Creighton, the three purposes of the event were to recognize the creation of the Notre Dame AllianceND, the three purposes that consisted of four main points, all relating to the participation of off-campus students, the participation of off-campus council representatives in South Bend council meetings, the participation of NDSP to help promote community relations and the creation of the Notre Dame SafeBus.

Representatives raised several questions about the purpose of off-campus seminars. Bell also said he was pleased by the positive feedback they received from the Board of Trustees.

The trustees were impressed with the proposal to use a seminar to promote neighborhood involvement. The Board said it was a good idea and encourages them to continue with these efforts.

In closing, Bell thanked the Board of Trustees for their support and said he looks forward to working with them on future initiatives.
INSIDE COLUMN

You can quote this

In my hallway, 22 dry erase boards proudly display the thoughts and witticisms of those who live within. From the short but prophetic “at lunch, be back later,” to my favorite, “I Purdon’t want to talk about it,” everyone (Tim Dillon, at least) seems to have something to say.

If you don’t have a white board, you are missing out on the very definition of self-expression at Notre Dame.

Having examined white-board communication for two months now, I realize there are four major groups of expression: Pragmatics ("strictly business" notes, like "tak­ing a shower, help yourself to Little Debbie’s"); Profundities (expressions of higher truth, like "Studying is our destiny"); Franks (ransom notes for office supplies) and The Void (that is, a nothing on the board whatsoever). Let’s examine each one individually.

Pragmatic messages often reflect the practical nature of those who write them. Prank, for example, this last week of midterms in ordinary time, onlookers will find an ex­cess of such demanding and emotionless statements as, “David, help me with my calculus” and “Parents coming; sweep your side of the floor. [expletive].” Pragmatics are known to rationalize their way out of using verbs, prepositions, and articles as in, “Gone. CoMe. Dinner 6:00.” Engineers, this should sound familiar.

Profundities, by definition, tell us something that was not as apparent before. Sometimes, this means a realization about one’s personal identity, like this one from my hallway. “I’m not a nerd anymore! I do mathematical Biology!”

Profundities may also take the form of syllogisms: “If Chuck Lennon raises the roof, and the roof, the roof is on fire, and we didn’t start the fire (but we tried to fight it), then Chuck Lennon is in grave danger.” Essentially, white-board profundities track the progress of human wisdom.

Pranks: The best indicator a message is a prank comes through the little blackjackaces: “Why does the cute girl from Philo who left me this message have my roommate’s handwriting?” or “Just give me the message number?” Franks hold the most potential to provoke a laugh or a slap in the face, but it is up to the designer to weigh the risks.

As for the blank white boards, I can’t say I approve. Some justify it as a “sacred silence,” or “bold blankness,” but this idea goes stale quickly. If nothing else, do it because everyone else is. Also, to whoever keeps quoting "The Telestubbles" on my white board— it’s no longer funny.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT’S THE WORST CLASS YOU’VE EVER TAKEN AT NOTRE DAME?

Ashley Burtnir
junior
Pasquarilla East

"No, there wasn’t one."

Gina Bufalini
junior
Pasquarilla East

"Will this affect my final grade?"

Houston Hum
sophomore
O'Neill

"Organic chemistry."

Himanshu Kothari
junior
Zahn

"That’s a terrible question.

Students talk in front of Howard Hall on Monday afternoon. The dorm has put up early decorations for Halloween.

OFFBEAT

Washington man grows 1,229 pound pumpkin
HALF MOON BAY, Calif. — A retired Washington state firefighter who grows giant pumpkins in his spare time produced the winning pumpkin Monday at the 31st annual Safeway World Champions­hip Pumpkin Weigh-Off.

The pumpkin, grown by 55-year-old Joel Holland of Puyallup, Wash., tipped the scales at 1,229 pounds — 49 pounds heavier than last year’s winner. Its circumference was 13 feet, 7 inches.

Holland, whose predigie­
gous pumpkins won the contest three years in a row, from 1992 through 1994, plans this year’s winning pumpkin plant in May. He transported the giant gourd to California on a huge flatbed pickup truck, covering it with towels and blankets to protect its skin from dehydration.

Contest spokesperson Tim Beeman said 80 pumpkins competed for the top prize, and eight weighed more than 1,000 pounds.

Man found in doghouse after fleeing court
JACKSON, Mo. — A man who fled from court authorities while facing charges of domestic and animal abuse was found a short time later in a doghouse.

Paul Oakley, 43, was in court Friday for a preliminary hearing on three domestic abuse charges and one animal abuse for allegedly abusing his girlfriend and her pet kit­ten.

Authorities said he briefly escaped and was captured minutes later in a doghouse in Jackson.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Alvin Holm will give the lecture "Remembering the Maiden of Courage: Inspiration for a Classical Career," tonight at 6 p.m. in Room 104, Bond Hall. Holm is a classical architect and the principal architect of Alvin Holm AIA Architects.

Ted Mandelli of the Department of Film, Television, and Theatre will speak Wednesday at 4 p.m. about "Truth, Reality, and Advocacy: 'Fahrenheit 9/11' and 'The Passion of the Christ.'" The lecture will be held in the Law School courtroom.

The Notre Dame volleyball team will face off against Illinois State on Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

The Notre Dame men’s soccer team will take on Michigan at Alumni Field at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Novelist Maxine Hong Kingston will give the lecture "Writing Peace." Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the O’Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary’s College. The subject is her novel, "The Fifth Book of Peace." A book signing and reception will follow.

Linda Malaska, professor of medicine at Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, will give the lecture "Revealing Cancer’s Secrets." Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center Concours. Head coach of women’s basketball, Muffet McGraw will be the event emcee.

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**SMC of Governance**

**SMC to discuss its image during forum**

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Board of Governance members discussed plans for a campus-wide forum to discuss the image of Saint Mary's at Monday's meeting. The forum, which was originally scheduled for today, has been postponed until after fall break.

The event's purpose will be to address student interests and look at the identity of a Saint Mary's woman, said student body president Sarah Catherine White. "The senior board is very interested in participating in this forum. We want to define what a Saint Mary's woman is without offending anyone," said senior class president Jacqueline Cuisiner.

The exact date of the forum will be decided after fall break.

Speech Language Pathology club members Kara Flynn and Lynn Cooper asked the board to sponsor their trip to Purdue for a Crossroad Conference on speech language pathology. "Speech Language Pathology is a very fast growing career. By going to this conference we cannot bring anything back but a positive experience," said Flynn.

BOG voted to approve its co-sponsorship for $800 or the initial $1,000 they originally asked for, on the condition that they hold a forum to discuss what they learned at the conference upon their return.

"Dessert with Dr. Mooney," a program where students can discuss topics with College President Carol Ann Mooney, was held Sunday night in McCormick Hall.

"I strongly encourage everyone to attend this event in their residence hall. Dr. Mooney is so candid and great to talk with," said White.

Sophomore class president Claudia Toth said the class board is presenting artist Jesse Young at Dalloway's on Oct. 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. The class also successfully participated in career planning evaluations last week, said Toth.

BOG members said they would meet after break to discuss methods of saving energy on campus and to plan the upcoming forum on defining the identity of a Saint Mary's woman.

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Members of the Board of Governance met Monday to discuss the campus forum to be held after fall break.

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**MARIZA**

**Wednesday, October 13 at 8 p.m.**
Leighton Concert Hall

Fado is "the blues" of Portugal, and Mariza is Fado. Mariza is a diva in the best sense of the word and when she puts her personal, indelible stamp on a song, she leaves audiences spellbound and breathless.

Tickets $37 General Public, $30 ND/SMC/HC Fac/Staff, $15 All Students

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**CHRISTOPHER O’RILEY**

**Thursday, October 14 at 8 p.m.**
Leighton Concert Hall

Swashbuckling pianist Christopher O’Riley has emerged as one of the new dominant forces in classical music. Joining him is the Academy of Saint Martin in the Fields, the chamber orchestra that has set the standard for Baroque music. Together, they’ll make sparks fly.

Tickets $52 General Public, $50 ND/SMC/HC Fac/Staff, $20 All Students
Chocola
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because they account for 70 percent of new jobs created in the state. Chocola said he is currently sponsoring a Blaine bill that would give small businesses a tax break for every new job created.

When asked by one student about raising the minimum wage, Chocola said the issue was not a political and increasing it nationally could be problematic. According to Chocola, low-wage studentsiping to pay their college costs is not in the best interest of the students and colleges.

House
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year for Habitat and gets the ball rolling for Pete Mahoney, co-president of ND Habitat for Humanity. "On Monday, it's a foundation — Friday, it's a house.

The Notre Dame chapter of Habitat has been working to raise the $60,000 dollar minimum since the dedication of its first house in April 2004.

"Some people think in general that Habitat is just going out and building houses. There's so much more — especially at a college level — and we're really autonomously in funding our housing projects," Gomberg said.

According to University policies, the club may not independently solicit separate donations and often looks to alumni groups.

Colin Dowdall, who also served as co-president of the club last year, organized the Blue and Gold luncheon in the spring 2004 for alumni supporters of ND Habitat for Humanity. The luncheon, held at the Morris Inn during the Blue and Gold game weekend, raised $7,000 for the club and came at a pivotal time.

"The Blue and Gold luncheon was a catalyst at a time when we were in the red," Dowdall said. He came up with the idea freshman year and made it a priority as president.

"It was kind of a way of saying thanks to all the alumni who support us," Dowdall said. "We wouldn't be here right now if it weren't for them.

The club also holds concessions at Notre Dame football games for the last 10 years. Dowdall estimated that the donations for concessions are about $2,200.

The house will be finished and dedicated on April 2005, at which time fundraising will start again.

Our goal is to make sure that the next generation, after we graduate, will continue to build a house each year, and establish an alumni network. We build, possibly, two houses a year.

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was the first time they had seen the idea," Baron said. He said when the offices of Main Campus was not formalized, the discussion with the Board was successful and useful.

"I was disappointed in the coverage. We didn't go into the meeting expecting to get rubber stamp approval. We left the meeting feeling positive. We knew there had been a solid effort to scare, I think, college students and we are very satisfied with that," Baron said.

Senior class president Darrell Scott raised questions about how the Notre Dame Security/Police was involved with the proposal that was presented.

"We did not propose having NDSP patrolling the area. We want them to work with us looking for and help us put our plan in action to better the relationships between Notre Dame students and their neighbors," Baron said.

Bell said the Board liked the proposal of NDSP involvement, and a meeting with them is being planned.

The representatives also asked how trustees responded to the SafeBus proposal.

The trustees talked about two main concerns. First, was that they did not want employees of the University coming onto campus during undergraduate drinking," said Bell. "The second regarded finding a way to provide the buses and take on the liability of transporting students on and off campus.

Off-campus representative Dave McGowan expressed the need for COR to respond to the Board's concerns.

"We need to tell them that we are not supporting or facilitating underage drinking. It is important to stress to them that that's not what we're doing," he said.

Baron agreed and emphasized that when the bus starts running at 1 a.m., most students are going home anyway. Also, we emphasized that the bus stops that are at bars are pick-up only," Baron said.

Baron concluded the meeting by noting the success of their presentation to the Board.

"We think we helped to raise awareness of a significant problem," Baron said.

Bell also told members that plans regarding the SafeBus will proceed.

"We are going to continue working on it. The next step will be to take it to the Senate, then the Campus Life Council and finally the Office of Student Affairs. We're not stopping," she said.

In other COR news:

- The Council voted and approved the appointment of Carsten Steinhauer and Megan Powers to the positions of vice president of elections and vice president of peer advocacy, respectively.

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Union changes Kroger contract

CINCINNATI — The union representing 8,500 workers at 70 Kroger Co. stores in three states including Indiana has revoked a contract extension with the company, a union spokesman said late Monday.

Leaders of Local 1099 of the United Food & Commercial Workers will recommend that members reject Kroger's latest contract offer and authorize the union to strike, if necessary, said union spokesman John Marrone.

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Saint Mary's also sponsored events Monday for National Coming Out Day.

College psychology professor Catherine Pittman said opinions on the events were mixed.

"Several students e-mailed us negatively after a mass e-mail we sent last week announcing the Coming Out week events were received," Pittman said. "That concerns us. If it were students responding to a racially diverse e-mail, most everyone would say that was wrong, but people seem to get away with it when it's a sexually diverse topic.

"Our concern is that some of our students are being accepted of all people. It's in our mission statement," Pittman said. "We are supposed to be supportive and loving but for some people, it's a challenge that we help different people who are different. Part of campus diversity is dealing with those who are different as ourselves and it's important to recognize those differences, while in the minority are always here. It's important to make them feel like they are part of a community too."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Saudi women limited in elections

HIV/AIDS, Saudi Arabia — Women may nei­ ther vote nor run in Saudi Arabia’s first nationwide elections, the government announced Monday, damping hopes of pro­gressive Saudis and easing fears among con­servatives that the nominally Islamic kingdom is moving too fast on reforms.

Some women considered the move yet another indignity in a country where they need their husbands’ permission to study, travel or obtain a driver’s license. They said they wouldn’t trust themselves to judge whether a candi­date is more than just a handsome face.

The religious establishment had been lobby­ing against women’s participation in the elections, diplomats said.

But an electoral official cited administra­tive and logistical reasons Monday for the decision to ban women from the municipal elections, scheduled to be held in three stages from Feb. 10 to April 21.

Uganda claims upperhand in war

Gulu, Uganda through the dense brush of Uganda’s northern savanna, Patrick made a desperate flight for freedom.

Kidnapped five years ago at age 13 by cult­like rebels calling themselves the Lord’s Resistance Army, beaten regularly and forced to march through villages in a pack of boy soldiers, Patrick decided he’d rather die than take part in another massacre.

“If I lost weight I was beaten and yet they never gave us food. We received beatings over nothing,” said Patrick, whose name was being withheld to protect him.

“I was afraid of rape, but I was afraid of being hurt at the same time,” Patrick said.

Hatch’s family had almost given up the 17-year-old up for dead, and she GUI’s deputies had ruled her off as a runaway. Then a person’s report.

The latest deadly accident happened on the road to three Sadr City police stations, Maj. Kadhim Salman said.

He said that the U.S. military has assumed security responsi­bility for the teeming Shiite slum, which is home to more than 2 million people. In return, the government has promised to start releasing detained al-Sadr followers, provided they did not commit crimes. It has also suspended raids in the northeastern Baghdad dis­trict.

Opponents of gay marriage, led by the National Guard, agreed over the weekend to hand in machine guns, land mines and other explo­sives.

As issued instead.

Followers of al-Sadr have turned in some 200 grenade launchers, 10 machine guns, TNT paste, grenade launchers and two grenade launchers slung over his shoulder.

“God willing, there will be no more fighting and Sadr City will live in peace,” said the 20-year-old fighter in a truck full.

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Protesters fight high fuel prices in streets of commercial capital

Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria — As world oil prices again hit new highs, Nigeria’s biggest labor federation launched a four-day nationwide strike Monday to protest the rising cost of fuel at home, shutting down huge swathes of Lagos, the country’s largest city and its commercial center.

There was no immediate impact on the flow of oil from this volatile West African nation, which is Africa’s largest oil producer and the fifth-biggest source of U.S. oil imports. Union militants smashed car windows to keep people home. But businesses and schools did not open in the northern city of Kaduna, and protesters burned tires in the streets.

The price of crude oil, meanwhile, surged to another record high Monday, to $53.64 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, with traders expressing concern over possible supply shortages from Nigeria. But Information Minister Chukuwemeka Chikelu and executives at multinational oil companies said the strike had not hurt Nigeria’s daily output of 2.5 million barrels.

“People are working. There’s been no impact,” said Udorn Inoyo at Mobil Producing Nigeria Unlimited, a subsidiary of ExxonMobil, the second biggest oil producer in Nigeria. Royal Dutch/Shell, which accounts for roughly half of Nigeria’s oil exports, said its executive offices in Lagos were mostly empty but its “oil production and exports are going ahead.”

Union leaders demanded a rollback in last month’s jump in the price of gasoline to about $1.50 a gallon from $1.19, the latest in a series of increases from a government push to cut subsidies and deregulate the economy. The hikes set off widespread protests.

A coalition of civic groups and opposition parties, including the main opposition All Nigerian People’s Party, expressed support for the strike.

Seeking to resolve the crisis, President Olusegun Obasanjo held a meeting Monday with government officials and labor leaders, including Olusegun Obasanjo, head of the National Labor Congress.

Obasanjo said the participants were appointed to a 33-member committee to search for measures to “bring about short-term relief and medium-term positive impact to the effects of high oil prices.”

“Afterward, Oshinbubele said the strike would continue.”

The strike was the latest oil-related challenge to Obasanjo’s government in just a few weeks. Late last month, a militant group declared “full-scale war” on the oil industry to press its demand that more of Nigeria’s oil wealth be funneled toward the poor of the oil-rich Niger Delta. The group withdrew its threat after reaching a deal with Obasanjo.

College students fail to apply for federal aid

Associated Press

A new study says hundreds of thousands of college students who may be eligible for federal financial aid don’t get it for a simple reason — they don’t apply.

The study released Monday by the American Council on Education, which represents colleges and universities, says that half of the 8 million undergraduates enrolled in 1999-2000 at institutions participating in federal student aid programs did not complete the main federal aid application form.

Many were well off, and correctly assumed they wouldn’t get aid. But the study found 1.7 million low- and moderate-income students also failed to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Two-thirds of community college students did not apply for aid, compared to 42 percent at public four-year colleges and 13 percent at private colleges.

The study concludes $50,000 of those students would have been eligible for a Pell Grant, the principal federal grant for low-income students.

The findings underscore a point often made by educators: Even as college costs rise, students often miss financial aid opportunities because they aren’t aware of how the system works.

“It’s frustrating when you know someone could be eligible and they just don’t do it for various reasons,” said Tammy Cope, financial aid director at Shawnee Community College in Ullin, Ill., where about 900 of the 2,500 students receive Pell grants. She said complexity of the forms and fear reason students don’t apply.

“We’ll even help them fill it out,” she said. “But we have to talk to them face to face to give them that information and that doesn’t always happen. They don’t think to call us and ask.”

Few students with more than $40,000 in family income get Pell grants, said Jacqueline King, director of ACE’s Center for Policy Analysis. But they can get other federal aid like subsidized student loans. And FAFSA forms are often the first step in applying for other types of aid, such as support from states or their schools.

The study acknowledges some poorer students might skip FAFSA forms because they line up adequate funding elsewhere. But King said those who would have ended up with more aid if they had filled out the form.

“Everybody says the money is for someone else,” King said, adding focus groups her organization has conducted reveal widespread misconceptions about financial aid.
Nigeria unites against oil prices

Commercial capital shut down due to nationwide strike by labor federation

Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria — At least 39 million Americans, including 20 million children, are members of "low-income working families" — those barely have enough to pay for a child's college education, said Brandon Roberts, one of the report's authors.

"Our people are working..." said Owoi Lakemfa, a spokesman for Nigeria Labor Congress, an umbrella group of 29 unions.

"They are carrying the weight of the oil industry to press the government and the other unions."

"We need to see proof that the grievances of the Nigerian people are under consideration," he told reporters.

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In Lagos, soldiers and police were out in force, patrolling in armored vehicles through the city's deserted central business district.

Union militants, too, were out in large numbers to enforce the strike.

Yukos to pay part of 2001 tax claims

Associated Press

Yukos officials have repeatedly warned that the vast tax bills could drive the company into bankruptcy unless compromises are reached, such as allowing it an extended payment schedule for the arrears. Yukos produces about 2 percent of the world's oil and the monthslong legal assault has raised fears of supply interruptions, one of the factors contributing to recent high oil prices.

Adding to the company's woes, its main subsidiary Yuganskneftegaz was last week handed a separate, nearly $1 billion tax claim for 2002. The unit, which is being evaluated for sale against the company's debts, pumps 60 percent of Yukos' oil.

Yukos is struggling to pay a $3.4 billion tax bill for 2000 by the end of October.

The 2001 bill — of which the core amount of $2.7 billion was already payable before Monday's widely expected ruling — raises the company's total liabilities to some $7.5 billion.

Although the court reduced the bill to $1.34 billion instead of the original $1.39 billion, Yukos lawyers said they would recommend that the company and its former chief executive, Mikhail Khodorkovsky. His ongoing trial on tax and fraud charges is expected to drag on for months, and analysts expect more claims against the company to be filed — eventually pushing the final bill to well beyond $10 billion for 2000-2001.

Yukos and the embattled oil giant Yukos must pay part of a $4.1 billion back-tax claim for the company and its former chief executive, declared "full-scale war" on the oil industry to press its demand that more of Nigeria's oil wealth be funneled to the poor of the oil-rich Niger Delta.
Two professors win Nobel in economics

Associated Press

NEW YORK — An American and a Norwegian won the 2004 Nobel Memorial Prize in economic sciences Monday for research on how government policies affect economies around the world and why supply-side shocks like high oil prices can dampen business cycles.

The work by Norwegian Finn E. Kydland and Edward C. Prescott, a professor at Arizona State University at Tempe, has led to reforms at many of the world's central banks, the citation said. Their research also has given academics better tools for understanding what causes economies to boom or go into recession, it added.

The two professors, who both earned their doctorates at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa., have collaborated on work since the 1970s. They will share an award worth 10 million Swedish kronor, or about $1.3 million.

Kydland, who is 60, teaches at Carnegie Mellon and at the University of California at Santa Barbara. Prescott, 63, has taught at a number of universities, including the University of Minnesota, the University of Chicago and Northwestern University. Besides teaching at Arizona State, he also serves as an adviser to the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences in Stockholm, which oversees the prize, said that the professors' research showed that governments and central banks could be more effective if they adopted consistent, long-term rules and followed them. It was published in the late 1970s when many Western economies were shifting from one policy to another as they grappled with both slow growth and high inflation, or "stagflation."

"The research shifted the practical discussion of economic policy away from isolated policy measures (and) towards the institutions of policymaking, a shift that has largely influenced the reforms of central banks and the design of monetary policy in many countries over the last decade," the academy said.

The academy also praised the pair for "transforming the theory of business cycles by integrating it with the theory of economic growth."

While most economists at the time looked at how changes in demand like consumer spending affect the economy, Kydland and Prescott looked at supply-side changes, such as advances in technology or changes in oil prices as driving forces in business cycles.

Prescott's 2000 book, "Barriers to Riches," made the argument that a key reason for the disparity in the standard of living among countries worldwide is impediments to adopting technology.

Washington volcano releases more steam

Associated Press

MOUNT ST. HELENS, Wash. — Mount St. Helens vented more steam Monday as new thermal images revealed that parts of the lava dome in its crater are piping hot, a sign that magma continues to rise within the volcano.

Scientists said an area on the south side of the old dome, where a large slip of rock has been growing, now appears Phạm post as if magma has been hammering at the surface.

"The magma is not just pushing up but pushing out," John Pallister, a U.S. Geological Survey geologist, said at a news conference Monday. He said scientists believe the magma is less than a half-mile below the surface.

Fast-moving magma would cause greater concern because explosive gases would not have time to dissipate. A team in Denver is evaluating photos taken from the air to gauge how quickly the magma is rising.

The alert level remains at "volcano advisory," but scientists have said an eruption could occur with very little warning.

Pallister said the most likely scenario remains an explosion with a few inches of ash spreading within a 10-mile radius of the crater. Such an event could happen in days, weeks or months — or not at all, he said.

Scientists believe the chances are slim of a larger eruption like the one on May 18, 1980, which killed 57 people. But Pallister was cautious nonetheless.

"I'm in a fairly conservative guy, and I don't like a one in 10 chance," he said.

Any eruption would likely be vertical instead of the devastating horizontal blast that leveled old-growth trees for miles in 1980.

Willie Scott, a U.S. Geological Survey geologist, said earlier Monday that temperatures in some spots could be as high as 400 to 570 degrees Fahrenheit.

Scientists could not get precise temperatures for the hottest parts of the lava dome — on the south side — because the instruments weren't calibrated high enough, said Jeff Wynn, chief scientist for volcanic hazards at the USGS's Cascades Volcano Observatory.

"They didn't expect it to get that hot," Wynn told The Associated Press.

For more than a week, the restless mountain has sent steam, sometimes mixed with ash, venting from bulge of rock on the south side of the lava dome that's risen in at least 330 feet since scientists first spotted it Sept. 30.
CAMPION NEWS

Objections rise over anti-Kerry film... — many of them in competitive states in the presidential election — to pre-empt regular programming to run the documentary as part of an hourlong presidential election — to pre-empt regular programming to run the documentary as part of an hourlong program two weeks before the Nov. 2 election.

Bush and Kerry are competing for the conscience of major broadcast networks in several states, including Ohio, Florida and Pennsylvania.

Mark Fleming, a vice president of corporate relations for Sinclair who also is a conservative commentator for the company, said Monday the show would contain some or all of the 42-minute film as well as a panel discussion of some sort. He said final details had not been worked out.


Edwards calls for greater efforts to combat methamphetamine epidemic...

WASHINGTON — Democratic vice presidential nominee John Edwards called Monday for tighter restrictions on the sale of over-the-counter cold medicines that could be used to make methamphetamine.

"It’s part of our plan to deal with what we see as a crisis on rural America, which are these methamphetamine labs and the impact that methamphetamine has had on so many families in rural America," Edwards told reporters in a telephone conference as he campaigned in Newton, Iowa.

The North Carolina senator cited a 79 percent increase in the number of illegal meth labs that have been discovered in his state in January 2001. He also criticized the Bush administration for trying to cut law enforcement programs that fight illegal meth labs and the addictive, illegal stimulant.

Authorities say meth addiction is a growing problem because it is easy to make with household chemicals and over-the-counter cold medicines. The epidemic is spreading quickly, particularly in rural areas like southern Missouri, which shut down nearly 3,000 meth labs last year, more than any other state.

Cheney argues Kerry’s view of terrorism...

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney, pursuing Republican votes in a reliably Democratic state, said Monday that Sen. John Kerry’s view of terrorism makes sense only if one believes "terrorists are not the focus of our lives but they’re a nuisance."

Kerry suggested that terrorism, like prostitution, illegal gambling and organized crime, will never be eradicated but can be reduced so it’s "not threatening the safety of our home." Cheney told a few thousand Republican supporters that Kerry’s interpretation was "naive and dangerous, as was Senator Kerry’s reluctance earlier this year to call the war on terror an actual war."

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Bush, Kerry, and their campaigns have lobbied some or all of the 42-minute film as well as a panel discussion of some sort. He said final details had not been worked out.


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WASHINGTON — Democratic vice presidential nominee John Edwards called Monday for tighter restrictions on the sale of over-the-counter cold medicines that could be used to make methamphetamine.

"It’s part of our plan to deal with what we see as a crisis on rural America, which are these methamphetamine labs and the impact that methamphetamine has had on so many families in rural America," Edwards told reporters in a telephone conference as he campaigned in Newton, Iowa.

The North Carolina senator cited a 79 percent increase in the number of illegal meth labs that have been discovered in his state in January 2001. He also criticized the Bush administration for trying to cut law enforcement programs that fight illegal meth labs and the addictive, illegal stimulant.

Authorities say meth addiction is a growing problem because it is easy to make with household chemicals and over-the-counter cold medicines. The epidemic is spreading quickly, particularly in rural areas like southern Missouri, which shut down nearly 3,000 meth labs last year, more than any other state.

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Kerry and Bush on health care: inadequate responses to the nation’s problem

I usually write this column with the intention of supporting Sen. John Kerry. I truly believe he should be our next president. This week, however, I am writing on the topic of health care, and, to my great dismay, I've discovered that I am far too stubborn to either craft or put my name on an column with which I don't entirely agree.

To be completely honest, I don't like all aspects of Kerry's plans for health care. I don't particularly agree with all of President George W. Bush's ideas either. Refusing to toe a proverbial party line on this issue is having an extraordinarily negative effect on my midterm work load. So if anyone has extra time to work on my thesis, let me know.

I admit that my idea of integrity isn't the only concern I have in writing this column. Additionally, fall break is approaching, and my roommates, along with many others in the senior class, are road tripping it out to New Jersey for the Navy game. I, on the other hand, am going home to that land of milk and honey — otherwise known as beer and cheese — Milwaukee, Wis.

My dad works in health care, and if I pretend for an instant that I don't recognize inherent problems in the Kerry-Edwards platform on this issue, I may as well prepare myself for a lonely stay at College Park next week, watching obscure foreign films and reading novels. As entertaining as this idea sounds (no, I'm not joking), I'd also like to enjoy my mom's cooking and see a few high school friends.

The topic of health care has been somewhat lost during this election cycle, taking second place to a flurry of speeches about the war in Iraq. While things up many points that are not present in Bush's proposals. Unlike Bush, they have supported federal legislation limiting such awards. Without this limit, doctors will no longer be able to perform high-risk procedures such as caesareans. In addition, the already high costs of health care for average Americans will skyrocket, as they will also be forced to bear some of the cost of excessive awards.

While Bush may be correct on this issue, his overall plan for health care is sadly insufficient. He appears well able to take into account the needs of companies, but, in contrast to Kerry, neglects the consumer.

Kerry and Edwards' plan for health care brings up many valid points that are not present in Bush's proposals. Unlike Bush, they have supported Americans' right to buy prescription drugs from Canada, which can often save patients a significant amount of money. For example, in my home state of Wisconsin, senior citizens currently must take the "Rx Express" to fill their prescriptions, thus avoiding the higher prices in the United States. Edwards has also collaborated on legislation to allow generics (and generally cheaper) drugs to come to market in a shorter time period.

Essentially the Kerry plan for health care will provide many more Americans with insurance than Bush's outline. The American Enterprise Institute estimates that Kerry's plan will ensure 27.3 million new people over the next ten years, costing approximately $1.5 trillion. Bush's ideas are, on the other hand, much less expensive, insuring 6.7 million new people with about $128.6 billion in costs.

Kerry focuses on using government to make sure the poorest Americans have access to health care, while Bush believes that reducing government intervention will improve the situation. Kerry will obtain money for his ideas by repealing a portion of Bush's tax cuts, while Bush advocates tax cuts as a means of lowering the cost of health care.

Both of these men's proposals have some merit. Your opinion on the situation probably depends upon your view of the importance of government intervention versus providing the greatest number of people with health care.

The significant problems discussed, however, should not be ignored. In short, on the issue of health care Americans deserve better. Neither candidate has the record nor the proposals, which indicate he will be able to adequately mend the current problems in the system.

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We must be the vanguards of liberty

While the media focuses on its critiques of President George W. Bush through the lens of hindsight, little attention is devoted to looking into the language of the United Nations and its friends opposed this war. As confirmed in the Dufeler report, Saddam bought support, particularly among the French and Russian officials to whom he would donate “vouchers” that could be resold for large profits. One recipient was Benon Sevan, former U.N. official, who accepted humanitarian relief and the oil for food program itself. The scandal has gone all the way to the top, to U.N. Secretary General Kofo Annan’s son. His son, Kojo, was a consultant for a company that later won a questionable $4.8 million U.N. contract. It’s quite the coincidence that Kofo Annan suddenly came out with a press release calling the U.S.-led invasion “illegal.” Just as the press began to look about the involvement of his son in the kickbacks under Oil for Food. Needless to say, the countries and organizations that benefited most from these vouchers were also the countries that were most adamantly opposed to the Iraq invasion.

Britain, the United States, and other nations within the coalition were not involved with Saddam’s kickbacks through the U.N. Oil for Food program. Instead, “our kickbacks” was Saddam shooting at our fighters almost daily in a de facto war over the no-fly zones. As is usually the case in U.N. action, British and American lives were put on the line before the coin coincidence that Kofi Annan suddenly came out with the United States. He has stated that the corner with the United States. He has stated that the corner­

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Conferences of a Campus Conservative

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To diverge, take this example: a 16-year-old girl is raped by her father. Her sexual organs are so damaged, and so much blood is lost that it is determined that she cannot sus­tain her own life if she attempts to keep her unborn child alive. She decides to have the abortion, and then later years she arrives at Notre Dame with her family for the Notre Dame vs. Stanford game where she is met with your rhetoric that this is unfortunately not as black and white as some may have you think. Sometimes being delicate with a delicate subject will breach oppo­

Letters to the Editor

Tearing down the little, white crosses

In response to Cole Milliard’s letter to the editor, the first thing I want to say is this. The attacks on Sept. 11, the senseless death in Iraq, and perhaps, the Holocaust are more deplorable, reprehensible and “as far from the traditions of this University." Then the removal of crosses from South Quad. Cole, they were little white symbols... calm down and think about why you are doing this.

And Dave Daley, are you really comparing the removal of little white crosses from South Quad to scaling the Dome and tearing down Mary? Do you think that might be bit of an overstatement? How about? Don’t be so black and white.

Regardless of how you feel about abortion, every single one of us can agree on how to approach this campus should condemn this act. Milliard writes.

Milliard is not living in reality. As far as I am concerned, one display of the freedom of speech deserves another. Both Daley and Milliard said that the act of tearing down the crosses was a display of the freedom of speech. One can only hope if the University had stopped this protest — as they have done with almost every pro-homosexual event and was suggested as a column last week — that would have been your first amendment rights being stepped on. Another student removing the signs is another act of free speech. By creating such a presentation, there must be an understanding that others may decide to “speak"
Duff gives stirring performance in new film

By SARAH VABULAS
Scene Critic

I’ll admit that prior to seeing the cringe-worthy "Shaun of the Dead," I had my doubts. While I am a Hilary Duff fan, I didn’t believe the film had selected such good and bad projects for herself. This movie was a wonderful surprise, however.

Before the new British zombie comedy "Shaun of the Dead" combines the comedy and horror genres brilliantly. Duff has a love for either the zombie horror genre or British comedy in general will not be disappointed by this film. "Shaun of the Dead" manages to reference almost every zombie movie ever released, from "28 Days Later" to "Evil Dead." This is a treat for those who have knowledge of the cheesy B-zombie movies of the 1980s. However, this film does make the movie fall more into the niche category.

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Terri meets a nice, British bottle of sorts named Jay (Oliver James), who is warm and encourages her to sing with joy. The two even write a song together, which they perform at the conclusion of the film. There is also an inspiring music teacher (John Corbett), who wants to find the best in her, and doesn’t have to look very far.

While these parts of the film seem to be cliché, the film really is not the trite, teen-age monstrosity critics have made it out to be. The film is full of humor and sadness. The entire movie is凄惨な, finding the need to exist. The conservatory accepts Terri into its summer program and she attends, against her father's denial — no surprise here because otherwise, there would have been no movie. She tricks him with the help of her mother and aunt, so he doesn’t even know that she’s in Los Angeles.

"Raise Your Voice" is merely to use as ammunition at the screen. Happily, one of them even suggested I buy a large popcorn, not to eat, but merely to use as ammo at the screen. However, this was not necessary. I liked "Raise Your Voice" and I think you will, too.

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Zombie comedy succeeds in both genres

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However, it is a comedy as well, so those turned off by its horror nature should take that into account. The comedy is a mix of the obvious, from Monty Python to Michael Jackson. There are also elements of "Office Space," as well as a variety of other movies.

The plot is relatively simple. Shaun (Simon Pegg), our hero, is a 30-something-year-old stuck in a dead-end job at the local small grocery mart. After his significant other breaks up with him, he becomes so withdrawn that he completely doesn’t see the carnage unfolding around him. It is not until the zombies come knocking on his window, literally, that he notices the unfolding chaos. One that occurs, Shaun and his flat partner decide they must hide from the zombie tide. Logically, they decide that the local bar would be the safest place.

But they can’t go immediately to the bar. First Shaun must pick up his mother, along with his ex. This scene where they decide where to go and whom they will pick up first is particularly humorous. The rest of the movie basically follows their progression to the bar, picking up random people along the way, and then the subsequent assault on the bar. Although this is a horror-comedy, it is horror first, comedy second. There is quite a bit of gore in the movie, as the zombies are in various states of ill-being. But the comedy in it is quite funny, and doesn’t clash with the vibe of the movie.

The closest equivalent to this movie would be the somewhat recent movie "Club Dread." However, while "Club Dread" had its genuinely funny moments few and far between. "Shaun of the Dead" remains consistently funny and enjoyable throughout. Like "Club Dread," this movie was created by a comedy troupe. However, the British comedy troupe responsible for this film relies upon more sophisticated humor than the one that wrote "Club Dread" and "Super Troopers."

"Shaun of the Dead" only received a limited release in the United States. So if you’re in the mood for some British zombie humor, be sure to check this out in select theaters around the country. There are a bit worse movies out in theaters right now and "Shaun of the Dead" is a welcome change.

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**DVD Reviews**

‘Chappelle’s Show’ ushers in new era of comedy

By MOLLY GRIFFIN

“The Daily Show,” shows like “South Park” and socially Central, a channel known for its edgier current on television, and Chappelle takes more risks and gets more laughs than any other comedian currently on television, and Chappelle’s Show Season One (Uncensored) reveals why.

Not for the easily offended, Chappelle is a risky comedian who isn’t afraid to deal with issues of race, gender or sexuality in unusual ways. Comedy Central, a channel known for its edgier shows like “South Park” and socially aware shows like “The Daily Show,” has allowed Chappelle to keep his comedic bite. Season One includes a host of now infamous skits, such as “The Real Real World,” which turns MTV’s “The Real World” into a show in which a white guy living with six black people instead of the other way around; “The Black White Supremacist,” which centers on a blind member of the Ku Klux Klan who is unaware that he is black; and Tyronne Biggums, a “recovered” crack addict who gives anti-drug talks at schools that seem more commercials than condemnations.

The show typically opens with a monologue from Chappelle, and often features musical guests like Talib Kweli, but most of the musical acts have been cut from the DVD release. Chappelle was a stand-up comedy prodigy a couple of years before he was underage, his mother, an ordained Unitarian minister, would take him to performances. He got his start in film with Mel Brooks’ “Men in Tights” and has gone on to appear in movies such as “The Nutty Professor,” “Undercover Brother,” “You’ve Got Mail” and “Half Baked,” which he also co-wrote.

Season One of “Chappelle’s Show” only contains 12 episodes, but it comes with enough bonus material to make up for the short season. Chappelle and co-creator Donnell Breaslin provide commentary tracks for five of their favorite episodes, there is a half hour of deleted material and bloopers and there is unaired footage from one of the recurring sketches, “Ask a Black Dude with Paul Mooney,” which is essentially a question and answer session between Mooney and people on the street. The upshot is that the show isn’t as funny as it potentially could be, but the unaired footage from “Ask a Black Dude” is very entertaining.

The audio and video for “Chappelle’s Show” are satisfactory.

‘Futurama’ takes comedy to new heights in his show on Comedy Central, taking no prisoners with his unique brand of offensive but hilarious skills.

“Futurama” is an animated television series about a modern day loser, Philip J. Fry, who is a borderline degenerate. Fry wakes up a thousand mentally frozen cryogenically while delivering pizzas to the year 3000. Settling into quirky adventures on all kinds of quirky planets, Fry goes to a planet run by a “Star Trek” robot with kleptomaniac. Then there is “Where No Fan Has Gone Before” Fry goes to a planet run by the evil robot with kleptomaniac.

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Fourth season of ‘Futurama’ remains original

By RYAN ROGERS

Matt Groening ("The Simpsons") demonstrates another stroke of genius with "Futurama Volume Four," the fourth and final season of the program. "Futurama" is an animated television series about a modern day loser, Philip J. Fry, who is a borderline degenerate. Fry wakes up a thousand years later to find just how much cr, in this case Fry, has changed in the year 3000. "Futurama" is a character-driven show where each character has a lot of development and the characters are well-defined.

"Futurama Volume Four" is a great season of the show. It has the same quality of writing and animation as the previous seasons. The season opens with Fry working at Plant Express (an interplanetary FedEx), only more inept and copies with all of the hilarious misadventures that come with his dead end job. The concept of this program allows Fry to go on all kinds of quirky adventures on all kinds of quirky planets.

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Rob Bot, left, Leela and Fry find themselves in a precarious situation when underground mutants kidnap the trio in Matt Groening’s “Futurama.”

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Titans pummel Packers at Lambeau Field

Brown scores two touchdowns, leads Tennessee to the win

Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Lambeau Field is now a desired destination, as Chris Brown and the Tennessee Titans were the latest to learn. Brown ran for 148 yards and two long touchdowns, and Tennessee cruised to a 48-27 rout of the stumbling Green Bay Packers on Monday night, scoring more points than any visitor ever at the famed stadium.

The Titans (12-3) snapped a three-game losing streak and sent the Packers (1-14) to their fourth straight loss. This is Green Bay’s first four-game losing streak since 1991 and its 0-3 start at home since 1988.

From 1996 to 2002, Green Bay was 53-7 at home, including four straight during the postseason. The Packers lost to Atlanta in a playoff game in January 2003, starting a Lambeau slump that reached 6-2 with the loss to Tennessee.

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Brown, Tennessee’s Troy Fleming makes a diving catch for a 14-yard touchdown in the second quarter of the Titans’ win.

Tennessee defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth pressures Packers quarterback Brett Favre out of bounds in Tennessee’s 48-27 win at Lambeau Field.

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The Packers’ hopes for a comeback were killed by four second-half turnovers. They had six overall.

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TITANS DEFENSIVE TACKLE ALBERT HAYNESWORTH PRESSURES PACKERS QUARTERBACK BRETT FAVRE OUT OF BOUNDS IN TENNESSEE’S 48-27 WIN AT LAMBEAU FIELD.

The Tennessee victory dropped Green Bay to 2-4 and raised the possibility of a coaching change. The Packers’ sixth loss in eight games included a 34-13 loss to Tennessee two weeks ago.

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The Titans’ response was a game-winning touchdown drive that ended with a Brett Favre fumble that Tennessee recovered at the Packers 2-yard line.

Green Bay lost 13 consecutive games with Favre at quarterback. The Packers (1-14) have lost six straight at Lambeau Field.

“I expect us to play better,” Favre said.

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Grieving Rivera comforts family members in Panama

Closer expected to return for Game 1 of the American League Championship series, which begins Tuesday

NEW YORK — Yankees closer Mariano Rivera said he plans to return from a family funeral in Panama on Tuesday in time for Game 1 of the AL championship series against Boston. Rivera flew home to comfort relatives after two members of his wife's family were electrocuted in his pool. The ALCS begins Tuesday night at Yankee Stadium.

"I am going back to New York tomorrow, after the funeral, and rejoin the team," Rivera said Monday outside his home in Puerto Caimito, the fishing village where the accident occurred.

"At this moment, my family is my priority," he said. "I stopped thinking about baseball the moment I got on the plane."

Early Tuesday, Rivera will attend the funeral of Victor Dario Ayala, a cousin of Rivera's wife, Clara, and Avila's 14-year-old son. The father was electrocuted when he tried to save his son, who also named Victor, while cleaning the pool at the pitcher's home, officials said.

The Yankees have arranged for a private plane to bring Rivera back to New York.

"I don't want to say he's going to be back tomorrow," Yankees manager Joe Torre said earlier Monday. "If he's here tomorrow, wonderful. If he's not, then we understand that."

Rivera's agent, Fernando Cuza, told The Associated Press in an e-mail that the pitcher "should be back in time" for Game 1. The local police log on the accident said that a suspended electrical cable fell into the pool while the younger Ayala was in the water and the father jumped in to try to rescue him.

The chief of the local fire department, Luis Felipe Caceres, said the only witness was Denis Ballestero, brother-in-law of Rivera's wife. Ballestero suffered shocks and was released from a hospital.

On Monday, a tarps had been raised in front of the Avila family's small zinc-roofed, concrete-walled house next door to Rivera's mansion.

Eight children, some bare-foot, played baseball on a baseball court nearby, using the basket stands as bases. A heavy downpour soon drove them away. Many of the men from the town of 3,500 were at the funeral, fishing for shrimp.

Rivera's father was a fisherman, as was Avila, who also cleaned and maintained Rivera's home.

"There's great pain in Puerto Caimito because Victor was a very well-liked person in town," said a neighbor, Armilfo Vega, 52, also a fisherman.

If Rivera doesn't return, it will be the first time since 1997 that Torre won't be able to call on the player who is widely regarded as the best closer in postseason history.

Rivera saved a postseason-record 23 straight games beginning with the first of three straight championships in 1998 and ending in Game 7 of the 2001 series. Rivera has failed to close out a game only three times in 33 postseason opportunities, including Game 2 of the division series against Minnesota last Wednesday.

While it will be a huge blow to the bullpen if Rivera is unavailable, Torre does have Tom Gordon, who led the league with 46 saves in 1998 for Boston.

"We get too late in a game and Mariano is not here, obviously we know what we're going to do," Torre said. "If he's not here tomorrow, and we're in position to save the game, it will be Tom Gordon."

Gordon has been Rivera's primary setup man this season, going 9-4 with a 2.21 ERA and four saves in 80 appearances. With Gordon and Paul Quantrill in the bullpen, Torre was able to limit Rivera's eighth-inning appearances and helped the closer save a career-high 53 games.

Gordon didn't use the work-out day to prepare any differently than he has all season.

I went out and played catch," Gordon said. "I've closed before. I'll just prepare like I do. I just hope everything goes well with his family."

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No end in sight for Dolphins' QB problems

DAVIE, Fla. — Injuries to Jay Fiedler and A.J. Feeley left Miami's unsettled quarterback situation more muddled than ever.

Fiedler was sore after aggravating a rib injury in Sunday's 24-10 loss to New England, and he's unsure whether he'll be ready against the Bills.

Coach Dave Wannstedt said that both would be re-evaluated Wednesday, and that Fiedler would start if healthy.

If neither Fiedler nor Feeley is available, Sage Rosenfels will make his first NFL start.

"The ribs are tender right now," Fiedler said Monday. "I'll take it day by day and see how it goes.

Fiedler's agent, Brian Levy, said the quarterback cracked a rib.

Feeley was in the game for only two plays and walked off the field in a daze after being hit by free safety Colvin after throwing a fourth-down pass that fell incomplete. Feeley said he didn't remember the play after the game, but remembered everything Monday.

End to Dodgers' season

LOUIS ANGELES — Robin Ventura returned in a fashion befitting his 16-year career — timely and with little fanfare.

Ventura told teammates of his decision last week, but waited until the Dodgers' postseason run ended Sunday night to make his announcement public. "I'm absolutely positive. I've realized that it's time to go, and that's it," Ventura said after the Los Angeles Dodgers lost to St. Louis 6-2, eliminating them from the NL playoffs.

Ventura, 37, played nine years with the Chicago White Sox, two with the New York Mets and 2 1/2 with the Yankees before finishing up with 1 1/2 seasons in Los Angeles — less than 200 miles from where he grew up.

American swimmer breaks own world record

INDIANAPOLIS — Aaron Peirsol of the United States lowered his own world record in the 200-meter backstroke at the Short Course World Championships on Monday.

Peirsol's time of 1 minute, 50.52 seconds bettered his mark of 1:50.64 set in March at a short course World Cup meet in East Meadow, N.Y. He also won the 100 back during the 25-meter competition.

Matthew Welch of Australia was second in 1:52.54 and Arskay Vyatchanin of Russia was third in 1:54.29.

Peirsol, of Irvine, Calif., swept the backstroke events at the Athens Olympics. He also won the 200 back at the 2002 short course championships.
The Irish ‘Varsity 8’ squad, middle, competes in a race during the weekend. The crew placed 10th of 60.

A short-handed Notre Dame men's water polo club won three of four Great Lakes Conference games this weekend at Toledo. The Irish only had one player on the bench when they opened play against the host Rockets. Led by Matt McNicholas and Mike Grow, the Irish rolled to a 17-4 victory. Greg Szewczyk, Zhan-Wei Khaw, Colin Dunn, and Steve Shepard all scored as well in the rout, while Jay Nunez filled in at goal for Scott Juggs.

In Saturday's second game, the No. 17 Irish squared off against nemesis No. 4 Grand Valley State. As usual, the game came down in the closing seconds. Goals from McNicholas, Shepard, Khaw, Szewczyk, and Grow kept the Irish close throughout the entire game, but time ran out on McNicholas narrowly missed a shot from two meters as the Irish fell 14-13.

The Irish rebounded on Sunday, cruising to victories over Western Michigan, 22-8, and Ball State, 24-5. Mike Grow moved to goal and Nunez returned to field play where he was among the scoring leaders. This weekend, the Irish will head to Northwestern to challenge a field proving to be one of the nation's top-25 teams.

Men's Rowing
Sixty club teams descended upon Rockford, Ill., this weekend for the Head of the Rock regatta, where the Notre Dame men's rowing club had a day of great performances. The varsity squad competed in open dou-

bles, open eight, open four and lightweight four events on the 2,500 meter course.

The highlight of the day was the stellar performance of the lightweight four. The Novice four also had a strong showing against intense competition from the University of Michigan, Purdue and Northwestern. Michigan won the event with a time of 14:52.28 and the three Notre Dame boats fell between times of 17:16.19, 18:09.01, and 19:17.91, respectively.

The Irish also pulled competitive times in the men's double event with Evan Domogrov and Dave Mercante taking fourth place with a time of 17:42. The other men's doubles boats grew as well when putting up scores of 18:37, 18:52, and 18:56 taking fifth, seventh and eighth place, respectively.

The open eight was a holy con-

questing the Head of the Elk regatta, which Notre Dame claimed the victory with a time of 14:50. The top ND boat took the win with a time of 15:02 taking tenth place and the other two boats rowing a 15:40 and 16:31 to take 13th and 20th place.

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Defense carries Lyons to victory

Howard gets first win; Lyons and Welsh Family battle to scoreless tie

terback Laura Phs and taking command when Katherine Krug intercepted an Off-Campus pass and took it back more than 20 yards for a back-breaking touchdown. Although Howard's offense cooled off in the second half, their defense remained alert. Going up only a few points from first-quarter scrambles, the Ducks kept Off-Campus out of the end zone.

Playing a conservative game that slowly wound down the game clock, the Ducks closed their season with three consecutive quarterback kneels on their last possession.

Although the Ducks didn't get their first win until the last game of the season, they played more progressively throughout the course of the season. A late season tie with Welsh Family, the No. 1 team, was just one memory that the Howard players will be able to cherish from this season.

"It was a great seeing the improvement of the entire team," Whitman said. "Teams who had never touched a football before, in the end came together, and it really gave us a lot of hope for next season.

"We're a young team consisting of only three juniors and one senior, the Ducks will look to build a winning season on a team that will be more comfortable with each other.

"Probably the most exciting thing is that we're only losing one senior.

Whitman said, "We're going to recruit girls right off the bat during Frosh-O' next year and then play with what we have already. And that should be really good.

"We're 0, Welsh Family 0. Four years ago, Lewis and Welsh met for the championship game in the stadium. Welsh Family won by a point that day and Lewis players have vowed that this will never happen again.

On Sunday, they played true to their word. Sunday's showdown between the league leader Welsh Family and No. 10 Lewis was a draw. This is the second 0-0 game for Lewis this year, who also tied with Lyons last week. Welsh also had a tie in the first game to this game, but it could lose the No. 1 ranking to Cavanaugh, who won this weekend.

The tie, however, can be attributed to both teams' defenses.

Lewis had three interceptions, while Welsh had four. Welsh came the closest to scoring a touchdown right before halftime. The Whirlwinds successfully completed a long pass to position themselves right in front of the goal line, but time ran out before they could score. Lewis played a solid defensive game, shutting out the No. 1 team when they were clearly the underdogs.

"For defense, we came in knowing that we were going to have to play tight on the quarter back and receivers if we wanted to win or tie," Lewis captain Julia Burke said. "We followed through with our plan and played a really clean game in general. Both teams played their best defense.

The only reason Lewis was able to score any touchdowns is because this is a rebuilding year for their offense, according to Burke.

"After last season, we lost our quarterback, several receivers and our coaches," Burke said. "So we were prepared to consider this a rebuilding year and in that light, I think we've done a wonderful job.

Last year, Lewis was the runner-up in the stadium and surely this year's team will grow into a stadium-worthy, championship winning within the next four years.

"It was a tough season for us, but we're all really happy with how it turned out," Burke said.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Belles looking for win to raise team morale

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Never underestimate your opponent.

The Belles must keep this in the back of their heads today as they prepare to take on Tri-State University. The Thunder is still in search of its first MIAA win of the year having now gone 10 straight games without a victory. Meanwhile, the Belles cannot afford to drop another conference match if they hope to improve their current standing in the league.

Saint Mary's comes into the contest with a record of 4-7 in conference play and 4-10 overall. All the Belles needed was a win of the season after losing five straight to begin the 2004 campaign.

In the contest, the Belles controlled the tempo through out and swept the Thunder in three straight games. However, the team realizes that they must come into this game prepared and ready for anything.

"We expect to see the same team as in our previous meeting," middle hitter Elise Bjureg said. "We expect to win and nothing else, but we cannot come into the game and ease down."

In their first meeting with the Thunder, Saint Mary's was led by the play of Shelly Bender and Elise Bjureg on the offensive side of the court. Bjureg put on a show against Tri-State University as she collected 18 kills in the match. Elizabeth Nohl and Anne Cusack supplied most of the damage on defense for Saint Mary's and helped the team cruise to an easy victory.

The Belles are coming off of two straight losses against the number two and three teams in the MIAA. Before their recent skid, Saint Mary's was on a three game winning streak and looking like a team ready to make a strong run as they sat as high as fifth place in the conference.

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Cavanaugh dominates Breen-Phillips

PW edges McGlinn, Walsh dominates PE

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Like an army heading into battle, Cavanaugh marched to the West Quad with intensity and the will to win, and for 40 minutes showed a crowd of classmates and families the way football is supposed to be played.

From the first whistle, the game belonged to the Chaos 4-0-11, who dominated the highly-anticipated contest, beating Breen-Phillips (3-2), 21-0.

Cavanaugh got started early, scoring on their first drive when quarterback Lisa Ruffer hit Rachel Byrne for a quick touchdown.

"Right off the bat, we moved the ball all the way down the field," Ruffer said. "Rachel was playing line, and I saw that she got open, so I hit her with the pass."

The Chaos completed the two-point conversion, taking an 8-0 lead. The scoring continued with a 3-yard touchdown pass from Ruffer to Nancy Pouflage at the end of the first half, and a 17-yard completion to Janice Flynn for the game's final score.

"The receivers did a great job getting open all game," Ruffer said. "They adjusted to the defense well and ran perfect routes. This was a great game everyone played really well."

Due to excess hype surrounding the Breen-Phillips defense, the Cavanaugh offense felt that they had a lot to prove Sunday.

"We came out really wanting to play a great game," Ruffer said. "We're hearing that Breen-Phillips has the best defense in the league, and we wanted to show what we could do against them. We didn't feel like the rankings on Friday were right, and we hope that this win is enough to convince people that we belong on top of the polls."

The Cavanaugh defense continued its impressive play, holding the strong Breen-Phillips offense scoreless.

"It was a tough loss," Mattingly said. "Cavanaugh is a great team, with a good quarterback and good receivers. They made a lot of big plays that really hurt us. Our girls played really hard, but we just couldn't get things going against their defense."

Though disappointed with the loss, Mattingly feels that some good can come out of Sunday's game.

"This gives us some motivation," he said. "We don't want to back into the playoffs; we need to go in with some momentum, because that's like a whole new season."

Pasquerilla West 7, McGlinn 0

It looked like it would be a scoreless game, but all that changed in the last four minutes of the game.

Sunday afternoon on the West Quad field, Pasquerilla West (3-1-1) and McGlinn (1-4) fought the whole game with the Purple Weasels emerging on top.

"It took a while to get rolling," Pasquerilla West cornerback Annie Brusky said. "We knew we had to win."

The game started off slow, with sloppy offense by both teams. Each team turned the ball over once. But as the half progressed, so did the teams.

In the first half, McGlinn s a c k e d Pasquerilla West quarterback Heather Van Hoegarden, and put pressure on her the entire half. The Weasels offensive line had trouble preventing McGlinn's defense from getting to their quarterback.

"The second half, we figured out how to block on offense," said Brusky. "Our defense is awesome. I felt like our defense stepped it up. We held them the whole game."

Brigid Bultin picked off a pass in the fourth quarter for Breen-Phillips to grab the ball and run a short distance before getting stopped.

After the interception, Pasquerilla West began trying new plays. Van Hoegarden ran for a big number setting up the ensuing touchdown.

Van Hoegarden rolled out to the left under pressure and tossed it to Brenna Mamin, who broke a tackle and scored the touchdown. The extra point was scored by Maureen Spring on a pass from Van Hoegarden.

McGlinn came back strong and came very close to scoring, but they were denied that chance when time ran out and Pasquerilla West grabbed the win.

"We have our heart set on the playoffs," Brusky said. "They knew we had to beat McGlinn to get there."

Both teams have one more game before the playoffs, which will take place after fall break.

Walsh 33, Pasquerilla East 7

The Wild Women of Walsh concluded a perfect season Sunday with a victory over Pasquerilla East 7 drubbing of Pasquerilla East.

Citing the mercy rule, referees ended the game with over a minute remaining in the second half, but the outcome was decided much earlier than that.

The Walsh defense set the tone early, sacking Pasquerilla quarterback Heath Van Hoegarden, and putting pressure on him the entire half. The Weasels offensive line had trouble preventing Walsh's defense from getting to their quarterback.

"We knew we had to beat McGlinn to get there," Brusky said. "We knew we had to win."
In order to rise to the challenge of the end of the season and bring victory, the Chaos will look to capitalize on key aspects.

The observation of the week is bringing us back to the game against Pasquerilla East, a game that could be looked at as a yardstick for the season.

"We are looking to go out there and have a good time."

Angelina Zehrbach
Farley captain

Ending the season on a good note is certainly foremost in the minds of each team. Farley's Finest and the McGlinn Shamrocks will wrap up their respective seasons tonight at 7 p.m. on the Richie West Field.

"We are looking to go out there and have a good time."

Farley captain Angelina Zehrbach said. "We get it down there but we can't paint it in. Despite wanting to finish strong, the Finest will not be taking the game too seriously, as this will be the last time all the seniors will be able to play with each other. Do not be too surprised to see new plays and players playing new positions for the first time.

"We are looking to go out there and have a good time," Zehrbach said. "Our seniors are looking to milk it, and we are going to get a little crazy. It's going to be backyard football, and we are just going to have fun."

Expect McGlinn to have a similar mindset heading into their final game. Even so, McGlinn captain Liz Maher will undoubtedly have her team revved up to get one more win. The one thing this game definitely will not lack is excitement.

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Stanford escapes with 0-0 tie against Morrissey on Sunday

Knights shut out Kangaroos

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Football is a game of inches, and Morrissey was just a few inches short Sunday.

In what was a must-win game for both teams, Stanford and Morrissey battled to a 0-0 tie in a game full of strong defense and missed opportunities.

"It was the hardest we played all season," Morrissey captain Aaron Ronshausen said. "Both teams couldn't put it in the end zone."

The Manorites came within less than a yard of breaking the deadlock on the final play of the game. With 10 seconds to play, Morrissey quarterback Pete Sprizter lined up at the Griffin 9-yard line and took one last shot at the end zone to receiver Tim Kenney.

"We just had everyone go deep and make something happen," Kenney said. "Pete just threw it up."

Sprizter connected with Kenney on the goal line, but the receiver was forced to lean out inches away as time expired.

The Manorites had a number of other opportunities to score thanks to a defense that forced two fumbles and blocked a field goal. Ronshausen also had an interception.

"Our secondary really stepped it up this week," Ronshausen said. "I think we held their passing attack in check.

Leading the way for the Morrissey defense along with Ronshausen was Kenney at safety and Tony LoGuidice.

"We just couldn't get our running or passing game going," Griffin captain Vie Monaco said.

The Stanford defense was equally impressive, forcing two Morrissey turnovers and stopping the Manorites twice inside the 10-yard line, including a goal line stand at the end of the first half.

Instrumental in the stand was linebacker Eric Medrick, who pulled double duty as both a defensive lineman and fullback for the Griffins. Monaco and fellow linebacker Brandon Blutau both had strong games as well.

The Stanford offense just could not get going.

"We have to start scoring touchdowns," Monaco said. "If our offense doesn't improve, we're toast in the playoffs."

The Griffins still have post-season hope, and have one last game with O'Neil Thursday night. The Manorites, meanwhile, ended their season last Saturday against Stanford, and most likely will not make the playoffs.

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Keenan stepped up the game with the ball and moved it quickly upfield with running by Staffieri, but a fumble gave the Dawgs possession.

Quarterback Eric Laumann completed 5-of-8 passes for only 68 yards, but did complete a 41-yard pass to set up the Knights' first touchdown.

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Affors, however, returned the favor and coughed up the ball on their first play from scrimmage. The very next play, Laumann completed the pass for a 41-yard gain to the Alumni 15-yard line.

Four plays later, Laumann carried the ball over the goal line on a naked bootleg.

The teams exchanged punts until halftime, with Alumni failing to make a first down until the last play of the half.

In the second half, Alumni used at 39-yard pass to set up their only points of the game, a 44-yard field goal.

After stopping the Knights on fourth-and-inches the next drive, the Dawgs fumbled again and Keenan ran out most of the rest of the game with a 14-play, 55-yard touchdown drive.

"In the fourth quarter, we had a lead and we put it on the offensive line," Downey said. "We just said 'We're going to run the ball right at them' and we took up most of the fourth quarter with that drive."

Fullback Reid Langdon, who finished the game with 36 yards rushing, had two important third down conversions on counter plays.

"He broke a lot of tackles," Downey said. "Those two first down runs were key."

Dillon 20, Keough 0

Defensive dominance and efficient offensive production led the Dillon Big Red to a 20-0 pounding of the Keough Kangaroos on Sunday.

The victory improved Dillon's record to 2-0-1, while the setback for Keough marked its fourth in a row, ending the Kangaroos' season without a victory.

Dillon was most impressive on the defensive side of the ball, not allowing a first down all afternoon and forcing four Keough turnovers.

"Every game, our goal is to go crazy," linebacker Dan Avants said, who contributed a forced fumble and an interception to Dillon's defensive effort. "We want to come out defensively prepared.

After losing its two running backs early in the season, Keough has been forced to rely on its passing game, which Dillon effectively subdued the entire game.

"This was the third team that believed that they could pass on us," Avants said. "And this was the third team that we shut down."

The Big Red's defensive line harassed Keough quarterback all afternoon, forcing desperation passes toward receivers who constantly found themselves shadowed by Dillon's secondary.

The Dillon squad took advantage of good field position, garnered by Keough turnovers, to reach the end zone three times. Running their trademark triple-wing offense, the Big Red kept the ball on the ground, capped off by John Lephey's 25-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.

"That hole was open all day," Lephey said. "I just followed my blocks."

Keough's struggles against Dillon could be attributed in part to its severely limited roster, which included just 14 players on Sunday.

"It's hard to keep up the intensity when your front eight guys have to pay both ways," Keough captain Brian Kasper said.

With the victory Sunday, Dillon all but wrapped up a spot in the playoffs, set to begin after fall break. However, the Big Red has one regular season game remaining that has been circled on its schedule since the first week of the season.

Thursday night, Dillon will take on the Alumni Dawgs, the Big Red's archival. Yearlong bragging rights will be up for grabs when the two teams square off in this annual match-up, which kicks off "Rivalry Week" between the halls.

Avants, a freshman, is excited to become a part of the longstanding rivalry.

"I came onto this team for two reasons from Day 1," Avants said. "One was to make the playoffs, and the other was to beat Alumni. We have the first one down, we care about, but I won't be satisfied unless we take care of the second one too."

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The Irish, who are ranked in the top 15 in three preseason basketball publications, took a team photo and answered questions from about a dozen media members. When they weren't being interviewed, the players went around talking and joking.

After taking a photo, Battatze, a first-team All-America selection last season, was swarmed by a horde of reporters about eight seconds. After averaging 16 points and 8.6 rebounds as a junior, the 2003 honorable mention All-American is expected to be one of the best players in the country this season.

"I'm trying to continue doing what I did last year," Battatze said. "Last year was a pretty big year for two or three games last year, it just felt like I could do anything. So my confidence is really high right now and that was a problem I was going into last year. The confidence is good, I'm just trying to get started.

McGraw said the Irish will rely on Battatze again this year, but also have many other players that will be contributing significantly to this year.

"This is the best I've ever seen her play," McGraw said. "I'm just thrilled with the way she's come through the summer. She's been unstoppable."

"We definitely want to take as much pressure off of our defense coming in here is going to be a big key as well as how out how to stop her. So we have to get Courtnee LaVere, Teresa Burton, Megan Duffy – they've really got to pick up the slack."

Duffy is coming off an excellent season, when she averaged 9 points per game for the Irish offense and was named Big East Most Improved Player. Burton and LaVere combined to score over 12 points a game last season. Duffy, along with Burton and Battatze will captain the 2004-05 team.

In total, the Irish return seven players from last season's 21-11 squad that rallied late last season losing to No. 1 Penn State. They also add four freshmen in Charese Alexander, D'Amico, Talayjah Gaines and walk-on Joelene Logue.

Notre Dame begins the season with two home exhibition contests against Division II schools. The Irish then move to the first round of the Women's Preseason National Invitational Tournament at the Joyce Center Nov. 12 at 9 p.m. if they keep winning, the Irish could play up four games in the tournament.

From Jan 2 to Feb. 2, Notre Dame plays seven of 10 games at the Joyce Center where it was a perfect 15-0 last season. The team then takes on a road trip five of their last seven games on the road.

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The past and you can't really say they are the Naval Academy and they don't have the best of all time, they do. They're undefeated and they are a formidable team.

The Irish are coming off a narrow 23-15 victory over Stanford and are known for their defense, but the Notre Dame outfit was outgunned on offense as they scored 22 points in the first half and trailed 3-6 at halftime.

Notre Dame knows that they have to keep their intensity high and have played the Irish down to the wire last year at Notre Dame Stadium. A 40-yard field goal by D.J. Fitzpatrick proved the difference as the Irish won by the final score of 27-24.

Last year, however, the Irish were unable to parlay Navy into getting a bowl invitation. At 3-2 coming into Saturday's matchup with the Midshipmen, Notre Dame doesn't want to miss the post-season again.

"It's always good to keep streaks alive and things like that but I don't think it's something to focus on," Dan Stevenson Irish guard said. "Our ultimate goal isn't about keeping the 40-year streak alive. It's about what we want to do this season.

"We're not setting out to try and keep the 40-year streak alive. We're setting out to beat Navy and to focus on our own, not what the last game, which is to go to a bowl game.

Navy and Notre Dame are the only two remaining independent programs in NCAA Division I and are known for their academic and all-around excellence.

I n e b e r k e r Brandon Huyette feels that the Midshipmen have a "heck of a team". "We definately have a bunch of talent because it's such a competitive game. It's fun. I'm looking forward to Kyle Eckel, his fullback. He's a heck of a player so we're going to have to get ready for that week."

Navy also has one additional advantage over Notre Dame at the Midshipmen will have the advantage of playing the game at the time they meet the Irish Saturday.

"It's a pretty big advantage," Goddub said of Navy's bye week. "But I know a lot of teams on our experience sometimes the longer you have for a game it gives you that many more things that the coaches can work on and that you can get ready for."

"It can work with you and it can work against you at the same time because you have so much more to digest mentally. You have to go on their way. "They're going to come out ready and I'm sure they'll be more than prepared and have a big challenge ahead of us."

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Chris Thomas drives last season against Kentucky. Thomas is returning this fall from season knee surgery.

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out of Jordan Cornette's hands during a team picture. Players took jump shots one minute and sat down with reporters the next. But the playfulness shifted more towards business when anyone — player, coach or reporter — mentioned the "NIT." Those three letters are out of our vocabulary, that's for sure," forward Jordan Cornette said. "I'm breaking it down. Look, there are a couple goals we want for this team. First, we're starting with the early non-conference stuff. The Harvard [and the PPAs]. We've got to take those teams like they're any team. We've got to take care of them.

Then we look into the conference schedule.

"Then we want to get a conference title," he said. "We want to hang a banner in here. Then we want to move on in the tournament and see how far we go there. But nobody's sitting here saying Final Four right now. I mean that's in our heads, but there's a couple steps you've got to take before you start thinking about that." Those steps include road visits to Michigan (Dec. 4) and Indiana (Dec. 8) on the 2004-05 Irish schedule. Notre Dame is set to play Connecticut, Georgetown, Pittsburgh, Syracuse and Villanova all twice on its Big East conference schedule.

The formidable schedule provides the Irish with quality opponents to boost their RPI (ratings Percentage Index).
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Check out auction purchases that will grow in value. Today can be a perfect day to make a physical change. Don’t be shy. ***

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don’t rock the boat if it could cause problems for you and a team player. The time you spent on the way will be valuable. ***

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Legal, financial or health matters will be important to deal with. Don’t let anyone bamboozle you into doing something you don’t feel right about. ***

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ND BASKETBALL

Optimistic beginnings

Men look to bounce back after injuries, disappointing season

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

The men's basketball team had serious smiles on their faces Monday. And their coach was the one who set the mood.

"Everybody ready?" Brey said at the start of the season's first press conference during Media Day. "You ready to go? Okay."

He paused.

"We've got to get back in the NCAA tournament, it's real simple," he said. "Questions."

Reporter laughed, and even Brey had a smirk on his face, but the fifth-year Irish coach was not kidding.

Notre Dame did not qualify for the top postseason tournament last season and lost to Oregon 65-61 in the National Invitation Tournament quarterfinals.

Brey and the Irish players were available for the first time as a group to media members were available for the first time Monday, and a light permeated the air as the season neared its opening.

Left, Torin Francis goes up for a shot last season against Connecticut's Emeka Okafor. Irish pre-season All-American Jacqueline Batteast shoots a layup against Valparaiso last year.

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Irish women have high hopes after last year's successes

By JOE HEITTLER
Sports Writer

The atmosphere was light, to say the least, during Notre Dame's Media Day on Monday afternoon at the Joyce Center. Courtney LaVere placed a microphone in front of Jacqueline Batten and began a mock interview for a local news station. Brena Gray blew kisses to a teammate. Associate coach Carol Owens used her phone to take funny pictures of Megan Duffy among others.

Head coach Muffet McGraw and her 2004-05 edition were all smiles, and for good reason.

"I think we have a very veteran team, which reminds me a little bit of our (2001) championship team," said McGraw, who is entering her 18th season as Notre Dame's head coach. "We have great leadership, we have a great point guard, we have a great inside game. I think a lot of the teams are in place for us to have a good year."

FOOTBALL

Irish hope streak doesn't end

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Forty years, forty wins. And the Irish would like to keep it that way.

Notre Dame faces Navy Saturday in East Rutherford, N.J., in a matchup that has been won by the Irish since 1964.

The Midshipmen certainly appear capable of ending that streak this season, however.

Navy has started the year 5-0, and currently has the nation's sixth-best running attack at an average of 267.4 yards per game.

"They have the talent and they are a good team," Irish guard Dan Stevenson said, "The thing that they do is that they never quit playing. They'll play you until the very end. You can't really look at

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PW and BP battle for playoff position

By KEN FOWLER, NATHAN DYER and TOM STILES
Sports Writers

When Pasquerilla West meets Breen-Phillips tonight, Weasel receiver Maureen Spring expects emotions to run high for both teams.

"Both teams have three wins and are battling for a playoff spot," she said. "We're coming off a good win, and hopefully we'll capture another one."

Babes captain Jaime Feltault agrees on the analysis, but hopes for a different outcome.

"It's a crucial game," she said. "We're looking to rebound from our loss (on Sunday to Cavanaugh) and take home a strong win to end the regular season."

As for post-season possibilities, Feltault knows that there is slim chance of Breen-Phillips making the round of eight without a victory tonight.

"It would be helpful to just win tomorrow so we don't have to worry about that possibility," Feltault said.

Breen-Phillips is currently fourth in the league, closely trailing Pasquerilla West's 3-1-1 record for third place.

Coming off a 7-0 win Sunday against McGlinn, Pasquerilla West hopes to capitalize on its momentum and secure the third seed in the Women's Blue League.

"We executed very well on offense last weekend," said Coach Spring. "I think our defense kicked in for the first time last week."

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Stanford 0, Morrisey 0
Keenan 13, Alumni 3
Dillon 20, Keough 0

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Cavanaugh 21, Breen-Phillips 0
Pasquerilla West 7, McGlinn 0
Walsh 33, Pasquerilla East 7

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

Saint Mary's at Tri-State

The Belles hope to knock off the Thunder just as they did earlier this season.

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MEN'S INTERHALL

Siegfried 20, St. Edward's 0
Carroll 17, Fisher 10
Knott 7, Sorin 6

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CLUB SPORTS

The Notre Dame water polo team won three of four games this weekend in the Great Lakes Conference.