hall, remembered the bust, which he said included 15 to 20 police cars and two to three public wagons. Russell said law enforcement officials patrolled the complex, going from apartment to apartment, breaking up some parties and letting others continue. He also said he saw six to 10 excise police working undercover.

Eric Tarnowski, also in Zahm Hall junior, said he saw police officers tackling students and even-striking one student with a flashlight as they attempted to flee the scene.

"I was in the back alley and everyone was tailgating as usual," Tarnowski said. "Then, all of a sudden, a bunch of cop cars rolled up. It really kind of killed the atmosphere there." Tarnowski said several students — mostly minors — were lined up and handcuffed by police officers.

Police did not bother those over 21 years of age. Tarnowski said. He said he saw tailgaters of legal drinking age taunting the police, who were evading off-campus party scene.

"They drove most of the students off [campus] and now [with the bust] they're trying to drive us back on," he said.

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Legends meets expectations

By WILL PUCKETT  
Newspaper

With the arrival of football season, one of the newest establishments on campus, Legends, was a hit among students. For Notre Dame, held its doors wide open to the Irish faithful, providing a convivial atmosphere on Friday night and a game watch Saturday afternoon.

When asked how the restaurant/club did over the weekend, manager Larry Briggs said that expectations were met but declined to provide specific figures.

"I would say that it met our expectations, although we are certainly looking at evolving over the course of the year, football weekends and non-football weekends," Briggs said.

According to Briggs, Legends will have to make sure that it can change and keep improving itself to meet the market, rather than relying merely on its prime location near the Stadium and advertising targeted at Notre Dame students.

"It was extremely busy, but we're evolving every day and kind of running it as we go," Briggs said. "We'll see what works in the market and go from there."

Briggs also said the restaurant would grow into its own over time. The restaurant was doing a lot of business, but there are still areas that staff and management need to look at for continued improvement.

"There's a big learning curve, but with having the staff better trained, being able to better handle crowds and the like, we will continue to improve," Briggs said.

Program coordinator Jonathan Jorissen expressed many of the same views, while at the same time noting the large numbers that came to Legends for various reasons.

"We had a lot of people come through — a lot of alumni wanting to check out the new place — and we were very busy all day Friday," Jorissen said. "We had a great turnout, as well, to watch the game."

Jorissen did leave room for improvement, however, noting at least one event that was not as well-attended as organizers might have hoped.

Changes will happen in the programming, as well as in the restaurant, on the planning level, Jorissen said.

"We weren't at max capacity for the band Friday night, and we're working on the logistics of programming on football weekends. We're looking at some different options," Jorissen said. "One of those is having a classic Notre Dame football game watch on Friday afternoons."

Despite having to some extent, less-than-perfect results, the staff of Legends is happy with the way things are going and hopes to continue to improve. In fact, evolving and improving to become even better is one of the central ideas of the restaurant/club right now, the staff said.

"We're excited. Everything went very smoothly, and we were very pleased. Hopefully, over time, more people will become aware that Legends exists, and we will improve our programming, and legends will be even better," Jorissen said.

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INSIDE COLUMN

The bells disturb sleep

Exhausted from the jubilation that was Saturday’s football victory, I returned to my bed in Sorin in order to reenergize for the night that lay ahead. But my nap intruded upon my visions of a vibrant nightlife. My eyelids miscounted my hour or two of slumber. Instead of awakening to the sounds of witty inebriated banter from the hall, I was stirred by the bells of the Basillica. Bells that rang four minutes before nine on a Sunday morning.

Realizing that I had unintentionally stumbled into transition, I attempted to roll over and take refuge in sleep. But the bells would not end. Chimes rung at every quarter hour with varying ambition. At 9:15 there were but four strikes upon the bell. At 9:30 there was a humble concerto featuring subdued syncopation. At 9:45, a subdued rendition of the alma mater praised thee Notre Dame. And at 10:00 a full-fledged dual hour opus erupted from the bowels of the Basillica, 1,842 bells of passion hanging brutal hour from the tower and thrusting upon the unwilling audience of Sorin Hall.

Last year, I heard not one of the Basillica’s bells. I lived on the opposite side of the dorm under the Quin. Social lubricants trickled down from above, sophomores dropped weights from their couch at 2 A.M. and drywall fell as a type of periodic precipitation, yet none of these activities inhibited my slumber. Now, I am bombarded by the sounds of witty inebriated banter from the hall, I was stirred by the bells of the Basillica, 1,842 bells of passion hanging brutal hour from the tower and thrusting upon the unwilling audience of Sorin Hall.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE FORMER FOOTBALL PLAYERS’ RAPE TRIALS?

“it’s an embarrassment to Notre Dame, and I wish it would go away.”

“i wish they hadn’t put themselves in this situation. It hurts both the University and the team.”

“It’s a disgrace to the University.”

“It’s bad.”

“I shaved my head in protest.”

“for one evening shouted in so much skepticism, it has caused Notre Dame a lot of bad publicity.”

OFBEAT

Ecuador President promises to be punctual

QUITO, Ecuador—Ecuador President Lucio Gutierrez will set a national example and start showing up on time for meetings and appointments in an effort to combat a national lack of punctuality, a government spokesman said Monday.

“The president has made the decision that punctuality will be the government’s rule,” spokesman Marcelo Cevallos said in an interview with Teleamazonas television.

It was unclear when the initiative would begin, however, as Cevallos apologized to the audience for showing up late for the interview.

Dope-seeking teens call cop by mistake

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Two teens accused of searching for a marijuana dealer dialed the ultimate wrong number — they called the Mewer County Sheriff’s cell phone.

Sheriff Terese Amazi’s cell phone rang around noon on Friday. The caller said she wanted a bag of marijuana. After Amazi said she was the sheriff, the caller said, “I’m sorry,” and hung up.

A few minutes later, the phone rang again. This time, Amazi let a deputy answer.

The caller again asked for a bag of marijuana, and the deputy — who called himself “Dude” on the phone — arranged for a meeting at a convenience store an hour later.

“Apparently, they didn’t know the meaning of ‘Dude’ as in ‘doped’ either,” Amazi said. “It’s incredible.”

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

International Student Services and Activities will sponsor a screening of a Russian movie today at 7:00 in the Montgomery Theater in the LaFortune Student Center.

The women’s volleyball team takes on Valparaiso today at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena.

The Clayton Miller Blues Bank will perform at St. Mary’s College today at 5:30 p.m. on the Library Green. The concert is sponsored by the Student Activities Board.

MOTHERS: Founders of the Environmental Justice Movement will sponsor a lecture featuring Hazel Johnson, a lifetime resident of Chicago Public Housing. The lecture takes place Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

A meeting will be held Wednesday for anyone interested in the Latin American Studies minor, as well as anyone enrolled in the program. The meeting will take place in the Hesburgh Center at 5:30 p.m.

A Tri-Military service will be held in honor of those who lost their lives in the attacks of September 11, 2001. The service will take place at 7 a.m. Thursday at the Pasquerilla Center.

Enjoy campus musicians at the Student Union Board’s AcoustiCafe Thursday night at 9 p.m. in LaFortune Student Center.

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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A heated debate ensued when gating current policies and year.

The 18-member council of students, faculty and administrators discussed various issues that may take up as the focus of the three task forces that will work toward specific goals over the course of the year. These include private privileges for on-campus seniors, decreasing the cost of SYR's, campus safety, exploration of dining hall options and decreasing the cost of SYR's, etc. for on-campus seniors. The focus of the three task forces is to generate unanimous support. It was also pointed out that students care about the issue of deciding task force goals will be settled during the Sept. 22 meeting.

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Auto club goes to trial for negligence

Associated Press

BOSTON — In the summer of 1999, AAA got a call from a young woman whose car had broken down in a parking lot on Cape Cod. The auto club told the woman's stepfather it would send help.

Melissa Gosule never made it home that night. Her body was found in a shallow grave eight days later. She lived at Turtle Creek. John Cubellis, a tow truck driver whose company is AAA, arrived at the parking lot about 90 minutes later.

The case is being watched closely because it is the first death case the auto club has seen in which a family is claiming negligence and wrongful death.

The young woman, whose car had been taken a taxi or had a family member take her up. She had been raped and stabbed to death.

Gosule's family sued AAA for unspecified damages, claiming that if the auto club had done its jobs that night, she would be alive today.

Gosule's family said AAA left Gosule stranded and forced her to turn to a stranger for help. That stranger, Michael Gentile, killed her.

AAA disputes the family's claims that it did not offer adequate roadside assistance that night — Melissa would still be with us.

In a statement, a spokesman for AAA Southern New England said Gosule's death a "terrible tragedy." "We hope to turn this around before it happens again," he said.

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AAA says Gosule could have taken a taxi or had a family member come pick her up.

In a statement, a spokesman for AAA Southern New England said Gosule's family and friends, "We can understand their position, as they are always going to look at the worst. We believe the auto club will be properly and completely exonerated." "We believe the auto club will be properly and completely exonerated." 

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Arab League grants Council seat

The Arab League, whose members are Arab states in the Middle East, has granted a seat to the United Nations (UN) in the UN General Assembly, effective immediately. The resolution was adopted by the Arab League on December 1, 2003.

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Afghanistan

Attacks leave five Afghan troops dead

Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan—Suspected Taliban insurgents killed five Afghan government soldiers and wounded two U.S. soldiers in attacks in the south and east of Afghanistan, Afghan and U.S. military officials said Monday. The attacks in three provinces highlighted the security challenge in Afghanistan's war. The top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, Lt. Gen. John Vines, warned Sunday that Taliban fighters, paid and trained by al-Qaida, were pouring into the country from neighboring Pakistan — a key U.S. ally in the war on terror.

In Afghanistan's southern Kandahar province, the heartland of the hardline Taliban regime before its ouster by U.S.-led forces in late 2001, insurgents late Sunday ambushed a pickup truck carrying Afghan soldiers through a mountain gorge.

Five soldiers were killed and five wounded, said Hajj Granal, a military commander in the provincial capital, which lies about 25 miles south of where the attack happened in Shah Wali Kot district.

No group claimed responsibility, but Granal blamed the Taliban and said authorities arrested 13 men with suspected links to the group.

Three weeks ago, hundreds of Afghan government troops were sent to the same area, looking for Taliban remnants, he said. "This is a mountainous area. Taliban are hiding there."

Shah Wali Kot is 85 miles southwest of the Dai Chupan mountains, the scene of intense fighting this month between U.S.-led coalition forces and Taliban. More than 100 Taliban were reported killed in about nine days of fighting and bombing in the rugged region of Zabul province. One U.S. special operations soldier and an unknown number of Afghan soldiers also died.

Meanwhile, two American soldiers were wounded Sunday as the coalition pursued the hunt for Taliban and al-Qaida fighters in eastern Afghanistan. Both soldiers were evacuated to Bagram Air Base, coalition headquarters north of Kabul, for treatment. Neither was identified.

One of the soldiers suffered a gunshot wound to the right leg during a firefight with five insurgents near a coalition base at Shkin in Paktika province, said Col. Rodney Davis, the U.S. military spokesman in Afghanistan. The insurgents retreated with no reported casualties, he said in a statement.

The other soldier was shot in the right forearm in a clash early the next morning near the heart of the Taliban stronghold in the turbulent Zabul province. One U.S. special operations soldier and an unknown number of Afghan soldiers also died.

Democratic lawmakers, who control the Appropriations Committee, predict Monday that Congress will "aggressively expedite" approval for the president's request and put as many questions as possible to the administration officials who are expected to tell Congress his assessment of the size of the U.S. military commitment to Iraq and schedules for removing American forces.

An amendment seeking such conditions seemed unlikely to pass the Senate. But a debate over it could give Democrats an opportunity to spend time criticizing Bush's Iraq policy a year before the presidential election.

Democrats were not alone in seeking answers.

Republican Sen. Zach Wamp of Tennessee said, "It's a huge number, and Congress needs to step up to its constitutional responsibility to vet the request and put as many questions to the president as we can."

Wamp said he wanted ways to measure progress in rebuilding Iraq and would push for U.S. investment there to be partly repaid by revenue raised by Iraq's oil industry.

The entire proposal would be paid for out of federal deficits already expected to shatter previous records. In a briefing for reporters, senior administration officials said they expected $50 billion to $60 billion of their plan to be spent next year — which would bring the projected 2004 deficit to $525 billion to $535 billion.

In that same briefing, one official acknowledged that "the level of decay and underinvestment in the Iraqi infrastructure was worse than, almost anyone on the outside anticipated earlier this year." Republican leaders, hoping to lay the groundwork for speedy work by the GOP-run Congress, expressed support for the president's plan.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., who spent much of the day in his home state with Bush, said the proposal "warrants the support of Congress." And House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla., whose panel will help write Congress' version, said he would "aggressively expedite the president's request" through the committee.

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Approval likely for Bush's plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans and Democrats predicted Monday that Congress will approve the $87 billion President Bush wants for Iraq and Afghanistan, but many said they would demand more details on administration policy in both countries.

With relentless American casualties, a paucity of allied support and a realization that the administration underestimated the operation's price tag, lawmakers seem emboldened to play a stronger role in shaping the war than they did when they quickly approved an initial $79 billion package in April.

Democrats juxtaposed the proposal with Bush's opposition to added funds for American schools and other domestic programs. They also voiced doubt that even $87 billion is enough.

"Already facing a nearly half-Trillion-dollar deficit, American taxpayers deserve to know how this spending will affect our ability to address the unmet needs in our own country," said House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

"This may not be Vietnam, but boy it sure smells like it," Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, said on the Senate floor. "And every time I see these bills coming down for the money, it's coming like Vietnam, too."

Other Democrats, such as Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, were preparing to demand that, as a condition for the money, Bush would have to tell Congress his assessment of the size of the
The circulation of TV Guide has fallen dramatically, from more than 19 million in the 1970s to about 9 million today. The company will spend $10 million to market TV Guide with the goal of adding 750,000 new subscribers by the end of the year.

Media merger wins FCC approval

WASHINGTON -- The government is allowing the nation's largest Spanish-language media conglomerate, a move that could open the Hispanic community by purchasing Hispanic Broadcasting Corp. for $3.5 billion, Federal Communications Commission officials said Monday.

The study was conducted by the American Immigration Law Foundation Immigrant Policy Center, a nonprofit organization that supports immigration. "America's strength lies in its openness," said Stuart Anderson, the study's author who recently left the now defunct Immigration and Naturalization Service policy plan-

A man listens to new releases at a music store in New York City. Blaming the slump in record sales on file-sharing software, the Recording Industry Association of America began filing lawsuits against individuals illegally downloading music.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON -- The music industry's largest trade group filed 261 copyright lawsuits against Internet users who illegally download songs as part of an aggressive campaign to discourage piracy through years of expensive civil penalties or settlements.

The Recording Industry Association of America warned it ultimately may file thousands of cases. Its first round was aimed at what its description as "major offenders" illegal-ly distributing an average more than 1,000 copyrighted music files each.

Some of my grandparents got in there," said Duane Pickle, 71, of Richardson, Texas, who said his son had explained the study as an e-mail to the recording industry association didn't do it, and I don't feel like I'm responsible. It's been stopped now, I guarantee you that. Pickle said his teen-aged grandchildren used his computer during visits to his home.

"I'm not a computer-type person," Pickle said. "They come in and get on the computer. How do l get out of this? Dadgum it, got to get a lawyer on this.

Another defendant, Lisa Schamis of New York, said her Internet provider warned her two months ago that record industry lawyers had asked her name and address, and she did not knew what to be doing. She acknowledged downloading a few music files over file-sharing networks.

"This is ridiculous," said Schamis. "People like me who did this, I didn't understand it was illegal." It can understand why the music industry is upset about that, but the fact that we had access to that on the public, I think they give them the right to sue us. It's wrong on their part," said Schamis.

"Looking for counterfeit software that makes it simple for computer users to locate and retrieve for free virtually any song by any artist within moments. Interners users broadly acknowledge music-trading is illegal, but the practice has flourished in recent years since copyright statutes are among the most popularly flaunted laws online.

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Anderson said despite complaints that foreign workers are taking American jobs, statistics show that U.S. employers have not been ram-pant hiring foreign workers who enter on H-1B visas for temporary workers with specialized occupations.

Anderson's study found that H-1B hiring rises and falls with economic times, numbering 164,000 in 2001 and dropping to 79,100 in fiscal year 2002. The national H-1B worker cap of 200,000 a year is scheduled to be reduced to 65,000 a year on Oct. 1. Employer abuse of the program to find cheap labor also is not widespread, he said.

In 2002, the Department of Labor found only seven willful violations or required removal from the program, even though the agency has increased investigations, Anderson said.

A critic of guest worker programs said rather than import foreign workers, job wages, benefits and conditions should be improved so more American workers are interested in filling those jobs or researching in the fields currently filled by H-1B workers.
Enjoying the non-traditional football traditions

As I take time out of my busy senior schedule to reflect on this past weekend, and the banquet of Bora burgers and beer to which I was privy, it's easy to feel like I'm the luckiest man alive. Not to mention the manifest. Of course, the hourly abuse treatment makes me feel a little less rugged, but not when I remember that it is the only way to ensure an expediency of recovery from multiple burns to the forearms. It was a grill accident resulting from a manual match-lighting at our Turtle Creek. The ignition-auto-gauge-button-meter-thing wouldn't play nice, so we had to improvise. Or maybe it did in fact work, and we just prefer to do things manually instead. Manually and many are pretty much one and the same. Either way, there is a penalty to pay for such rash, disorderly behavior. It's staged forearm hair, a terrible smelling downstairs to your apartment and eternal notoriety for being so dang manly. That wasn't all that went wrong on Saturday. The long dreamt of tug o' war duel in our backyard never materialized. Perhaps it was a result of poor party planning, or more probably, because Lorrie doesn't carry those ropes that thick.

Visions of long ago Field Days flashed before our eyes. We relived great tug o' war triumphs and lamented the equally great tug o' war defeats. Perhaps no other game, in the history of manly men, captured the masculine identity quite the way tug o' war did. We considered both the shotput and the pommelhorse, yet both lacked the simple appeal and practicality that thoughts of one rope and dozens of grunting men conjured up.

Unable to locate an adequate rope, however, we settled for a somewhat tamer Saturday tug of war. There is something special about masses of people beating down your door at 8 a.m. demanding nourishment. There is even something kind of special about losing half of your glassware to thirsty freshmen who show little regard for personal property and feel no need to return family heirlooms that they pilfered from your kitchen cabinetry. Even if they are plastic, we want them back.

Our living room was a certified sea of green by 10 a.m., as was every other apartment at Turtle Creek. It was nice to see police officers sending kids long rather than taking them captive in their cruisers. Order was restored, so to say, in the alley of Turtle Creek.

In addition, the football team relived past glories on the sacred sod, sneaking one out against the overmatched Cougars. The September sun proved plenty hot for most at the game, turning us from the sea of green into the Red Sea. At the end of the game, only three questions remained:

Would the fans once again bummush the field?

Would the field be able to withstand such a bummush?

Would the design for "The Shirt" ever change, and if it didn't, would people still continue to buy a new one each year?

Yo of little faith who might have questioned the tenacity of the Fighting Irish, your concerns have now been answered. We are still tenacious, we are still magical, and we will relive the glory. We are living it, baby. The concessions once again were also magical. The Notre Dame hot dogs are still good, maybe even better than they were last year. The condiment eaters are still the coolest things any of us have ever seen and might ever hope to see. The half dollar pieces are still apparently in circulation, contrary to popular opinion. They might provide a shade of facility for the overwhelmed concessionists, but we still hate them. These are the little things that don't make it into the volumes dedicated to Notre Dame football, but they are the things I will personally miss most when I graduate in May.

Did you know that thousands of RVs gather in a giant field beyond Stepan Center and the Credit Union to celebrate each and every Irish win? Not only are the people friendly, but unlike the BMW-dominated Legends parking lot, the RVs are permitted to tailgate well into the night. It took me until senior year to realize how many viable alternatives there are simply going home and passing out on a couch. On football Saturdays, the impossible becomes possible. You can play beanbag toss, Bocce ball or tug o' war without drawing unwanted attention. You can pinball from RV to RV in that little bus with a full deck on its roof, to celebrate with people who really know how to celebrate. It all takes a little initiative, a little bit of aloe (just in case) and a lot of rope.

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**VIDEO GAME REVIEW**

**When ND football once a week isn’t enough**

By TROY ANDROLI
Some Word

If you can’t make it through the week without your fix of blocked punts, safeties and mascots, or if you’re frustrated that you can never see the Fighting Irish play, you can never see the Fighting Irish play. NCAA Football 2004 was released over the summer and is a must-have for any sports fan.

The game-play is about the same as any other football game produced in recent memory, so if you’ve ever played a Madden game, you can pretty much handle the controls. One of the many novelties of this game is the obvious one that you can play as Notre Dame, which means that you can sack the quarterback with the guy who used to borrow your toothpaste or score a touchdown with that guy who’s in front of you in class. Once you get past that, this game has so much more to offer.

There’s a dynasty mode that lets you take the role of the head coach and Athletic Director. Players need to be recruited, schedules made, and National Championships won. You’re put in the driver’s seat and you have to build your program up to challenge year after year for the national championship, while at the same time losing players to graduation and recruiting more to fill the ranks.

Even regular exhibition games are fun to play. You have a huge selection of 1-AA and 1-A teams and, as an extra bonus, there’s a slew of playable classic teams. If you’re ever in a sadistic mood, you can pit the 1924 Notre Dame team against Middle Tennessee State and watch the carnage.

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The most important application of the new controls presents itself when you are running downhill with one defender and one lead blocker between you and the goal line. In the past, you may have been dismayed to watch your lead blocker inexplicably run the other way as you got flattened, preventing what would have been a sure touchdown. Now, simply point the right analog stick in the direction of the defender, watch your runner point at him and call for help, and watch your lead blocker flatten him with a bone-crushing block as you high-step into the end zone.

Owner mode is Madden’s new greatest improvement upon the ever-popular franchise mode. Before, franchise mode gave you the power to sign draft picks and agents, negotiate contracts with your current players, negotiate trades with other teams and cut those who just couldn’t hack it in the NFL. Owner mode provides us with a multitude of features we never even noticed were missing.

After spending the pre-season setting ticket prices, concession prices, parking prices and merchandise prices, I couldn’t help but wonder how I ever played without owner mode. As the owner, the levels at which you set prices and the success of your team directly affect the game-play line. Set prices too high or lose too many games and watch attendance plummet as you struggle to find enough cash to pay your players. Lower ticket prices to below the league average and win the Super Bowl, and you’re on easy street for the next year or two.

If that sounds too detailed and mundane for you football fanatics out there, the NCAA overtime rule, and yet if you tie at the end of regulation, you play overtime as if the game were played today. Beyond that, the limit of my frustrations has to do more with the NCAA than the game itself. Players’ names are not allowed to appear in the game — only their numbers. This can prove to be a little annoying but only detracts a little from the game.

Overall, this game is definitely worth both your time and money.

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**VIDEO GAME REVIEW**

**Newest Madden is the best yet**

By VINCENT MCKINNEY
Some Word

For more than a decade, the Madden series of football video games has been turning out quality games and has become the clear-cut leader of the genre. While it would be easy for EA Sports to take this into account and offer little to no innovation each year, they have instead outdone themselves once again with their latest edition of Madden, Madden NFL 2004. Playmaker controls and owner’s mode, the two major additions to this year’s game, are the most revolutionary ideas to be implemented in many years.

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**SCENE**

**NCAA Football 2004**

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EA Sports
ESPN's 'The Season' features Irish

Weekly show will follow the Notre Dame football season both on and off the field.

By SCOTT FONFERKO
Scene Writer

Last year, the Notre Dame football team entered the season with a new coach, a new spirit, and a burning desire to return to glory.

This year, the Fighting Irish take the field with the same coach, the same spirit, the same goal — and an ESPN camera crew recording their every step along the way.

Due to the success and renewed reputation of the Notre Dame football program, ESPN decided to feature the Irish for its show "The Season." Every Tuesday night, the sports network will air a 60-minute episode following Notre Dame and the team, both on and off the field.

"The Season," which started a few years ago, has followed such teams as St. John's college basketball program and the Oklahoma Sooners college football program. The show followed both the successes and failures in the lives of coaches and players.

"The Season" was created when producers decided to film a different South Eastern Conference (SEC) school each week during football season, following them through preparations for the game, the games themselves and the happenings of a college sport program.

On their filming adventures of SEC schools, ESPN featured the Louisiana State University Tigers, the University of South Carolina Gamecocks and the University of Georgia Bulldogs, along with a few other schools also included in the SEC.

"The Season" crew films the week-long preparations for each upcoming game. "The Season" taps the numerous practices, whether physical or mental, such as when the team sat down to watch film footage from the opposition to prepare themselves for their tactics. The show also revealed numerous other traditions that the specified school participated in to prepare themselves for the game on Saturday. "The Season" provides a unique view into the heart of the tradition that Irish fans consider to be Notre Dame. From student managers painting the football helmets each week to the famed student section that has turned into a "Sea of Green," there is more tradition in Notre Dame football than in most schools. "The Season" reveals a glimpse of what goes on behind closed doors, showing a Notre Dame that most people, even students and fans, never see.

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They represent prestige that has culminated in years of success. It is only expected that such a storied program as Notre Dame will finally be recognized for the heritage and tradition that it has promised for decades.

Part of the heritage includes The Four Horsemen and Knute Rockne, but from there, the list goes on. Eleven national championships have graced the walls of the house that Rockne built. Fitting as it is, the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame will finally have their story told. They will no longer simply appear on NBC Saturday afternoon during the football season. For one hour a week, people can look in on this hallowed Notre Dame football program — "The Season: Inside Notre Dame."

This look into Notre Dame football premiers tonight at 7 p.m. South Bend time. It will air for the next 10 weeks on the same night and time, giving Irish fans all over the country an opportunity to take a deeper look into a developing program, which many fans hope will bring even more glory and honor to Notre Dame football.

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Vontez Duff, who is sure to be a standout on ESPN's "The Season," returns the ball for the Irish.
Associated Press

ATLANTA -- Russ Ortiz bounced back from another shaky start for his career-high 19th win and the Atlanta Braves rallied for a 6-4 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies, who dropped into a tie with Florida for the wild card Monday.

Ortiz (19-6) gave up four runs in the top of the first, then pitched five scoreless innings while the Braves mounted a comeback against one of their former pitchers, Kevin Millwood.

Millwood hit a two-run homer in the bottom half of the first and scored the go-ahead run in the fifth, scoring from third when Andruw Jones hit it into a double play with the bases loaded.

The Marlins pulled even in the wild-card race with a 5-0 victory over the New York Mets.

Ortiz, who has more scoreless than anyone in the NL, was 18-9 with a 5.05 ERA in his last 20 starts. He's 1-2 in his last three starts, sixth in the National League with a 4.67 ERA.

The Associated Press

Pirates improve to 6-0 this season, beat Brewers 4-0

Associated Press

Fogg threw his first major league complete game, and Craig Wilson homered twice and tied his career high with four RBIs as the Pirates beat the Reds 6-3 Monday night.

Fogg (9-8) gave up 10 hits and two walks while striking out nine — one shy of his career high — to improve to 3-0 in his last four starts this season — against the Reds.

The Pirates improved to 6-0 this season at Great American Ball Park and, dating to last season, have won seven in a row in Cincinnati for the first time since May 31, 2007. The complete game was the second in a row for Fogg. Kip Wells won the distance in a 2-1 loss at Atlanta on Sunday. Fogg threw 113 pitches, 80 of them for strikes.

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Brewers' Ortiz lowers wild-card race to five

Associated Press

Ortiz lowered his NL lead in that category from 23 to 18 with a three-run double on a 3-2 pitch from Wayne Franklin (10-12) in the seventh inning. Beckett held New York to four hits and three runs. He lowered his ERA to 3.31, the lowest in any of his last 18 games.

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Hairston scored the tiebreaking run in the eighth inning as the Baltimore Orioles rallied to beat the Boston Red Sox 13-10 Monday night. The Orioles trailed 8-5 before scoring four runs in the seventh and fourth more in the eighth. Baltimore took advantage of four Boston errors to improve to 8-5 against the Red Sox this season.

Johnny Damon hit his 100th career homer and drove in four runs, and Manny Ramirez and Nomar Garciaparra also homered for Boston. Catcher Jason Varitek and pitcher Derek Lowe, who wasn't playing in the game, were ejected in a wild seventh inning.

Bill Mueller had four hits, including a ninth-inning homer, and Ramirez, David Ortiz, and Manny Ramirez, David Ortiz, and Lowe, who wasn't playing in the game, were ejected in a wild seventh inning.

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McCaw hired as new Baylor athletic director

Associated Press

WACO, Texas — Ian McCaw was hired Monday as athletic director at Baylor, a school shaken by scandal and the slaying of one of its basketball players.

McCaw left the same job at Massachusetts and earlier ran the athletic departments at Northeastern and Tulane.

"Baylor represents a pinnacle personal and professional position for me," he said at a news conference at Floyd Casey Stadium.

He replaces Tom Stanton, who resigned exactly one month earlier as the fallout began from the death of Patrick Dennehy. Basketball coach Dave Bliss resigned the same day and has since been replaced by Scott Drew, formerly of Valparaiso.

Former Baylor player Carlton Dotson has been indicted on a murder charge in Dennehy's death. Violations ranging from scholarship payments to poorly handled drug tests have been revealed in Bliss' program. An internal investigative committee has yet to file a full report. Then, the NCAA will weigh in, possibly with heavy sanctions.

"This is the culmination of a very thorough national search that yielded outstanding candidates," Baylor president Robert Sloan said. "Ian is a proven leader with experience in athletics administration."

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**TENNIS**

**U.S. Open title brings Roddick into spotlight**

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — His hair spiked and jeans ripped, Andy Roddick strode through Times Square with pop star girlfriend Mandy Moore on Monday. Passers-by slapped Roddick on the shoulder (he smiled). Or asked him to stop and pose for a photo (he obliged). Or offered congratulations (MTV's Carson Daly rode by, lowered his car's tinted window and shouted: "Way to go, Andy!").

Morning interviews with "Today" and "Regis & Kelly" were behind him. Appearances on ESPN, CNN and David Letterman's "Late Show" awaited. Roddick was looking ahead to his first Grand Slam title match of the month — the men's final of the U.S. Open, which starts Tuesday.

"I'm not at the top yet," he said. "Realistically, I'm probably between 2 and 4 out of the top 20 players. I've been considered one of the best players for quite some time, but the Grand Slam is what counts. If you ask the New England Patriots, Qiusheng Wang, they might say the same thing for the coaches too, myself included. The team still has a lot of work to do."

**NFL**

**Patriots insist loss of Milloy didn't lead to blowout loss**

**Associated Press**

FOXBORO, Mass. — How much does it hurt a team to lose its defensive signal caller, locker room leader and one of its best players? Does it hurt when that player winds up playing for the New England Patriots' biggest rival?

"It's craziness," Patriots defensive coordinator Richard Seymour said Monday, a day after Bills safety Lawyer Milloy led his new team to a 31-0 victory over the Patriots. "Reality's coming back tomorrow."

That might not be quite the case. After all, there already were plenty of expectations and exceptions for Buffalo. Now that will be ratcheted up, which is how it has to be if New England is going to increase its popularity in the United States. Pete Sampras is gone. Andre Agassi is 33, and so far none of the young non-American stars (French Open champion Ferrero, Wimbledon champion Roger Federer, 2001 U.S. Open champion Lleyton Hewitt) has shown the combination of charm and charisma that helped Bjorn Borg or Boris Becker draw fans.

That U.S. Open final produced the event's lowest TV rating in five years. Is that because people don't know who Roddick is? There are more likely explanations: A week of rain made for a disjointed event, plus the previous four finals involved Sampras or Agassi or both.

By winning, Roddick quickly began to fulfill what's been predicted for him. His first major title came in his 12th Grand Slam tournament, Agassi, for example, needed 18.

"In America, we have such a long line and tradition of Grand Slam champions, that it's almost expected. It definitely is a monkey off my back," Roddick said. "I got sick of hearing it. I'm not going to lie. It was there before I deserved it. I've always had — fair or not fair — attention paid to me. A lot of it was undeserved."

Roddick is now a career-best No. 2 in the rankings and said Monday his objective is to finish the year at No. 1. "I'm not at the top yet," he said. "This is awesome for me. I'm so happy. But it doesn't make me any less hungry. I definitely want to get out there and keep working hard and keep trying to improve."

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Dolphins, traditionally strong in team. "Coach Dom how much we've matured as a now focus on putting together expansion team to start 1-0 in Texans look to build
on upset of Dolphins

HOUSTON — The Miami Dolphins, traditionally strong in September, learned an important lesson. Nobody beats the Texans on opening day. Houston became the first expansion team to start 1-0 in its first two seasons, and will now focus on putting together the first winning streak in franchise history.

"The challenge will be to see how much we've matured as a team," said Monday as Houston basked in its 21-20 victory over football team. "We're a smarter, more physical, more consistent football team. I think we made some strides in those areas."

While no one is ready to predict the Texans will play a home game Feb. 1 when the Super Bowl comes to Houston, there were signs the team has vastly improved from 2002.

David Carr, sacked an NFL record 76 times last season, avoided Miami's rush, which was led by 2002 sack leader Jason Taylor. Carr relied on quick drops, coupled with an offensive line retooled with three new starters.

Houston did not fumble or throw an interception, something it did not accomplish in any game last season.

The Texans maintained their steady defense from last year, when they ranked 16th in the league. Virtually the same starting cast returned from 2002, though there's not much depth, making it important for playmakers like cornerbacks Marcus Coleman and Aaron Glenn to stay healthy.

Offensive coordinator Chris Palmer balanced the attack with 34 rushes and 32 passes for a team-record 393 yards. New running back Stacey Mack gained 89 tough yards despite an average of 3.3 per carry, opening up passing lanes.

With protection, a running game and No. 3 overall draft pick Andre Johnson, Carr showed why he was the top pick in 2002, going 17-31 for 266 yards and a touchdown.
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ST. LOUIS — One week into the season, the St. Louis Rams have a quarterback controversy.
Kurt Warner's comeback got off to a rocky start when he played through a concussion in the season-opening loss to the New York Giants. Healthy or not, he won't start Sunday against the San Francisco 49ers, Marc Bulger will.

The two-time MVP said he felt fine Monday, a day after his fog-induced, error-filled performance in the 23-13 loss. After being released from a New York hospital earlier Monday, Warner ran and worked out in St. Louis, and he wants to play on Sunday. Doctors in New York told Warner he probably could practice Wednesday, although team medical personnel will be more cautious.

"I think I should play," Warner said in a conference call with reporters. "As long as the doctors feel clear me, I'll be ready to go.

Not so fast.
Coach Mike Martz blames himself for allowing Warner to slowly clear his head while fumbling six times and getting sacked six times, and said he'll take a safety-first approach on Sunday. So Bulger, the backup who was 6-1 as the Rams' starter last year, will get the call.

"This week I'm going to play Marc," Martz said. "I think we can go one week, and make sure. He's up about probably going with Marc but I think it's probably the best thing at this point.

Martz said it's too soon to talk about whether it's still Warner's job to lose.

"I don't want to get into all of that right now," Martz said. "Let's just take it one week at a time at this point.

"I don't know what the medical staff will say at the end of the week and I don't know how he's going to be at the end of the week, so if that ever becomes an issue we'll address it.

Warner, the MVP in 1999 and 2001, was 0-6 with three touchdown passes and 11 interceptions last year while missing time with a broken pinkie and hand. He doesn't appear worried about the competition.

"This isn't about me and Marc, this is about the team," Warner said. "This is about doing what's best for our team.

Bulger returns to Rams starting lineup
Football

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feel the pressure, Holiday lost the ball three times, recover-

ing it once. The two lost fum-

bles led to 10 Washington State points.

The ball slip away due to the relentless attack on

his quarterback, Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham and

the rest of his offensive staff went to work on how to pro-

tect their signal-caller.

"We had to make some changes in our offense because

they were giving us some strong side pressure that we

tried to have [Holiday] recognize and they did a good

job, sometimes slipping a guy by," Willingham said. "We

tried to do some things as coaches and the coaches did a

good job of adjusting and putting our team in a

better position to make our protection a little more

solid where we could give [Holiday] time to do some things.

Given more time in the second half, Holiday was able to

make some things happen. Facing a Cougar blitz on second and goal in the

fourth quarter, Holiday hit

the two Irish running backs.

"I felt especially in the second half, Holiday was able to

get our nose bloodied a little bit and then you'll be ready to go."

Sean Milligan

Irish guard

"All you really need is to
gain some things. We tried to have

[Holiday] rectify their signal-caller.

the rest of his offensive staff

said. "You are talking about some amazing athletes who do things with the ball that normally can't be done. It's a pressure to block for any of them."

When the breaks weren't going their way in the first half, the inexperienced line could have mailed it in for the rest of the game. What second half performance showed was the attitude this line wants to illustrate each and every time it steps on the field.

"We fight hard. A lot of things about today were ugly, but we fight hard," Morton said. "We fought hard for 60 minutes. The fourth quarter was the toughest part of our fight."

"If that's something that we can say to other people, that will win us some games."

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

'Underdog' Belles ready for Calvin

By JUSTIN SCHUVER

American Sports Editor

After their match Tuesday night, the Saint Mary's volleyball team might be able to show an MIAA opponent what the Belles already know — they are a much improved volleyball team from last season.

The Belles travel to Grand Rapids, Mich., Tuesday night to face traditional power Calvin College in a key MIAA matchup.

Saint Mary's (4-2, 0-1 MIAA) comes into the contest on a roll, having won four of five games at the Kilt Classic in Ohio last weekend. The four wins already place Saint Mary's well ahead of its pace from last year, when the team went 7-21 during the regular season.

The Belles are also anxious to avenge a narrow five-set loss to Allion last week to open their conference schedule.

"We’re real excited and (the girls are) hungry for an MIAA win," coach Julie Schroeder-Biek said. "We’re the real underdog, but we’ve got wonderful team chemistry and this is going to be a good game.

The Knights have had the Belles’ number lately. Last sea-

son, Saint Mary’s faced Calvin and lost in straight sets each time. Perhaps the most difficult loss was a 20-30, 15-30, 13-30 match which knocked the Belles out of the first round of the 2002-03 MIAA playoffs.

"They're always just a real good solid team," Schroeder-

Biek said.

Calvin (5-0, 1-0 MIAA) is a tal-

ted team on both offense and defense. The Knights so far have amassed 259 kills this season, while their opponents have only collected 32 kills. The Knights have also hit at a 33.8 percent rate for the season.

Defensively, Calvin has 45 total blocks compared to nine for its opponents.

Junior middle hitter Kara Kuipers leads the team with 86 kills and 27 blocks. Her performance has not gone unnoticed by the conference, as Kuipers has been named MIAA player of the week the past two weeks.

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face traditional power Calvin

The Belles return home

Thursday to face non-conference opponent Albion College.

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BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Belated Birthday, Carrie Franklin!

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21st, Craig!

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Four new offensive line starters learn in the first half, find success in second half

By MATT LOZAR
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For two quarters Saturday afternoon, the Notre Dame offensive line looked like a unit that lost four starters to the National Football League. The offense had gained 8 net rushing yards. Facing blitzes from Washington State on nearly every play, quarterback Carlyle Holiday had trouble staying upright, funneled four times (losing three) and experienced trouble on numerous snaps with the exchange and tripping over the line. Each time the offense got into the red zone, the offensive line committed a costly penalty, pushing the Irish back and relegating them to field goal.

At halftime, the coaching staff made some adjustments in the protection schemes but it took some time for those changes to become effective. In the fourth quarter, the coaches also moved starting center Bob Morton to right guard, inserted Zach Giles at center and took right guard Sean Milligan from the game.

Whether it was the change in protection, change in the lineup or just becoming used to actual game tempo, the Irish kept Holiday upright in the fourth quarter and amassed 119 yards rushing. Not coincidentally, the Irish scored 20 points.

One of the great things about our offensive line this year is that we are so versatile," Morton said. "I definitely think it was settling in and getting used to game speed," Milligan said. "All you really need is to get your nose bloodied a little bit and then you'll be ready to go." The coaches tested the youthful offensive line, bringing in blitz after blitz.

In the first half, it worked 'Holiday was crushend by blindside hits where a Washington State defender went untouched before putting a lick on the Irish quarterback. 'Not being able to see what we're doing is the hardest part of it," Morton said. "But in the second half, we were able to get a rhythm and control the game tempo, the Irish kept Holiday upright in the fourth quarter and amassed 119 yards rushing. Not coincidentally, the Irish scored 20 points.

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ND VOLLEYBALL
Home schedule kicks off

No. 15 Irish return home to play Valpo

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

"We don't take anybody lightly, because in college vol-leyball, anything can happen," Kelbley said.

No. 15 Notre Dame looks to maintain its ranking, led by Kelbley and junior hitter Emily Loomis. The Irish moved up six spots in this week's Associated Press jumping from No. 21 to No. 15. "It's very exciting to be ranked," Kelbley said. "We know our potential, and it's great to finally see us get in the polls."

Kelbley is coming off an outstanding weekend at the Longhorn Classic, where she was named tournament MVP. Friday's match against Houston saw her slam 22 kills, and she hit .446 on the weekend. This was good enough to earn her Big East Player of the Week.

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SMC SOCCER
Belles home schedule starts against Calvin

By ERIK POWERS
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Saint Mary's opens its home season and conference schedule today against Calvin College. The schools enter today's game at opposite ends of the rebuilding process.

Calvin is 0-2 after a pair of losses last week, but the team finished 9-3-2 in conference last year (12-6-2 overall), including a 1-1 tie and 1-0 win over Saint Mary's. Calvin graduated three all-conference seniors from that team, including Tricia Dyk. Dyk was all-MIAA each year at Calvin and was the league MVP in 2002. Saint Mary's is off to a school-best 3-0 start. Junior midfielder Jen Concannon was named the best 3-0 start. Junior midfielder Jen Concannon was named the first MIAA player of the week.

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SMC VBALL
Saint Mary's at Calvin

Tonight, 6 p.m.

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