Dean's list changes succeed
Class of 2005 first affected by switch

By K. AARON VAN OOSTERHOUT
News Writer

This coming spring the class of 2005 will become the first to graduate under the changes to the Dean's list.

Despite some student concerns, the University said it is pleased with the fall 2001 decision to raise its standards.

As a result of new criteria established by the Academic Council, in the fall of 2001 each college will bestow degree honors than before.

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Main Building celebrates 125th birthday this year

By PAUL SPADAFORA
News Writer

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Mass brings ND, SMC community together in tragedy

Over 100 students and staff gather in prayer at Saint Mary's for O'Connor and Miltenberger families

By ANGELA SAUO
Saint Mary's Editor

Over 100 students, staff, family and friends gathered at Saint Mary's Regina Hall chapel Wednesday night for a Mass for Ryan O'Connor, Jackie Miltenberger and their families.

O'Connor, a 2002 Notre Dame graduate, was killed in a car accident near the Notre Dame campus Sunday morning. Miltenberger, who was also involved in the accident, is a current Saint Mary's sophomore.

"Father Michael Conners, who presided over the Mass, explained that Wednesday was the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. "People are not attracted to sorrows," Conners said. "Some might find it too depressing or sad, especially in death. We try to numb the pain, try to deal with our grief and sorrows, and this usually means doing so with a stiff upper lip. What we forget is that those who are left behind still suffer.""

Conners' homily focused on coping with the aftermath of a tragedy.

"Today's gospel showed Mary standing and watching her son's death," Conners said. "She did not have to be there, she could have ducked into hiding, but she didn't." At the end of the Mass, Connors reminded parishioners at the mass to continue praying for everyone involved in Sunday's accident.

"We gather together today in times of heartbreak and sorrow to support the friends and loved ones of the people who have been touched by this terrible tragedy," he said. "May the O'Connor and Miltenberger families find in us, as the Church, their comfort, their hope, and their strength as they face the sorrow that is so great."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Waiting on 21

Speaking from 208 days of experience, being 20 is a very unexceptional and frustrating thing.

What is the year twenty good for anyway? There are no obvious changes in your legal status, no notable 20th birthday perks. I have never heard the expression ‘sweet 20’ and the excitement of being able to vote is two years old. Twenty isn’t really one of those birthdays that people excitedly anticipate, except maybe for the fact that it kicks off the countdown to 21.

The troubles of my 20th year have only been exacerbated by the fact that I spent second semester last year abroad in Spain. The five months of carefree bar hopping, I now realize, were a teasing glimpse of the fun that is being curtailed by the concern of sobering police. Friday night I set out for Lafayette looking forward to a little Kickoff Classic fun. The men in blue stalking the length of a parking lot put me on edge, however and I was home by 1 a.m. I longed to be one of those cavorting 21 years old with unapologetically slurred speech cruising from one apartment to the next.

The cruelty of 20 is so cutting that it even bars you from helping friends commemorate their freedom from it. Celebrating someone’s 21st when you are still a few months short is punishing. First, jealousy sets in. You know from now on you will be able to take his pick of local joints on Saturday night. They will roll in at ridiculously late hours, laughing about some guy who was dancing funny or the girl who dropped her drink, leaving you completely out of the loop.

Second, you cannot join your friend at midnight for his inaugural leaving you completely out of the equation and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we have only been exacerbated by the fact that I spent second semester last year abroad looking forward to...
Student Senate debates name change for programming board

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

In response to the debate over the restoration of the Student Union Board's former title, Student Senate discussed the issue at their Wednesday meeting.

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Cavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni called for an informal meeting to discuss whether the constitutional revision to use CPC, citing limited time and administrative offices of the University.

"Whether it was deliberately to go down the path taken by a third or fourth party, the validation of the Constitution has occurred," Bongiovanni acknowledged the need to navigate the new constitutional framework, which also conceded was still "very foreign" to many of the student leaders, and said that she is not looking to assign blame to any of the parties involved.

"The informal meeting will be a process of discovery," she said. "It's about bringing mistakes and correcting them... about flying out what happened so it doesn't happen again.

Morrissey senator Josh Pasquesi said he feared that reshuffling an already closed topic would promote the stereotype of an ineffective Senate Committee.

Other senators, including Stephanie and Alumni senators James Leito and Vijay Ramman, supported Bongiovanni.

Former Keenan senator Dan Zenker also came to the meeting to support the proposal.

"It's up to you guys to be lead­ers... and to be aware of mis­takes of the past," he said, when yielded the floor. "You don't want to dwell on it, but you want to know what went wrong."

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building, and that would be the university," Cohen said. "Even the dining hall used to be in the basement.

Currently, the Main Building primarily houses the admin­istrative offices of the University. In the late 1990s, the University began a major renovation of the Main Building. The building's upper floors were reopened after being closed for decades due to structural problems, and three classrooms were added.

Father Paul Doyle, Dillon Hall rector, said that the addition of these classrooms was "an effort to help rebuild the library to its roots." There was lots of student inter­play with the administrators, because students had their classes in the building's past life. "I think it's important to have students and students working together to call it the 'administrative building,'" Doyle said. "So students will go there to administer, not to interact with the students."

But what makes the Main Building a special part of Notre Dame's history are the stories and traditions associated with its his­tory.

"There was a time when you were not supposed to walk up the front steps of the main building until you've graduated," Doyle said. "I'm sure there's many fol­low anymore, but it used to be quite important."

Although the Main Building has counted numerous priests among its occupants, some of them stood out in the building's lore. Father Bernard Lang was a Holy Cross priest who lived in the Main Building in the 1920s—and was also a champion weightlifter.

"There was a time when you could promote the stereotype of the past," he said when introducing Lang. "He was the strongest man in the world," Cohen said. "It's also a student accomplishment to climb up into the dome."

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"Election Perspectives on Domestic Issues": A Faculty Panel

This panel will feature Professors Daniel Lindley (Political Science), David Ruccio (Economics and Public Policy), Gary Gerstle (History) and John Stock (History) and will discuss issues centered around debate, free food, music at RCLC picnic this Friday

The Robinson Community Learning Center invites all ND and SMC students for a neighborhood picnic this Friday, Sept. 17. In addition to food, the picnic will have the music by the band Open Wide. The Robinson Community Learning Center is located at 921 N. Eddy Street, two blocks south of Campus. For more information on the Robinson Community, go to www.nd.edu/rclc.

When: Friday, Sept. 17 at 5:45 pm
Where: RCLC, 921 N. Eddy St.
Security

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"They gained a lot of good insight during that process," Rakow said. The team, composed of four female officers and two males, also brings a variety of backgrounds, including a security officer from Bethel College, a retired human resources officer from the Air Force, two former full-time security monitors, and a seven-year NDSP veteran as shift supervisor. Four officers are on duty during any given night, patrolling six to seven dorms apiece. So far, the officers have worked mainly outside, Rakow said, except for a few medical emergencies involving intoxicated students on a dorm's upper floor.

"With four more eyes and ears out there on central campus, I believe it's going to pay off," he said. Kinks remain to be worked out.

Some rectors have raised concerns about a male officer answering a call in a women's dorm or a female officer answering a call in a men's dorm, Rakow said, adding that NDSP is working to remedy those instances.

"It's a learning process on all sides," he said.

The Rectors

Among one of the most vocal sides — the rectors — the verdict is still out. Badin rector Ann Napoli said residents in her dorm definitely miss their monitor, but had nothing but praise for the personalized aspects of the new security force.

"They're very friendly and well-trained," she said, adding that the same two officers that consistently patrolled Badin and had already become familiar with hall staff.

For McGlinn rector Beth Skinner, however, familiarity isn't enough. While she called the roving officers "qualified, responsive, caring and good at their job," she believes their job description remains incomplete.

"If this is the answer, I think it's a good answer," she said. "But I still continue to miss the presence there at night.

Skinner said she and her assistant rectors have already been woken up several times in the middle of the night to help students who are locked out of the dorm — a problem more easily solved when an awake, alert monitor was stationed at the door.

The impossibility of fully enforcing parietals also adds to the stress factor, Skinner said.

"I have to give myself permission to sleep," she said. "I can't overrule a decision that's been made by the University, but it's unrealistic to make sure parietals are handled to a T."

In Cavenaugh, staff has purposely lingered at dorm entrances around the time of parietals — but cannot replace a nightly presence, rector Sister Patricia Dearbaugh said.

"My hall staff is not happy about (the changes)," she said. "They feel that the dorm isn't as safe for them."

Like Skinner, Dearbaugh stressed that she was not being critical of the new officers.

"It's good that they're outside, they're here, they check in every night," Dearbaugh said. "But whatever the monitors did, it was a matter of presence that made that difference.

Despite the dorm's more vulnerable location, missing that presence has not been a problem at Pasquerilla East, rector Sister Mary Anne Mueninghoff said.

"So far, so good," she said. "We're a hall that's on the move, so we're already there."

"Uniformity is not a goal I aspire to around here — unity is." Dearbaugh added.

The RAs

When the monitors were fired in the spring, resident assistants in women's halls felt the worst.

But the problems of staying up all night to pick up the slack never materialized, said Kati Duffey, a senior RA in Lyons.

"I anticipated a worse adjustment," she said, adding that besides football weekends, she only had to make one extra round per night of duty. "I don't feel like I'm being called upon to do anything too demanding."

In many women's dorms, including Breen-Phillips, resident assistants have assumed the monitor's duties of flickering the lights 10 minutes before parietals and sitting at the main desk to watch visitors file in and out. Other dorms have asked RAs to include an outside loop in their normal rounds.

Farley RA Elizabeth Duran said the problem isn't taking on those extra responsibilities.

"It's not more work for us, it's more fear for us," she said. "You hope that nothing bad happens when you go to bed at night."

"We still call it Bert's desk," she said, adding that the new officers were, in comparison, "not very personal so far."

"The potential is there," she said. "It's probably just a matter of time."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Britain lawmakers review security
London — In the second major security
breakthrough in London this week, five fox hunting
enthusiasts stormed onto the floor of the
House of Commons Wednesday to disrupt a
debate on banning the centuries-old sport.
Guerrillas were arrested by armed forces
but the incident showed — as did the man dressed as
Batman who scaled the walls of Buckingham
Palace last Sunday — the vulnerability of
Britain's seats of power. One lawmaker said there had not been such an intrusion in Parliament since 1642.

Security was stepped up immediately, with
armed police guarding the chamber in place of the usual footmen and stewards.
The prime minister was not in the chamber at the time.

Two Chechen women arrested
MOSCOW — Two Chechen women suspect­ed of blowing up Russian passenger jets last month were briefly detained by police before check-in closed, he said.

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Economic outlook in question

Stocks slump on lower forecast from Coca-Cola, declining monetary figures

New York — Stocks sagged Wednesday after beverage giant Coca-Cola Co. issued a gloomy forecast, and a lower-than-expected reading on industrial production for August threw the nation's broader economic outlook into question.

Investors are watching as companies start to issue outlooks ahead of the third-quarter earnings season. With some corporate forecasts falling short of expectations, worries about a slower second half are intensifying, but analysts said it's really too soon to know what lies ahead. And after four weeks of gains, it makes sense for stocks to take a pause on some less-than-encouraging news.

"We've been saying for a while that investors need to be much more selective ... this is a stock-picking kind of market," said John Caldwell, chief investment strategist for McDonald Financial Group, part of Cleveland-based KeyCorp. "It may be that Coke's problems are just Coke's problems. On the flip side of the picture, there are a number of companies out there that are saying relatively good things."

In early afternoon trading, the Dow Jones industrial average slid 75.66, or 0.7 percent, to 10,242.50.

The broader gauges were also lower. The Nasdaq composite index slumped 21.07, or 1.1 percent, to 1,894.33. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 7.45, or 0.7 percent, to 1,120.88.

The Federal Reserve reported only a tepid 0.2 percent increase in industrial production for August, surprising economists who had forecast a 0.5 percent gain. The feeble rise, which follows a robust 0.6 percent advance in July, suggests the economy may still be working through the "soft patch" Federal Reserve Alan Greenspan referred to in remarks before Congress last week.

Some of the decline was due to slower production at mines and utilities during the month of August. But for investors, persistently high energy prices remain the chief worry. In an effort to quell anxiety about global crude supplies, the 11-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries announced it would raise its target oil production by 1 million barrels a day later this year. Many analysts dismissed this as a largely symbolic gesture, however, since the cartel is already pumping beyond the new quota. Oil futures gained 41 cents to $44.80.

Pressuring the Dow, Coca-Cola fell 4.3 percent, or $1.86, to $41.01, after warning results for the second half of the year were likely to fall short of expectations due to weak sales and challenging conditions in key markets. Celestica Inc. sank 13 percent, or $1.88, to $12.69, after lowering its third-quarter forecast, citing a drop in orders from several top customers, which the manufacturer of electronics components declined to identify. The Toronto-based company's

Job market may determine majors

New York — It's a well-worn pickup line at college kid parties: What's your major?

And in today's uncertain job market, it's a lot more serious. Decisions once filled by graduates with yesterday's hot majors are disappearing or being shelled over, so a student's answer to the question is one of the most important of his financial decisions they will ever make.

Research by professors at Northeastern University in Boston shows that a college student's major is more important than what college they attend in determining their starting salary upon graduation.

Yet with employment patterns shifting much faster than in the past, choosing a major based on what jobs will be in demand a few years down the road is a tricky endeavor.

"In the last three years, because of the economic recession, the labor market hasn't really signaled what I ought to be studying in college," said economist Paul Harrington, the lead author of the Northeastern study. With neither wages nor the job market really growing much, "it's hard to figure out in the short run what's going to work for me, what my major should be."

The most obvious recent trend is a retreat from computer science studies, which was a hot area in the 1990s before the tech bubble burst and companies began offshoring programmers' jobs.

What emerged as one substitute is actually one of the older — and decidedly unexciting — standbys: accounting.

Last year the number of students graduating with accounting degrees rose 11 percent, according to a survey by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Colleges are crediting the bean-counter boom on the recent corporate scandals and the Sarbanes-Oxley legislation, both of which put a spotlight on proper bookkeeping.
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graduation honors — cum laude, magna cum laude and summa cum laude — only on those with GPAs in the top 30, 10 and 5 percent of their class, respectively. Prior to this year, any student with GPAs of 3.4, 3.6 and 3.8, received those honors. However, this should come as no surprise to students, said officials.

"They’ve known since they were freshmen that this was coming," said Dottie Pratt, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Letters.

In the spring of 2001, the Academic Council decided that the previous criteria for the dean’s list were too lax. The University replaced the old criteria of a 3.4 GPA to those students with a GPA in the top 30 percent in their college. The graduation honors requirements also changed at this time. In the semester before the policy changed, each college had more than 30 percent of its students on the dean’s list, and some, like the School of Architecture and the College of Arts and Letters, had over 50 percent of students on the list. "This is done to make the honors more meaningful," University Registrar Harold Pace said. "If half of the class is winning honors, is that a meaningful award?"

Other factors also influenced the council’s decision, among them alleged grade inflation and, according to Pratt, insurance companies. "Insurance companies give breaks for dean's list (students)," she said. If a company sees that more than half of the student body at a particular school is placed on the dean’s list, it may stop giving breaks to students from that school, according to Pratt. As for grade inflation, University administrators still debate the subject. "Grade inflation vs. smarter students, which one is right at Notre Dame?" Pace said. "I’m not sure." According to the 2001 Notre Dame Fact Book, in the spring of 2000, when the Academic Council voted to change the dean's honor list requirements, in 66.4 percent of Arts and Letters courses, half or more students received an A or A-minus. In the College of Engineering, half or more of students got an A-minus or higher in 45.2 percent of courses. Those numbers are up from 50 percent and 19 percent, respectively, in fall 1996.

Whether grade inflation or smarter students, or a combination of both, many students find the new dean’s list requirements appropriate. "I don’t think it’s a bad system, because it reflects the top tier of the current students," said David McCormick, a junior business major. "If Notre Dame is admitting smarter and smarter students each year, the standard for the dean's list should be raised as well." 

Anne Ryckbost, a senior in the College of Arts and Letters, disagreed. "I don't like it," she said. "It's frustrating when you're shooting for something, each semester you don't know what it will be.

Though deans list requirements generally change each semester, registrar does publish the upcoming semester’s GPA requirements at the start of each semester.

Each year, the dean of every college must choose to post either one required GPA for the entire year, an average of the previous two semesters’ GPAs or two GPAs, each based on the previous year’s corresponding semester. This fall, for instance, the GPA requirement for the College of Arts and Letters is 3.765, and the spring requirement is 3.778. The GPA requirement for the College of Science is 3.745 for the entire year.

"We elected to move to separate ones for fall and spring because we are a large college and because we noticed a real difference in GPA between the two semesters," said Pratt of the College of Arts and Letters. "We felt it was more equitable to recognize the difference."

The other two colleges that use two distinct GPAs are the First Year of Studies and the College of Engineering. Requirements for graduation honors for the senior class will be made available this January, Pace said.

"The Latin Honors for May 2005 graduation will be determined in January based upon seven semester totals (after the Fall 2004 semester) for each college," said Pace. "At that time we will determine and publicize the required GPAs for Latin Honors in each college."

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**Campus Ministry**

**what's happening**

**Friday, 09.17**
- Marriage Preparation Retreat
- Fatima Retreat Center
- Sophomore Road Trip

**Saturday, 09.18**
- Mass: 9:00am (Alumni Hall Chapel)
- Mass: 5:00pm (Basilica of the Sacred Heart)

**Sunday, 09.19**
- Mass: 10:00am & 11:45am (Basilica of the Sacred Heart)
- RCIA - Inquiry Session (10:00-11:30am)
- Coleman-Morse Lounge (10:00-11:30am)

**special events**

**Theology on Tap**

**Wednesday, September 22nd**
**10:00pm - Legends**

**mass schedule**

- **Basilica of the Sacred Heart**
  - **Vigil Mass**
    - 5:00pm
    - Rev. Michael E. Connors, scj
  - **Sunday Mass**
    - 10:00am
    - The Most Rev. John M. D'Arcy Bishop, Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend
    - 11:45am
    - Rev. Paul Doyle, scj

**considerations...**

**Faith-It Isn't Just for Sundays Any More!!**
by Tami Schmitz, Director of Emmaus & RCIA

Hey, it's a new year and whether you're a "seasoned" senior, a brand new freshman or fall somewhere in between, this is a great opportunity to set new goals for yourself. Studying harder, being a better roommate, attending Mass more often, being more patient with your girl/boyfriend, BEATING MICHIGAN (oops, been there, done that!!) or going abroad are all great goals.

One of the most important goals we can set for ourselves is to expand and deepen the friendships in our lives. Beyond the grades, the great career opportunities and the millions of t-shirts you will accumulate over your four years, the most important part of your college experience that you will take from this sacred place is your FRIENDS: the friends you make in the dorms, on retreats, in your classes and the friends everywhere in between. The people who have shaped us and helped us become who we are is by far the most important gift Notre Dame will give us.

One opportunity for you to form great friendships is through **EMMAUS**. Over 200 students participate in this program each semester. These are students from all over campus -- different years in school, different ethnic backgrounds, different religious affiliations, different experiences of family and friends. But these students want to put their faith into action beyond a Sunday liturgy and they want to form friendships that matter. Emmaus gives participants opportunities to share what's most important in their lives in light of the Gospel message.

Emmaus is made up of groups of 6-8 students who come together for 1-1 1/2 hours each week to pray, read Scripture or other spiritual writings, and discuss what is going on in their lives based on the readings. Each Emmaus faith sharing group is student led and all materials are provided by Campus Ministry. There are many types of Emmaus groups: some groups are dorm-based, while others include men and women from across campus. Some students form their own groups, and others decide to let the Holy Spirit (and Campus Ministry) decide who their group members will be. Last year Emmaus even went international. When 4 out of 6 members of one group were all going abroad, they decided to keep connected and e-mailed each other every week with their thoughts on the Sunday Scriptures and their personal experiences. They continued to pray with and for each other even though they were literally oceans and continents apart.

Yes, Emmaus is about prayer, about faith, about our spiritual journeys. It is also about FRIENDSHIP with Christ and with one another. It's about integrating faith into EVERY aspect of our daily lives and having companions to support and challenge us when we need it most. Some Emmaus groups stick together for all four years and some change every year. It's not too late to set ANY goal for this year, and if "faith & friendship" are something you are looking, give us a try...the road to Emmaus may be the best goal you have ever set and perhaps the best road you've ever taken!
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I agree that all people should be treated equally whether they are black or white, gay or straight, and like Anna Nussbaum, equally whether they are black or white, and like Anna Nussbaum, her letter yesterday were not thought through.

I agree with her that Notre Dame should have more resources available in Health Services for women such as the ability to fill medication that is typically used for birth control — but also for many other things — and assistance in the event they are assaulted, but my agreement ends there.

Yes, it is annoying that most women's halls have more strict security than men's, but let's be honest, in many cases women need more protection then men.

Personal, I even enjoyed having the dorm monitors around when I lived on campus and thought that all dorms should have them. I know I can take care of myself, but added protection can never hurt. But putting my opinion aside, this security measure is in place in some male dorms too.

I had to sign in and out of a male dorm this weekend. So there you go, equality.

As far as adding more graduate programs to Notre Dame. I think that would be great. I would love to come back to Notre Dame to pursue my graduate degree, but saying that simply typical women's pro- programs like education and nursing should not be locked in their women's program for almost 100 years. Don't get me wrong, they are great careers, but insinuating that they are female oriented not only insults can't be called women in these professions, but also insinuates that women cannot back it in your so-called male oriented professions.

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Rethinking the expiration of the assault weapons ban

As the federal assault-weapons ban is set to expire this week, the debate on gun control has surged to the forefront of current issues. Leaders in Congress have been locking horns with the gun industry, the NRA has been battling gun control advocacy groups and President Bush has taken a lot of flak

Adam Lichtenfeld

The Wisconsin Badger Herald

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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The Observer
Simpson sister finds success

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Assistant Scene Editor

Ashlee Simpson distinguishes herself from her famous sister, Jessica, with her debut album, "Autobiography." — although there are a couple slower tracks — and all are composed of catchy melodies that any teenage girl would have in her head and on her lips for days.

"Pieces of Me" was the first single off "Autobiography," and at a tempo between fast and slow, with hints of both throughout the song. It was a perfect choice. The second single that is currently being pushed is "Shadow," which is a slow song about Ashlee living in Jessica's shadow throughout their childhood. Ashlee sings of the want of growing up as the younger sister: "Living in the shadow of someone else's dreams / Trying to find a hand to hold, but every touch felt cold to me / Living in a nightmare, a never ending sleep / But now that I am wide awake my chains are finally free / Don't feel sorry for me."

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Gift of Gab is solid, but lacks beats

By KENYATTA STORIN
Assistant Scene Editor

There is no arguing that Gift of Gab is one of the best underground rappers of today. He and Chief Xcel, who form Blackalicious, have made two of the most creative and unique hip-hop albums in recent memory: "Nia" and "Blazing Arrow." Much like other premier underground rappers like Jurassic 5, Common and Talib Kweli, Blackalicious produces an alternative brand of hip-hop that strays far from the path of popular rappers like 50 Cent and Snopp Dogg. No guns, no money, no violence here — this is intellectual hip-hop at its best.

But Blackalicious is not only creative, but quite talented as well. Gift of Gab has an unbelievable flow, being able to rap as quickly as Twista while using the vocabulary of a Webster's dictionary and expressing as much spirituality as a Notre Dame Rectory. Chief Xcel is no slouch either, sporting some of the most unpredictable and sophisticated beats around, making him and Gift of Gab a perfect pairing.

"4th Dimensional Rocketships Going Up" is Gift of Gab's first solo release, and although it is a solid effort, Chief Xcel is sorely missed. Production duties are instead split between Vitamin D and Jake One, and the two fail to fill even one of Chief Xcel's shoes. Aside from some bright spots like the opening track, "The Ride of Your Life," which has a surreal harp sample interwoven with a smooth bass line, many of the tracks have generic and static beats. Not only this, but the overall production lacks variety, making some of the songs blend together after a while. This is not to say that the production does not have its moments for some of the beats grow on you over time, but overall it lacks the punch and creativity of Chief Xcel's work.

On the other hand, Gift of Gab is as good as ever, once again showing why he is one of the best lyricists out there. Sometimes he is insightful, like on "Way of the Light" where he spouts, "Money just like everything else, it all dies / The self is lost, and it's still can I get a dime sack? / To help me focus on wealth, not material wealth / Cause true wealth resides deep inside." And like previous Blackalicious works, Gift of Gab shows he can still be quite imaginative too, like on "Stardust" where he flows, "Headed out to Mars with souls and minds that are more connected / Build with elders how to conquer ignorance, the mighty predator."

Due to the mediocrity of the album's production, in order to truly enjoy the album one must listen carefully to Gift of Gab's lyrics. His rhymes are full of clever allusions and thought-provoking topics that often take several listeners to catch because of his lightening quick flow. Unlike catchy radio-friendly songs like Usher's "Yeah!" or 50 Cent's "In Da Club" that are suited well for background music at parties and the like, "4th Dimensional Rocketships Going Up" is a poor choice for a casual listen. It is like the difference between putting on "Kill Bill" or "The Matrix" in the background, versus "2001: Space Odyssey" or "Citizen Kane."

"4th Dimensional Rocketships Going Up" is a very good hip-hop album, but when compared to Blackalicious, it

Almost sounds pedestrian. It lacks the wonderful chemistry between Gift of Gab and Chief Xcel that makes Blackalicious so unique. With the right producers, Gift of Gab is probably capable of creating a classic by himself, but it hard to imagine a better producer for him than Chief Xcel. For the time being, Gift of Gab should stick with what works and make another classic Blackalicious album. Then the rocket ships will really fly.

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The Arcade Fire unleash electrifying debut

By MATTHEW L. SOLARSKI
Scenic Music Critic

The Arcade Fire unleash electrifying debut. The Montreal-based group, turning anything in the vicinity of the stage into a percussion instrument. Now, today, he would probably have the words "The Arcade Fire" tattooed across his chest inside a big, red heart.

In the live setting, The Arcade Fire celebrate their madness by painting blood on their faces, shouting in unison and turning anything in the vicinity of the stage into a percussion instrument. Now, with the release of their debut "Funeral," the Montreal-based group have ossified their already-considerable "Funeral," the Montreal-based group.

Funeral
The Arcade Fire

Merge

My name is Win Butler, and I do not know how that old saying goes — "You should do something." Are you ever there a lot more than I am? So what they said it was, because if it truly was, and this is truly your view, you're basically cutting the grass at the top instead of diggin' up for the roots, because Spelman is 10 blocks from a strip club. You're not out in front of the strip club picketing. You wait until somebody comes in there and does something very dear to his heart, such as getting a good education, and doing what that should be educating the community, to come in and talk about a video?

Q: Would you ever do another "tip drill video?" NELLY: I used to see Tim a lot as far as like going around for awards shows, when "Country Grammar" first came out, him and his wife Faith. They would just tell me how they enjoyed my album, and everything I was doing. And you know how that old saying goes — "You should do something." Q: Could you ever do a country song? NELLY: Nah, nah. It wasn't that. It was just me being me, pushing the limits.

Q: What was your reaction when Spelman College students protested your appearance there to promote bone marrow donation because of your explicit "Tip Drill" video, in which you swiped a credit card through a woman's backside? NELLY: To me, it was a personal attack. It couldn't have been about what they said it was, because if it truly was, and this is truly your view, you're basically cutting the grass at the top instead of diggin' up for the roots, because Spelman is 10 blocks from a strip club. You're not out in front of the strip club picketing. You wait until somebody comes in there and does something very dear to his heart, such as getting a good education, and doing what that should be educating the community, to come in and talk about a video?

Q: Would you ever do another "tip drill video?" NELLY: If I wanted to, yes, because I don't see anything wrong with it. Like I said before, it was made for adults. I do stuff for the adults but also for the kids that appeals to kids. So, I try to keep a fine line. Hopefully, parents raise their kids and don't let music raise their kids. And entertainers raise their kids. How is it that I can keep my child from seeing a video that I did, but you can't keep your child (from seeing it) and say you're a lot more than I am? So you can't be serious.

Q: What everyone really wants to know is ..., was that really your credit card? NELLY: Yeah, that was my credit card! That's the thing. I think everybody is most upset about the credit card issue, but she said do it! This is a grown woman that told me, "Go ahead, do it." I never forced any of these girls to do anything. This is a job, they agreed to do it, they knew everything that was in and these girls would be doing it whether Nelly was shooting a video or not.

Q: You recently joined BET founder Bob Johnson as part owner of the Charlotte Bobcats. With Chris Bosh and Adam Sandler, you're a pretty unusual, really, in the NBA. NELLY: I don't think I'm a good example. I see myself as an inspiration. I don't see myself as a role model.

Q: You got some criticism for naming your new drink Pimp Juice. NELLY: I don't think they understand. They hear the word, and they think, "Oh, my goodness, but you're not protesting Coke and Pepsi, and they have caffeine and stuff that is addictive and stuff that can harm you if you drink that. Pimp Juice has none of that. It's good for them. Sometimes you have to wrap it up in bad so they can get the good out of it. If you understand me, it's not even my angle. My son might come in and get two As and a B, and be like, "Man, I pimped that test!" ... It's just different these days, it's just lingo, it's just slang.

Q: How do you respond when people say you're not a role model? NELLY: I don't see myself as a role model. I see myself as an inspiration. I can be an inspiration for someone who's been in the situation that I've been in and making good out of it. A role model should be someone who's close to you, someone who you can pick up and call when you're about to do something stupid or you have a question about life... A role model should be someone who you can actually see the role of their life. You can't do that with athletes and entertainers, so I don't know why people just insist on making us role models. We're success stories.
Cubs outfielder Sammy Sosa, right, celebrates with Derrek Lee after hitting a grand slam in the eighth inning against Pittsburgh Pirates Wednesday, Chicago won 13-5 over Pittsburgh.

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San Francisco 8, Milwaukee 1
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Yankees blank Royals 3-0, look ahead to Sox

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Associated Press
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The New York Yankees' struggling starters are beginning to put it together — just in time for a big series against Boston.

After struggling with his mechanics the last few weeks, Javier Vazquez found his groove and pitched New York to its second straight shutout.

"I got my confidence back a little bit," Vazquez said after throwing seven impressive innings in a victory over the Kansas City Royals. "Hopefully, I'll get on a roll now."

Derek Jeter homered and pitched New York to its second straight shutout.

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ERNST & YOUNG
Partners for Ryder Cup will be revealed in final practice

Associated Press

LOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Sutton doesn’t want anyone to read anything into his pairings during the practice rounds for the Ryder Cup, and that’s a good thing.

Otherwise, one could only guess that Phil Mickelson will be riding the bench until Sunday.

Mickelson caused the biggest stir Wednesday at Oakland Hills by taking the day off from practice, an unusual decision that left everyone to wonder if American unity was already on life support.

Then again, the show of individualism fits in with everything Sutton has been preaching.

"Worry about yourself," Sutton said. "If I get you to worry about you, and I get the best out of you, then it will come together as a team effort that could be brilliant."

The best illustration is the rare lack Sutton is taking this week.

Captains usually have a good idea about teams midway through the week and start putting those players together during practice so they can get comfortable with each other.

Sutton is keeping his guys in the dark. From the time his 12-man team was finalized on Aug. 16 until some time before opening ceremonies Thursday, the American players will not get the slightest hint whom their partners will be.

And Sutton’s pairings during the practice rounds don’t offer much of a clue.

Tiger Woods played Tuesday with Jim Furyk, Chris Riley and Chad Campbell, all of whom have been linked as possible partners. The next day, Woods went off in a twosome with Ryder Cup rookie Chris DiMarco. Bringing up the rear was a fivesome — another Ryder Cup rarity — of Davis Love III, Fred Funk, Campbell and Furyk.

"I told them I’m not going to set the pairings for the practice rounds," Sutton said. "Be prepared to beat the other two guys by yourself, and if I give you a little help, that’s a bonus. So they have no clue who they’re going to play with. If they know who it is, they start worrying about their partner’s game instead of worrying about their own game."

Sutton said his lineup for the opening round is set. He will let the players know during the final day of practice, and some teams — Woods and Mickelson, perhaps — could play together for the first time Friday morning.

"There’s been a lot of people talking about who they are comfortable with, and who they are not comfortable with," Sutton said. "I’m going to tell them tomorrow who they’re going to be comfortable with playing with."

It was just another example of how Sutton has made it clear this is his team, he will do things his way and he is prepared to take the criticism if it goes awry.

Then again, he has nothing to lose, because the Americans don’t have the Ryder Cup.

Previous captains have tried to match up games and personalities, friends and rivals, even the best two players on the team.

"There’s a lot of people talking about who they are comfortable with, and who they are not comfortable with," Sutton team captain Hal Sutton said.

"This is certainly a different strategy, something I’ve never experienced," Woods said. "I think it’s refreshing. We go out there and prepare like we always do for each and every tournament, and they when your name is called, you go out there and try to get a point."

Woods was given that freedom just like he does at the majors.

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"As a player, I know that soon or later you would like to have some idea who you might be playing with," Langer said. "And I will let them know as time gets closer to making a decision."

One look at his pairings during Wednesday’s practice round made it clear what he was thinking.

Lee Westwood and Sergio Garcia (3-1 as a team at The Belfry), and Luke Donald and Paul Casey (Walker Cup teammates) played as better-ball teams for nine holes. Then, the Europeans switched to the alternate-shot format on the back nine, with Westwood teamed with Darren Clarke and Garcia playing with Donald.

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BOXING

De La Hoya grim but confident about chances with Hopkins

Winner will claim $30 million payday

Associated Press
LAS VEGAS — The smile was gone, and Oscar De La Hoya was in no mood to play any games. To those who think he has no chance against middleweight champion Bernard Hopkins, though, De La Hoya had something to say.

No, he's not scared to be fighting a bigger, stronger fighter. No, he didn't take the fight just for a $30 million payday. And yes, he does have a plan to win.

"The reason I took this fight is I know I can win," De La Hoya said Wednesday. "I'm not thinking of anything else because all I want is those belts. Believe me when I tell you, those belts are mine."

For the first time in his career, De La Hoya will be an underdog when he goes into the ring Saturday night to challenge Hopkins in a fight that could end up the richest non-heavyweight bout ever. It's only the second fight at middleweight for De La Hoya, and he's taking on a champion who has defended his titles 18 times and hasn't lost in 11 years.

Perhaps that's why the usual smile was missing at Wednesday's final pre-fight press conference, replaced by a grimly determined boxer who knows what part this fight will play when it's time to evaluate his extraordinarily lucrative career.

"This is the fight where I just suck it up and let everything loose," De La Hoya said, "This is the fight that will define my career."

For Hopkins, it's a fight that means even more than that. "I'm willing to leave my soul, body and life in there if it takes that," Hopkins said. "You give me a rich fighter and a hungry fighter and I'm going with the hungry fighter, every time."

Hopkins is a 2-1 favorite in the scheduled 12-round fight, which will be televised on pay-per-view (HBO, $54.95) from the MGM Grand Garden arena. Already a sellout with a $14 million gate, promoters are hoping the matchup is so intriguing that it will surpass the previous non-heavyweight record of 1.4 million pay-per-view buys set in De La Hoya's 1999 bout with Felix Trinidad.

If the fight sells as well as expected, the 39-year-old Hopkins could pocket up to $15 million. For a fighter who has never made more than $3 million before and whose career has been marked by battles with various promoters and managers, the money is vindication for doing things his own way.

"We've got two different agendas, come from two different places and have walked two different roads," said Hopkins (44-2-1, 31 knockouts). "He's the golden boy, but after Saturday night I'll be the new golden boy."

De La Hoya, who has won titles in five weight divisions from 130 pounds up, will have to show not only that he can be quicker than Hopkins but also that he has the stamina to stay on his toes all 12 rounds. That's been a problem in previous fights, including his loss to Trinidad, where he was ahead after nine rounds but then ran the last three rounds.

De La Hoya (37-2, 26 knockouts) said he's trained 130 rounds in camp for the fight, compared to his usual 80, and we've got four different times.

"Stamina is not going to be an issue," he said. "Stamina is covered, speed is covered, legs are covered."

Hopkins said De La Hoya had better be prepared to fight from the first round on. Though some have tried to compare the fight to the 1987 middleweight title bout between Sugar Ray Leonard and Marvelous Marvin Hagler, Hopkins said the better analogy would be Hagler's first-round knockout of Thomas Hearns in 1985.

"I'm going to set a fierce pace. It's going to be a Hagler-Tommy Hearns kind of fight," Hopkins said. "If he takes a deep breath, I'm telling you, it's over."

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In Brief

Battered A's fan defends heckling, plans to sue

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Jennifer Bueno, 41, with a large white bandage covering her nose and purple rings under her eyes, and her husband, Craig, appeared at a news conference with their attorney, who said they plan to seek compensation for her injuries.

Craig Bueno acknowledged that, before the fracas, he was part of some "verbal bantering" with the Rangers.

"It's part of going to the baseball game," Jennifer Bueno said. "I don't think he did anything wrong."

"It's an American tradition," the 42-year-old fire battalion chief said of his heckling, adding that he said he and his wife bought season tickets near the visitors' bullpen just "so we can get on them a little bit."

Johnson blows Carlton's lefty record away

PHOENIX — Randy Johnson got his 4,137th strikeout Wednesday night, breaking Steve Carlton's major league record for left-handers and moving into third place overall on the career list.

Johnson struck out Colorado's Vinny Castilla in the seventh inning, giving the Arizona ace nine in the game and a major league-best 266 this season.

Play was interrupted momentarily while the scoreboard flashed the statistics and the crowd cheered the workhorse of their struggling team.

Despite Johnson's big night, the paid attendance was announced as 22,598 — the second-lowest ever at Bank One Ballpark.

The only pitchers still ahead of the Big Unit are right-handers Nolan Ryan (5,714) and Roger Clemens (4,287), who is still pitching for the Houston Astros.

Howe fired, to remain for remainder of season

NEW YORK — Art Howe was fired as manager of the struggling New York Mets on Wednesday, but decided to honor general manager Jim Duquette's request to stay in the dugout for the rest of the year.

"The fact is, I'm not fired now. I'm leaving after the season," Howe said. "I'm not a quitter."

"You see it happen to other people," he said. "You always hope it doesn't happen to you."

Howe's contract runs through the 2006 season and he's still owed $4.7 million. But with the Mets at 63-82 — following a 66-95 finish last year in his first season, Duquette decided it was time for a change.

"I don't want to get into an evaluation of Art," Duquette said. "It wasn't working."
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PGA

Tar Heels face early defensive struggles

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — North Carolina's defense is getting pretty good at being bad. After two games, the Tar Heels rank last in the Atlantic Coast Conference in every defensive category, and they very well might break the school record for yards allowed. That mark goes all the way back to 2003. "We know that we need to improve significantly defensively," coach John Bunting said Tuesday. No kidding.

North Carolina gave up 549 yards in a 56-24 loss to Virginia, a week after Division I-AAA William & Mary piled up 442 yards. At least the Tar Heels beat the Tribe, rallying with nearly $1.7 million in prize money, tops the list.

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NFL

Rivalry growing between Colts and Titans in AFC South

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INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts measured themselves against the Super Bowl champions last week. This week’s game at Tennessee is much more significant to the Colts (0-1).

"This one is a lot bigger," tight end Marcus Pollard said Wednesday. "It’s really worth two points because you can win on the road and you can win in the division."

The Colts want to make an early-season impression this week in what has become their biggest rivalry. After losing 27-24 at New England on national television last Thursday, Indianapolis wants to prove to the football world that it hasn’t taken a step back this year.

It’s also about necessity. Another Colts loss would give Tennessee (1-0) a two-game lead in the division race and would assure the Titans (1-0) of no worse than a split in the season series — the first determinant in breaking a tie.

Perhaps that’s why playoff talk has already seeped into the locker room comment section. "They have something to prove, we have something to prove and the winner of this division has to go through one of these teams," safety Cory Bird said. "So it will be a fierce competition."

During the past two years, the Titans-Colts matchup has developed into one of the league’s most underrated rivalries. No, it’s not Giants-Eagles, Packers-Vikings or even Steelers-Browns.

But it is almost no-holds-barred, and this week, the NFL’s standard talking points — respect the foe, focus on the next game and say nothing to rile an opponent — has taken a back seat to championship aspirations and pride.

"You need several components to have a rivalry," Tennessee coach Jeff Fisher said. "Typically one is based on proximity and then, of course, the other is based on the competition and everything associated with that."

The difference in this budding rivalry is that the teams respect each other. Peyton Manning said he developed a friendship with Steve McNair during February’s Pro Bowl, a bond between the two quarterbacks who shared last year’s MVP honors.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Replacing Manning isn’t easy for Ole Miss

Cuttcliffe now has worst passing team in SEC

Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — The last time Mississippi coach David Cutcliffe replaced a quarterback sharply contrasted Manning, he won a national championship as Tennessee’s offensive coordinator. This time, he probably settle for a victory.

Accustomed to being the best passing team in the Southeastern Conference with Eli Manning running the offense, the Rebels are the league’s worst this season — a major reason why Ole Miss (0-2) is one loss from its worst start in 21 years.

"It’s pretty obvious that we are disappointed with our production in that area," Cutcliffe said. "It’s frustrating because we haven’t accomplished much in the passing game."

Two games into the post-Eli era at Ole Miss, finding an effective replacement for the Heisman Trophy finalist has been a much tougher challenge.

Eli Manning broke or tied 45 school records during his four years in Oxford, and directed a passing game that averaged 336 yards per game last year.

He left some big shoes to fill, and I think a lot of people placed so much pressure on Michele early," Pollard said. "As far as our offense, it’s been little things — it’s bad decision or a dropped ball or a penalty."

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Steve McNair during February’s Pro Bowl, a bond between the two quarterbacks who shared last year’s MVP honors.
fielder Ashley Hinton evened the game later in the first half off a assist from Carrie Orr. Thanks to an assist from Orr, Hinton scored on a corner kick to tie it 1-1 at the end of the first period. 

Luckily for the Belles, the rest of the game was a much different story. "We were a little shaky in the first half, especially after they scored their first goal," Orr said. "But we came back out in the second half and settled down. Everyone did a really good job of getting their heads back into the game and just playing good soccer." 

In the final period, the score remained tied until Jen Concannon buried a cross from Carolyn Logan for her third goal this season. Logan would also assist Katie Noble for an insurance goal late in the game. 

Logan helped add to the lead again soon after with an assist to Katie Noble for a goal that put the Belles up 3-1, completing a second-half turnaround which saw Saint Mary's play with much of their team chemistry. "We played really well together. Kalamazoo challenged us, but we knew we just had to get back into our own game," goalie Laura Heline said. "They were very physical, but we came back in the second half and played them hard." Heline credited much of the team's success to their defensive efforts. "Our defense is stellar," she said. "I'm so glad to have who I have in front of me. I never have to worry about whether they will play well, because they always do." 

Strong games from Katie Taylor and Shannon Culbertson allowed the defense to keep the ball in Kalamazoo's zone for nearly the entire second half. Shutting down their opponent's scoring opened up plenty of opportunities for the Belles' offense. "Our defense does a great job of feeding the long ball to our forwards, which creates scoring opportunities," Heline said. "This team works well together; we have a lot of team unity." 

Team chemistry has been one of the many things this year that has kept Saint Mary's a step ahead of their opponents. "We played well as a team, especially in terms of playing off each other, knowing where every one is going to be, and playing as a unit," Orr said. "Everyone stepped it up when they needed to." The improvements in the team's all-around play have allowed them to be much more competitive in the MIAA than in the past. 

"Kalamazoo has always been a big game for us," Orr said. "In years past, they've beaten us badly. This was a great way to start off. It prepares us for when we travel to Kalamazoo to play them, and it sets the tone for the season." 

Like all the players, Heline has her sights set on MIAA glory. "It was awesome to start 2-0 in the MIAA," she said. "We set our goal high; our goal is to win a MIAA championship, and we're on our way." 

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Barbour began her career in collegiate athletics as the head field hockey and assistant lacrosse coach at the University of Massachusetts in 1981. Since then, she has been the assistant athletic director at Northwestern University and the associate athletic director Tulane University. At Tulane, Barbour also worked for White, who was Tulane's athletic director at the time. When White left, she was named the athletic director at Tulane. During her three years there, she Tulane won 12 conference championships. White had nothing but good things to say about Barbour. "As a consummate communicator, Sandy will engage the multiple constituencies, by way of creating a 'tomorrow' for Cal that is consistent with both the institutional mission and the highest intercollegiate athletics expectations," White said.

At Notre Dame, Barbour oversaw facilities and event operations for the 26 sports of the Irish. She also is responsible for football game management and the University's two golf courses. Barbour also had the task of facilitating the 2005 move of Notre Dame's $225 million, 100,000-square foot Joyce Meyer Center, which is set to be complete by June 2005. White thinks that Barbour will be a perfect fit at the University of California. "Sandy is a great fit at Cal — and Berkeley is the perfect place for Sandy," White said.

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Zbikowski got the start against BYU and Michigan after pre-game releases showed senior Lionel Role as the starter with freshman Paris as his back-up. Zbikowski is perhaps the most pleasant surprise in the defensive backfield.

"Tommy has performed well for us," defensive backs coach Steven Wilks said. "He has things to learn, but I am truly pleased with the way he has played."

Sowers Carlos Campbell and Mike Richardson enter the game in nickel and dime situations to aid the pass coverage, but the leadership for the secondary exists in the starting rotation.

"[Prescott Jackson] is a true leader, not only with the secondary but the defense as a whole," Wilks said. "He's a smart football player. He puts himself in position to make plays. I'm waiting to see him continue being the type of football player I know he can be."

Jackson scored on an interception return against BYU and Michigan after pre-game releases showed senior Mike Richardson enter the game in nickel and dime situations.

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ND ATHLETICS

UC Berkeley names Barbour athletic director

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

After serving Notre Dame since 2000, Anne "Sandy" Barbour, deputy director of athletics, has been named the athletic director at the University of California, Berkeley, Robert J. Birgeneau, Chancellor Designate of the University of California announced Wednesday. Barbour assumes the position after serving as Notre Dame's senior athletic administrator under Athletic Director Kevin White since July 2003. "Uniquely, Sandy Barbour is truly one of the brightest professionals within the intercollegiate athletics subsector," White said in a release Wednesday. "Sandy is also instinctively empathetic, inordinately task-oriented, adaptable beyond her peers, and most importantly, extremely passionate about facilitating student-athlete aspirations." At the University of California, Barbour will oversee 27 sports with an annual budget of approximately $40 million. "Call represents everything that's right with higher education and intercollegiate athletics," Barbour said at a media conference Wednesday. "I am thrilled and flattered to be given this opportunity. This is what I have been working toward my entire life. It's a dream come true, both personally and professionally." see BARBOUR/page 21

MEN'S SOCCER

Irish fall in second half to No. 1 Indiana

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

Looks can be deceiving, and such was the case for Indiana's 2-0 victory over Notre Dame on Wednesday night. The score did not reflect the tenacity of the No. 5 Irish, who dropped to 3-1-1 as No. 1 Indiana rode a pair of second half tallies to improve to 5-0-0. After the game, coach Bobby Clark remained optimistic. "There were more positives in a funny way than negatives," Clark said. "It's nice to come in against the No. 1 team in the country and play an even game. We didn't win, but we certainly played a very good game. Despite having trouble stringing together passing plays, the Irish had their chances to establish a lead in the first half. In the ninth minute of play, defender Jack Stewart wore through the Indiana defense until the Hoosiers were able to clear the ball out of their danger zone. After a scoreless first half, the Hoosiers drew first blood at the 53:15 mark when a shot from Indiana forward Jacob Peterson ricocheted off Stewart's foot, past goalkeeper Chris Sawyer and into the back of the net for a 1-0 Indiana advantage. "The last came is from the right, and the Irish forwards played a nice little combination," Clark said. "It was very well taken — a good shot taken just inside the box." The Irish remained fierce on the field, refusing to bow to the defending national champions. In particular, Joe Lampira continued to put pressure on the Hoosier defense after the halftime break. Determined to deliver the equalizer, the Irish pushed up, only to get burned with just under 10 minutes left in the second half. "We struggled a few times the first game, but we bounced back and made some plays. In the second game, we were getting better and better. And as long as we correct our mistakes and gain some confidence, I expect we'll be an A-plus by the end of the season." Michigan star receiver Preston Jackson watches.

FOOTBALL

Secondary improving every game

By PAT LEONARD
Assistant Sports Editor

Notre Dame has given up 78 rushing yards in two games, and the Irish are only 1-1. But no cause for despair exists on the defensive side of the ball, according to linebacker Preston Jackson. "Defending champion Tommy Armstrong III and Justin Leonard return to the Texas Open. No. 8 Michigan. After surrendering big passing plays to Brigham Young, the secondary has fed off the hungry line and linebacking core to already make evident improvements. "I'd give us a B-minus," cornerback Preston Jackson said. "We struggled a few times the first game, but we bounced back and made some plays. In the second game, we were getting better and better. As long as we correct our mistakes and gain some confidence, I expect we'll be an A-plus by the end of the season." Michigan star receiver

SMC Soccer

Belles remain undefeated, improve to 2-0 in MIAA

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

Facing their first real conference challenge, the Belles continued to show that they'll give everything they have to reach their goal — an MIAA championship. Saint Mary's took another step toward its final destination Wednesday, posting a 3-1 win over Kalamazoo in its home conference opener. The win kept the Belles undefeated in MIAA play and extended their overall record to 3-0. The Belles fell behind early in the first half, with Kalamazoo scoring to make it 1-0 and playing a physical game that seemed to give Saint Mary's trouble. But sophomore midfielder Anne "Sandy" Barbour will leave the Notre Dame athletic department to take over at the University of California, Berkeley.