Ten-year strategic plan released

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
News Editor

Those affiliated with Notre Dame will see both structural and cosmetic changes within the next ten years as the University embarks on its next strategic plan to enrich the academic, student, spiritual and residential life on campus.

"Notre Dame 2010: Fulfilling the Promise," follows the recently completed, "Colloquy for the Year 2000" and is Notre Dame's fourth strategic plan in as many decades. "Fulfilling the Promise" emphasizes the need for Notre Dame to enrich its research and academic programs by attracting scholars, expanding undergraduate programming and strengthening graduate and doctoral programs.

The plan refers to Notre Dame's financial base, capacity for growth and quality of its staff as indicators that this is the optimal time for the University to accomplish these goals.

Academically, the University wants to strengthen and develop its programs. The administration stresses a need for balance between on-campus and off-campus programs. One example of this need for balance is in the Mundoz College of Business's acknowledgment that there is an overabundance of students enrolled in the college. Another example is the constraint in the curriculum in the School of Architecture. This balance and academic programming enrichment and expansion will be accomplished by diversifying, innovating and integrating the teaching and learning process and developing departmental programs.

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Residence changes proposed

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The student affairs portion of Notre Dame's next strategic plan, "Notre Dame 2010: Fulfilling the Promise," includes suggestions to overhaul undergraduate programs in an effort to integrate student and academic life and to construct new campus and residential facilities.

This section focuses on residential life at Notre Dame, noting the hallmark experiences of living in the residences and the opportunities for growth and learning that exists in the halls.

In this ideal world students would not feel as though they are behind a glass wall, but rather they would be there in front of 80,000 fans.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Soccer deserves your support

This weekend provides Notre Dame sports fans with a number of wonderful options. The football team plays its last home game of the year against BYU, and the men’s basketball team plays an exhibition game on Friday.

Don’t forget, however, when making your weekend sports plans, to come out and watch the No. 2 seeded women’s soccer team as they open the NCAA Tournament at home against Loyola of Chicago.

One of the big benefits to earning a spot in the NCAA Tournament is home-field advantage throughout the first four rounds of the tournament.

Yet, for the Irish to be able to completely enjoy that advantage, they need to have the support of the Notre Dame community.

With the thousands of people that flood the area on home football weekends, and a game time conveniently coming near the end of the pep rally, Friday night’s game is the perfect opportunity to begin supporting the soccer team in their efforts to bring home an NCAA Title to Notre Dame.

For reasons to come out and support the Irish is that the teams coming to Notre Dame are certain to bring fans with them, considering that the games are only a few hours from the other respective schools.

For example, Loyola is sponsoring a free bus ride to South Bend for Loyola students so that they can cheer on their team.

It would be a pretty sorry statement if the visiting team could match the number of fans of the No. 2 team in the country.

The fans have amassed a record of 19-2-1 and are the only team in the nation with four players that have scored at least 10 goals in seniors Amy Warner and Amanda Guertin, junior Mary Boland and sophomore Katie Thorlakson.

The Irish sport two Hermann Trophy Finalists, reserved for the top fifteen players in the country, with Warner and classmate Melissa Tellalian receiving that honor.

Tancredi, Boland and Warner all were first team. All Big East selections, providing the Irish with a lot of firepower for a possible NCAA Tournament run.

So don’t pass up the chance to cheer on the No. 2 women’s soccer team as they take on Loyola on Friday at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field.

If the Irish win, they will also be moving at 10:30 p.m. tonight at 8 p.m. There will be an open rehearsal of the Notre Dame Victory March. It is the famous fight songs, including “Hike, Notre Dame” and “The Notre Dame Victory March.”

The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

OFFBEAT

Man Fined for Scratching While Driving

MADRID, Spain — Highway police who stopped a driver they believed was using his cell phone erred twice. First, he was just scratching his ear.

Second, he was a lawyer.

Tomas Valdiviebo showed the two officers that the last call from his phone went out the night before. The duo huddled, then came back and fined him $370 anyway.

The charge: driving while holding his ear with his right hand in a permanent fashion.

“Am I on hidden cameras?” Valdiviebo recalls saying, according to a Spanish newspaper.

The flap happened Nov. 7 while Valdiviebo drove into Madrid on a high-speed highway in the morning rush hour.

Skydiver Jumps 534 Times From Plane

LAKE ELSINORE, Calif. — A 47-year-old man jumped out of a plane 534 times in 24 hours in hopes of landing a new world record.

Jay Stokes of Yuma, Ariz., used 22 parachutes and two planes in completing the stunt Wednesday morning.

Each jump from 2,100 feet took an average of less than three minutes to complete.

Stokes set the Guinness World Record in 1999 for parachute jumps in 24 hours, but Michael Zang took the title from him in 2001 with 500 jumps.

He took pledges and contributions for the latest attempt and plans to donate the money to charity.

“I’m certainly glad it’s over,” he said after his final jump.

With the Thanksgiving break only two weeks away, many professors have assigned major projects and exams to be due before the holiday. These students are taking advantage of quiet study space in Coleman Morse to finish projects and papers and to study for upcoming exams.

Mary Komperda
Senior Pasquerella East

“No, I will be bringing the chocolate and graham crackers.”

T.J. Laubacher
Senior Knott

“The legs do you think were in ‘The Gipper?’

Jeff Newcamp
Senior Knott

“You’ll find me at Meijer stocking up.”

Mudit Agarwal
Senior Knott

“I am not going to the game Saturday.”

Lorenzo Valliaddold
Senior Knott

“No, my seats suck. I sit with juniors.”

Todd Nieto
Senior Knott

“No, according to the Gospel of Notre Dame, it’s a sin to throw marshmallows.”

IN BRIEF

WVFI radio presents Pedro the Lion with Clark tonight at Legends at 9 p.m. Seattle native Pedro the Lion is an acclaimed acoustic/indie rock group, and campus band Clark will be opening. The show is free, so support WVFI and the local music scene.

Get an insider’s look at the rehearsals of the Notre Dame Glee Club. They will hold an open rehearsal tonight from 4:45 to 5:15 p.m. in room 115 of the Crowley Ball of Music. They will reprise music from the program for their upcoming concerts, but they will also sing some of their famous fight songs, including “Hike, Notre Dame” and “The Notre Dame Victory March.”

Support the football team tonight at the Football Pep Rally for the game against BYU. The pep rally takes place today from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena. Doors open for students at 5:15 p.m. and for the public at 5:45.

The Notre Dame hockey team takes on the United States under-18 team in an exhibition game tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

The Student Union Board is sponsoring a showing of the movie “American Wedding” tonight at 8 p.m. There will be a second showing of the move at 10:30 p.m. Admission is $3.

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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Students apply to go abroad despite violence

University takes measures to reassure students who may study abroad

BY LAURA VILIM
News Writer

Despite an international culture that has become increasingly violent and anti-American in recent months, students at Notre Dame who are considering studying abroad have relatively few fears about leaving the country, a trend that shows students feel safer today than they did at the start of the U.S. invasion of Iraq less than one year ago.

Last year, the fear of violence against Americans kept several students from carrying out their plans to study abroad. Meredith Foley, a senior who was thinking of studying in Dublin last year decided against it in part because of her desire to be near her family in the event of another terrorist attack. "My decision not to go abroad was not primarily based on what was occurring internationally," Foley said. "However, I was afraid that if there was any type of national crises and there was a reason I would need to be with my family, it would be much easier to get home from South Bend than arrange any kind of travel from overseas.

Current students are less afraid to leave the country due in large part to the emphasis the International Studies Department has placed on informing students of world events that could negatively affect their travels abroad. The directors of the department receive constant updates on travel advisories from the State Department as well as U.S. embassies across the world. These advisories, which provide detailed information about everything from travel warnings for a country to civil unrest, are then sent to students traveling to that particular country, so that they can be kept aware of any possible dangers they may face.

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According to Anastasia Gutting, the director of the London Program, recently issued advisories do not concern countries most Notre Dame students choose to visit and instead deal with nations that have a long history of political tension, such as the Saudi Arabia, Bolivia, Somalia and states in the Middle East and North Africa.

When advisories do contain warnings, mostly about countries such as England, France and Australia, Gutting cites the security measures her department has established to protect students.

"In times of political tension, we routinely monitor the situation in the places Notre Dame students live," said Gutting. "We have a University Committee that meets regularly to discuss security matters and consult with other universities, sharing information and learning about their safety precautions."

For the most part, both students and their parents have realized the length the International Studies Department has gone to protect them, and few are fearful of the prospect of studying abroad. This sense of well-being was not felt to the same extent last year when a series of international events, including political uprisings and terrorist attacks in Iraq, have occurred. "I think I do feel safer," said Cassandra Gomez, who plans to travel to the various islands that surround Greece as well as visit friends in other European nations during her stay in Athens. She said traveling is not something to fear as long as one uses common sense and is aware of the surroundings and Asian countries at all times.

"If you adapt to a culture and have respect for the culture, there is nothing to fear," Gomez said. "I want to take advantage of being in a new part of the world."

Terriss Connors, a junior who will be studying in Fremantle, Australia this spring, put the feeling in reverse with respect to danger abroad. She believes the possibility of being in a new part of the world is also not overly fearful about the possibility of danger abroad. She says she feels it will be to immerse himself in a different culture and not feel that fear. "My biggest fears deal with assimilating to other cultures rather than violence," Doyle said.

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Saint Mary's holds student safety forum

By KELLY MEEHAN
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Saint Mary's held its second annual Safety Forum to provide the students and community with advice on dealing with a wide range of security issues at 7 p.m. Thursday in O'Laughlin auditorium, although less than 10 students attended.

The Safety Forum was modeled after last September's Security Forum that was geared towards the incoming freshman class. That event was the first time the Security Department attempted to hold such a large event. The success of last year's event prompted the department to initiate this year's event, which was open to the entire community.

Security Program Coordinator Chris Pennine was in charge of the Security Forum.

I am attempting to provide presenters who will address the issues that concern our whole student body as well as our faculty, staff and surrounding community," said Pennine.

The forum's speakers informed the audience on a wide range of topics from sexual assault to Internet predators.

Mitch Kajzer, investigator for the Saint Joseph County Prosecuting Attorney, discussed and demonstrated oneself and children while on target Internet predators. His eye-opening demonstration illustrated the immense number of predators that he has had 12 years experience in the Sex Offence Unit.

Mary Waggoner, the Community Outreach Coordinator for SOS of Madison County, informed the audience on their options after being a victim of sexual assault. As an advocate for victims of sexual assault and rape, she spoke about seeking help at the hospital and the involvement of law enforcement after the incident.

Despite offering a wide variety of information, turnout was lower than expected. The Saint Mary's Security Department hopes to reschedule the event for a time more convenient for the student body.

"I would like to think that Saint Mary's College is helping to provide information that will possibly prevent future crimes against our students and community. The focus is on bringing in professionals who can share their valuable knowledge in an effort to help us become more active players in our own safety," said Pennine.

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the number of distinguished faculty and setting a goal of raising $100 million in external research funding.

Though Notre Dame is known predominantly as an undergraduate institution, the plan outlines goals to improve doctoral programs so that at least 25 percent are ranked nationally in the top quarter.

Noting that the University has much ground to cover considering diversity, the plan makes a commitment to attract underrepresented students and faculty and to expand ethnic academic programs, specifically African American studies, international research institutes, and international programs in China, India and Africa.

Importance is placed on integrating academic, residential and student life to diversify and expand learning.

If you have further questions, you can reach Fr. J. Steele, CSC at 1-8144 or at jsteele1@nd.edu.

Gay in a Straight World

Gay, Bi, and Straight
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The GLB Retreat is an annual 24-hour event for gay undergraduate students and their friends and supporters. The retreat begins at 7pm on Friday, November 21, 2003 and ends after dinner on Saturday night. Applications are available in the Retreats Office in 114 Coen Center, opposite the elevator. Applications are due by Wednesday, Nov. 19th.

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early next year, the strategic plan did discuss potential options. This includes senior suites or apartments, coeducational housing and smaller themed residences. Firth said the committee is discussing several options, including coed housing.

"We are exploring coeducational housing in part because of the national trend that was to have coed halls," Firth said.

"On the other hand, it does exist that it is something that Notre Dame has to visit."

Premier Catholic Institutions such as Georgetown and Boston College have undergraduate coed housing. Other universities that will be explored include constructing an enlarged student center complex, new apartments for married students, additional graduate student housing and a retreat center; replacing Stepan Center; and renovating the University Health Center.

Firth said Student Affairs intends to focus on expanding student services, especially in health services and student organizations. Though Notre Dame is primarily an undergraduate institution, the plan emphasizes enhancing graduate services and collaboration between graduates and undergraduates.

Firth said that this focus on undergraduate student should not distract from undergraduates.

"We want to do a better job at taking care of them."

Student Affairs first began exploring possible goals and formulating plans during the 2002-2002 academic year.

Firth said though the office sets goals and may set them high, Student Affairs hopes to accomplish most if not all of the objectives outlined in "Notre Dame 2010: Fulfilling the Promise."

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PARTIES SPILT ON JUDICIAL NOMINEES
WASHINGTON — President Bush accused the Senate of "snarling" inaction on his judicial nominees, and a federal judge ordered Thursday that he be heard on his political opponents' objection to his appointment of the chief justice of the state of Alabama.

Mr. Moore, 56, had been suspended since August but lasted until Wednesday on Moore's eight fellow justices.

The court emphasized that its ruling was not a judgment about the monument itself, stating, "The acknowledgment of God is very much a vital part of our public and private fabric of our country."

The governor issued a statement saying he was "disappointed and concerned that the federal courts continue to attempt to remove references to God and faith from public law and trust that it remains very much a vital part of the public and private fabric of our country."

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Looking ahead for the first time after months of impasse, the Israeli and Palestinian prime ministers on Friday prepared for a summit, possibly within days.

Despite conciliatory statements, however, expectations are low that the "fused road map" plan can be revived. The side appears closer to making concessions — a crackdown on militant groups by the Palestinians, a removal of obstacles to US troops and a return of the Palestinian security forces.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia convened his cabinet for the first time Thursday, a day after it was sworn in following two months of political wrangling.

With a government finally in place, Qureia can focus on his priorities. He first wants to persuade militant groups to halt attacks on Israelis and then get Israel to agree to a truce, including a stop to military strikes in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

In the past, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has refused to halt such operations, including targeted killings of militants, unless the Palestinian security forces begin dismantling armed groups, something the Palestinians refuse to do.

Israelis' position appears to have softened somewhat in recent days, and officials have said they want to give Qureia a chance.

In preparing for a summit, the Israelis say they want to avoid the mistakes of their first premier, Mahmoud Abbas. He met four times with Sharon but failed to win concessions, including easing Israel's travel ban on the Palestinians. He met four times with Sharon but failed to win concessions.

Associated Press
The fans truly love and support the Irish. "We see how much the fans truly love and support the Irish." Meredith Capshaw
title

The halftime show promises to please anyone in our generation," drum major Katie O'Sullivan said. "The Band practices a great deal in preparation for a home football weekend, such as NBC and adidas. The team then performs with the Band and Guard, which they lead on its way to the Dome to meet the Lafortune yelling and screaming "Step-off is special for us," Capshaw said. "[We] see how much the fans truly love and support the Irish. You can see it on their faces."

Once we enter the tunnel with the Irish guard and the band, we have a second to catch our breath before the opposing team walks back through and up to their locker room," she said. "When they walk through, we all stand at attention with no facial expression whatsoever. It's actually funny to see the opposing players and coaches walk through with the most intimidated looks on their faces."

During the game, the team must retain this intensity of focus in order to cheer. "It is a little hard to pay full attention to the game when we have to dance or stunt between every single play, but bottom line, you have to know what's going on with the game to be able to cheer for a team," Capshaw said. Despite the intensity of the game, Capshaw said that cheering for the student section is one of the most original, spirited and most exciting experiences of her life. As the last home game rapidly approaches, Capshaw reflected on what it means to step onto the turf one last time. "Then it hit me that the day I would cheer for the last time in Notre Dame's stadium was rapidly approaching, and I got dat Quiver feelings," she said. "I will never forget all the fun times on the away trips. I'll never forget the times we got lost in huge cities trying to find a random tailgate or alumna pep rally to cheer at."

"Thinking back, I can safely say that I have grown to appreciate the opportunity more and more as the years have passed. There won't be a next year, so this is my last chance to make this the best, most special opportunity I've ever been given and I fully intend on doing just that."

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An expert on the relationship between American law and Catholic social thought, Professor Rougeau also teaches courses in contract and real-estate law. He taught at Loyola University Chicago School of Law before coming to Notre Dame. His publications argue that the American understanding of the free market has diverged from Catholic social teaching and that US legal culture tends to promote individual well-being over community cohesion.

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Microsoft faces antitrust charges

BRUSSELS — Microsoft Corp. concluded its defense against European antitrust charges on Thursday, reiterating its hope of reaching a settlement to stave off hefty fines and tough sanctions.

After nearly two days of closed-door hearings, Microsoft turned the floor over to its critics, who argue the U.S. software giant is trying to corner new markets with its Windows operating system.

"We've come to Brussels not only to discuss the Microsoft case, but also to try to persuade the EC to back down on its case," said a tradegroup official. "We think they're making a mistake. They're going to lose and probably end up paying more than if they had settled." He declined to say how much Microsoft would have to pay if it settled.

The SEC said the amount of any civil penalty would not be determined later. It described the administrative proceeding as "ongoing." Microsoft is appealing the fines.

BOSTON — The Securities and Exchange Commission announced a partial settlement Thursday with Putnam Investments, under which the company will undertake significant reforms and agreed to a process for repaying investors harmed by excessive trade charges.

Boston-based Putnam, which had no immediate comment, neither admitted nor denied the findings, the SEC said. The company had previously promised to make full restitution to investors harmed by improper market timing by Putnam employees or customers.

The SEC said the amount of any civil penalty or monetary relief remains open and will be determined later. It described the administrative proceeding as "ongoing." Microsoft is appealing the fines.

Market timing is the use of quick, in-and-out trades that skim profits from longer-term shareholders. The practice is not illegal but most funds do not allow it.

A Chinese woman stands in front of an advertisement that depicts an astronaut and shows a space-naut "— or perhaps just a taikonaut — calendar to mark off the coming months.

This is China's final frontier of modern marketing — or, at least, its most recent one.

After joining Russia and the United States last month as the only countries to send a human into space, China's space program is eagerly marketing its name and logo to companies looking to share the reflected glory.

Sponsorships are splashed on billboards, product packaging and in radio and television ads. At least two magazines have appeared focusing exclusively on the Chinese space program. One newspaper, China Space News, sells a 2004 Shenzhou 5 calendar.

There's "space" milk from Mengniu ("Menggou Milk"), which promises to "fortify the Chinese people" and shows a space-suited boy clutching a glass of creamy goodness.

Mengniu is headquartered in Inner Mongolia, where Shenzhou 5 and astronaut Yang Liwei landed Oct. 16 after a 21 1/2-hour mission.

There's the "Chinese Inaugural Manned Space Flight Command" watch, produced in a limited run of 2,003, available by mail order for 980 yuan ($120) complete with a case of 24 bottles of hard cider chilled to the right temperature.

In the United States, marketing the space program is huge for prestige and for the government and seems to be genuinely popular — although public opinion isn't always easy to discern in China, where media are tightly controlled. But the potent mix of pride and popularity makes it a safe bet for hungry companies.

A space-program endorsement "is 'definitely good for establishing brand name,'" said a director of promotions at Flyta, which made the watch "the taikonaut Yang wore in space." The man gave only his surname, Liu.

China's space program is run by the military and shrouded in secrecy, so it isn't known how endorsements have been awarded. The program has no known publicity office.

Yet its managers are anxious to exploit potential windfalls and avoid unceremonious operators in a country where piracy is rampant. A body called the China Aerospace Foundation has demanded approval for commercial uses of the program's name and logo and threatened legal action against violators.

On-campus businesses have been variably affected by the recent slump. Bill Giering, manager of the Morris Inn, said the restaurant itself had not seen a decline in business, but the courtyard tents behind the Inn had seen a light drop in business.

Like many of those whose restaurants saw no drop in profit, Jim O'Connor, director of the Hammes Bookstore, attributed the business' continued success with the loyalty of Notre Dame fans. "We're pretty pleased with the way the year's been going so far," said O'Connor. "Fortunately, most of the people we have as customers have been long supporters of Notre Dame and will continue to give us patronage.

By AMANDA MICHAELS

News Writer

Businesses suffer with the team

Independently of the students and fans of Notre Dame for their livelihood, many businesses in the South Bend area have felt the effects of a losing football record.

Carol Meehan, manager of Fiddler's Den, which the restaurant has been far emptier on recent Saturday nights than in the past.

"When the team loses, we get some of the people in from out of town who have dinner. But not the fans that come in to celebrate. I'd say we lose at least a couple hundred people in sales each Saturday they don't win," she said.

Meehan also said that after last weekend's win against Navy, business was bouncing again. The Chicago Steak House also benefited from Saturday's victory.

"Last weekend, we had the best weekend we've had in six weeks," said manager Mike Holt. "Business has been slightly down, but our numbers are still up from last year, and with the support of Notre Dame fans, it's not enough for us to be concerned at all."

While a few area restaurants are hurting, others, like the Olive Garden, Rocco's and the Linebacker Lounge have not seen a change in sales; some, like Famous Dave's, have actually seen a more profitable season than usual.

"In fact, in the past three weeks, we've actually picked up and have been really busy," said Deanne Reed, manager of Famous Dave's BBQ. "Some nights it's more of the fans, and other nights it's not, but we usually have a lot of the team that bring their families in after the game."

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Congress fights over Medicare bill

Current prescription drug legislation may not make it past Democratic blockade

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Republican congressional leaders struggled Thursday to shelter their emerging Medicare prescription drug bill from the rising opposition of Senate Democrats and the recalcitrance of a powerful GOP committee chairman.

"This program is unstated. It's untied - it's playing roulette with the lives of senior citizens," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., taking aim at a feature that would put traditional Medicare in direct competition with new private insurance plans beginning in 2010.

But if Democrats argued that the call for competition went too far, Rep. Bill Thomas, the head House negotiator over months of negotiations, argued it didn't go far enough. "It's guaranteed not to work," he said, of the plan, while one of its authors, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., stood by his side.

At its core, the emerging bill would provide seniors a prescription drug benefit beginning in 2006, at a cost of $35 a month.

The low-income would receive subsidies to defray the cost. At the same time, the plan would encourage private insurance companies to offer coverage under preferred provider organizations for seniors without the need for an encore of traditional Medicare.

While lawmakers crashed over one of the few remaining issues in dispute, President Bush said Florida it was time for Congress to act "for today's seniors but also for tomorrow's retirees."

"Either we'll have more delay, more delay and more deadlock, or we'll make real progress," he added, urging his audience to bring pressure on lawmakers to send him legislation soon.

In his remarks, the president made no specific reference to the proposal broken by Frist and Speaker Dennis Hastert and embraced thus far by only two Senate Democrats.

"We hope the Senate will embrace this legislation," said the American Hospital Association announced its support of the bill, "pleasing Republicans."

GOP officials also said they expected to gain the approval of the politically influential AARP, despite the group's chief executive suggesting he was "in danger" of being dropped from the Senate bill.

Democrats argued that the new participation in private insurance and possibly give Medicare a three-year extension of the program, but after that, it would expire without action by Congress.

But Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, and the latest critical senator to embrace the proposal for competition and urged its removal from the measure.

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letter signed by 38 senators
Midwest windstorms knock out power lines

Associated Press

Winds gusting to more than 70 mph swept across the Midwest and the East, knocking out power to more than 1.4 million customers and bringing rain and flooding that flushed out buildings "like a toilet."

A motorist who drove past a roadblock was swept away by a creek in West Virginia, and in New York a tree fell onto a car, killing the driver. A Virginia teenager was seriously injured when a tree fell on her as she waited for a school bus on Wednesday.

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On lakes Erie and Ontario, New York-area airports had flight delays of up to three hours Thursday. Seven people were injured Wednesday night in Wooster, Ohio, when a tornado damaged a Rubbermaid plant. The twister, with winds of 110 to 130 mph, was on the ground for about 12 miles, said meteorologist Mark Adams of the National Weather Service.

"We've had substantial damage," Rubbermaid spokesman Keri Butler said Thursday. The company was still running its distribution site, but manufacturing was shut down.

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WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential hopeful Wesley Clark, who flirted with the idea of skipping public financing despite a late fund-raising start, announced Thursday he will stay within the system.

The decision means Clark will be limited to $45 million in overall primary spending and will face state-by-state spending caps. He will be eligible for up to about $19 million in government funding.

Veteran former Gov. Howard Dean last week became the first Democrat ever to turn away public financing and its spending limits for the primaries. Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry is considering skipping the system, which offers a match of up to $250 for each contribution up to the limit.

Clark, who started his campaign in late September, raised $3.5 million in the first two weeks. He expects to raise at least $6 million in the current fund-raising quarter, which runs from October through December.

Kerry could have him finishing the year with less than half the amount that money front-runners Dean and Kerry have raised. Dean collected $25 million through September, according to the most recent figures available, while Kerry raised $20 million.

"We're raising money at a significant clip, which was why we waited so long to make the decision," Clark spokesman Kym Spill said.

However, she said, Clark ultimately decided to stay within public financing out of respect for the system and because it is the best decision for his campaign.

Clark has filed the initial paperwork with federal election regulators to qualify for the government campaign money. The Federal Election Commission will make the first payment in January.

The retired general's decision will provide him with an important cash infusion heading into the early primaries. If Clark becomes the Democratic nominee, however, there is a risk he will be near the spending limit as President Bush, with no primary opponent, has millions left to spend next spring and summer, before the general election.

Bush has opted out of public financing for the primaries, as he did in his first bid, and is already at or over the record $106 million he raised in 2000. He plans to accept full public funding for the general election.

Spill said Clark decided not to let Bush's prolific fund raising affect his own campaign strategy. The retired general will have the resources he needs to run, she said.

Other Democratic candidates, including Joe Lieberman, Dick Gephardt and John Edwards, have also committed to taking public financing.

Clark has been capitalizing on Dean's decision to opt out of the system.

Clark campaign chairman Eli Segal sent a donor appeal Thursday noting Dean's recent decision to skip public financing and accompanying spending limits, as well as the possibility that Kerry will follow.

"Both have been raising money for over a year and are blanketinng the key early states with television advertising and campaign workers," Segal wrote in the e-mail. "As you know well, Wes Clark's campaign began just eight weeks ago.

Segal told donors a $1,000 contribution would help pay for a month's rent on the campaign's new South Carolina office, $200 would buy a computer for an Arizona campaign staffer and $100 pays for a round-trip bus ticket from Little Rock, Ark., to Tulsa, Okla.

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Kerry apologizes to former staff

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry called three former aides Thursday to apologize for saying his campaign will be "better off" without them.

Kerry made the calls hours after he said in an interview with The Associated Press that the firing of campaign manager Jim Jordan on Sunday was proof of his ability to make tough decisions.

"When you change one person, it is not at all unusual that a couple of people that person hired, that I barely know, who are not really involved with me, decide to go," Kerry said.

Even some of his top advisers privately complained that Kerry's remarks threatened to further divide his staff and add to an internal squabble that has raised questions about his management style.

Robert Gibbs had been chief spokesman for the Massachusetts senator and current Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry when he was replaced Monday by Mary Beth Cahill, who was Kerry's chief of staff. Gibbs had been deputy finance director since late January, according to the campaign. Both quit on Tuesday after nearly a year on the Kerry team.

"What's important is that I as a chief executive make a tough decision. And if somebody else is not loyal to me but is loyal to the manager, they don't belong in the campaign," he said. "My campaign will be better off moving ahead with people who want to be there. I think it underscores why I had to make a change."

A senior Kerry adviser, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Kerry called Jordan, Gibbs and Chidlow to apologize for the remarks. Gibbs will be replaced by Stephanie Cutter, a former spokes­woman for Sen. John Kerry, D­Mass. and currently the spokes­woman for the Democratic National Convention.

Jordan was replaced Monday by Mary Beth Cahill, who was Kerry's chief of staff. The switch, less than three months before voters in Iowa partici­pate in the first-in-the-nation caucuses, was designed to jump­start Kerry's cam­paign by signaling to fund-raisers and activists that he was address­ing problems that have caused his campaign to slump.

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Rep. Edward Markey, D­Mass., praised Kerry's choice of Cahill and said lawmakers on the call were supportive and believe that the presidential race is still wide open.

Responding to Kerry's com­ments, Gibbs said, "I enjoyed working for Senator Kerry and wish him the best. I believe he will make a great president of the United States."

Kerry had described the fir­ing of Jordan as a "one­day story," but the departures of two other senior staff members and ques­tions about whether he could resolve his struggling campaign have lingered. He trails rival Sen. John Edwards, D­N.C., in private polling that put them in pretty close shape.

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**SAUDI ARABIA**

**Bombing increases push for democracy**

Associated Press

RIYADH — The bombing that killed 17 people in the Saudi capital is intensifying pressure for democratic reform in Saudi Arabia, and is likely to undercut the militants’ support among Arabs who previously sympathized to some degree with their goals.

While some have rejoiced over Saturday’s suicide car bombing, many in the Arab world are shocked that it targeted Arabs and Muslims.

The bombing — the work of Osama bin Laden’s al-Qaeda network, according to U.S. and Saudi officials — hit a housing compound in Riyadh that the attackers must have known houses Arab families. As a result, said Saudi political analyst Dawood al-Shirian, many Saudis who felt some sympathy for bin Laden or even saw justice in his actions are now beginning to question his goals.

“We see the images of dead children, when they see the images of a dead mother, if one of their own dies, they will turn away from the militants,” said al-Shirian. “That’s what will isolate the militants.”

On the streets of the capital one evening this week, after breaking their daily Ramadan fast, some Muslims expressed fear such attacks wouldully isolate the militants from their own people.

Khalid al-Sultan, 32, a catering company employee, called it “un-Islamic.” Abdul-Rahman al-Sheikh, a 41-year-old businessman, said al-Qaeda militants are “not only a threat to the people in the kingdom but also a threat to humanity and our peaceful religion.”

That feeling was not universal, however. In Saudi Arabia and elsewhere, many Arabs have fallen back on conspiracy theories about America and Israel engineering the bombing — or at least letting it happen — in order to discredit Islam.

“My feeling is that those who did it can’t be Muslims. Why not Americans?” lawyer Fatma Lasheen said in Cairo. “The American Embassy closed the day of the operation. And if not, why didn’t they foil this operation if they knew about it? Don’t you think it is strange?”

The U.S. Embassy in Riyadh has closed because of fears an attack was imminent, but U.S. officials said the intelligence did not say where it might happen.

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**Royal tabloid rumors abate**

Associated Press

LONDON — It was all good news for Prince Charles on British front pages Thursday. For the first time in nearly two weeks, he wasn’t mentioned on any of them.

Charles is facing a storm over the allegation that couldn’t be reported has shaved.

But can it last? Given the public’s media-fed fascination with Charles, his former marriage and royal affairs in general, don’t count on it.

“Why are we reading this endless bilge about the ‘damaging allegations’ against the Prince of Wales?” Conservative legislator Boris Johnson said in his Daily Telegraph column Thursday.

“If it is the media’s inescapable lust for readers and viewers, that they will print what they know to be the most pathetic and ludicrous lies?”

Well aware of the unspoken allegation began Nov. 1, when a British court granted an injunction to stop the Mail on Sunday newspaper from printing the allegations of a former royal valet, George Smith. It also forbade identification of the “senior royal servant, and that he had been raped by another man.”

The gong order began to unravel, however, when The Guardian newspaper went to court to argue that the identity of the former servant who sue should not be given a cloak of anonymity which was denied to ordinary Britons.

The Guardian prevailed, and identified the suing servant as Michael Fawcett, former senior aide to Charles.

The Guardian emphasized that it didn’t believe the allegations, adding that they “differ from the freely colored rumors about royal affairs which have surfaced recently in the tabloids.”

With Charles clearly in the spotlight, he authorized a statement identifying himself as the “senior royal” who didn’t do whatever it was that hadn’t been reported.

“This allegation is untrue. The incident which the former employee claims to have witnessed did not take place,” said the statement issued by the Prince of Wales’ secretary, Sir Michael Peat.

It added that the former servant who made the allegation “unfortunately ... has suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder and has previously suffered from alcoholism.”

Nonetheless, it soon became known that Smith alleged that he had been raped by another royal servant, and that he also claimed to have seen Charles involved in an “incident.”

Newspapers in Britain didn’t say much more about the “incident.” But a name reported in one story, an apparent fact dropped in another, and a large hint in one of the pictures published in several papers fed the rumors.

Charles’ denial seemed only to make it worse.

The latest iteration of the “incident” turned up on the Internet. Some newspapers on the continent, not restrained by British courts, were explicit about the report.

But those papers weren’t on the newsstands in places like W.H. Smith, Britain’s big news and book retailer. Not our fault, said Smith, saying the distributor hadn’t delivered the papers. The distributor wouldn’t talk.

Charles’ former press aide, Mark Bolland, who said he was trying to be helpful, disclosed that a senior royal servant had once asked him whether Charles was bisexual. That question fit neatly, in huge type, on the front page of last Sunday’s News of the World, the nation’s largest-selling newspaper. Bolland’s unequivocal denial was in the small type.

The episode followed yet another round of raking over the ashes of Charles’ marriage to Princess Diana.

The Daily Mirror tabloid was basking in its success in serializing a book by Paul Burrell, Diana’s former butler.
Praising student input into search process

Searching for a new President of a college or university can be a tedious task, one necessitating input from various parties to ensure the compatibility of the chosen candidate. The process of interviewing candidates and allowing them to familiarize themselves with the College is essential to this process. But normally, the interviewing process is left to Board members or administrative higher-ups and students are virtually excluded from the entire procedure.

So credit Saint Mary's, as the College hires its 11th president, for allowing students to engage in conversation with the candidates. This open process has permitted the students to meet the candidate, get to know her and evaluate her after lunch. For students who have participated, the process has been helpful and productive. Students have had the opportunity to ask questions and get to know the candidates. Following the meetings, students may log on to a Web site and send a feedback form to the Presidential Search Committee so that the committee knows how the students viewed the candidate. The Presidential Search Committee consists of 13 members and also has student representation — including Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl, the student body president, is a member of the committee.

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Diverting from the standards set by his predecessor, Bush has failed to continue the process of cleaning up hazardous waste sites, a process started by his predecessor. Bush's failure to continue allowing their use, they even increased the number of the smog-producing stations that will be allowed. Diverting from public opinion on environmental policy appears to be a common practice for this administration. An even more dramatic example can be found in the decision to open two million acres of land in Utah for exploration for energy. This year the Bureau of Land Management received 25,000 comments opposing the project and less than 200 in support. Nonetheless, the plan was approved anyway. Such lack of concern for the opinions of environmentally concerned citizens should not be surprising from a president who, according to a biography of his career, "has a "conservationist" rather than an environmentalist's view of the environment and public opinion.

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Unfortunately, this is only the most recent example of the Administration's failure to take advantage of the federal government's ability to protect the environment and the health of American citizens. President Bush's decisions often play little heed to either the conclusions of studies made by his own EPA or to public opinion. Consider the recent decision to reverse a Clinton Administration plan to phase out snowmobile usage in Yellowstone National Park. After conducting the necessary investigation, Bush's Department of Interior concluded that the snowmobiles in Yellowstone caused unnecessary pollution and disturbed wildlife. When the Interior Department asked for public opinion on the issue they received 360,000 responses and four out of five supported banning snowmobiles. Instead they eliminated the number of snowmobiles that will be allowed. Diverting from public opinion on environmental policy appears to be a common practice for this administration. An even more dramatic example can be found in the decision to open two million acres of land in Utah for exploration for energy. This year the Bureau of Land Management received 25,000 comments opposing the project and less than 200 in support. Nonetheless, the plan was approved anyway. Such lack of concern for the opinions of environmentally concerned citizens should not be surprising from a president who, according to a biography of his career, "has a "conservationist" rather than an environmentalist's view of the environment and public opinion.

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Fashion isn't important at Notre Dame

As a senior who can't help but read the train wrecks in the Viewpoint section, I've looked at the same four or five arguments repeated each year. The charming debate between students and religious Nazis over whether or not homosexuality is okay is my personal favorite. An 'I can't believe this person exists' smirk, but the rant on student body unity are always a great source of unintentional humor as well. Emily Howald did little more than state the obvious in her Nov. 10 column about our homogenous fashion sense. Anne Morrison, in her letter to the editor, apparently thinks that following the "fashion trends" of the majority is prerequisite for being a part of the community.

In her Nov. 12 reply, Morrison was "appalled" by the column, believing that Howald's article could "further detach" students with less economic privilege who can't afford such all-important brands as Abercrombie. Howald's article was a declaration of war, apparently, as Morrison states it is "actually a united front with which you pit the people that can afford to dress that way against those that can't."

Morrison carves a bit too much about fashion; she also overestimates the fashion authority and overall concern of the student body. The Notre Dame girls I see around campus do dress similarly, but I wouldn't necessar- ily call an oversized sweatshirt, sweatpants, sneakers, reading glasses and a navy sweater "fashion." We actually promote something boring to wear. Apparently, being part of the Notre Dame community, unless one thinks clothes define the "real" you haven't noticed, and all 10 of the underprivileged here can easily choose to do so by finding something boring to wear. Apparently, being part of Morrison's community requires wearing "vintage clothing, band T-shirts or even homemade clothes." She's even so kind as to point out where we should look for her in the dining hall. In short, Morrison's article reads more like a plea for recognition than a plea for unity. Your friends "don't wear Notre Dame apparel on any given day" — good for them. I'll be sure to wave as I pass the "first table on the left" in North Dining Hall. Maybe I'll even throw you a copy of "The Hipster Handbook."

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University must support Solidarity Sunday

According to Campus Ministry, Solidarity Sunday is "an annual event each fall semester to high-light our community's 'spirit of inclusion' for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual and questioning students." The Notre Dame Varsity Weekend — the University football game, but also a part of the Notre Dame and the "spirit of inclusion" of its homilies. SS was designated as Mission Sunday for Nov. 9 this year not only because it was a home football game, but also a par-t weekend — the University would be able to demonstrate its "spirit of inclusion" to its extended Notre Dame family.

This year, however, SS did not happen. Although Campus Ministry ordered the prayer cards, recruited volunteers, and reserved a room to assemble them, they did not save the date. As a result, Nov. 9 was scheduled as Mission Sunday. The 11:45 a.m. Basilica Mass collection went to Holy Cross missions and the homily praised ministering in Bangladesh. Outside, six students warmed their hands and waited to distribute prayer cards for Solidarity Sunday. Sadly, their efforts were futile.

As one of those six students, I distributed cards at four Masses over the weekend. I took charge of the event when I realized Thursday that a sign-up sheet for volunteers to distribute the cards hadn't been established. On Friday afternoon, I discovered that there were still 500 stickers to glue onto prayer cards but that the office the cards had been locked for the weekend. By Saturday, only five people had signed up to distribute. I assigned them to four Masses (two after Saturday's game and two Sunday morning). Plans had not been made to distribute cards to dorms.

To make a long story short, thanks to frantic delegation, all of the cards were delivered to the dorms by Sunday afternoon. But no one knew what they were for. SS is annual tradition; why did it go so badly this year?

In previous years, students with several years of experience with OutreachND and the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs made the event happen almost single-handedly. This year's leadership, however, in both OutreachND and the Standing Committee, is largely new and inexperienced. This led to three-way pointing where Campus Ministry looked to OutreachND, OutreachND looked to Campus Ministry and the Standing Committee, and the Standing Committee looked to Campus Ministry to take care of it. So no one did.

It is particularly ironic that CM relies on OutreachND to create the event when Student Activities has rejected OutreachND's applications for club status claiming there is "no need" for the organization. This year Notre Dame was ranked first on the Princeton Review's list of schools where "alternative lifestyles are not an alternative." In an effort to disprove this ranking, I suggest the University take full responsibility for SS.

The way SS faltered reflects very badly on the University. A more cynical person could claim it demonstrates a systematic and even intentional marginalization of "alternative lifestyles." The negative atmosphere toward gay, lesbian and bisexual students is prevalent on campus. A true promotion of the "spirit of inclusion" would fight against this atmosphere by assuring Solidarity Sunday is a well-publicized and well-run event. With continued effort by the Notre Dame community, particularly in the administration, I believe our football fans can arrive at our "no alternative lifestyle" ranking.

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Wednesday night's performance featured individual performances from the Chorale and Chamber Orchestra, as well as a combined piece.

As with many of the other performing groups at Notre Dame, the Chamber Orchestra and Chorale opened their performance season. The sounds of Bach and Schubert echoed through the ceilings of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart as the University of Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra presented their fall concert.

The majority of the Basilica's nave was full of spectators as the Chamber Orchestra and Chorale opened their performance season. The Notre Dame Chorale was started in 1974 and is the official concert choir of the University. The Chamber Orchestra was started in 1994 by the current director of choral music, Alexander Blachly. Blachly is an associate professor of music at Notre Dame and served as director since 1993. Since earning his post-graduate degrees in musicology from Columbia University, he has gone on to found the acclaimed vocal ensemble Pomerium, which specializes in recording a capella Renaissance music.

In addition to teaching at Notre Dame, Blachly has been a music educator at Columbia, New York University, Rutgers, and the University of Pennsylvania. Along with his teaching and directing duties, he also co-directs the Schola Musicorum of Notre Dame with Calvin M. Beever and hosts a radio program Wednesdays on WSNW.

The audition process for the Notre Dame chorale is very similar to the auditions held for the other vocal groups on campus. "We have general chorale auditions on [freshman] orientation weekend," Blachly said. At these auditions, all of the directors of the vocal groups are present, and the applicants choose a preference of what program with which they would like to be involved.

"The kids just audition once," Blachly said, "and almost always they tend to get in their first choice. The priority, however, is in assigning students into the programs with which they fit the best. They [the different vocal groups] have different personalities, different sounds," Blachly said. "Some that may be suited for one choir may not be as well suited for another."

The Chamber Orchestra is comprised of students from the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra, and the University bands. Students who choose to participate in the Chamber Orchestra are active members of both the Chamber and Symphony Orchestras, an effort that demands a different level of devotion.

"They have to want to do it," Blachly said. "They have to be pretty dedicated."

The Chamber Orchestra and Chorale are two of a small collection of organizations at Notre Dame that cater directly to freshmen and give understudents a chance to be prominent figures early on in the program.

"It tends to be weighted towards freshmen, partly because when they come in, they know they like to sing, but they don't know about all the other wonderful things there are to do," Blachly said.

Even though the program has a hard time keeping students involved for all four years, the opportunities for freshmen to get involved with something their first year and to meet people is a unique and rewarding experience.

The thing that sets the Chamber Orchestra apart from the Symphony Orchestra is its repertoire. "They [the Symphony] do big 19th century orchestras," Blachly said. "Chamber does mostly Baroque music."

This contrast in musical styles stems from the fact that the Chamber Orchestra is a much smaller group, consisting of 16 students playing violins, violas, cellos, basses, oboes and harpsichords. The absence of other instruments warrants the 18th century Baroque style.

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The Chorale has a membership of around 50 students in all vocal ranges who are involved with every field of study at the University.

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The Chorale went on to perform Franz Schubert's arrangement of "Salve Regina," which features the verse inscribed on the seal of the Brothers of the Holy Cross that describes Our Lady as "Our life, sweetness, and hope." They then performed Cristobal de Morales' 16th century adaptation of Psalm 17, "Circumdederunt Mi," which is a short passage that laments, "The groans of death have surrounded me; the sorrows of hell have surrounded me." The Chorale
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The Chamber Orchestra and Chorale opened their season with selections from the Allegro and Adagio portions of Johann Sebastian Bach’s “Brandenburg Concerto No. 3,” with selections from the Allegro and Adagio portions of the piece. “The Notre Dame Chorale tonight was selected because we had a great bass singer to sing the bass solo,” Blachly said, and “we have three wonderful voices.”

In addition to the fall and spring concerts, the Chamber Orchestra and Chorale annually perform George Frideric Handel’s “Messiah” during the Christmas season. This year’s performances will be Dec. 3-5. The Chamber Orchestra and Chorale also perform a concert during Commencement weekend and at the Baccalaureate Mass.

As with many of the other performing groups at Notre Dame, the Chamber Orchestra and Chorale have a tradition of performing around the country during semester breaks. They have three trips to Florida, four to New Orleans and many to Columbus, Ohio and Indianapolis. In addition, they have also performed in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Louisville, St. Louis and Chicago, among other locations.

Blachly explained that all of the tours work in basically the same way. Many of the touring opportunities present for the Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra come from the benefit of Notre Dame’s strong alumni association. They have a student in charge who begins by choosing a general section of the country they want to tour in. They then call alumni groups in that area to see which ones would like to sponsor performances.

“We’ll get one concert set before the others, and the rest fall into place,” said Blachly. Every three years, the group travels abroad during the summer, performing in such locations as Rome, Orvieto, Spoleto, Assisi, Niena, Florence, Venice, Padua, Bavaria and Austria.

The Chamber and Chamber Orchestra have two recordings on CD. The first is “Cantate Domino,” featuring a portion of their “Messiah” performances. The second is “The Notre Dame Chorale in Concert” and features large selections from Handel, Joseph Haydn, Orlande de Lassus and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. In all, the concert provided for a wonderful evening of classical music that was enjoyed by the “respectful and enthusiastic” crowd, Blachly said.

The skill needed for such difficult pieces presented in several languages reflects the hard work put into rehearsing for the evening’s performance. The Chorale and Chamber Orchestra blended very well as a group for such a small ensemble, and it balanced itself very well with the Chamber Orchestra. “I thought the kids did great,” Blachly said. He, along with his performers, looks forward now to “Messiah” in December, an event that normally brings sellout crowds each year to Washington Hall.

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EAGLE, Colo. — Kobe Bryant rightfully expected another appearance Thursday before the judge who will handle his sexual assault trial, saying nothing as the parents of his accuser sat just a few feet away.

It was the first time family members of the 19-year-old woman have attended a hearing in the case and the first time Bryant has sat calmly through a 12-minute procedural hearing, occasionally whispering to one of his attorneys. He left immediately afterward but Lakers officials said he had decided not to attend in time for personal reasons.

The defense waived Bryant's right to be heard about the sexual assault charge against him and the penalty he faces if convicted — four to 20 years in prison and 20 years to life on probation. Bryant did not say why he left.

Bryant decided to follow the court's usual procedure and not enter a plea at his arraignment, saying he didn't want to risk a mistrial because of prejudice.

He wasn't expected to enter a plea until his arraignment, which is scheduled for March 25, says the two had consented to the arrangement, which isn't scheduled until six months after Bryant waives his right to a speedy trial.

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Bryant advised my client of the charge against him and the possible penalty."

Judge Terry Ruckriegel set a pretrial hearing for Dec. 19 and another for Jan. 23 to settle various motions. Bryant will have to appear at both hearings to be informed of his conditions.

Attorneys on both sides said they would need two to three days for a trial, and the judge said the staff would begin looking at potential dates.

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IOC says transsexuals can enter competition

Associated Press

LONDON — Athletes who have undergone sex change operations will be eligible to compete in the Olympics for the first time under new rules being finalized by the IOC.

The International Olympic Committee arranged a meeting in Sweden last month of medical experts in the field and will announce its policy in the next few weeks.

"We will have no discrimination," IOC medical director Patrick Scham asch told The Associated Press on Thursday. "The IOC will respect human rights.

Details are still being worked out, but Scham asch said transgender athletes will be eligible for the Olympics once they have passed a certain amount of time after sex-change surgery.

"The trend is to have an indeterminable period," he said. "Then after certain conditions have been fulfilled, the athlete will be able to compete in his or her new sex."

The exact length of the waiting period hasn't been determined. Scham asch said officials want to make sure that any side effects of hormone therapy have worn off.

Scham asch said he didn't know whether there were any potential transgender athletes in line to compete in next summer's Athens Olympics, but noted that several international sports federations have asked the IOC for guidance.

"We need to be proactive," he said.

The rule covers both male-to-female and female-to-male cases.

Some contend transgender athletes have a physical advantage against other women. Men have higher levels of testosterone and greater muscle-to-fat ratio and heart and lung capacity. However, doctors say, testosterone levels and muscle mass drop after hormone therapy and sex-change surgery.

Until 1999, the IOC conducted gender verification tests at the Olympics but the controversial screenings were dropped before the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

One reason for the change was that not all women have standard female chromosomes. In addition, there are cases of people who have ambiguous genitalia or other congenital conditions.

Over the decades, there have been various accusations of men impersonating women and competing in the Olympics.

"The eligibility of transsexuals to participate needs to be clarified and dealt with," Arne Ljungqvist, the IOC medical commission chairman who organized the meeting of experts in Stockholm.

NFL

Wheatley's temp flares

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Oakland Raiders running back Tyrone Wheatley hit a photographer outside a federal courthouse Thursday, hours prior to testifying before a grand jury probing a nutritional supplements lab.

Wheatley was one of five NFL players — including four Raiders — to appear Thursday before the panel. Others included former NFL defensive player of the year Dana Stubblefield and Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Johnnie Morton.

Also appearing before the grand jury Thursday was Marion Jones, who won an unprecedented five track medals in the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

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Wheatley threatened and cursed at a group of photographers and TV cameramen outside the building, then raised his right fist and slapped photographer Noah Berger hard on the right wrist after Berger took a photo of him Thursday morning.

Berger, a freelance photographer on assignment for The Associated Press, said he was not hurt. He filed a report with the Federal Protective Service, but it was not clear whether Wheatley would be charged.

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Green suspended for drug use

Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — William Green can't seem to outrun his troubled past.

Green, the Cleveland Browns' leading rusher, was suspended for four games by the NFL on Thursday for violating the league's substance abuse policy.

Browns president Carmen Policy said Green was already enrolled in the league's treatment program, and the suspension indicated the second year he had twice violated his personal program.

Because of confidentiality, Policy does not know if Green's involvement in the program stemmed from him twice being suspended for marijuana use while at Boston College.

The Browns said the violation involved the use of alcohol.

Under the NFL's treatment policy, any player who fails a drug test for the first time is referred to a doctor. A second violation results in an automatic four-game suspension.

"I'm confident he's going to work at overcoming whatever problems he has and we are going to support him 100 percent," Policy said.

Green was arrested Oct. 27 on charges of drunken driving and marijuana possession.

The Browns suspended him for last Sunday's game at Kansas City for "conduct detrimental to the team," and the league will count that game as part of its suspension.

Green, who will lose $70,588, was informed of his NFL suspension on Saturday and decided to forgo an appeal, the league said. He is not eligible to return to Cleveland's active roster until Dec. 1, and can't play until Dec. 8 when the Browns host the Rams.

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Terrapins win 27-17 as Allen runs wild

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Josh Allen picked the ideal stage to shed his image as Maryland's "other" running back.

Allen ran for a career-high 257 yards and two touchdowns, and Maryland kept its Atlantic Coast Conference title hopes alive by defeating Virginia 27-17 Thursday night.

Bruce Perry, the sixth-leading rusher in Maryland history, could not play because of a severe ankle sprain. It didn't matter, though, because Allen carried the load all by himself in the nationally televised contest.

"Josh Allen had an unbelievable night," Terrapins coach Ralph Friedgen said. "He really came through for us big-time."

Allen ran for 154 yards in the first half, when the Terrapins scored on four of five possessions to take a 24-7 lead. That proved to be enough offense to provide Maryland with its second win over the Cavaliers in 11 tries since 1991.

The Terrapins (7-3, 4-2) can finish atop the ACC if North Carolina State beats league-leading Florida State on Saturday and Maryland wins its final two games.

A year ago, Maryland's bid for a second straight ACC title was ruined by a 48-13 loss to Virginia. Not only did the Terrapins exact a measure of revenge, but they finished unbeaten (6-0) at home for only the 19th time in the 111-year history of the program.

Allen, a sophomore, carried 38 times. The 257-yard effort ranks third in school history and was nearly twice his previous career high of 136 yards.

"I wanted to make sure I could carry the load like my team needed me to," he said. "The offensive line played a great game. My performance is just a reflection of what they did."

His numbers may have surprised the 51,027 fans and the TV audience, but Virginia coach Al Groh knew Allen had the potential to shred any defense.

"He's been doing it for quite a while," Groh said. "Unless you've been out of the country, you know that Josh Allen is a quality back. He played like one tonight."

Matt Schaub ran for a touchdown, threw for a score and nearly brought the Cavaliers (5-4, 3-4) back in the third quarter.

He passed 186 yards to overtake Shawn Moore as the school's career leader in passing yardage.

"We gave it a good try, but in our business there are no medals for trying. It looked to me like another chapter in the same story," Groh said. "Once again we just made it too hard on ourselves."

Schaub's 14-yard touchdown pass to Alvin Pearman got the Cavaliers to 24-14 with six minutes left in the third quarter, and he directed a 46-yard drive that produced a field goal with 9:15 left.

But Maryland's Nick Novak kicked a 45-yard field goal with 3:42 to go after a 19-yard run by Allen produced a first down at the Virginia 29.

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Terre Haute and its challenges make the national race a priority for the Irish. Teams that finish first or second in their respective races have the opportunity to earn automatic bids to the NCAA Great Lakes Regional. Both Irish squads have the opportunity to earn automatic bids to the title race if they finish first or second in their respective races. Teams that do not finish that high can still hope to qualify, either by automatic, or surely by an at-large bid, and the women's team — either an automatic or an at-large bid — was second in the nation — ranked No. 4 in the nation — are favored to win the Regional title. The women, fresh off their second-consecutive Big East conference victory, are returning to the regional race due to an illness, and junior Kerry Meagher, who is in her first season running regularly with the varsity team, was second for the Irish at the Big East race two weeks ago.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles eager for revenge on road.

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Everybody loves a good challenge.
This Saturday, the Saint Mary's swim team will be competing against conference rival Albion College.
Despite Saint Mary's defeat last year, the Belles have a strong lineup that will not bode well for their competition this weekend.

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Gagne says he was almost as perfect in NL Cy Young Award voting as he was on the mound.

The Los Angeles Dodgers relief pitcher who converted all 55 of his save chances this year received 28 of 32 first-place votes and 146 points to win the honor Thursday from the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

"We haven't seen a lot of relievers win that award, so I was a little worried," Gagne said during a telephone conference call.

"It's a very sweet day for me. I'm not afraid of the wind," said Kane, winless since 2001. "I enjoy the wind because it's a challenge."

"It's just one of those things where you have to concentrate on hitting solid shots, but it's tough for everybody. You just have to put your head down, play hard and see what happens,"

Kane and Webb were the only players to break par, with the field averaging 75.9 strokes on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail's Crossings Course at Magnolia Grove.

"We've never played this course with a lot of wind — maybe a half-club wind at the most — and never out of the direction we played it today," said Webb, who had five birdies and four bogeys.

"The greens are a little firmer and faster, which isn't necessarily a bad thing. It was just different today with the wind."
Irish look to reverse early season troubles at home

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The men’s swimming and diving team hopes to reverse its fortunes when the Irish 0-3 in dual meets this fall take on the pool this afternoon to host No. 19 Brigham Young, Iowa and Louisville at 2 p.m.

“We like to have a target out there,” head coach Tim Welsh said. “Both BYU and Iowa will present a nice [target] for us to chase.”

While Notre Dame’s dual-meet record would suggest otherwise, Welsh says the young Irish squad is the best the University has ever had.

“We know internally that this is the fastest that we’ve ever been,” Welsh said. “It’s not showing up in wins and losses because of the raised strength of schedule. Right now [the schedule] is still ahead of us.”

Last Friday, despite taking three of the top four spots in six of the eleven swimming events, Notre Dame was edged by Michigan State, 125.5-113.5.

“If you look at the results, I think what you’ll see is depth,” Welsh said. “We don’t have that invisible kid in the team as a whole is moving forward.”

On Dec. 4, the Irish host the Texas A&M Invitational, which has been a test of schedule. Right now [the schedule] is still ahead of us.”

The objective of the fall is to increase the team as a whole is moving forward.

“We’re deep enough to challenge the young team.

“Both teams have some good kids, but I don’t think that they’re deep enough to challenge us,” head coach Bailey Weathers said. “As long as we beat their top kids, the meet should take care of itself.”

While the Irish don’t have any particular goals for the meet, Weathers said he hopes to use the meet as an opportunity to gain additional practice and experience.

“There really isn’t any one thing that we are working on,” Weathers said. “I just want to get the kids some more races before we leave for Texas next week.”

Notre Dame took 12 of 16 events in thrashing Big East rival Pittsburgh 184-116 last Friday.

Overall, despite a rash of sickness this past week, Weathers said he is pleased with the team’s progress on the young season.

“We were [on track] before all the illness,” Weathers said. “We’ll have to see how that plays out, but I think we’re where we need to be at this point.”

Next Friday, the Irish hit the road to compete in the 3-day Texas A&M Invitational.

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Tough opening weekend to greet Irish

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Muffet McGraw believes facing an easy opponent to begin the season is always nice, but her team will likely get more of a game against a tougher foe.

So instead of playing McNeese State or Western Michigan, No. 15 Notre Dame opens its season against No. 22 Auburn in the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association tournament this weekend in Boulder, Colo.

“It’s a great challenge for us, to come right out of the gate and play a very good team,” said McGraw, who begins her 17th season at Notre Dame. “I think mentally the team is ready for the season to begin.”

Even if the Irish do not win Friday night against the Tigers, McGraw said the team will still gain valuable experience from the contest.

“It’s kind of a no lose situation. If you lose, you learn and you move on,” McGraw said.

Auburn won the Women’s National Invitational Tournament in 2002 and return all five starters from that team. They will challenge Notre Dame’s ability to run the floor. “Auburn is a great team,” McGraw said. “They’re very athletic and very quick.”

Auburn coach Joe Ciampi said the Tigers are eager to face a solid opponent such as Notre Dame.

“Notre Dame, as our season opening opponent, will prove to be an early test to see where we are right now,” Ciampi said.

McGraw believes one of the keys to the game will be the tempo.

“We’re pretty up-tempo also so controlling the tempo will be a key to the game,” McGraw said.

“Our bench is pretty depleted with injuries so we’ll have to see.”

Notre Dame will be without Teresa Burton and Jeneka Joyce for tournament. Both are out with foot injuries.

Besides the game’s tempo, the Irish will have the difficulty of trying to stop Tiger junior Natasha Brackett. Brackett was named MVP of the WNIT last season and became the school’s all-time leading scorer for a sophomore last season.

McGraw isn’t sure how her team will stop Brackett.

“We’re going to let her get her points,” McGraw said. “I don’t know if we have anyone that can stop her. She’s a very good player and a very important player on their team.”

Notre Dame returns four starters from last season’s Sweet Sixteen squad. Captains and guard La’Tanisa Severe will lead the offense, along with sophomore Megan Duffy. Duffy has played exceptionally in Notre Dame’s first two preseason games.

Juniors Jacqueline Batteast, Katy Fleeky and Burton will all play important roles for the Irish. Batteast is a member of the preseason Wooden All-American team and was a Second-Team Big East selection last season.

Fleeky and Burton played major role in Notre Dame’s success in 2002-03 and will be expected to step up their games even more this season.

Freshman Crystal Erwin, Brenda Gray and Susie Powers could all contribute from the start of the season, especially Erwin. She brings the Irish a physical offensive and defensive player.

Notre Dame will face either Old Dominion or No. 15 Colorado on Saturday.

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Belles send runners to regionals

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Finishing sixth at the MIAA championships and nearly inching past Alma for fifth, the Saint Mary's cross country team now sends its top runners to the NCAA Division-III Regionals at Hanover College Saturday.

Jackie Bauters and Jessica Kosco are the only seniors making the trip for a team that improved drastically throughout the season. In addition to the seniors, Junior Elizabeth Commers, sophomore Becky Feusto and freshmen Erin Nolan, Sara Otto and Katie White will represent Saint Mary's.

"I think it's just a matter of everyone knows what they need to do, individually each of us taking care of our roles on the team," Jessica Kinder said. "As a whole, we have to make sure everyone's on the same page, everyone's focused.

This weekend will provide the Irish with two more chances to do just that, as they try to win the Big East for the ninth time in 10 years. Since volleyball has been played in the Big East, 17 of the 21 championships have gone to either Notre Dame or Pittsburgh. But the Irish are up to the challenge.

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Women's Volleyball

Irish go on the road to face Big East rivals

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

"It's over. Now it's time to move on to more important things — the Big East."

The No. 12 Irish look to get back on track this weekend coming off a road loss on Tuesday to No. 14 Northern Iowa (22-4). The loss snapped the Irish's 14-game winning streak.

"It was a disappointing loss," senior Jessica Kinder said of the four-game match. "Obviously, we wanted to go in and win, but it by no means stops our confidence."

Tuesday's loss saw the Irish hit a mere .185 on the match and .000 in game three alone, the only game — ironically — the Irish won, as the Panthers hit .081 in that game.

Now, the Irish (21-3) will try to rebound as they return to Big East play, where they are 10-0 Saturday, the Irish face West Virginia (6-19, 2-8) and Sunday they face Pittsburgh (20-4, 9-1) to wrap up the regular season conference schedule.

"Our whole team is just planning on playing our game," Jessica Kinder said. "I don't think there's any real huge adjustments that need to be made — it is just a matter of knowing that if we take care of our side of the court we can play with anybody."

If the Irish win Saturday, they claim a share of the Big East regular season title. A win Sunday would give them the outright championship, as Pittsburgh is in second place.

The Panthers come off a 3-0 win over West Virginia last Friday, and their one conference challenge in both games this weekend.

The No. 12 Irish look to get on having our best game of the season every game, and we haven't played to the top of our game yet in a single match," Jessica Kinder (8 kills, 9 digs on Tuesday) said. "So, regardless of who's on the other side of the net, we are using each match as an opportunity to play our best volleyball of the season.

So what should the Irish do to play well?

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The Irish out shot the Friars 15-6 in a 2-0 shutout victory at Glacier Field. Captain and senior midfielder Greg Dalby, recentlly named the Prescod/Detter attack with 12 goals, his twelfth coming on the team is senior forward Kevin Goldthwaite. Committing 14 fouls to just one for the Irish, and forward Devon Prescod put the team away late with a goal of his own.

Prescod leads all Irish players with 12 goals, his twelfth coming in the first game against Connecticut. The high point man on the team is senior forward Justin Detter, who after also tallying against the Huskies has 11 goals and four assists for 26 points.

Providence is also just 1-4-2 against ranked teams this season. The Scarlet Knights advanced into the top seed won the Big East tournament. They were eligible to be an independent. Axford said. Despite the setback, Axford said he is determined to find his way back into NotF D a m e s' rotation. "It's all about what I do to make sure I come back," Axford said.

Recently named the College Soccer News National Player of the Week — and the defense have continued from page 28

Axford said.

Despite the setback, Axford said he will now wait to decide whether to go pro. "This injury affords some¬ one else an opportunity to pick up the slack," Mainieri said. "Someone has always taken advantage of the opportu¬ nity, and I expect that again this year."

Paul Mainieri
Irish coach

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back, but it's just a small obstacle that I'm going to overcome," Axford said. Axford pitched in 17 games and started 12 of the Irish, going 5-2 with a 3.95 ERA. He struck out 64 hitters and walked 59 in just over 70 innings of work.

Known for his mid-to-high 90's fastball, Axford has been a top prospect for Major League teams. He was eligible for the MLB draft, but he said he will now wait another year to see how he does next season before deciding whether to go pro.

Despite the setback, Axford said he is determined to find his way back into Notre Dame's rotation. "It's all about what I do to make sure I come back," Axford said.

While Axford started rehabilitation this week, Mainieri said the team will need other pitchers to step up in Axford's absence. He points to last season as an indicator of what the 2004 Irish team needs. After Grant John¬ son and Villanova, 2-1, while Rutgers defeated No. 5 Seton Hall, 1-0. St. John's hopes not to follow the same path this season since joining the league in 1995. The Scarlet Knights advance to the semifinals for the eighth time in nine seasons. He is going 5-2 with a 3.95 ERA. He walked 59 in just over 70 innings of work.

In addition, in the eight championship tournaments since 1995, the top seed has advanced into the title game only three times (St. John's 1997, Connecticut 2001, Boston College 2002). Rutgers has played in the conference postseason tournament every season since joining the league in 1995. The Scarlet Knights advance to the semifinals for the eighth time in nine appearances. St. John's and Rutgers each advance. St. John's is going to work forever," he said Nov. 4. "We don't know where the world is going to go. We're not going to sit here and guarantee that we're not going to be an independent."

Notre Dame is currently a member of the Big East in most sports, with the notable exception of football. The ACC officials who spoke to USA Today said Notre Dame is considering its football independence because of its uncertain future with the BCS conferences to be included in the season's four major bowl games if they finish high enough. But both the television contract and the BCS contract expire in 2005.

We're Notre Dame to leave the Big East, as the USA Today report suggests, it would have to provide 27 months' notice and pay $5 million. And Big East spokesman John Papas said the 16 Big East teams agreed to an informal five-year commitment to the league when the conference announced a week and a half ago it had expanded.

"Let's not bury our head in the sand here and make some judgment that we have no idea is going to work forever," Heiner said when the Big East announced its expanding its football independence important? Of course. Will that change "Nabisco, bow?"

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Name                Pos       Ht       Wt       Yr
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11 Torin Carter      DB        5-10      192       JR
12 Daniel Hart       TE        6-4       240       SR
17 carrots Braxton    WR        6-3       190       FR
21 Tarek Clayborn    RB        6-0       220       JR
23 Chase Anastasio   WR        6-2       190       FR
37 Matt Mitchell     DB        5-9       184       SO
36 Isaiah Gardner    DB/RB     5-10      190       FR
35 Ashley McConnell  FB        6-0       240       FR
33 Courtney Watson   ILB       6-1       234       SR
49 Derek Curry       ILB       6-3       228       SR
46 Corey Mays        ILB       6-1       238       JR

The Irish are 3-6 overall this season. They have a home game against BYU this Saturday. The Irish are also preparing for their final game against Navy on December 6.

Notre Dame Fighting Irish

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Notre Dame 2003 Schedule

Sept. 6 WASHINGTON ST. - L
Sept. 13 at Michigan - L
Sept. 20 MICHIGAN ST. - L
Sept. 27 at Purdue - L
Oct. 1 at Pittsburgh - W
Oct. 18 USC - L
Oct. 25 at Boston College - L
Nov. 1 FLORIDA STATE - L
Nov. 8 NAVY - W
Nov. 15 BYU - W
Nov. 29 at Stanford - L
Dec. 6 at Syracuse - L

COACHING

Tyrone Willingham

Tyrone Willingham could still salvage this season by winning out and possibly earning a bowl berth. By closing out the season on a winning note, the Irish could build some momentum for 2004. A lot will be learned about Willingham and his staff these next few weeks.

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BYU

COACHING

Quinn did a solid job of keeping the Irish in the game last week and eventually leading the comeback over Navy. He's only completed 45 percent of his passes on the season and has 11 interceptions with only six touchdowns in six games started.

BYU used four different quarterbacks in its last game against Boise State. Berry, the main starter, has completed many of his passes — 64 percent. He has also completed many of his passes to the team's primary back. The fifth-year senior has averaged 33 points a game.

BYU has not had to face many teams this season. The Cougars have a solid kickoff and punt return unit, but they have not faced the type of teams BYU has seen this year. The Irish can still win the game if they play a good game.

BYU has seen and faced the pass against teams that threw the ball often. They have been successful stopping the opposition. They rank 16th in the country in pass defense, with 184.5 yards given up a game through the air.

BYU has had a week off to prepare for the Irish, but that won't help them too much. The Cougars have too many injuries to pose a viable threat to the Irish, and they'll have a tough time containing Jones. On Senior Day, Notre Dame shouldn't have any trouble starting its first winning streak of the season.

The Cougars have lacked consistency at the quarterback position this year. Behind Berry is the freshman Beet. Crowton's career highlight was a 19-17 loss to BYU in his first year at BYU. This is a down year for both coaches and programs.

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Notre Dame has some momentum after beating Navy and they should carry that into this week against BYU. The Cougars aren't that good, and Notre Dame will be pumped up in the seniors' final home game. The Irish should score some points and get their second straight victory.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 27
BYU 13

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 34
BYU 10
The Irish were finally able to get off the slide last weekend with the win over Navy. On Senior Day, the Irish will come out strong and establish their ground game against the Cougars. Building off last week’s momentum, Tyrone Willingham and the Irish get their first easy win of the 2003 campaign.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 34
BYU 17

For the first time this year, the Irish have a chance to build some momentum with back-to-back wins, and they face their first opponent of the season with a losing record. As Jones showed last week, he can carry the Irish to victory. If he gets 25 carries or more, the Irish should win by a comfortable margin.
Thomas finishes sixth in All-America voting

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

Coming back to Notre Dame after declaring himself eligible for the NBA Draft as a sophomore, guard Chris Thomas is earning a number of big-time preseason distinctions.

The Associated Press named Thomas on 19 of the 74 ballots in preseason All-American voting, allowing the junior from Indianapolis, Ind., to finish sixth in overall voting.

"He probably should have been first-team quite frankly," said ESPN basketball analyst Dick Vitale's team. "I think over the course of the season, [Thomas] will get the individual honors he deserves," Brey said. "My feeling is we have the best guard in the country here, the best quarterback. He certainly has been a consistent leader and quarterback since we have started practicing in September."

The list is published on ESPN.com. Vitale, Thomas made Vitale's all-Big East team. Jones has said that if Vitale would have been eligible to play, he would have been Vitale's top five players.

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By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

In Notre Dame still consider­
ing changing conferences — even if it means losing its foot­ball independence?

In its Thursday edition, USA Today cited two anonymous sources who said Notre Dame had approached ACC officials about becoming full members in the conference.

Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White, through the University's sports information department, issued a statement saying the Irish were "staying the course with the Big East" but that officials are "continu­ing to monitor the landscape" — essentially the same state­ment White issued when the Big East announced a five-team expansion Nov. 4.

Although Notre Dame spokes­man John Heisler did not specifically address the USA Today report, he said the school is standing by its state­ment.

ACC commissioner John Swukff said in a statement his conference "has not initiat­ed discussions with anyone regarding further expansion."

Heisler said the Irish were one of the schools who had made any inquiries.

The issue of Notre Dame leaving the Big East in favor of the ACC isn't a new one. Almost two months ago, numerous reports said the confer­ence — which recently added Miami, Virginia Tech and Boston College — was talk­ing with Notre Dame to gauge the school's interest in joining the ACC. At the time, Heisler said he had "no idea" if the Irish had been negotiating with the ACC and called the stories pure speculation.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

Irish close out exhibitions tonight

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

"The Phonz" returns to the Joyce Center tonight.

Eleven years after graduating from Notre Dame, LaPhonso Ellis headlines an Illinois All-Stars roster facing the Irish tonight in what will be Notre Dame's final exhibition tune-up before the season starts at home Nov. 24 against Northern Illinois.

Ellis played four years at Notre Dame and left his name all over the record books. He currently sits 11th in all-time scoring, third in all-time rebounding, second in field goal percentage and first in career blocks. In 1992, the Denver Nuggets selected Ellis with the fifth overall pick in the NBA Draft.

That type of physical player, along with the rest of the Illinois All-Stars, provides the Irish with a challenge they usually face during their rugged Big East schedule — something coach Mike Brey likes.

"Physically, they have bigl bodies, which is a good thing. They have Big East bodies," Brey said. "I don't know if they run as many sets as the last team [Hoop Group] we played. That last team we played was the most disciplined exhibition team I've ever seen. This team is a little bit more up and down, fir­ing up a 3-point shot."

"It's running up and down the court not the type of game Brey wants his team to get into this season. The loss of Matt Carroll and Dan Miller to gradu­ation takes away two big-time scorers from his lineup.

Their graduation increases playing time of Jordan Cornette and Tony Jackson, who were known — at least right now — more for their defensive skill than their offensive game. "I don't think we were a team that took as much pride in our

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**MEN'S SOCCER**

Irish face Providence in Big East semifinals

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

After a dominating 2-0 home victory over Connecticut in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament, the Notre Dame men's soccer team (13-3-3, 7-3-1 Big East) travels east to chal­lenge for the conference cham­pionship in Storrs, Conn. The third-seeded Irish will take on seventh-seeded Providence (6-9-3) in the first semifinal game Friday at 5 p.m. in Storrs, Conn.

No. 1 seed St. John's and No. 4 seed Rutgers will play follow­ing the Notre Dame match.

Last season, Georgetown ousted the Irish from the tour­nament by a score of 2-1 in a quaterfinal game. Counting the convincing win over the Huskies, however, the Irish are now 6-5 all-time in Big East championship competition. They have reached the semi­finals of the tournament three times: in 1996, 1997 and 2001.

Notre Dame's lone title came in 1996.

Providence upset No. 2 seed Virginia Tech in its quarterfinal match, 4-2, on penalty kicks to reach the semifinals. Notre Dame enters Friday's match on a five-game winning streak that began with a win over Providence on Oct. 22.

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**FOOTBALL**

Brigham Young at Notre Dame

The Irish face off with the Cougars in the last home game of the sea­son.

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**ND VOLLEYBALL**

Notre Dame at Pittsburgh

The Irish look to get a pair of Big East victories this weekend.

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**ND WOMEN'S BBALL**

Notre Dame vs. St. Marys

The Irish host Brigham Young, Iowa and Louisville this weekend, as they try to improve their 0-3 dual meet record.

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**ND SWIMMING**

St. Marys vs. Albion

The Belles look for revenge as Albion finishes ahead of them in the conference last year.

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**COLLEGE BBALL**

Marquette 52 抓 2
St. John's 46

The Golden Eagles defeated the Red Storm in both teams season opener.
Rematch from 2001 promises exciting battle in Notre Dame Stadium
Big Red made a habit of playing in close games this year

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

If teams are defined by how they react when their backs are against the wall, then Dillon is an exceptional football team. The Big Red are undefeated heading into the men's interhall championship this Sunday against Siegfried, with six victories coming by a touchdown or less.

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IT Arseniadis
Dillon captain

The Big Red's resiliency was tested early in the year against archival Alumni. Kicker Brian Fallon delegation a field goal with 27 seconds left to break a scoreless tie and defeat the Dawgs. This kick came after three earlier Big Red field goal attempts were blocked.

"We pride ourselves in finding a way to win," said junior tailback Ben Butwin. "We don't have a coach, so we look to our leaders and captains to motivate us."

Dillon entered its last regular season game against Keenan undefeated with a defense that had yet to give up a point. This changed quickly as the Knights opened up the first half with a touchdown.

The Big Red's woes continued later on, when quarterback Michael Johnson had to leave the game with a dislocated shoulder. Freshman backup Al Cedeno performed well in his place and led the team to a 14-8 victory.

"I hadn't played a single minute in a game all year," said Cedeno. "But I had confidence in my team to get the job done. All I had to do was hand the ball off, and we got the stop."

After another close call, a 7-0 triumph over Sorin in the quarterfinals, the Big Red prepared for a rematch with Keenan. This game was a classic, it went into four overtimes, with Dillon coming out on top, 13-6.

"That game was a nail-biter," Butwin said. "It was by far the toughest game I've played in."

The teams were tied 3-3 when Keenan kicker Andrew Warner missed a 35-yard field goal as time expired in regulation.

Johnson scored the game-winning touchdown for the Big Red in the fourth overtime.

The Big Red defense was tested like never before in this game but came up with stops when they were needed most to preserve the victory.

"Our success this season has been a real team effort," said captain JT Arseniadis. "There is no one player that is a standout."

Senior linebacker Robert McBride attributes Dillon's success to the amount of preparation that the team puts in.

"We practice three times a week, along with scouting our opponents and watching film," he said. "Despite all the close calls this year, the Big Red haven't let the fear of a loss affect them too much."

"I'd be lying if I said we haven't been afraid at any time this year," Butwin said. "But even when we have been down we've kept a positive attitude."

Arseniadis agreed.

"There is always fear when you're backed up against the wall," he said. "But this year we have executed and played smart, and that is the mark of a great team."

When it comes to Sunday's game, Dillon will be happy with any kind of victory.

"It would be exciting to have a 'Sportscenter' type of last-minute win," Cedeno said. "But it would be a compliment to our team if we won big."

Arseniadis summed up his team's attitude.

"Hey, a win's a win."

As they have shown all year long, the Big Red will take what they can get.

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The women's interhall football championship Sunday has all the markings of a David and Goliath match-up.

After months of anticipation, top-ranked Lewis will face third-ranked Badin at noon in Notre Dame Stadium.

"It's going to be a good game," Badin center Lindsey Wind said. "We've got the best guys on the field. They're very strong offensively and defensively, and they'll put up a good fight.

Lewis, the largest women's dorm, does not feel underequipped up to this point and, after receiving a bye in the first round of the playoffs, they arrive at the Stadium with a 7-0 record.

The Chicks dominated the Gold League, registering one shutout and running away with victory after victory behind the talent and finesse of Fourth-year quarterback Erin Nasrallah.

"She is the best. We keep each other motivated," Nasrallah said. "We're really close as a team, so we do well. Everyone just loves to play.

Two years ago, Lewis lost in the championship after knocking off Badin in the semifinals.

"It's a great opportunity to play in the Stadium," Nasrallah said. "We have a lot of pressure on ourselves to get to the Stadium, but we're not just content to get there. We want to win."

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Erin Zachry Badin quarterback

The Chicks are hoping that the energy from last week's thrilling overtime victory against Walsh fortifies them for Badin's championship game.

"We've been improving and gotten closer and our goal has become more feasible. This is a big honor for Badin; we've worked very hard for this."

It's not only the team's leader that feels a win would be huge for the team, however.

"No matter if we win or lose, we're really close to examining our progress and our accomplishments," said Wind, also a senior. "But we still have the ultimate goal of winning.

When the teams met earlier this season, Badin had a 10-0 record compared with Badin's 6-3.

"We're not taking anything for granted," Nasrallah said. "We've known they are very strong offensively. We know we have to come out and play hard the whole game that's what we plan on doing. We've watched them play and I think we have what we need to do for whatever they may throw at us."

"We have confidence in our team's ability and feel ready for Sunday's game."

Erin Nasrallah Lewis quarterback

By BOB GRIFFIN
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Erin Nasrallah is by no means a novice when it comes to competing in Notre Dame Stadium. No, she didn't try out for the men's football team, but she is not a cheerleader. She hasn't had a stint with the Fighting Irish coaching staff, and she most likely never will.

Nasrallah is a senior quarterback for Lewis' interhall football team, who this weekend, with the crisp breeze of autumn and a hint of ethanol in the air, will look to knock off No. 3 Badin inside the same stadium, which has produced many of Notre Dame's heroes over its history.

Nasrallah has been described as having a "rocket arm" and her ability to scramble out of the pocket has kept key defenses on their toes this past season long. A starter all four seasons, she is now looking to make the leap to the upper echelon of women's interhall football quarterbacks that have impressed the fields outside of the Stepan Center and on West Quad.

Two years ago, Nasrallah, then a sophomore quarterback, led the Lewis squad into the championship game, only to suffer a tough defeat, which is nothing new in her mind.

In that situation before that has helped Nasrallah be a leader all season.

"I think what this year's team brings to the table two years ago, we have in common is the strong bond shared by the players. No senior's team has its own unique dynamic, different playmakers and different characters. This year's game will be cut out this year's team and the culmination of our season. The trip to the stadium is an opportunity we are all so excited for. We can't wait to play," Nasrallah said.

Nasrallah is truly a complete player in every sense of the word. She is humble as Barry Sanders, as confident as Terrell Owens, but in a good way, and more collected than Brett Favre down four with two minutes left in the fourth quarter. Nasrallah has dealt with pressure all season and has graced the field to lead her Lewis offense and help the Chicks win all seven of their playoff games thus far.

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Lewis quarterback Erin Zachry looks to complete a pass in Badin's playoff victory over McGlinn Nos. 2. Badin and Lewis will face off for the women's interhall football championship Sunday.

Lewis quarterback Nasrallah gets another shot at title

"I think the group of seniors and the team is as strong as a whole are the leaders of the team," Nasrallah said. "We've got experienced players on both sides of the ball. The chemistry we have at practice and the focus and determination we carry into the games is something that we spread to the entire team.

"Despite the feel-good atmosphere that permeates Lewis' practices, Nasrallah feels as though her team has done a good job preparing for the Sunday's contest, and is optimistic about winning their first interhall football championship.

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After an intense opening season match, Lewis meets Badin once again in the Championship Game.
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Senior Class

Photo Illustration by MIKE HARKINS and CARRIE PETERS PETERS
History will judge what role the 2003 senior class had in shaping Notre Dame football, and that's a good thing. Because right now, this senior class' legacy isn't looking too good.

In the 117-year history of Notre Dame football, the Irish have never had three losing seasons in a five-year span. And if the Irish lose to BYU, Stanford or Syracuse, the same holds true for this batch of seniors. Notre Dame fans are more likely to remember the BCS bowl run of 2000 and the Return to Glory campaign of 2002 than they will the losing-record years of 1999 and 2001 — all teams from the graduating class of fifth-year seniors were members of.

But the manner in which the Irish team ends the season will be the true testament of this class' leadership ability. Because if Notre Dame spouts its way to another losing season — just like the Irish did last year — it's hard to imagine that Irish football will experience a miraculous rebirth in the offseason.

On the other hand, if the Irish finish the season on a positive note, Notre Dame will have some bounce in its step in the offseason, which could in turn lead to repetitions of Willingham's miraculous first year as the helm of Notre Dame football. And by doing so, the seniors will show that their final year, the year Notre Dame stumbled again, was merely an aberration.

Time will judge those playing their final game in Notre Dame Stadium Saturday. But against BYU, the seniors will begin filling the pages of the history books.

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**Quoting the Irish**

"I missed it a lot. Anytime you have something taken away from you that you love doing, it hurts pretty bad ... You learn from your mistakes, and I think I've done that."  
Julius Jones  
"I'm just enjoying playing football with a helmet and shoulder pads on for the last time in my life."  
Nate Schomas  
"I see the system just taking off and getting back to the glory days."  
Courtney Watson

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Julius Jones laughs as the Irish celebrate D.J. Fitzpatrick's game-winning field goal against Navy. Jones is one of the first to admit his senior year hasn't gone how he hoped, but the Irish say they aren't giving up on the season.
 Courtney Watson makes a tackle against Michigan in 2003. Watson has been one of the best linebackers to play for the Irish defense in many years.

By CHRIS FEDERICO
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Last season, Courtney Watson was one of the leaders of a high- flying Notre Dame defense that thrived on opposing offenses. The senior was known for his big hit and big plays in creating turnovers and scoring five touchdowns on defense.

Playing in just 10 of Notre Dame's 13 games last year, Watson led the team in tackles with 90 and had 10 tackles for loss in being named one of three finalists for the Butkus Award, given to the top linebacker in the country.

This year, the fifth-year senior Watson has already surpassed those marks for tackles in nine games and is again one of the nation's leaders at his middle linebacker position.

But those numbers only tell part of the tale. Watson is not just a football player. In fact, he has broken the mold and shattered the stereotypical image of the "football jock" by serving as a leader both on the football field and off.

"You meet a lot of people outside of football and you get to meet new people and learn about people on more of a personal level — not necessarily as I'm Courtney Watson — football player, and you're such and such," Watson said. "I think it really helps to break down those walls in between the people I've met and learn more about me than just a football player in the locker room."

In the role of leader that Watson is one of the undisputed leaders of the football Irish — he has served as game day captain already four times for the Irish this season.

But not everyone may be aware of Watson's dedication to his fellow students at Notre Dame. Last year, the then-senior served several games, including his senior and junior years, as the Irish inside linebacker for the team.

"If you want to become a better person, this is the right place for you," Watson said. "I see coach Davie looking for anyone to fill that position in the years to come."

The freshman tailback from Florida — whom many coaches thought had the body frame to grow into a defensive player — was tabbed for the assignment.

Four years later, Davie is looking like a genius — at least in one area of Watson's game.

Watson has developed into one of the premier linebackers in the country. Watson has recorded 267 tackles over his career and has led the team in that category the past two seasons.

"I'm happy I changed," Watson said. "I didn't think I was a linebacker at first. I think I have a pretty good idea now, but I have not really thought about the change, and I don't think it could have gone any better."

Five years with the Irish, it's experience. That makes him nearly invaluable as a senior leader on a team with a lot of young talent.

In his career, Watson's gone through just about everything you can imagine. He's struggled through a position change from offense to defense at the early part of his career. He's waited patiently for his time to get to the game behind older athletes.

"You see the team struggling and you think you can go out there and help," Watson said of his own experiences at the beginning of his career. "But everybody has to wait their turn, and I think you just learn that as you become more mature and understand college football a little more."

Over his five years, Watson has also witnessed first hand the extreme highs and lows that come with winning and losing as Notre Dame.

He's seen the good times and bad in Irish football ranging from Notre Dame's 8-0 start last year and Fiesta Bowl appearance in 2000 to its current 3-6 season, a 5-6 finish in 2001, a 5-7 season as a freshman in 1999 and an alleged rape scandal that caused three players to leave the University and left a big hole in the team.

"If anything, Watson hopes his knowledge and the things he has learned can be put to good use in the minds of the younger players coming up through the program."

"I try to tell the guys that aren't playing that it's for a reason. The coaches know best," said Watson of his experiences. "You just have to get used to it and go from there."

"I see the program just going up," Watson said. "I see coach Davie (Tyrone) Willingham staying here and getting a good hold on the program and putting his touch to it and getting a lot of players in here. I see the system just taking off and getting back to the glory days."

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Irish Inside Linebacker Courtney Watson makes a tackle against Michigan in 2003. Watson has been one of the best linebackers to play for the Irish defense in many years.
Choice of academics has unexpected result

Guard didn’t have to give up football after high school

By CLAIRE HEININGER
Sports Writer

Faced with what he thought was a decision between football and academics, Chicago De La Salle High School valedictorian David Kowalski thought he picked only academics. Turns out, he didn’t have to choose.

"I was recruited to play football at a bunch of smaller schools, and I had it narrowed down to Washington University in St. Louis and here," Kowalski, now a senior offensive guard for the Irish, said. "I could’ve played football there ... but after I came and visited Notre Dame, I knew it was the place for me, football or not.

There was never really a second thought after that. It was a completely lost little freshman." Four years later, Kowalski has found his way and has found his role on the scout team during his senior season.

"We obviously didn’t want to be 2-6 at this point, but in the same respect we don’t want to be 2-10 either," the walk-on said.

"My games are played on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays ... I don’t get to play on Saturdays, so nothing changes for me. We’re still going out there trying to win and trying to get these guys ready."

In addition to preparing the starters for Saturdays, Kowalski has made it his responsibility and his priority to prepare this year’s freshmen walk-ons for the challenges of the seasons ahead of them.

"I like to think that the other walk-ons look up to me," he said. "When I was a freshman, the older guys took care of me, took me under their wing, going out to dinner every once in awhile ... it helps to get to know the guys that you’re out there with at practice.

"As a walk-on, you go through a lot that people don’t really see," he said. "That’s kind of become my job, to be a mentor for the younger ones."

Reflecting on his college career, Kowalski’s emotions were mixed.

"It’s kind of bittersweet," he said. "I mean, it’s been a long road, it’s been four years ... that’s a whole lot of practices, a whole lot of different trips, I wouldn’t trade it ... but I think I’ll be ready to walk away.”

He paused, realizing how soon that walk would come, and added, “there will be times, though, five or 10 years from now, when I would do anything to play one more game.”

Kowalski, the self-assured senior walk-on, appreciates his current perspective on Kowalski, the intimidated freshman student who chose Notre Dame in the first place. He maintains that football alone has not defined his college experience.

"I don’t want to be known for just playing football," he said. "That’s kind of the essence of a walk-on ... I came here to be a part of something bigger than myself.”

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David Kowalski jogs onto the practice field at Cartier Field during a recent Notre Dame practice.
Convincing mom turned out worthwhile

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Despite the fact her son is now a 290-pound lineman for the Irish, Sean Milligan's mother was worried about him playing football when he was younger.

"I've always wanted to play football," Milligan said. "All my friends played football, but my mom wasn't really for it so I had to coax her into it. She was like, 'Your older brother didn't play until he was in high school, and you're not playing until you're in high school.'

"I kind of talked her letting me start a year before high school, though."

As a senior at Norcross High School in the Atlanta suburb of Norcross, Milligan shined as a standout offensive lineman. He was named a USA Today second-team All American offensive lineman and rated a top-100 prospect by both ESPN.com and The Sporting News.

As a high school standout in the football-crazy state of Georgia, Milligan received a lot of looks from the University of Georgia and other SEC schools, as well as Georgia Tech in Atlanta. From the start, though, he knew where he wanted to go.

"I kind of just went with my gut and my heart," he said. "I thought Notre Dame had the best mix of academics and football and I wanted to get a nationally-recognized degree."

Milligan was redshirted as a freshman in 1999 under coach Bob Davie, and only played a few minutes of backup duty as a sophomore. As a junior, Milligan started his first game against Nebraska in 2001. The offensive guard continued to switch between a starter and a backup through 2001, but became a full-time starter in 2002, coach Tyrone Willingham's first year.

Milligan was forced to learn a different blocking scheme from the option-based scheme which Davie used. He also had to deal with the fiasco surrounding the hiring and five days later, resignation, of George O'Leary.

"It was hard, because I came in to play under coach Davie and his staff, and when they left it was kind of like, 'Well, where do I go from here.'" Milligan said. "And then the new coach came in and he was only here for five days, so we all were at home from Christmas break, and we're just kind of thinking — who's going to be our coach.

"It was kind of frustrating not knowing who your coach was going to be, because the school was keeping quiet about it."

During his first year in Willingham's system, Milligan was a crucial part of an offensive line that sent four players to the NFL and helped the Irish to a 10-3 record. Milligan served an additional role this season as the only returning starter on the offensive line, and was asked to provide extra leadership to the young line-

"What I tried to do was just to help them learn the game speed, the game tempo, and what's expected of them," he said. "The coaches expect leadership out of the seniors, with the young team we have, we're expected to really set an example."

Milligan injured himself in the Michigan game this year, and hasn't played since, putting a damper on his last year. Despite the injury, he still feels confident about his future after Notre Dame.

"I'm just going to take next semester and try to get things in order. I'd like to go back home to Atlanta, but I'll really go anywhere someone will hire me."

"I'd like to play professional football, and if that comes, it comes, but I'm not banking my life on it."

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For walk-on tight-end Patrick Nally, the opportunity to play Notre Dame football is just plain fun.

"I'm scrimmaging football most of the time, which is just a blast," Nally said. "To go out there and against some of the best athletes in the world, it's fun to go out and compete."

As a member of the scout team, Nally helps prepare the defense by simulating the next opponent's offense in practice the week before the game. How he does this — and sometimes even the position he plays — changes every week.

"Boston College used a lot of tight ends ... Florida State hardly used any and Navy doesn't even have a tight end on their team. ... I was a tackle that week," he said.

And even though his hard work at practice doesn't usually result in playing time, he still has a lot invested in each game.

"You definitely take pride and definitely look at the defense and see how they do and how they perform and always hope for a shutout or very low points scored on them," he said.

Nally said he knew he wanted to come to Notre Dame and play football since third grade and always worked toward that goal. And while no members of his family had attended Notre Dame, he was following his father's footsteps, who played football at the University of Tulsa.

"The first thing was getting into school and once I was able to get in to school it was to work towards doing the football," he said.

Nally prepared by adding 25 pounds between the time he arrived on campus and when he tried out for the team in the spring of his freshman year in 2001. After he made the team, he began working towards his next goal — playing during a game.

That opportunity came during Notre Dame's 42-0 victory over Rutgers last November, when Nally played for just under a minute.

"It was real exciting and pretty unreal at the time, I couldn't really believe it was happening," he said. "Definitely one of the goals I set out when I joined the team was to get on the field, play at least a play and get my name on the all-time roster."

Nally would welcome the opportunity to play again, but said wants to see his team win more than anything else.

"I definitely want to go out on top, I would like to win the games first and foremost," he said. "I'll play hard at practice and play hard at every play, prepare the defense for everything and see what happens."

"If I have the opportunity to play again, it would be awesome, if not, I just really hope we win."

An accounting major, Nally has also spent this fall interviewing for jobs, and like many other students, isn't sure where he will end up next year.

"I'm going back to being a normal guy I guess," he said. "I am going through the interview process and going to get a job, just like a typical, average Notre Dame student."

But playing on the most storied college football program is an opportunity few students get and one Nally said he is thankful for.

"It's a real neat experience, I feel very fortunate to have had it and I try to work as hard as I can at it," he said. "I have met some great guys doing this and really have been fortunate with all the people I have met and everything. It's definitely something I would like to take with me beyond football."

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No regrets
Despite injuries, Beckstrom would not change any of his decisions

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He lunged to make a tackle on a kickoff drill in a preseason practice, but he missed the runner. Instead, his arm wrapped around the ball carrier for only an instant, before Jason Beckstrom felt something twinge in his arm.

Just like that, he had torn his bicep. Just like that, he was out for the season.

And so Beckstrom, who entered 2002 with such high expectations, grabbed a permanent spot on the sidelines for the 2002 season. Yes, the year Notre Dame "returned to glory." Yes, the year that was his chance to challenge for a starting cornerback slot. Yes, the year he hoped would propel him to an NFL career.

So why isn't he upset about it?

"Masked as a decision," he said.

"Sometimes things come in disguises," Beckstrom said a year after his injury. "And I really think this has been one of those things."

When Beckstrom stood on the sideline of a practice field a year ago in pain, he had no idea his season was over. In fact, he thought his arm muscles had only cramped up. So he pulled his helmet back on, stepped back onto the practice field and played football for two more days.

Then the results of the MRI came back. "Well, I guess I have to sit that one out," Beckstrom remembers thinking when he heard the news. He had torn the smaller of his bicep muscles, which meant he could still move his arm but couldn't do anything as physical as tackle a wide receiver. So he had arm surgery and traded his helmet for another year of eligibility.

The thing was, Beckstrom never got visibly angry that he had to sit out the season. While he admits that it was tough watching Notre Dame have success with him on the sideline, he had faced season-ending injuries before. A shoulder injury his sophomore year kept him out of spring practice, and a torn hamstrings caused stress fractures in his back made him miss his freshman and sophomore years of high school.

"Experience is very key in something like that," he said. "I know that I'd feel like when I came back, and I realize what kind of story that would be and how people could take encouragement from that to do the same thing."

Contemplating his options

But the year away from football made Beckstrom realize something else. "I wasn't quite ready to leave Notre Dame yet. Although he would be graduating with a marketing degree in May, Beckstrom realized that spring practice wasn't over yet, that he didn't think he was going to be ready," he said. "I didn't think I had the knowledge and the tools, even though I was going to graduate with a degree."

Both Beckstrom's parents had always encouraged their son to prepare a backup plan in case football didn't work out for the talented athlete. So with the extra year, Beckstrom started considering entering the McCloskey

Irish defensive back Jason Beckstrom heads toward the ball during the Michigan game this season. Beckstrom returned to Notre Dame in 2002 after missing the entire 2002 season with a torn bicep injury.

Business Plan competition, where Notre Dame students submit a business proposal and compete for a $15,000 grand prize.

Beckstrom spent a year on his project, which he completed Nov. 14. His idea? A retail/ electronics kiosk machine that could be placed anywhere in the retail industry.

"I realized there's other things out there than football that I want to do," he said. "Football's my passion, but there are other things too."

Trent Walters
Irish secondary coach

"I know he'd rather be playing a lot and starting, but he's accepted his role and is doing real well."

But the year away from the gridiron didn't mean Beckstrom's football career was over. He knew he had to make the NFL his goal to get paid to play football.

"You always expect to do more, to increase every year. But because of injuries, that hasn't happened," Beckstrom said. "The most important thing for me is to keep a positive mindset and always ready to be called on."

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Irish cornerback

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But while Beckstrom might have been disappointed that he might not have been playing as much, he shrugged off the second-team designation as easily as he shrugged off his injury.

"I know he'd rather be playing at lot and starting," secondary coach Trent Walters said, "but he's accepted his role and is doing real well."

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"It's easy to wonder if Beckstrom regrets coming back for a fifth year. But he doesn't."

"A lot of times life doesn't go the way you want it," he said. "Football is a metaphor for life. If I can make it through this year, that tells me I can get through anything in the future."

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Scout team QB finally contributes on Saturdays

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Matt Krueger had dreams of being part of a Notre Dame victory, but it was as a quarterback. But against Navy his role was summed up to hold the ball for a critical field goal. Fitzpatrick followed in the footsteps of his brother Ryan, who was a walk-on quarterback for the Irish from 1998-2001, and his dad, who was also a Notre Dame graduate. For him, getting onto the field and being able to hold for Fitzpatrick has been an invaluable experience.

"It's great, not only was my first time on the field this year, but to be able to share something like that with D.J., who I played with in high school, is extra special, not only for people at Marian, but for my coach and my parents," Krueger said.

But now that the two have been reunited, Krueger's graduation will find Fitzpatrick searching for another holder that he can trust as much as his friend from high school.

"Losing someone you trust that it's going to hurt, but it is just time for the next guy to step up and for a new relationship to build," Fitzpatrick said. And, through it all, Matt Krueger knows that he made an important decision to come to Notre Dame, after moving to South Bend right before high school. "When I take a step back and look at everything, you can't go wrong at Notre Dame — great academics and playing for one of the best football programs in the country is just an experience that is just unbelievable," Krueger said. "I love the game of football, and even if I didn't make it on the field, just coming out here everyday and giving my all and helping out the team is one of those things I take a lot of pride in — it has been worth it."

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Matt Krueger holds the ball for kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick's game-winning field goal against Navy Saturday.

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Competitive spirit kept him on the practice field

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
SPORTS WRITER

Returning from vacation on Jan. 1, 2002 Cole Laux rushed to the packed Monogram Room to listen to head coach Tyrone Willingham at his first Notre Dame press conference.

"I met with the coach for the first time and remember being excited about the possibilities that he brought," Laux said. "While a handful of other football players were at the press conference, Laux's presence was surprising. The then-sophomore had no intention of playing football for Notre Dame when he graduated from Marian High School in Mishawaka two years ago."

Laux, whose dad was a Notre Dame graduate, remembers watching Notre Dame football and tailgating before games with his family. In high school, most of his free Saturdays involved watching film from Friday night's game and tailgating with teammates and friends outside Notre Dame Stadium. But he never considered playing for the Irish.

Laux said in high school he focused on grades and playing football for the Marian Knights. But after graduation he relished the opportunity to compete again and contacted the football staff about walking on to the team.

"Well I competed in high school and had a lot of fun," Laux said. "I like to compete and after I graduated from my senior year and I got into Notre Dame. I thought I would like to continue my career and walk on to the Notre Dame football team."

For Laux, being a Notre Dame football player is his life. He shrugs off the hard work and focuses on how he can prepare his teammates during practice as a member of the scout team.

"I think I bring a big physical guy trying to work [hard] against the defense every day," Laux said. "I try to throw them around as much as I can...and just try to bring everything I can and make them better for the next game."

Laux did see playing time for the Irish in 2002 against Rutgers. Laux said though he and the other walk-ons are a distinct group who from time to time bang out together, in his eyes there is no distinction between him and any other member of the team.

"I think somewhat walk-ons will do things together every now and then because we are kind of a group all by ourselves paying our way through and trying to keep everything up—grades and football—at the same time," Laux said. "For the most part we are just a part of the team like everyone else and I just look at it as pretty much the same. We do all of the same work and do all of the same practices and I really don't see that much of a difference."

Laux said he worries about what it will be like after he graduates this May when he will be not just a Notre Dame alumni but also a former Notre Dame football player.

"I will miss the atmosphere, helping with the team and playing everyday with them," Laux said.

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Playing in Blue-Gold game fulfills dream

By SHEILA FLYNN
Sports Writer

Nate Schomas didn’t need another source of motivation.

When Nate Schomas frigged sickness as a child to stay in and watch television, he couldn’t fool his father.

“I used to skip my own basketball games to stay home and watch Notre Dame football games when I was in elementary school and middle school,” the senior wide receiver said.

“I would fake sick, and he would know exactly why I was doing it.” But Schomas did manage to fool his father a decade later, when he walked onto the Notre Dame football team as a sophomore transfer student. He fooled his mother, seven siblings and everyone else, too. In fact, only his roommate and one other friend even knew he was trying out.

“I was really quiet about the whole thing because everybody had known that I wanted to come here and play football,” Schomas said.

Schomas didn’t need another moment of inspiration. He had already suffered a crippling blow during the college application process: Notre Dame, his dream school since the age of six, rejected him. Admitted to the University of Chicago, he started college there and concentrated on nothing but academics, with only the goal of attending Notre Dame in mind.

The work paid off, and Schomas entered Notre Dame in the fall of his sophomore year. He didn’t play sports and didn’t even get housing, but he didn’t care. All that mattered to him, he said, was being a Notre Dame student.

“Football was really not on my mind at that point in time.” That mindset changed, however, on a not-so-special night during first semester finals in his sophomore year.

“I was studying in the library late one night, and it kind of dawned on me that I needed to take advantage of this opportunity — I wouldn’t be able to live with myself if I didn’t try out,” Schomas said.

The decision made, Schomas threw himself wholeheartedly into training and put on 30 pounds in about two months. He made it through tryouts and was invited to practice with the team, refusing to yield his Rudy-like height at his arm. “It was pretty stupid, but it was important for me to dress my father got to see my play in,” Schomas said. “He passed away just over a year ago.”

“I made sure to tell my family to come up in the stands. I said, ‘I think it might be the only time I’m ever on the field playing.’ But it wasn’t. When Tyrone Willingham — a former walk-on himself — was hired, Schomas heightened his playing ambitions, and he saw game time against both Maryland and Rutgers last year. Hindered by another injury this year — a herniated disk in his back, for which he had surgery — Schomas has only recently resumed practice.

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“I’m just enjoying playing football with a helmet and shoulder pads on for the last time in my life,” Schomas said. “That’s kind of skewed my perspective a little bit for senior year, because I’m just doing what I can to get back on the field and help this team out.”

“We didn’t come to school here to go to the NFL,” Schomas said of walk-ons. “Put it this way: Here at Notre Dame, we’re here to have fun playing football, and for people to understand that it’s kind of football at its truest.”

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Darrell Campbell

Finding his way

Darrell Campbell

His father left when he was 3, so Campbell turned to others for guidance

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By ANDREW SOUKUP

Darrell Campbell could appreciate Tyrone Willingham's attempt to turn football players into men, because for the longest time, he never really had one in his life.

Maybe the reason Darrell Campbell rises through offensive lineman is because he's learned to harness the rage he felt at never, ever having Darrell Campbell Sr. be a part of his life.

Maybe the reason Campbell is a steady, strong player the coaching staff can trust is because he's learned to understand how badly McGee wanted Jeannette worked at a Chicago stepfather at first. McGee could understand why Campbell worked, in 1995 when Campbell was 12 years old. But Campbell didn't understand how important person family more than money. Campbell's biological father had never done. But Campbell didn't understand that yet.

Campbell's loss, they couldn't.

That was something Campbell's biological father had never done. But Campbell didn't understand that yet.

The anger has always existed. Campbell's biological father had never expressed it, rather, he'd seen his father. With McGee so much is because he's learned to contain his anger. Campbell often cried that he wanted to talk to his dad, not understanding why his father exploded into a rage every time, he never really had one in his life.

It was because, for Campbell, the father he needed to let me know he was there. "I'm older, I'm 22 years old. I'm coming into my own," he said. "I'd don't check out Notre Dame once. "I liked the kid," Motzkin said, "and I felt in my heart that he belonged at Notre Dame."

So Campbell drove two hours east on the Indiana Toll Road to visit Notre Dame. There, he got the royal treatment—seeing his name on an Irish uniform, welcomed and dined by a coaching staff begging for his services, a tour of everything Notre Dame. Campbell is waltzing and running and playing baseball for a year. Campbell is waltzing and running and playing baseball for a year. Campbell is waltzing and running and playing baseball for a year.

One night, he drove to watch Campbell at a wrestling meet. Before he left, he told Campbell he was making a mistake if he didn't at least check out Notre Dame once.

"If you want to be good, go somewhere else," alumni association president Chuck Lennon told the prospect during his visit. "If you want to be great, come here."

Colorado — Campbell changed his mind and decided to play for the Irish. His mother wasn't happy.

"My mom is a very loving mother and taught him that he's a man of his word," Motzkin said. "I don't think she understood that until you sign the name is when you become attached to the university. She wanted him to go home, where he originally said he was going to go."

When Motzkin introduced Jeannette Notre Dame had everything Northwestern had academically. Campbell's mom started wavering. With McGee's calming influence, she caved in and allowed Campbell to go to Notre Dame.

So Campbell drove two hours east on the Indiana Toll Road to visit Notre Dame. There, he got the royal treatment—seeing his name on an Irish uniform, welcomed and dined by a coaching staff begging for his services, a tour of everything Notre Dame. But it took a conversation from someone he had never met before coming to Notre Dame to convince Campbell to play for the Irish.

"If you want to be good, go somewhere else," alumni association president Chuck Lennon told the prospect during his visit. "If you want to be great, come here."

Campbell did exactly that, and he's been successful ever since. Campbell has been a steady, strong player the coaching staff can trust.

"He probably wasn't convinced until the first time she came up here and saw the alum, " Campbell said. "Up until that point, she was like, 'Yeah, you're making a mistake.'"

Since then, Jeannette Campbell has seen her imposing son wreak havoc on opposing defenses and graduate from the University last May with a degree in English and computer applications. In his four-year career, Campbell has started 30 of the 40 games he played in, recording 51 tackles and 11 sacks.

But Campbell knows who he is to his mom and his dad. Not his biological dad, who has pulled a disappearing act one too many times, but McGee, who Campbell always introduces as his father.

As for Darrell Campbell Sr.? Twice, he contacted his son to try to re-establish a relationship. Twice, he left phone contact information, leaving Campbell frustrated again. If his biological father called again, Campbell would talk with him, but nothing more.

No longer will Campbell chase a blue Buick. Instead, he's hunting down quarterbacks.

"I'm older, I'm 22 years old. I'm coming into my own," he said. "I'm getting away from the childhood where the son always wanted his father to be there, it's kinds gone."

"He had the biological tag, but he wouldn't be my father."

It took Campbell a while, but he found plenty others who want to fill that role.

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Injury doesn’t diminish kicker’s desire to help

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

How dare Julius Jones.
With his two touchdowns against Navy, Jones surpassed fifth-year senior place kicker Nicholas Setta for the Notre Dame team lead in points.

Not a big deal, really. It’s just that the 5-foot-11, 194-pound kicker from Lockport, Ill. has led the Irish in points the past three seasons.

So why not make it four? Well, injury for one. Although Setta began the season hitting 9-of-10 field goals and 5-of-5 extra points for 32 points, a leg injury suffered during a kickoff at Pittsburgh has kept him sidelined. Backup walk-on D.J. Fitzpatrick has performed well in his stead.

Regardless, Setta has been the old reliable of the Notre Dame offense during his four years as place kicker and one year as punter. Despite a few rocky games toward the end of last season when the entire team seemed to collapse, Setta — who graduates this spring — has been steady and sure, whether the coach has been Bob Davie or Tyrone Willingham.

“I’m just excited to be a part of it all,” Setta said. “To have the chance of playing for the greatest college in the world, it’s just an honor.”

Setta began this season shouldering both the place kicking and punting duties for the first time since he punted just four times in the 2000 season. He averages 40 yards per punt, but Setta’s greatest value exists as place kicker. A consistent kicking game is even more important in an offense like Notre Dame’s, which has struggled in the transition from a power rushing attack to a west coast system.

Setta has hit 46-of-66 field goals in his career, a 70 percent accuracy rate. Setta has hit 99-of-100 career extra point tries and his streak of 87 straight extra points is the second-longest in Notre Dame history.

Setta has remained consistent even in down years. “Whether we’re having a great season or not, my work ethic is the same,” he said. “The goal is to be the best that you possibly can be to help the team. Obviously it’s tough losing, but the work ethic always stays the same.”

That work ethic earned Setta numerous pre-season accolades, being named to 2003 first- and runner-up teams in publications such as Street and Smith’s and The Sporting News.

Wasting no time, Setta opened the 2003 season by hitting up to the hype. For the second straight season, the Irish got a career-high five field goals from Setta in a season-opening victory against Washington State. Last season, he set his career high of five field goals in one game in a 22-0 defeat of Maryland. He also hit a career-long 51-yard field goal in that game.

Performances like those in the Washington State and Maryland games now have Setta nipping at the record books.

If Setta returns to action at some point this season, he could tie or break two records held by NFL and former Irish kicker John Carney. Setta’s 66 career field goal attempts are just three behind the 69 Carney attempted in his time from 1984-86. The senior’s 46 field goals made are just five behind Carney’s all-time high of 51.

The implication could be a bright future for this Irish kicker, although Setta does not see it that way. “The way I look at it is if any record comes about, it was because I was doing something to help the team,” he said. “Of course, I’d love to have the record. I’d love to have every record in NCAA football, period. But will it happen like that? No, and I’m happy with what I did. At this point, I’m just trying to help the team win some games.”

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Julius Jones

Fulfilling expectations

After a year away from Notre Dame, Jones came back to finish what he started

Julius Jones, shown here cutting away from a Boston College defender, returned from a year in exile to break a school record against Pittsburgh by rushing for 262 yards in a single game.

"I was pretty hurt and upset," he said. "But you have to look forward and try to make the best of it." The Irish, and their new head coach Tyrone Willingham, weren't fazed. At one point during the summer, when someone asked Willingham if he considered Jones a leader, the Irish coach said simply, "No." Looking to his family When Jones learned he had been booted from the University, the running back was the emotional equivalent of a tornado. He flitted with entering the supplemental NFL draft. He tossed around the idea of transferring.

"I started here, and I want to finish things I started," he said. "I came here for a reason, I came here to graduate and I didn't feel comfortable going somewhere else." Jones moved to Arizona to live with his brother Thomas, then a running back with the Arizona Cardinals. He had been traded to Tampa Bay. He enrolled in classes at Arizona State to maintain his eligibility while thriving in the relative anonymity as just another regular student on the Pac-10 campus.

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Mike Profeta

High school star proves newspapers wrong

By MEGHAN MARTIN

Sports Writer

The local papers said he was hanging up his cleats. Four years ago, when he accepted Notre Dame's offer of admission, it looked like walk-on running back Mike Profeta was doing just that.

But a stand-out outfielder and running back at Seneca Valley High School, just north of Pittsburgh, Profeta was recruited by a number of Division I college football teams as a high school senior. He had decided to use football to get into college, but ultimately decided to follow in his sister Meredith's footsteps and attend Notre Dame, the only school he had applied to without being recruited.

"The newspapers (in Pittsburgh) made a big deal about how I was a pretty good running back in high school, and they were following me throughout my career,Profeta, who plans to have surgery on my elbow, which I'd had problems with in high school, I'd try out on one more year and see what happens," he said.

The day that he was cleared to resume lifting weights after two months of rest, he ran into then-Notre Dame walk-on Tim O'Neill, who suggested he try out for the varsity football team the following day.

"When I got cut from the baseball team, I said, 'You know what? I'm going to try out again next year.' I'll have surgery on my elbow, which I'd had problems with in high school, I'd try out one more year and see what happens," he said.

So I went over to tryouts, I tried out, and I just happened to get in. I was done playing football, but I didn't expect to ever play football," he said. "I didn't have a whole lot of time to think about it," Profeta said. "So I just decided, what the heck, I may as well give it a shot."

Without training or consultation, Profeta showed up at tryouts the next day. And the rest is history.

"When I found out that I made it, I called my dad," he said. "I called in to talk to the coaches after the Pitt game, and my running backs coach, coach (Buzz) Preston, said, 'We think you've earned the right to travel back to Pittsburgh for this game.' So they took me back for the game, and I really appreciated it just to go home. My high school coach was there, and my parents were there. It was a lot of fun."}

Profeta's life at Notre Dame would never be the same again.

"I didn't have a whole lot of time to think about it," Profeta said. "So I just decided, what the heck, I may as well give it a shot. So I went over to tryouts, I tried out, and I just happened to get lucky and make the team."
Glen Earl

More than just a play

Fans remember 'The Miracle Block,' but Earl had an eventful career

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Spun Winer

Seniors out there probably remember "The Miracle Block." The kick that freshman year, 2000, for the Air Force game. The then-5-2 Irish were trying to make a late season push for a BCS bowl, but were currently tied with Air Force at 1-0.

"That's what we do in this house," Earl said. "Any time you have a chance to win a game, you have to seize it."

The senior safety was a member of the Irish defense that dominated Air Force 31-6. It is a memory that has stuck with Earl for five years now.

"I can remember that game, especially kicking off," he said. "My heart is in the right place, in that moment, and I just try to do my best."

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Seven tattoos on Duff's body portray his roots

Growing up, I thought I was just going to be a basketball player," Duff said. "I thought I was going to be a basketball player." Duff said that he was trying to be a basketball player. But then he came to a point where he realized that he didn't have the ability to do that. So I was going to try to be the greatest football player that I could be.

But Duff's field and court, Duff's real love came on the track, where he was a top-class long jumper and sprinter. In high school, Duff recorded a 10.5-second 100-meter dash time and a long jump of 23 feet. The events really gave Duff a chance to show off his superb athletic ability.

"Track — I loved running track," Duff remembers. "It was just fun being out there with all my friends, running up and down the track and long-jumping. I had a pretty good jumping career and our 4 x 100-meter team was pretty good — we went to state. But that was all fun and games to me, although I knew in the back of my head that it helped me with my speed."

In the long jump, Duff was a major rival of Texas star wide receiver Roy Williams. The two squared off head to head in the event in many important meets.

"We competed in the long jump a few times in state and regionals," Duff said. "We both were jumping like 24 feet and everybody else was behind us. We were really the only guys that were competing for first place. He ended up beating me in state, but I beat him at regionals before."

From a runner to a hitter

At Notre Dame, Duff met another challenge as then-head coach Bob Davie asked the young star running back to switch positions. While others may have seen this as a step backward, Coach Mattison said, "He comes in every day, works hard, and he's totally coachable. He comes in every day, works hard, and he's totally coachable."

"Duff's progress has been outstanding," Mattison said. "That's his other strong point. He's totally coachable. He comes in every day with a great attitude and an attitude to want to get better."

But Duff has not forgotten his roots and how difficult it can be to come into college football and learn to play in such a new environment. Now, as the experienced senior, he takes time to coach the younger members of the Irish secondary who are breaking into the lineup.

"I sit with the young guys after practice and ask them how they played that day and what they could have done better," Duff said. "Every time we do one-on-ones, I talk to the younger guys and coach them up on what they did wrong and what they did right.

"It just comes with being a senior, you feel as though you have to do it. The younger guys will usually come to you anyway, you have to accept that role.

While Duff's family situation may have forced him to mature a little before his time, the senior cornerback is still just a kid at heart. "Yeah, it helped me grow up in some ways, but I still love to be a little kid," he says. "I love playing the video games and just having that opportunity to just relax and have fun. I love being around my brothers and sister, and just watching them grow up and things like that."

Duff's fun-loving personality even carries over to the football field, where he is often the one jumping around in the huddle. "It was his first game on the field," he says. "We competed in the long jump, and he always had a lot of energy, and that's how he leads."

Last season, Duff was part of an Irish defensive backfield that made its presence known in its opponent every game. With Walton in the mix, he and Duff went hand-in-hand, changing the course of the game. With the graduation of Walton, Duff has tried to carry over that excitement and love for the game to this year's squad.

"Most definitely, it's my job to bring that attitude to the field this year," Duff said. "But it can be kind of different when guests don't have as much experience, and they're still learning the position a little bit. It's harder for them to get out there and run all over the place and yell and excited, because they're still trying to learn what their role is and what their position is.

Three more tattoos

Back home, in Copperas Cove, Texas, there are three pairs of eyes on big brother Duff. They probably watch him every football Saturday as he runs back a pass or returns a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown. But they also watch him every day, in and day-out, just as he watched them so many days when their mother was working to support them. Even though they might not want to admit it, Duff knows they look up to him.

"They try not to show it — especially my brothers, they don't want to show it. But when you go home, you love seeing them," he says. "They want to wear your Notre Dame gear and your shoes and everything else you own, and they want to be just like you. You know they try to hide it on the outside, but you know it's there."

Maybe they have three tattoos to get too, someday. How about the same one Duff has on his stomach — "Vonetz."

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Finally playing for Ty

Jenkins still ends up playing for Willingham after turning down Stanford

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Tyrono Willingham wanted Omar Jenkins in 2000. He finally got him in 2002. Jenkins was heavily recruited by Willingham when the coach was at Stanford before the 2000 school year, but lost the recruit when Jenkins visited Notre Dame's campus. When Willingham was named Irish head coach in 2002, Jenkins was reunited with the man that recruited him.

"I couldn't believe was actually going to Notre Dame," Jenkins said. "At the same time I wish I could have had more playing time."

Jenkins played in six games for Notre Dame during his freshman year, but had zero catches during his playing time. "I would rather have that year back but I'm not going to say I regret it because I don't. That's what happened for me. I never regret anything I do," Jenkins said.

Emerging threat

Jenkins entered his sophomore season a little more experienced and ready to take on a more prominent role on offense.

"When fellow receivers Arnaz Battle and David Grimes got injured, Jenkins got more playing time. He played in 11 games that season, making his first start against Pittsburgh. He also had a 47-yard touchdown catch against the Panthers."

Jenkins became an every game starter his junior season and evolved into one of the most reliable offensive players for the Irish. He had started his year off with five receptions for 87 yards against Navy, and finished the season second on the team with 37 catches for 633 yards and three touchdowns.

"I kind of laughed at myself because I couldn't believe I was actually going to Notre Dame."!

Omar Jenkins
Irish wide receiver

But Jenkins' biggest game that season came against Notre Dame's easiest competition — Navy — and when Jenkins, Irish perfect season was in serious jeopardy. Trailing the 1-7 Midshipmen 23-15 in the fourth quarter, Jenkins came through with two of his biggest catches of his career. The first reception was a 16-yard touchdown from Carlyle Holiday to tie the game 23-23. Then with only a few minutes remaining in the game, Jenkins broke through the Navy secondary and caught a 67-yard touchdown catch with 30-23 win and helped keep the team's perfect record intact.

"The touchdown against Navy is probably [the best highlight of my career]," Jenkins said.

Leading through disappointment

What Jenkins hasn't done the way Jenkins would have liked. He had a 47-yard touchdown catch in his freshman year, 30 catches for 289 yards and he has only one touchdown. Worse yet, the Irish are a struggling 3-6 with only three games remaining on the schedule.

Jenkins said that he is disappointed, but winning the last three games of the year will help ease the pain of a tough season. "It's disappointing in the sense that you always want to do better than you are doing," Jenkins said. "As far numbers, it's a team game. I'm not a selfish guy. I'm just happy to be out there being able to contribute."

After a slow start, Irish offensive coordinator Bill Dierung said he believes Jenkins has begun to play better of late. "He's beginning to play a lot more consistent," Dierung said. "During the early part of the season was probably a little bit disappointing to him, but the last part he's picked it up a good notch.

Despite the lower numbers, Jenkins had impacted his teammates in other ways and has become one of the more important leaders on the Irish.

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Brady Quinn
Irish quarterback

Freshman quarterback Brady Quinn said Jenkins has been instrumental in making the offense run smooth at times and keeping the team positive during games. He also said Jenkins' work ethic has been a definite plus to the team.

"He's a very quiet young man, and he's one of those guys that definitely a leader on the field. He tries to get the team going and get the team motivated anytime we're down."

Dierung said Jenkins leads his teammates by the way he performs on the field. "He's a very quiet young man, and he's one of those guys that will lead by example more than being a verbal leader," Dierung said.

Jenkins admits that he isn't going to get in his teammates' faces, but doesn't mind saying something if the opportunity presents itself.

"When I do say stuff it's when we're in the huddle and I'll say things in the huddle before Brady calls a play," Jenkins said. "I say things when I feel things need to be said. I'm not going to be the guy that before the game goes around to every single person and yells in their face."

Jenkins will have one last chance to lead his teammates in his final home game Saturday against BYU. He will leave behind great recollections from all his experiences inside Notre Dame Stadium, which included one of his favorite career memories — catching that first touchdown against Pittsburgh.

"To be here for four years and be able to play here for four years, it's a great honor," Jenkins said. "Being out there for the last time, I'm going to put it all out."
Leading by example

Irish defensive tackle Cedric Hilliard tackles a Navy player during Notre Dame's 27-24 victory over the Midshipmen. Hilliard has played through a variety of injuries throughout his career.

"I think when you consider the injuries that Cedric has tumbled this year, he's had one hell of a year," Hilliard said. "To battle and provide the leadership that he has, I'm excited and impressed and very pleased with what he's given us." While Hilliard said it is difficult for him to see how playing through injuries has affected his teammates, Mattison agreed with Whinham and said Hilliard's toughness is one of his best attributes. "The highlight for me was my sophomore year playing Navy in Orlando," Hilliard said. "It was a throwback pass to the quarterback and it was like I was the only person on the field that actually saw it, so I had to run the quarterback down and make the tackle. That was exciting for me because I was just a young guy trying to get my feet wet and it was so much fun." This season, Hilliard has started in five games this and played in two more, despite nagging injuries. He has 24 tackles and forced a fumble and his first career fumble recovery against Washington State.

Being the man

Hilliard's work ethic and talents have made him one of the key elements in Notre Dame's defensive line during the last few seasons. He has not only brought outstanding skills, but also a knack for being a leader to his teammates.

"First of all, he's a good player. Anytime he's out there, he makes us better," Notre Dame defensive coordinator Kent Bueker said. "People look at him as kind of a warrior and he puts pressure on everybody (because he plays hurt) and football is a game where you play hurt." Mattison said that when Hilliard and Campbell play together on the defensive line, they are instrumental in making the defense a notch better.

"You've got Darrell and Ced, who came in here together and are like brothers, and you can just feel the chemistry and feel the lift when they're in the huddle together," Mattison said. "They're very important to the team and that's what it's important to get Ced in the game (when's healthy)."

After battling along side Hilliard for several seasons, Campbell holds his teammate in high regard for the way he plays the game.

"He gives so much to the team," Campbell said. "Ced's the kind of leader that goes out there and plays very physical. He's the one you want to follow. He makes you want to run on the field full sprint and off the field full sprint. He plays the game the way it's supposed to be played."
Weekend Events

The Following Events Are Happening At
The Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore:

Friday, November 14

Jack Connor, N.D. '50, will be signing copies of Connor- The Life Story of George Connor on Friday, November 14th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

Connie McNamara will be signing copies of My First Notre Dame Words; Go Irish on Friday, November 14th from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

Ted Mandell, N.D. '86, will be signing copies of Heart Stoppers and Hail Marys on Friday, November 14th from 4:00pm to 5:30pm.

Coach Dave Poulin, N.D. '82, 1:30-2:30 p.m. (lobby) Notre Dame Hockey Head Coach, four-year monogram winner and two-time captain for the Irish, 12 seasons with the NHL.

Kennedy's Kitchen Band, 3-3:30 p.m. (lobby)

Notre Dame cheerleaders, 4:15 p.m. (lobby)

Pep Rally at the JACC - 6 p.m.

Notre Dame Liturgical Choir, 7 p.m. (lobby)

Saturday, November 15

Connie McNamara will be signing copies of My First Notre Dame Words; Go Irish on Saturday, November 15th from 9:00am to 11:00am.

Jason Kelly, N.D. '95, Sports Writer for The South Bend Tribune, will be signing copies of Mr. Notre Dame on Saturday, November 15th from 11:30am to 12:30pm.

Kevin Sandberg, C.S.O. N.D. '88, will be signing copies of 2003 Advent Calendar on Saturday, November 15th from 11:00am to Noon.

Jack Connor, N.D. '50, will be signing copies of Connor- The Life Story of George Connor on Saturday, November 15th from 11:30pm to 1:30pm.

Dan McCabe, N.D. '04, Pipe Major, 8am-9:45 a.m. (outside-weather permitting) traditional Gaelic bagpipe music

Pam & Marv Clown, 9am-noon (outside-weather permitting) face painting and balloon art

Joe Probst, pianist, 10am-2pm (lobby area) toe-tapping acoustical piano

"U93 Countdown to Kickoff" radio show live, 12:30pm-2pm (lobby)

Game begins at 2:30pm

The Undertones, 7:15pm (lobby) the tradition continues...outstanding musical selection and entertainment with the all-male a cappella group

Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore
Friday 9:00 am - 10:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am - 10:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am - 10:00 pm

Varsity Shop (in the Joyce Center)
Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am - 7:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
David Bemenderfer has trained horses, flown airplanes, traveled to Israel, played on a nationally-ranked high school rugby team and is currently restoring a 1972 Corvette.

Add another not-so-minor item to his list — being a member of Notre Dame football, a part of his life that he will have to relinquish fairly soon as the season nears its close.

Bemenderfer, a senior walk-on strong safety who has not seen action in a game with the Irish, has no regrets of his past four years with the Notre Dame football program.

As a 170-pound nose guard at Penn High School in Mishawaka, Bemenderfer was courted by a number of smaller Division I AA and II schools, most of which recruited him as a linebacker.

Bemenderfer, who was gifted with speed, had a strong athletic resume in high school, particularly because Penn's rugby team was twice nationally ranked — seventh in 1998 and 11th in 1999.

"My second love is rugby," he said. "It is an equivalent to football. It just doesn't have all the glory football has."

Bemenderfer, who first began playing football in the seventh grade when all 120 boys in his class tried out for the just-starting team, visited many schools, including Valparaiso, but even the opportunity to see more playing time was not enough for him to commit the next four years of his life to a school.

"[Visiting schools] was fun to do and all," Bemenderfer said. "But I didn't like some of the coaching staffs, and some of the stadiums were smaller than my high school stadium. It didn't appeal to me."

So he decided to go for his top academic choice, Notre Dame.

"I figured if I can't go for it all, I am going to go for my academics," he said.

"I tried to get the most out of my summer being free," Bemenderfer said. "When I got here, I said, why not give it a run, and so I walked on the fall of my freshman year."

At Notre Dame, Bemenderfer has had a full schedule, adding two majors, management information systems and sociology, to the rigors of Irish football. At times, football has made it hard for him to maintain desirable grades.

For his 18th birthday, Bemenderfer was giving flying lessons, with the requirement that he keep his GPA above 3.0. After he tore his ACL freshman year, his grades also suffered some injury, particularly because "being on all the painkillers was really tough."

Since then he has brought his GPA much above 3.0, but he has not had the time to add to the nine hours he had previously logged towards his pilot certification.

"It is definitely something I have to go back to," Bemenderfer, the son of two Notre Dame alumni said. "My grandfather was a pilot. My dad was a pilot. It is something I really enjoy doing, getting up there, and just, you're free. You are not controlled by anything."

Perhaps Bemenderfer appreciates that freedom given his stringent schedule down on land, but he nevertheless registers no complaints about that.

"Some days you don't think you'll ever be done, and some days you just don't want it to end," he said. "Now, getting towards my end, and looking back on it all, every minute was worth it."

Bemenderfer, who undoubtedly has had an array of experiences, has goals of obtaining a technical consulting job and of completely rebuilding his 1972 war-bonnet-yellow Corvette. For now, though, the focus is on finishing school, and more immediately, his last games as an Irish football player.

"When [football] is over, it'll be an end of a part of my life," he said. "I have no regrets. I tried everything I wanted to try. It'll be just another chapter in my life that I won't regret doing."

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A change for the better

Switching to the offensive line allowed Molinaro to get on the field

By MATT LOZAR

If the change in coaching staffs two years ago was good to any one, that person would be Jim Molinaro.

He came to Notre Dame as a defensive end but during his transition six tackles and saw 2 minutes of offense. He had to try to get on the field."

But it wasn't easy.

"I think he was a guy that the change didn't make his difficult for him," Notre Dame offensive line coach Mike Denbrock said. "But his first duty of leadership in ever getting into this year, has fulfilled the leadership is not questioned by a number of people.

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"I think when we got here, he kind of sparked up and saw his chances at being in the lineup didn't suggest this idea, they didn't have any."

While the defensive line was loaded with players ready to step in at a moment's notice, Molinaro saw a chance on the offensive line to make contributions on the field, even if it wasn't right away. He jumped at the opening.

"I made the switch and it was an opportunity to get on the field a little bit faster. I saw with the contributions I had made, it could be the turning point of my career whether to keep playing or not," Molinaro said. "It definitely worked out the best for me."

Thrown into the fire

With the wealth of experience on the offensive line, Molinaro had a number of teammates to look at and learn from in trying to improve his all-around game.

But the players he looked at were the most the natural choice, tackles Jordan Black and Benoît Ceylac."

"They helped me a lot in giving me tips," Molinaro said.

Molinaro saw playing time in 2002 against Michigan State and Northwestern but got a big break-through when Black was suspended for the first half of the players game after violating a team rule. The coaches inserted Molinaro into the starting lineup at left tackle and he played well in his first career start.

One week later at USC, Molinaro was forced to shift to left tackle and back in for Curtin. In the team's last game against North Carolina State in the Gator Bowl, Molinaro flip-flopped sides again and finally found a home at left tackle when both Black and Curtin were suspended for the Jan. 1 bowl game.

Denbrock knew Molinaro had experienced a lot that year, especially in the team's last two regular season games, but saw Molinaro, once again, eager at the chance to prove him on the field."

"I think it was difficult to a certain extent just because he didn't have a lot of experience playing up to that point at offensive tackle," Denbrock said. "I think it was a little bit difficult on him, but I know throughout the season that he was more than ready and willing to get out there and play and contribute to our football team as much as he could."  

"I knew he was anxious to get in there and show what he was capable of."

Meanwhile, Molinaro felt the significant playing time he saw in those last two regular season games prepared him adequately for the Gator Bowl. 

"It wasn't that difficult. I already had two starts under my belt and I had been playing basically the whole year," Molinaro said. "So it really wasn't too big of a deal by then."  

Leader by default

Four seniors left the Notre Dame offensive line when they were selected in the 2002 NFL Draft.

Therefore Molinaro was one of only two returning offensive lineman, along with Sean Milligan, on a unit being heavily questioned by a number of people heading into the 2003 season.

Molinaro's leadership, despite starting only three games coming into this year, has fulfilled Denbrock's expectations.

"He's been tremendous," Denbrock said. "He's really taken those young kids and tried along with us, how to do things the right way, how to practice the right way, how to prepare themselves for a game the right way, he's been invaluable to me trying to get those younger guys ready."

The need for Molinaro to be a leader on the line increased even more when an injury to Milligan has left him on the sidelines since the Michigan State game. That lack of experience along with the line has forced the four young linemen to look to Molinaro, who has handled all of the responsibilities in stride.

He helps the younger guys in the film room and at practice explaining plays and working on perfecting technique. The evidence of his leadership is not only on the offensive line, but also on the team, as Molinaro has been named a game captain six times in 2003.

But his first duty of leadership is the offensive line.

"Jim is the leader of the offensive line, he's just the best football player on our team with the way he handles the ball carrier on the defensive side of the ball. He's just the best football player on our team with the way he handles the ball carrier on the defensive side of the ball."

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**CARLYLE HOLIDAY**

When he was replaced as the starting quarterback, Carlyle Holiday didn't complain about the demotion but he worked to find other ways to contribute on offense.

Holiday lost his starting job after the Michigan State game to freshman Brady Quinn after being inconsistent through Notre Dame's first three games. Holiday completed 49.3 percent of his passes for 303 yards, but only threw one touchdown.

In a somewhat ironic situation, Holiday lost his job to a freshman after Holiday claimed the starting position as a sophomore. He then had to battle Jerome Collins for the quarterback job.

Holiday tried to make the switch from the option-style quarterback Notre Dame recruited him as to a passing quarterback in Tyrone Willingham's offense. During his first year as a starter in 2002, Holiday led the Irish to nine wins by throwing for 1,785 yards and 10 touchdowns.

With the starters firmly entrenched, Carlyle Holiday didn't complain about his demotion but he worked to find other ways to contribute on offense. He is always willing to show something in practice to show something in practice to earn a redjn. He's the other "D.C." on the Notre Dame defense. As part of a linebacker corps featuring all the returning starters, minus an injured Mike Goosby, Derek Curry has continued to improve and has emerged as a vocal leader for the Irish.

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A starter for the past two seasons, Curry has made the most of his move from the inside to the outside before his junior season. After making only 34 tackles in 2002, Curry is currently fourth on the team this season with 50 tackles. He also has four tackles for a loss and three sacks, good for second on the team.

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**RONNIE RODAMER**

The 1999 Gatorade Player of the Year in West Virginia, Ronnie Rodamer really never fulfilled the expectations he brought to Notre Dame.

At 6-foot-4 and 211 pounds, Rodamer only has three career receptions in his three years of playing with the Irish. The coaching staff expected big things from Rodamer after he made significant strides during spring practice.

The loss of only Omar Jenkins to graduation leaves Notre Dame very deep at the wide receiver position. Rodamer would really have to show something in practice to break into the rotation in 2004.
GARRON BIBLE

The former high school running back from the state of Texas has had an up-and-down season.

Upon the graduation of Gerome Sapp, the coaches looked to Garron Bible to fill in at the other starting safety spot. Bible looked to have that job secured in fall camp but suffered an injury that caused the coaches to make other plans.

The coaches then brought Quentin Burrell into the starting lineup in preparation that Bible wouldn’t be ready for the season opener. However, then Burrell was injured and the coaches put Bible back into the starting lineup. Bible started the first three games of the season but lost his starting job for the Purdue game. But an injury to Glenn Earl in the USC game put Bible back into the starting lineup.

Against Navy’s option attack, the defense needed Bible to stop up and play a disciplined game. He responded with a number of big plays in containing the Midshipmen’s running game. He came to Notre Dame after running for 1,516 yards and 18 touchdowns in his senior season of high school. He was moved to defensive back after his freshman year. With Earl graduating, Bible will once again have another opportunity to solidify himself in the starting lineup if he can stay healthy.

GREG PAULY

Last season, Greg Pauly was a vital member of Notre Dame’s defensive tackle rotation. This year, he’s trying to crack the playing field.

It’s not all Pauly’s fault, however. He’s playing behind Darrell Campbell and Cedric Hilliard, considered by many to be the top defensive recruit in the nation when he committed two years ago.

Still, Pauly, who earned his first monogram as a member of the 2002 Irish, recorded 11 tackles in just under 100 minutes of playing time last season. He also started three games while Hilliard recovered from an injury.

Some think that a knee injury has kept Pauly from emerging as the truly dominant player some thought he would be. His freshman year, Pauly was sidelined with preseason knee surgery after he suffered an injury during a summer all-star game.

He was a Parade high school All-American pick and named to top high school list after high school list as one of the nation’s best players.

But while Pauly’s knee injury may have kept him from becoming a true big impact player, he may have a chance to see regular playing time when Campbell and Hilliard graduate after this year.

Kyle Budinscak

A promising season in his second as a starter at defensive end came to a screeching halt for Kyle Budinscak. A solid and consistent force on the defensive line, Budinscak injured his right leg against Florida State. As he went back to the locker room, Budinscak hobbling slowly on crutches.

Our Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham knew the loss of Budinscak would leave the Irish with a major hole to fill on the defensive front. In the week leading up to the Navy game, one of the most anticipated games of the season, he did participate with the scout team in practice, and he’ll most likely take a medical redshirt into the spring. While he finally has restarted practicing, it’s unlikely he’ll crack the playing field this year. Whether he can recover quickly from this injury in time for next season will have to be seen throughout the off-season and spring practice. If his knee injury is serious, his rehabilitation could roll into next season.

Mike Goolsby

Filling in for an injured Courtney Watson at the beginning of the 2002, Mike Goolsby played his way into the starting lineup with impressive performances in these first two games.

But Goolsby injured his shoulder in the Gator Bowl and then re-injured it playing bookend basketball during the spring. While he finally has restarted practicing, it’s unlikely he’ll crack the playing field this year.

Since Goolsby hasn’t seen too much action in the actual game film in his career, he does participate with the scout team in practice, and he’ll most likely take a medical redshirt in 2003 to preserve his fourth year of eligibility.

Goolsby came to Notre Dame as a top recruit after being a member of USA Today’s second-team All-American team. He earned a monogram his freshman year — one of three freshmen to do so — and played mostly on special teams. An self-described old school linebacker, Goolsby will make an immediate impact if he returns next season.

Gary Godsey

He was almost all the way back. Then, he got sent all the way back.

After suffering a knee injury in the Gator Bowl, Gary Godsey worked through the off-season to get back into the starting right end position. But Godsey suffered a major knee injury in August during the summer practice and was lost for the season. What the future holds for Godsey is still up in the air. He has already been redshirted and already used his four years of eligibility.

Godsey could apply to the NCAA for a special exemption and get a sixth year of eligibility, but those petitions don’t have a high success rate. Godsey came to the Irish as a quarterback and played in two games in 2000. But an injury in the second game of the season. Godsey led the Irish to a win over Purdue before he lost to Michigan State, got benched, and switched to tight end.

Whether Godsey comes back to the Irish in 2004 remains to be seen.

Preston Jackson

A member of the Notre Dame defensive passing packages, Preston Jackson has been a member of the Irish secondary for the past two seasons.

Jackson has been part of the Notre dame nickel and dime packages of the past two seasons. As a junior, Jackson recorded 26 total tackles and got his first interception against Pittsburgh.

This season, Jackson has 22 tackles and one interception, coming against Florida State. Through Notre Dame’s first nine games, Jackson has made over 100 special teams appearances the past two seasons. The graduation of Vontez Duff and Jason Beckstrom leaves Jackson as one of the most experienced cornerbacks returning to the Irish in 2004. He will have the chance in the off-season to claim one of the starting jobs.