Student Government stalls

Restructuring leads to gradual changes, uncertain progress

By MATT BRAMANTI
New Wire

After months of work, the restructuring of student government is far from over. It began after former student body president Pat Hallahan’s October report to the Board of Trustees.

In that report, Hallahan’s administration proposed changing the mission and composition of the Campus Life Council to promote the views of students on university policy decisions.

But the trustees’ reception of the idea was less than warm. Last May, the trustees recommended that student governance leaders restructure the student union to create a council.

One board member said he was “a little disappointed” that student government was asking for CLC changes before putting its own house in order.

Last semester, the Executive Cabinet reformed itself into the Council of Representatives, reflecting the addition of student senators, and a broader representation of student government constituencies. The new council began examining the entire constitution, looking for areas that could benefit from consolidation and greater efficiencies.

However, the process was difficult at first. Many council members asked where existing organizations would fit within the new system. And so the slowdown began. Student Union Board manager Charlie Eberling insisted student government be totally reinvented. “We need to look at this as starting from scratch,” Eberling said during a November council meeting.

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Grant to help fight Indiana ‘brain drain’

By LAUREN O’BRIEN
New Wire

Saint Mary’s College was awarded a $750,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment’s “Initiative to Promote Opportunity Through Educational Collaborations” to help fight the phenomenon known as “brain drain” within Indiana.

Lilly Endowment will donate a total of $38.9 million to 36 Indiana colleges and universities in an effort to diminish the number of students who leave the state upon graduation to work. At Saint Mary’s, a group of ten faculty members contributed to the College’s grant proposal, with the leadership of Ed Ackerly, director of corporate and foundation relations.

“The focus of the grant is that Lilly wants to address the problem of the low number of residents in Indiana who have a college degree,” Ackerly said. “They want to change that because it affects the state in terms of salary and tax base.”

Through the proposal, Saint Mary’s will raise awareness of internship and career opportunities in Indiana. To make such prospects more attractive, students and faculty who pursue internships, fellowships or experiential learning within the state can apply to receive part of the grant.

Five grants are expected to be available for this summer, with plans to offer ten in subsequent summers. The proposal focuses primarily on summer experiences in order to deflect inherent expenses that may discourage students.

“We don’t want students to have to choose between an exciting internship possibility and a summer paying job that is not moving their career forward,” said Patrick White, vice president and dean of faculty.

Another aspect of the program is the post-baccalaurate grant for graduates who decide to stay in or return to Indiana. The proposal focuses primarily on summer experiences in order to deflect inherent expenses that may discourage students.

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Asian awareness highlighted

Asian-Americans in the Workplace. Asian-Americans involved in a multi- tude of careers are leading workshops with the intention of preparing students of all backgrounds for the working world.

Kathleen Wong, specialist in Asian-American Studies at Arizona State, is the opening speaker, and Hollywood actor Parry Shen, featured in Better Luck Tomorrow and The New Guy, is assisting in the workshops.

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Student-athletes succeed in class

By MIKE CHAMBLISS
News Writer

When the NCAA and USA Today honored Notre Dame with the 2003 Academic Achievement Award, it was just the most recent addition to Notre Dame’s long tradition of academic excellence among athletes.

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Fliers promote keeping an open mind about ethnicity

By JENNIFER ROWLING
News Writer

Notre Dame’s Asian-American population is increasing, and AAA in Focus is doing its part to broaden the university community’s awareness of multicultural issues — sometimes through controversial methods.

To promote the third annual AAA In Focus Student-Run Conference on Asian and Asian-American issues, the group posted fliers that stated stereotypes of Asian-Americans such as “Are all Asians overachievers?” and “Are Bruce Lee and Lucy Liu the only Asian presence in Hollywood?”

The fliers were anonymously removed from several dorms, and a table publicizing the conference in LaFortune was taken down.

Ryan Leung, executive chair of AAA In Focus, said the fliers were intended to bring a lot of stereotypes to students’ attention.

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“The mission from the beginning in making these fliers was to bring a stereotype and perceptions of Asians,” Leung said. “None were created by us. They existed in everyone’s minds.”

He added that ignoring such stereotypes only furthers their acceptance.

“We wanted to bring them to the front and make people face them,” Leung said. “Only when you challenge those issues and look at them face to face can progress and change be made.”

Students will have the opportunity to challenge such stereotypes at the third annual AAA In Focus Student-Run Conference on Asian and Asian-American issues, which will be held today and Saturday.

The theme of this year’s conference is “Personal Journeys in Professional Lives.”

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Oh Canada

It feels so great to be 21. Want to get into the high-class bars of South Bend? Sure thing. Want a beer at T.G.I. Friday's? No problem. Now that I'm 21, I don't have to worry about making trips up to Canada in order to get into bars, right?

So, anybody want to go to Windsor?

I'm sorry, but after four months of tasting the South Bend scene and the scene back home around Detroit, while it can be nice, none of it compares to the experience of a night in downtown Windsor.

Though many students around South Bend may not be up to traveling three hours to get up there, Windsor is definitely worth the trip. Besides the fact that it is Canadian, it is an excellent place to hang out with friends. It is also a great opportunity to make fun of random Canadians for all sorts of things, whether it be the play money they use or the way they say "count" and "about." It can even be fun toying around with the Windsor police, who are basically useless. No, I take that back — the cops are always hard at work standing outside the club doing nothing, maybe hitting on a couple of girls standing in line waiting to get in.

Of course, Windsor has its dirty hangouts. For the guys, there's Cheetah's, and for the ladies, there's Danny's. True Canadian class in these joints.

But when it comes down to it, with all the Canadian-bashing one could possibly do, they do have one thing going for them: The girls there are generally hotter. Unlike the girls one might see dancing up on stage at Heartland or the ones you see hooking up on the second floor of Boat Club, these ladies from the North are some prize pieces if I ever saw one.

Then, of course, there's the Windsor Casino. For those of you who like to gamble, this is the place to be. It can also be an excellent source of beer money for those going to the bars afterwards. There's even an outdoor ice rink a block away from the casino where people back home games are played 24/7. Feel free to go out and check a couple of Canadians to the ground.

Joker's, Woody's, Wired, Reactor, O'Voo, Peppers, Honest Lawyer, Ryan's Pub. This is about a quarter of the night spots that line Ouellette Street in downtown Windsor, and all are hopping throughout the weekend.

So for those of you looking for more fun than hanging with townies at the Backer, take a trip up to Canada. And those of you under 21, instead of taking a chance with your fake IDs, hit up Canadians and drink legally. Just make sure you bring some good Canadian jokes with you — laughing at them is half the fun.

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SMC adjusts parking system

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Saint Mary's has adjusted its parking system to more efficiently handle overcrowding and other problems due to the recent snow and inclement weather.

Although the parking lot behind Angela's Athletic Center is designated as the main student lot, the College now permits students to park in the LeMans, Regina, Madeleva and Dalloway's Clubhouse parking lots from 5:30 p.m. until 7 a.m. Two other lots have also been set aside for special purposes. The Senior Parking Lot is located next to the Angela Parking Lot, and Rows 2-8 of the Science lot have been reserved for commuting students.

Despite these measures, however, students expressed anger at citations they received for parking violations while they were trying to find parking in the snow.

"I am frustrated by the small amount of parking space and the confusion about where I can and cannot park," freshman Claire Anderberg said. "I am especially upset over this because I have received three parking violations from parking in the wrong lot at the wrong time."

Additional parking is something toward which the Saint Mary's community continues to work. However, there are no definite plans to create new parking sites in the near future, said Security and Safety Program Coordinator Chris Pennino.

"During the first part of each academic year, there are some complaints about parking, but our students get acclimated to the College's parking lots, rules and procedures rather quickly," said Pennino.

In addition to extra parking, SMC Security also provides an escort service to safely drive students from their cars to their dorms during hours of darkness.

"Students are asked to remain in the warmth and safety of their car with their headlights on so that our escort driver is alerted to their location," Pennino said.

Saint Mary's students are allowed to have a car throughout all four years of school, as long as they purchase a $50 year-long parking pass and abide by all parking and driving regulations. Students who are found in violation of the rules may be fined a $15 fee.

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E-mail hoax claims to be from Observer

Observer Staff Report

A series of hoax e-mails were sent Wednesday evening and early Thursday morning to over 100 members of the junior class, fraudulently claiming The Observer was conducting a poll for an upcoming article. The e-mails were sent from a variation of the address ndsmcoobserver@hotmail.com and claimed The Observer was conducting a poll to determine the five hottest junior men and women. The Observer is not conducting such a poll.

The Office of Information Technology is currently investigating the incident.

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Lecturer to speak on 'other' Americas

Special to The Observer

J. Michael Dash, professor of French and director of the Africana Studies Program at New York University, will deliver a lecture titled "The Relating Island: The South of the South in the Americas" at 4 p.m. Monday at the Eck Center auditorium.

Presented by the University's Working Group for the Americas, in conjunction with its Institute for Latino Studies and African and African-American Studies Program, the event is free and open to the public and will be followed by a reception. The lecture is a continuation of the "Caribbean Inventions" conference held last fall at Notre Dame.

Dash, born in Trinidad, Dash previously served for 21 years as professor of Francophone literature and chair of modern languages at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica. He specializes in the study of Haitian literature and French Caribbean writers, especially Edouard Glissant, whose works "The Ripening" and "Caribbean Discourse" he has translated into English. He is the author of numerous books, including "The Other America: Caribbean Literature in a New World Context."

"Haiti."

"Caribbean and Customs of Haiti."

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NOTABLE IRISH

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Name: Sarah Ponko
Major: Architecture
Sarah Ponko takes her summers away from Notre Dame seriously.
In the summer of 2002
she cycled 4,000 miles across the country, from Connecticut to Washington, with the Yale Habitat for Humanity Club. The trip to raise money for Habitat for Humanity Foundation took 63 days, but Sarah says that she enjoyed that experience. This past summer Sarah was involved in the Jiminy Carter Work Project, participating in an effort to build 35 houses in one week for needy families in Amaiunt, Alabama. It was during this experience that Sarah was able to meet with former President Jimmy Carter. Currently, Sarah serves as a Women's Boxing Club co-captain; she fought and won her inaugural women's boxing Fight Night bouts in November 03.

Name: Joe Friel
Major: Electrical Engineering
Joe Friel is a senior Air Force ROTC cadet who founded the Notre Dame Pilot Initiative. The program is sponsored by Air Force and Navy ROTC, and provides a path for students on campus to learn about the principles of aviation. The NDPI mission states to "teach the science of flight, inspire the art, and produce aviation candidates." Joe intends for the program to serve as starting point for volunteers interested in piloting for charity and search and rescue missions. Joe attained his pilot's license as a senior in high school and has logged over 500 hours of flight time. He will graduate this May and be commissioned into the United States Air Force to serve as a developmental engineer. However, he will continue being a pilot and encourages ND students to think about the NDPI.
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In November, a structure began to emerge. The plan was to create two major sides of student government: coordinating and policy. The programming side would devote itself to coordinating on-campus events, both at the campus and dorm levels. In the past, there have been scheduling conflicts and other problems that led to ineffectual programming efforts. According to student leaders, the proposed Campus Programming Council would bring together dorm representatives to decide on events, which would apparently improve publicity efforts, reduce scheduling problems and increase event quality.

Last semester, council members pledged to have a structure set by the beginning of 2004, with only the details to flesh out. Leaders began holding working sessions every Sunday. The goal was to hammer out the details in these informal sessions, then bring the measures to council meetings for rapid closure. So the informal sessions, then meetings every Sunday. The goal is for the Campus Programming Council to bring together dorm representatives to decide on events, with only the details to flesh out.

However, the slow progress has raised certain implications for the election student leaders. On Monday, judicial board president Elliott Poindexter announced four tickets would be running for the positions of student body president and vice president. The tickets differ on the issues and on their approaches to the race, but they all have one unfortunate element in common: none of them know exactly what their potential jobs will be.

Lao downplayed the significance of these problems, saying there is still plenty of time.

"We have until March to make students aware of what these new positions will be," Lao insisted, but he admitted that leaders would have to adapt to a very different system, which is still in flux.

"Transition, no matter what, is not going to be easy," he said. "People will just have to adjust in the end."

The problem is multiplied on the residence hall level. Under the proposed structure, each dorm would elect three key representatives to decide on events, which would apparently improve publicity efforts, reduce scheduling problems and increase event quality. Leaders need enough time to evaluate the process of rewriting the constitution, the council representatives has not been working on specific student issues.

Lao said those matters have been turned over to other bodies in student government.

"We still have the student senate and the office of the president to work on issues," he said. "Nothing has shut down for this. We still have the policy and issues bodies working."

Though notably absent from the list of presidential candidates, Lao and his vice president, Emily Chin, said the difficulties this year made no impact on their decision not to run for reelection.

"Running would just take too much time away from writing a good constitution," Lao said.

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the third semester, King assigns mandatory study hall hours to golfers whose grades fall below the 3.0 mark.

"It's a tough commitment for them with class in the morning and practice in the afternoon," she said.

Swimmer Courtney Choura feels that Notre Dame offers a supportive atmosphere for student-athletes.

"The coaches and the Office of Academic Services for Student-Athletes are motivational, but they also try not to put too much extra pressure on us," Choura said. "During busy times of the semester, the coaches are pretty lenient and make sure we have time for studying."

The Office of Academic Services for Student-Athletes is an important aid that offers tutoring and mentoring for varsity athletes, cheerleaders, managers and trainers. The program helps student-athletes who are struggling in class, and provides faculty mentoring for exceptionally high-achieving athletes.

The program, which began in the mid-1990's, was one of the first of its kind. "Fifty years ago, Notre Dame was on the cutting edge in providing academic guidance to student-athletes; now it has become an NCAA requirement," Holmes said.

Holmes is pleased with his office's role in ensuring that student-athletes excel and graduate in four years.

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Same-sex marriage ban supported

The ban on same-sex marriage has been supported in the air over the past three decades, the administration to set national health-based air quality still needs improvement. The White House will end the enforcement of the prescription drug benefit, and revamping the mammoth health-care program for the elderly and disabled at $534 billion for the decade that ends in 2013, the officials said. The number will be in the 2009 budget Bush proposes Monday.

While musing the Medicare package through Congress in November, Bush and Republican leaders won pivotal votes by reassuring conservatives that the cost over that period would track the Congressional Budget Office’s estimate of $379 billion. The measure passed both chambers narrowly, giving the president one of his top legislative triumphs since taking office.

National News

Unions: Overtime law hurts veterans

WASHINGTON — Labor unions fighting the Bush administration’s overtime proposal enlisted help from veterans Thursday, contending many would lose the premium pay if they had received training in the military for white-collar jobs they now hold.

"That's not a way to thank people for what they've done for this country," said Chris Owens, a conservative who voted against the bill, said Thursday.

The new figures represent the first time the White House has released its projections of the bill’s costs. They could deepen an election-year wedge between the White House and conservative Republicans over spending and budget deficits that they say have grown too high on Bush's watch.

The numbers raise questions about whether administration officials revealed everything they knew before the vote on Medicare, some conservatives complained privately. Bush signed the bill Dec. 8.

"No one voted for this," one senior Republican said Thursday. "We're more angry in my short political career," said Rep. Joe Hensarling, R-Texas. "I hope this will embolden conservatives and others" to control spending. Hensarling was among several conservatives who voted for the measure after being told by Bush, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and others that the costs should fall within the Congressional Budget Office estimate.

Rep. John Shadegg, R-Ariz., a conservative who voted against the bill, said he never believed the $395 billion cost estimate because such long-term forecasts are "meaningless."

The White House is reluctant to antagonize conservatives, the base of the GOP, in an election year. Such internal party divisions could make it harder to push legislation through Congress, which Republicans control by narrow margins. Nearly everyone expects the cost of the Medicare bill to increase over the years, as the huge baby boom generation retires and medical costs grow.

Douglas Holtz-Fahkin, director of the Congressional Budget Office, has said the measure's costs in its second decade could exceed $1 trillion. Administration officials said their Medicare cost estimate was not ready until now. Bush included a less detailed 10-year, $400 billion estimate for the bill’s price tag in his budget last February.

White House spokesman Trent Duffy and other administration officials said they could not initially explain precisely why the projections differed.

"The president made a commitment to seniors and he kept it, and part of that was providing prescription drug coverage," Duffy said. "The president is committed to making sure cost controls continue in Medicare." Administration officials said they could not initially explain precisely why the projections differed.

Joe Antos, a health policy expert at the conservative American Enterprise Institute, said it was probably due to different estimates of the number of people expected to participate in federally subsidized health plans and health care tax breaks that the bill would create.

Local News

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INDIANAPOLIS — A majority of members in the Indiana House — all 49 Republicans and five Democrats — have signed on to a proposed constitutional amendment that would ban gay marriage.

House Republicans said Thursday that support for the proposed amendment to the Indiana Constitution should persuade Democratic leaders to give it a chance to advance in the House.

AFGHANISTAN

Explosion kills seven U.S. troops

Associated Press

KABUL — An explosion at a weapons cache in killed seven U.S. soldiers and wounded three more Thursday, in one of the deadliest incidents since U.S. forces deployed in Afghanistan. Afghan Central Command also said an American soldier was missing.

An Afghan interpreter also was wounded by the 3 p.m. explosion near the city of Farah, 60 miles southwest of the capital, Kabul. The soldiers were working around a weapons cache when the blast happened.

Cencom spokesman Capt. Bruce Frame said the cause had yet to be determined in the blast, among the most damaging blows to American troops since they deployed in Afghanistan more than two years ago.

The Taliban were driven from power but sporadic fighting has continued. Earlier this month, the U.S. death toll reached 100. Sixteen of those deaths occurred in combat — including seven when two helicopters took enemy fire in March 2002. The toll includes deaths in other areas of Operation Enduring Freedom, such as a helicopter crash in the Philippines nearly two years ago that killed 10 American soldiers — the deadliest in the operation. Seven soldiers were also killed on Jan. 9, 2002 when their tanker plane slammed into a mountain in Pakistan.

The United States provides 9,000 of the 11,000-member coalition troops stationed in Afghanistan.
SMC brings fellow to stay on campus

By TERESA NOWAKOWSKI

Helen Thimmaya, who has taught English and Communications at Women's Christian College in Chennai, India, for 15 years, will spend a semester at Saint Mary's through the United Board Fellows Program.

The Fellows Program provides opportunities for university and administrators to develop leadership experience, expand their content area in creative ways, and earn promotions upon returning to India. First, a fellow spends a semester at an institution of higher education in Asia and is then matched with a school in the West, where he or she spends another semester. These fellows are assisted by their host schools, which provide a coordinator who secures the fellow's comfort, visa, travel, office and housing space.

Thimmaya's coordinator at Saint Mary's is Sister Marianne Farina, Director of Scholarship for Women's Christian College. In her leadership and teaching in the department of justice education, Farina believes the inclusion of students in the classroom aids in a "cross cultural understanding" that will allow Saint Mary's to be more open to diversity.

"Diversity is something we are striving for," Sister Marianne Farina said. "Helen is learning from us. We're learning from Helen. She added that Saint Mary's hopes to become more global, focusing on those differences and similarities that exist between cultures.

Thimmaya's goal, Farina continues, is an academic immersion. Thimmaya is allowed to "enter through the eyes of the students," which Farina described as the most "genuine and authentic way" to enter a college atmosphere.

Thimmaya will sit in on Communication courses, as that is her field of expertise. She hopes to be able to implement what she learns here in her own classroom in India.

Thimmaya is also able to attend meetings with the various committees on campus to see how they function. Through these meetings, Thimmaya can "build her own skills," Farina said, and add new perspectives to her existing experience.

One idea that surprised Thimmaya was the amount of self-governance and judicial service that takes place at Saint Mary's. At the Women's Christian College, students are involved in service, cultural activities, organization and academic councils, but they do not have a judicial board composed of students.

Thimmaya said she was also impressed with Residence Life. In the residence halls at Women's Christian College, the directors are older women who "guide the students," she said, but at Saint Mary's, the younger hall directors encourage students to relate.

"Diversity is something we are striving for." Sister Marianne Farina, Saint Mary's coordinator for the Fellows Program

Coming from a college of 100 faculty members, Thimmaya said it was exciting to create a stir when she returns to her department and the director of the school.

Thimmaya, who spent last semester in the Philippines, said that the Women's Christian College gives a chance to all students by motivating intelligent students to move forward while adding those who may be struggling academically in school.

"The girls [in India] are very sheltered," she said, adding that parents send their children to a women's college because they view education as more important. However, she said she realizes that "students are students," no matter what the culture.

Thimmaya, who has a husband and a 16-year-old son in India, said she has been pleased with her Saint Mary's experience so far. "Everyone goes out of their way to greet and help," she said.

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Poll: Guest worker plan incomplete

BUSH'S proposal would give currently undocumented immigrants a three-year path to legal status.

Bush's proposal would give undocumented immigrants a three-year permit to work legally in the United States. Three-quarters of respondents said they preferred a plan that legal immigrants could earn citizenship through their own merit, a central theme among plans proposed from members of Congress since Bush announced his plan earlier this month.

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"The president doesn't make decisions based on polls, he makes decisions based on what he believes in," Duffy said.

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**IN BRIEF**

Wages, benefits grow modestly in 4Q

WASHINGTON — Workers' wages and benefits grew by 0.7 percent in the final quarter of 2003 — the smallest quarterly increase in a year — as companies still uncertain about the durability of the economic recovery kept a close eye on their bottom line.

The increase in the employment cost index for the October-to-December quarter marked a moderation from the 1 percent advance registered in the previous quarter, the Labor Department reported Thursday.

The 0.7 percent increase in compensation was the smallest since the fourth quarter of 2002 and was slightly weaker than the 0.9 percent rise that economists were forecasting.

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Judge delays Stewart case testimony

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Microsoft owner Bill Gates speaks yesterday at a conference in Vienna. His company today announced a large reward for information regarding the "MyDoom.B" virus.

**AMERICAN EXPRESS REACHES PREDOMINANTLY NATIONAL AGREEMENT WITH BANCSAMERICA CARD SERVICES**

NEW YORK — American Express announced its first deal on Thursday to allow a major American financial institution to issue its credit cards in the United States.

The alliance was made possible by a 2001 ruling in an antitrust case brought by the Justice Department. A federal court in Manhattan ordered Visa and MasterCard to drop rules that prohibited their member banks, including MBNA, from also issuing American Express and Discover cards. MBNA, which is based in Wilmington, Del., bills itself as the nation's largest independent issuer of credit cards, many of them distributed through professional and university associations.

American Express chairman and chief executive, said the deal will result in more choices for customers, including credit cards with rewards offerings from American Express.

American Express is a diversified travel and financial services company that was founded in 1985. It is best known for its charge cards, which, unlike credit cards, require payment in full each month, and its travelers checks.
McCain wants outside look at spying failures

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Parting company with a few fellow Republicans, Sen. John McCain said Thursday he wants an independent commission to take a sweeping look at recent intelligence failures.

The White House has dismissed the proposal, saying the CIA is committed to reviewing the intelligence behind claims that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. The Bush administration also argues that the weapons search is not yet complete.

"I am absolutely convinced that an independent commission is necessary, because this is a very serious issue," McCain said.

McCain’s comments come less than one week after the CIA’s lead weapons inspector, David Kay, left his position and began stating publicly that he didn’t expect fallen Iraqi President Saddam Hussein’s weapons of mass destruction to be found.

McCain, and some Democrats, including Senate minority leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., have also stated the need for an outside investigation into the intelligence community. Along with the Senate inquiry, several retired intelligence officers have delivered a review to CIA Director George Tenet on the performance of the CIA and other agencies.

McCain, was one of the loudest voices in a successful campaign to form a commission on the Sept. 11 attacks, said he spoke to administration officials, but doesn’t know what — if any — action the White House will take. McCain believes the investigation would take over a year, removing the findings from election-year politics.

McCain said the commission should consider a series of questions: Were the estimates wrong? If so, why? Who is responsible? What steps need to be taken to ensure that the president has accurate intelligence information?

Names McCain suggested for the commission include former House Speaker Tom Foley, D-Wash., former Secretary of Defense Lawrence Eagleburger and former national security adviser Brent Scowcroft.

Refund loan fees rising

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Two consumer groups reported Wednesday that taxpayers paid $1.5 billion in high fees in 2004 to get immediate loans on their expected tax refunds.

Taxpayers can get such loans from their tax preparers instead of waiting for the Internal Revenue Service to issue a check for their return, as long as they pay a fee for the service.

"These fees transfer billions in wealth, paid out of the U.S. Treasury, from working poor families to multimillion-dollar corporations," said Chi Chi Wu, an attorney with the National Consumer Law Center.

The advocates said loan fees ranged from $20 to $105, with an additional $28 to $55 in administrative fees. The effective annual percentage rate for the loan can range from 70 percent to 700 percent, they said.

The company that services the most refund anticipation loans, Household International, said the annual percentage rates for its loans range from 34 percent to 129 percent, roughly equivalent to the charge for a cash advance.

Company spokesman Mark Friedlander said all families should have access to a variety of financial options.

"The key is to educate all customers, especially those customers facing financial challenges or living on a limited budget, are provided with complete information on the products they are considering," he said.

Commission report to be delayed

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Relatives of Sept. 11 victims asked Thursday that the 9/11 commission investiga
tion into the attacks be extended to next January to limit the influence of election-year politics.

The commission is scheduled to meet until May 27. But panel members this week asked Congress for a two-month extension, citing a need for full analysis of reams of data about the disaster.

The relatives’ organization. Voices of Sept. 11, said even more time is necessary to investigate the attacks, which it said have delivered a check for their return, more than two months to fully investigate these claims.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., said Thursday they plan to introduce legislation next week that will set a Jan. 30, 2005, deadline for the report. "An extension until after the November elections is warranted to ensure a comprehensive and thorough investigation into this national security environment," McCain said.

The Bush administration and Republican House leaders oppose any extension, saying the longer the process takes the more politicized it becomes.

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The 10-member, bipartisan group held a two-day hearing this week that highlighted a series of government missteps in customs and aviation security that allowed many of the hijackers to elude detection.

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NASA to reevaluate Hubble decision

Associated Press

BALTIMORE - NASA's chief agreed Thursday to review his decision to cancel all space shuttle missions because of space telescope Science Institute's final servicing mission and let it deteriorate and go out of operation. The decision comes after the space agency was bombarded by pleas to save the craft.

Adm. Hal Gehman, chairman of the board that investigated the Columbia shuttle breakup last year, will review the (Hubble) matter and offer his unique perspective," NASA Administrator Dan O'Keefe said in a letter to Sen. Barbara Mikulski, who released a copy of the letter.

O'Keefe had defended his decision earlier this month to cancel all space shuttle missions to the Hubble, which has revolutionized the study of astronomy with its striking images of the universe. He said the risk to the astronauts on a Hubble mission and President Bush's plans to send humans to the moon, Mars and beyond as the reason for NASA's decision.

The decision prompted letters from about 200 members of Congress from Maryland, from where the Hubble originated. Gehman's role in the Hubble's fate has also become a cause for amateur and professional astronomers worldwide.

E-mails have poured in to the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, which coordinates the use of Hubble's instruments.

"It's overwhelming. My e-mail is overflowing," said Steve Beckwith, director of the Space Telescope Science Institute.

"If you can't have Hubble alive, you can't have Hubble shut down. Page web pages have also been set up dedicated to saving the floating space telescope.

Mikulski, the ranking Democrat on the Senate sub-committee that oversees NASA's budget, had asked for a review of the decision.

"My view is when someone is told they need major surgery, any prudent person would understand a second opinion," Mikulski said.

I told O'Keefe that's what I had decided before the space shuttle disaster, Gehman said. Gehman then told the Associated Press that the bureau was going to look at the decision to cancel all shuttle missions to the Hubble.

NASA spokesman Robert Miridon said O'Keefe has not changed his decision but asked Gehman to give "his view on basing all the questions on the table," including safety, scheduling and the recommendations of the Columbia board.

Could indicate the government is trying to distance itself from the prosecution

Terrorism prosecutor accused of misconduct

Associated Press

DETROIT - Just six days after the World Trade Center crum­bled, FBI agents raided an apart­ment and uncoun ted what they said was evidence of more plots, helping launch a case that a court has hailed as a major victory in the war on terror.

Now, seven months after two Arab immigrants were convicted of being part of a terrorism con­spiracy, investigations into the lead prosecutor in the case, John Ashcroft, said the FBI's Detroit offices have intensified doubts that those convictions are solid.

As U.S. District Judge Gerald Rosen considers whether to grant the defendants a new trial, new allegations of misconduct by Attorney General John Ashcroft and Richard Conventino are being investigated by the Justice Department.

The public disagreement between Convertino and his superiors is highly unusual and could indicate the government is trying to distance itself from the prosecution, Rosen said.

"The Justice Department and the U.S. Attorney's office have sent some pretty strong signals that they're concerned about the behavior of their prosecutors during this trial," said David Morrison, a federal professor at Wayne State University.

Meanwhile, the agent in charge of the FBI's Detroit field office, Willie Hulin, has been recalled to Washington, D.C., following an internal investigation that focused, in part, on the handling of an informant who says he broke the law while spying on terrorism suspects.

The Detroit case had been tout­ed as an early success in the Bush administration's war on terror.

The FBI's Detroit field office's investigation yielded fake documents, airport badges and a videotape the government said was evidence of more plots, investigators said.

Two terrorism convictions have been overturned and the government said it was evidence of more plots, FBI agents raided an apartment on the existence of a department investigation but vehemently denied the charges as laid out in the Detroit Free Press, which first reported the investigation this month. The leak said the lead by Justice Department officials was an attempt to smear him and endangered the life of the drug defenden­ci­turn­turned­informant, Marwan Farhat.

The leak was "made to deprive me of the time to answer any baseless allegations in the proper form," he told The Associated Press.

A lawyer for Convertino, William Nettleton, said in a result of the disclosure of informants' names, "one individual was actually a witness. He said that after the incident, which did not result in any injuries, Convertino helped preserve the person's safety.

Sullivan said "one specifically name Farhat, but he is the only active informant to be named in media reports and has since left the country."

In a letter written before his departure, obtained by The Detroit News and confirmed to the AP by a federal law enforce­ment official, Farhat claimed FBI agent Robert Pertuso told him to break the law by stealing mail from people the government identified as terrorist suspects.

That claim is part of the focus of an internal FBI probe into the Detroit office, law enforcement officials say. The FBI declined to comment.

The U.S. attorney's office and the Justice Department also refused to comment on the Convertino probe or any other aspect of the terrorism case.

Karim Koubriti, 25, and Abdel­el­lah Emardouldi, 38, were con­victed of conspiracy to provide material support for terrorism and engaged in fraud and misuse of visas and other documents. Abdel­el­lah Emardouldi, 38, was convict­ed of only the fraud charge, and Faraouden Ali­Haimoud, 23, was acquitted.

Arnold to decide clemency plea

Frank Zimring

University of California legal scholar

"Somewhere down the road, clemency petitions will stop being decided on automatic pilot."
The Observer
Lighten up on Keenan Revue

By: Tom Stritch

Last week, an era at Notre Dame ended with the spring 2004 edition of the Revue, a humorous, student-written periodical. The professor of American studies at the age of 91, Stritch was the last of American literature, politics, communication, and American culture. While his spirit may have been taken with a grain of salt. The show, while exploiting common stereotypes, such as the "bachelor don" and fellow English professor, Frank O'Malley. I was, in a way, also a man of destiny, for I lived in Lyons Hall during those most sacred of educational experiences. Each lived a vigorous existence, pursuing the life of the mind, and I declared it my major at the age of 23. Stritch's zeal and steady guidance played a crucial role in the formation of the American Studies program at Notre Dame. The pair were perfectly matched.

Gary Caruso

Capital Comments

The Revue's last edition is a bittersweet reminder of the cultural and intellectual vibrancy that characterized the Notre Dame of the 1960s. The pair were perfectly matched.

Gary Caruso

Remembering Professor Tom Stritch

Gary Caruso served as a public and legislative affairs director in President Clinton's administration. His column appears every other Friday. His e-mail address had previously been erroneously listed in The Observer but is now correct. He can be contacted at pdotb@nd.edu. The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Minorities put in the work, too

Only at Notre Dame would a school newspaper have the audacity to print an editorial such as that of Patrick Duncan's. As a minority student attending this school, I am appalled and deeply offended by this display of outright classism.

Duncan cited the use of Pernell's column that stated poor whites perform better academically than middle-class blacks and Andrews sees it just as a matter of socioeconomic class. Well, it is. Try living in a society that puts you down since birth; try living in a society that you are not wanted. Try living in a society that you are not respected.

I believe that blacks are better than whites and see how motivated you are to do better. Many of those children are self-fulfilling prophecies, because they are told by people such as Duncan that they are underachievers since the time they enter school, they believe what they are told and, thus, do not strive to better themselves. It is a matter of socioeconomic class. People that live in impoverished neighborhoods sometimes do not have the means to reach their full intellectual capacities, and they deserve the chance to do so. And they lack the chance due to backward thinking of the majority which seems to feel that derision and mockery are a means of motivation.

As for immigrant children excelling where the blacks do not, it is a matter of culture. When immigrant families move to America, they feel the need to prove themselves and achieve more than most Americans do. Also, they have not yet suffered from the classism and racism that runs rampant in this country, trust me, I know. My mom was an immigrant to this country, and I am a first generation American. I have yet to have my spirit killed by this culture, and that is why I made it to Notre Dame. As I said before, minorities are self-fulfilling prophecies because of articles such as Duncan's.

Furthermore, what does music have to do with anything? Listening to Garth Brooks or Aerosmith all day isn't going to make you smarter. A person's musical preference has nothing to do with the fact that he is black or white. I am astonished that The Observer published Edward H. Fitzpatrick's letter in yesterday's edition without checking the facts.

"X"

Maryann Erigha
freshman

Student section disappointing

It is amazing how living "down the street" from a subsidized housing project in Baltimore automatically qualified Patrick Duncan as an expert on black culture. In a Jan. 28 editorial, Duncan made an accusation that was as credible as Bill Clinton's claims that he did not have relations with that woman. According to Duncan, blacks spend all their money on "cell phones, cars with bizarre and costly modifications, very expensive footwear, and cigarettes," among other superficial things. Moreover, he stated that one of many reasons blacks perform so poorly on standardized tests is because of their "total immersion in a crude pop culture. Pumping $50 Cent into your ears all day will keep you from ever learning at all." If that was the case, then Justin Timberlake's lyrics must be laced with subliminal messages containing many answers to difficult analogies and algebraic computations.

His article was one of many targeting affirmative action. Discrepancies about affirmative action arise because students do not have a clear understanding of the law's policies. Affirmative action does not rob others of opportunities; it simply gives preference to minorities who possess the same merit and qualifications as the majority.

To make a mockery of affirmative action by comparing it to the demographics of the NBA is absurd. In a Jan. 26 editorial, Greg Parnell stated, "Blacks compose only 12 percent of the population, but 75 percent of NBA players are black. Is it sensible then to place a quota on the number of blacks who can play in the NBA, so that the races are more evenly distributed?" This suggestion is as ludicrous as the idea of setting a quota on the number of African American players in the National Hockey League or adding another layer of cream to an Oreo cookie to make the percentages of black and white parts equal.

Instead of engaging in frivolous debates, students should push to erase campus-wide narrow-mindedness by incorporating a real introduction to other cultures. The focus of a liberal arts education is to create truly well-rounded individuals. In addition to two semesters of theology and philosophy, perhaps two semesters should be devoted to the study of diversity.

Two years ago, when I first considered attending this institution, I did not own a cell phone, I did not drive a car with bizarre and costly modifications and 50 Cent was nothing more than the price I payed for a copy of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. Nowadays, but Notre Dame, amongst some of the nation's brightest, most athletically and academically talented students, will you find such blatant ignorance.

Fabiola Quinones
sophomore

After attending the game tonight against Miami, we would just like to say how ashamed we were of the student section. We were appalled that the students booed Chris Thomas, a player on our team, as he entered the game. The treatment he received from the student section, especially during the second half of the game, was worse than anything dished out to the Miami players. We're pretty sure that he was wearing an Irish uniform, and yet the way he was treated you would have thought that he was wearing a Hurricane uniform. Even if Thomas was having a bad game, he is still on our team, and yelling things like "airball" when he misses a shot, while we're not sure what that means, is a way to show our team that we're behind them 100 percent of the time, not just when they're playing well.

Clare and Maura Hoyt
sophomors, freshman

Le Mans Hall, McCandless Hall
Jan. 29
Keenan Revue fights crime on Saint Mary's campus

Combining comedy, music and the Ninja Turtles, Keenan continues one of the most popular dorm events of the year

By LAUREN WENDEL
Scene Writer

This year's theme should not disappoint viewers. This year's them is said to be "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle" theme and pepper the show with skits dedicated to the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. The show's opener reveals the real way in which the teens morphed into turtles — by stumbling upon a radioactive beehive in Notre Dame's tunnels. The inspiration for such ideas comes from the news and events that happen around campus and dorm.

We don't take ourselves too seriously; we just want people to laugh," Downey said. "This show has what some call the 'Elle girl' list of the '50 Hottest Women' this year. OK Go is a well-known four-piece band that has become known for their straight-up pop with the occasional whiff of The Pixies and the sounds a bit harder than OK Go's, Spiraling is a New Jersey-based band called Spiraling, which has the reputation as one of the East Coast's best independent bands, with a sound a bit harder than OK Go's, Spiraling is a group that has become known for their sound, hard, light and everything in between, laughing. OK Go is enjoyable for anyone and everyone. There is not a single song on their album that allows standing still, and don't try to fight it.

Beyond simply their great music, OK Go is known for putting on a terrific live show. With Damian Kulash on vocals and guitar, Tim Nordwind on bass, Dan Konopka on drums and Andy Duncan on keyboards and guitar, OK Go is not an act to be missed. They are four fun and smart guys that have fun with who they are and what they do. If that isn't enough for some of you freshman attending on the fence, all four of the members of the band just recently made the "Elle girl" list of "The 50 Hottest Rockers," which is a huge no one over at the Saint Mary's auditorium can make. The night is going to be kicked off by a modern rock, New Jersey-based band called Spiraling, which has the reputation as one of the East Coast's best independent bands, with a sound a bit harder than OK Go's, Spiraling is a group that has become known for their sound, hard, light and everything in between, laughing. OK Go is enjoyable for anyone and everyone. There is not a single song on their album that allows standing still, and don't try to fight it.
Saint Mary’s Campus continues one of the most popular events...

Preventing a super Super Bowl party

Super Bowl Sunday is around the corner, and if you’re planning on watching the game, you’re probably expecting the same old get-together – football, beer and maybe some potato chips if you’re lucky. Why don’t you spice up your Sunday and throw a gridiron bash that’s sure to impress your friends? All it takes is a quick trip to Martin’s, a stop at the Huddle or, if you’re daring enough, just a run to the Dining Hall with some baggies and a large coat. When serving a sports crowd, the best bet is to serve hearty but simple finger food. Your guest’s focus is on the game, so you need to whip up a gourmet meal for this event. If you want some save time, Subway offers delicious super-size hoagies that can be divided into individual servings. For an appetizer, the easy but tasty Artichoke Dip with Pita Chips is a winner. And for dessert, these Rocky Road Brownies will satisfy everyone’s sweet tooth. Even if your team loses, everyone wins if you get to watch the game with good food and good friends.

Some Like It Hot Artichoke Dip

1 1/2 cups mayonnaise
1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 cup chopped Artichoke hearts, drained and chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a 1 quart casserole, combine all ingredients. Bake uncovered 25 minutes. Serve with pita chips.

Crafted by Beth Reed

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And if you want to be extra festive...

♦ Plant a sports flag or a small plastic field goal post in the dip.
♦ Cut football shapes out of heavy brown construction paper for drink coasters.

Pita Crisps

Pita bread
olive oil
Italian seasoning
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cut bread rounds into 6 wedges each. Separate each wedge into 2 pieces. Brush with olive oil, then sprinkle with Italian seasoning. Bake until slightly brown.

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New Jersey-based band called Spiraling, which has the reputation as one of the East Coast’s best independent bands. With a sound a bit harder than OK Go’s, Spiraling is a four-piece band that has become known without the support of a label, but just through support of fans due to their tremendous talent.

Doors open at 8:45 p.m. at Legends for one of the biggest nights Legends has yet presented. This is a concert any average college student would put down $20 to see, and it is available to students for free — and you didn’t even have to wait in line for tickets. Do yourself and your music collection a favor, and take the short trip to Legends this Saturday night for an unforgettable concert — and say hello to your new favorite band.

OK Go is a Chicago-based band that is quickly becoming well-known for their great music and great live shows.
NHL

Murray's overtime goal leads Bruins to 2-1 win

Associated Press

BOSTON — Glen Murray's 500th career point came at a perfect time for the Boston Bruins.

Murray reached that milestone when he scored his second goal of the game 2:25 into overtime, giving Boston a 2-1 victory over the New York Islanders on Thursday night.

The Bruins had lost two straight at home. Andrew Raycroft made 23 saves for Boston.

Murray leads the team with 17 goals, and this was his first game-winner of the season.

"They really haven't been going in a lot this year, but if you keep getting chances eventually you'll get one in," Murray said. "It's always nice to get the game-winner in overtime."

Murray came off the bench on a shift change and surprised Jason Blake, who didn't realize you'll get one in," Murray said. "It's always nice to get the game-winner in overtime."

Murray stole the puck from Blake at center ice and beat goaltender Rick DiPietro with a backhand flip on a breakaway.

"Our hockey club played well tonight, it was good enough to win," Murray said. "Every time I turn the puck over in a crucial time of the game and it cost us," Blake said.

Murray had scored just three goals in his last 15 games, but it was his second two-goal game of the season, the other coming in a 4-0 win at Columbus on Nov. 14.

New England Patriots defensive back Ty Law scored his second goal of the game through the second period on Oleg Kvasha's second short-handed goal of the season, a wrist shot from the right circle.

Kvasha's goal, his 11th, was the 10th short-handed goal allowed by Boston this season, the second-highest total in the NHL.

**Capitals 5, Hurricanes 3**

Scott Walker scored twice before the Carolina Hurricanes beat the Hurricanes 5-3 Thursday night.

Carolina leads the Capitals in the Southeast Division standings and outshot them 35-19 Thursday night. But Washington has won five straight against the Hurricanes dating to last season.

"Sometimes the shot clock isn't always indicative of what happens in a game," Carolina goaltender Kevin Weekes said. "They've got a highly skilled team. You give them time and space and power-play opportunities, they're going to capitalize."

Brenda had one of Washington's two goals on the power play. He assisted on the other.

Washington defenceman Jason Doig, who gave Rangers concussions with a hit on Chris Drury earlier this season, had one of two shorthanded goals allowed by Washington this season.

"I'm a pretty simple guy," said the 31-year-old Brodeur, who has led the Devils to three Stanley Cups since 1995 and helped Canada win an Olympic gold medal in 2002.

"I love the game. That's it," he said. "Every time I go in the net, it's just that little black puck trying to get through me. I block everything else out."

That focus was tested during the Devils' championship run last season by a much-publicized separation from his wife.

"Tough skin," Devils coach Pat Burns said about Brodeur. "Just the stuff he had to go through concerning last year. I don't know how he focused going through it. People weren't very nice to him. People brought his personal life into the public."

Brodeur, who doesn't like discussing his private life, said the publicity surrounding the breakup was surprising.

"Now I understand what different levels guys like Kobe Bryant go through and what a lot of athletes go through," Brodeur said. "Before, I was the one saying, 'Look at this guy, he's hard enough to deal with these people talking to you about all the time.'

When Brodeur plays hockey, though, it's hard not to talk about him. He appeared in at least 70 games in seven of the last eight seasons.

At the morning skate, as Brodeur readied to face the next group of players, veteran forward Sergei Brylin glided toward the net, seemingly out of the goalie's sight line.

Within seconds, there was another thud and the puck fell in front of the crease. Brylin got his stick on it and almost immediately snapped it toward net.

The puck never made it in. Brodeur fanned out his glove hand and picked the puck out of the air like a first baseman snagging a bad throw from an infielder.

"He loves to make saves like that," Brylin said with a smile. "He tries all the time. He can't let up. He never quits."

Igor Larionov added: "He is the best goaltender in the world."
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Kidd scores 33 points to help Nets to win over Magic

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Jason Kidd snapped out of his slump to keep the New Jersey Nets rolling under new coach Lawrence Frank.

Kidd scored 20 of his 33 points in the first half to help the Nets beat Orlando 89-79 Thursday night, giving Frank his first victory since taking over for the fired Byron Scott earlier this week.

"With any team, your best players have to perform," Lawrence said. "Jason Kidd is our difference-maker. He's the reason we've been to the NBA Finals two years in a row." Kidd shot 15-for-27 in climbing out of a slump that saw him score 32 points in his previous three games. He also had 10 rebounds for his 24th double-double of the season.

"I passed, I didn't shoot and I got guys involved," said Kidd, who had eight assists. "But my teammates and Coach Frank kept calling the same play, and encouraging me to shoot and knock it down. That's pretty much what I did in the first half." Kidd shot 9-for-17 before the break to score the Nets' first 14 points of the second quarter — seven on fast breaks, six on jumpers. He also had all seven of his rebounds in the first half.

"All I try to do is make some shots once in a while," Kidd said.

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It's been a tough season for Bryant on the court as well.

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Fans select Kobe as All Star despite sex scandal

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kobe Bryant was selected to start in the NBA All-Star game, voted in by fans despite a sexual assault charge.

The Los Angeles Lakers star led Western Conference voting with 1,759,717 votes in final results released Thursday, fourth among all players.

He was picked to start in front of his hometown fans at Staples Center on Feb. 15 in the 53rd NBA All-Star game.

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Safin knocks Agassi out of Australian Open

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andre Agassi put his fingers to his lips and bowed after going five sets with Marat Safin. He blew kisses to all corners of the court in what has become a postmatch ritual.

"You never know when it's your last," Agassi said, "so you want to say bye properly."

It was certainly goodbye for the 33-year-old Agassi at this Australian Open. The defending champion rallied after dropping his first two sets but lost Thursday's semifinal to an opponent who has fortified his game and is playing as if he were No. 1 again.

Safin, who upset top-ranked Andy Roddick in the quarterfinals, won 7-6 (6), 7-6 (6), 5-7, 6-3 in a calm, consistent and powerful display. The unseeded Russian ended Agassi's 26-match winning streak at the Australian Open — an Open-era record — and denied the American a shot at a ninth Grand Slam tournament title.

"It couldn't go any better," said Safin, the 2000 U.S. Open champion. "I think I played one of my best matches in my whole life."

Safin next meets the winner of Friday's semifinal between Wimbledon champion Roger Federer and French Open champ Juan Carlos Ferrero, a showdown for the No. 1 ranking.

Justine Henin-Hardenne and Kim Clijsters will play for the women's No. 1 spot after winning.

Hardenne defeated Serena Williams 6-2, 6-2, and Clijsters eliminated No. 22 Patty Schnyder of Switzerland, 6-2, 7-6 (2).

This will be the third all-Belgian final in four Grand Slams, and the second straight not to feature the Williams sisters. Clijsters is 0-3 in Grand Slam finals, including two losses to Henin-Hardenne.

"In those matches, I knew the problem was lying and I knew that it wasn't psychological," said Clijsters, who has a 9-8 edge in head-to-heads. "I was a little bit exhausted at the end of those two Slams. This year, I think I've become a little bit smarter."

Henin-Hardenne made 25 unforced errors, including 15 in the second set against Zululaq, the first Colombian woman to reach a Grand Slam semifinal.

"People are going to make a lot of noise, again — it's an all-Belgian final, which I understand is huge for a little country," Henin-Hardenne said.

"But I think that both Kim and me are getting familiar with the situation." Agassi won 14 titles in 2000, 2001 and 2003 and hadn't lost a match at Melbourne Park since the fourth round in 1999.

"You have to play great against Andre to beat him," Safin said.

Safin entered the tournament ranked No. 86 after struggling all of 2003 with a wrist injury. He said so with the caveat that they weren't.

"I've become a little bit used to this situation."

And I'm almost there, just one left to go," he said. "Everything is going my way for the moment."

Agassi, seeded fourth, was tested like never before in Melbourne.

"I could possibly have won in straight sets — it's a four-point swing there," he said. "It's certainly the toughest day I've had."

After giving up triple match point with a wayward backhand return, Agassi then watched as Safin ripped a backhand winner down the line to seal victory.

Before facing Agassi, Safin beat four other Americans — Brian Vahaly, Todd Martin, James Blake, and Roddick, the U.S. Open champion.

All three semifinals were played under the roof at Red Laver Arena because of rain. The cooler conditions worked for Safin, who had spent more than 15 hours on court in five matches.

Agassi was fresher after four straight-set wins and a default in the quarterfinals when an injured Sebastien Grosjean pulled out in the second set.

Safin reached the Australian Open final 2002 when Agassi was out with an injured wrist. He hasn't been back to the final at a major since and missed the last three in 2003 after withdrawing in the third round in Australia.

Against Agassi, he resembled the player who upset Pete Sampras to win the 2000 U.S. Open.

"I managed to stay with him on the baseline. I managed to serve 33 aces — for me it's a big thing," said Safin, who did not have a double-fault. "It gives you much more confidence."

He also kept his temper in check, though he belted one ball back and the net hit jibed a few calls. He muttered to himself in the fourth set, but even Agassi marveled at his
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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Fans look on at a Dodgers game on July 1, 2003. Frank McCourt bought the franchise from News Corporation for $430 million yesterday.

McCourt purchases Dodgers for $430 million

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Frank McCourt talks a good game. Time will tell if his team plays enough of them.

"The $430 million sale of the Los Angeles Dodgers from News Corp. to McCourt was unanimously approved by baseball owners Thursday, more than 3 1/2 months after the sides reached an agreement."

"Under scrutiny over his finances and a target of local criticism, McCourt made some bold promises at a Dodger Stadium news conference."

"Welcome to a new era of Dodger baseball," he said.

"I intend to restore the glory days of Dodger baseball with a team worthy of support from our fans. We've committed not to buy this team, but to win a world championship."

The Dodgers haven't won a postseason game since beating Oakland in the 1988 World Series.

"That's way too long," McCourt said. "My first objective is to end the drought. I truly know I can provide the leadership that this team needs to win.

The price is the second-highest for a baseball team, trailing only the $660 million paid for the Boston Red Sox two years ago."

In Brief

Pitino returns after two-day medical leave

"We're not going to have a rip-rip situation anymore. We need a lot of energy. Having an unresolved ownership situation was, frankly, hurting the franchise," McCourt said.

Sasaki said he wanted to be with his family in Japan. He completed paperwork this week in Seattle, becoming the team's career leader with 129 saves.

Olympic trials will be held in South Bend

SEATTLE — Former Seattle Mariners closer Kazuhiro Sasaki cleared waivers Thursday and was released.

Sasaki, who turns 36 next month, plans to continue his career in Japan. He completed paperwork this week in Seattle to terminate his contract, giving up a guaranteed $8.5 million for next season.

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The Oceon was the site of Olympics whitewater events in 1996.

The Cardinals (16-1) play Marquette on Saturday at Freedom Hall.
**FOOTBALL**

Irish moving into the home stretch

Coaching staff to entice only one recruit this final weekend

By PAT LEONARD

Sports Writer

The upcoming weekend is the final opportunity for recruits to make official visits before signing national letters of intent on Feb. 4. After losing and dropping a few players from its list, Notre Dame will welcome just one recruit this weekend—Willingboro, N.J., native Tish All.

Ash is 6-foot-5, 258 pounds and can play both sides of the ball, according to Irish Insider columnist Mike Frank.

"Ash can play a number of positions," Frank said. "He can play defensive end, defensive tackle, offensive tackle and offensive guard. I think the coaches will really make a push for him this weekend.

Ash primarily played offensive tackle in high school.

Notre Dame has received 16 verbal commitments, and that number may climb higher with only Ash visiting and with recent developments of remaining prospects. New Jersey linebacker Brian Toal, rated third by ESPN recruiting analyst Tom Lemming and third by Rivals100.com, chose to visit local Rutgers over Notre Dame and other schools this weekend. Toal visited Boston College. Miami, Penn State and Tennessee, as well.

According to Frank, family ties could have kept Toal out of Irish reach. Toal, previously Greg, played for Boston College.

"Look at the flipside, if I were a Notre Dame and believe player and my brother went to Florida, I'd have to go to B.C., I wouldn't feel too happy about that," Frank said.

Los Angeles defensive tackle Darrell Richard visited Notre Dame in October but will decide between Georgia Tech and Miami (Fla.). Frank said wide receivers Bobby McCoy (Houston, Tex.) and Chancellor Young (Seattle, Wash.) are out of the picture. McCoy chose Arizona over Notre Dame, and unconfirmed reports say the Irish revoked a scholarship for Young.

Frank said he spoke to Young and believes coaches will not continue to seek Young's commitment because they have less of a need at wide receiver.

"Notre Dame got four terrific wide receivers last year," Frank said, "and at this point, coach Tyrone Willingham and his staff have more spots to fill if they choose to.

"The maximum (amount of) players they want to take is 19, but they could go as high as 23, Frank said."

Smith announces tomorrow, Lamberts wins

Offensive tackle Allen Smith from Corona del Sol High School in Tucson, Ariz., will announce his decision tomorrow in an ESPN.com chat with recruiting expert Tom Lemming at 2 p.m. Saturday. Terry Lambert, a top defensive back coming between Notre Dame and Florida State, may wait until signing day to make an announcement.

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**NFL**

**Panthers’ defense sparked by Peppers**

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Mike Rucker and Brenton Buckner would make game directors of the Juliah Peppers highlight film. His fellow defensive linemen on the Carolina Panthers already have some clips picked out.

Rucker’s favorite came in the preseason, when Peppers leaped over the back of his head, hit around his knees, flipped and still managed to land on his feet.

The one Rucker remembers best was “seeing how quickly he goes from zero to 60.” After Peppers intercepted a pass against Dallas in the playoffs and returned it 34 yards.

They’re both good picks. Yet there’s one thing missing — something from his specialty, the rushing the quarterback.

His versatility is typical of what makes Carolina’s defensive line so tough. Any offensive line concentrates on trying to stop Peppers is risking Rucker getting to the quarterback from the other side, or letting Buckner or Kris Jenkins come up the middle.

“Stepping their front four is the key to being successful against Carolina,” Smith said. “And it’s probably the toughest thing to accomplish.”

The one Buckner remembers was on the Carolina Panthers last year. Peppers intercepted quarterback Tim Tebow. Carolina started to have big games again.

"You would think [Peppers] would break a muscle doing the things he can do."

Mike Rucker

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Irish go on the road to face No. 8 Duke

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

On paper, calling Sunday's road match with Duke "tough" seems fair. The Blue Devils have beaten the Irish in six of the last seven meetings. The team is ranked No. 8, with three wins over top-five teams. Duke's best singles player, Matt Scott, who has been ranked No. 6 in the nation, has only lost two matches this year. As a team, Duke's 6-0 record this year is a testament to their determination to be competitive against any opponent. Celtic Irish warrior Perry Eaton will face off against his Duke foe, a match that could be a turning point in the Irish's season. Scott, who is known for his aggressive play and strong serve, will likely pose a challenge to Perry Eaton, who is also known for his skill and resilience.

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winning streak against the team. The Buckeyes finished fourth last year in the Big Ten and No. 47 overall with a 12-12 record. Ohio State is coming off a 4-3 loss to No. 24 Tennessee last Sunday, and looks to be a threat to Notre Dame with six returning starters. "They have a good indoor team," said Irish coach Bobby Bayliss. "They have a big kid who hit the ball well," said Irish coach Bobby Bayliss. "They have a good indoor team," said Irish coach Bobby Bayliss.

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FENCING

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

For the first time all season, the Notre Dame fencing program will host a dual meet against a top-three ranked school. The Irish fencing team will host the Notre Dame Dual Meet, beginning Saturday morning and continuing through Sunday.

The home fencing competition will be a chance to showcase the team's skills and talent, as well as a chance to compete against top teams in the NCAA. The Irish fencing team has been preparing for this meet, practicing and training to perform at their best. The Irish fencing team is looking forward to the opportunity to compete against some of the top teams in the country.

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Irish face tough test at home

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

For the second week in a row, the Notre Dame track and field teams will stay at home. Michigan State, DePauw, Marquette and Butler will take on the Irish tonight at 7 p.m. in the Loftus Sports Center — and the Irish tonight at 7 p.m. in the Loftus Sports Center — and the Irish men are expected to do well in other events Friday night.

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Alaska Fairbanks has been a thorn in the heel of the Irish for the past two seasons, winning four straight games against Notre Dame. In their last trip to South Bend, in the 2001-02 season, the Nanooks came away with 7-5 and 6-5 victories over the Irish.

Despite the recent history of the series, the Irish are still looking to finish out the year strong, playing six of their final 10 games at home, where Notre Dame is 7-1-1 so far this season.

"The Joyce Center has been so good to us this year," Poulin said. "It's going to be a huge factor in our last ten games, because this is a home-dominated league right now and we have to protect our turf."

In their recent four-game road trip, the Irish collected a 1-2-1 record, which included a tie and victory over then-No. 4 Wisconsin. A reason for the poor performance on the road has been an offense that has struggled as of late.

Only three players, forwards Mike Walsh, Rob Globke and Aaron Gill, scored for the Irish on that road trip, while Globke and Gill combined to score seven of the eight goals.

This trend is consistent throughout the season, as the Irish have scored exactly half of Notre Dame's 66 goals this year. Globke has 15, while Gill and Walsh each have nine.

"We've got to score goals," Poulin said. "And Mike Walsh, Aaron Gill and Rob Globke can't be the only ones scoring goals. We've got to get some guys scoring here; we're fully capable, we just got to look to shoot the puck more."

Despite an inconsistent offense, the Irish have remained competitive due to a dominating defense. Notre Dame's scoring defense of 2.38 goals per game is first in the CCHA and ranked tenth nationally.

Take out the Dec. 5-6 weekend against Western Michigan, where the Irish allowed a combined 14 goals, and the number drops even lower.

"We've played well defensively all year, and weekends like Western are going to happen every now and then," Poulin said. "We've got to play smart in our defensive end this weekend against a very potent offensive team."

Alaska Fairbanks is a high-risk, high-reward team that scores many goals but also gives up its fair share. The Nanooks average 3.42 goals a game, but give up an average of 3.57 goals per game.

The team is led by a trio of high-scoring forwards in Kelly Czuy (eight goals, 12 assists), high-scoring forwards in Kelly Czuy (eight goals, 12 assists), and Mike Fekk (10 goals, eight assists). The Nanooks have eight players in (10 goals, eight assists). The Nanooks have eight players in

Goaltender David Brown makes a save during an Irish 1-0 win against Boston College earlier in the season. The Irish will look to Brown to help maintain a solid defense in this weekend's games.

SMC BASKETBALL
Belles face two must win games

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

After a disappointing 62-44 loss to Albion College Wednesday, the Belles are looking for their first conference win. They hope that can come on Monday.

In a critical home game, the Belles (5-13) will take on Olivet College (4-12), the only other team in the MIAA that has yet to win a conference game.

With tough remaining games against Hope and Calvin, the Belles know this is very close to a must-win situation.

"Olivet at home is probably our biggest game of the season," Belles coach Suzanne Bellina said. "We need to be ready to take care of business and know that we are going to have to be at our best."

Last Saturday, the Belles broke a seven-game losing streak at home, but the momentum from that game failed to help them against Albion.

"We were not happy with the second half at all," Bellina said.

Some positives came out of the game, such as the exceptional effort of the bench. Forward Anne Hogan came off the bench to score 10 points, while Bridget Boyce, Bridget Lape and Justine Mullen brought added intensity.

The goal against Olivet will be for the Belles to have both their starters and bench players performing at their best for the entire game.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You must refrain from using emotional blackmail on your mate or you may not have for too long. This is not the time to disagree with employers or spend money you don’t have. ****

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ND Women’s Basketball

Women face No. 23 Boston College

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

So much for enjoying a win. Just two days after defeating No. 16 Miami in Coral Gables, Fla., Notre Dame will face another ranked opponent, No. 23 Boston College, at the Joyce Center Saturday at noon. The Irish (12-7, 5-2 in the Big East) are 5-3 against ranked opponents this season.

“The Golden Eagles (14-4, 4-3) are fresh off a 76-42 pounding of Providence Wednesday, where guard Amber Jacobs scored 18 points on 6-of-10 shooting. Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said stopping the guard trio of Jacobs, Jassidy Devery and Claire Droesch will be her team’s first priority.

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Devery averages 16.1 points and 6.1 rebounds per game and Jacobs tallies 15.7 points and 4.6 assists a contest.

Droesch comes off the bench to score 7.9 points per game. Those three are the center of an Eagles offense that shot 56 percent against Providence Wednesday night.

Meanwhile, the Irish will look to win their fifth straight game against a ranked opponent. Notre Dame has beaten Virginia Tech, Connecticut, Villanova and Miami since Jan. 10. Those wins have put Notre Dame in a tie for second place in the conference, with Miami and West Virginia at 5-2.

McGraw praised her team’s defense after the game but said she was even more excited about the performances of bench players Crystal Erwin, see BASKETBALL/page 22

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ND Women’s Tennis

Women lose first opener in eight years

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

The nationally ranked duo of senior Alicia Salas and sophomore Lauren Connolly garnered an 8-6 win at No. 2 over Michigan’s Elizabeth Exxon and Kavitha Eperudden. Faring better in singles, the Irish claimed victories with No. 3 Salas defeating Exxon 6-2, 6-4; No. 4 Connolly winning 6-4, 6-3 over Christie Nolan, and No. 6 Stastny 6-7(3), 6-4, 5-7 triumphing over Kara Derleata. The Irish look to secure victories this weekend and gain momentum for the rest of the season in meets against No. 47 Ohio State and No. 62 Wisconsin.

On Saturday, the Irish will challenge the Buckeyes, hoping to continue their eight-match...