Students write to troops

Letters from SMC try to boost morale of Iraq soldiers

By MICHELLE EGGERS
News Writer

The McCandless Hall Council "Letters to Troops" project aims to boost morale for the Alpha Company spending this holiday season in Iraq by having Saint Mary's students write letters to the 66 troops.

"It's great for us to realize there are so many Americans over there fighting that will be gone during the holiday season," McCandless Hall vice president Jennifer Pillar said.

"They should know we are supporting them."

According to McCandless Hall director Christine Artz, the idea originated as a service project for the hall.

"We thought it would be a nice moral booster for the troops to get mail," she said.

Through the hall project, the council already sent the company 19 letters on Nov. 9. Artz said the community's positive reaction to the project spurred the council to open it to the entire campus.

"I was very impressed that the women here took the

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Transgendered activist tells story

Bergman presents anecdotes of gender identity and confusion

By MEGHAN MARTIN
Associate News Editor

Transgendered writer and activist S. Bear Bergman visited Notre Dame yesterday to perform "Ex Post Papa: Life as a Freelance Dyke Dad," a multimedia presentation billed in its promotional material as "theater about mentoring, gender and getting your parenting a la carte."

A dramatic monologue of a string of anecdotes set against a backdrop of black-and-white photographs taken by Bergman's wife Nicole, the performance pulled together Bergman's experiences as a mentor and advisor, or Ex Post Papa, to friends living outside the world of "straight society."

Bergman's first task was to clarify the meaning of gender and its greater implications.

"I am definitely of the opinion that there are more genders than just male or female," Bergman said. "I don't identify myself as a woman. I identify myself as transgendered. To be transgendered is to transcend, transgress to cross genders. Someone who is transgendered crosses our cultural concepts of genders."

Dressed in khakis, a brown shirt and a pale yellow necklace, Bergman addressed the issues facing transgendered people in today's heterosexuality, from deciding whether to use the men's or women's restroom to utilizing the proper pronouns when referring to their own identities.

"People look, don't they? They stare, especially when I get close to the bathroom... Don't think it doesn't hurt," Bergman said during the performance, a picture of a bathroom sign projected on the back wall of the stage. "Wearing a hat? Or a tie? The little skirt-wearing girl doesn't wear a hat — or a tie. The little pant-legged boy does."

In a talkback session with audience members following the performance, Bergman discussed the way in which something as simple as pronoun usage is influenced by our two-gender

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INSIDE COLUMN

Praising Dean

I like Howard Dean. That is not to say that I think the shoot-from-the-hip Vermonter is the nanoparticle of Democratic candidates, or that I believe his platform is entirely unassailable. In fact, Dean’s only irrefutable selling point is that he isn’t Bush.

So what catapults him to the top of the list of contestants for Bush Whack 2004? In the words of his opponents—shock and awe.

In the midst of high finance campaigning and mindless moralistic jargon, Dean’s grassroots approach and outspoken intellect certainly astonish.

However, Dean’s shock value does not reside in his characteristic blunt aggressiveness, but rather in his unexpectedly moderate eco-conservatism.

Americans have become accustomed to politicians who sit on the fence and let their Teleprompter speak for them in fear of malapropisms and misinformation. Dean’s frank delivery reminds us of that which the American political sphere revolves around—intellectual contention. He’s admittedly headstrong. Opinionated. Even arrogant. But should the leader of a world superpower be a weak, mindless pushover?

In addition to his intelligence and can-do attitude, I like Dean’s principles and his staunch adherence to them.

Most significantly, I applaud Dean for his proposals to promote the rights of homosexuals and to reform the American judicial system.

That is not to say that I think the leading liberal democrats, asserting that fiscal conservatism is crucial for the realization of his social reforms.

But I do think that the GOP needs a new man in charge.

That is why I like Howard Dean.

QUESTION OF THE DAY:

What is your favorite line from a Christmas movie?

Joe Quinte
Junior
Fisher

Ashley Gross
Sophomore
Regina

Kiley Kane
Last student
Off-campus

Shannon Hopkins
Sophomore
LeMans

James Rudy
Freshman
Alumni

Kat Moravek
Sophomore
Holy Cross

"Christmas. It’s so hot right now.
Christmas."

"Buddy the Elf.
What’s your favorite color?"

"You’ll shoot your eye out!"

"Believing isn’t seeing. Seeing is believing."

"And his heart grew three times too large."

"Ahhhhhh!"

OFFBEAT

Glow-in-the-dark pet fish coming soon SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The nation’s first genetically altered household pet—a fish that glows in the dark—is set to begin appearing in stores next month everywhere except perhaps California, the only state with a ban on lab-engineered species.

On Wednesday, the California Fish and Game Commission is scheduled to take up an application from Yorktown Technologies of Austin, Texas, to market the GloFish in California. State wildlife officials have concluded that the Florida-grown fluorescent zebra fish poses no danger, and they have recommended that the state exempt it from the ban. But environmental and public interest groups, along with commercial fishermen, oppose an exemption.

Australian sells bottled water for dogs CANBERRA, Australia — An Australian launched the latest accessory for pampered pooches Tuesday—bottled water in flavors like chicken and corn, liver and bacon, or beef. The purified Dog Plus K-9 water went on sale in pet stores at $2.10 for 1.3 pint plastic bottles.

"It’s like a sports drink for dogs," said Andrew Larkey who thought up the idea. "Dogs get bored with plain water — they deserve a variation just as much as people."

Larkey plans a similar line of drinks for cats, in roast chicken and pork flavors early next year.

People can safely drink it as well, he said, but it probably won’t be a hit with humans.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Saint Mary’s Student Activities Board will present its annual “Christmas Around the World” celebration at 6 p.m. tonight in the LeMans Hall Regimbledoue Lounge.

The ND Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will perform “Handel’s Messiah” tonight at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are available for $3 at the LaFortune Box Office.

Come “Stump the Priest” this evening at Theology on Tap. Bring questions about the Church, religion and spirituality. Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. The event begins at 10 p.m. tonight at Legends.

Stop by the “Howard Holiday” on Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. The event will include Christmas tree decorating, marshmallow roasting and Christmas music. Bring a toy to donate to the South Bend Homeless Shelter.

Start your Christmas shopping early. Flipside will sponsor shopping trip to Chicago on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for $5 at the LaFortune Box Office.

The Notre Dame Glee Club will present their annual Christmas concert on Saturday, Dec. 13 at 6 and 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the LaFortune Box Office for $3. All money raised will benefit the South Bend Homeless Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

On page four of the Dec. 2 build section, the final score for the Notre Dame/Stanford game was incorrectly printed. The correct final score is 57 to 7.

On the Nov. 25 Scene article “Gothika: scary but not for you,” the writer and director were incorrectly printed. The correct information is Sebastian Gutierrez wrote it.
Members elect new chairman, debate TCE release

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

The Faculty Senate elected chemistry professor Seth Brown as its new chairperson at its Tuesday meeting. Brown succeeded John Robinson, who stepped down due to an illness.

Jacqueline Brogan was appointed to Brown's previous position, chair of the Academic Affairs committee.

The Academic Affairs committee discussed the library budget, specifically the loss of significant journal subscriptions. "I'm really stunned at the loss of online services that could be made cheaper, but aren't being recognized by the University as legitimate," said Brogan. "If they want us to be the best of the best, then we have to have those journals."

The Administrative Affairs committee updated the Senate on revisions to the grievance procedure resolution. The committee plans to consider faculty complaints regarding the newly formatted letter being sent to tenure candidates.

The Benefits committee announced plans to meet with retirees to discuss issues and concerns regarding health benefits for retirees.

The Student Affairs committee will participate in an Academic Council ad hoc committee to consider student proposals for changes in the format of Teacher Course Evaluations.

"There is no opposition to publication of Teacher Course Evaluations as long as faculty concerns are met," said chair Jay Brandenberger.

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Can you STUMP THE PRIESTS?

Join us for the last program of the semester on Wednesday, December 3rd, to hear Fathers J. Steele & Kevin Russeau attempt to answer all those questions you've always had about Catholicism but have never had the chance to ask.

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-Fr. Kevin

THEOLOGY on TAP

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society, replacing the accepted "he" and "she" with "ze," while "his" and "her" were replaced with "thir.

"It's not that I'm against pro­

nouns," Bergman said, "as long as people understand what my gender is. I definitely use pro­

nouns as a teaching tool ... I enforce pronouns when I feel it's useful for people to talk about the concept of non-standard gender."

Bergman was asked after the performance to define non-stand­

ard gender, and the use of the word 'queer' throughout the monologue to identify people who identified themselves as non­

homosexuals.

"The handy thing about the word 'queer' is that it's the least descript­

ive and the least prescrip­tive word we have," Bergman said. "Using the word 'queer' to de­

scribe a non-standard set of sexual behavior and desire is a way to describe something that is not only a sexual orientation, but also a cultural orientation."

Bergman went on to recount something that a "smart friend" once said.

"I use it whenever I can: To be que­

er is to pursue your harmless heart's desire in a society that will punish you for it," Bergman said.

"Queer, for me, is also describing the cultural and political orienta­

tion that goes along with being non-standard in many ways."

Bergman said that the visit, which used humor and personal experiences to tackle a subject not often addressed within the confines of straight society, was part of a wider effort to break down stereo­

types and provide the kind of support Bergman experi­

enced while tackling gender identity. The support of Bergman's father was the subject of much of the per­

formance.

"I have no student loans, no dresses in my closet, and no doubt where my father is. Every day... being a father includes protecting, it includes supporting," Bergman said. "Meanwhile, my father is now the gay answer center for parents... (His answer) 'Just love your kid. Ask her, 'What do you want?'" Bergman asked. "Do you love her the way your daughter des­

erves to be loved? Gay, straight — doesn't matter.'"

Others, Bergman said, were not totally in favor of gender.

"It does make people some­

times very uncomfortable," Bergman said. "I understand gen­

der in this society very well. I am totally in favor of gender. What I am against is the bipolar gender system that says we are man and woman. People begin to police their behaviors and their desires to sit down and write such nice, thick letters," Arzt said.

Monday evening the council held the first all-campus event to create cards and letters for Alpha Company troops, Pillar said. The evening generated 25 Christmas cards.

Arzt, whose boyfriend is com­

mander of the under-style Alpha Company, has been in contact with the company for the many since they received the first letters. The letters are distributed around the camp before being posted for all to see, she said.

Alpha Company troops plan to respond to the students to show their appreciation, Arzt said.

The council has placed fold­

ers at each residence hall's front desk to collect additional cards. Guidelines for sending cards are also in the folders. The Cards will be collected until Dec. 7.

"We all know how excited we are to get mail in college," Arzt said. "And I truly mean, 'Just ship excited troops to get it.'"

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ferences between biology and gender, and the way in which many other cultural systems often confuse the two.

"People think that if they under­

stand my genitals, they will understand my gender," Bergman said. "That is completely untrue. Gender and sex are not the same thing. They are a product of soci­

etal and cultural systems that classify people... dependent upon their sexual organs and second­

ary sexual characteristics."

Bergman's performance, unprecedented on Notre Dame's campus, was sponsored by a number of on- and off-campus groups. Organizations such as OutreachND and the Psychology

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Russia against Kyoto Protocol

WASHINGTON — In what would be a major blow to the accord aimed at halting global warming, a top Kremlin official said Tuesday that Russia won’t ratify the Kyoto Protocol, limiting greenhouse gas emissions because it will hurt the country’s economy.

The United States rejected the accord for the same reason. Without Moscow, the protocol cannot come into effect even if approved by every other nation because only Russia’s industrial emissions are large enough to tip the balance.

The pollution cuts required by the treaty would slow the economic growth that Russian President Putin has made a major priority, said top adviser Andrei Illarionov.

“In its current form, the Kyoto Protocol places significant limitations on the economic growth of Russia,” Illarionov told reporters in the Kremlin on the sidelines of Putin’s meeting with European business leaders. “Of course, our current form this protocol can’t be ratified.”

Loyalty to Hussein declining

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Workers began demolishing two bronze busts of Saddam Hussein in Baghdad on Tuesday, while U.S. troops to the north arrested at least 20 insurgents in a raid in both areas aimed at stamping out loyalty to Iraq’s ousted regime.

Iraqi police said a senior former member of Saddam’s elite Republican Guard was among those captured in Fallujah, 155 miles north of Baghdad. However, the U.S. troops failed to catch the target of the raid — Izzat Ibrahim al-Douri, considered a key planner of attacks against U.S. troops.

Court debates warrant serving

WASHINGTON — After knocking, police don’t have to wait longer than 20 seconds before breaking into the home of a drug suspect, a unanimous Supreme Court ruled Tuesday in a case involving a man who said he needed more time to get from the shower to the door.

Local banks rankled over mask

WASHINGTON — One of the greatest success stories in wildlife restoration in United States history is poised to become a forest or field near you.

Officials from the Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife are currently evaluating parts of east central Indiana — including Jay, Blackford and Sullivan counties — for wild turkey habitat.

Tim Pawlenty, governor of Minnesota, addresses the media regarding Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., who allegedly kidnapped North Dakota student Dru Sjodin.

Man arrested for kidnapping

Alfonso Rodriguez in custody for the alleged kidnapping of North Dakota student Dru Sjodin

Associated Press

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — A man described by authorities as a predatory sex offender was arrested and charged with kidnapp­ ing and attempted kidnapping of a college student. But authorities said Tuesday the young woman was still missing.

Dru Sjodin, 21, a University of North Dakota student from Pequot Lakes, Minn., vanished Nov. 22 after leaving her job at the Victory’s Office at Columbia Mall in Grand Forks.

“Dru, we will find you,” Grand Forks Police Chief John Puckett said at a briefing Tuesday. “With the arrest of Alfonso Rodriguez Jr. last night, this investiga­ tion has only reached the 50-yard line. As addi­ tional charges and infor­ mation comes available, we will be satisfied and comforted until such time as we find Dru.”

Rodriguez, 50, was arrested Monday in Crookston, Minn., about 30 miles from Grand Forks, where he lives, police said. He had been expected to appear in court Tuesday, but officials said the appearance would be delayed until Wednesday morning. Court documents in the case were sealed.

Authorities declined to discuss what led them to Rodriguez, other than to say they had probable cause to believe he was involved in the missing student case. Sjodin disappeared and to note it is standard to keep known sex offenders in such investiga­ tions. They declined to say whether he was coop­ erating.

“Let the entire focus on this is in finding Dru,” Grand Forks County state at­ torney Peter Weile said. “This is by no means the end. This is a marathon and not a sprint.”

Authorities issued a plea for at least 1,000 volun­ teers to search for Sjodin Wednesday in Grand Forks County and in Polk County, Minn., where Crookston is located. Property owners in the two counties were asked to search their land.

Sjodin’s father and brother spoke directly to their sister.

“Honey, we will find you,” her father, Allan, said. And her brother, Sven, added: “I know we are just around the corner from you right now. We love you. Keep strong.”

Rodriguez has a history of sexual contact and attempted kidnapping with adult women, and has used a weapon in at least one assault, according to a Minnesota Department of Corrections summary of his criminal history posted on the agency’s Web site.

His past offenses require that Rodriguez be regist­ ered as a predatory offender, the department said.

Authorities said Sjodin (pronounced sha DEEN) may have been abducted while talking to her boyfriend, Chris Lang, on a cell phone after leaving work the afternoon of Nov. 22. He called her room­ mate, saying he heard Sjodin say something like, “Oh, my God,” before the phone went dead. During a second call a few hours later, there was only the sound of static and num­ bers being pressed, he said.

The case had drawn more than 3,000 volun­ teers who have searched the area without success. In addition, about 30 FBI agents, along with investi­ gators from 20 different agencies in three states and the Canadian province of Manitoba, were working on the case. A $140,000 reward was offered.

No one answered the phone at the home Monday night.

Neighborhoods of Rodriguez said a town meeting was held in May to inform them about his release from prison. They said he lived with his mother, Dolores. No one answered the phone at the home Wednesday.

Sanja Thygeson, who lives about four houses down from Rodriguez and his mother, said she had never seen him do anything wrong, but took precautions anyway.

“I'm a widow and I'm older, and I was scared, so I think in my in-law's case over and over and over I motioned like he(Rodriguez) moved in,” Thygeson said.

Another neighbor, Millie Stave, said “there were a lot of frightened people around” when Rodriguez returned to the community.

Ohio highway shootings connected

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Twelve shoot­ ings in the last five miles of interstate 

state this year are connected, includ­ ing one that killed a woman, police said.

Four of the shootings — three at veh­ icles and the other at Bridgetown — involved an elementary school window last month — were from the same gun, Franklin County Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Steve Martin said.

Although ballistic tests could not link the remainders of the shootings along Interstate 270, investigators said they “are comfortable” saying all 12 are connected, he said. He would not elaborate.

The shootings began in May along Interstate 270 in southern Columbus. On Nov. 25, 62-year-old Gail Kinsley was struck by a bullet that pierced the side of the car she was in. Many other previous shootings have been report­ ed since then.

Authorities, who have received more than 500 tips, would not speculate on whom the shooter might be and would not release the type of weapon.

“Collectively, we think it’s not good for us to put that information out,” Martin said.

Local businesses have established a $10,000 reward for information lead­ ing to an arrest. Investigators on Monday linked the Nov. 11 shooting at Hamilton Township Elementary School to the others — making it the 12th shooting police announced in the case.

The school in Obetz is about two miles from the freeway. Superintendent Bill Wittman said he believes the shooting was not meant to harm any­ one because it happened overnight.

A house was shot at Tuesday near the freeway that circles Columbus, but investigators have not linked it to the other shootings, Martin said.
Supreme Court weighs religious scholarships

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court justices appeared deeply divided Thursday in the church-state case involving a college student who lost his taxpayer-funded scholarship because he chose to major in religion.

In a case with implications for President Bush’s plan to allow more church-based organizations to compete for government money, the administration’s top Supreme Court lawyer said it was improper for Joshua Davey to lose the Promise Scholarship he was awarded by the state of Wisconsin.

The scholarship was rescinded after Davey declared his intention to study religious discrimination. "It’s treating religion differently, Justice Antonin Scalia said Thursday, reading from a Pentagon statement.

"You can study anything you like and get it subsidized, except religion.”

The Justice Department’s statement said states cannot discriminate against religious education. The Promise Scholarship program practices the plainest form of religious discrimination, Solicitor General Theodore Olson told the justices during a lively half-hour argument session Thursday. “The clear unmistakable message is that religion and preparation for a career in the ministry is disfavored.

Several justices seemed skeptical, suggesting that the university had long had a hands-off policy when it came to the training of clergy and that states have considerable leeway in choosing how to spend money.

Justices Stephen Breyer told Olson that the Supreme Court could force a vast reordering of government spending if it sides with Davey. A broad ruling that Davey had a constitutional right to the scholarship money would mean government would have to be careful not to exclude religious programs or organizations in many areas, such as government contracting and medical programs, Breyer said.

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Supposed terrorist gets lawyer access

Pentagon announces that U.S.-born suspect Hamdi will be allowed full lawyer, trial rights

WASHINGTON — Reversing course, Pentagon officials have decided to allow a U.S.-born terrorist suspect access to a lawyer and a military lawyer, the Defense Department announced Thursday.

The Defense Department will make arrangements over the next few days for a lawyer to visit Hamdi without access to domestic or international law. He will be allowed to make arrangements over the next few days for a lawyer to visit Hamdi without access to domestic or international law. He will be allowed to make agreements over the next few days for a lawyer to visit Hamdi without access to domestic or international law.

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SUV safety set to improve

WASHINGTON — The auto industry is adopting standards to improve the safety of vehicles in side-impact crashes over the next five years.

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Alliance spokesman Eron Shosteck said Tuesday that automakers adopted a set of performance standards that can be met through a variety of safety devices, including side-impact air bags and improved door beams and bumpers.

Shosteck said most automakers will be able to meet the new standards by adopting side- and head-protecting air bags. Automakers also may make design changes to the front of sport utility vehicles so there is a lesser height difference in collisions with passenger cars.

The Alliance and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, which is funded by insurers, promised to develop the voluntary standards in February in a letter to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld for administration’s top Supreme Court lawyer, the Justice Department’s statement said. Hamdi is being held as an "enemy combatant," a designation the Bush administration says denies him rights to a lawyer or a trial.

The Supreme Court is considering whether to hear an appeal from a public defender, Frank Dunham, who challenged Hamdi’s detention and wanted to act as his lawyer.

Dunham did not return telephone and e-mail messages seeking comment Monday evening.

Dunham had asked the Supreme Court to decide if the government has unconstitutionally imprisoned Hamdi without access to attorneys. The Bush administration said it is moving forward with the case.

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Some safety groups have argued against voluntary standards, saying they hold no weight because automakers can choose not to adopt them.

Rumsfeld has said voluntary standards can bring safety enhancements to the market more quickly, since the government’s regulatory process can require years. Shosteck said the Alliance planned to send the automakers’ offer to Rumsfeld on Tuesday.
Market Recap

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In Brief

Investor Kerkorian takes stand

WILMINGTON, Del. — Billionaire investor Kirk Kerkorian testified Tuesday that he never would have supported the deal creating DaimlerChrysler if it had not been portrayed as a "merger of equals" between the American and German automakers.

Kerkorian, who is suing the company for more than $1 billion, said that in his dealings with former Chrysler chairman Robert Eaton there was no indication the Daimler-Benz Chrysler combination was anything else.

"It was called a merger of equals. ... It was always portrayed as a merger of equals," Kerkorian testified in federal court in the nonjury trial.

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This was a holiday to remember

This last Thanksgiving holiday is one that I will not soon forget — at least not in the span of the next 24 hours because I went from living America at its best to America at its worst.

To be perfectly honest, last Thursday was shaping up to be just like any other turkey day. Like every other American, I planned to stuff myself to the gills with corn pudding, mashed potatoes, pumpkin pie and all the other great Thanksgiving fare. After about three or maybe even five trips through the family buffet line with my stomach on the verge of exploding, I would finally say enough is enough. Now weighing 10 pounds heavier than the day before, it was time for the only exercise of the day. Somehow I would muster the energy to get up from my chair at the dining table, walk 10 feet to lie down on the couch and then let the tryptophan kick into high gear.

There is nothing like falling asleep in front of the Dallas Cowboys game. Only this year was different; this year my holiday was a little more special than usual. Instead of falling asleep, I stayed awake flipping between all the major news networks hoping to catch footage from President Bush’s historic visit to Iraq. I probably watched it 50 times — President Bush popping out from behind the stage at the military barricades in Baghdad to surprise the U.S. troops eagerly awaiting their Thanksgiving dinner.

Seeing him actually sit behind the buffet line and serve the troops their turkey is what makes our nation truly unique. While he might hold the highest office in the land, George W. Bush is no better or worse than any other American. Like him or not, you have to respect President Bush for putting himself in harm’s way to thank the troops for their bravery and sacrifice. As the President was not on the front lines like the troops he sent to Iraq who confront violent threats every single day. However there is still a tremendous amount of risk involved in successfully carrying out this secret mission. As the tragic events of this past month have painfully reminded us, the security situation in Iraq remains shaky. The evil terrorists crawling in Iraq could have potentially fired a missile at Air Force One as it landed on the runway at Baghdad International Airport or attacked the military envoy escorting President Bush to the marine barracks.

The bottom line is that President Bush did not have to travel to Iraq. Contrary to Will Ferrell’s brilliant impersonations from Saturday Night Live a few years back, “W” is not a robot who just follows orders from his father, Karl Rove, Dick Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld or his dog Barney. The decision was entirely his own. This was not just some outlandish political stunt to convince the American people to reelect him as his harshest critics have suggested, but a genuine way for President Bush to express his gratitude and to rally the American people behind the troops finishing the job in Iraq.

If the trip helped him politically, then so be it. But the way things are going with a recent victory in the war, last week’s passage of a Medicare reform bill, and a Democratic Party rapping apart at the seams, President Bush does not seem to need a whole lot of help these days. Who would not want a President willing to throw himself into the fray to stand alongside the troops he has called upon to fight America’s war against terror?

All of the warm sentimental feelings from Thursday’s unforgettable Thanksgiving were damped the next day when I learned about an unfortunate incident at a Wal-Mart in Orange City, Florida. According to news reports, 41-year-old Patricia Van Lester sustained a concussion when fellow shoppers knocked her to the floor in a mad rush to buy a $29 dollar DVD player. A short time later, paramedics found Ms. Lester lying unconscious on top of the prized DVD Player.

After the incident, Linda Elley told the press how other shoppers remained completely oblivious to her fallen sister’s condition. “She got pushed down, and they walked over her like a herd of elephants,” Elley said.

While this incident in no way negated the power of Thursday’s historic events, it unfortunately captured what is wrong with America. In some ways, it is almost comical that grown adults would act like little children fighting over a toy. But truthfully, it is downright pathetic. We now live in a culture that has grown so materialistic that people actually risk their lives shopping for Christmas presents.

Admittedly, visiting the malls the day after Thanksgiving has become a holiday in and of itself for many Americans, but you should not have to wear a helmet to feel safe at Wal-Mart.

Not to get sappy, but I fear that people have forgotten that Christmas is a religious holiday. I am no theologian, but I am pretty confident that people bickering and scratching each other to buy Christmas presents was not what Jesus had in mind as a way for people to celebrate his birthday.

Despite this incident, I still remain hopefully optimistic that the Christmas spirit still hides somewhere in America today. It just might take President Bush to dip into his bag of tricks again to find it.

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Editor's note: Because the late-term abortion procedure is a current political issue and some description of it would inevitably lead to graphic content and offensive language, the letters discussing this issue may contain such language as well. In order to foster an intelligent dialogue on this matter, this language must be included. Readers who might be offended by such language are cautioned.

The new federal law banning "partial-birth abortion" will not stop a single abortion and it will probably be struck down by the courts. So why did they enact it?

Most abortions after 12 or 13 weeks are done by dilation and evacuation. The cervix, or entrance to the womb, is dilated, the fetal sac is punctured and drained and the unborn child's head is crushed. The body is then dismembered and removed with suction and forceps.

Abortionist Martin Haskell developed an alternative, dilation and extraction, because "most surgeons find dismemberment at 20 weeks and beyond to be difficult due to the toughness of fetal tissues" and because dilation and evacuation can involve a risk of perforating the uterus.

Dilation extraction is called "partial-birth abortion." In partial birth abortion, which is done after 20 weeks, the cervix is dilated to allow removal of the child's body except for the head. The abortionist uses forceps to deliver the baby feet first up to the head which is too large for the opening. He inserts scissors into the back of the baby's skull and opens the scissors to enlarge the hole. He inserts a suction tube and sucks out the brains. The empty skull then collapses enough to fit through the opening. The new law allows a partial birth abortion if it is necessary to save the mother's life when it is endangered by a "physical condition." This exception can be evaded; it could include a physical condition arising from the mother's asserted disposition to commit suicide. The Congressional findings call partial birth abortion a "gruesome and inhumane procedure that is never medically necessary and should be prohibited." If so, how can it be allowed even to preserve the life of the killer?

As Ron Fitzsimmons, of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, said in 1997, "the real world impact of a partial birth abortion ban "is virtually nil." He said doctors would use an alternative method such as dilation and evacuation, "making sure the fetus is dead before extracting it." Or the abortionist could do a hysterotomy, the procedure that is never medically necessary.

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If the partial birth abortion ban will not stop any abortions, why did Congress enact it? Republicans who are so anti-abortion voted for the law to obtain "pro-life" certification from the Beltway pro-life establishment. President Bush signed it, confirming his "pro-life" credentials for the 2004 election. The Republicans got a free vote, said Judie Brown of the American Life League. "It was the least they could get away with in order to receive the pro-life vote."

The partial birth abortion ban, however, is a profile tactical victory because the campaign for it raised awareness of abortion. "With partial birth abortion, you cannot miss the baby," said Senator Rick Santorum (R-PA). Pro-aborts fear that if people focus on partial birth abortion they might realize that the "choice" in every abortion is in the moral but not the legal sense — to murder. Unfortunately, the emphasis on the closeness of partial birth abortion to infanticide might cause people to forget that the use of a morning-after pill is no less a murder than is the debiraming of a birthing infant by partial birth abortion.

The enactment of the partial birth abortion ban is less a triumph than a sign of futility for the establishment pro-life movement. In a civilized society, the issue is whether innocent human beings may be intentionally and legally killed. Over the past three decades, pro-life leaders, including the bureaucracy of the Catholic bishops, have sought to limit, but not wholly prohibit, abortion, thus framing the issue as one in which innocents may be killed. The partial birth abortion effort is a further retreat, arguing the issue not in terms of whether and not even in terms of how innocent human beings may be killed, but in terms of how innocent human beings may be "violated" and in a confession of moral and political bankruptcy by the establishment pro-life movement.

Abortion is a legal and political issue, but only incidentally. It presents a non-negotiable moral imperative, that no innocent human being of any age can rightly be classed as a non-person and subjected to death at the discretion of another. The partial birth abortion ought to remind us that the ultimate remedy for legalized abortion is restoration among the American people of the conviction that the right of innocent human life is absolute because it is the gift of God.

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Respect views of others

Monday night, after studying all evening in a booth in the basement of LaFortune, I packed up my books and got up to leave. I glanced at the booth beside me, where two guys were huddled around a laptop screen. Despite their attempts to hide it, I had a clear view of the extremely explicit pornographic video they were watching.

I quietly informed the two students that I found the material offensive and suggested that they had no business bringing such videos into public. Embarrassed, they muttered apologies.

My question is: When did the objectification and disregard for the dignity of the human body become so accepted that two guys have no qualms about viewing such material, alone or together? In the student center of a University where one might hope that women are respected for their minds and characters, rather than objectified by two guys who get their kicks out of seeing images of women for their own selfish pleasure?

Explicit material brought into the open constitutes sexual harassment under University policy, as I learned to my sorrow during a conversation with the Office of Residential Life. No one, male or female, should have to view images whose content are offensive to them, whether they are in La Fortune or walking down a dorm's hallway. When I saw the video, my heart hurt, for although they were not objectifying one individually, I am a woman and felt personally offended by the use of a woman's body as an anonymous object.

No human being should be used as a means to a selfish end. This issue has been addressed throughout history, in fact, I believe a civil war was fought over a hundred years ago in this country over the question of whether a human being should be seen and used as an object devoid of personal dignity.

No one is anonymous. The woman in the video had a past. She was someone's daughter, maybe someone's sister, maybe someone's mother. What if she were your sister? Or your daughter?

Forgive me for daring to mention something that is too graphic and explicit to discuss, but it is the season of Advent, when Christians await the celebration of Christ's Incarnation and the dignity of the human body. Let us take this opportunity to remember the respect and love which we owe to every human being.

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Dec. 2
The Beatles simply let it be

By JULIE BENDER
Senior Music Critic

The year was 1969, and as the tumultuous decade that had seen the clash of civil rights, the assassinations of a president, the Summer of Love and the rise of rock 'n' roll, the Beatles nearing its end as well.

Unlike previous records, The Black Album is an entirely Jay-Z affair. Gone are loads of guest rappers and female pop hooks, which will likely please hip-hop fans that generally find Jay-Z too pop for their tastes. The decision to go strictly solo works to Jay-Z's advantage, allowing him to showcase his lyrical prowess. He clearly feels like he has nothing left to prove on "What More Can I Say," sampling Russell Crowe's audacious "Are you not entertained?" speech from Gladiator and later following with the boast, "Pound for pound I'm the best to ever come around here."

Cleverly implementing the names of all his albums in the chorus of the Eminem-produced "A Moment of Clarity," Jay-Z defends himself for changing his music for money and popularity. "If skills sold, truth be told, I'd probably be lyrically, Talib Kweli / Truthfully I wanna rhyme like Common Sense / But I did five mill -- I ain't been rhyming like Common since." And even though he claims he is quitting rap, he maintains on his concluding track, "My 1st Song," that his love for rap is still as strong as it was ever was: "the song that I sing to you it's my everything / Treat my first like my last, and my last like my first / As for the thirst is the same as when I came."

But as good as his rhymes are, Jay-Z speaks to too much time focusing on himself. Rap has always been about self-promotion and boasting, but that is no excuse for the lack of variety in Jay-Z's subject matter, which hurts the overall longevity of the album. Thankfully, the only real lyrical mishap is the corny, autobiographical "December 4th," which is bogged down by mundane anecdotes from his mother, Gloria Carter. Nevertheless, missing are a few more varied tracks like the party jam "Dirt Off Your Shoulders" by Timbaland, or the vibrant Rick Rubin produced story rap "99 Problems," where Jay-Z bitterly attacks the rap media, and contrasts a clever anecdote about a run in with a racist police officer.

As usual, Jay-Z is backed by an all-star cast of producers, and all of the aforementioned tracks have solid beats. However, other tracks are a bit more disappointing. The Neptunes ("Change Clothes," "Allure") in particular fall under their capabilities as their over-saturated with grandiose background orchestration that hid its core beauty. On the other hand, Spector produced a hard-to-read, string orchestration. Although not over-saturated with grandiose background orchestrations, the song is heard as McCartney's vocals and piano and Preston's supporting hums, and mixed each of the songs from within the Beatles' fan will be quickly struck by the overall reign, Spector produced a hard-to-read album of contradictions. What had started as "back to roots," raw Beatles sound as a "back to roots," raw Beatles sound... Naked, Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr, with the blessings of Yoko Ono, have had Let It Be stripped down to its origins and rebuilt into a new album. Let It Be

The result is a stellar collection of songs filtered through their core elements of rock 'n' roll — simply the Beatles and their instruments. There are no over dubbings or excessive productions as on the original album. The only addition is the keyboarding of an old friend from the Beatles Hamburg days, Billy Preston. Over a year later, the Beatles called in legendary producer Phil Spector to edit the 32 reels of tapes, chose the best takes of each song, cleaned up the boxes and humps, and mixed each of the songs from scratch. The songs are found in a new line up with the short ditties "Magpie Mae" and "Dig It" removed from the album and the song "Don't Let Me Down" added. Upon listening to the new album, any Beatles fan will be quickly struck by the obvious differences from the original song versions. The title track, "Let It Be," for example, differs from the 1970 version with a more clarity in both McCartney's vocals and piano and Preston's supporting keyboarding. Although the new version from the lack of Ringo's drumming in the original, this is made up for by Harrison's spectacular guitar solo, which is brought forward with new emphasis and lucidity.

The most strikingly different track on this album is "The Long and Winding Road." The 1970 version of this song was over-saturated with grandiose background orchestration that hid its core beauty. On this take, it is simply McCartney and his piano with subtle percussion accompaniment and a supporting keyboarding solo in the middle. Shed of its lavish embellishments, the song is heard as McCartney had originally intended — a delicate balance of grace and strength.

An exciting and captivating listen for Beatlesmaniacs and music fans alike. Let It Be... Naked is the raw display of unsurpassed rock 'n' roll purity and talent that is essentially, the Beatles. Even with its posthumous release 33 years later, this album is yet one more testament to the Beatles as the greatest band in rock 'n' roll.

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Clearlake delivers a humdinger

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Scene Music Critic

Shoul...
Marshall and Rose propel Raptors over Sixers

Associated Press

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Dallas 97, Washington 72

The Dallas Mavericks easily overcame a bad shooting performance from Anthony Mason, who struggled after the All-Star break.

Mason finished 9-for-17 shooting and 0-for-7 from the line, averaging 11 points and 11 rebounds, both of which are career highs.

The Mavericks’ slip-up came when they trailed 68-61 with 2:42 left that boosted the Wizards to their third straight loss.

Marshall added 25 for the Bucks, including a 4-point streak in the fourth quarter, faking a pass to Alonzo Mourning of the Wizards when they were down 95-88 in the second quarter.

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Tar Heels hold on at narrow victory over Illinois

Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — There were ice bags scattered all over the North Carolina locker room and players had a tough time getting their uniforms off.

But why, the pain felt so good for the 10th-ranked Tar Heels on Tuesday night after an 88-81 victory over No. 11 Illinois in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

North Carolina remained undefeated with the victory, outlasting one of the nation’s deepest teams behind Sean May’s 23 points and 14 rebounds — both career highs.

“Right now is one of those high moments in coaching that you really enjoy,” Roy Williams said. “We knew we had to match their physicality, and it’s always been the country,” May said. “We knew we had to match their physicality.

A.J. Moye fouled him as he drove to the basket on a fast-break off his own steal.

He did his best work in the first half, when he scored 15 points and had five of Wake Forest’s 10 first-half steals.

“Coach told me I must become a scoring threat,” Paul said. “The first couple of games I wasn’t trying to score and he told me it was going to turn into a 5-on-4 and teams would stop guarding me. So tonight I made a point to score.”

Eric Williams added a career-high 25 points, Vytas Danilus added 13 points, Justin Gray had 12 rebounds for Wake Forest, which remained unbeaten in five Challenge games.

The Demon Deacons also extended their streak to 39 straight home victories dating to last season and gave Princeton, the third-year coach, his 50th win at the school.

“Their throat and kept it there,” Nelson said. “We were just having a good rhythm.”

That was probably the flashiest pass I’ll ever make,” Nelson said. “I like to keep it straight.”

Nelson scored 18 points and Dwayne Jones added a career-high 13 points in No. 12 St. Joseph’s 84-82 win over Florida on Tuesday night.

Paul did in his best all-around game. But boy, the pain felt so good, but they just didn’t go down.

But Paul didn’t mind.

“They really put our foot on their throat and kept it there,” Nelson said. “We’re just having fun out there.”

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Virginia Tech running back Kevin Jones announced he will skip his senior season and enter the NFL draft.

"I think it's the right thing to do," Thomas Jones said, adding that the decision is the result of discussions that have been evolving throughout the season.

"At one point during the season we were saying top 10. If not that, then come on back," Thomas Jones said. "Then you start really thinking about it, and the chance of being a first-round draft pick is a great honor anywhere. When that's on the table with the chance of being injured, you just can't pass that by. It's time to move on."

Jones said late in the season that he was unsure what he would do and wanted to wait until after the bowl game to decide, but his father said he's been pretty certain his son would make himself available for the draft since the middle of the season.

"We started getting some pretty good feedback from sources we've got," he said. "Continue to do this, continue to do that and things are going to look right."

"It's the fruit of all his labor," Earlier this season, Temple coach Bobby Wallace said he recruited Bo Jackson and played against Herschel Walker and that Jones fit into the same lofty category.

"He's got the combination of size, strength, feet, cutback ability and pure speed," Wallace said. "You really have to defend the whole field with him and not overpursue, but when you can't overpursue, how do you catch him because he's so fast? Jones' last game was one of his least productive as Virginia limited him to 75 yards on 25 carries, but Cavaliers coach Al Groh, a longtime NFL assistant and then head coach of the New York Jets for one season, agreed that Jones is an elite tailback.

"He's head and shoulders the most elusive back that we've faced," Groh said. "He's got great lateral quickness, he's got a tremendous burst and he's got long speed."

"When he gets through, you'll never see anybody catch him."

Jones was viewed by many as the nation's top high school tailback when he entered Virginia Tech in 2001, and he showed why right away. Playing mostly as a backup, Jones rushed for 957 yards and had the last four games, including the Gator Bowl. As a sophomore, with starter Lee Suggs back from an injury, Jones again was a backup and ran for 871 yards despite missing almost two full games with a hamstring injury. His nine touchdowns included a 67-yard run, his longest to that point. This season, with the starting job finally his, Jones blossomed. He rushed for at least 100 yards a school-record eight times in a nine-game span for the Hokies (8-4), and had a record 241 yards and four touchdowns in a 31-28 loss at Pittsburgh.

One of his touchdowns against the Panthers came on an 80-yard run, a sprint down the sideline that showed off his breakaway speed. Against Boston College two weeks later, he showed even more, spinning away from a tackler just past the line and then bursting into the clear, easily outrunning the secondary for a 62-yard touchdown. "It just took this time period for him to get on the field and get the job totally to himself so he could prove what type of running back he is," Thomas Jones said.

Sanders speaks about departure from league

Associated Press

DEtroit — Barry Sanders, one of the smoothest tailbacks, admits the way he left the NFL Lions was awkward. During his first news conference since his shocking retirement last December, Sanders did say he should have stayed in touch with his former Lions coach Bobby Ross, who tried unsuccessfully to contact him before the 1999 season.

"It took a long time to figure out what I wanted to do, and how I wanted to say it," said Sanders, looking as fit as ever in a sport coat, slacks and loafers. Sanders ran for 15,269 yards during his 10-year career, finishing with a crazy-legs style that thrilled fans and frustrated opponents.

"I told him going into the week I was going to do this," said Sanders, who announced his retirement last December in "See Him..." which was released this week.

"It took a long time to figure out what I wanted to do," Sanders said of his talk with the Pro Football Hall of Fame in January. Sanders, never comfortable talking to reporters, acknowledged he agreed to have a news conference solely to promote his book, "Barry Sanders: Now You See Him..." which was released this week.

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He walked away from the NFL with Walter Payton's rushing record well within reach. "At that time, I knew that I just didn't have it in me any more to continue," said Sanders, who is eligible for election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in January. Sanders never comfortable talking to reporters, acknowledged he agreed to have a news conference solely to promote his book, "Barry Sanders: Now You See Him..." which was released this week.

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NFL
League extends Browns’ Green’s suspension

Green, who was eligible to return to the team Monday, will remain suspended for “treatment purposes.” The league said commissioner Paul Tagliabue will decide when the 23-year-old can return after consulting with medical experts in the program.

If that doesn’t happen until after the season, the Browns will have some tough choices to make on Green. Do they give him a second chance, bring him to training camp and risk Green having a relapse? Or do they release him and move on?

Browns coach Butch Davis refused to address questions about Green’s future on Monday. “William has some personal issues right now that he has to address,” Davis said. “He’s got to take care of these things. When those things are taken care of and resolved, we’ll decide exactly what William’s future is.”

Before the 2001 draft, the Browns were aware that Green was twice suspended for marijuana use at Boston College. But the club felt it could help Green deal with his problems, and selected him with the 16th overall pick before signing him to a five-year contract worth $12 million if he reached incentives.

When Green got off to a rough start as a rookie, the Browns began to wonder if they made the right choice. But he emerged in the second half of 2002, rushing for 726 yards in his final seven games to help the Browns qualify for the playoffs.

Browns president Carmen Policy has said the Browns will support Green as long as he continues to show a willingness to get better and make lifestyle changes.

Green was suspended by the league after being arrested in October on charges of driving under the influence and marijuana possession. He has a pretrial hearing scheduled for Wednesday.

While serving his suspension, Green’s fiancee was accused of stabbing him in the back with a steak knife. Asia Gray, 22, was charged with felonious assault and domestic violence.

Police searched Green’s home the night of the alleged attack and said they found marijuana in four locations.

Green’s whereabouts remain unknown.
## Women's College Basketball

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### Around the Nation

**Blazers' Randolph arrested**

PORTLAND, Ore. — Trail Blazers forward Zach Randolph was charged Tuesday with driving under the influence after a police officer said he smelled marijuana in the player's car.

Randolph was released a few hours after his arrest, just the latest off-court problem for a team trying to improve its image.

Randolph had been pulled over for not driving within a lane when the officer "noted a strong odor of burning marijuana coming from the vehicle," police Sgt. Cheryl Robinson said.

The Trail Blazers did not take disciplinary action against Randolph, saying they would wait for results of tests taken by police. Randolph, who became a starter this season, leads the team with an average of 20.7 points and 11.2 rebounds a game.

"Certainly if it turns out that the tests are not what we'd like to see, then, as I said, there will be consequences," team president Steve Patterson said.

The misdemeanor charge carries a potential sentence of up to one year in jail and up to a $5,000 fine, according to Multnomah County sheriff's Lt. Mike Shults. Randolph was released a few hours later with the potential sentence of up to one year in jail and up to a $5,000 fine.

Blazers' coach Flip Saunders said he would not comment on the arrest.

"At that time, throughout the Southeast, there were two worlds. One was black. One was white," Croom said. "Even though things were segregated you were from the South. So, you took pride in anything your state's name was on."

Croom's father, Sylvester Croom Sr., played football for Alabama A&M, an historically black school in Huntsville, Ala. When his father was young, he would watch the Crimson Tide practice through a fence because blacks weren't welcome in the stadium.

Years later, the elder Croom became close with Bryant, acting as a spiritual adviser for Alabama players and giving invocations before games.
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main thing against us was that Andersen had a big
advantage in rebounds. The depth and experience
of the Belles paid off as eight different players scored for
the Belles in the first half. In the second half, the majority
of the scoring came from the experienced core of the team.
A major concern coming into the game was whether the Belles could compete on
offense against a quick defensive
team. The Belles passed this test in the first half but showed their durability is still
in question. The Belles (1-3) will look to
turn their season around as they open their home season this week and host the
Roundball Tournament over the weekend.
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ball great Bob Arzen to
become one of just two Notre
Dame student-athletes to be a three-time Academic All-
American. Those two are also the only two Irish student-athletes to be
named first team Academic All-America in their sophomore and junior
seasons. Freshmen are not eligi-
able for the award.
It was the latest in a long
number of accolades for
Pruzinsky, who has been fea-
tured in Sports Illustrated and
classified as other publications.
Through it all, Pruzinsky has
remained pretty matter-
of-fact regarding her accom-
dishments, attributing them to
her hard work and good time
management.
"You don't have time to pro-
crasinate, so it forces you to
be efficient with your time," Pruzinsky said. "Soccer takes
up so much time, I think that
helped also because as soon
as I'm done playing soccer I
have to get work done."
Despite her efficiency, Pruzinsky is the first to admit
that balancing soccer and school is not easy, especially
with goals as lofty as a 4.0
every semester.
"I probably don't get
enough sleep," said
Pruzinsky. "I wish there were
more hours in the day, defi-
nitely."
With the soccer team's season
coming to an end, a few
weeks ago, Pruzinsky has had
the opportunity new to look
back on what the team meant
to her over her Notre Dame
career.
"Soccer was basically my
enjoyment for four years," Pruzinsky said. "Studying and
all the homework causes stress sometimes, but soccer
was always the fun part of my
day and I always looked for-
ward to it. It was a good
break from work."
Pruzinsky also had the
opportunity to compete on
two Irish teams that made
the College Cup, the Final Four of
women's soccer. The highlight
of those experiences came in
her freshman season, when
the Irish upset Santa Clara in the
semi-finals.
"We got dominated the whole game, we were playing
defense for a full 90 minutes," said Pruzinsky. "We crossed
midfield once and scored and
won the game."
Last season she missed all
but a few minutes of action
due to a nagging ankle injury that even hampered her some
this year.
"Last year was a pretty
tough season to watch, we
had a lot of injuries," she
said.
"Just knowing that could
have been my last season hit
me, so this season I just
appreciated every game. It
meant a lot to me."
Having been named
Academic All-America of the
Year for women's soccer, Pruzinsky now is a contender
to win the award for all NCAA
Sports, won two years ago by
women's basketball star Ruth
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By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

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already showing flashes of
solid play, Saint Mary's will
look to improve upon its 1-2
record Wednesday night when
it hosts an eager

Andrews University squad.
The Belles, led by coach
Suzanne Bellina, commenced
their season with two quick
victories over Andrews College
Roundball Tournament, featuring Saint
Mary's, Illinois College,
Washington University and
Colvin College.
After the conference
tournament, the Belles play a
tough home game against
conference opponent
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Holiday's future remains uncertain

By JOE HETTLER and ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Editor and Sports Writer

He's been through a lot in 2003, so don't expect Notre Dame's Carlyle Holiday to know about his future at the University just yet.

"I really haven't thought about [next season]," said Holiday, who has one year of eligibility left. "I'm just trying to finish the season up then after the season think about what I'm going to do."

If Irish coach Tyrone Willingham has any say, Holiday will be back in a Notre Dame uniform in 2004.

"We are extremely hopeful that Carlyle will return because we think he can add a great deal to our football team. I have not sat down and discussed next year's possibilities with Carlyle yet," Willingham said. "At the conclusion of the season at some point, I will sit down and do that."

Holiday started the season at quarterback for the Irish, but was moved two years ago.

Holiday said he's still getting accustomed to the position move.

"Right now I'm just trying to learn how to block and being in the receiver's shape," Holiday said. "It's different because you run out there and try and attack someone on everyday. You're still going out there and trying to play. It's totally different from playing quarterback."

BCS Implications

Why will most of the nation be watching a game Saturday between two teams with losing records?

Because the outcome of the Notre Dame-Syracuse game could have a tremendous effect on the national championship game.

If Notre Dame beats Syracuse, the game will help second-ranked USC because the Irish win will help boost the Trojans' strength of schedule, one of several factors the Bowl Championship Series rankings use to determine the two teams who play in the title game. Conversely, if Syracuse wins, third-ranked LSU will be aided because USC's strength of schedule will decrease.

"Wow, that puts us in a bind," senior linebackers Martin and Matt Nieves each posted 193 high pin games, Florida following.

No Intentional disrespect

When Notre Dame ran onto the field exactly when they were supposed to and given the pre-arranged schedule set by ABC that determines when teams exit and enter the field prior to kickoff.

Heister said Notre Dame ran onto the field exactly when they were supposed to and given the go-ahead by a Stanford administrator in charge of enforcing the timeline.

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TOMORROW & EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT INTERFAITH

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ND BOWLING

Bowlers finish strong in national match

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame bowling club's men's squad competed this weekend in the prestigious National Collegiate Team Match Games in St. Louis. The club finished 47th in a field of strong teams from across the country.

Fayetteville College won the event, with several national powers including runner-up Wichita State, Kansas, Central Florida, San Jose State, Cal State Fullerton, Nebraska, Florida State, Purdue, and Florida following.

Varsity teams competed with the clubs as well. Captain Jason Raver's 170.1 average led the Irish, with a high game of 219. Gave Torres rolled the team high game, 244, on lanes oiled for professional competition.

Conversely, if Syracuse wins, the outcome of the Notre Dame-Syracuse game could have a tremendous effect on the national championship game.

If Notre Dame beats Syracuse, the game will help second-ranked USC because the Irish win will help boost the Trojans' strength of schedule, one of several factors the Bowl Championship Series rankings use to determine the two teams who play in the title game. Conversely, if Syracuse wins, third-ranked LSU will be aided because USC's strength of schedule will decrease.

"Wow, that puts us in a bind," senior linebacker Martin said of a Notre Dame win helping out the school's schedule.

"But we're doing our best to win this year," quarterback Brady Quinn added. "We are extremely hopeful that Carlyle will return because we think he can add a great deal to our football team. I have not sat down and discussed next year's possibilities with Carlyle yet," Willingham said. "At the conclusion of the season at some point, I will sit down and do that."

Holiday said he's still getting accustomed to the position move.

"Right now I'm just trying to learn how to block and being in the receiver's shape," Holiday said. "It's different because you run out there and try and attack someone on everyday. You're still going out there and trying to play. It's totally different from playing quarterback."

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Happy Birthday! You are truly a remarkable human being. However, you may have been too generous in the past, now it's time to pay catch-up. If you can bring yourself to the point where you think you are, you'll find yourself back on track in no time. You have what it takes to be even more successful this year, so keep visualizing and go get your goals. Numbers 8, 34, 27, 36, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Go over the work you've done and make sure you've totally pleased before you present it to your boss. Don't be afraid to discuss your goals with a superior. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Follow your gut feeling regarding your business ventures. False information is likely if you listen to idle chatter or gossip. Focus on what you know best. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Security regarding your direction is likely. Look into career choices and courses being offered. Beware of individuals who are not reliable or well known to you. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You've got a lot to do, so you'll better put your head down and dig in. The more policies you are, the more you'll accomplish and the better you'll feel. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your time isn't the time to make mistakes. You may say something you'll regret. You'll get behind if you spend time debating senseless issues. Don't let friends talk you into taking time off. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You'll be able to close business deals successfully. Don't let personal problems interfere with professional responsibilities. Focus on work first and the rest will fall into place. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can clear up important legal matters and sign contracts today. Property investments, insurance, taxes or an inheritance should bring you financial gains. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): If you're willing to work, you'll find yourself in the middle of an exciting experience. You can mix business with pleasure if you travel and confront large groups. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your personal goal and you'll get the support you need. Your diplomatic nature will aid you in straightening our unnecessary situations. Look out for No. 1. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get involved in competitive sports with clients. They will appreciate your determination and playful nature. You'll make new business connections if you play your cards right. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Brighten your load. You may jump from the frying pan into the fire if you make your move too quickly. Someone may not be thinking of your best interest. Don't be too hard on your mate. ****

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FOOTBALL

Positive attitude focused on Syracuse prep

By JOE HETLER
Sports Editor

There's a difference in a team's attitude coming off a 50-point win, even if Tyrone Willingham doesn't think so.

"I think so. Even if Tyrone Willingham doesn't think so," said Morton.

Willingham described the team's attitude coming off a 50-point win as "the third straight and put them at 5-6. Meanwhile, the Irish are riding a four-game winning streak after beating Navy, Brigham Young and Stanford. With one game left, Notre Dame would like nothing more than finishing the season at 7-5.

"It's a big game for us," defensive end Justin Tuck said. "We have a chance to even our record at 6-6 and we know that we need to bring our 'A' game. I'm sure they want to go out with a good feeling in the off-season and so do we.

Morton said the team can still make the 2003 season a successful one by defeating Syracuse.

"One thing we've always talked about is that we can make a stamp on our season," Morton said. "We can be a legendary team too. You don't have to be 12-0 to make an impact on football and that's what we're going with. If we turn the season around and we finish up strong this could be our stamp. This could be what we're looking for.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles fall short in loss to Anderson College

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

A strong first half performance wasn't enough as the Belles fell short in a 76-59 loss to Anderson College.

The Belles came out playing their best basketball so far this season. In the first half, the Belles shot 42 percent from the field, including 45 percent from 3-point range.

"We were really on top of our game during the first half," said Belles coach Suzanne Bellina. "We started making shots and played more aggressively on defense." The Belles couldn't maintain their early momentum, however. The turning point came at the end of the first half when Anderson made a run to take a 31-27 lead that they held the rest of the game.

"We started forcing shots at the end of the half and allowed Anderson to come back," said Bellina. "We had difficulty maintaining focus once the tempo of the game had shifted in Anderson's favor."

The quicker pace of the second half took the Belles off their rhythm. Their team shooting dropped to only 29 percent in the final half, and Anderson began to wear down the Belles' defense.

Anderson took control of the game by forcing pressure underneath and dominating the boards. The Belles finished the game with 33 rebounds compared to 45 by Anderson.

"We didn't make many mistakes this game and had fewer turnovers," said Bellina. "The Belles couldn't maintain their early momentum, however. The turning point came at the end of the first half when Anderson made a run to take a 31-27 lead that they held the rest of the game."

ND WOMENS SOCCER

Senior scores on field, in classroom

By ANDY TROEGER
Sports Writer

Over the history of the women's soccer program at Notre Dame, very few players have distinguished themselves on the field as much as Vanessa Pruzinsky, and that does not even begin to touch what she has done in the classroom.

Pruzinsky, one of only three Notre Dame students ever to achieve a 4.0 GPA in chemical engineering, recently was named Academic All-American of the Year for women's soccer. She was one of three Irish players selected to the All-American team. Junior Mary Boland and sophomore Erika Bohn both made the second team.

With that distinction, the Irish became the first team in NCAA Division I women's soccer history to have three players named to the Academic All-America team.

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