LeMay succumbs to cancer

Former English professor passes away at 67
By ANDREW THAGARD

Albert LeMay, a long-time member of the Notre Dame faculty, died Dec. 10 in Memorial Hospital after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 67.

LeMay was a professor of English and directed the undergraduate foreign-language program in Puebla, Mexico until May 2003. He also served as the program coordinator for the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies until 1999 and was actively involved with the South Bend Housing Authority for a number of years.

"He was an extraordinary person and one of the most generous and caring people I have ever known," said Scott Mainwaring, director of the Kellogg Institute and friend of LeMay for nearly 20 years.

LeMay’s position at the Kellogg Institute provided him with an opportunity to work closely with visiting national and international fellows, predominantly from the United States and Latin America. He also worked with guest scholars and international fellows, closely with visiting national students.

Mainwaring, director of the South Bend Tribune, said several items were reported stolen when the students returned to their apartments last week, including laptop computers, video gaming systems and DVDs.

"I got a phone call from my boyfriend over break — that's how I found out," Walsh said. "We didn't get any calls from College Park or the police, and I think we should have, just to let us know what's going on. Even though it's not really their responsibility, I think they could have had someone controlling the area while we were gone," she said.

College Park Apartments, located on Bulla Road, experienced several break-ins during the holiday break. The complex is a popular choice for Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students.

Foreign students face increased customs security

By JULIA MILLER-LEMON

A new security screening process was launched Monday in an effort to keep terrorists from entering the United States, requires international travelers to be digitized fingerprinted and photographed as they pass through customs.

The new program, named U.S.-VISIT, or U.S. Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology, allows federal authorities to keep track of foreign visitors, mostly tourists, students or business travelers. Fingerprints and photographs are put into a law-enforcement database that eventually will allow users to view photos of visa holders and ensure they match the person who is seeking to enter the country. The travel data is supposed to be securely stored within the Department of Homeland Security and made available only to authorized officials.

An estimated 24 million international travelers enter the United States each year. The new $320 million program, which is in place at 14 seaports and 115 major airports, allows customs and immigration officials to check passengers instantly against terrorist watch lists and a national criminal database.

According to Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, the goal of the program is to “make sure our borders are open to visitors but closed to terrorists.” The new security should allow customs and border officials to “focus on ‘at-risk’ travelers while speeding the entry of everyone else,” Ridge said.

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Gabe Letona junior

"Security didn’t really take any longer than it normally does," Letona said. "Customs officials were really strict about having all of your paperwork completely filled out, but it didn’t really seem like it was causing any big delays."

Many international travelers anticipated major delays as a result of the new screening process, but reports from the Department of Homeland Security indicate that the added security only adds 10 to 15 extra seconds onto the current security procedures.

"I think that the added security is a good thing,” Letona said. "I'm sure a lot of people might feel like it's an infringement on their rights, but I feel more secure now than I did before."
INSIDE COLUMN

CORE deserves a chance

So now they’ve decided to cut the Core program, and I’m sorry to see it go.

The idea behind Core is that of a “liberal” education. Not liberal in the political sense, of course, but in the sense of “freeing” the student from the blinkers that a professional degree or over specialization can easily impose, in the propaganda that Arts and Letters spreads around to all who will listen, the trumpet of "liberal arts" is blown constantly. However, it seems that, where the rubber meets the road, the College thinks nothing of getting rid of the last place on campus where students are required to think over and discuss contemporary, real-life issues without the comfort of choosing the discourse they will be discussed in. Core, when taught well — and it was taught well in at least a few sections, including mine — forced a student out of his comfort zone. And, in some ways, this uncomfortable platitude Core places you in is the only place where genuine learning can occur.

I’ve heard all the complaints, just like you have. I even have a fairly good sense why, of all the classes that the University offers, spaws so many disgruntled students. Calculus and Organic Chemistry are supposed to be hard courses, taught by professors whose third language is English and who come from a culture where questions are discouraged. Students come to college knowing, many of them, that they will need to slog through classes like that. What’s not on their list of expectations, however, is taking what essentially comes in an interdisciplinary literature course, taught — or “facilitated” — by a professor who often is reading the course books for the first time himself, who feels that his time would be better spent doing research in his own field and who desperately wishes he had tenure so that he could pull rank on some adjunct professor and force him to teach the course instead.

I readily admit that, in a situation where the professor does not want to be there, and the students have been convinced that the course is a colossal bad idea right from freshman orientation, there is little that anyone can do to rescue the boat before it sinks.

But this does not diminish how absurdly cool to have a chance to abandon its single biggest commitment to broad education. Is it really an argument against having a requirement like Core that neither professors nor students wish to stretch their minds around ideas that are not part of their own discipline? Is this not precisely what Core is for: presenting the academy with a chance to break out of the stagnant pattern of thinking which we all are likely to fall into as we specialize into our respective fields? This University owes it to every student that they be challenged to expand their intellectual horizons; and in giving Core the axe I say they have reneged on that debt.

Matthew Smedberg
Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW IS YOUR SCHEDULE THIS SEMESTER?

Andy Crutchfield
freshman
Siegfried
“Better than last semester.”

Caitlin Evans
sophomore
Lewis
"Um ..."

Jill Daughtery
grad student
off-campus
“Last one!”

Megan Smith
senior
Pasquerella West
“It’s all locked in my head.”

Rachel Meeks
freshman
McGlinn
“Good.”

Steven Kurtz
freshman
Keough
“It’s only the first day.”

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OFFBEAT

Busless burgers

CHICAGO — It has come to this in America: Burgers are losing their buns.

Some of them, at least.

Burger King’s rollout of breadless Whoppers this week is a nod to the low-carb craze that’s sweeping the nation — and the latest evidence that the burger wars are taking a turn for the healthy.

Smaller chains Hardee’s and Carl’s Jr. dumped the bread from some hamburgers last month, getting leftover lettuce-wrapped instead, and TGI Friday’s restaurant has started serving a busless cheeseburger, too.

Burger-lovers will have the last say, and experts say the bun shouldn’t be written off from restaurant regulars’ regular fare, much less from its place in modern American food lore.

“Then this won’t be a big segment of the (burger) market,” predicted Jerry McVey, a foodservice industry consultant based in Farmington Hills, Mich. “I don’t see it lasting very long.”

Pilot arrested for obscene gesture

SAO PAULO, Brazil — An American Airlines pilot was arrested by federal police Wednesday after making an obscene gesture while undergoing the preflight security process, said Francisco Baltazar da Silva, chief of Sao Paulo’s federal police.

Police accused the pilot of showing contempt to authorities, a crime in Brazil, and escorted him to a nearby federal courthouse for possible formal charges.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@anderson.edu.
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Special to The Observer
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Faculty rank fifth in national fellowships

Arts and Letters faculty earn 49 fellowships in past four years according to ISLA survey

"This outstanding achievement is a tribute to the quality of our faculty and the unique support structures offered by the College's Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts," said Mark Roche, I.A. O'Shaughnessy Dean of the College.

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However, while he did understand that the new process has been put into place to protect the United States, he did express that he now felt like he was the one who security was targeting. "I feel more secure if it was an American, if it was my country," Letona said. "It made me realize that the security is to protect the United States more than me, but I understand why they are doing it."

The changes come as the United States has entered a third consecutive week on high alert for terrorism, resulting in especially tightened security around foreign flights.

Since New Year's Eve, terrorist threats and security threats have grounded or cancelled fourteen flights on British Airways, Aero Mexico and Air France.

The only exceptions to the new screening process are travelers from Canada who present proof of citizenship and Mexican citizens who are able to obtain a permit for stays up to three days. Also granted exception are travelers from the 27 European nations whose citizens are allowed to stay in the U.S. for up to 90 days without a visa, including France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and Japan.

While only the Baltimore-Washington International Airport has a system to track foreigners as they leave the country, the framework is in place to ensure that all airport will have the system by the end of the year.

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Part-Time Position Available for Student

Study Australia LLC, a study abroad program provider, owned by Notre Dame Alumni, is accepting applications from students looking for part-time work. Located on the campus of Holy Cross College, we are seeking an enthusiastic student with good computer, communication, and people skills, ideally with previous international study experience. We work with an advanced program and application tracking systems in a busy, fast-paced environment. The hourly rate is $8—$10 per hour and the hours can be organized to suit people's schedules. The possibility exists for further employment opportunities if you are a senior, and have completed the security checks.

For more information or to register go to:

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Burglary

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said. Paramount Management, the first-year management company that has housed the patrol was stopped after no further incidents were reported, a spokesperson said.

"Right now, it looks as if there's going to be an increase in our police work. It's hard to control any large area like College Park, but we're currently working on other options to see how we can make the complex's security better," Susan said.

There are no suspects in the case, in part because many victims have yet to contact police, said St. Joseph County Police Department spokesman James Thirion.

"There were seven initial reports, but as of yet, nobody has called us to say 'We're missing this,' so it's been difficult to pin down the exact nature of the crime," she said.

Despite the incident, students said they are still comfortable with the safety of the College Park complex. "I don't really feel less safe, and I don't think it'll happen again, and nothing's ever been taken while students have been there," Walsh said. "It's a shame that this happened, but [College Park] is still a good apartment community.

Senior Meghan Kelly, whose apartment was burglarized, expressed similar sentiment. "I wasn't really shocked," she said of the break-ins, adding that they did not affect her feeling of security in the complex. "I guess it's kind of always in the back of my mind... I make sure the doors are locked when I'm home alone, but it's not something that I worry about," Kelly said.

The South Bend Tribune contributed to this report.

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Unplanned Pregnancy?

Don't go it alone.

If you or someone you love needs help or information, please call.

Confidential Support & Assistance Available at Notre Dame:

- Sr. Jean Leve, O.S.F., Student Affairs, 1-7407
- Sr. Mary Louise Gude, C.S.C., Student Affairs, 1-7819
- Sylvia Dillon, Campus Ministry, 1-7203
- John Dillon, Campus Ministry, 1-7163
- Dr. Susan Stiebe-Pasalich, Counseling Center, 1-7336
- Sr. Jean Lenz, O.S.F., Student Affairs, 1-7407
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- Sylvia Dillon, Campus Ministry, 1-7203

South Bend Community Resources:

- Women's Care Center: 234-0363
- Catholic Charities: 234-3111
**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Female suicide bomber kills 4 at Gaza Strip checkpoint**

The Associated Press

A Palestinian woman blew herself up Wednesday at the Israeli-Gaza border, killing three Israeli soldiers and a police security guard and signifying a new tactic by Hamas militants, who had never before dispatched a female suicide bomber.

**Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin praised the woman as unique for the Islamic group, but holy war "is an obligation of all men, men and women."**

Israel said it would temporarily close the crossing to Palestinians, preventing thousands of workers from reaching Israel.

**Libya ratifies ban on nuke tests**

**Associated Press**

VIENNA, Austria — In a new signal that Libya is serious about renouncing its weapons of mass destruction, U.N. officials said Wednesday the North African country has ratified the nuclear test ban treaty.

Libya's nuclear program was far from production level, but ratification of the treaty is 17 nations short of the 44 ratifications needed for it to enter into force. Still, the announcement by the U.N. agency overseeing the agreement appeared to be a further sign of commitment by Libya to curb its nuclear ambitions.

**Natural Gas in two Indiana horse racing tracks and two motorsports approval, comes amid continued criti­**

**Feds to overhaul drug tests**

President Bush on Wednesday approved a bill that would allow Indianapolis and Fort Wayne could each Committee OKs gambling bill

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WASHINGTON — President Bush, envision­ing "new journeys to the worlds beyond our own," unveiled Wednesday a proposal that landed Americans on the moon in as early as 2015.

Bush's election-year initiative represents the bold­

**National News**

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**Braun to quit race, endorse Dean**

Braun jumped to Dean's defense in a debate last Sunday when Al Sharpston accused the former governor of trivializing race issues.

"The human thirst for knowledge ultimately cannot be satisfied by even the most vivid pictures or the most detailed measurement," Bush said. "We need to see and examine and think for ourselves."
LeMay was born in Woonsocket, R.I., in 1936. He graduated from Providence College in 1959 and went on to earn a master's degree from Middlebury College in 1960 and a Ph.D from Indiana University in 1971. In addition to Notre Dame, LeMay also taught at Saint Mary's and Coogate University.

A Mass of the Resurrection was held on Dec. 13 at Saint Mary's Church of Loretto, and a memorial service at Notre Dame is tentatively planned for late January.

LeMay is survived by his wife Marcia and three children.

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Dascble and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., sent HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson a letter Wednesday asking him to provide the cost of the mailing and to obtain an independent evaluation of the letter before it is sent. Dascble has been holding public meetings on Medicare across South Dakota this week. He said the vast majority of the 2,000 people who have attended oppose the new law. "There is extraordinary concern about this legislation. Seniors are confused, they're scared and they're very disappointed," he said.

Republicans have complained that Democrats, among other opponents of the legislation, are largely responsible for seniors' negative views.

HHS spokesman Bill Pierce said the mailing would be straightforward. "It will be about what this program means to you," Pierce said. "The rhetoric out there is from those who continue to oppose the program."

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ars and graduate students affiliated with the program.

LeMay's popularity within the institute earned him the nickname "Mr. Kellogg" among colleagues. The Albert H. LeMay Undergraduate Summer Research Grant was established in October of 2002 in his honor.

Mainwaring attributed LeMay's success at the institute and in teaching to his enthusiasm and interest in students. "I think he was passionately committed to Notre Dame, and his students loved him," he said.

University Resources for Gay, Lesbian, & Bisexual Students

The Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs

(Confidential information, education, and resources)

Contact: Dr. M.L. Guido, CSC, 1-8556, or student members (see web site for student contact info.)

Office of Campus Ministry

(Annual retreat for gay/bisexual/questioning students and their friends; pertinent library resources in 304 Co-Mo; confidential discussion and support)

Contact: Fr. J. Steele, CSC, at Steele 31 (gnd.edu)

University Counseling Center

(Individual counseling)

Contact: Dr. Maureen Lafferty at Lafferty.3@nd.edu

For more information, check out our web site: http://www.nd.edu/~reglia/

South Korea foreign minister resigns

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea's foreign minister resigned Thursday, a day after President Roh Moo-hyun accused ministry officials of criticizing his foreign policy.

Roh accepted Yoon Young-kwan's resignation, the president's office said without providing further details or indicating who would replace him.

Yoon said at a news conference Thursday, a day after President Roh Moo-hyun accused ministry officials of criticizing his foreign policy, that he was "sincerely sorry."

Yonhap news agency quoted Foreign Ministry officials who participated in the government Wednesday of yesterday's meeting as saying Yoon's resignation came a day after Roh said he would transfer Foreign Ministry officials who criticized his foreign policy.

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Daschle slammed Medicare "propaganda"

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle accused the Bush administration Wednesday of sending seniors propaganda rather than explanations about changes in the Medicare program.

Daschle was reacting to a two-page fact sheet that Health and Human Services Department officials said would be the basis of a letter sent to 40 million older and disabled Americans who participate in the government health insurance program.

The material generally contains details about the Medicare drug discount card that will be available later this year and the prescription drug benefit that begins in 2006. The fact sheet begins, however, with a preamble that provoked Daschle's ire.

"Recently, President Bush and Congress worked together to pass a new law to bring people with Medicare more choices in health care coverage and better health care benefits," the fact sheet says.

"This new law preserves and strengthens the current Medicare program," Daschle said. "Before that, it was a package, just about every word in those sentences. "This is just a piece of propaganda that I believe has no business being paid for by the American taxpayer," he said from Sioux Falls, S.D., in an interview with several reporters.

Most Democrats fiercely opposed the legislation as too generous to drug companies and insurers and a threat to the Great Society-era Medicare program.
Fed: U.S. economy gaining steam

WASHINGTON — A batch of new economic reports Wednesday provided fresh evidence that the U.S. economy is continuing to gain momentum, with an unexpectedly sharp narrowing of the trade deficit and a strengthening of business activity in most parts of the country as the new year began.

The Federal Reserve reported in a nationwide survey that the economy continued to strengthen during the last three months of the year, with retailers reporting a boost from a late surge in holiday shopping and even growing signs that the nation's battered business activity in most parts of the country as the new year began.

The agreement was unanimously approved by the boards of directors of both companies. J.P. Morgan Chase and Bank One said in a joint statement that the merger "creates one of the world's great financial services companies — a powerful enterprise well-positioned to generate significant value for our shareholders, customers and communities," said J.P. Morgan chairman and CEO William P. Harrison.

"The investigation is very active and this is a significant development which I expect will yield results," Caldwell said.

Morgan to buy Bank One for $58B

CHICAGO — in a blockbuster merger between two banking giants, J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. and Bank One Corp., for about $58 billion, the companies announced Wednesday. The merger would create a banking behemoth with assets of $1.1 trillion and 25,000 offices in 17 states. Only Citigroup, with assets of about $1.1 trillion, would be bigger if the deal is approved by regulators and shareholders.

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Spring Cleaning

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I can’t help thinking that we never would have allowed the apartment to reach the state it did if we had not both been men. It has been my experience that while men and women both distinguish between acceptable and unacceptable living conditions, the sexes draw the line of division at very different points. She asks, “Is this room clean?” He asks, “Is this room a biohazard?” Then he asks, “Well, how serious a biohazard?”

There’s no doubt that the time we decided to act, the apartment had reached a point at which it made the Augean stables look like an operating theater. My own room had begun to reach the state of filth that would have allowed the apartment to move in during the Fall of 2002 we could stay alive, so could we.

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A repeating cycle

Somewhere in the air over Kentucky Monday, I began to think about The Observer. I read it almost every day of publication last semester. There were many interesting means of expression on everything from the sewage backup in Zahm to the guns (or arms) of our beloved quarterback — referred to by girls simply as Brady (who incidentally lives in Zahm, but has no knowledge of this previous issue).

Yes, The Observer covered a plethora of topics. But, I began to think about one particular area of coverage for the Observer. I remembered reading articles and articles from early in the school year on then President Pat Hallahan, and his ambitions to give the executive branch of Student Government more power. The Student Senate, with representatives from all the dorms, would inevitably have less legislative clout, and an executive branch, led by one man, would gain more power. I continued to read as the days went by. Hallahan spoke on restructuring Student Government and how this simply had to be done.

He wanted more power for the President, and he wanted to modify the way that Student Government was structured. To me, these seemed like pretty big changes that would be hard to reverse, and I was not so sure whether either of them were such good ideas anyway. But still, as president, Hallahan was supposed to promote the things he felt strongly about, and pursue them.

That is when it hit. Hallahan would be gone halfway through his elected term, leaving town early to work in Washington. His good friend Jeremy Lao would become president. The cycle would begin once again. Lao would be in charge of trying to get the office of the President more power (why did we need that again?), and trying to modify the foundation of our government. By now, I kind of needed a Tylenol. I looked outside my window and saw the snow-covered ground. As we landed and finished our journey from Florida, the pilot simply said, "On behalf of our airline, welcome to the white sandy beaches of Chicago."

I was well on my way back to school, hoping to find answers to this confusion about Student Government. The one answer I did find: On Feb. 5, the election for next year's Student Body President will take place. Will we break the cycle?

Mark Healy
Freshman
Jan. 13

Caretaker of ND's soul

Over the last several years, I have become increasingly concerned about the apparent lack of appreciation of the role that the football program plays in developing the overall spirit, energy, drive and pursuit of excellence that are such important elements in developing the Notre Dame student.

These values make Notre Dame a unique environment in which to grow and prepare oneself for the outside world. They have benefited graduates over the years in their multiple roles as spouses, parents, and in their chosen field of endeavor.

Anyone who has attended The Observer understands the linkage between our football program and the overall uniqueness of the University. In this regard, its success is far more important than just perceptions in the marketplace of college sports.

While the University's leadership has made wonderful strides in the materialistic elements of the University with new buildings, increased financial aid to students and increases in the quality and breadth of the academic opportunities, they seem to have given little attention to nurturing its soul. The winning state of the football program over the last decade can only be attributed to a serious misunderstanding of the important role it plays in the uniqueness of Notre Dame and/or serious mismanagement at all levels.

Both the Notre Dame administration and the Board of Trustees must wake up and rise to the task. They are responsible for ensuring that this essential element which makes Notre Dame a special environment is given the high level of attention and quality of management that it deserves. The situation requires more than just placating words.

Tim Kelley
Ch '96
Jan. 8

U-WIRE

Atkins is everywhere

TAMPA, Fla. — If you’ve eaten carbohydrates in the past 24 hours, then consider your citizenship to the United States of Atkins denied.

The low-carbohydrate, high-protein diet, named after celebrity dieter Dr. Robert C. Atkins, has classified pasta, bread and candy as the devil. The diet has been around since Richard Nixon was in office and introduced through the publication "Dr. Atkins’ Diet Revolution." Since then, the revolution has been rehashed and revitalized with a line of Atkins food products.

Instead of systems like the Hollywood diet, you shed 20 pounds by drinking a bottle of an unknown orange liquid through the magic of nature’s calling, the Atkins food line provides alternatives to carbohydrate-laden foods. Take for instance the Atkins Endulge Caramel Nut Chew, in which you can "indulge" on chocolate, mixed with dry-roasted peanuts and some chewy caramel substitute that is "all completely sugar free."

Now you’re probably wondering how many carbs this mouthwatering sweet has so that you can order them in bulk. Well that’s right, it’s not on how you count. Those who are called “controlled carbers" will tell you there’s two grams but the full nutrition facts gives 17 grams. What gives? Well the two grams are what’s classified as net carbs.

Grace Agostin
The University of South Florida Oracle

As you may have seen, Atkins has food products for every meal of the day. I’m sure commercials advertising the new Atkins-friendly wraps at Subway taunted football fans during the playoffs this weekend. Besides, who wants to count carbohydrates when you can be calculating carbohydrates eaten in ratios to carbs attempted for the day? The Atkins Web site is even customized so you can keep a journal of your carbohydrate performance for the day, week or hour. I don’t recall Jenny Craig commercials with the Jenny phone number.

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Not being a member of this revolution, I looked up the definition, which basically told me the new carbs seal placed on Atkins packages sells its products better and makes you feel better because there’s that illusion that you’re not really consuming the full carb load.

Well each time you order those foods you are the one posted as: A Close Success Story, the best yet has been. Call. It is the story of a 30-year-old police officer who was 6’2" and 290 pounds and had a near fatal heart attack before going on the Atkins diet to lose 78 pounds. Reaching the age to change his diet, he ironically joined the Atkins revolution that health experts have criticized for the long-term effects it could have on the heart and brain because of the lack of essential red meat. Nut to mention health experts warn that the heart and brain, two vital organs for living, use carbohydrates for fuel.

But the critics couldn’t ruin the celebration of lost weight loss and I’m sure not even a military formation at Fort Knox under General George S. Patton has stopped this revolution. So when it comes to mad cow disease, the rescue of public relations has only said this on behalf of Atkins: Beef is not essential to success stories, the best yet has been. If you’re looking for something new, non-celebrity status, you’ll find singer Jessica Simpson for some inspiration? The same research outside the Atkins site, you’ll find singer Jessica Simpson for some inspiration? The same success stories, the best yet has been. Call.

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Ways to amuse yourself in the dining hall

After going to the dining hall almost every day for two and a half years, I became bored with simply sitting and reading School Daze again and again until it actually became funny. I decided that I needed to spice up the atmosphere. As a result, I developed some activities that go unnoticed in many of my business classes to make lunches and dinners a little more interesting. As a result, I developed several activities that can be done to provide hours of entertainment in a place in which most students spend a great deal of time.

The first set of ideas deals simply with seating arrangements. If you're in South and have a group of friends who have tired of everyday lunches, then you might try this idea. Once she realizes what is going on and gives you both a look that says "You two are criminally insane," you can leave her alone. As a warning, don't do this round exam time because it might just be the thing that sends someone over the edge.

Another fun activity is standing by the pre-peeled hard-boiled egg bin and observing the people who come by. It seems to be no middle ground with the hard-boiled egg eaters. Either they step by, grab one quickly and continue on their way or they bring a giant bowl and pile just an absurd number of eggs.

On the more normal side, experimenting with food and making yourself some new dishes can always be a good change of pace. Since the only Quesadilla the dining hall offers is cheese and broccoli, I make my own chicken and cheese ones that I call sloppy muppets. Would you like to try one? The meatball sub has also been a good addition in my regular rotation and it keeps me regular, which is nice. Occasionally, I also build a giant deep dish chocolate Bell Grande, which has everything in the Meatball section on it. Looking to see if I was the only one who has tried to make time in the dining hall more fun. I asked some fellow students for their reactions.

I have a friend who laughs really easily, and we try to make her eat the liquids from her nose. As soon as she takes a gulp of anything, we just say something strange to her and let nature take over," said junior Caitlin Backus. "My favorite was when we got her to slobber hot chocolate. It was probably a bit dangerous, but after doing a cost-benefit analysis with my friend, we decided it was definitely worth it."

Junior Mike McNamara said, "When there are potato skins at dinner, I lather my face in creamy peanut butter and stick the potato skin to it. Then I run up to people saying I'm the guy from Texas Chainsaw Massacre. I've gotten four dates and two make-out sessions from this tactic so far." Interesting... and curious... rather curious.

By no means should you limit yourself to any of the above-listed ideas. These are simply meant to be catalysts on the road to permanent dining hall happiness and merriment. Enjoy!

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The Kitchen
A Culinary Sleuth Solves Common Cooking Mysteries with 150 Foolproof Recipes

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

Last year's August culinary release, "The Kitchen Detective," by renowned chef Christopher Kimball, offers a new variety of inventive recipes researched with the same care as all of his past cookbooks. The editor, founder and publisher of Cook's Illustrated magazine, and host of the cooking show "America's Test Kitchen," handles meats, pastas, salads, and desserts with equal thoroughness. "The Kitchen Detective," as well as Kimball's other cookbooks, such as "Perfect Vegetables" and "The Dessert Bible," are a particularly good investment for off-campus students who want a little variety in their diets but don't know where to start. Students leaving the dining hall behind for the first time often run the risk of malnutrition from a diet of Waddick's cheeses, ramen noodles and beer, but with Kimball's carefully explained culinary creations, the prospect of preparing a meal from scratch becomes much less intimidating.

All the recipes in "The Kitchen Detective" are preceded by an extensive explanation of why Kimball took a particular interest in a recipe, what results he wanted to achieve, and how the ingredients he chose affect the recipe. The explanations are by no means
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cooking Mysteries with
\textit{Cook's Illustrated}, hosts "America's Test Kitchen."
Northwestern upset No. 25 Illinois and added to its streak of losing streaks in its state rival.

Fans poured onto the court and mobbed the Northwestern players as the last seconds expired on the clock. It was the second straight Northwestern win over Illinois in the last 17 meetings between the schools, and the first victory for the Wildcats since 1996.

Jim Larranaga had 15 points and 10 rebounds for Northwestern (7-2, 2-1 Big Ten), and Parker added 13 points and five assists.

Duvancic, a reserve forward, scored 17 points and the second straight victory, but the second half was all Northwestern.

The game was tied at 52 when Young put back a miss by Marquette and made a twisting layup in the left corner that bounced high off the rim, but Duvancic then hit a 3 from the right corner that gave Northwestern a 6-1 lead.

All 12 of Young's points came on putbacks, keying the Bears' 15-2 run on the way to a 72-68 victory.

"We knew what we had to do to win this game, and we didn't just execute as a team," Diener said. It was the biggest game of the year for the Bears, who have their streak of seven consecutive Conference USA championships on the line against the Bearcats. The only question was how many games the streak will last.

"We have something that we feel belongs to us and that's the conference title," Williams said. "We're the best team we've played this year and they're conference champions. They have something we want."

Marquette practiced its offense against seven defenders to get ready for Connecticut's transition game. It mattered little as the Golden Eagles to an 85-73 victory.

The Hoyas could do little against UConn's transition game. They were too late by the time they realized it as the top-ranked Huskies were on their way to a victory and Brown finished with one of his best performances of his career.

The senior point guard had 20 points, one shy of his career high, seven rebounds, seven assists and four blocks.

"I'm just trying to come into each day being accountable," said Brown. "We just tried to be accountable, knock it down and push it down their throat when they try to press us."

Northwestern trailed by 12 points early but outscored Illinois by 12 points in the second half to take a 72-68 victory.

"They have something that we don't have and that's the ability to quiet the crowd," Diener said. "We didn't strike first. They made 3s and we didn't block them."

Northwestern nearly came back from a 15-point deficit but closed the game with seven straight points.

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**what's happening**

**friday 01.16**
MBA Retreat
Sacred Heart Parish Center

**saturday 01.17**
The Plunge Phase 2
A mini-retreat for African American Freshmen

**sunday 01.18**
RCIA Session
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Coleman-Morse Lounge

**Wednesday 01.21**
Interfaith Christian Night Prayer
10:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Coleman-Morse Lounge

**Christian Unity Week**
January 18-25, 2004

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer invites the Notre Dame community to join us in observing Christian Unity Week

beginning next Wednesday with a talk by Prof. Maxwell Johnson & prayer and music led by the Notre Dame Celebration Choir

**Wednesday, January 21**
10:00 p.m. • Coleman-Morse Lounge

**mass schedule**

Saturday Vigil Mass
5:00 p.m.
Rev. Peter D. Rocca, c.s.c

Sunday
10:00 a.m.
Rev. Peter D. Rocca, c.s.c
11:45 a.m.
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Notre Dame Encounter #80
February 27-29
Sign up deadline: January 23

Freshman Retreat #52
February 27-29
Sign up begins: January 25
Deadline: February 20

Main Office (CoMo 319) & Retreats Office (CoMo 114), Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
CM Welcome Center (room 111) Sunday through Thursday 6 p.m. to Midnight.

**considerations...**

**Prayer for Peace**

**Finding the Prince of Peace as Christmas Fades**

by Rev. Richard Warner, c.s.c
Director, Campus Ministry

This past Sunday, the Church celebrated the feast of the Baptism of Jesus, which traditionally is the end of the Christmas season. We have just returned to campus after celebrating Christmas and the holiday season with our families and friends.

The Church's Christmas season begins with our joyful celebration of the Incarnation, when we remember the birth of Jesus who embodies in his person the perfect union of the divine and the human. The coming among us of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, marks one of our God's deepest expressions of love and compassion for us and for all people.

Our thoughts then turned to honor Mary, the mother of God. Her "yes" to God's will for her began the unfolding of events that led to the birth of Jesus. As the first disciple of her Son, she was present throughout his life and at the foot of the cross at the moment of his death.

The Epiphany reminds us of the universal meaning of the mission of Jesus, and the extension of his message of peace and love addressed to all people.

Finally, our celebration of the baptism of Jesus, which was the beginning of his public ministry, reminds us that baptism is the beginning of our personal and community commitment as Christians to take up his mission and make it our own.

The true Christmas season revolves around these mysteries of God's love for us. Yet traces of their impact on our world today is hard to discern.

Over the course of the past 22 years, the span of some of your lifetimes, our world has known a continual state of violence, war and suffering. Until the fall of the Soviet Union, wars were waged by surrogates, and were easy to ignore because they involved the peoples of Asia and Latin America. But armed conflict over the past two decades has taken place in the Gulf, Lebanon, Somalia, Panama, Grenada and Kosovo with U.S. participation. In the past two years, wars in Afghanistan and Iraq claim more deaths among members of the U.S. armed forces than these previous conflicts, and countless enemy troops and civilians have died. And terrorism has taken on a deeper meaning for us as a people after September 11, 2001.

Campus Ministry, in collaboration with the Center for Social Concerns, will initiate a focused program of prayer for peace, especially in the fading moments of our celebration of the Christmas season whose good will and great hope still linger.

Every Friday, the 5:15 p.m. Mass at the Basilica will be celebrated explicitly as a Mass for Peace. On the first Fridays of each month, we will publish in The Observer the names of friends, family and loved ones of the members of our community serving in the wars in Iraq and Af-,ghanistan, and we will remember as well all who have died in the Iraqi conflict and peacekeepers who understand well that peace is not only a gift from God but also a human work. On "First Fridays", there will also be a conversation about peace either at the Center for Social Concerns or in the Hammes Student Lounge at the Coleman Morse Center on such themes as the morality of a preventive war, the role of the international community in the pursuit of peace and other related topics.

We invite you to send via email the names of friends, family and loved ones whose names we will include in our monthly remembrance to fmanger@nd.edu (subject "peace"). Please join us every Friday at the Basilica for these special Masses.

And as Pope John Paul II reminded us in his 2004 World Day of Peace message, "Humanity needs now more than ever to rediscover the path of peace, overwhelmed as it is by selfishness and hatred, by the thirst for power and the lust for vengeance." He reminds us that love is the reason for God entering into a relationship with us, and it is love he awaits as our response.
**NCAA Football**

Clarett pleads guilty, won't face jail time for offense

Tailback fined for lying to police officer

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Suspended Ohio State tailback Maurice Clarett, accused of lying on a police report, avoided a criminal record by pleading guilty Wednesday to a lesser charge that carries no jail time.

The judge lectured Clarett about his responsibility to the community.

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Athletic director Andy Geiger said Clarett pleaded guilty "to failure to aid a law enforcement officer." Franklin County Municipal Court Judge Mark S. Froehlich ordered him to pay a fine of $100. Clarett, 20, pleaded guilty to a failure to aid a law officer. He will face no jail time.
Garcia arrested on possible drunk driving charge

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — San Francisco 49ers quarterback Jeff Garcia was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving early Wednesday, a jail spokesman said.

Garcia, a three-time Pro Bowl selection, was booked into the Santa Clara County jail at about 3:30 a.m., spokesman Mark Cursi said. He was released six hours later, Cursi said.

Garcia is scheduled to make a court appearance March 1, according to the Santa Clara County district attorney’s office.

“We understand the seriousness of this matter and regret it happened,” 49ers general manager Terry Donahue said in a statement. “We are just very thankful that no one was injured.”

Donahue said the team wouldn’t comment further. A call to Garcia’s agent, Steve Baker, was not immediately returned.

Garcia attended San Jose State and lives in San Jose. The former Canadian Football League star has been the 49ers’ starting quarterback since Steve Young retired after the 1999 season.

This season, Garcia passed for 2,456 yards and 16 touchdowns despite missing four games with injuries.

Garcia is due to make nearly $10 million with the 49ers next season, but the team is expected to renegotiate his contract in the offseason to lessen its impact on the salary cap.

San Francisco coach Dennis Erickson, who was arrested for drunken driving while coaching in Seattle in 1995, was supportive of his quarterback.

“Jeff’s a tremendous guy and does a lot of things in the community and for the 49ers,” Erickson told KGLO Radio.

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NBA

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NHL

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New York — Isiah Thomas pulled off a shocker on a bizarre day even by New York Knicks standards, firing Don Chaney and his two top assistants Wednesday and hiring Lenny Wilkens as head coach.

The 66-year-old Wilkens is the NBA leader in career coaching victories and losses — 1,078-959 — and has a reputation for being a tough taskmaster. Score one for Chuck Daly and Don Felder.

Thomas, the former Toronto coach will replace Don Chaney, who Thomas fired.

New York — It may not get him in the Hall of Fame, but Pete Rose's "Prison Without Bars," will claim the No. 1 hardcover spot coming out Jan. 25, reflecting the week "My Prison Without Bars" went on sale.

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Recruits

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incarnato, an Ohio native, the 10th and 19th offensive tackle prospects, respectively, but the best players have slipped through the cracks.

Players such as Colorado top offensive line recruit Jeff Byers, who committed to USC a few weeks after his visit to the Notre Dame-USC game are indicative of how Notre Dame has struggled to secure future talent.

Frank believes monitoring the percent of players who commit after initial offers is an accurate method of measuring the success of that year’s class.

"It’s interesting to see how many of the initial offers are left standing at the end," he said.

Of the players Notre Dame initially offered, the Irish have lost defensive back Nick Patterson to Ohio State, defensive lineman Jeff Schweiger in USC and defensive back D.J. Davis to Texas A&M. Notre Dame has secured the verbal commitments of defensive end Ronald Talley, a 6-foot-2, 240-pound strongside end out of Detroit, Mich, and Abel Banda, a 6-foot-2, 215-pound Morrisstown, N.J. linebacker.

Anthony Vennaglia brings athleticism to the class with experience at linebacker and tight end. He also had four sacks, one interception and three fumble recoveries on the defensive end.

One of the most recent and the eighth commitment is Treeg Duerson, a defensive back with average speed who had been recruited by few top programs.

Unlike at this time last year, the nation’s top players are glancing past the Irish as they look to play winning college football.

The Syracuse loss probably took some wind out of their sails in terms of recruiting," Frank said. "With the low number of players Notre Dame is taking, and the season that they had, it puts them in a difficult position to land the top guys.

Notre Dame coaches have said the team will most likely sign 17 or 18 players, a significant number less than the 21 players who received scholarships last spring.

"The prospect of maybe even starting as a freshman for a struggling program is intriguing, and that’s what Willingham and his staff is selling right now," Frank said. "Where it becomes difficult is the very best players want to play on the very best teams. Guys want to play for conference championships, bowl championships and national championships."

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Radiol. The Socrates award is presented to the college student-athlete who best exemplifies excellence in athletics and academics.

A few Irish players have also been called in to train with the U-21 and U-19 National Teams this month. Warner and Shaner will be training with the U-21 Team starting Jan. 23, while Buckuskow was called in to the U-19 Team camp that concluded Jan. 2. Warner was also given one of the limited exemptions allowed for players over the designated age. The Irish squad also recently received the NSCAA Team Academic Award, presented to teams that earned better than a 3.0 GPA during the previous academic year. Leading the way for the Irish were Pruzinsky (4.0 cumulative GPA), Ashley Dryer (3.6 cumulative GPA), and Warner (3.67 GPA) who qualified for the Deans List both semesters in 2002-03 as a pre-professional science major.

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Amy Warner, the first Irish forward to make first team All-American dribbles the ball past an Oklahoma defender.

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" Being the first Irish forward to make the first team was extremely surprising. "

Amy Warner forward

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"It is an honor especially if I look back and see the other people that have made it."

Amy Warner forward

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"Tanzcredi was a finalist for the Soccer Buzz Player of the Year award, while freshmen Christie Shank and Jen Buckuskow were finalists for the Rookie of the Year."

Amy Warner forward

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Amy Warner was a finalist for National Coach of the Year for leading the Irish to the Big East Mid-Atlantic Division Title and a 20-3-1 record on the year. Vanessa Pruzinsky received more recognition by being one of eight finalists for the Socrates Award, a national student-athlete program sponsored by Sporting News.
Senior Katie Miller, who scored nine points for the Belles against Hope last weekend, scores the ball downcourt.

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four games after starting out the season at 3-6. Saint Mary’s was led by Emily Creachbaum, who scored 18 points on 8-of-19 shooting from the field and grabbed eight rebounds in 25 minutes. Lauren Bush added 11 points and four rebounds. The loss moved Saint Mary’s College to 4-10 on the year, and 0-4 in the MIAA.

“While we lost the game, we lost a tough one to the rival, and we’re excited to have a break. We’re on the run, and I think we’re adjusting to each other,” said Susan Beilina.

Saint Mary’s has dropped the last five games after an overtime win, in a thrilling game that the Belles out turned the ball over once. "It was just a fantastic swim, the last time that she swam this fast was two years ago when she broke the school record," Petcoff said. "She is a swimmer who is exploding with confidence right now."
PEANUTS

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Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

Celebrities born on this day: Lloyd Bridges, Margaret O’Brien, Renee Van Zandt, Mario Van Peebles, Captain Brilliant, Martin Luther King Jr.

Happy Birthday: This will be a romantic year. Get out and do things with the one who has captured your heart. If you are not alone, get out and visit your friends because someone who's good for you is likely to come into your life. Actions will speak louder than words when it comes to arranging a surprise. Know in your heart what you want and go after it. Your numbers 6, 13, 22, 31 and 40. **

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Ignore colleagues who appear to be going nowhere fast. You have enough to get accomplished without dealing with individuals who would like to see you. Don’t make large purchases.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You should look into acquiring as much knowledge as possible in your chosen field. You need to simulate your mind, or boredom will set in. Pick friends who can provide cultural stimuli. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Health problems may flare up if you haven’t been taking good care of yourself. Take time to relax and rejuvenate. You can work out any problems you’ve been having at home. ***

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Take care of those less capable of caring for themselves. You can teach others valuable lessons by telling them about your own past experiences. Work on creative projects with others. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Insecurity from acquaintances can be expected when attending social functions. Concentrate on your work rather than your personal life for best results. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can finish off those overdue projects that you’ve been procrastinating about. Look into taking subjects that will enable you to climb the ladder at work. Your ambition is growing. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Try to be objective when dealing with relatives and friends. Tensions will flare up if you continue to criticize others. Not everyone has the same goals as you. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will find others insightful today. Listen and observe rather than playing a big role in the conversation. You will fast extremely fortunate if you look inside your own parameters. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Get out with friends for an evening of entertainment. You will find that a charge of relaxation will sustain your interest. Keep your eyes peeled for things that exist you. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can expect quiet days due to reminders of recent encounters with your lover. You must clear the air by discussing the issues at hand. Compromise will be in order. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone around you is debonair. Don’t be talked into doing things that go against your beliefs and morals. Make sure that you have all the pertinent facts before making promises. ****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take it easy, you need time and relaxation. Your nerves are frayed, and it has probably been a long time since you took a vacation. Try to spend some quality time with your mates. ***

Birthday Baby: You have a good head on your shoulders. You know what it is that you have to master in life, and you set your course accordingly. There is that you have to master in life, and you set your course accordingly. There

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FOOTBALL
Irish lack commitments as signing date looms

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Time is running out for Tyone Willingham and the Notre Dame football team as the Irish look to strengthen their recruiting class of 2008.

With just under three weeks remaining until the designated official signing day of Feb. 4, Notre Dame has received only eight verbal commitments.

Notre Dame does not have one of the top 25 national recruiting classes according to most publications, while many past and future Irish opponents — Boston College (17), Michigan State (21), Pittsburgh (20), Purdue (21), Southern Cal (14), Tennessee (12) and Washington (21) — have secured a significantly higher number of more talented recruits, according to recruiting experts.

If there is a headliner to the Notre Dame class of verbal commitments, according to Irishbidner.com columnist Mike Frank, that player is Justin Hoskins, a shifty, 6-foot-1, 195 running back out of Grand Rapids, Mich.

"I think they have a star player in Hoskins," Frank said. "I wouldn't be shocked if he started at some point next season."

The possibility of playing and making an impact next season could be attractive to recruits looking to step in and play immediately, such as Kentucky Quarterback prospect Brian Bronson, who has yet to make a decision.

It is apparent, however, that this signing point has not been strong enough to attract the country's top talent.

In addition to Hoskins, Notre Dame has secured verbal commitments from offensive linemen Brandon Nicholas (6-foot-5, 260 pounds), Clayson Incarnato (6-foot-7, 282 pounds) and John Kadous (6-foot-6, 310 pounds).

ESPN's Tom Lemming rated Kadous, an Arizona native, and...