One year later, ND remembers Chad Sharon

By CLAIRE HEININGER
Assistant News Editor

His rector remembers him as “Smiling Chad.” The Notre Dame community remembers him as the mysterious disappearance that became a tragic loss.

But his father just remembers him as a boy with a dream. A year after the body of freshman Chad Sharon was found floating in the St. Joseph River, his father Steve wanted the campus his son had loved so much to remember him the same way.

In a letter addressed to “all our dear friends at Notre Dame,” Steve and his wife Jane, of Pelican Lake, Wis., wrote to express their gratitude to the University community that offered their son a world of opportunities — and now offers them a world of strength.

“We just wrote it to thank everyone...we’ve sure gotten a lot of support,” Steve Sharon said. “That was Chad’s dream in life, to continue his education, to go to Notre Dame, and he got to realize it for a short time.”

The Sharon’s letter will be read at a Memorial Mass in the Fisher Hall chapel at 2:15 tonight. Father Mark Poorman, vice president for student affairs, will join Sharon’s former rector Father Robert Moss as the celebrants.

“I think the Notre Dame family feels his loss very keenly,” Poorman said. “At the same time, on a Christian campus, we have to remember that he’s at Mass. The memorial mass for Chad Sharon will be celebrated today at 5:15 p.m. in the Fisher chapel.

Students attend a Mass last February in honor of Chad Sharon, a freshman whose body was found one year ago today.

Campaigns continue before runoffs

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Assistant News Editor

The final two tickets in the student body presidential race faced two final days of campaigning after Monday’s elections. Both the Charles Ebersol-James Leito ticket and the Adam Istvan-Karla Bell ticket took a proactive approach as they approached the final election.

Ebersol credits his strategy of dorm visits and receiving student feedback with giving him his top placement after Monday’s election.

He said in these final days, he and Leito have been “going around to the dorms, giving students an opportunity to talk to us and meet us...I think that’s the single biggest reason that we were able to garner the type of support that we were on the first round.”

Istvan also said he and Bell have been visiting dorms these last two days.

“I’ve been going dorm-to-dorm reminding people that the election is (today) and asking them if they have any questions about Karla or me or our platform,” he said. Both tickets also believe that getting students to vote in today’s election is important.

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By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

Wednesday night’s run-off election debates between Ebersol-Leito and Istvan-Bell took place in a shortened format, after a low attendance rate made organizers rethink the event altogether.

“The debates are supposed to benefit the candidates, and with no attendance besides each ticket’s supporters, their time might better be spent campaigning or tying up loose ends,” judicial board president Elliot Poindexter said.

The debates continued in spite of concerns, with each ticket allowed to give an opening statement, answer two questions posed by the other candidates and respond to pre-screened questions.

Adam Istvan answers a question at Wednesday’s debates.
INSIDE COLUMN

Coffee talk

I didn’t know I had an accent until I came to Indiana. The reality hit me hard and fast, though, at Freshman Orientation. I made the unfortunate mistake of inquiring about shady abroad options during one of the mass information sessions — and, as soon as the words left my mouth, several hundred heads turned in my direction. Astounded, I ignored the administrator’s answer and spent the rest of the meeting in awe of what I possibly could have said to draw such attention. I found out as soon as the meeting ended, when several people asked where I grew up in New York. “How did you know I’m from New York?” I asked, stunned.

“L.L. Bean!” They explained that “abroad,” to most people, is not pronounced “abrawd.” “Long Island” is not “Lawng Island.” This shocked me; I had no idea how I had never before noticed that people on television and from other parts of the country spoke differently from myself and everyone I knew. But I hadn’t.

Very soon, people were showing up outside my door and insisting that I speak. Hallway. Water. Coffee talk — the universal favorite. These were all phrases I spoke on demand, to the wonder of delight of my eager audiences. My cultural education continued as I was introduced to other regional dialects. I learned to differentiate Minnesotans from Wisconsinites, Chicagoans from Pittsburg natives. I’ve roomed with a Texan and a Southern Belle from the Alabama-Georgia border. Granted, my accent was often more noticeable than their linguistic idiosyncrasies (it didn’t help that I am inclined to shout, talk quickly and screech in a high-pitched, hyper sort of stereotypical New York way), but their distinctive speech patterns were there, all the same. And I was fascinated.

That is one reason why, amidst all the grief Notre Dame gets for its reputed homogeneity, I maintain that the geographic diversity, at least, is unequivocal. Almost everyone from my high school thinks they know Long Island or New York. Half of them think the world ends at the Hudson. No one can ever remember if I attend college in Iowa, Indiana or Illinois, because — to them — “all those states” are the same.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF NOTRE DAME HOSTING A QUEER FILM FESTIVAL?

Alyssa Bruaweller
Freshman
Pasquariella East

“I haven’t seen it yet, but I say go for it.”

Rachel Meeks
Freshman
McClen

“I think it’s a good idea because it opens people’s minds to different kinds of people.”

June Barco
Freshman
McClen

“I don’t have a problem with it personally because people need to learn about people other than themselves.”

Kiley Eltring
Freshman
McClen

“I support them hosting it because I think it’s good exposure to things we aren’t used to.”

Jimmy Costanzo
Junior
Fish

“It shows the university can still be open-minded about things.”

Amiee Tilton
Freshman
McClen

“Go for it! Let them do their thing!”

Sheila Flynn
News Writer

Students gather after the student body presidential debates Wednesday between the two final tickets of Charlie Ebersol-James Leito and Adam Iszvkar-Karla Bell. Online voting takes place today from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

OFFBEAT

Type changes ad to ‘Brother for Sale’

VANCOUVER, Wash. — Barbara Bennett wanted to sell her Brother brand sewing machine, so she bought a classified advertisement under “Miscellaneous” and “Items under $50” in The Columbian newspaper.

Instead, the words “sewing machine” were accidentally dropped, leaving a “Brother” for sale ad.

One caller wanted to know if the price was negotiable. Another, upon hearing what was really for sale, said merely, “Thank you,” and hung up.

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Correction

Due to a reporting error, Grant Johnson was reported as having “Tommy John” surgery in a Feb. 11, 2004 article. Johnson actually missed the 2003 season while rehabilitating from a shoulder injury.
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By ANGELA SAOU
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California water-rights ruling could threaten species

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — An effort to save two rare fish more than a decade ago could come back to haunt environmentalists after a recent court decision awarded millions of dollars in compensation to farmers who lost water in the process.

If the December ruling by a federal judge survives expected legal challenges, the government could find itself forced to pay much more for efforts to protect endangered fish, draining resources away from conservation.

The eventual result would have implications across the West, where the federal government often clashes with property owners in attempts to save species on the brink of extinction.

“There may be implications for how the Endangered Species Act is implemented,” said Alf W. Brandt, the Interior Department lawyer who argued the government’s case. “There may be implications for how water diversions are made.”

The case stemmed from the government’s efforts to protect endangered winter-run chinook salmon and threatened delta smelt between 1992 and 1994 by withholding billions of gallons from farmers in California’s Kern and Tulare counties.

Court of Federal Claims Senior Judge John Wiese ruled that the government’s halting of water constituted a “taking” or intrusion on the farmers’ private property rights. The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution prohibits the government from taking private property without fair payment.

Wiese’s Dec. 31 ruling, which awarded $26 million to a group of California farmers for the water diversion, is a clear victory for champions of property rights, who have sought to rein in what they see as regulatory excesses committed in the name of the environment.

“What the court found is that the government is certainly free to protect the fish under the Endangered Species Act, but it must pay for the water that it takes to do so,” said Roger J. Marzulla, the attorney representing the water districts that brought the claim.

Environmentalists called the ruling a stealth attack on the Endangered Species Act that could gut efforts to preserve species in the future by making them too costly to enforce.

“The purpose of these suits is simply a backdoor attack on environmental laws,” said Barry Neilson, a senior policy analyst with the National Resources Defense Council. “And frankly, it’s to bust the federal budget as the price tag for complying with environmental-protection laws.”

Along the California-Oregon line, for example, a similar court case could leave the government with a $100 million bill for water diverted from farmers in 2001 for species protection.

The Office of Student Activities is currently accepting new club proposals. If you have an idea for a club, whose purpose is not currently served by an existing club, the Club Coordination Council encourages the submission of a new club proposal to the Student Activities Office for review. More information can be found at: www.nd.edu/~soc clubs/new club.htm

All requirements must be completed before the new club proposal will be reviewed, including:

- Budget
- Advisor
- Bylaws and purpose statement
- List of officers

Submit the required information to Amy Geist, 314 LaFortune, by 5pm Friday, February 13, 2004 for review this year. The next new club review will not occur until January 2005. Contact the Student Activities Office with any questions!

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Haiti death toll reaches 47

GONAIVES, Haiti — To cheers of approval, rebels set ablaze an accused gov­ernment soldier in a village near here on Wednesday, raising the death toll to 47 in a popular uprising that began in this tradi­tion­al hotbed of revolutionary fervor. President Jean-Bertrand Aristide said he would not resign.

South of Gonaives, police attacked rebels holed up in a sugar mill in the city of Marc, and witnesses said gunmen loyal to Aristide torched homes, killing two people, as looting and burning spread.

In northern Cap-Haitien, Haiti's second-largest city, sporadic gunshots cracked over­head, attacking a rubber tire factory was set on fire by rioters, and Aristide militants set up blazing barricades to prevent a possible rebel incursion.

The armed revolt has spread to several of the nation's towns and cities since beginning last Thursday in Gonaives, about 60 miles north of the capital, Port-au-Prince. But the weeklong rebellion has become somewhat of a stalemate, and much of the country remains quiet.

Russian candidate resurfaces

WASHINGTON — A Russian legal candi­date who disappeared for five days gave a rambling account of his absence Wednesday, suggesting in a radio interview that he spent five days in a Russian prison cell.

But Ivan Rybkin also lashed out at authori­ties for not informing Russians about his whereabouts, saying they had failed to track his movements across the Ukraine border through a border control computer.

National News

Mass. govt. rejects compromise

BOSTON — The Massachusetts Legislature narrowly rejected a compromise proposal Wednesday that would have allowed gay marriage in the state.

The defeat of the compromise means that lawmakers will return to the Statehouse on August 1 to consider other gay rights bills.

IAEA

Russian and American officials have discussed the possibility of a joint inspection by the International Atomic Energy Agency and the United Nations to verify the country's compliance with the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

US-IRAQ

A U.S. Army soldier stands in the sand in Baghdad, directing Iraqi civilians away from the scene of a second suicide bombing in two days.

Associated Press

IRAQ

Civilians wounded in Baghdad

Second suicide bombing in two days leaves up to 47 dead; total count nears 100

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A second suicide bombing in as many days killed up to 47 people Wednesday, pushing the toll in the Baghdad area to at least 100. Again, Iraqis were the targets — this time a crowd of volunteers for Iraq's new army — in an apparent campaign to wreck U.S. plans to transfer power by summer.

The U.S. military posted a $10 million bounty on a Jordanian militant sus­pected of organizing vio­lence by foreign fighters and plotting an acceler­ation in attacks aimed at sparking a Sunni-Shiite civil war in Iraq.

The United States made public a letter to al-Qaida leaders thought to be sent by the militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. In it, he warns that milita­nants are in a "race against time" to stop the June 30 handover of power, when U.S. security forces will take a stronger role in batting the insurgency.

The military announced Monday that it intercept­ed the document.

In Wednesday's attack in Baghdad, an Oldsmobile packed with up to 500 pounds of explosives blew up a crowd of Iraqis waiting outside an army recruit­ment center — only a few blocks from the heavily fortified Green Zone, headquarters of the U.S. administration.

The driver detonated the explosives, killing 27 people and wounding 55, the U.S.-led coalition said. The Oldsmobile hit the Iraqi police headquarters, and the Interior Ministry put the toll at 46 dead.

An army Wed­nesday was clearly to kill Iraqis work­ing with the U.S.-led coalition, rather than a particular religious group, because the crowd was likely a mix of Sunnis and Shiites.

But the suicide bombing Tuesday targeted a mostly Shiite town, Iskandariyah, south of the capital. A truck carrying a similar amount of explosives blew up outside a police sta­tion, killing 53 Iraqis, including would-be recruits lined up to apply for jobs.

There was no claim of responsibility for the re­consecutive attacks, but Maj. Gen. Charles H. Swannack Jr., commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, said he saw a connection between al-Zarqawi — and his memo­ry — and the recent bomb­ings.

"Iskandariyah is right on the line between Sunni and Shiite, so the attack there might be trying to foment some kind of civil war," said Swannack, whose division is based in the town.

A U.S. official in Washington said al­Zarqawi's involvement could not be ruled out, but that the blasts were more likely the work of supporters of Saddam Hussein.

Kerry plans to build up his general election campaign

"Thus, he's already begun to build up his general election campaign.

Kerry plans to tap $15 million in the Democratic National Committee's coffers to respond to a multimillion-dollar TV ad cam­paign Bush is poised to unleash once Democrats select a nominee.

In addition, Democratic interest groups are raising tens of millions of dollars that can be spent to crit­icize Bush, though not in coordina­tion with Kerry.

Campaign aides are just begin­ning to develop a budget for the period between when the nomina­tion is settled — as early as March 2 — and the nominee officially accepts it in early August.
March 23, 2004 at 6:00 PM

Dinner in the Notre Dame Stadium Press Box

Father Bill Miscamble, CSC, will reflect on Fear in the Christian Life to open a faith-based discussion with professors and fellow students.

If interested, e-mail the Center for Ethics and Culture at ethics2@nd.edu. Please give your name, local phone number and address. Spaces are limited to the first eighty students who respond. We welcome all students regardless of their faith commitment. It’s free dinner at the press box — what do you have to lose? DON’T BE AFRAID, and sign up today!

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In Brief

Oracle, PeopleSoft merger blocked

SAN FRANCISCO — Business software maker Oracle Corp. lost an important round when the Justice Department recommended blocking its proposed $9.4 billion takeover of rival PeopleSoft Inc., but the fierce fight still isn't over.

Just how badly Oracle has been hurt by Tuesday's recommendation will hinge on how much clout the advice carries with Assistant Attorney General R. Hewitt Pate, the head of the Justice Department's antitrust department. He will make the final decision, due by March 2, on whether there's ample reason to stand in the way of Oracle's $26-per-share bid for PeopleSoft.

Until December, Pleasanton, Calif.-based PeopleSoft appears to have regained the upper hand in its eight-month slugfest with Oracle. The momentum shift comes less than a week after Redwood Shores, Calif.-based Oracle stepped up the pressure on PeopleSoft by raising its all-cash bid by 33 percent in a move many analysts predicted would seal the deal.

SEC adopts fund changes

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators are moving closer to bannning payments by mutual fundcompanies to brokers in certain funds — a practice that critics say creates conflicts of interest and hurts investors.

The Securities and Exchange Commission also voted Wednesday to adopt new rules requiring mutual fund companies to conduct yearly "shareholder report" with fuller information on fees and expenses. The report will include the dollar amount of fund expenses paid by shareholders on a $1,000 investment.

The SEC, which has been making a series of changes in rules governing the mutual fund industry, is promising that dramatic reforms prompt investors from absences will be in place by early summer.

The agency has been under pressure from investor advocates and lawmakers who are pushing legislation to overhaul the fund industry amid growing evidence that ordinary shareholders are hurt by trading and marketing abuses.

Greenspan cautions about deficit

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan warned on Wednesday that mushrooming federal budget deficits eventually could threaten the national economy, which he said had shown "impressive gains.

Greenspan, delivering the central bank's twice-a-year economic report card to Congress, offered a fairly upbeat assessment of the future, expressing hope companies would step up hiring. Hiring has been painfully slow and has become a political sore spot for President Bush.

Against that backdrop, Greenspan reaffirmed the Fed's stance that it would be patient in considering possible increases in short-term interest rates, which now are at a 45-year low of 1 percent. The comment pleased Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrials jumped 123.85 points to close at 10,737.70 — the highest level in more than 2 1/2 years.

Still, he said low interest rates "will not be compatible indefinitely" with the Fed's primary job of fighting inflation. Some private economists believe the Fed could start nudging rates up this year. Others predict rates will not change until 2005.

Greenspan tempered his optimism with a dose of caution about the dangers of budget deficits.

Last week, the Bush administration projected that this year's deficit will reach a record $521 billion.

"Federal budget deficits could cause difficulties even in the relatively near term," Greenspan told the House Financial Services Committee.

"Should investors become significantly more doubtful that the Congress will take the necessary fiscal measures, an appreciable back-up in long-term interest rates is possible," Greenspan said.

That view is at odds with the administration, which has argued that the deficits pose no immediate threat of pushing interest rates higher.

The administration has pledged to cut the deficit in half over the next five years. Rep. Jay Inslee, D-Wash., said that pledge was a "fantasy."
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home with God. I encourage everyone to come out to Mass (tonight) and celebrate Chad's life."

Moss said that he planned to call the Sharons after the Mass's reception, which will include the dedication of a plaque and the announcement of a tree to be planted in the spring to honor Chad Sharon's memory.

"His RA put it so well last year at the funeral — he was 'Smiling Chad,'" Moss said. "It was so anoxic, so happy about being here, so glad to be a part of ND — just a wonderful spirit."

Sharon's close friends at Notre Dame praised that spirit, saying that the sincerity and contentment they remembered in Sharon was still a part of their everyday lives.

"We don't ever forget him. He was just that kind of person," said junior Danita Altfillisch, who attended high school with Sharon in Merrill, Wis. "His dad is always saying how Chad wouldn't have wanted us to be sad and mourn, just to be happy, because that's how Chad was.

Tom Gorman, who lived on the third floor of Fisher across from Sharon last fall, agreed that Sharon would not have wanted his friends to dwell on the negative.

"If we would want us to go on and have a normal day," Gorman said. "He was just that kind of person — he never did anything for himself. It was always for everyone else. That's how we remember him in Fisher."

Fisher freshmen had this memory passed along, as well, through the efforts of upperclassmen. Gorman said that during Freshman Orientation, several new residents saw Sharon's portrait hanging in the hallway and assumed, who it was. Gorman told them, and then cautioned them about their own actions.

"We've been pushing it on the freshmen — it's a tough learning tool, but you have to learn from it," Gorman said. "It becomes subconscious. Always jump in cabs. When people leave, leave with them."

Sharon's death occurred after he left a Corby Street party alone at around 2 a.m. on Dec. 12, 2002. He was reported missing by Fisher Hall staff on Dec. 13, prompting a comprehensive investigation by both Notre Dame Security Police and state authorities. Notre Dame and local law enforcement offered a $50,000 reward for information leading to Sharon's safe return as helicopter and dog searches were conducted throughout the local area for the next two months. On the afternoon of Feb. 12, his body was discovered partially submerged underneath the river's Angela Bridge by a construc-

the letter, which will be published in The Observer on Friday.

"We sure would've liked to have been there with everybody," Steve Sharon said, but he and Jane both faced time constraints from their full-time jobs. Sharon said that he and his wife had decided to celebrate their son's dream by creating a scholarship fund for a student from Merrill to attend the University.

"We wanted to pass it on in his name," Steve Sharon said. "He just loved Notre Dame."

Kirk encouraged students feeling intense loss to respond to the positivity of the Sharon's wishes.

"We gather so often in prayer to celebrate life, and we plan to do that [tonight]," Kirk said. "We want to celebrate the time he was with us."

Altfillisch echoed these thoughts.

"For those that knew him, don't mourn," she said. "Just remember him, remember his smile, remember his spirit."

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ors. "What we're asking from you is support to investigate ... how we can work with the various bodies of this institution so that we can get a better understanding of diversity on campus."

The letter also addressed the options available to students if this proposition became mandatory.

"There are currently many classes available which would fulfill this need," the letter said. "For example, 'Race, Ethnicity and American Politics,' taught by assistant professor of political science Alvin Tillery, as well as 'Whiteness Studies,' which is taught by assistant professor of American Studies Thomas Guhllemo..."

"As an institution of higher education, the University of Notre Dame has an obligation to deal with the racial tension existing on this campus," it continued.

Badin senator and chair of the Senate's diversity committee Laura Feeney said that her committee will soon present a resolution to the Senate asking the Campus Life Council to form a task force to investigate the possibility of such a requirement.

"We're going to make as few demands as possible and as many suggestions as possible to get the best response," Feeney said.

In other Senate news:
- Judicial Board president Elliot Poindecker updated senators on the student body presidential elections. Poindecker reminded senators that the runoff election takes place today from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Student body president Jeremy Lao informed senators about the survey that will soon be put out by the Office of Residence Life and Housing. Lao encouraged the senators to participate in the survey. "(The survey) has lots of implications on the future of ResLife," he said. "I encourage you, and encourage all of your constituents, to take that survey."

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Lawmakers cite halftime show in demands to end indecency

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Janet Jackson’s exposed breast was the talk of Capitol Hill on Wednesday, with lawmakers and regulators saying it’s the latest example of all that’s wrong with TV and should serve as the impetus for government to get tough with broadcasters. At a pair of hearings, lawmakers excoriated Mel Karmazin, president of Viacom Inc. His company owns CBS, which broadcast the raunchy Super Bowl halftime show that included Jackson.

Members of the House Telecommunications Committee spent more than two hours grilling Karmazin, who again apologized for the show that ended with singer Justin Timberlake tearing off part of Jackson’s top and exposing her right breast to 90 million TV viewers.

“You know what you were doing,” said Rep. Heather Wilson, R-N.M., her voice cracking. “You wanted us to be all abuzz. It lines your pockets.”

Karmazin insisted that CBS and MTV did not know about the plans to rip off Jackson’s top, nor the crotch-grabbing dance steps that were also included in the halftime show. He said none of those actions took place during rehearsals.

“Everyone at Viacom and everyone at CBS and everyone at MTV was shocked and appalled and embarrassed at what happened,” Karmazin said.

To prevent a repeat, he said CBS will air live programming on a five-minute delay, which was done for the Grammy awards this week. He said the network-owned stations would also buy equipment so that locally televised live programs would also be time-delayed. And he said the network was reviewing its standards for commercials in response to criticism over a movie trailer for a horror film and Super Bowl ads showing a scantily clad horse and a crotch-biting dog.

The halftime show, produced by CBS’ corporate cousin MTV, drew more than 200,000 complaints to the Federal Communications Commission.

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SEUL — Researchers in South Korea for the first time have cloned a human embryo and then cultured stem cells from it, marking an important step toward one day growing patients’ own replacement tissue to treat diseases.

The experiment is sure to revive controversy over human cloning, both in the United States and internationally. This is not cloning to make babies. Instead it’s called therapeutic cloning, in which embryos that are the genetic twins of a particular patient are grown in a test-tube to supply master stem cells that can grow into any tissue — without being rejected by that patient’s immune system.

The technique offers the potential of breakthrough treatments for diabetes, Parkinson’s and other diseases, but any therapy is years away from being tested in people.

Scientists have used therapeutic cloning to partially cure laboratory mice with an immune system disease. And they know how to cultur stem cells from human embryos left over in fertility clinics, offering the potential of cell therapy but not patient-specific treatment.

But attempts at cloning a human embryo in the stem-cell quest have failed until now. Scientists from Seoul National University report they succeeded — thanks, they say, to using extremely fresh eggs donated by South Korean volunteers and finding a gentler way of handling the genetic material inside them.

The report appears in Friday’s edition of Science magazine. It’s elegant work that provides long-anticipated proof that the technique is possible using human cells, said stem-cell researcher Dr. Rudolf Jaenisch of the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research in Cambridge, Mass.

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It is more than half a century since Orwell warned that the English language was in a bad way and that this fact had political consequences. “Politics and the English Language” was a timely essay, and it will continue to be timely as long as the English language is in danger. Which is to say: it will continue to be timely for as long as the English language exists. Two decades after Orwell’s essay was published, W. H. Auden estimated that nine-tenths of the population of England did not know what 30 percent of the words they used actually meant. I suspect that matters are even worse now, on both sides of the Atlantic.

Consider, for example, the phrase “one of a kind,” which means—a moment’s thought will show—the opposite of what it is commonly used to mean. Now, it might be replied that there is really no problem here. Since the phrase is never used literally, to denote membership of a group, the collocational usage creates no confusion. But note that the literal meaning of the words is much more precise than the new meaning, which is indeterminate between “exceptional” and “unique.”

We cannot stop our language from changing, but the process is not totally outside of our control. A healthy linguistic conservatism is based upon the observation that the colloquial usage creates no confusion. But note that the literal meaning of the words is much more precise than the new meaning, which is indeterminate between “exceptional” and “unique.”

Words are precious instruments and like other such instruments, they are easy to break and hard to repair. You can use a microscope to knock a nail into a wall, but it won’t be any use as a microscope afterwards. Words often lose meaning through pretentious usage, and we should regard the man who uses “decimate” to mean destroy much as we would regard a carpenter who thinks he is displaying a superior intellect by using a microscope instead of a hammer.

In schools, teachers often encourage carelessness by advising their students to use a thesaurus to avoid repetition. This gives the false impression that words are interchangeable, when in fact there are no perfect synonyms. No words have exactly the same connotations and a thesaurus should only ever be used in conjunction with a dictionary, to discern which word best expresses what the writer wishes to say.

Clichés and dead metaphors are both signs of careless thought. The term cliché was originally a metaphor itself, derived from printing techniques. To say that someone’s language is clichéd is to say that it is full of the sort of stock phrases which are used so frequently that a printer would make a single stereotype (also a printing term) for the whole phrase.

And just as the cliché saves the printer effort, so our clichés save us effort, but only because they free us from the laborious task of thinking. As Orwell put it, the speaker who uses clichéd phrases “has gone some distance towards turning himself into a machine. The appropriate sounds are coming out of his larynx, but his brain is not involved as it would be if he were choosing the words for himself.”

The perfect speaker, an unattainable but necessary ideal, would be one who chose every word he spoke out of all the options his language presented to him. When you have something precise to say, speaking in stock phrases is like trying to practice surgery when the joints of your fingers are fused.

The evocation of the meaning of words is particularly advanced in advertising and politics. When I buy the “ultimate edition” of a favorite film on DVD, I know that within a year or so it will have become the penultimate edition because “ultimate” no longer means ultimate, it just means “very, very good.” In newspapers and television, the word “latest” has passed into popular usage to mean “last.” In the current political debate, the words “British” and “American” are being used to mean “Anglo-Saxon.”

Peter Wicks

Englishman

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The Observer

For dictionaries, against thesauri

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Quote of the Day

“Men are born ignorant, not stupid. They are made stupid by education.”

Bertrand Russell

philosopher

The Observer

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Progress in American justice

Liz Yepsen

The Dartmouth

Race, economic status and geography are all important and discriminating factors in determining which criminals receive the death penalty in the United States, Diann Rant Tierny said on Friday in her speech “Justice Denied: The Implementation of the Death Penalty in the U.S.”

Tierny, the director of the American Civil Liberties Union’s Capital Punishment Project, is working toward a nationwide abolition of the death penalty. The process is not a quick one, however.

“The way we get there, to abolition, is to take people through the very exercise, which is to actually get your hands dirty, to see that there are problems and to see that we can fix them,” Tierny said.

The primary factor that unfairly determines whether a defendant will get the death penalty, according to Tierny, is race. The racial makeup of the jury is key in determining whether a defendant will get the death penalty, according to Tierny, is race.

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Tierny described the movement toward abolition of the death penalty as a journey and exalted the transition from an abstract discussion of ethics to a concrete debate over law as evidence of progress.

“When you get to the point that you are making laws, then people really have to grapple with these issues,” she said.

Progress is being made in New Hampshire to restrict the types of cases to which the death penalty can be applied, New Hampshire state senator Clifton Below said.

A bill to abolish the juvenile death penalty, now applicable to criminals 17 and older, will be presented to lawmakers Monday. The bill proposes to restrict the age to those 18 and older.

Tierny and Below spoke as part of Friday’s Death Penalty Symposium sponsored by Dartmouth Civil Liberties Union, Amnesty International at Dartmouth College, Dartmouth College Greens, The Dartmouth Free Press, the Tucker Foundation, Panarchy undergraduate society and the Rockefeller Center.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don’t be puzzled

Michael Jenista

This Friday’s crossword puzzle was created by two Notre Dame alumni: James M. Jenista (’79, ’81) and James C. Jenista (’83). New York Times crossword word puzzle editor, Will Shortz, called it the hardest puzzle he has run in a decade. I encourage everyone to try out this extremely challenging puzzle.

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Feb. 11

Confronting the ‘Monologues’

Danielle LaFramboise

I was a little confused about Christina Dehan’s letter to the editor yesterday, mainly because I couldn’t figure out what she was talking about. The “Monologues”... hmmm... I’ve never heard of this play. Perhaps Ms. Dehan was referring to the more popular play, “The Vagina Monologues.” With all the recent controversy over “The Vagina Monologues,” I wouldn’t be surprised.

It just doesn’t make sense, though. How can a person write a six paragraph letter denouncing a play without ever mentioning the name of it? I’m not attacking or defending the performance of “The Vagina Monologues” at Notre Dame. I don’t have the time and my efforts would be in vain; my non-Catholic opinion would never win here. All I’m saying is that if you’re going to attack something, at least recognize what it is, instead of softening it because it offends you.

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Feb. 11
This picture, titled “No Nose Goes,” very effectively captures the fun-loving spirit, the creative tendencies and the snot of this popular Notre Dame band.

Here on campus, music usually doesn’t take center stage. When you’re competing with a nationally recognized football team and a basketball team that just beat fifth-ranked Connecticut, it’s wonder why. A look beneath the surface layer of stuff and bronzed athletes, however, reveals an oft-overlooked area of Notre Dame talent. Although athletic prowess may not be their forte, there is a self-described “bubbly and awkward” group of guys who can hold their own even when it comes to guitars and drums. The band, The Royal They, consists of four members from Fisher and Alumni Halls — Drew Baumgartner on guitar, Bucket Callen on bass, Phil Hewett on drums and Nick “Husky” Williams, the token sex idol in the group and occasional lead vocalist. The Observer recently got to sit down with these guys to shed some light on the mysterious campus music scene.

Q. Your band has an interesting name. How did you guys decide upon this name for the group?

Bucket: It was a long process. It doesn’t actually mean anything, but it took months to decide on a name. A bunch of ideas were thrown around — Optimus Prime Time, Push for Green — that sounded to political.

Husky: The Royal They was the name nobody hated. (laughs)

The name I would have picked, though, is still St. Nick and the Time, Push for Green — that sounded too political.

Q. As far as musicians go, the Beatles were self-taught, and Moby is classically trained. Where on the spectrum do you fall with your musical backgrounds?

Drew: I’ve been playing bass for a couple years now. I took a few lessons to get started, but now I mostly just play what I hear on CDs.

Husky: When I was starting out on guitar I took lessons, but now I’ve started to give lessons to other people.

Phil: (Counting on his fingers) I’ve been drumming for 12 years. I started taking lessons when I was in fourth grade.

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Q. How would you describe the type of music you play?

Bucket: I would describe it like a good mixed tape — you know, songs that are recognizable, but not overplayed.

Husky: Yeah. It’s a lot of classic rock stuff mixed with songs recognizable from our middle school days.

Q. Do you write your own music at all? If so, how would you describe those songs?

Bucket: We’ve got a handful of originals and more on the way. It’s got a different sound to it, but it’s enjoyable.

Husky: It’s eclectic, to say the least. I’d even say there are some blues overtones in it.

Q. Who are your musical influences?

Bucket: My big three are Primus, Bela Fleck and the Red Hot Chili Peppers

Drew: Dickey Betts and David Gilmure

Phil: Carter Beauford of DMB, Chad Smith of the Red Hot Chili Peppers and Tony Williams from Miles Davis’ band. That guy invented fusion — he’s a great musician.

Husky: Mine would be Ella Fitzgerald, Britney Spears and X-tina.

Q. So, what music are you guys listening to now? What’s on your turntable?

Phil: Red Hot Chili Peppers, the new Incubus and the new Perfect Circle with Danny Carey on drums.

Bucket: I’ve been listening to a lot of Van Morrison lately.

Husky: Nick Drake and The Junior Varsity

Drew: Bread (memorandum silence, then whole group laughs)

Q. You’re playing at Legends tonight, but where else have you played gigs before?

Bucket: Mostly off-campus parties and stuff like that.

Drew: We played at Stepan Center for the Relay For Life.

Husky: Also, last semester we did a show at Legends playing with ND Professor Don Saviole. It was a cool experience. He’s a great musician.

Q. What do you think of the Notre Dame music scene?

Drew: Pretty bad. Personally, I saw people more interested in music and more talented in high school than here. What I like to say about Notre Dame is that people don’t know what they like, they like what they know.

Bucket: It’s not as bad as a some scene as some other schools but there is a big difference in music. Some people are into some pretty cool stuff here.

Husky: It’s tough, because the nature of the school isn’t conducive to bands. It’s tough scheduling and finding time to practice. You do find some good campus bands, though, like Sudbury Shore. They’re really good.

Q. Are you guys serious about the future of the band?

Bucket: Well, we haven’t even been together for a year yet...

Drew: Yeah, our equipment was locked in a closet for a few months there.

Bucket: We have discussed possibly putting together a demo tape and seeing what the response would be. We’re open about it.

Husky: I’m graduating this year, but I’ll be living in South Bend or Chicago, so I’ll still be in the area to keep playing with these guys. This summer we may try to get together for Summerfest in Milwaukee. Three of us will be around here, but unfortunately Phil will be back in Arizona. (Smiling) We can replace him pretty easily though.

Phil: Hey!

Q. If you guys made it big and became rich and famous, what would be the first thing you’d do?

Bucket: (instantaneously) Kick Sting’s butt!

Husky: And buy a Wendy’s frosty machine. (everyone nods in agreement)

Q. Just for kicks, what are your thoughts on the Super Bowl halftime show?

Drew: Planned or accident?

Bucket: Well, you know. I called my buddy JT up on the phone. He was hesitant with the details, but he confided that it was definitely planned.

Husky: (straightens up, clears throat) I’m pretty tight with CBS, and I know from my sources that it was planned. (cell phone rings ... Husky gets a sheepish expression)

‘Hi Mom ... I’ve got to call you back, I’m in an interview right now’

The Royal They play tonight at 10 p.m. at Legends. Come show your support for a real, live Notre Dame band. (And no, you can’t get them.)

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The pseudo-modern dress of the actors is one of the many ways that the company is able to bring the performance to life.

The storyline of Romeo and Juliet is familiar to all, but the dramatic performances of Shakespeare still offers surprises for the audience.
NCAA FOOTBALL

Barrett faces university investigation of recruiting

Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — When Gary Barnett was hired to coach Colorado's football team five years ago, he was embraced as a disciplinarian who would end an era of loose recruiting practices and return the team to national prominence.

Now the coach is at the center of the school's biggest scandal in decades, perhaps ever.

Amid accusations that a boozey round of recruiting visits by the school's largest booster in 2001 ended in gang rape, Barnett faces a university investiga­tion that was all but ordered by Colorado's governor.

The latest blow came this week when a striptease organ­izer said he regularly sends lap­dancers to perform for Colorado athletes.

The most recent investigations were booked two weeks ago — well after Barnett's rape allegations became public and just days after Barnett promised to step down if it was shown his staff had anything to do with what he called "lawdy" behavior by students.

To top it off, a former athlet­ic director for another school was reluctant to crack down on entertaining recruits because it could give an advantage to other schools.

Barnett denies it all, telling The Associated Press he will be cleared by the investigation and disputes accusations in a federal­­al lawsuit that the Boulder campus is a hostile place for women.

"I expect them to find that we have an exemplary program in every aspect," Barnett said.

The coach blames the players and students for the December 2001 party that led to the rape allegations and says he can't watch players and recruits 24 hours a day.

"No matter how many of my staff had anything to do with that night," he said. "At no time did any coach take part in arranging, creating or encour­aging a party of any sort. You just don't do that.

At 37, Barnett has led Colorado to a Big 12 Conference title and a BCS bowl game in his first season as head coach (his contract runs through 2006). When he took over from Rick Neuheisel in January 1999, his former players at Northwestern said Colorado was getting a new sheriff.

During the last two seasons, nine players were suspended for various violations of team rules, including curfew and behavior standards.

"Coach Barnett is such a stickler," receiver D.J. Hackett said. "He's really strict on rules and stuff.

Still, Barnett had his share of controversy even before becoming head coach at Colorado.

He led Northwestern to a pair of Big Ten titles and a Rose Bowl berth after the 1995 sea­son. He was also there during a betting scandal in which four football players were indicted and accused of lying about gambling and point-shaving activities.

The coach was not implicat­ed. Barnett later called the scandal a "tremendous betray­al" by the players.

Barnett was also with the Colorado program as an assis­tant coach during some of its darkest days. Between 1986 and 1988, players were accused of crimes ranging from drunken driving to serial rape, and the school was featured in a Sports Illustrated cover story that still brings bitter memories.

Barnett himself wasn't criti­cized during that mess, which tarnished the tenure of head coach Bill McCartney but didn't stop the Buffs from winning a national championship in 1990.

Since then, the program has been stung with two years of NCAA probation that occurred mostly under Barnett. The problems included illegal contact with recruits and excessive reim­bursements for recruits' travel and entertainment expenses. Barnett was cited for two minor violations.

Much more serious are the accusations leveled in federal lawsuits filed by three women who say they were raped dur­ing or after the 2001 off-camp­pus recruiting party. The suit accuses the university of fostering an environ­ment in which women are rou­tinely sexually harassed, which would violate federal bans on gender discrimination in col­leges.

No players or recruits were charged. But Boulder County's top prosecutor accused the uni­versity in a deposition of using sex as a recruiting tool. The school is appointing a panel to investigate, and the criminal investigation has been reopened.

The party took place during what Barnett calls a brief peri­od of free time that recruits spend with their student spon­sors.

"Their day is packed," he said. "As coaches, we're involved with them all but 3 1/2 hours every day. And for those 3 1/2 hours they're with one of our players, one-on-one. You try to eliminate as much risk as you can.'

NBA

Blazers Allen claims Wallace wanted out

Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Portland Trail Blazers owner Paul Allen said Thursday that Rasheed Wallace wanted to play elsewhere, and that was the deciding factor in the Blazers' decision to trade the embattled star.

"It was one of those situations where we had to make a trade in order to do a better job of putting a competitive team together," Allen said.

Allen acknowledged that Wallace's unpopularity with fans meant that he and the team would have eventually parted ways.

"I think it's about the expec­tations that the community and the fans have of the play­ers here in Portland, which I think is at a higher level that other cities in this country," Allen said.

Wallace gained notoriety during the 2000-01 season, when he compiled an NBA record 41 technical fouls. Last season, Wallace and teammate Ronny Turiaf were cited in Washington state on marijuana charges while returning from a game in Seattle against the SuperSonics.

His troubles continued when the NBA suspended him for seven games for threatening an official on the landing deck of Portland's Rose Garden arena after a game.

It was the longest suspension ever imposed by the NBA for something that didn't involve physical contact or substance abuse.

"Player misbehavior on and off the court partly led Allen to release a 25-point code of con­duct last summer in an effort to try and win back the com­munity."

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Baker’s absence risks contract termination

Associated Press

BOSTON — Vin Baker is expected to miss his 10th consecutive game Thursday night, a mark that could allow the Boston Celtics to terminate a contract that was to pay him $35 million more over the next 2 1/2 years.

Baker missed two months and three payoffs last season after he checked into a rehab center to treat alcoholism. He agreed at the time to follow an after-care program this season and submit to frequent testing. But Baker failed to comply with the terms of the agreement at least three times, and was suspended indefinitely on Jan. 23. The team has not disclosed the nature of the violations, which could include a positive test or refusal to take a test.

Only the doctor overseeing Baker’s care, approved by the team and player, can determine if he’s ready to return. But the agreement said that if Baker wasn’t back within 10 games, the Celtics have the right to terminate his contract.

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Coleman-Morse Lounge
Schola Antiqua Concert
8:00 p.m., Basilica of the Sacred Heart

considerations...

Living in the Eye

Forecast: Hurricanes Ahead

by John Glynn
Intern, Campus Ministry

Seniors, it's that time of year again. Reechoing through dorms and classrooms on campus seem to be the same question: what am I going to do next year? As much as we'd like to have someone tell us what we should do, the choice is ultimately up to us. The decision is ours alone, but how do we make it? When we are constantly fighting the daily grind of classes, papers, labs, homework, etc, while simultaneously applying for jobs and grad schools, how do we find the time and space to gain some insight into what to do with our lives?

Allow me to give a shameless plug for retreats. Retreats help to remove us from the everyday routine of life to quiet us down, share reflections, and help us get some perspective. Retreats can be wonderful tools for getting some peace and quiet in which to reflect on the course of our lives. Most last only one or two nights, and can be a welcome sight of relief in a stressful semester.

However, we can individually "retreat" every day, that is, we can find peace, solitude, and clarity in the midst of the business of life. By finding a little time every day to meditate and reflect, we can bring our experience of an internal process in external ways. If we lack clarity of mind, how can we break through our own confusion; if we lack clear vision of our lives, how can we overcome our sense of being lost; if we do not have peace in our hearts, how can we let go of our emotional burdens? Our duties therefore extend not only to passing our courses or getting our applications in, but to the personal cultivation of the individual life of faith as well.

However, the more we come to the silence and peaceful places in our hearts, the more we need to constantly deepen and enrich our meditative experiences in order to become a person of prayer. The one who calms the storm, who brings peace in our hearts, is Christ, but following Him does not mean our lives will not be chaotic or painless.

For us as Christians, the one who calms the storm, who brings peace in our hearts, is Christ, but following Him does not mean our lives will not be chaotic or painless. Living in the eye of the hurricane requires, after all, constantly returning to the eye in order to never lose it. For us as Christians, the one who calms the storm, who brings peace in our hearts, is Christ, but following Him does not mean our lives will not be chaotic or painless. Living in the eye, living in Christ, means enduring the unpredictability of the world while in our hearts flow a current of peace and stillness. Let us take a moment to "retreat" every day and find our centers of stillness, to find Jesus waiting in our hearts, and walk one more day with Him.

prayer for end to violence

Please join us for prayer in solidarity with women who have been victims of violence.

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Saturday Vigil Mass
5:00 p.m.
Rev. John Coughlin, c.s.c

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10:00 a.m.
Rev. John Coughlin, c.s.c
11:45 p.m.
Rev. Tom Gaughan, c.s.c

around campus (every Sunday)
11:30 p.m.
Spanish Mass
St. Edward's Hall Chapel
Law School Mass
Law School Commons
7:00 p.m.
MBA Mass
Mendoza COB
Faculty Lounge
Associated Press

GUADALAJARA, Mexico — The home crowd chanted “Osama! Osama!” and a few dozen fans chanted “Osama! Osama!” as the United States was eliminated by Mexico in Olympic men's soccer qualifying.

A loud anti-American crowd chanted as Mexico beat the United States 4-0 Tuesday night in the under-23 tournament, claiming a berth in the Athens Olympics.

As U.S. players left the stadium for their bus, several fans — some clutching beers — chanted “Osama! Osama!” in reference to al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden.

"It's better than having things thrown at you," U.S. Soccer Federation president Bob Contiguglia said Wednesday after returning to Colorado Springs, Colo. "I was bothered by the whistling during the national anthem. It's just the way it is. You accept it. Our kids showed a lot of dignity. They didn't do silly things on the field."

Police in riot gear held back the crowd and urged people to calm down.

"I think the fans here in Mexico are terrific. I think their patriotism and support of their team is terrific," U.S. coach Glenn Myerrick said. "But unless I missed something, not one of them came down on the field and kicked the ball. We were beaten by a better football team tonight, not by the fans."

For Mexico, the game partly avenged a 2-0 loss to the United States in the second round of the 2002 World Cup. The U.S. men will miss the Olympics for the first time since 1980 — when the entire American delegation boycotted the Moscow Games.

Mexico also ended the United States' 19-tournament streak of qualifying for every FIFA men's outdoor event, including the World Cup, the Olympics and the World Youth Championship for players under 20.

The Observer • SPORTS
Colts players wait on Manning’s new contract

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning’s new contract likely will determine whether some key teammates start looking for new jobs.

Less than two weeks before the deadline for placing an expensive franchise tag on Manning, the NFL’s co-MVP, the Indianapolis Colts have made little progress on re-signing five other starters and a key backup before they become free agents March 3.

The players’ agents don’t expect much to happen until Manning’s situation is resolved.

“I talked to Chris Polian about a month before the season ended and he made it clear nothing would be done until 18 is done,” agent Cliff Brady said Wednesday, referring to the uniform number Manning wears and the team’s assistant director of football operations.

Brady represents starting right tackle Ryan Diem, a restricted free agent. If the Colts make a low offer to Diem and he signs with another team, the Colts might only get a fourth-round pick in April’s NFL draft as compensation.

The question now is how quickly and how affordably the Colts can get a deal done with Manning so they can start working to give him a better supporting cast.

Team owner Jim Irsay has promised to make Manning the NFL’s highest-paid player, but if the Colts and their four-time Pro Bowl quarterback don’t reach a deal by Feb. 23, Irsay said he would give Manning the team’s franchise designation. That means Manning would count about $18 million against next year’s salary cap, expected to be about $79 million.

Colts spokesman Craig Kelley said the team would not comment on the negotiations. Manning and his agent, Tom Condon, also declined comment.

Meanwhile, about 15 other players remain in limbo.

Brady said the Colts haven’t indicated whether they will make a high offer of about $1.3 million, which would cost other teams a first-round pick to sign Diem, or a low offer, which Brady believes would make Diem an attractive free agent.

Other players who are still waiting to work out deals include starting linebacker Marcus Washington and cornerback Nick Harper, who led the Colts with four interceptions last year.

Other players could be released because of their high salary cap numbers. They include offensive lineman Adam Meadows, quarterback Brock Huard and defensive lineman Chad Bratzke.

Brooks Henderson, who represents Meadows, said they have not been granted permission by the Colts to begin negotiating with other teams. He expects Meadows to be released and said several unidentified teams are interested in his client.

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**Reuters**

Federal judge rules in favor of Clarett

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Maurice Clarett is ready to enter the NFL draft, clearing another legal obstacle Wednesday when a federal judge rejected the league's request to suspend her ruling.

U.S. District Judge Shira Scheindlin concluded the Ohio State running back could face "very detrimental" harm if excluded from the draft. She said the NFL would not be irreparably harmed if Clarett or other underclassmen are eligible.

"Maurice Clarett's going to be in the draft," the player's lawyer, Alan Milstein, said after the decision.

NFL lawyer Greg Levy said the league will ask the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to stay Scheindlin's ruling while it appeals.

Scheindlin ruled last week that an NFL rule barring eligibility to Clarett and other young players from April's draft violates antitrust law.

"Contrary to the NFL's argument, most of the rules governing this case were established decades ago," she said.

"Indeed, the legal framework for that decision was laid in a long line of Supreme Court precedents," she added.

Scheindlin said "it would be perverse indeed" to grant a delay of her ruling.

"If a stay is granted, Clarett will miss the 2004 draft," she said. "He will not be eligible to play in the NFL until the 2005 draft, when he would have been eligible under the current rule. If the stay is granted, Clarett will have effectively lost his lawsuit."

The judge said the NFL's concern that younger players may over-train or resort to steroid use to better qualify for the draft "makes no sense." Players must announce they are entering the draft by March 1.

She predicted few younger players would enter the draft.

"At worst, the NFL will be forced to tolerate the handful of young players who are selected in the 2004 draft," she said.

"What would amount to a one-year suspension of the league's eligibility rule scarcely imposes any great hardship on the NFL or its teams."

Levy, the NFL lawyer, was not surprised by this ruling and insisted the league is confident about its coming appeal.

**In Brief**

Big Ten to experiment with instant replay for football

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The NCAA Football Rules Committee has recommended that instant replay be used on an experimental basis during Big Ten conference games in 2004.

The proposal must still be approved by the NCAA championships/competition cabinet for Division I. A date for the cabinet to consider the matter has not been set, the NCAA said in a release Wednesday.

The Big Ten proposed the use of instant replay to the rules committee, spokeswoman Sue Lister said.

The conference collected data on conference officiating during the 2003 season and presented it to league coaches, who unanimously endorsed the experiment last month, Lister said.

Under the proposal, all games between Big Ten schools will be played with the experimental rule.

Non-conference opponents who play televised games in Big Ten stadiums would have the option to play with replay.

The experimental system would use only those replays provided by the league's broadcast partners. Not all Big Ten games are televised.

A technical adviser assigned to each game by the conference's officiating department would be the only person able to request a replay and render a judgment. However, they will be prohibited from requesting replays of specific plays or shots from specific camera angles.

If approved, other proposed committee rules could be recommended for implementation nationwide in 2005.

Those changes include having referees announce player fouls and stopping play immediately if the offensive team prevents the defense from making timely substitutions.

Basketball coaches marry

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — The opposing coaches returned to the court for a celebration after a high school basketball game Tuesday night, but nobody was cutting down any nets.

With their players and fans looking on, the coaches had something more meaningful to celebrate as they began their new life together as husband and wife.

Aleta Penn, coach of the Center High School girls team, was married to Steve Cassity, just after his Hickman Mills team beat her team 65-60.

"Basketball brought us together," said the bride. "I don't know it just seemed natural for us."

She and Cassity met at a basketball camp, and kept in touch through the sport. She spent some time in New York working in fashion design, while he was in Wichita as an assistant coach at Wichita State University.

Eventually, Penn came back to Kansas City to coach at Center, and Cassity said he called her "to ask about a couple of her players."

"Let's be honest here," said Penn. "I don't think he was interested in my players."
Idle Irish practice during three-week break

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

After spending the last three dual meets battling top-ranked foes like Ohio State and Penn State, the Notre Dame fencing team is in the midst of a well-deserved three-week rest. Both the men and women knocked off the second-ranked Buckeyes at the Notre Dame Duels on Jan. 31, but neither team will compete until the West vs. Central Dual Meet on Feb. 21.

For fifth-year foilist Forest Walton, the break is a welcome one. "We were traveling so much that we were just getting ahead of ourselves, and maybe that's why we lost to St. John's," he said. "We've been training and everyone's well-rested now. We're back on the top of our game."

The West vs. Central Duals will be held in West Lafayette, Ind., but the competition should pose little challenge for a team with only one combined loss between the men and women.

The duals may allow the walk-on fencers to see actual competition.

"All of these are teams we need to beat," senior epeeist Kerry Walton said. "But if we can get to beat," senior epeeist Kerry Walton said. "They're not going to practice a lot of things," Kerry Walton said.

The non-scholarship fencers contribute as well. They provide the challenge of unfamiliar fencing styles to the more experienced fencers like Kerry Walton.

"Walk-ons are awesome because you've never fenced these people before and it's something new," Kerry Walton said.

But the coaches are also working hard to keep practices lively and to avoid repetition of the same routines.

"We played a little game of ultimate Frisbee for 20 minutes during practice," Kerry Walton said. "The coaches throw in different things and they keep us entertained."

Even though he does try to mix up his practices, Irish coach Janusz Bednarski remains focused on the task at hand — improvement.

"We will try to improve what mistakes we made," Bednarski said. "In our victories, it was not easy to win. Our team is very young, so for them, work is a must."

Additionally, the break gives the injured fencers a chance to rest.

"That's what is going to give us an NCAA title this year. That's what's going to allow us to repeat," Forest Walton said.

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perceived the letter as a "serious substantive message," since the letter was addressed to the Board of Trustees. "It would be up to the trustees to give an answer," Kelley said. The letter writers had received no response from board members, and Storin said that he did not know if athletics were discussed at the trustees' meeting. Attempts to contact Board of Trustees chairman Patrick McCartan were unsuccessful.

The authors explicitly say that the letter does not represent a call to fire Notre Dame coach Tyrone Willingham, who won his final eight games as an Irish coach but has since gone 7-10.

"The issues aren't with Tyrone Willingham," Kelley said. "The jury is still out on him, but we wish him all the luck and are behind him." Willingham, in comments made to a Chicago radio station Tuesday, said the letter didn't surprise him. "Our alumni are very passionate," he told WSCR.

Br. Bill, the founder of Brothers and Sisters of Love, an organization devoted to curbing gang violence in Chicago, is leading a discussion along with former and current gang members about gang life and his ministry.

Scully resigned in June 2002, to make way for those interested in account of gang life.

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FOOTBALL

Eight Irish to Combine

Special to The Observer

Eight former Irish football players were invited to the 2004 National Football League Combine schedule for Feb. 28 to Mar. 4, at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis. Receiving invitations are defensive tackle Darrell Campbell, cornerback Vontez Duff, free safety Glenn Earl, nose tackle Eric Hilliard, running back Julius Jones, offensive tackle Tim Lelito and kicker/punter Nicholas Setta and inside linebacker Courtney Wilson.

Campbell was the leader of the Notre Dame defense line in 2003, recording 25 tackles, 6.5 for loss and three sacks. For his career, the 6-4, 310-pounder finished with 87 tackles, including 23 for loss and 11 sacks. A team captain, Campbell was the 2003 winner of the Nick Pietrosante Award presented each year to the Notre Dame player who best exemplifies the courage, loyalty, teamwork, dedication and pride of the late Irish All-American Nick Pietrosante. Campbell, who played in the 2004 Senior Bowl, graduated in December with degrees in English and computer applications.

Duff was a third-team Associated Press All-American in 2002 and led the Irish secondary in 2003. He finished the year with 13 tackles, two interceptions, four pass breakups and two fumble recoveries. A team captain, he also was one of Notre Dame's leading special teams players. Zinlthke Kezyi his career with the all-time record for number of kicks returned (120), while ranking third on the all-time Notre Dame total kick return list with 1,552 yards and fourth in all-time kickoff return yards at 1,230. Duff, who played in the East-West Shrine Game, is a sociology major in the College of Arts and Letters.

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instead of criticizing the coaching, Kelley said, the letter is a plea to the University's highest body to re-organize certain aspects of the University. Notable in the letter is that only Willingham is mentioned by name, which Kelley said was a deliberate move. Kelley said the authors wanted to shed light on their criticism of structural problems instead of attacking athletic director Kevin White or University President Father Edward Malloy.

The letter suggests three proposals to fix what the letter writers see as fundamental problems with the football program. First, the authors suggest that the athletic director delegate more authority to focus more attention on football. Second, the letter says the athletic director should have more control — and subsequently be judged by — football coaching hires. Third, the writers call for the appointment of a lay person to the University's executive vice president, the third-ranking administrative spot at the school that has remained vacant since Father Timothy Scully resigned in June 2002, to improve the school's "financial, administrative and athletic pursuits." That would leave the University president, who must be a Holy Cross priest, free to focus on academic and spiritual matters. Currently, Malloy handles the duties of the executive vice president.

But associate athletic director John Heisler said that many of the concerns in the letter are already in place in some form in the athletic department. "I think it's ludicrous to think that football wouldn't be important in any scheme of things," he said.

Many of White's duties in terms of overseeing other sports are already delegated, a departmental structure he inherited he was hired in 2000. And while the athletic director has direct oversight of football and both basketball programs, Heisler said a variety of athletic department staff assists in the administration of the football program. "Some of the suggestions could be that Kevin doesn't pay attention to football," Heisler said. "I don't know how anybody could say that who is around here every day. He doesn't go very long without communicating with Tyrone, and at the end of the day, I'm not sure what else you can do.

Heisler also pointed out that White was responsible for providing the recommendation to hire George O'Leary and Willingham to a committee during the 2001 coaching search. The associate athletic director suggested that some of the sentiment for more power given to the athletic director comes from Gene Corrigan's relative ease in hiring Lou Holtz in 1985. That decision was made after a four-hour conversation between the two friends, Heisler said, and isn't possible in today's complex coaching environments.

Heisler pointed to Notre Dame's commitment to improving its facilities, the increased scholar-ship Notre Dame provides to Olympic sports and the height­ened competitiveness of the non-major programs as significant improvements that occurred in White's tenure.

Kelley also praised those improvements, but said the suc­cess of the football program should be based primarily on the success of the football program. "It's got to be 95 percent foot­ball," he said. "We don't want to be talking about a thing like the [NADCA] Cup."

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Of Arts and Letters.
Diverse freshman class represents promising Irish future

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

They compose a diverse group — hailing from New York to Miami to South Bend, with an Irish junior champion and the Georgian Juggernaut rounding out the quintet. Some made an immediate impact in the Irish lineup, while others complete one of the deepest teams Bobby Bayliss has coached.

They are the freshmen on the Irish men's tennis team, who, despite their differences, have brought together experience, grit and raw talent to put points on the board for the team this year. They are Irackli Akhvlediani of Dublin, Ireland and Bobby McNally of Miami, Fla. They are the future of men's tennis at Notre Dame.

"These guys are going to do some great things," Bayliss said. "And they're all different — really, really different.

"Irackli is in his own little world sometimes, and Barry is the big, lumbering Irish guy, everybody's buddy," Bayliss said. "Stephen is the New York kid who talks too fast. But you can understand him — and Ryan's the real dark horse. No one has begun to realize how good he's going to be. Bobby is also a really strong player.

The class is transitioning well, with Bass and King playing No. 3 doubles and No. 4 and 5 singles, respectively. Keckley has seen time at No. 6 singles and is teamed with senior tri-captain Luis Haddock on the No. 1 doubles team which is ranked 18th nationally.

"The biggest transition is that [college tennis] is an individual sport with a team aspect to it: You have to care more about the team than yourself," Bass said. "I think it's such a good sport in college because people learn to act individually as well as on a team.

The team has gelled as a team over the early spring while playing indoors, a huge change for many of the freshmen.

"I've never played indoors in my entire life," Florida native McNally said. "It's the craziest thing ever — it took me three weeks just to get used to the sound of balls and lack of heat. It's a different world, indoor tennis.

Don't tell Akhvlediani and King about different worlds. Both players have had to make the bigger, international transition.

"It's a big difference, and it's a lot of little differences," Akhvlediani said. "I played in a lot of single tournaments [in Austria], I didn't have a lot of experience playing with a team. It's something I want to explore further and something that can help me in my game and overall tennis performance."

For Akhvlediani, the challenge of change was magnified by the move from Austria to the United States.

"The system here is really different," he said. King hails from Ireland and believes the system's differences are positive ones, a foreign system that not only encourages team play but a team mindset.

"The competition level has gone up a huge amount," said King of his move to the United States. "Having coaches on the court and being on a team is different. Playing for the team, I'm trying to win for them more than myself. I'm a team player."

The camaraderie for the team is really strong, and something I didn't have before. I want to go out there and give 100 percent for team and for coaches. "It's unusual for me," Bayliss said of his two foreign players arriving this year. "[Through] most college tennis teams have a preponderance of foreign talent."

Both Akhvlediani and King, however, set goals of playing college tennis in the United States, and both have the ability to play professionally. "He has tons of upside," Bayliss said, "and he can become a really tremendously gifted college player."

Bayliss believes the current freshmen are a tight-knit family.

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Since the beginning of the year, Bayliss has compared this class to the freshmen of 1989, who developed into a finely-tuned, title-contending powerhouse.

"We had a very large and talented class," Bayliss said. "All players were among the top 100 prospects in country, which gave us a chance to really make an impact next year," the Irish, who had not been ranked since the polls began in the early 1970s, were the new kid on the tennis block.

Although the Irish didn't make the NCAA tournament that year, they committed themselves to being the best, Bayliss said. The next year, they appeared in the final 16 and reached the NCAA final in 1992. As seniors, despite the loss of their No. 1 singles player, the team finished in the top 10 and was among the final eight in the NCAA tournament. Bayliss believes the current freshmen have the ability to be such a class. He also thinks they have the ability to play professional tennis after graduation.

"[Bass] is one tough out, an absolute nightmare to play against because he gets everything back, and he would cut off his arm to win a point," Bayliss said.

King brings similar intensity to the court.

"He's a big shaggy dog; everybody likes him," Bayliss said of King. "He has no trouble making friends. He's a lot of fun, and he has an enormous upside and a huge serve."

Keckley, who could not be reached for comment, is homegrown for the Irish and has succeeded so far despite injury and the considerable handicap of playing tennis against a lack of strong opponents. "He has tons of upside," Bayliss said, "and he can become a really tremendously gifted college player."

"McNally has a big forehand, good left-handed serve and great doubles instincts," Bayliss said. Also left-handed, Akhvlediani struggled with the changes at the beginning of the year, but Bayliss pointed out that he is "doing really well this semester, which reflects in his tennis."

There are big shoes for these freshmen to fill. From their record so far, however, one thing is certain — they will step up to the task this season and in seasons to come.

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"I don't feel any added pres­sure," Niesel said. "With the loss of (Axford) and (Manship), that will give opportunities to other guys on our staff. I think we have a great staff. I think we'll do a good job."

After going 4-0 with a 3.36 ERA his freshman year, Niesel earned All-American and Big East Pitcher of the Year status as a sophomore. He was 9-1 with a 2.65 ERA and led the Irish staff in numerous categories including wins, strikeouts, innings pitched and starts. He regularly throws three pitches — a low-90's fast­ball, a hard-breaking curveball and a changeup. This summer, he even worked with coach Terry Rooney to develop a slider.

After the end of last season, Niesel had won 31 of his last 33 decisions, dating back to his sen­ior year of high school. That stretch also included his two sea­sons at Notre Dame, summer ball in the Cape Cod league and two Blue-Gold game scrim­mages.

Joining Niesel in the rotation will be sophomore Tom Thornton, who went 5-1 with a 1.81 ERA against mostly mid­week competition last season. Mainieri believes Thornton is ready to face better teams this year and has slated him to pitch against USC in Notre Dame's sec­ond game next weekend.

"There's no question in my mind that Tom Thornton has good stuff to win against good teams," Mainieri said. "He's got a lively fastball, his curveball can be very nasty and his changeup is improving — and he throws the ball in the strike zone."

Mainieri also expects to use several freshman pitchers in the rotation or out of the bullpen. Derik Ovly is expected to start in Notre Dame's third game against Louisville. The Los Angeles Dodgers drafted Ovly out of high school in the 13th round, but the Alabama native honored his commitment to Notre Dame and could make an immediate impact for the Irish staff. Ovly was an All-American after going 9-1 with a 1.49 ERA as a high school senior.

Mainieri said fellow freshman Dan Kapala and Joe Stewart will be integral parts of the bullpen. Kapala went 11-4 with a 1.05 ERA as a senior, while Stewart was 6-3 with a 1.41 ERA during his last season in high school.

"Kapala and Stewart are two freshmen that I think are going to shoulder a big load on our staff this year," Mainieri said. "Quite frankly, our team is going to go about as well as those guys pitch for us out of the bullpen because we're going to desper­ately need them to do some great things for us."

Notre Dame will also use sev­eral returning players like Joe Thaman, Tyler Jones and Ryan Doherty in the bullpen. Mainieri expects to use a variety of pitch­ers in different roles during the first part of the season.

Thaman played first base dur­ing his first three years at Notre Dame but converted to pitcher after last season. Thaman pitched in high school, and Mainieri said the senior will have a chance to throw significant innings in 2004.

"Thaman pitched as well as anybody during fall practice," Mainieri said.

Jones will assume a more prominent role this season, as the coach said he could pitch in upwards of 25-30 games after going 2-1 with 12 innings of work in 2003. Rooney changed Jones' pitching style from throw­ing overhand to sidearm, which gives him more movement on his fastball and off-speed pitches.

The 7-foot-1 Doherty has the best chance to be the Irish closer this season after posting a 2.20 ERA in 44 innings of work last season. Mainieri said Doherty will be the "main guy coming out of the bullpen this year" for the Irish.

"He has a chance to be a domi­nant reliever for us," Mainieri said. "He's going to throw the ball really hard."

Rooney worked with Doherty on improving his two-seam fast­ball. This pitch, which Doherty now throws consistently, cuts in on right-handed batters and tails away from left-handed hitters. Doherty also throws a good changeup.

Mainieri said the Irish need the entire staff to improve to make up for the limitations of Johnson and the losses of two pitchers.

"With the loss of Axford and Manship, we're going to need all those guys to step forward," Mainieri said.

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him, and I have to try to be better than him.” At one point Monday, Cornett — the least heralded of Notre Dame's sophomore class — was the only second-year player capable of playing. Francis had left early in the first half with back spasms, and doctors were examining Chris Quinn's ankle in the locker room.

But all four of Notre Dame's captains were on the floor, and each captain chest-bumped the sophomore every time he made a big play — which was often.

"Everyone on this team has their own role," Cornett said. "I'm just glad I was able to help."

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles falter, lose lead in second half

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

The Belles took a solid lead into halftime Wednesday night, but Adrian College dominated the second half and Saint Mary's suffered a disappointing 67-51 loss.

At the end of the first half, the Belles (6-16) had a 30-26 lead, but an quick start to the second half by Adrian (8-13) quickly shifted the momentum.

The fast pace of the game favored Adrian. The Belles gave up 41 points in the second half, while their offense was held to 21 points.

The Belles falter, lose lead in second half by Adrian (8-13)

In last week's games against Olivet and Calvin, the Belles had six different players reach double figures. Four different Adrian players reached double figures.

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Four different Adrian players reached double figures.

Guard Corrie Helft led Adrian with 15 points and six rebounds. Mandi Lemmons also put in a strong effort with 12 points and five assists in the comeback.

Both teams had trouble from the free throw line with the Belles shooting 8-for-20 and Adrian making only 13-of-25.

In the end, the two teams were even in most statistics, but Adrian capitalized on a big lead.

This is not the first time the Belles have had trouble maintaining their stamina in the second half. In previous games this season, the Belles have lost their edge after a strong first half.

The Belles have only three road to face Alma College.

The conference awards will be announced Monday, the team goes on the road to face Alma College. Saturday, the team goes on the road to face Ferris State.

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Earlier this season, the Irish were as high as first place overall in the CCHA. The team currently has a sub-.500 conference record (9-10-3) and sits in eighth place in the 12-team league.

The Conference awards ceremony was held at the end of the season to the top six teams. If Notre Dame wants to host the first round of the CCHA playoffs at the Joyce Center, some of those puck are going to have to go in the net, starting with this weekend against Ferris State.

It's not as bleak as it sounds. With the CCHA as competitive as it has ever been, Notre Dame's 21 points is currently only three points behind Ohio State and Western Michigan, who are tied for the sixth place position.

If the Irish are to make any real jump up the standings over their last six conference games, their sleeping giant of an offense is going to have to wake up.

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Stepping up
Cornett makes most of opportunity to play against Connecticut

By ANDREW SOUKUP  Sports Writer

Faced with the possibility that Torin Francis wouldn't be healthy enough to play against Connecticut, Irish coach Mike Brey turned to Rick Cornett and told him to be ready. "He shrugged me off," Brey said Monday night. "He said, 'Coach, don't worry about me. I'll be OK.'"

Those were strong words coming from a player who had played just nine minutes in Notre Dame's previous seven games.

But the sophomore proved his coach had little to worry about, and Cornett's gritty 15-minute stint Monday was a big reason why Notre Dame upset No. 5 Connecticut.

"Once I knew Torin wasn't at full health, I knew someone was going to have to step up," said Cornett, who finished with six points and seven rebounds while defending pre-season national player of the year Emeka Okafor for most of the night.

Brey hoped Monday's win would be a turning point for the player he said improved the most over the summer. And while Cornett came off the bench early in the season when Tim Timmermans was injured, he hadn't made the impact the Irish coaching staff expected.

That changed in a win against DePaul, where Cornett scored 10 points and grabbed five rebounds in 16 minutes of action. At that point, Brey believed his sophomore had turned the corner and was ready to assume a regular spot in the Irish rotation.

But then a healthy Timmermans returned to the Irish lineup and Cornett was back on the bench. Until the Connecticut game, he didn't see any significant playing time.

Now Brey believes the Connecticut game can be a turning point for the sophomore forward, especially with Francis' health in doubt.

"Fearless," was how Jordan Cornette described Cornett's performance Monday.

Cornett insisted Okafor did not intimidate him, and his play reflected that. His scrappiness underneath the basket helped the Irish outrebound the Huskies 14-11 on second-chance points.

"He got his pants on the same way that I do," Cornett said. "He's a great player but I have to go out there with the mentality that I'm better than

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HOCKEY
Irish have struggled on offense

After a 2-0 loss at Miami of Ohio last Saturday, a game in which the Irish played well enough to win but were bested by a freshman goalmender making his first career shutout, Irish head coach Dave Poulin had some positive words.

"There were tremendous chances all game," he said. "Those are going to go in eventually, and they're not going in right now for us, but we're going to have a great finish this year and have a great finish down the stretch."

"Notre Dame has played on the edge all season, but its lack of offensive output may be the team's Achilles heel. The Irish have scored just 73 goals in 28 games.

An average offensive production is fine when you have great goalkeeping and defense like the Irish do this year. The team is second overall in the CCHA in goals against with 68. Still, there will be games when the team will falter. Ironically, the last time

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BASEBALL
Rotation to lead the way

By JOE HETTLER  Sports Editor

As the baseball season draws near, Chris Niesel is in a familiar position.

Last year at this time, Niesel was expected to become the ace of Notre Dame's pitching staff after freshman All-American Grant Johnson had season-ending shoulder surgery in late December 2002. Niesel and Johnson were supposed to be a dominating No. 1 and No. 2 in the Irish rotation. But when Johnson went down, the pressure for performance grew even greater. Niesel, the onus was on [Niesel] to lead the staff, and he did a tremendous job all year last year. When [Johnson] back to full strength, I'm going to feel like we have co-aces like I did their freshman year. But until then, Niesel is really going to have to shoulder the load again, and I believe he's up to that task."

While Johnson is on track to return to the starting rotation at some point in the first half of the season, he will be on a pitch count and will come out of the bullpen for the initial part of the year. The limitations on Johnson — he will be limited to 50 pitch counts all game — as well as the injuries to Axold and Manship, mean other Irish pitchers must

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FOOTBALL
Letter expresses alumni discontent

By ANDREW SOUKUP  Sports Writer

Several hundred Notre Dame alumni have signed a letter sent to the University's Board of Trustees harshly criticizing the way the football program is managed, a move the letter writers hoped to the University to receive a letter from hundreds of people.

The letter, which was signed by 412 alumni who graduated between 1949 and 2003 and live in 41 states, was delivered to the trustees before their winter meetings began Feb. 5. It charges that current administrators have "proven incapable" of running the football program at championship-caliber levels.

"What motivated us is our feeling of how important championship football is to the environment of kids and education and the bonding of people who go through that institution," said Tim Kelley, who graduated in 1964 and was one of the letter's principal authors. He added that the letter grew out of alumni discontent with the fact that the Irish haven't seriously challenged for a national championship since 1993, not because the Irish finished 5-7 in 2002.

University spokesman Matt Steen said it was "unusual" for the University to receive a letter signed by hundreds of people. While Steen said Notre Dame

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The Belles couldn't hold a halftime lead in a loss to Adrian.

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The Irish freshmen come from different backgrounds, but the future for Notre Dame is bright.

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