Ramadan controversy continues

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

As the University grants headlines in his defense and the Notre Dame Office of Peace Studies grapples with his loss, Tariq Ramadan still doesn't know why a revoked visa stands between his family and Notre Dame.

"It's very difficult for the kids. We are here in Geneva (Switzerland) waiting for a decision, without knowing..." the Nobel Peace Prize winner said.

Ramadan, an eminent Muslim scholar who had been scheduled to teach at the Notre Dame College of Europe starting this fall, unexpectedly lost his work visa July 26, when the U.S. State Department denied him under immigration restrictions mandated by the Patriot Act. The Department of Homeland Security, which requested the State Department’s action, cited parts of the legislation that suggested Ramadan could be a national security risk.

Notre Dame immediately rebuffed all allegations against Ramadan, who contested any extremist associations.

"I don't understand why this decision was taken," he said. "I have been trying to see RAMADAN/page 9

Ticketing system criticized

By TERESA FRALISH
Associate News Editor

As if purchasing football tickets wasn't already confusing enough, several students standing in line this week at Notre Dame Stadium said officials largely failed to follow the policies established for the ticket lottery and sales.

"It seems kind of random. The whole lottery is just a sham," said senior Katie Draycott, whose lottery number was in the 1,200s. "We got there at 8 o'clock, and they gave us tickets."

The undergraduate lottery number drawn Monday night was 199. Draycott said her group of about 45 was originally placed in the sophomore section. After realizing the error, Draycott said her group headed back to the stadium at 1:30 p.m. to get new tickets. Ultimately, her friends ended up with seats in section 30, row 26.

Senior Rachel Kelley, whose group of 55 students distribu­ted "Gay? Fine by Me" campaign t-shirts in March.

ND Democrats back Kerry in Boston

By BETH ERICKSON
News Writer

This summer, while incumbent President Bush and Democratic challenger John Kerry were hot on their respective campaign trails, several of Notre Dame’s College Republicans were making themselves with political experience for their upcoming campus campaign.


"What we do is basic, old-fashioned ‘grassroots’ organizing," he said.

ND tops anti-gay Review ranking

By CLAIRE HEININGER
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Though its actual impact on student mentality is impossible to measure, last spring's "Gay? Fine by Me" campaign apparently did little to sway Notre Dame's national reputation for homophobia, as the University topped the Princeton Review's "Alternative Lifestyles Not An Alternative" category for the second straight year.

Despite two demonstrations and 2,000 orange T-shirts specifically targeting that category last spring, the 500 Notre Dame students asked to participate in the annual survey still revealed the highest anti-gay sentiment among the 357 ranked colleges, according to the Review's evaluation methods.

The ranking is based on a single multiple-choice question in the survey, said Erik Olsen, senior editor of the Princeton Review's Best 357 Colleges book. The question asked, "If students thought class schedules and homework were going to be the biggest challenges when coming back to Saint Mary's, unfortunately they were wrong."

Students return to campus last week-end only to find major changes to their parking options.

Even though Saint Mary's Security sent a letter home over the summer informing students of the new setup, many were still surprised to see that the LeMans parking lot, used for student parking after business hours, had been converted to the Faculty, Staff and Special Events parking lot.

SMC revises student parking

By ANGELA SAOUF
Saint Mary's Editor

In the foreground, the new green space grows as students pass the Faculty, Staff and Special Events parking lot.

The Show features artists Kweli, Mraz

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

In a major collaboration of student organizations, the Notre Dame Office of Student Affairs and Student Activities presents the "The Show" tonight at the JACC, featuring the music of Jason Mraz and Talib Kweli.

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Intolerance must perish

A year after the terrorist attacks on September 11, I was sitting in a college classroom where a discussion about the aftermath was taking place. Sitting in a circle, many students were sharing their thoughts and ideas about terrorism. Although I was listening and adding my opinion, I mostly remained quiet. Finally, one girl spoke up.

"I think we should send all the Arab people back to where they came from," she said without thinking.

I was stunned. I am Arab. This was the first time in my life that I had ever been discriminated against because of my ethnicity. I am a white woman with brown hair and light skin. Up to this point, I had avoided being stereotyped by such things as blonde jokes or dumb men jokes. I lived a quiet life. Suddenly, I found myself victim to a stereotype.

How many times have we heard someone use a stereotype? How many times have we heard friends or family refer to an entire ethnicity as lazy or stupid? How many times have we listened to someone complain about how a certain race has come here to steal all of our jobs and send us to the unemployment lines? One time is one too many.

It is unjust to blame an entire ethnicity or race for something a few people have done. Blaming a whole group of people for a terrorist attack is like blaming an entire nation for a problem like pollution or poverty. It is unfair to hold an entire group of innocent people accountable for the actions of a guilty few.

If I were a United States citizen, I would like to see an equal footing for freedom and liberty. We must learn to be accepting and understanding of all people, regardless of race, shape or ethnicity. There must be a conscious effort made to be fair to all people no matter who they are, or what their origins may be.

This change has to start in each one of us. Future generations should not have to deal with the prejudices of others. By simply being more careful about the terms used in daily conversation, and making more of an effort to treat others equally, we can start to foster an environment where love and acceptance replace bigotry and intolerance.

Isn't that what we all really want?
U.S. News keeps Saint Mary's No. 1

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

Saint Mary's found itself in familiar territory this week topping the rankings of the annual U.S. News and World Report's "America's Best Colleges" in the category of Midwest comprehensive colleges. It is the 10th time in 11 years Saint Mary's has finished first.

The guidebook organizes colleges based on size, location and courses of study. The schools are then judged in a variety of categories such as admission selectivity and teacher to student ratios. The Midwest comprehensive category consists of institutions focused on undergraduate education and those that offer a wide range of liberal arts and professional degrees.

In a competitive field of 108 schools, Saint Mary's was awarded an overall rating of 100, the highest score possible. The college ranked first as far as faculty resources, second for freshman retention rate and third for financial resources.

Director of marketing communications Nick Farmer said he is proud Saint Mary's was again ranked No. 1.

"The ranking helps validate the excellence the College strives for every year," Farmer said. "Given the College's track record with the survey and its continued performance, we were hopeful that we would continue the streak."

College President Carol Mooney also described her satisfaction in a statement on the College's web site.

"In my first year as president of Saint Mary's, I am proud to look back on the College's consistent recognition as one of America's best," Mooney said. "I am excited to work with the faculty to achieve even greater success in educating young women."

However, the ranking is more than just a mark of prestige. It can also be a valuable tool for the school. The success streak Saint Mary's has enjoyed in the U.S. News and World Report rankings is included as an endorsement in recruiting materials.

"We realize that parents and prospective students use the U.S. News rankings as a tool in their college search, so a strong ranking can be helpful in getting recognition, especially for smaller schools like Saint Mary's," Farmer said.

Despite the welcomed attention and affirmation the top ranking brings to the College, Farmer said it describes only a part of the experience of Saint Mary's. With a new president and a renewed focus on academic excellence, the College has no intention of growing complacent with its position.

"While the U.S. News rankings are well-recognized by parents and prospective students, the College ultimately measures its success based on the academic, professional and personal success of its graduates," Farmer said.

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Scrimmage evokes mixed response

By KATE GALES
News Writer

With all the on- and off-campus social options this weekend, many students are left wondering whether or not they will attend tonight's full-team football scrimmage scheduled for 7:35 p.m. in Notre Dame Stadium.

Aside from the Blue-Gold Game, which takes place each spring, the football team has never had an open scrimmage at the beginning of the season. A sneak preview of the team is an incentive for freshman Eric Himmelsbach.

"I think I'd probably go," Himmelsbach said. "I guess [I'm interested in] just seeing how the team looks. I'm hoping they'll get back to being as good as they were a couple of years ago rather than how they were last year."

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"I don't plan on going," he said. "I suppose Friday night might not be ideal, given Rally."

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- American Chemical Society
- American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronauts
- American Institute of Chemical Engineers
- American Society of Civil Engineers
- American Society of Mechanical Engineers
- Anime Club, Notre Dame
- Arnold Air Society
- Asian American Association
- Asian International Society
- Association of Ant-History Students
- Bagpipe Band, Notre Dame
- Ballet Folklorico Azul Y Oro
- Ballroom Dance Club
- Baptist Collegiate Ministry
- Beat Buddies
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Biology Club
- Black Cultural Arts Council
- Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination
- Campus Fellowship of the Holy Spirit
- Campus Gyn/Scot, Notre Dame/Saint Mary’s
- Caribbean Student Organization
- Celebration Choir
- Children of Mary
- Children’s Defense Fund
- Chinese Culture Society
- Choir, Notre Dame
- Circus X
- Class of 2005
- Class of 2006
- Class of 2007
- College Democrats
- College Republicans
- Community Alliance to Serve Hispanics
- Computer Club, Notre Dame
- Corpo Primera De Nuestra Senora
- Dance Company
- Debate Team
- Detachment 225 Flyer/Irish (AFROTC)
- Dome Designs
- Dome Yearbook
- Economics Club
- Entertainment Club
- Fairley Hall Players
- Feminist Voice
- Filipino American Student Organization
- Financial Management Board
- First Aid Services Team
- First Class Steppers
- Flo Side
- Fly-Fishing Club, Notre Dame
- Folk Club, Notre Dame
- Footshame
- Forum on Biomedical Ethics
- Free Burma Coalition
- Gaelic Society, Notre Dame
- German Club
- Guitar Players’ Association
- Habitat for Humanity
- Handball Club, Notre Dame
- Harmonia
- Hawaii Club
- Health Occupations Students of America
- Helpful Undergraduate Students
- Hispanic Business Student Association
- History Club
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- Irish Fighting for St. Jude Kids
- Iron Sharpeners
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- Joint Engineering Council
- Jugger, The
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- Knights of Columbus
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- Le Circle Francois
- Leprechaun Legion
- Life Uncommon, A
- Lungan Choral Women’s
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- Minority Pre-med Society
- Mock Trial Association
- Ms. Wizard Day
- Ms. Aleta Theta
- Modern Student Association
- Mystery Science Theater 3000 Club
- NAACP
- National Society of Black Engineers
- Native American Student Association of Notre Dame
- ND for Animals
- Neighborhood Study Help Program
- Operation Smile
- Orients Brownstone Council
- Ovidius Christian Fellowship
- Pakistan Student Association
- Pasquaile Emil Musical Company
- Peace Fellowship, Notre Dame
- Philosophy Club, Notre Dame
- Polish Club
- Pre-Dental Society
- Pre-Law Society
- Pre-Medical Society
- Pre-Vet Society
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- Project Focus
- Psychology Club
- Ranger Challenge Team (AROTC)
- Real Estate Club
- Right to Life
- Scholastic Magazine
- Science-Business Club
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- Shit Project, The
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- Society of Automotive Engineers
- Society of Physics Students
- Society of Women Engineers
- Sociology Club
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- Spanish Club
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- St. Elmo’s Hall Players
- Student Alumni Relations Group
- Student Broadcasting - NDTV
- Student Government
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- Student Players, Notre Dame
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- Students for Environmental Action
- Super Salsa
- Swing Club
- Teamwork for Tomorrow
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- Boxing Club, Women’s
- Climbing Club
- Cycling Club, Notre Dame
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- Field Hockey Club
- Figure Skating Club, Notre Dame
- Gymnastics Club, ND/SMC
- Hurling and Camogie Club
- Ice Hockey, Women’s
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If your club does not appear on this list and you would like to participate in Activities Night, please contact the Student Activities Office as soon as possible at 631.7308
Al-Sistani brings peace to Najaf

Aides have said that al-Sistani's peace plan calls for Najaf and Kufa to be declared weapons-free cities, for all foreign forces to withdraw from Najaf and leave security to the police, and for the government to compensate those harmed by the fighting.

"Mr. Muqtada al-Sadr agreed to the initia­tive of his eminence al-Sistani," said Hameed al-Khafaf, a top al-Sistani aide. "You will hear good news soon from the government and Muqtada al-Sadr." It let than carriers.

AIRPORT SCREENING TIGHTENED

The FBI announced Thursday it is taking over the airport security screening, effective Friday, after the killing of Italian journalist Enzo Baldoni.

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LOCAL NEWS

No charges filed against Randolph

ANDERSON — No formal charges were filed Thursday against Portland Trail Blazers forward Zach Randolph or his brother in the shooting of three men on a nightclub dance floor, a court administrator said.

Madison County Prosecutor Rodney Cummings said Thursday that he would file formal charges on Thursday against Roger Randolph, 22, in the shooting last Sunday at an Anderson night club.

Associated Press

MOSCOW — A top Russian official acknowled­ged Thursday what many citizens have long suspected — that terrorism was the most likely cause of two jet­liners crashing minutes apart, a feeling reflected in a new government warning that "Russia now has a Sept. 11.

"All Russian officials stressed there were many possibilities besides terror­ism, presidential envoy Vladimir Yakovlev told Russian TASS news agency that the main theory "all the same remains ter­rorism.

Yakovlev said the planes' flight data recorders would provide clues to the disaster.

"We received a video showing the killing of Italian journalist Enzo Baldoni, who was kidnapped by mili­tants against terrorism watch lists, saying it made a small wildfire into an inferno that con­sumed six homes let up on Thursday, help­ing hundreds of firefighters beat back the flames.

The nearby 2,700-acre blaze, unstoppable in best weather, was 10 miles south of Reno, was 75 percent contained in a light breeze Thursday.

"Colder temperatures and higher humidity really helped us out last night," fire chief said.

Airport screening tightened

WASHINGTON — The government announced Thursday it is taking over the task of checking the names of airline pas­sengers against terrorist watch lists, saying it can do a more comprehensive and secure job than carriers.

The new system is intended to verify the identity of domestic travelers by amassing information that passengers have given air­lines and comparing it with records in gov­ernment databases. The goal is to better screen passengers by using a larger pool of sus­pected terrorists than airlines had access to.

Investigators removed the flight recorder, an object which may be helpful in confirming that the two doomed planes took off from the same airport.

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Texas death row inmate executed

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — A death row inmate whose case attracted the attention of celebrities was executed Thursday for killing a convenience store clerk.

Speaking slowly and quietly, his voice barely rising above a whisper, James Allridge thanked his family and friends for loving him and expressing remorse.

"I am sorry, I really am," he said in a brief final statement. "I am sorry I destroyed y'all’s life," he said looking at the family of his vic­tim. "Thank you for forgiving me. To the moon and back, I love you all. I leave you all as I came in — in love." Nine minutes after the lethal injection, he was pronounced dead.

Allridge, 41, was the 12th Texas inmate executed this year and the second in as many nights. He was convicted of killing Fort Worth store clerk Brian Gleensden, 21, who was robbed of $100.

Also Thursday, Oklahoma death row inmate Winslow Ray Workman was executed by injection for the 1987 beating death of his live-in girlfriend's 2-year-old daughter. He was the sixth person executed in Oklahoma this year.

Despite Yakovlev's state­ment about terrorism, the government was still offi­cially investigating all possi­bilities — bombers, hijackers, mechanical failure, bad fuel and human error.

Officials said no evidence had been found pointing to terrorism, and no one has claimed to have caused the crashes.

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Yakovlev, the president's envoy for southern Russia, where one of the planes crashed, said the recorders "turned off immediately" — an indication "that some­thing happened very fast."
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Though not yet a headline artist, Talib Kweli is slowly but surely making his way into national prominence in the music industry. He has recorded and toured with big name rap and R&B artists Mary J. Blige and Kanye West, and his music has been likened to that of The Roots and Jurassic 5.

The concert's committee found the two artists to be a logical choice for the student body, said Jimmy Flaherty, chairman of The Show 3.0. An electronic survey was offered to all students this past spring in order to gauge student interests. Pop, rap and hip-hop genres all fared well.

"Both [Mraz and Kweli] are unbelievable major market artists," Flaherty said. "They are a great complement to each other. Besides, said Flaherty, for only $10, "It's the best deal going."

The committee hopes to build upon the success of last year's event. The performance of the Black Eyed Peas and Guster attracted a record 4,000 people in attendance.

The 35-person committee has been working since February to bring a major, top-quality production to the student community.

This year's committee made a concerted effort to reach out to the Saint Mary's and Holy Cross student bodies, and increased publicity through the Notre Dame class councils.

To encourage participation, the committee members teamed up with the Athletic Department to create a campus wide campaign advertising both the football scrimmage and concert.

"It has been an eye-opening experience because it is a campus-wide collaboration," Flaherty said. "It is symbolic of what Notre Dame student activities are."

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**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — A brokerage firm's negative outlook for the semiconductor industry pressured tech shares Thursday, while the broader market was little changed as a jump in jobless claims offset investors' relief over declining oil prices.

Late summer trading is known for being thin, but with the Republican National Convention set for New York next week, Wall Street is even less crowded than usual for late August. And as many traders prepared to take the week off and some money managers planning to reduce staff levels, the market's lack of conviction was reflected in low trading volumes. The drop in oil costs was a bright spot, however, even though analysts weren't sure they could hold.

"A week ago, everyone were asking where the bottom was in crude and is now they're asking where the bottom is," said Todd Clark, head of listed equity trading at Wells Fargo Securities. "It's a sea change that's welcome for equities, but against the backdrop of a big event next week that will players away from the market, it's tough to get too excited."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 8.33, or 0.1 percent, at 10,173.41.

The broader gauges and the tech sector were mixed. The Nasdaq composite index shed 7.49, or 0.4 percent, to 1,852.92. The Standard & Poor's 500 index wiggled up 0.13, or 0.01 percent, to 1,105.09.

In economic news, the number of people who signed up for jobless benefits last week was down from the previous week's seasonal adjustment 10,000 to 243,000; economists had expected an increase of just 4,000. At least half of those filing new claims were out of work because of Hurricane Charley, the Labor Department said.

Oil prices, which set a new record by topping $49 per barrel last week, have declined over the last five sessions as anxieties about global supply have eased. On Thursday, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries indicated it would discuss ways to push prices down faster, perhaps through increased production, at its meeting next month. Light crude for October delivery settled 37 cents lower at $42.10 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

While the market has been fixated on energy costs lately, there were other concerns influencing trading. Investors were awaiting revisions to the government's second quarter gross domestic product report, due Friday, and remarks from Federal Reserve chief Alan Greenspan at a banking conference in Jackson Hole, Wyo. The Republican convention, which starts Monday, also loomed large.

"The fear index might begin to rise over the next one or two trading days as the convention begins in New York," said Peter Cardillo, chief strategist at S.W. Bach & Co. "Unless the price of oil moves dramatically either way, I kind of think Greenspan, the GDP revision and the Republican convention will take the spotlight. And that will cause us to stay in a very tight, narrow trading range."

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Inc. sank 10 percent, or $1.59, to $13.77, after its earnings missed expectations by a wide margin. The company said it expect slower sales for the remainder of the year, and cut the number of new stores it plans to open next year.

Brown-Forman Corp., the maker of Jack Daniel's and Finlandia vodka, gained 38 cents to $46.75 after its quarterly earnings beat expectations on robust growth in its liquor business, offsetting weaker sales in its Lenox china division.

**IN BRIEF**

Anthem Inc. wants suit dismissed.

INDIANAPOLIS — California's insurance commissioner has asked a judge to throw out the Anthem Inc. lawsuit seeking to overturn his blockage of the company's merger with WellPoint Health Networks Inc.

John Garamendi filed the dismissal request Wednesday with Judge Denise Janavs of Los Angeles County Superior Court. A hearing is scheduled for Oct. 5.

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training workshops led by several high-profile politicians, such as Al Sharpton, Senator Joseph Biden, and former Democratic presidential candidate and Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis.

The campaign training seminar, which organizers hope will improve our club's strategy, attracted a big turnout. "There is a lot of opportunity for us to restructure the club, make the College Democrats more prominent on campus and get more students involved." Enthusied by her fellow delegates, she said the best advice they received was from other clubs.

While the speakers and workshops were their primary reason for attending the event, the most exciting part was being part of the environment Bunick said.

"I feel it was really amazing to see people so energized about the issues that care about," she said.

Because the student convention was concurrent with the Democratic National Convention, they were able to acquire tickets for the first night and said they joined President Clinton and Vice President Gore speak.

"The speeches, especially Clinton's, were obviously good and extremely well received by the delegates," Taylor said.

Taylor and Bunick felt the convention's warm reception for Kerry's speech was well-deserved.

"I thought it was as good as it could have been," Taylor said. "He showed a lot of passion, which some people think is rare for him, and showed the audience how much passion he has for America."

Taylor and Bunick will be waving the John Kerry for President campaign for the College Democrats this semester. In collaboration with the National Kerry Headquarters, they have set up three weekend voter registration campaigns in Ohio, where members of the club will run voter registration drives and phone banks.

They also plans to organize debates with the College Republicans and several informal colloquia with faculty members from the political science department.

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Rippinger participated in weekly phone banks to recruit party support across the district, distributing free promotional materials and soliciting volunteers.

In addition to canvassing Notre Dame's campus and visiting the registering Republican students for absentee ballot this semester, the club will also focus on the battleground state of Michigan, which is divided between strong union labor force and a rural conservative base Rippinger said.

Our club will follow the [Republican National Convention] closely, and use it as a springboard to launch republicans grassroots support to keep our Congressional majority and the White House," he said. "We come to the table with Washington experience, dedication and the will to fight this battle to the last punch." Jamie Feltault, vice president of College Republicans, worked for the Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert in his congressional office in Washington, D.C.

While there, she attended speeches and gatherings on Capitol Hill with prominent members of congress, committee chairmen and officials in the Bush administration.

"One of my best memories was seeing President Bush's gathering of thousands at a fundraiser put on by the National Republican Congressional Committee at the Washington Convention Center," she said.

"Her various duties for the speaker included conducting research, attending committee meetings, and drafting letters detailing the speaker's views on various policy issues," Feltault added.

"The next 10 weeks will be a crucial time in our nation's history, with much riding on the outcome of November's election," Rippinger said. "Political activism, whether it's in local offices, national campaigns, or with senators and congressmen in D.C., will be a turning point in this milestone election year."

Jaimie Feltault
VP of College Republicans

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Chapman said, "This will hopefully make everything equal. This is a learning experience for us all. Things may change if we find that isn't working."

But some are concerned there will not be enough student parking, especially on the weekends.

LeMans Hall resident Erica Rangel said she believes the changes are an unnecessary hassle. "I just think it's an inconvenience because parking in various spots of campus is scarce as it is," she said.

"Like everyone, I depend on that lot for unloading groceries and things from our cars and for visitor parking on the weekend, and now it's not an option."

Students are in favor of the new green space.

"I like that we have a place where we can sit outside now," senior Michelle Cooper said.

Chapman said there will be enough parking, and emphasized that the security escort from the Angela parking lot to the residence halls will still be in effect seven nights a week.

Although the new parking rules seem to be causing some controversy on campus, Chapman said he has not gotten negative feedback.

"We have received complaints yet, just a lot of questions," he said. "A lot of students and parents just want to know where to park, what the procedure will be."

He added that towing is a last resort.

"I don't want to cost people money, and really it's only to 10 percent of people who don't follow the rules," he said. "But 90 to 95 percent do, everyone should be able to."
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dents started with lottery numbers, "he said. "It had a similar experience to Draycott's."

We attended at 9 and got through at 9:30," Kelley said. "According to official rules established for Notre Dame ticketing office, one student can purchase tickets for a maximum of six student IDs. But Kelley said the ushers did not seem concerned about that standard and allowed her group to pass through without counting IDs. For their part, the ushers in charge of selling tickets seemed they handled a process that would best benefit students.

"We're just trying to accommodate students," said Josh Berio, director of ticketing. The lottery ticket system was implemented in the fall of 2004 at the suggestion of the Student Activities Office, which was being restructured, said Berio. Previously, students camped outside the stadium gates and bought tickets like that. Head usher Cappy Gagnon, who is in charge of running the lottery tickets, was very happy with the results of this week.

"We do it by feel, really, so everyone can get tickets with people who want to. It's not an exact science," Gagnon said. "You don't want it go smoothly, quickly, efficiently, and have a heart to it too."

"As far as whether officials adhered to the six tickets per person rule, Gagnon said the rule served only as a general guideline this year.

"I've ignored the six if I thought there was a good reason to ignore it," he said. In regard to the rule itself, Gagnon said it would likely not even be used next year.

"We do it usually to ensure that the University says it will implement an online system for both student and alumni ticketing. This will save students the two trips out to the stadium to get the best tickets.

However, both Gagnon and Berio said it would be one to three years before such a system is in place, and the University will wait until both student and alumni systems are in place before making the change.

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**UNITED ARAB EMIRATES**

Group encourages women to fight

Associated Press

DUBAI — An Islamist women's group has launched an online magazine aimed at recruiting Arab women to fight for the non-Muslimschemas.

The Al-Khansaa magazine, which launched two weeks ago and expected to appear monthly, also provides inspiration for those unwilling to "jihads," or holy warriors, on information on treating injuries and advice on raising children to fight nonbelievers.

The magazine, appearing on several extremist Islamic Web sites, claims to have been started "at the initiative of the [most-wanted] militants in Saudi Arabia; Abdulaziz al-Moqrin and Issa Saad Mohammed bin Oushan.

In a security forces killed al-Moqrin, who was believed to be al-Qaida's chief of Saudi Arabia, Oushan, who was killed in July, and al-Moqrin were among Cubas where I am the most-wanted militants.

The article says it was produced by the "women's media center" in Saudi Arabia and where Al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden was born and where Islam's two holiest shrines are located.

Cuba's militant leader Mohamed Salah poored scorn on the 22-page, broadsheet, describing it as a "media stunt (by militants) to show their existence that they can do something to everyone, including women, against the government.

"What is new here is the issue of the medium of the Internet recruiting women," he added.

Al-Khansaa, the periodical's title, was the name of a revered Arab poet who converted to Islam during the period of the 7th century Prophet Muhammad.

She is a brief who converted associated with Muhammad's close acquaintances and was known for eulogies written for her brother, a stigmatized person, during Islamic days. Al-Khansaa also encouraged her four sons to take part in jihad to spread Islam. Her sons died in battle.

An unsigned magazine editorial says female Islamists are "trained out to our men to their neighbors and the children and be prepared. May God elevate you to martyrs.

"These are the hours our veil and abayas [ankle-length cloaks], with our weapons in our hands and our children in our arms," it added. "The blood of our husbands and the limbs of our children are an offering to God."

Women raising children, in igs, may be understood and their "main mission is to present lions to the battlefield."

Saudi journalist Suzy suzilishly comments the magazine in an article published in the daily Okaz, saying its "rhetoric takes a very dangerous turn when it talks about the women in their educational role and capacity to influence children's upbringing."

Evon Kohlman, a Washington-based anti-terrorism expert, said the magazine appeared linked to Islamic extremists who "know about religion and claiming religious things. They are not necessarily people who have an effect over al-Qaida."

Its first issue includes tips on how to be a fighter and criticism of calls for improved women's rights in the conservative kingdom where women enjoy far more freedoms than men.

The line magazine says even though jihad, in terms of actual fighting, is primarily a man's duty, "women play a role in the battle where a husband's guardian role would be a duty, and duties do not require participation."

The notion is shocking in hard-line Saudi Arabia, where women are obliged to be accompanied by a male guardian at most times, particularly in public.

"It theoretically this sounds so interesting, but the real sound is unrealistic" for female militants to be able to endure the rigs of the same rigorous roles, said Salah, the Egyptian expert.

Women did part in the Egyptian Islamic Group's 1990s anti-government insurgency, Salah noted, and at least four were tried for involvement in violence. Palestinian, Lebanese and Afghan women have also carried out militant acts, including suicide bombings.

The Tamil Tigers group fighting for independence in Sri Lanka used a woman, who detonated explosives strapped to her body in the battle in 1987, said Salah.

In the alleged plot against Cuba, Novo and Moscoso were arrested after an attempt was made to assassinate former Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.
Kirsten Mannion, left, Nicole Cleary and Sarah Allard are the three new residence hall directors at Saint Mary’s. They lead LeMans, Holy Cross and McCandless Halls, respectively.

By APRIL THOMAS
News Writer

SMC welcomes new directors

Friday, August 27, 2004

After all but one of the Saint Mary’s hall directors left the College at the end of last year, three new faces were on hand to greet students as they settled into their dorms.

Kirsten Mannion, Nicole Cleary and Sarah Allard took on the positions left vacant by women with years of experience at the helm of the residence halls.

Mannion, now at the helm of LeMans Hall, is a New York native and a 2001 graduate of Trinity College, a small school in Vermont. Mannion fell in love with Saint Mary’s after she posted her resume on the resident life website and began correspon ding with Saint Mary’s ResLife director Michelle Russell.

Ready for the new year, Mannion said she hopes to get to know her residents, promote greater hall spirit and instill a sense of community among the women of LeMans Hall.

“All I want Holy Cross residents to get involved in their hall and college,” she said.

This year, along with the usual dozens of freshmen McCandless Hall welcomed its new director Allard.

A Northern Illinois University graduate from outside Peoria, Allard stumbled upon the position over the Internet.

“I chose Saint Mary’s because it was so different than NIU,” she said. “I wanted a different experience.”

Allard said she found the summer-to-school year transition surprisingly smooth because the resident move-ins were orderly and manageable. She added that she wants the women of McCandless to enjoy their time at Saint Mary’s and take advantage of all the experiences the College offers.

“I hope they will have fun but maintain focus on their studies,” she said.

Hall director duties include supporting and directing the resident advisors of each hall, coordinating hall programs and events, distributing Residence Life-issued information and overseeing the front desk workers of the hall.

The women are replacing former hall directors Christine Artic, Melissa Peters and Natasha Kultan.

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Kissinger comments green lighted abuses

Associated Press

WASHINGTON While Argentina’s military junta was suppressing dissidents in 1976, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger told the country’s foreign minister, “If there are things that have to be done, you should do them quickly,” according to a newly declassified document.

The conversation left Argentine generals with the belief that Kissinger gave them “a carte blanche for the dirty war,” said Carlos Osorio of the National Security Archives. The foreign policy research center obtained the documents that were being released Friday.

But a former State Department official who attended Kissinger’s meeting in June 1976 with Argentina’s foreign minister, Adm. Cesar Augusto Guzzetti, said that view was “a distortion of history.”

“It’s a canard,” said William D. Rogers, vice chair of Kissinger’s lobbying firm, Kissinger Associates. “The idea that he would tell another country to violate human rights quickly or slowly under any circumstances is a distortion.”

Kissinger’s office did not respond to a request for comment. He has denied condoning abuses.

The documents revive the debate about Kissinger’s relationship with military dictators in Latin America when he was secretary of state in the Nixon and Ford administrations.

It was during that era when military officers frequently toppled elected government and brutalized dissidents, but were accepted by U.S. leaders as anti-communist allies.

Argentina’s military rulers seized power in a March 1976 coup that they could get terrorism under control as quickly as possible.”

Havana, Cuba, to attend an international effort to have your problems understood, Kissinger said. “Otherwise you too will come under increasing attack. If there are things that have to be done, you should do them quickly. But you must get back quickly to normal procedures.”

Previously declassified documents suggest that Argentine leaders took Kissinger’s advice to heart. President Jose Paises de la Zavaleta met with Kissinger in 1976, and Kissinger helped to negotiate a military handover.

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Of course, these seniors also know that Notre Dame is one of the premier Catholic universities in the country, where many students follow the Church's teachings to the letter of the law. But that Catholic identity should never give the impression that the University actively discriminates against any individuals — regardless of what doctrine says about their sexual orientation — who choose to enter the Notre Dame community.

It is clear the Notre Dame student body doesn't want to be on the most homogeneous list, much less atop it. Last year, the "Gay? Fine By Me" campaign blanketed campus on two separate occasions, when nearly 2,000 people donned the bright orange shirts.

While this kind of demonstration is intended to prove the Review's rankings are inaccurate, it cannot affect change when the evaluation procedure itself is skewed.

To compile its homogeneous rankings, the Review simply asked students in a recent story in the Chicago Tribune, Professor Scott Appel said he was very disturbed to read in the Aug. 25 Observer that Professor Ramadan is a distinguished Muslim scholar scheduled to begin teaching at Notre Dame this fall.

The Princeton Review's rankings are inaccurate, it cannot affect change when the evaluation procedure itself is skewed.

In a recent story in the Chicago Tribune, Professor Scott Appel was recorded as saying that someone who has e-warned that Professor Ramadan has links to terrorist groups.

To compile its homophobic rankings, the Review simply asked 300 students at random to agree or disagree with one statement: "Students, faculty and administrators treat all persons equally regardless of sexual orientation." The answers, based on a one-to-five sliding scale, were then compiled and posted in the publication.

The Princeton Review's generalizations about colleges across the country based on such an unreliable method of research are simply irresponsible. To stereotype any school for any issue from the biggest party school to the worst food to the most homophobic — on such limited questioning is unfair.

But this does not excuse the fact that Notre Dame is still on the list.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Revocation of visa a bad omen

I was very disturbed to read in the Aug. 25 Observer that the Department of Homeland Security has withdrawn the visa of Professor Tarig Ramadan, a distinguished Muslim scholar scheduled to begin teaching at Notre Dame this fall.

In a recent story in the Chicago Tribune, Professor Scott Appel was quoted as saying that someone who has e-mail sent a request on how to obtain an explanation, and hopeful

I am sure I join many of my colleagues in supporting the student body should take offense at how outsiders — especially those thousand of high school seniors — perceive its allure.

The Princeton Review's assessment of Notre Dame should motivate all students, faculty and administrators to act in a manner that is fair to all individuals, regardless of differences in race, gender or sexual orientation. Changing just 300 minds could change

**EDITORIAL CARTOON**

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Don't ask for a light load, but rather ask for a strong back."

Unknown

**OBSERVER POLL**

What are you doing this Friday night?

1. Going to "The Show" 9%
2. Rally in the Alley 40%
3. ND Football scrimmage 19%
4. One of the above 21%
5. All of the above 19%

*Poll appears courtesy of www.ndsmcobserver.com and is based on 191 responses.*
ATHENS, Greece — When the final whistle blew, an exhausted Abby Wambach was swarmed by 17 thrilled teammates.

A few minutes later, an Olympic gold medal was hanging around her neck, too.

Hamrn and the rest of the Fab Five had just enough left in their thirtysomething legs for one more title, beating Brazil 2-1 Thursday in overtime in their final tournament together.

"I can’t think of a better group of players that I’d want to stand out there and compete with," Hamm said. "They carried me tonight, that’s for sure.

Away Wambach, the player who might break Hamm’s records one day, scored in the 112th minute with a powerful 10-yard header off a corner kick from Kristine Lilly. It was Wambach’s fourth goal of the Athens Games and 18th in her last 20 games.

The game marked the final competitive appearance together for the remaining players from the first World Cup championship team in 1991. The five helped bring their sport to national prominence and captured the country’s imagination by winning the World Cup in 1999, and together they have played in 1,230 international matches.

Hamm, Julie Foudy and Joy Fawcett are now out of medal contention.

"I thought about good feeling about where I was in my life, and this is a great way to end it," Hamm said.

The retiring players left happy with the final result, but they didn’t want to watch a replay of a game that showed it was perhaps time for them to hang it up.

"Maybe they were trying too hard, but the Americans were slower, less organized, less creative and lost the chance to most of the lack luster against the young Brazilians, who weren’t afraid to show up the U.S. stars around," Hamm said.

Pretinha scored for Brazil in the first half of a rebound, and the Brazilians twice hit the post in regulation, coming close to increasing what would have been the winning goal.

"They were leaking, but we weren’t breaking," goalkeeper Briana Scurry said. "They were fast attacks. Hamm and I knew we had the heart to win it.

"They were very good on 3s. That was something new in this tournament," Spain’s Pau Gasol said. "They looked motivated. It’ll be hard to beat them if they keep playing like that."

After spending 90 minutes practicing jumpers in an empty gym on a day off, Marbury made his three-pointers, and the Americans finally resembled U.S. teams from the past three Olympics.

"We’re starting to like playing with zones," he said.

"We had, and I stress the word ‘had,’ a lot of respect for Larry Brown," said Pesquera, who smirked and shook his head when he heard Brown explain that he tried to rescind the time-out. "Dean Smith would have never done anything like that," Marbury scored just 21 points in his team’s first five games, missing 24 of 30 shots. The Americans lost two of them, to Puerto Rico and Lithuania. But those struggles are in the past. The Americans now have a chance to win the gold medal.

Next up is a semifinal match Friday against Argentina, which in 2002 became the first team to make a U.S. squad comprised of NBA players.

Argentina defeated Greece 69-64 Thursday’s final quarterfinal.

The other semifinal pits Lithuania, which defeated China 97-75, against Italy, which downed Puerto Rico 93-70. Italy leads the record of five set by Reggie Miller against China in 1996, and his scoring total passed the mark of 30 points shared by Charles Barkley (1992 vs. Brazil) and Adrian Dantley (1976 vs. Yugoslavia). The Olympic record is 55 points by Oscar Schmidt of Brazil against Spain in 1988. The record for any U.S. player is 35 by Lisa Leslie against Japan in 1996.

Allen Iverson added 16 points, making three-pointers, and the Americans finally resembled U.S. teams from the past three Olympics. They didn’t get rattled by a large disparity in fouls (27-18), they knocked down their free throws and maintained the lead in the final two minutes, and they topped 100 points for the first time in the tournament.

The Americans finished 12-2 on 3-pointers after shooting a tournament-low 24 percent in their first five games.

"We’ve been playing against so much zone, it doesn’t really matter anymore," Marbury said. "We’re starting to like playing against zone."

Marbury had struggled the most in the team’s first five games, uncomfortable with Brown’s insistence that a point guard should run the offense rather than point-shoot-first, pass-second, Marbury’s mind-set was fundamentally at odds with his coach’s.

Playing under coach Brown is not easy," Marbury said. "It’s tough because he demands so much from you — to try to play your game and try to do what he wants, and have that all come in one has been a challenge to me. But it’s been a great challenge.

Gasol led Spain with 29 points but was held to just four in the fourth quarter by a tenacious American defensive effort which included a crowd of 14,500 that included Spain’s King Juan Carlos.

"It was said that the public supports the weaker team. I think in this case the public was solidly behind the stronger team because we were the stronger team," said Pesquera, who also complained that the officials allowed the Americans to get away with travelling violations.

"I think this game was under NBA rules, not FIBA rules," he said.

Several Spanish players throw their hands up and stared at the American bench in disgust when Brown called his late timeout. Pesquera wasn’t buying Brown’s explanation.

"I tried to apologize, I tried to explain," Marbury said. "But it’s something about the NBA, I would never try to embarrass anybody," Brown said.
**GOLF**

Pavin leads way at Buick Championship

Matt Weibring chips out of the sand at the Buick Championship Thursday in Cromwell, Conn.

**MLB**

Royals’ Berroa struggles at plate

2003 AL Rookie of the Year falters after solid season

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — At this point in a lost season, the Kansas City Royals can only hope that Angel Berroa turns out better than the Hammer.

Bob Hamelin was the AL Rookie of the Year in 1994 with the Royals, a big slugger with a colorful nickname. Five years later, he was out of the big leagues.

The Royals believe Berroa can avoid that fate.

Berroa was the AL’s top rookie last year, winning the award and sparking the Royals into a playoff race.

But this year, the 26-year-old shortstop stumbled so badly at the plate and in the field that he wound up at Double-A Wichita earlier this month.

“He knows why we sent him down,” Kansas City manager Tony Pena said Monday after Berroa was recalled from his two-step stint in the minors.

“This ballclub had not played well the whole year and he wanted to do more than what he was capable of doing. He started pressing and tried to carry the ballclub all by himself, so we sent him down just to get him to relax and come back playing the way he’s capable of playing,” he said.

Berroa was hitting under .250 as the weekend approached and striking out four times as much as he walked. He also was among the league leaders in errors.

It’s a far cry from last season, when he hit .287 with 17 home runs and 73 RBIs. After finishing with their first winning season in almost a decade, the Royals rewarded him in May with a four-year, $11 million contract extension.

Berroa is not the only Kansas City player struggling this summer. The Royals already are out of playoff contention, a disappointing performance for a young team that hoped to build on its 2003 surge.

Whatever Berroa is going through and whether he’s still bothered by the migraine headaches that put him on the 15-day disabled list in April — he’s keeping it to himself.

“There’s no chance even to ask,” Angel Berroa said.

Royals shortstop

“I don’t want to talk. Nothing to say.”

As Associated Press

CROMWELL, Conn. — Corey Pavin started strong and finished with a flourish for one of the best rounds of his career and a three-stroke lead at the inaugural Buick Championship on Thursday.

Pavin matched his career low 63 held by three players — Mickelson, Scott Verplank and Bowden.

“I’ve had good success in the past and for some reason, I play OK,” Pavin said. “Anytime you get to a golf course you feel comfortable on, you just feel good that you might shoot a good score or things are going to come together. And today was a day that everything seemed to come together.”

Bob Burns and Matt Weibring are second at 5-under 65. Burned putted together four birdies on the back, the only birdies with 66s were Fred Funk, David Peoples, Jerry Kelly, Jason Dufner and Craig Bowden.

Pavin’s round was one stroke off the tournament record of 61 held by three players — two-time champ Phil Mickelson, Scott Verplank and Kirk Triplett. It also matched the event’s best first-round score, set in 2001 by Jonathan Kaye. Pavin’s only other 62 came in the 1990 Texas Open, where he finished third.

He took advantage of ideal scoring conditions in his morning round to punch balls and softened the greens at TPC at River Highlands. Pavin held a 120-yard wedge shot on the 134-yard second hole for an eagle. His seven-birdie round included a 45-foot chip-in at No. 18 that brought a roar from the gallery.

His only stumble was a bogey at No. 12, when he missed a 10-footer for par.

The 24-year-old Weibring is playing on a sponsor’s exemption and is competing in just his third PGA Tour event. His father, D.A. Weibring, won this event in 1996 with his then 16-year-old son in the gallery.

Matt Weibring is making his first return to Hartford since that win, but remembers vividly his father’s shot-making in the final round and his one-stroke win over Tom Kite.

“I’ve got real good memories of my dad hitting those shots, so kind of in my head, I had an idea what to do and what kind of shots to play,” the younger Weibring said. “If I can stay and not just get caught up in what is actually happening, I think I’ll be able to be all right.”

Burns has made just nine cuts in 21 events this season and has one top-10 finish. His only other win came at the Dinny Classic in 2002.

Pavin, the 1995 U.S. Open champ, has just one top-10 finish this season and is looking forward to his first return since 1996. He’s been working with swing coach Butch Harmon the past year and likes the direction his game is heading.

“Certainly it’s important where I end up on Sunday, but right now the journey is really important for me and what I go through and how I get to that point where I’m playing to the best of my ability,” Pavin said. “If I happen to win great … But as long as I’m pointing in the right direction, that’s all I’m after right now.”

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Wichita manager Frank White, who played 18 years at second base with the Royals and won eight Gold Gloves over that span, recently said Berroa seemed to be learning from his demotion.

“Basically what you’re trying to do is just keep him focused,” White said. “When you have the kind of success he had last year — and then this year he’s not making the routine plays — then basically, you have to go back and ask, ‘Is he ready for them?’ Is he going out there before every pitch and saying, ‘I want the ball hit to me?’”

In one game at Wichita, Berroa showed off his skills in the field with six assists.

“When you watch him play shortstop, things just come so easily for him,” White said. “He’s got a quick arm, and he’s got a lot of strength in that arm. Every night, he’s made two or three outstanding plays.”

But on the basepaths, Berroa showed a lapse in concentration that could have cost Wichita the game.

With the score tied at 3 in the bottom of the ninth, he led off with a single and advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt.

Then he took off for third — on his own, White said — and was thrown out. The next batter up singled.

“The good thing is, he was hustling and being aggressive,” White said. “You don’t ever want to take that away from a guy — you just want to explain the situation.”

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Do your allergies or asthma get worse in the springtime? Is South Bend in the fall? The problem may be more serious than pollens.

Industry-reported Toxic Release Inventories (TRIs), required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, show that St. Joseph County's cancer risk, from known carcinogens, makes it dirtier than '90 percent of all U.S. counties. South Bend residents face a cancer risk 100 times higher than that mandated by the U.S. Clean Air Act. The county’s emissions of volatile organic compounds, for example, place it among the dirtiest counties in the United States.

Indiana ranks third, behind Texas and Pennsylvania, in volumes of carcinogens released annually. Most of those releases are here in northwest Indiana.

Yet the South Bend situation is worse in at least seven respects than those TRI data indicate.

For one thing, TRIs are based only on what local policing industries claim they release. Most TRIs are never audited. When they are, they show companies greatly underreport toxic releases. After all, would every industry report its illegal releases, if doing so might make hiring pipeline and job assignments harder?

Second, the South Bend situation is worse than TRI data indicate because South Bend county reports cover only releases in a single county. South Bend's real (aggregate) pollution, including both local and upwind sources, is much higher than the numbers and activities amass?

Third, the South Bend situation is worse than TRI data indicate because localTRIs are out of date. They ignore the toxic releases we receive downwind from the two closest counties. As a result, South Bend residents often breathe air that is worse in than that in South Chicago slums.

Fourth, the EPA requires only the largest industries to report TRI data. Other releases are ignored.

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Sixth, companies are required to report neither the quantities of toxic chemicals they use, nor the chemicals remaining in products — both of which might provide clues for estimating actual toxic releases.

Finally, TRI data underestimate local pollution, especially carcinogens. As does South Bend. And although South Bend residents face pollution from all three counties, our TRI data include only the South Bend County contributions to South Bend pollution.

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In the last several weeks a public advocacy group called itself Swift Boat Veterans for Truth pro­ duced and paid for a commercial accusing the presidential hopeful of lying about his military service in Vietnam. In the ad, 13 veterans who served with or near Kerry spoke out on the incidents that surrounded his five medals — including his third Purple Heart, which precipitated his discharge from the Navy after four months in Vietnam.

While Kerry's disavowal, the allegations made an impression on voters.

The University of Pennsylvania's National Assessment of Election Surveillance found that more than half the respondents had seen or heard of the ad and 44 percent of self-described independent voters found the ad very or somewhat believable.

Separately, a CBS poll found that since the end of the Democratic National Convention, Kerry's sup­ port among veterans has dropped sharply.

A key focus of the convention was to highlight Kerry's war record and portray him as a battle­ tested veteran ready to assume command in an era of terrorism. Polls immediately following the con­ vention showed the campaign had made considerable progress toward that goal. Now, much of that progress seems to have been eroded by this single ad.

In response to the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth ad, the MoveOn.org political action committee (a liberal interest group) launched a rebuttal ad accusing President Bush of using family connections to avoid the Vietnam War. Actually, while his unit was not called up, President George W. Bush served his country as a pilot at the Vietnam Air National Guard during the Vietnam War, accumulating over two years of active duty service.

Many will undoubtedly view the ad released by the MoveOn.org ad as a hit-for-hit response to the Swift Boat ad, an attempt to counter the facts that Kerry may damage President Bush on the same front. However, most will not see the true reason for the Bush administration's ad.

Shortly after the MoveOn.org ad was released, presidential hopeful John Kerry publicly con­ demned this ad, which criticized Bush, saying, "This should be a campaign of issues, not insults." At first glance, Kerry is apparently taking the "high road" when it comes to negative campaign­ ing, but his true reasoning behind denouncing the MoveOn.org ad does not stop there.

By denouncing what has so far been an ineffective ad against Bush, pressure on the President to do the same with the Swift Boat ad has been constant and heavy. For weeks, the White House has declined to do so, again and again.

During the prolonged silence from the White House, President Bush stepped up his attacks. In doing so, he deflected some of the criticism aimed at him toward Bush's refusal to stop the personal attacks for so long.

From a campaign standpoint, this is nothing short of brilliant. John Kerry's campaign advisers have taken a damaging situation and spun it in their favor. By placing Kerry as the first to denounce what the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth ad is attacking, Kerry and his campaign advisors hoped to walk the "high road" and simultaneously forced President Bush to slam what many have seen as the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth ad.

If the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth gave Kerry some lemons, right now he must be drinking some mighty sweet lemonade.

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Emcee continues to stand tall for his beliefs in new album

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

Anyone who thinks hip-hop is all about cars, money and using women has obviously never heard Talib Kweli.

Since “Black Star,” his first album with Mos Def was released in 1998, the emcee has gained a reputation for conscientious rap about real life and real problems. In contrast to many popular hip-hop artists, Kweli talks about politics, poverty and family intelligently and poetically.

Kweli may not have earned the radio time and bigger contracts of some of his more famous peers, but the difference is hardly due to a difference in quality of music. Like much of the best music of any genre, Kweli's tracks have gained more respect than radio play.

The artist hardly shuns the work of more popular rappers. “Get By,” one of his most famous tracks, uses a beat from Kanye West, a producer who has also worked with big name artists like Ludacris, Jay-Z and Alicia Keys. Besides his album produced with Mos Def, Kweli has also worked with Jay-Z and Busta Rhymes. But for Kweli himself, saying what he wants to say seems to come a long way before making it onto 99 FM.

In anticipation of tonight’s visit to the Notre Dame campus, Kweli spoke about his new release, coming out on Sept. 28, in his past work and his opinion on current popular music.

What made you want to perform at a place like Notre Dame?
They offered me money to come. I do colleges all the time, usually two or three a month.

People follow me and other cats they hear him flow. And assume I'm the real one with lyrics like I'm Cyrico.

What are some of your favorite tracks from your past albums?
“Memories Live” off of “Reflection Eternal” is one of them. “Get By” off “Quality” is one of my favorites. I like it because the same energy I put into making an album in the past, I put into making that song, and I've put into songs in the future.

What are some of your favorites to watch for on your new album?
I'm getting ready to do something with the same energy I put into making a complete album, and this time I was more focused on making complete production.

What do you want to do through the kind of music you produce?
I'm just trying to be myself and show that hip-hop is beautiful. You don't have to try to be someone else. You can just be yourself and contribute to it.

Who are some of the artists out there recording now who you like to hear?
Jill Scott has a new album out that's beautiful, and Jadakiss. ... As far as what I've been listening to lately, some Anthony Hamilton and Ghostface. CeeJo just put out an incredible album.

Are there any other projects you're planning for the near future?
I'm getting ready to do something with the Beastie Boys, and after that I'll be working with Mos Def.

Will this be another Black Star album?
Eventually, yes.

Talib Kweli will perform tonight as co-headliner of The Show version 3.0. Tickets are available for $10 to Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students only.

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Photo courtesy of www.free-albums.net

Emcee Talib Kweli has earned respect throughout the hip-hop community for his politically conscious lyrics.
Coffeeshop rocker brings his San Diego sound to the JACC

By SARAH VABULAS and MOLLY GRIFFIN
Scene Writers

Another school year has begun, and yet again, students must contemplate how to spend their precious first weekend hours.

If you’re a music fan, The Show version 3.0, sponsored by the Student Union Board, scheduled for tonight is an event not to be missed. This year’s concert will bring co-headliner Jason Mraz, one of the biggest up-and-coming artists on the popular music scene, to the Joyce Center for a price that is impossible to beat. His album “Waiting for My Rocket to Come” debuted in November 2002 and rose quickly in the charts. You’ll most likely remember Mraz for his song, “The Remedy,” which constantly played on top 40 radio stations across the country during the summer of 2003.

Mraz grew up in Mechanicsville, Va. Listening to the Dave Matthews Band and local roots musicians, he began his career with an interest and participation in musical theatre. After graduating high school, he moved to New York to attend the American Musical and Dramatic Academy, but dropped out after only a year to take up the guitar and focus on songwriting.

After living and working in New York, Mraz returned to Virginia, but only for a short time. In 1999 he headed west to San Diego, known across the country for its coffeeshouse scene and large support of upcoming singers and songwriters. One of the most famous artists to emerge from this unique music scene prior to Mraz is Jewel. Mraz began playing local shops and found a weekly gig at a popular local coffee shop called Java Joe’s. Around the same time, Mraz met drummer Toca Rivera. Soon afterward, the two were playing together with Mraz on acoustic guitar and Rivera on djembe. They created a live performance that showcased as much comedy between the two as it did music.

Mraz’s popularity traveled to Los Angeles over the course of the next two years, earning the attention of record labels. In early 2002, Mraz signed a contract with Elektra Records. He returned to Virginia, where he wrote and recorded his debut album, “Waiting for My Rocket to Come.” The single, coupled with word-of-mouth buzz, helped the album find its way into the CD collections of music fans across the country. “Waiting for My Rocket to Come” blends Mraz’s early influences and coming-of-age by combining country and roots rock with the position of coffeehouse folk, elements of jazz and the rhythmic charge of hip-hop. His wide-ranging and unusual blend of musical influences reveals itself in his singles like the upbeat hit “The Remedy,” the romantic ballad “You and I Both” and the hip-hop tinged “Curbside Prophet.”

Like many coffeehouse artists, Mraz writes emotional songs about a variety of subjects, but relationships, both good and bad, remain the central focus of much of his music. Mraz’s training as a vocalist shows itself on his debut album, which is marked by the pure clarity and range of his vocals. True to the hip-hop style he admires, Mraz also scats and raps on some of his songs, which add a different spin to the usual acoustic singer/songwriter sound.

On Tuesday, Mraz released a live CD/DVD combination set. “Tonight, Not Again: Jason Mraz Live at the Eagles Ballroom” was recorded and filmed last October at Milwaukee’s Eagles Ballroom. Jason is joined onstage by his band and a number of special guests, including Blues Traveler’s John Popper. The set list includes four new Mraz-penned songs. In addition to the full-length concert, the DVD includes an array of bonus footage, including exclusive behind-the-scenes segments. Jason Mraz is not simply just another coffeeshouse singer/songwriter. The artist has great potential for longevity. His creative lyrics, inspired delivery and ability to write high-energy music will keep fans looking for more as his career continues to grow.

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Sosa, Ramirez go long to power Cubs past Astros

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Sammy Sosa and Aramis Ramirez hit consecutive homers in a five-run third inning, and the Chicago Cubs beat the Houston Astros 8-3 for their fifth straight win.

Mark Prior (4-3) needed 116 pitches to get through six innings, but got his first win in three weeks. He gave up seven hits, including Jeff Bagwell's three-plus innings.

Sosa's lead-off single hit into center was his 568th career homer — second place on the all-time list behind Hank Aaron's 755.

Ramirez followed with a home run and added a sacrifice fly in the seventh. Bagwell's two-run homer in the third put the Astros ahead 2-1 before Ramirez got in trouble in the third. After loading the bases with one out, Backe got sur­rendered a sacrifice fly to Moises Alou, then gave up home runs to Sosa and Ramirez.

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Braves 6, Rockies 4

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Rockie Charles Thomas drove in two runs, and every Atlanta starter collected at least one hit. The Braves fin­ished with 11 hits they've had double-digit days in six straight games.

In a game since June 23, when the Braves were six games under .500 and 32-38, Atlanta is 14-1. Now 26 games over .500, they contin­ued to expand their lead over Florida.

Hampton (10-9) moved to 9-3 in his career against Colorado, where he played in 2001-02. He allowed six hits and four walks in six innings, but gave up only two runs.

Jamey Wright pitched the sixth for his 34th save in 37 chances.

Red Cards 0

CINCINNATI — A computer glitch left Aaron Harang shight-handed in the second inning, and the St. Louis Cardinals baffled, too.

Harang threw a three-hitter for his first career complete game and Sean Casey homered for his first major league start, gave up seven hits and nine runs in three-plus innings.

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ATHENS, Greece — The Greek chorus of whistles, boos and delays that had accompanied Carl Lewis and John Moffitt in their previous attempts were mostly absent from the finish line of the long jump this time. Moffitt, the world-record holder, and Lewis, a recent gold medalist, set the tone for the event by taking off with a 28-foot, 2 1/4-inch effort to win the gold medal.

The United States, with Moffitt and Lewis as the anchors, won the long jump gold medal for the third of their four medals. Lewis, the defending Olympic champion and world record holder, came in second and Moffitt third in the last sweep, just as the United States had taken all three 200 medals to secure the sweep.

For four minutes, he fought to stay composed while rowdy fans chanted the name of his country and their dis­graced sprinting star.

The event has been in the doldrums for years, and Phillips aims to bring it back, not just in the United States but every­where.

"It feels good to go beyond the limits I dreamed of as a kid," he said. "Now I have new goals." Phillips attended the University of Kentucky, then transferred after his sophomore year to Arizona State and began long jumping. He still lives and trains in Tempe, Ariz.

He said he was thinking world record when he fouled on his second and third jumps. An awkward landing on the second foot was a bit embarrassing, "I felt flat on my face," Phillips said. "I think more than anything my pride was hurt."

But it was quickly restored. The crowd still cheered at the finish. It was the sixth time the United States has taken all three 200 medals — the last sweep was led by Carl Lewis in 1984. And it gave the United States a total of 18 track and field medals, just two behind the total from Sydney, with the relays and several other events still to come in Greece. Russia is next with nine medals. Crawford was asked whether he felt cheated out of a victory lap because his victory lap was cut short. "I didn't worry about that," he said. "I got a full gold medal."

Silver medalist Bernard Williams, left, and bronze medalist Justin Gatlin congratu­late each other after the two medals.

The crowd was subdued after earlier heats, and Phillips was the only Seam­less with nine medals.

Gatlin are train­ing partners under Graham, who acknowledged on the night of Gatlin's 100-meter victory that he was the coach who sent a syringe of a mys­tery steroid to authorities last year — fueling the drug scan­dals that have swept the sport.
FOOTBALL

From walk-ons to full-rides

Fitzpatrick, Gioia and Schmidt receive scholarships for 2004

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Valparaiso High School.

three-time all-state selection

in placements and as a punter

by the Indiana Football

this fall. He did not see game

winning field goal on the

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nent’s 20-yard line and posting

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Fitzpatrick kicked the game-

kicker and punter, and made

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12 of 17 field-goal attempts

D.J. Fitzpatrick, sophomore

placekicker/punter Carl Gioia

Senior placekicker/punter

Schmidt is a veteran fullback

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Central Development Office.

Additionally, Phillips was an

integral part of the cam­

aign to underwrite the

building of a new 96,000-

square foot athletics facility.

This complex, currently

under construction, will

house all facets of the foot­

ball program, as well as offer

stadium conditioning areas and a sports medicine

rehabilitation center for the

University’s 26 varsity sports programs.

Phillips also directed all

phases of the planning,

implementation and execu­

tion of the entire athletics

community relations pro­

gram. This includes VIP

events and recognition pro­

grams. His responsibilities

also included development of

new institutional and depart­

mental advancement pro­

grams as identified by uni­

versity relations and athlet­

ics.

Phillips also oversaw all

aspects of the athletics ticket

offices, including ticketing,

parking, staffing, systems, and customer relations. He

also coordinated corporate sponsorship for the Kevin

White Radio Show, and was

the liaison between these

sponsors and the radio net­

work.

His sport administration

duties included providing

supervision for the men’s

soccer, women’s rowing and

women’s golf program, as well

as assisting with men’s

basketball. He played an

organizational role in the

building of football attend­

ance and serves as the con­

tact person for bowl rep­

sentatives as they visit the

Notre Dame campus.

Prior to arriving at Notre

Dame, Phillips served as

assistant athletic director at

the University of Tennessee


oversaw a $12.4 million ath­

letic annual giving program

and was directly responsible for identifying, cultivating

and soliciting all major gifts and donations for the

Tennessee athletic depart­

ment. In addition, he assisted

in starting an innovative

fundamental campaign for athletics at Tennessee that

raised over $55 million for endowments, facilities

and programs.

Phillips’ career in athletic

administration began at the

University of Illinois where

he served as an administra­

tive assistant in the athletic

department from 1988-90. A

native of Chicago, he is a

1990 graduate of Illinois with

a bachelor’s degree in

kinesiology. He received a

master’s of education degree

in administration from

Arizona State in 1992 and is

currently pursuing a doctor­

ate in educational adminis­

tration and policy studies

from Tennessee.

“Jim will bring a lot of

‘juice’ to NIU’s program,”

White said. “He’s highly

energetic, always enthusias­

tic, and terribly passionate.

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ously overwhelm.”

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Mike Williams catches a pass against Notre Dame last season. The NCAA ruled Thursday to deny him eligibility for the upcoming season.

**NCAA bars Williams from USC team**

**In Brief**

Judge chastises Bryant's prosecutors

EAGLE, Colo. — On the eve of Kobe Bryant's rape trial, a frustrated judge chastised prosecutors Thursday for waiting until the last minute to challenge DNA evidence that the defense says shows the accuser had sex with someone else hours after her encounter with the NBA star.

In an often-testy exchange, Judge Terry Ruckriegle told prosecutors he should deny their request for a hearing because it was likely to delay the trial, which begins Friday with jury selection. But he gave them until Tuesday to provide more information to help him make his decision.

Later Thursday, the judge held a closed-door session with prosecutors and defense attorneys to discuss the 82-item questionnaire that prosecutor jurors will fill out. About 500 prospective jurors are expected to arrive at the Eagle County courthouse Friday; opening statements are not expected before Sept. 7.

Bryant has pleaded not guilty to felony sexual assault, saying he had consensual sex with the then-19-year-old employee of a Vail-area resort where he stayed last summer. If convicted, the Los Angeles Lakers star faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation.

**Hewitt crushes Llodra**

**COM M A C K, N.Y. — Former Wimbledon and U.S. Open winner Lleyton Hewitt cruised to a 6-1, 6-4 victory over Michael Llodra on Thursday to advance to the quarterfinals of the TD Waterhouse Cup.**

The win was the 13th in the last 14 matches for the 23-year-old Australian, who is now 50-13 this year. He has recorded 30 or more wins in three of the last four years. Llodra, who reached the fourth round at Roland Garros in June, trailed 0-1 and held a 30-15 advantage in the second set when a linesman called his serve out. Replays showed the ball was in.

**Raymond moves to semis**

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Wild card Lisa Raymond powered into the semifinals of the Pilot Pen tournament, beating Daniela Hantuchova 6-4, 6-3 Thursday. Russians Elena Bovina and Elena Dementieva also advanced. Thursday night's match between Jennifer Capriati and Nathalie Dechy will complete the semifinal pairings.

Bovina, seeded seventh, defeated wild card Mashona Washington 6-3, 6-2, and Dementieva, seeded second, ousted Jelena Jankovic 6-1, 6-4.

The 31-year-old Raymond lost just two points in her service game in the second set, and broke the 21-year-old Hantuchova to win the match.

"Age is just a state of mind," Raymond said. "It's like you turn 30 and your career is over. As long as I'm fit, healthy, and still enjoying this, why not?"
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appearance, the Irish kicked off their 2004 campaign in impressive fashion Monday night, shutting out a visiting Northwestern squad, 2-0.

Forward Justin McGeeney drew first blood for Notre Dame early 1-0 lead. Less than 10 minutes later, the Wildcats in front of the 2-0 lead with Tony Megna in front of the Notre Dame defense, home to a pair of List members in goalkeeper Dianne/ml Stewart, protected defender Jack Stewart, protected midfielder Greg cross from midfielder Greg mpuglisi@nd.edu

CLAIR KELLEY/The Observer

Junior midfield John Stephens goes for a header against Northwestern Monday.

Sophomores midfielder Kim Lorencen dribbles the ball up the field during a match against Oklahoma last season.

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"It has been two years since we have won the Big East and we want to reclaim that title," Waldrum said. "But we cannot afford to look past Baylor considering it is the season opener." Although the team is highly ranked in preseason polls, Waldrum does not want these great expectations to influence the way the team performs throughout the season.

We have been at this long enough, and it is nice to have the recognition this early," Waldrum said. "But we understand that the team that wins the national title is the team that gets it done at the end of the day."

Waldrum looks to the seasoned veterans to get the job done. By adding several new players, the Irish have added depth to the team and hope to best their 2003 record of 20-3-1.

Among those veterans is fifth-year All-American defender Melissa Tancredi and defender Candace Chapman. Tancredi and Chapman recently received honors of being named to the Soccer Buzz preseason All-American squad, and are among the 25 players named to the preseason watch list for the Hermann Trophy national player-of-the-year award.

This marks the first time since 1997 the Irish will be returning two All-American defenders.

In addition to these players, there are several new freshmen who contributed to the team during preseason play in Brazil. Janinec Tjader, Ashley Jones, Lauren Karas and Amanda Chaili add a newfound energy to the Irish roster.

The key to success this season will be in adjusting team dynamics. "Integrating the new players was not an easy task for the team," Waldrum said. "But it must be made quickly."

The Irish have been working to put those words into action at practices, quickly trying to find a balance in the midst of a fast paced and often hectic season.

The game against Baylor offers the team an opportunity to find that balance.

"We tend to play so much better off the ball," Waldrum said. "This is when our kids show what they have to offer."
Our new academic year is underway! With the return of the students, the Notre Dame campus is once again what it has always meant to be - a place where talented young people have once again returned “home” and are delighted to be with each other. Whenever I am away from campus for any period of time, as soon as I see a statue of the Basilica with its glistening cross, the Golden Dome with the Lady of the House exactly where she belongs, the Grotto just a few yards from the lake shore, and the Notre Dame students - it is almost as if I have never been away. It is home. And it will always be home.

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For all of us, a new year holds new and old experiences that, in fact, never grow old. The beauty of the Campus no matter what season; the way the tones of the Victory March is ever so old and ever so new, the way singing at least the last four words of our Alma Mater, “love thee Notre Dame,” locked arm in arm and shoulder to shoulder while gently swaying; the honor of studying at a Catholic University where “Catholic” is not just an adjective and “University” heralds an outstanding academic institution with a world-class faculty with time for students who are smarter than anyone should possibly be; disciplined and dedicated young men and women in ROTC units preparing to serve their country as commissioned officers after graduation; worshipping in the Basilica and in the residence halls; friendships in and outside our residence halls, that we will know last a lifetime; talented varsity and interhall athletes, young men and women who, through their service, will never permit the poor to take second place in their view of our society; and a place where Church takes on the flesh and blood of the One whose Body and Blood we can share as often as we wish.

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because of his draft status, though.

"It's still going to come down to who performs during the regular season." There were some surprises in the order that the three players were taken. O'Neil, who played on the top pairing of defense on last year's team, was widely predicted to be taken in the early rounds, and it was a bit of a shock when the defenseman was not selected until the 115th pick overall, by the New York Islanders.

Central Scouting, a private organization that ranks prospects in each year's draft, ranked O'Neil as the ninth-best North American defense­man in 2001 and the third-best collegiate defenseman behind Grant Lewis of Dartmouth and A.J. Thelen of Michigan State. Poulin was among those who would have predicted O'Neil would be selected in the earli­er rounds of the draft.

"It's such an inexact science," he said. "(Representatives from) a number of teams told me even on the day of the draft that Wes would go in the first or second round."

"He's handled it extremely well because he knows that (as a college career) is a long jour­ney."

Brown's selection was also perhaps a bit sur­prising, but colle­giate goalies have had long to over­come the stigma of being seen as infe­rior to their European and North American counterparts who play in professional leagues, and this year was no excep­tion.

After Michigan's Alvaro Montoya was selected No. 10 overall, not a single additional collegiate goalie was selected until Brown, who went with the 228th pick to the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Brown was a big part of Notre Dame's success last season, as the team advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time in the program's his­tory. Along with senior Morgan Cey, Brown helped the Irish have one of the best defenses in the nation.

The sophomore finished the season with a .925 save percentage and a 2.42 GAA while playing was considered one of the most difficult schedules in the nation.

"I'm familiar with a lot of the goalies who were taken ahead of David this year," Poulin said. "And frankly, I wouldn't take any of them over David." Oreskovich was a bit of a surprise as well, but in a differ­ent way. The forward, who turned 18 on Aug. 15, was one of the youngest overall players in the draft this year and came in ranked as the 72nd overall North American skater.

Oreskovich, now ranking on Central Scouting's list didn't dissuade the Avalanche from making him the second Irish player to be selected in the second round — recently-graduated Bob Gobeke was the first.

"I think that Central Scouting is sometimes looked at as more than what it really is," Poulin said. "When you get down to it, it's just a guy who scouts — it's just that guy's opinion."

"Someone within the Avalanche system saw something he really liked in Victor, and when a player fits into your system that's often more important than how they're ranked."

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Victor Oreskovich was drafted by the Avalanche in the early NHL Draft. He was one of three Irish players selected this year.

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...a calculation of how many points a team receives in the poll divided by the total num­ber of possible points. For example, in the AP poll last year, a team receiving 1,500 points — out of a possible 1,625 — would have an AP score of 923.

Six computer rankings are being used in 2004. The high­est and lowest computer rank­ings are thrown out in determining a team's computer average. 25 points will be given to a team ranked No. 1 in each computer poll, 24 for second and so on. The sum of the four computer rankings will be divided by 100 — the largest possible computer ranking total — to get a team's computer average.

The two poll scores along with the computer score will be averaged to get a team's computer average. Another way to understand the percentage system is to look at a school's polls and computer scores as batting averages.

"The purpose of the BCS is to match the nation's top two college football teams in an end-of-season bowl game for the national championship," Weiberg said. "This formula goes a long way to eliminate some of the controversy sur­rounding previous matchups as we continue to improve the system.

Under the revised system, co-national champions USC and LSU would have played in last season's BCS champi­onship game. Both the AP and coaches' polls ranked the Trojans No. 1 at the end of the regular season, but the BCS standings had the Trojans ranked No. 3.

In 2000 and 2001, the human polls had Miami and Oregon ranked No. 2 but other components in the BCS formula kept those two teams from playing for the national title. That's what this simpli­fied formula is designed to prevent.

"We want to have as much consensus around the teams participating in the national championship game as we possibly can," Weiberg said. "But, you know, our intent here was not to try to produce a formula that somehow would continue to have a con­versational outcome. We're try­ing to use the tools that we have available to us to get the best possible outcome."

The first BCS rankings will be announced Oct. 18 with the top two teams in the BCS standings playing Jan. 4 in the Orange Bowl.

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Horoscope

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Even though everything is going hi a nuts now because of Mercury retrograde, keep in mind that the area you will continually be able to improve on an ongoing basis (are you watching my lips?) is your job and your employment. A good opportunity may appear, so do your homework. Because of the heavy concentration of planets in Virgo right now, you will have a wonderful opportunity for love, romance, flirtations. You are financially specialized, and success in the entertainment world and the hospitality industry. You can also make great strides educating children.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your real estate scene has never looked better. At least, not for over a decade. You can really clean up now. Similarly, you could realize lovely improvements to home, family and your domestic scene. Mind broken lines either naturally or metaphorically between family members.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): It’s not right to win on essential but about our world in order to win. Mind you, in one way we share one big bad, and in another way, there’s a lot of limited number of medals. Unfortunately, however, too many are left off these lists. Congratulations! This Horoscope line is a happy life now. The area you’re most interested in now is in your sign. (That’s why you’re running into ex-partners and people from your past, no say nothing of the confusion you suffer on an ongoing basis.) But aside from that — cheers!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Nobody can party all the time. Nobody can work all the time. And when you can even let an instant at the time. But you need a break. Unfortunately, since you’re attracting so much to you, many of you have gained weight, as well. Except for those rare gems who get gala health issues.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): ‘Tis been over a decade since partnerships and friendships have helped you so much. Don’t go it alone. Work in conjunction with others. The supportive give-and-take you encounter will help boost you toward your immediate career success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): One reason you can promote your good name to reach a new important people (business, family and VIPs) are in your corner. Why else do you think can’t get a seat? Accept their help. Let others boost you and brag about your accomplishments. (You can look falsely proud.)

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Because of this heavy concentration of planets in your sign. (That’s why you’re running into ex-partners and people from your past, no say nothing of the confusion you suffer on an ongoing basis.) But aside from that — cheers!

ARIES (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): It’s been said it’s harder to reason than to go. And until you’re on the receiving end of something, you might not fully appreciate this. Actually, since many of you are on the morning end of the universe right now, you know what I’m talking about. Swallow your pride.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Your people skills have really jumped as a major way this year. Have you noticed? Your ability to do with friends, partners and members of the general public is very smooth and charismatic. Naturally, you have an edge because you are empathetic and perspicacious. (This is your year to shine.)

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Revised BCS format simplifies ranking system

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

After a split national championship in 2003, the Bowl Championship Series formula was due for a major change. In past years after controversial BCS championship game participants, more components were added to the formula like strength of schedule, quality wins and team losses.

The revised formula announced July 15 for the 2004 season will have only three parts — the Associated Press poll, the USA Today/ESPN coaches poll and a computer average.

Each portion will bear equal weight ranging for one-third of a team's overall BCS ranking.

"As opposed to past years where we tried to go in and take a look at previous years' results and make minor adjustments, add elements or tweaks to the poll, this was really a complete re-evaluation of the formula," Big 12 commissioner and BCS coordinator Kevin Weir said in a July 15 teleconference. "In analyzing the BCS standings, we wanted to develop a ranking formula that would be simpler and more precise."

The precise part of the formula comes from how the results from the polls and computers are calculated. Each team's poll score will be

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Led by All-American Tancredi, the No. 3 Irish open the season against Baylor

By DAN TAPETELLO
Sports Writer

The No. 3 Irish are led by a fifth-year All-American, a coach with one of the best career winning percentages in the NCAA and explosive new talent erasing national title. They are the envy of soccer programs around the nation.

"Our kids realize that being Notre Dame makes you a target on the field especially because of the success that we have had with this program."

Coach Randy Waldrum said. "We are that big game on everybody's schedule."

Ironically, the first challenge of the season will come from national rival Baylor, a program formerly led by Notre Dame's own Waldrum.

Baylor enters the season with a 2-0 record in exhibition play, and its preseason efforts have made them serious contenders in the Big 12. Needless to say, Baylor's team has all the incentive it needs for a win tonight.

"They are going to have a lot of motivation to win because I used to coach there," Waldrum said. "But we are more concerned with what we are trying to prepare with what we want to do."

Notre Dame is not rattled, however. Waldrum says his players are hoping to get off to a relaxed start, focusing on their season goals. Among the feats on the Irish wish list is a Big East Tournament Championship.

In order to attain this goal, Waldrum knows the team desperately needs to focus on the present. Concentrating on one game at a time makes a Big East Championship seem all the more doable. First up is Baylor.

Kicking things off

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Though they've only recently started fall semester classes, some Notre Dame hockey players already have their plans set for professional careers.

Three members of the 2004-05 Irish were selected in the NHL Entry Draft this summer in Raleigh, N.C. Sophomore Wes O'Neill and David Brown were selected in the fourth and eight rounds, respectively, while freshman Victor Oreskovich was selected in the second round by the Colorado Avalanche - a ringing endorsement for a player who hasn't even skated a single shift yet for the Irish.

"We've always liked Victor as a player," said Irish head coach Dave Poulin, who successfully recruited Oreskovich away from such big-name programs as Boston College. "He doesn't come to the team with any more expectations

Three Irish players chosen in NHL Draft

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The No. 9 Irish look to iron out any remaining wrinkles when they travel to Chicopee, Mass. Saturday to challenge the Minutemen in their preseason finale-up.

"[Massachusetts] is a very solid team," coach Bobby Clark said. "It's a fundraiser for them so we know it's going to be a good atmosphere and that there will be a lot of people there."

Eager to match, if not better, last season's Sweet 16

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Why Ty's Third Year Will Be Pivotal In Deciding Where He Stands As Notre Dame's Head Football Coach

Photo Illustration by MIKE HARKINS
Potential is there for 9-3 or 4-7 record this year

The alumni have griped with another losing season fresh in memory, the student body has complained about the flurry of losses and the critics have left the Notre Dame football program for dead.

It's safe to say, in the historically-pivotal third year for Notre Dame football coaches, Tyrone Willingham has his work cut out for him. But, as any college football follower will tell you, in August, everyone is undecided and optimism is at its pinnacle.

So, with a 5-7 record in 2003 in mind, exactly what can Notre Dame fans expect from Willingham's third team?

On paper, nine wins is attainable. So are another seven losses. The 2004 opponents are less daunting than those in 2003, when Notre Dame played a schedule that would make the Arizona Cardinals shiver. Three top five teams, including the co-national champion USC, eight bowl teams and "easy" games against Boston College and Purdue.

Ask a team to win with that schedule and an 18-year-old first-year quarterback, along with an inexperienced offensive line, and it's understandable why Notre Dame struggled to a 5-7 mark.

But this year's schedule, it appears, gives Notre Dame a chance to win many more than five games. There are only three games Notre Dame shouldn't win — on paper, that is.

Besides Michigan, Tennessee and USC, the Irish have as much talent as any other eight opponents.

You could even argue the Irish have a reasonable shot at knocking off the Wolverines, who are the year's top four opponents, and the Volunteers.

Michigan has the best receiving corps in the country and a huge offensive line. But remember, the Wolverines are replating their starting quarterback and running back from last season. Matt Guitierrez was 37-0 at De La Salle High School, but never played in front of a crowd like the one he will experience at Notre Dame Stadium Sept. 11. A rookie quarterback's first road start and Notre Dame's home opener is a definite advantage for the Irish. The key for Notre Dame will be pressuring Guitierrez and not allowing him time to find all those outstanding receivers.

Tennessee also has an inexperienced quarterback at the helm this season. They do return Cordie Houston, who led the Volunteers in rushing during the last two seasons. Notre Dame has the advantage of a bye week to prepare for that road game, while Tennessee faces South Carolina the week before.

As for USC, Irish fans should worry about that game when it arrives near Thanksgiving.

But realistically, Notre Dame has the talent to win eight regular season games and a bowl, not only because of the schedule, but also because the 2004 Irish are vastly different than the 2003 version.

Quarterback Brady Quinn has bulked up and returns with some very valuable experience he gained last season. The offensive line, which received the most criticism a year ago, should be an asset now and give Quinn and the running game more time and room to make plays.

The running backs are underrated. People are quick to forget Ryan Grant rushed for over 1,000 yards as a sophomore, becoming just the seventh player in school history to do so. Redshirt freshman Travis Thomas looks good in preseason drills and should get his share of touches. Those two should see the bulk of the carries, with Marcus Wilson splitting them.

The kicking game could be iffy, especially on punts. But D.J. Fitzpatrick and Courtney Watson have stepped up in 2004.

The defense may not be quite the same without Courtney Watson and Vontez Duff, but the unit will still be formidable.

The defensive line will be led by a downright nasty duo of ends in Justin Tuck and Victor Abiamiri. Tuck may be the best defensive end in the nation and Abiamiri could be the same in another year or two.

The linebackers get Mike Goolsby back after an injury-filled 2003. Corey Mays has also stepped up in preseason practice and should see more playing time.

Then there are the defensive backs, a unit that has many Notre Dame fans nervous to say the least. New defensive backs coach Steven Wilks has his hands full, but he does have talent, albeit young, players to work with.

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All in all, this team is significantly better than last year's. Does that mean Notre Dame fans can bank on eight or nine wins and a respectable bowl appearance? No.

As Willingham will tell you, lining up on paper is only worth so much. It's the execution during games which matters the most.

But one certainty is that the team Willingham and the coaching staff puts on the field this year will have much more potential than the 2003 squad.

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IRISH INSIDER

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Irish receiver Rhma McKnight breaks a tackle during the Stanford game last year. McKnight will be expected to be the leader of this year's receiving corps.

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Rebounding from a disappointing 2003 hinge on these nine factors

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

After the Return to Glory in 2002 and a disappointing 2003, Tyone Willingham is standing at a very important crossroads. The third year in South Bend has been legendary for many with Frank Leacy, Ara Parseghian, Joe Montana and Lou Holtz all winning consensus national titles in their third years and Knute Rockne's 1920 team tying for the national title in their third season. Willingham's 2003 and a disappointing string running back, but this year he needs to regain his 2002 form for the Irish offense to be balanced.

Of the four running backs behind Forti, only Marcus Wilson has seen the playing field, and he hasn't been very successful - averaging just 2.6 yards per carry. Travis Thomas has raised some eyebrows in fall camp, and Darious Walker has all the expectations of being nothing less than a star.

Receivers reaching their potential

Ihema McKnight is looked at as the playmaker of the receiving corps. He has the speed to make a big play and, most importantly, wants to be the playmaker on offense. There is a lot of additional talent at receiver. Fellow junior Maurice Stovall has the physical gifts to become a star but has had major problems catching passes consistently. Sophomore Jeff Samardzija had a good camp, and is as versatile as anyone on this team. Former quarter­back Holiday had an entire off­season to learn the receiving position after making the switch mid-season in 2003. If he can find his role in the offense as the 3 or 4 receiver option, the receiving corps will be deep and dangerous.

Offensive line's experience

When Sean Milligan went down with an early-season injury, the offensive line basically had five different starters from the prior sea­son. That inexperience showed in inconsistent play. The quarterbacks had to work with his receivers on timing and the offensive line returns with an invaluable year of experience.

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Greg Pauly - Sr.
Pauly is a fifth-year senior who started 2003 at nose guard, but missed the second half of the season with a broken back. He has had a strong spring and could emerge as one of the stars of this year's defense.

RIGHT END
Kyle Budinscak - Sr.
Budinscak started the first eight games of 2003, before missing the remainder of the season with an injury. Last year, he made 17 tackles (10 solo) and picked up three sacks for 16 yards.

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Mike Goolsby - Sr.
Goolsby missed all of 2003 with an injury, and will return to the inside linebacker position he manned in 2002. On that team, Goolsby finished third in tackles with 75 and also collected four sacks.

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Rashon Powers-Neal - Sr.
Powers-Neal caught a 59-yard touchdown in the 2004 Blue-Gold game and figures to be a versatile offensive option at the fullback position this year. As a converted tailback, he proved difficult to tackle and should provide the Irish with depth in the backfield this season.

FULLBACK
Ryan Grant - Sr.
After rushing for over 1,000 yards in 2002, Grant was relegated to a backup role in Julius Jones in 2003. With Jones in the NFL, the starting job this year should return to Grant, who proved key part of Notre Dame's 10-3 season in 2002. Last year, he collected 510 yards on 143 attempts and scored three touchdowns.

QUARTERBACK
Brady Quinn - Soph.
Quinn stepped in as a starter in 2003 against Purdue and hasn't looked back since. He attended 39 passes in that game, the second-most pass attempts in Irish history, including an 85-yard touchdown to Maurice Stovall. He fought inconsistency all year as a freshman, finishing the year with 15 interceptions and nine touchdowns.

RUNNING BACK
Corey Cuff - Jr.
Cuff played in 11 games for the Irish last year, primarily on special teams, but saw action at linebacker in the Washington State game. Cuff will likely start this year against BYU, after 2003 starter Brandon Hoye injured his right arm.

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THE IRISH

Lionel Bolen - Sr.
Bolen was used primarily as a reserve in the past two seasons, but is expected to be used in a much larger role this year. He had one start last season, against Florida State, and saw action in 10 other games during 2003, collecting 12 tackles.

Mike Richardson - Jr.
After playing most of 2003 at special teams and as a back-up to starters Dwight Ellick and Jason Beckstrom, Richardson is expected to compete for a start at cornerback this season. He finished the 2003 season with 16 tackles, including 10 solo tackles.

Billy Palmer - Sr.
Served as the primary starter at tight end in 2003, rotating time with fellow seniors Jared Clark and sophomore Anthony Fasano.

Mark LeVoir - Sr.
LeVoir has the most experience of the 2004 linemen and started all 12 games of 2003 at left guard.

Justin Tucker - Sr.
Rush. His 13.5 sacks last season was a new Irish single-season sack record, and he also led the team in tackles for a loss with 19.

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Players to Watch

**Ryan Grant**

Name: Ryan Grant

Position: Running Back

In 2002, Grant became just the seventh player in Notre Dame history to rush for over 1,000 yards. After being pushed to the backup role last year during the re-emergence of Julius Jones, Grant will need to return to 2002 form if Notre Dame is to have a balanced offense. As a true freshman, Abiamiri stepped in and proved a force on the Irish pass rush. Although he only recorded one sack in 2003, he helped cause chaos in the opponent's backfield all year.

by the numbers

8 number of teams that Notre Dame plays this season who participated in a bowl game in 2003.

47.3 Brady Quinn's completion percentage last year (167 completions in 332 attempts). He will look to be more consistent this year.

5 Notre Dame's wins in its last 14 games. Those losses include a 45-14 loss to USC and a 38-0 shutout by Michigan in 2003.
Dillingham ready to step up as backup QB

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

He threw 59 passes in his first start. He took his blows against the likes of USC, Florida State and even Syracuse. And he's back on his feet. Now, all indications point to a healthy Brady Quinn leading the charge of a resurrected offense with a year of experience.

"Probably the biggest thing is you've got a quarterback who has a year under his belt, understands the system, knows what he's doing," offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. "Brady has stepped up and become more of a leader and that's something that we really lacked quite a bit last year.

Senior running back Ryan Grant has more experience on the offensive side of the ball, but Quinn receives the major responsibility of leadership because of his position. And so do the backup quarterbacks.

Senior Pat Dillingham, the most likely to step up to Quinn to start the season, has his name sealed in Notre Dame football history after completing a simple slant pattern to Ararat Battle in 2002 that turned into a game-winning, 60-yard touchdown against Michigan State.

Dillingham, however, has not received the call to consistently contribute to the Irish offense. Since even Quinn is not invincible, the targeted quarterback position has had to prepare as if he were the starter.

"I'm preparing like I'm going to back up (Quinn)," Dillingham said. "There hasn't been any official announcement. But I'm getting more comfortable, and I think that helps.

Coaches are pleased with Dillingham's progress, since the next backup after Quinn would be one of two true freshmen, Darren Bragg and David Wolke.

"I issued a challenge to Pat at the end of spring ball that if he was going to continue to improve, there were things that he had to do," Diedrick said. "And I think that Pat did a great job over the summer, prepared himself both physically and mentally ... we're quite pleased with how he's come from spring ball.

The freshmen have begun learning the offensive system. Still, much like young running back Darius Walker has spoken of adjusting to a more complicated offense, Bragg and Wolke have unofficially become secondary to Dillingham in the backup role of Quinn.

"I think that both (freshmen) have progressed in camp, probably not as far as I would like," Diedrick said. "I think the combination of sure arms and mental overload kind of hit them at a number of spots. But I think they've both worked through it, and they're still getting reps."

Dillingham has been in the system for three years and said he understands the offense enough to be a serviceable backup.

"It's just a matter of going out there and executing," Dillingham said.

The offense under Quinn has progressed throughout the fall.

You're probably never as consistent as you'd like to be [on offense] and that's the thing we coaches harp on," Willingham said. "That's the thing you're always striving for.

Dillingham hopes he improved to that point, to where if Quinn cannot play for one reason or another, the offense will not miss a beat.

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True freshman David Wolke participates in a fall practice drill earlier this year.

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Fitzpatrick leads the way for special teams

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After a game-winning field goal by a walk-on place kicker with a walk-on holder beat Navy in 2003, this year's kicking game should be improved.

Leading the way will be walk-on place kicker and punter D.J. Fitzpatrick. In 2003, he took over the starting job after Nicholas Satta was injured against Pittsburgh.

Fitzpatrick started the final eight games of the season and converted 12-of-17 field goal attempts, including the game-winner against Navy. But this year will be different for the senior, as he knows he is the starting place kicker, and maybe punter.

"Last year I was just kind of thrown into the mix, so this year I got that good year under my belt. I'm a lot more comfortable, and I don't have to worry about fighting for my spot," Fitzpatrick said. "I can just go in there and do what I know how to do and relax."

Fitzpatrick said he is more prepared this year for the expectations.

"Last year, I didn't even have time to think about it, I was just kind of thrown into the mix and whatever happened, happened," he said. "This year, the expectations are higher from others and from myself. So I'm definitely more confident, and want to get out there and see what I can do and help the team as much as I can.

At the punting position, the battle is still underway for the starting spot. Redshirt freshman Geoffrey Price is competing with Fitzpatrick, despite having no collegiate experience. Price shined in the spring Blue-Gold game, booting six punts for an average of 45.8 yards, including punts of 64 and 55 yards. He handled the kicking duties throughout that game.

"The spring game was good," Price said. "I enjoyed that. The beginning of camp, I think I was doing pretty well. I've had a couple of off days lately. Now I just have to get focused and get back on track, hopefully.

Coach Tyone Willingham said he is still waiting to see who will emerge as the team's punter.

"We're very much in a competition there with Geoff Price and D.J. Fitzpatrick. We don't know how that one is going to shake out or when it's going to shake out," Willingham said. "But hopefully we'll know something by the time we start this ballgame (against BYU).

Willingham also said he is looking for consistency, but would prefer a kicker who can be "spectacular."

"When you start to work your way backwards, I say, that's the issue of being consistent," Willingham said. "What you would love to have is spectacular. If we get spectacular now, I'll probably be very happy. But if you can't get spectacular, then what you want is consisten­cy.

Fitzpatrick worked on his punting game over the summer after averaging 36.8 yards per punt in 2003.

"I worked all spring, summer, earlier this fall," the senior said. "I really worked hard on my punting game because that was the down side of my experience last year. My kicking's coming along great, so I'm excited to get this year going.

"It's great having a guy like Geoff pushing me, knowing that someone is nipping right at your heels wanting your job, so everything's up in the air. These positions are What-have-you-done-for-me-lately type positions, so I'm just trying to do the best I can. So whatever coach decides, whoever ends up out there is going to do a good job.

Although the kicking game is not set in stone, the return game has the potential to be exciting.

Junior Rhema McKnight will be the primary return man, and senior Carlyle Holiday could also see action.

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Irish kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick kicks off against BYU last year. Fitzpatrick, a walk-on, will be the starting place kicker this season.
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