Mystery, faith surround Opus Dei

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

The Da Vinci Code, the controversial American novel that has topped best-seller lists for well over a year, has stirred conversation and controversy about Christian history and theology, generating particular interest in an organization that several Notre Dame students and faculty belong to — Opus Dei.

In casting the novel’s villain as an Opus Dei member, author Dan Brown heaped more confusion on the already years has spanned the Catholic complex, caused damages and sparked investigations.

String of fires plagues Castle Point complex

By KATE ANTONACCI and CLAIRE HEININGER
News Writers

Three recent fires at Castle Point Apartments have left authorities searching for answers, after four Notre Dame seniors were left with an inhabitable apartment and other areas of the complex were badly damaged by smoke.

While two of the fires were minor — flaring in trash cans in separate community laundry rooms the nights of Oct. 11 and 12 — the third fire, which occurred the afternoon of Oct. 14, did significant damage to several apartments, according to Clay Township Fire Chief Tim Schabbel, who is eligible to receive shots

Schabbel. The first two fires have been classified as suspicious, and the third is under open investigation, Schabbel said.

"We haven’t eliminated any possibilities," he said, adding the possibilities include arson, other suspicious activity or an accident.

Authorities including Clay Fire Marshal Dave Cherrone, the office of the Indiana state fire marshal and the office of the St. Joseph County sheriff are piecing together the details of the fires through interviews and lab investigation, Schabbel said.

It could not be determined whether the same party was involved in the arson.

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Opus Dei members gather for dinner on a recent evening at Windmoor, the men’s center on Notre Dame Avenue. Members meet often at centers for spiritual guidance.

ND to offer limited flu shot supply

Nationwide concerns lead to revised plan

By KATIE PERRY and CLAIRE HEININGER
News Writers

In light of the severity of the nationwide flu vaccine shortage, Notre Dame has decided to only offer vaccinations to high-risk individuals — reversing a previous plan to also vaccinate the general population of students on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Although students were informed through an Oct. 13 e-mail from Health Services director Ann Kleva that shots would be available, the University realized it could not in good conscience offer vaccinations to healthy students when the national community is strapped to cover all high-risk individuals, said University spokesman Matt Storm.

The initial plan was a "natural reflex" on the part of Health Services to follow its mission of providing care to students, Storm said, but was changed once Notre Dame officials had a chance to fully absorb the importance of the Centers For Disease Control guidelines about who is eligible to receive shots from the nation’s dwindling supply.

“When we gained a full cognizance of the guidelines, we realized our program was too generous," Storm said. "Every instance [of vaccination] that goes outside those guidelines takes away from those high-risk individuals."

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CAMPAIGN 2004

Students campaign in Michigan, South Bend

By MICHAEL BUSK
News Writer

Although voter registration deadlines have passed, politically active students are working hard before the election to get out the vote, both in South Bend and in swing states with local borders.

Approximately 40 members of the College Democrats from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross traveled Sunday to campaign for Senator John Kerry in Battle Creek, Mich., a key area in a swing state with 17 electoral votes.

"The Battle Creek rally was a big success," said Sarah Stailey, president of Saint Mary’s College Democrats. "We went door-to-door for about three hours, offering people literature and asking if they might need help in getting to the polls on Election Day. Face-to-face contact really drives home the importance of the election, and hopefully, our work on Sunday will influence a few more people to get out to vote on Nov. 2."

Colin Taylor, Notre Dame Student Terriss Conterato votes in Tuesday’s mock presidential election sponsored by various campus media groups.

Mock election gauges students’ views

By PAUL SPADAFORA
News Writer

With the presidential election less than a week away, the Notre Dame campus will have the chance to see where students stand on the candidates in Tuesday’s mock election.

Several student media groups will sponsor the event, including NDTV, WFIV, WSND and Scholastic magazine. Results and election statistics will be released.
INSIDE COLUMN

Are you serious?

If this was your reaction after the infamously cursed Boston Red Sox advanced to the World Series, you’re not alone. Not only did the Red Sox advance to the World Series, they did it against the New York Yankees and after being down 0-3 in a best of seven series. No baseball team had ever come back from such a deficit and for the Red Sox to do it defied all odds.

That whatever they are doing it has worked...apparently his little friend does.

And what about Johnny Damon and Kevin Millar who Martinez believes has magical powers...apparently his little friend does.

Even their manager Terry Francona admits that team resembles a college fraternity. And this is the central point of my theory, the Red Sox aren’t serious. They are overcoming an 86 year old curse and defeating far more polished and professional teams (like the Yankees).

Whether it is due to Pedro Martinez and his team’s unique facial hair, or simply a lack of seriousness, I can’t say, but I do know that whatever they are doing it has worked.

Don’t get me wrong, the Red Sox are a very talented baseball team but their many quirks have given them an extra boost this season.

And if said “are you serious?” while watching the Red Sox surprise the world, I think I know how the team might respond...

No, we definitely are not serious.

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CLARIFICATION

In the Oct. 25 In Focus: Election 2004 issue of The Observer, the information on page 8 explaining the candidates’ stances on various issues was not correctly represented in the production. The information was provided by The Associated Press.

OUTSIDE COLUMN

QUESTION OF THE DAY: ARE YOU FROM A SWING STATE AND WILL YOU BE VOTING?

Lindsay Wright
freshman
McClain

Rachel Jurkowski
sophomore
PungoBird

Andy Mackrell
freshman
Dillon

Brendan Donahue
freshman
Dillon

Suzie Perea
senior
off-campus

Kyle Karches
freshman
Keough

"I don’t live in a swing state. I’m from Texas."  

"Well, Arizona is back and forth, but I am planning on voting."  

"Yeah I’m from Pennsylvania and I just dropped my ballot in the mail."  

"Well, I live in Massachusetts, so voting. Republican won’t make much of a difference."  

"Yes, I’m from Pennsylvania, and I already did vote."  

"Yes, I live in Ohio and I definitely am voting."

Students met Tuesday in the Center for Social Concerns to receive information about joining the Peace Corps after graduation. This is an option many students opt for upon learning the benefits they will receive.

OFFBEAT

Welcome home party not so welcome

DALLAS — A judge welcomed a former fugitive back to her courtroom with balloons, streamers and a cake before sentencing him to life in prison.

"You just made my day when I heard you had finally come home," Judge Faith Johnson told Billy Wayne Williams, who had been convicted in absentia of aggravated assault after he disappeared a year ago.

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IN BRIEF

The Student Union Board presents OkodynamoFest tonight from 7 to 10 p.m. at Legends. Free German chocolate cake and $2.75 Brautwurst with sauerkraut will be served, as well as German drink specials for those 21 and over. Live music will be provided by the Strudel Meisters German polka group from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

An informational meeting for Camp Kesem, a week-long summer camp for children with a parent who has or had cancer. The camp is organized by Notre Dame students. The meeting will be held tonight from 9:30 to 10 p.m. in the CSC Auditorium.

Professor William O’Rourke, Janet McNally and Jayne Marek from Notre Dame’s Creative Writing Program will read selections from their work from 7 to 8 p.m. tonight at Lula’s Cafe, at 1631 Edison Road in South Bend.

Notre Dame alumni who majored in history will talk about their experiences and career opportunities Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m. in room C-26, Flanner Hall. All Arts and Letters Majors are welcome. The discussion is sponsored by the History Club, History Department and the Career Center.

JACKED! The Halloween Dance will be held from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. Thursday night on the second floor of the LaPorte Ballroom.

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Panel discusses U.S. foreign policy in African countries

By JEANNINE PRIVAT
News Writer

A range of speakers addressed various issues concerning the relationship between the United States and Africa in an "Africa, Trade, Debt: U.S. Presidential Elections" panel Tuesday evening.

The first speaker, Brian Davis, the Midwest Field Coordinator for Delhi Anti Trade Africa (DATA), analyzed the Bush administration's actions with regard to Africa. Davis said that as Africa has grown in importance with regard to the United States' foreign policy, presidents have been more willing to pass legislation and discuss African issues.

President George W. Bush has done more than any other president to aid and address African issues, according to Davis, with initiatives like PEPFAR (President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief) and the Millennium Challenge Act. However, Davis added that even though the Bush administration has done this, it has not given its initiatives high importance. While the administration aimed to spend $5 billion per year by 2006 for the Millennium Challenge, this year's budget has allocated only $0.7 billion. And though Bush has spent more than any other leader, with regard to aid, to a percentage of a nation's wealth, Davis said the United States is "still in the wealthiest 22 countries."

Father Robert Dowd, assistant professor of political science, said the kind of attention paid to Africa is more important than the amount of attention. Since Sept. 11, 2001, the administration has focused more on Africa, because some in the administration have come to view Africa as "a potential breeding ground for terrorism," Dowd said.

He also emphasized the importance of fair and free trade, as well as committed the African Growth and Opportunity Act and Millennium Challenge Act. However, Dowd was wary concerning the strengthening of military and police forces through aid in certain African countries. "If these [military and police] initiatives focused on consolidated democracies, that would be one thing, but they're not," he said.

Dowd said he would be "concerned about a second Bush administration without Colin Powell," who Dowd views as the strongest advocate for African issues within the current administration. Dowd stated that he believed it is important to look at what will be in the prospective administrations surrounding the victory on Nov. 2.

S. Lappia, an M.A. student in Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and former director for Amnesty International Sierra Leone, focused on three key issues: the death penalty, the small arms trade and the ICC. Lappia spoke of "the blind following" by many African countries of the United States national security line and their policies.

With regard to the death penalty, Lappia said, "as long as America continues to kill, they (African countries) will not abolish it."

While the United States conducts trials for criminal acts and then sentences the guilty to death, in some African countries the death penalty is used to oblige political opposition, he said. Lappia also warned of the problems with the United States' policy of small arms trade with African nations, where many small arms find their way into the hands of rebels and guerrilla armies. He called for an International Trade Treaty with more strenuous regulations for small arms trading.

Lastly, Lappia touched on the topic of the ICC, International Criminal Court. He stated the case of his home country, in which the United States offered Sierra Leone $25 million to agree to a bilateral impunity agreement protecting United States nationals from being surrendered by Sierra Leone to the ICC. "I will unluckily have to use money to buy freedom for Americans," he said.

The last speaker, Dolores T. Connelly, CEO of Sterling Engineering, Inc. and a board member of Concern USA, spoke of the disconnect between Americans and the citizens and problems of the Third World. " Obesity is our major health problem and I'm here to talk about hunger," she said. With the Millennium Challenge Act, the United States signed on to gradually increase aid up to 0.7 percent of its GNP in the next couple of years, but is "dragging in this area," according to Connelly. Of the eight Millennium Challenge goals, she emphasized the importance of eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, achieving universal primary education, promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women and the development of a global partnership for development.

"The Millennium Challenge is building bridges that have never been built before," she said.

Dowd summarized by saying that it is important to stay true to the standards the countries have set.

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Linguistic expert talks of word choice, gender

By TRICIA de GROOT
News Writer

Robin Janiuch Lakoff, a professor at University of California, Berkeley, used her expertise in linguistics to analyze the progress toward equality of opportunity for all people in the United States on Tuesday as part of the fourth Provost Distinguished Women Lecture Series.

Lakoff began her lecture by introducing her basic argument, "redrawing the gender line in the sand" and then by explaining what linguists have to say about social changes.

"Language is the means by which we understand the world and the way we communicate to one another what we believe the world to be," Lakoff said.

Language functions, according to Lakoff, serve as a "universal donor" for culture and provide a "shared frame of reference" for everyone.

"We look at the situation of women in part by words that have come and gone," said Lakoff.

"Language is the clearest way of understanding what is going on, what is working and what isn't working. Whether we are conscious of it or not, language is shaping how we think," Lakoff said.

She then spoke more specifically on the implications that language has with regard to narratives, the media and the roles that they have played in the past, present and future.

Lakoff gave detailed examples of the major changes for women in the 1970s to 1990s and compared the roles that were given to men and women in the past with the roles that are given today.

She concluded by showing the role of word choice and its implications on how we think and the way we understand the world and the changes that have occurred.

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Health Services will offer shots to Notre Dame's high-risk individuals—a definition so students and employees with chronic health conditions including diabetes, asthma or acute allergies, organ transplants, donors and recipients, pregnant women, immunosuppressed individuals and University employees and retirees over the age of 65—Thursday at the Joyce Center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Employees supplying direct patient care to a chronically ill person are also eligible.

"Vaccine is a gift," said Lakoff.

Vaccines were obtained from a reputable, independent supplier in the Midwest, which asked that the University withdraw its name because it cannot handle heavy phone traffic, Storin said.

The nationwide shortage was prompted by the suspension of the manufacturing license of the Chiron Corporation, a major flu vaccine provider.

In response to the insufficient supply, both Notre Dame and St. Mary's placed strict limitations on who could receive the shot. In past years, the two schools made flu shots available to any student or staff person desiring them.

Storin said he was unaware of problems at Notre Dame in the past, as major national shortages are rare.

French drug manufacturer Sanofi-Pasteur announced last Wednesday that it has located an additional 2.6 million doses of the vaccine, which it will deliver to the University in this January. This addition to the dwindling U.S. stockpile leaves the country with 54 million doses, much lower than the 100 million doses needed to satisfy American demand, according to news reports from CNN.

Despite these recent developments, Storin said he does not believe the University will receive any additional vaccine.

"We expect that any increase in supplies later in the flu season will be directed to clinics and other facilities that particularly have high-risk populations to serve, so we do not think colleges and universities will be among those that receive the added supplies," he said.

A supply of FluMist—a different, intranasal influenza vaccine—will be made available at a cost to the remaining University population in early November, according to Storin. Produced by Medimmune, a California-based drug manufacturer, supplies of FluMist will be limited and require payment of a fee by the vaccine recipient.

The FluMist supply will supply 1 to 2 million doses of its vaccine to the American public.

Storin was unsure whether the FluMist supply would meet the demand of the Notre Dame community.

"We will have a limited supply, but we are hopeful it will be adequate for those who want the FluMist," Storin said.

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**International News**

Amnesty calls for U.S. investigation

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Amnesty International on Wednesday renewed its call for the United States to set up an independent investigation of the use of prisoners in Afghanistan, at Guantanamo Bay and at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq.

The organization denied it was seeking to influence the U.S. presidential election with its 200-page report, but expressed disappointment the issue had not been prominent in the campaign.

"We feel that this is the last chance to get it on the agenda of the candidates," Amnesty International spokeswoman Theresa Richardson said in London.

Richardson added that six months had passed since Tuesday lifted a reprieve for one of 10 slayings that blocked the scheduled execution of a man in Texas.

India unsure of Kashmir proposal

NEW DELHI — One day after Pakistan's president rejected a demand for a demilitarization of the violence-wracked Himalayan region of Kashmir, India's response was notably lukewarm, with an official making clear the proposal should not have been made first to reporters.

Refusal to comment on the substance of the proposals, presented to journalists Monday by Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, Indian External Affairs Ministry spokesman Navej Sarna said they should have been raised through diplomatic channels.

**National News**

Texas execution reprieve lifted

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — A federal appeals court Tuesday lifted a reprieve that had blocked the scheduled execution of a man in a 1992 murder case in which the troubled Houston police force allegedly mishandled evidence.

Lawyers for condemned inmate Dominique Green went to the Supreme Court to try to save his life before he's to be executed by Injection Thursday.

U.S. District Judge Nancy Atlas had blocked Green's execution after his attorneys argued he was a victim of improper stored and catalogued evidence kept by the Houston crime lab and recently discovered could contain information relevant to the case.

U.S. supports Israeli withdrawal plan

WASHINGTON — The White House praised Israel's supporters of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Indiana polls indicate close race

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**Karzai wins Afghan presidency**

Interim leader declared official victor of country's first democratic election

KABUL, Afghanistan — Hamid Karzai was declared Afghanistan's first presidential election, vote counting wrapped up Tuesday and interim leader Hamid Karzai emerged with a convincing winning margin.

With his inauguration to a five-year term planned for today, the U.S.-backed Karzai already is under pressure to ditch his coalition with powerful war lords in favor of a more warlike, nationalism-oriented one.

Officials confirmed the vote count completed Tuesday afternoon, giving some 1,500 weary staff at eight counting centers a well-earned rest in the middle of the Islamic fasting month of Ramadan.

Investigations were still examining affidavits and roughly 100 suspect ballot boxes, but the election's chief technical officer said the count was effectively "over and done."

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**University Resources for Gay, Lesbian, & Bisexual Students**

The Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs

(Confidential information, education, and resources)

Contact: Dr. Maureen LaFerla at laferla@nd.edu

Office of Campus Ministry

(Annual retreat till gay/lesbian/questioning students and their parents/families on campus; 100 Co-Mo; confidential discussion and support)

Contact: Tami Schmitz - 13106: schmitz.t@nd.edu

University Counseling Center

(Individual counseling)

Contact: Dr. Maureen LaFerla at laferla@nd.edu

For more information, check out our web site: http://www.adu.edu/~vg/en/
Hotels refuse to end lockout  
SAN FRANCISCO — Faced with an ultimatum from the mayor, 14 San Francisco hotels refused Tuesday to end their four-week lockout from the mayor, saying they would not submit their most valuable data — their proprietary source code. And they might not provide the library with copies of software patches, updates and upgrades.  

Hotel workers said he would join the hotel workers on the job action, refusing Tuesday to end their four-week lockout from the mayor, 14 San Francisco hotels. Hotels refuse to end lockout  

Wednesday, October 27, 2004

The nation's largest voting machine company is touting the latest U.S. airline code that's already been installed and used on an individual voting machine and compared it to the software code stored in the library, noted library director Barbara Gutman.  

ATA Chairman DeForest Soaries Jr. acknowledged that the data was far from complete. But he said the companies' ongoing submissions could eventually make election software more transparent to computer scientists, who want "open source" voting software that can be independently inspected.  

"At a high level, this plan sounds good," Rubin said. "It reminds me of when people take security measures simply for appearances sake — to make you feel better. But it's not adding any real security."  

Sciences, Diebold Election Systems, Diebold Election Systems and Hart InterCivic — announced Tuesday that they are already submitted many versions of the software that will be used to conduct the presidential election next week.  

ATA's submission came amid speculation that Delta Air Lines Inc., the nation's third-largest airline, would win $1 billion in concessions from its pilots and avoid bankruptcy.  

Delta is expected to decide by Wednesday whether to seek Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. The ATA filing under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code came as the Indianapolis-based airline, whose parent company is ATA Holdings Corp., faces sharply lower demand for military charter flights, in addition to the soaring fuel costs and fare wars. ATA also is saddled with millions of dollars in debt from new aircraft purchases.  

The value of the company plummeted 36 percent Tuesday, its stock closing at 93 cents a share, down 53 cents, on the Nasdaq stock exchange. The stock had hit a 52-week high of $1.31 on Feb. 2.

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In Brief

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"We don't hide who we are," Langan said. "But we don't make a big deal of it either."

"The Work"
Opus Dei, Latin for "The Work of God," was founded in Spain in 1928 by St. Josemaria Escriva. Escriva envisioned a way that ordinary people could work holiness in their everyday activities, especially through work. Members are called upon to live the Opus Dei spirit that Escriva inspired. This is a spirit of prayer, charity, sacrifice and Christian love.

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Voters skeptical of voting accuracy

WASHINGTON - Memories of Florida's contested 2000 presidential election and a growing number of pre-election lawsuits are making Americans skeptical about a voting process once thought fair.

Six in 10 of those surveyed in an Associated Press poll say it's likely there will not be a clear winner in the presidential race by Nov. 3 — the day after the election. About half say there will be a clear winner, while almost six in 10 Republican voters, 56 percent, say they think it's likely there won't be a clear winner by Election Day, while almost six in 10 Republican voters, 56 percent, say they feel that way.

With both political parties putting thousands of lawyers on call for Election Day, a majority of both Democrats and Republicans - just over half of each - expect the election results will be challenged in court.

Joe Lockhart, a Kerry spokesman, said Tuesday during a conference call, "Our operating assumption is that there will be a clear winner. The six-to-10 number is a reaction to coverage of some of the shenanigans that are going on. I expect the six-to-10 number to go down and not go up before Election Day."

Tom Josefak, the Bush campaign's top lawyer, said recently that "it may take days or weeks" after Nov. 2 to determine the winner because of absentee ballots and other questions.

Catholic group: Bush failed to respond to 'bishops' form

A pro-life group has obtained a memo detailing a memo distributed to all Catholic voters by a Catholic voter advocacy group.

As of Friday night, the Office of Government Liaison of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, sent a memo Aug. 16 to Democratic John Kerry, saying his campaign need not submit answers because "the Bush campaign has indicated that it does not intend to respond to the questionnaire."

Monahan wrote that the bishops' conference, which has 191 members, does not need to "disseminate the questionnaire responses of only one candidate" under IRS rules requiring that charitable organizations remain nonpartisan. The questionnaire asks about positions on issues including abortion, health care and immigration.

Kerry's campaign about one-quarter of the electorate, and the campaigns have been competing fiercely for their vote.

Kerry is Catholic, but has drawn criticism from bishops for supporting abortion rights. The president's anti-abortion position is closer to that of the church. Bush is a Methodist.

The memo was obtained by The Catholic Vote Project, a group formed partly to counter what it sees as a narrow focus on abortion without ignoring Catholic support. Project organizers say they are nonpartisan, but believe Catholics should consider a wide range of social justice issues when deciding which candidate to support.

Indians governor's race: New polls tighten

INDIANAPOLIS — Two statewide polls show the governor's race between Democratic incumbent Joe Kernan and Republican challenger Mike Daniele is a tossup, with neither candidate likely to win.

The telephone survey of 600 likely voters statewide was conducted Friday through Sunday for the news organization by Research 2000, a Maryland-based firm, and had a margin of error of plus or minus four percentage points.

Telephone polls sponsored by the same groups this month and last month also found the race about even.

A different poll released Monday by Indianapolis television station WISH indicated Daniels with a slight lead. About 48 percent of respondents in that poll said they preferred Daniels, compared with about 42 percent favoring Kernan and about 2 percent for Libertarian Ken Gidvin. About 6 percent said they were undecided.

The telephone survey of 421 likely voters, conducted for WISH by the Indiana University Center for Survey Research, had a margin of error of plus or minus three percentage points. The live phone interviews were conducted Oct. 17 through Sunday.

Two other statewide telephone polls conducted in recent weeks also showed Daniels and Kernan running about even.

Daniels campaign manager Bill Oesterle said the WISH poll findings were significant for several reasons.

"Obviously we are very excited, not just because of the lead but because with a third party there — Ken Gidvin and other — the winner only needs 49 percent of the vote, so we are getting close to having a winning margin," Oesterle said.

Attacks stretch across party lines

Bush, Kerry praise former presidents as national security battle continues

Left, Sen. John Kerry holds a football on the tarmac before departing Green Bay, Wis., on Tuesday, President Bush shakes hands with members of the Cuba High School football team at a rally in Cuba City, Wis.
FALL ARTSFEST: SHAKESPEARE IN PERFORMANCE

MUSIC

Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra
November 6 at 8 p.m.
Tickets: $6, $5 ND/SMC/HC, $3 students

King’s Singers
November 7 at 8 p.m.
Tickets: $44, $35 ND/SMC/HC, $15 students

ND Schola Musicorum
Wednesday, October 27 at 9:30 p.m.
Abend-Musique XXIII
Reyes Organ and Choral Hall
The Schola Musicorum was formed in 1993 to study and perform Gregorian Chant. Wednesday’s concert will feature chant by composer Guillaume Du Fay. For more on the ND Schola Musicorum, visit www.nd.edu/~Emusic/ensembles/schola.html

Glee Club Concert
Friday, October 29 at 8 p.m.
Tickets: $3 all seats

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Nosferatu (90 minutes)
Thursday, October 28 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
www.nosferatumovie.com/
F.W. Murnau’s silent film classic shown with live musical accompaniment.

Before Sunset (80 minutes)
Friday, October 29 at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.
http://wip.warnerbros.com/beforesunset/

All The President’s Films
Saturday, October 30 starting at 11 a.m.
The films to be screened include Primary, The Best Man, The War Room. Journeys with George, Primary Colors and Wag the Dog. Please visit http://performingarts.nd.edu for more information about the films and show times.

THEATRE

Fortinbras By Lee Blessing
November 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13
Tickets: $12, $10 ND/SMC/HC, $8

A Midsummer Night’s Dream
November 3 and 6 at 7:30 p.m.
Tickets $18, $15 ND/SMC/HC, $12 students

MacHomer by Rick Miller
November 5 and 6
Tickets: $37, $30 ND/SMC/HC, $15 students

Tickets for these films will go on sale on Monday, November 1. For more information about these films, please visit http://performingarts.nd.edu.

Amleto (1915)
Thursday, November 4, 6 p.m.

Titus (1999)
Friday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Forbidden Planet (1956)
Friday, November 5 at 10 p.m.

Richard III (1955)
Saturday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m.

Hamlet (2000)
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Japan

Rescuers dig for quake survivors

Associated Press

NAKAGA — A family of three — a mother and two toddlers — was rescued Wednesday after surviving four days buried in a landslide from the powerful quake that ravaged northern Japan over the weekend.

The family’s white van was swept away in a wave of boulders and earth that pulverized the hillside road they were on when a 6.5-magnitude quake ripped across rural Niigata prefecture on Saturday, killing at least 31 people.

Firefighters dispatched from Tokyo dug steadily through the rocks and rubble Wednesday afternoon after hearing Takako Minagawa’s voice in response to their calls. The family’s van was discovered on Tuesday.

TV footage showed the two children — Maya Minagawa, 3, and Yuta Minagawa, 2 — being pulled from the wreckage by the rescuers, covered in mud after four days under the landslide. The workers continued digging to free the mother.

The children were flown by helicopter to hospital, said Keiko Kondo, a spokeswoman for Tokyo Fire Department.

The family had been the focus of intense interest in Japan after their car was spotted under the hillside rubble on Tuesday. TV stations showed Minagawa’s father’s desperate attempts to track down the family in the post-quake chaos.

The surprise rescue came hours after a powerful 6.1-magnitude quake rocked the region Wednesday morning, rattling already-damaged buildings and terrifying residents. At least five people were injured, and some buildings were damaged.

Homeless people in evacuation centers threw themselves to the floor and screamed in horror as the Wednesday tremor rumbled through the area of Niigata prefecture. A 4.2-magnitude aftershock hit about 25 minutes later.

The Japan Meteorological Agency said the stronger quake was centered at a depth of 6 miles in Hikokami, a village of 9,200 about 150 miles northwest of Tokyo. The agency warned another quake of similar strength could hit in the coming hours or days.

Five people were injured in the Wednesday morning quake, but it was unclear if any of them were in serious condition. One man suffered a stroke from the shock of the quake, said Hidaru Hikobashi of the Niigata prefectural government.

“After shocks are continuing, we don’t know what the damage situation is yet,” said Kazumasa Sakurai, an official at the Hikokami city hall.

Thailand

Dozens of detainees suffocated, crushed

Prime Minister apologizes for police’s action

Associated Press

BO THONG — Thailand’s prime minister apologized Wednesday for the deaths of 78 Muslim detainees who were suffocated or crushed while crammed into army trucks after a riot, but insisted that his security forces were “soft” on the rioters.

Grieving relatives, meanwhile, flocked to a camp to claim the bodies and outraged Islamic leaders warned the deaths could worsen sectarian violence in the Muslim-dominated southern province of Pattani.

At least five people had been killed this year in the revival of a long-simmering insurgency.

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra said there were “some mistakes,” and that authorities lacked enough manpower to prevent the 1,300 people arrested in Monday’s riot in the southern province of Narathiwat from escaping — a charge because it was a public holiday.

Authorities had to "file them up on top of each other and then go on," the prime minister said.

“We are sorry for that, sorry they met an untimely death,” Thaksin said. But Thaksin had demanded an explanation for the deaths.

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Today, we live in a world of harsh inequities of wealth, political influence, health care, education and safety. The income gap has become a daunting chasm of injustice. Not only are people separated by income, but also the hearts of the rich find no kinship with the poor. Content to compile unneeded wealth, the owning class selfishly turns hardship into profit by reducing workers’ wages and benefits. This “race to the bottom” makes basic survival on full-time hourly minimum wage impossible for families. A job is more than a paycheck; it is our dignity, our livelihood and our gift to ourselves in old age and our posterity. We need to value our citizens through insulating a living wage and ceasing impediments to collective bargaining for and needed labor rights. All citizens must have equal access to the political process. The silencing of minority voices at the polls and in other facets of society endangers the fabric of our country.

In regards to foreign policy and U.S. leadership in the world, much has been made about Bush’s resolve and unwavering conviction to a single plan of action. Indeed, the Bush administration does not change its stances too often, but this is definitely not a positive attribute. As Noam Chomsky describes, Bush follows a strict line of policy decisions building U.S. world hegemony within a “ludicrous doctrinal framework” as it threatens survival. “The war in Iraq, which is entering Vietnam-like territory with regards to domestic and international opinion and difficulty in reaching a peaceful red with current leadership, has increased American insecurity and threat of terror. It does not deter terrorism from procuring weapons of mass destruction, particularly nuclear weapons, when the United States is in a state of great national security. The war in Iraq, which is entering Vietnam-like territory with regards to domestic and international opinion and difficulty in reaching a peaceful red with current leadership, has increased American insecurity and threat of terror.”

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Quote of the Day

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Abraham Lincoln
former U.S. president
Stop justifying prejudice against homosexuals

Richard Friedman
Guest Column

"...why would anyone choose a life of discrimination, hardship and pressure?"

I have always tried to vote my Catholic conscience. This Catholic conscience has led me to vote more often for Democrats than Republicans in at least 20 years. I do not vote on the basis of party labels but on the issues. I care most about the problems related to homosexuality, which includes discrimination against Muslims at Notre Dame. I found the letter from Cody Groeber states the virtue or represent any Catholic ideal. To begin, this atrocity dwarfs the Holocaust by a lot. Many students have asked me my opinion on the coming election. I would say it is. Unfortunately, this is a completely biased view. I've been gay for almost 24 years now and out and active in my free time and in my studies of homosexuality. I have never yet heard of a proposal to screen heterosexuals based on their sexual acts. 

Several bishops and others have tried to justify denying communion to homosexuals based on the reasoning that their sexual acts are a sin, but I have never yet heard of a proposal to screen heterosexuals based on their sexual acts. The question goes down deeper, to a place people prefer not to go (as our President did when he skirted this question in the debate). Is homosexuality a choice? Do gay men choose to be attracted to men instead of women? Or is it some kind of disorder to be treated? I can state unequivocally that homosexual acts are not a choice of any special privileges, but are searching for someone to stop discrimination and finally put a policy of true acceptance and love for all of God's creatures into practice.

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Voting with a Catholic conscience

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Observerv Viewing a Catholic conscience

Wednesday, October 27, 2004

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Regis Philbin makes the most of a weekend visit to his alma mater

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More than almost any top university, Notre Dame is a school whose loyal fan following has almost reached cult status, and talk show host Regis Philbin is one of its favorite sons.

The celebrity personality has become a household name and naturally his fan base grows enormously around the alma mater to which he still maintains strong ties.

Although Philbin's returns to campus always cause excitement, last weekend's visit was particularly unique. If having a chance to see the famous "Live! with Regis and Kelly" broadcast from Notre Dame campus was not enough, South Bend fans also had a chance to witness the host's foray into vocal performance in a benefit concert for the Center for the Homeless.

Philbin was born on August 25, 1933, and grew up in the South Bronx. He was named after his father's alma mater, a Manhattan Jesuit high school. He served in the Navy after graduating from the University of Notre Dame in 1953 with a degree in sociology.

He began his career in Hollywood working in several entry-level jobs, such as serving as a film-delivery person for KOPP-TV in Los Angeles. At that job, he wrote satirical pieces about the station's newscasts and tape them on the wall. Through this work he earned his first job as a writer in the entertainment industry. His job as a news and sports writer included the reporting of other news and feature jobs in television and radio. Eventually, he worked his way up to writing as an anchor position.

The first talk show Philbin appeared on was the "Regis Philbin Show" on KTV in San Diego, and it was from this that the now-famous "host chat" segment that is used to open most of his talk shows evolved. Philbin couldn't afford to hire a set, so he built it with the small budget the show was given, so he would just begin talking about his own opinions and experiences instead of working with a pre-written script to introduce the rest of the show. This job led to "Philbin’s People", which won an Emmy, and discussed current events with a variety of famous personalities.

Philbin took over as the host of Steve Allen's late night talk show, and gained national exposure as a sidekick on "The Joey Bishop Show". He continued to host a variety of shows, including morning shows, "A.M. Los Angeles" and "Temp", and two game shows, "The Neighbors" and "Almost Anything Goes". He later joined Cindy Garvey on New York City's "The Morning Show" in 1983, but the show's low ratings eventually caused Garvey to be replaced by Kathy Lee Gifford in 1985.

The show became nationally syndicated in 1988 under the now well-known name, "Live! With Regis & Kathy Lee". Philbin was nominated seven times for his role as a co-host.

In 1999, Philbin signed on as host for the American version of a British game show, "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?", which became hugely successful. It cemented Philbin’s position as a pop-cultural icon and made the query “Is that your final answer?” a popular catchphrase. He inked a $20 million deal with ABC to continue hosting, which was an unprecedented amount of money for a game show host.

In 2001, Kathy Lee Gifford decided to leave "Live!" to pursue her musical career, and ratings actually went up after her departure and soap star Kelly Ripa was announced as her successor. "Live! with Regis and Kelly" remains an incredibly popular national morning talk show.

Philbin's television charm is well known, but his love for old-timers like Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby is also famous. During the benefits concert Sunday night Philbin related how he showed his music teacher on a trip to New York that the floors in the old Huddleman, where he worked for two years while he was a student, under the old Ballyhoo.

Although Philbin has dreams of becoming a singer during the early years after his graduation, that career path didn’t seem plausible enough to justify that cost degree.

Unbeknownst to many fans, Philbin actually recorded an album of old standards in 1966 while attending Notre Dame. Furti­tu­ously being asked to sing "Pennies from Heaven" on the Joey Bishop Show. "It's Time for Regis!" failed to launch a musical career, although his role as Bishop's sidekick obviously turned out more profitably.

Philbin has since earned the comfortable celebrity status of being able to branch out from his main focus for other projects that strike his fancy. On Sept. 28, he released "When You're Smiling." His second album of jazz-pop standards, "Too Late for Monday," he recorded includes favorites like "It Had to be You" and "Cheek to Cheek," as well as duets with Irish tenor Roman Tyfan for "Too Ral Loo Ral Loo Ral" and his wife Joy for "They Can't Take That Away From Me."

If his performance at the Leighton Concert Hall with the Notre Dame Pops Symphony is any reflection of his record, his work is probably not worth rushing out to buy the album for any but a truly devoted Philbin fan. If proceeds from the $30 and $100 tickets went towards television salary, those might not be worthwhile either.

But as a benefit for the Center for the Homeless, the performance was entertaining and fully worth the money. Philbin is not a musical prodigy, but he does not lack talent. Old rat-pack favorites suit the wisecracker, who probably would have fit in admirably among their ranks. Although he sometimes stretched for a note, charity creates a forgiving audience. Philbin filled in the time between songs with enough stories of his early career and audience interactions to entertain any fan.

His performance of "Calendar Girls" with six women from the audience who were supposedly called up to see if any of them would be a fitting replacement for Ripa on "Live! with Regis and Kelly" was an especially good combination of a favorite musical number and Philbin's particular style.

The entire audience seemed to enjoy the show. Even if they had not, the $80,000 raised for the Center for the Homeless would clearly make the show a success.

Philbin concluded his campus visit with a special thank you for his role as a co-host. "The audience in the Leighton Concert Hall discovered that the on-camera fun was rolling long after the cameras stop."

Most of Philbin's wisecracking repartee with the audience took place before the scenes, with a Red Bull-caliber energy boost provided by guest Martin Short. At constant theatrical antics, Philbin began the program outside to show off campus sights like the Golden Dome and the Basilica, while sidekick Kelly Ripa bantered with him from the studio in New York.

The next segment, a video montage, followed Philbin before, during, and after the Boston College game and was an entertaining piece that served as a flattering advertisement for the university. The camera crew caught shots of him greeting fans, tossing footballs around the quad, scaring Notre Dame fans and even visiting his old room in Zahm. One time, there he found Short dressed as a student who hadn't quite mastered the "getting down from your bunk bed with out-face-planning" maneuver.

There was footage of Philbin preparing for his benefit concert for the Center for the Homeless. The show presented a diverse line-up of entertainment talents, from the Irish to the comedy of Regis and Kelly, and even breathtakingly predicting that the next Brandon would be trained there.

The pace picked up after Short, who was faster off camera than on, joined Philbin onstage. While Kelly interviewed Judge Judy back in New York, the comed­ian helped Philbin keep the Notre Dame audience amused by telling jokes about Kelly and commenting on Judge Judy's outfit. Short was a one-man cabaret with his dancing around stage, and even played for a few impressive minutes on the piano before insisting that he was "too shy" to continue.

On camera, the two discussed the loss of Saturday on the Eagles, and elicted cheers after Short proclaimed that the Irish were a better team anyway. Off camera, Short asked Philbin questions in an impromptu interview.

"Out of all your guests, who's been the drunkedst?"
The cheerleaders and leprechaun mascot Edward Lerner rehearsed for their appearance by leading the crowd in a cheer and lifting Short, who was wearing a green hat and clutching two pom- poms in a mini-pyramid.

"You'd tell me if I looked foolish," said Philbin. "I'd be informed Philbin that if he fell, he would "take your entire university down with you."

After musical guest Finger Eleven played back in New York, Philbin brought the national spelling bee winner and South Bend native David Tidmarsh onstage and challenged him to spell "shillingwash" correctly, which he did. The Notre Dame Glee Club also performed the fighting song, although their perform­ance was unfortunately cut short by the end of the show.

Philbin spent much of his time during the taping pretending to be annoyed by the camera crew, running around to coordinate his appearances with Kelly. When he overstayed at one point, he wondered out loud if they had brought him used ones. This prompted a crew member to bring him an entire box, but his good-natured ir­ritation didn't last.

"I'm just a $50,000-a-show guy," he cracked later.

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The Legendary comedy troupe kept the audience laughing with improve, satire and Martin Short since the ’50s until present time. The actors sang and danced, while making fun of the music in each decade. A few more skits trailed before the closing song. But before anyone could make it out of the theatre, the actors reappeared for a completely improvised third act with a special appearance by Martin Short, who was on campus this weekend for the football game. Short was paired with one of the actors for a skit that poked fun at a student missing a final exam. Following the sketch, the actors paired up to make scenes from suggestions from the audience about places and objects that should be in the mini-skits.

The Second City provided many laughs and entertainment for the audience. This was a wonderful opportunity for Notre Dame to have this talented group of actors perform. If you missed out on the performance The Second City is a short drive away to make it easier to organize. If you’re ambitious, you can turn your room into a makeshift haunted house with fake spider webs, strings of colored lights, pumpkins and other decorations. Mix up the night’s selections with a variety of movies, such as a cheesy one like “Prom Queen” followed by the suspenseful “Silence of the Lambs.” The food should be simple and easy to eat while everyone is huddled around your TV. Try some of these tasty Halloween treats...

**Double Delicious Halloween Bars**

- 1/2 c Butterscotch chips
- 1-1/2 c graham cracker crumbs
- 14 oz Sweetened condensed milk
- 12 oz Chocolate chips
- 1 c Peanut butter chips

Preheat oven to 350°F (325°F for glass dish.). In 13x9 baking pan, melt butter in oven. Sprinkle crumbs evenly over butter; pour sweetened condensed milk over crumbs. Top with chips; press down firmly. Bake 25-30 min. until lightly browned. Cool Cut into bars.

Recipe courtesy of “Just Recipes” at www.melborporosti.com

**Baked Caramel Corn**

- 1 c Butterscotch chips
- 2 c Brown Sugar
- 1/2 c Corn syrup
- 1/2 ts Baking Soda
- 1/2 ts Vanilla
- 6 qt Popped Popcorn

Melt butter; stir in brown sugar, corn syrup and salt. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly, then boil, without stirring for 5 minutes. Remove from heat, stir in soda and vanilla. Gradually pour over corn, mix well. Turn into two large, shallow baking pans. Bake at 250 degrees F for 1 hour, stirring every 15 minutes. Remove from oven. Recipe courtesy of “Just Recipes” at www.melborporosti.com

**Swamp Thing**

Shake vodka and a cream liqueur of your choice with lots of ice in a cocktail shaker. Strain into a highball glass with large ice cubes. Fill up with cola. Recipe courtesy of Drinkalizer.com

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Golf

Memories of Stewart remain vivid for players

Five years after the golfer’s death, his peers reminisce

Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Paul Azinger rarely plays in a golf tournament without something reminding him of Payne Stewart, and the memories were particularly strong during The Furnal Classic at Disney.

Monday marked the five-year anniversary of the plane crash that killed Stewart and five others. Disney was the last tournament he played.

Three days after he missed the cut by one shot, Stewart boarded a private plane for a meeting on a golf course project in Dallas and then to play the Tour Championship in Houston. The plane lost altitude and crashed in a sugar cane field.

"I watched him do it," Azinger said, smiling and shaking his head. "He comes over to me and says, Hey, that was pretty funny, huh? I told him, Congratulations. Payne. You just insulted about 3 billion people." Azinger remembers the loose lips, the pranks, the jabs. He remembers their favorite fishing spot behind the fifth hole on the Magnolia course, where they once came across a rattlesnake on a dirt path and hit 1-irons at it. Ask him about the Ryder Cup, and Azinger talks about the music Stewart brought: "Born in the USA" blared through the annunciation system. He delivered a powerful tribute to Stewart during a rain delay before the start of the '99 Tour Championship, where an eerie fog shrouded the first, fourth and seventh fairways as players sat in shock. Lehman tries to have fairway as players sat in shock. Lehman tries to have a blank card. Tracey, every time he comes to Orlando for Bay Hill or Disney. "I think about Payne fairly frequently," Lehman said. "It could be anything - highlights of a golf tournament, a guy in knickers, thinking about the Ryder Cup, coming to Orlando, getting on a private jet. You don’t want to forget. I don’t know how you want to dwell on what happened five years ago, but you don’t want to forget. Anyone who goes in the locker room at Disney cannot forget Stewart. Past champions have their own row of lockers. Stewart’s locker has a glass door to show its contents - a pair of red plus-fours on a hanger, a white shirt with his silhouette stitched in the left chest pocket, a white t-shirt-slasher hat on a hook above white shoes and a warm glove. A box of golf balls is on the top shelf. One look at the balls, a black box of Titleist Tour Prestige, a wound golf ball now obsolete - was a reminder of how long ago it seems that the reigning U.S. Open champion died.

Even more startling was to see Stewart’s son on the practice range early last week. Aaron is 15, a sophomore on the junior varsity golf team at Olympia High in Orlando.

Payne Stewart lines up a putt during the Disney Classic in 1999.

NBA

Smith returns from injury to Bobcats to an 82-74 victory

Smith scores 16 points and chips in nine rebounds against Miami Heat

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Theron Smith scored 16 points Tuesday to lead the Charlotte Bobcats to their second win of the season, an 82-74 victory over the Miami Heat. Smith, who missed the first five pre-season games with an injured left kidney, came off the bench to shoot 6-for-11. He added nine rebounds.

Melvin Ely added 14 points, Tamar Slay had 12 and Steve Smith scored 11 for the Bobcats.

Dwyane Wade led Miami with 15 points. Michael Doleac added 13 and Rasual Butler scored 13. The game began at 11 a.m., part of the Bobcats’ "Cool School Field Trip," which rewarded over 15,000 kids from 31 regional cities by giving them tickets to the game for meeting academic requirements.

Activity books were handed out to the students ahead of time, and they had to work on the exercises during timeouts. During one lesson on gravity, the Bobcats poured pop-corn from the rafters down onto a section of students. It made for a much looser atmosphere - even for a pre-season game - with students behind the bench screaming at Charlotte’s Brevin Knight for an autograph as he walked for an inbound pass. “After the game,” he yelled back with a smile. The largest cheers were reserved for Shaquille O’Neal, who didn’t play, but received shreiks and applause when he came onto the court before the game. His absence meant Charlotte star Emeka Okafor couldn’t make good on his promise to dunk on O’Neal, a statement he made to rile up the students when announcing the event last month.

Okafor was limited to nine minutes and Primz Breeze, who has emerged as a fan favorite through the first few pre-season games, was in street clothes.

The early liftoff may have benefitted the Bobcats, who are built around younger players. Although they trailed 20-18 at the end of the first quarter, they closed the first half with a 15-6 run to take a 45-34 lead into the break.

Miami, which had been turnover-free in the first quarter, had five in the second quarter to contribute to its halftime deficit.
During the 2004-05 academic year, the 40th anniversary of President Lyndon Johnson's speech at Howard University that articulated the rationale for affirmative action and announced his intention to issue Executive Order 11246 will occur. In recognition of this milestone in American History and the University of Notre Dame's leadership in the struggle to preserve this important institution throughout the past four decades, African and African American Studies announces "Rethinking Affirmative Action: Diversity, Racial Preferences, and Restitution."

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Fall 2004

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Spring 2005

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** Presenter:** Patrick L. Mason, Associate Professor of Economics and Director of African American Studies, Florida State University
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** Presenter:** Linda Faye Williams, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Maryland - College Park
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** Presenter:** Ron Ferguson, Lecturer on Public Policy at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University
** Date and Time:** Thursday, March 31, 2005, 2 to 4 p.m.
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** Presenter:** John Skrentny, Professor of Sociology, University of California - San Diego
** Date and Time:** Monday, April 11, 2005, 2 to 4 p.m.
** Location:** TBA
NBA
Utah suffers a 97-86 loss to Philadelphia

Jackson takes over from spot at small forward, and guard rather than shooting Dalembert at center.

The starting lineup includes a compelling set of bats from every slugger in the 500-home run club.

"It just makes sense for us to trade things, like you do baseball cards," Jewell said. "In a trade, if there's something you're lacking, you look at what you've got that someone else might be interested in and that helps you acquire new things.

"We look at our collection and we know there are some holes in it. We need to stay fresh and vital.

The Jackson bat figures to be the auction's highlight. Cracked on the handle and worn on the barrel, the bat has Jackson's signature along the hitting area in bold ink. Bushing said the item likely will draw a price "deep in the six figures."

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David Bushing, expert

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson scored 19 points, and Kyle Korver hit four 3-pointers and added 15 points to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to a 97-86 preseason victory over the Utah Jazz on Tuesday night.

The Sixers played their first game with coach Jim O'Brien's new lineup and rotation.

Glen Rice Robinson and Samuel Dalembert were dropped from Philadelphia's starting lineup when O'Brien announced he put the first stamp on his new team.

O'Brien named veterans Aaron McKie and Marc Jackson and rookie Andre Iguodala to the starting lineup. McKie beat out Willie Green to be the starter at shooting guard. Iguodala gets Robinson's old spot at small forward, and Jackson takes over from Dalembert at center.

Iverson, who will play point guard rather than shooting guard, and Kenny Thomas will be the other starters for Philadelphia's season-opener Nov. 3 against Boston.

Philadelphia (6-1) used its seventh different starting lineup in seven exhibition games. This one, though, is going to stick.

The new roles weren't reflected in minutes or production. Green played 24 minutes and scored 13 points while McKie played 16 minutes, missed all three shots from the floor and had one point.

Dalembert scored seven points in 24 minutes, and Jackson finished with four points in 17 minutes. Iguodala scored 10 points in 31 minutes. Iverson pumped his fist and jumped off the bench during a nifty, off-balance layup by Iguodala in the second half.

Andrei Kirilenko led the Jazz (3-3) with 14 points and Carlos Boozer added 10.

The Sixers went 34-44 from the line, while the Jazz shot 27-for-33.

MLB
Slugger Museum auctioning items

The public auction takes place on Nov. 6

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The Louisville Slugger Museum is having a rummage sale.

A Hall of Fame-caliber collection of bats, balls, photos and other items will be up for bidding at a public auction at the museum on Nov. 6. Many of the items were dredged from a warehouse and five cabinets in the basement of the Hillerich & Bradsby Co.'s downtown museum and factory, where the trademark bats still are manufactured.

Marquee items include Louisville Sluggers handled by "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, Ty Cobb, Jim Thorpe and Babe Ruth. The collection also includes a ball signed by both Ruth and Lou Gehrig, a Cleveland Indians jersey worn by Satchel Paige and a letter handwritten by Ruth with six of his signature glove marks.

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"It was acquired from the estate of Syd Smith, Jackson's teammate and close friend. Bushing said there's no proof Jackson used the bat, but it is the only known autographed bat from the 1919 World Series, the Jackson bat is the star of the show, but it's definitely going to be in top five," Bushing said. "The fact that it could have been used by Joe Jackson adds to the mystique. If there was proof it was Joe Jackson's game bat — one that he used in games — with his autograph on it, we'd be talking about millions of dollars."

The Thorpe bat still has a ring of black handle tape, ball marks on the barrel and two small cobble's nails hammered into the end. Thorpe believed the nails would strengthen the bat and had them inserted at a shoe store in Ohio.

Thorpe was stripped of the two gold medals he won at the 1912 Olympics because he had signed a semipro contract before the games. He signed with the New York Giants in 1913 and played in the majors for six seasons. The bat dates from between 1917 and 1920.

Like the Jackson bat, the Thorpe model was consigned to the auction from outside the museum.

The goal of the museum's contributions is a bat used by Cobb circa 1911-15, with grease-pencil markings made on the side. The markings were not made by Cobb, but by Henry Morrow, Hillerich & Bradsby's receiving agent in the early 1900s.

When a player returned a bat for repair or to be sent back to the factory, Morrow wrote the date, the player's name and the city or team where the bat originated. Bushing said the markings increase the bat's value.

"Side-writing in the world of bat collecting is as good as a letter of authenticity," Bushing said.

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Timberwolves remain favorites with several returning players

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Timberwolves are among the favorites in the Western Conference, largely because all the key players are back from last season's team that nearly made the NBA Finals.

But with a week to go until the regular season, two of their biggest stars — Latrell Sprewell and Sam Cassell — have raised doubts about their long-term futures with the team. And Wally Szczerbiak has made it clear he wants contract extensions.

Sprewell has publicly said he wants an extension before next the opener against New York or he'll ask for a sign-and-trade deal after the season or become a free agent. Cassell was upset enough about not getting an extension that he skipped the team's media day and first day of training camp.

"We and Spre, we deserve extensions," Cassell said this week. "There's no other way to put it. You can't say, 'We're not worried.'" The Big Three formed the NBA's highest-scoring trio last season and led the Wolves to the Western Conference finals, where they lost in six games to the Los Angeles Lakers. But Cassell barely played in that series because of a hip injury that caused painful back spasms.

Cassell is convinced the outcome would've been different had he been healthy.

"I know for a fact we'd be celebrating our first championship in franchise history," Cassell said. "Cassell, never one to bite his tongue, thinks the Wolves need to pay more if they want to keep him and Sprewell, who wasn't available to reporters after practice Tuesday.

Neither Sprewell's agent, Robert Gist, nor Timberwolves owner Glen Taylor immediately returned phone messages seeking comment. Cassell's agent, Charles Tucker, couldn't immediately be reached.

Kevin McHale, Minnesota's vice president of basketball operations, has said he also wants to get Sprewell an extension before the season starts. Sprewell is due to make $14.6 million this season. Last week, he told the St. Paul Pioneer Press he doesn't want to take a pay cut, but at 34, the Wolves could be hesitant to obliged.

MLB

Francona is not getting comfortable

Boston manager Terry Francona answers questions at a news conference on Tuesday at Busch Stadium.

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Terry Francona knows better than to get comfortable.

He may have been sitting on top of the world, just one win away from bringing the World Series trophy back to a town that has waited 60 torturous years to throw itself a party, but the Red Sox manager had to look at all his angles, realize things that made him a patsy in the past and do more serious work.

His predecessor in Boston was fired after getting within a game of the World Series, so there was never any doubt how the job description read the day Francona signed a contract.

In Philadelphia, during his only previous stop as a big-league manager, Francona left the ballpark one day to find somebody had slashed his tires — on Fan Appreciation Day, no less.

But that wasn't the only reason why, even after his Red Sox first baseman went away with a 3-0 lead over the St. Louis Cardinals in the best-of-seven series, Francona fidgeted in the dugout and nervously shifted the city's future on his leg.

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College Football

Brezina emotionally walks away from game

Georgia Tech player suffered from disease that causes narrowing of spinal cord

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Brad Brezina feels just fine, which might be the worst part of all.

If he wants to hit weights, go right ahead. If there's a pickup game down at the basketball court, he's in.

He just can't do the one thing he loves more than anything — play football for Georgia Tech.

"I went and ran the other day and I'm in shape. I feel good," Brezina said. "My body feels perfectly fine to go out there and practice. It's tougher when I think about it in that regard."

With a beady heart, he has had to walk from the sport that took his father all the way to the NFL. Brezina, a sophomore who started the first four games of the season at defensive guard, had little choice after experts on both coasts diagnosed a genetic condition that causes a narrowing of the spinal cord.

If he continued to play, one good lick in the right spot could have left him paralyzed from the neck down.

"I'm not going to be stupid about this," Brezina said. "If he tells me why, even a after his Red Sox first baseman went away with a 3-0 lead over the St. Louis Cardinals in the best-of-seven series, Francona fidgeted in the dugout and nervously shifted the city's future on his leg.

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Georgia Tech player suffered from disease that causes narrowing of spinal cord

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Brad Brezina feels just fine, which might be the worst part of all.

If he wants to hit weights, go right ahead. If there's a pickup game down at the basketball court, he's in.

He just can't do the one thing he loves more than anything — play football for Georgia Tech.

"I went and ran the other day and I'm in shape. I feel good," Brezina said. "My body feels perfectly fine to go out there and practice. It's tougher when I think about it in that regard."

With a beady heart, he has had to walk from the sport that took his father all the way to the NFL. Brezina, a sophomore who started the first four games of the season at offensive guard, had little choice after experts on both coasts diagnosed a genetic condition that causes a narrowing of the spinal cord.

If he continued to play, one good lick in the right spot could have left him paralyzed from the neck down.

"I'm not going to be stupid about this," Brezina said. "If he tells me why, even a after his Red Sox first baseman went away with a 3-0 lead over the St. Louis Cardinals in the best-of-seven series, Francona fidgeted in the dugout and nervously shifted the city's future on his leg.

"Anybody ever seen me play when I was a player?" Francona asked reporters after practice after Boston's 4-1 win Tuesday night. "You can understand why I never get too confident."

Self-deprecation is a lost art among managers, but Francona, the man to revive it. With one more victory, he becomes living proof that nice guys don't always finish last.

That was the rap against him in Philly, where Francona struggled together an unimpressive 285-363 mark before being chased out of town in 2000 amid talk that his own players ran him over.

But that was the strange thing about his rebirth in Boston. The very same qualities that made him a patsy in one clubhouse made him a hero in another.
ABC to bring Azinger, Faldo to the broadcasting booth

The two last faced each other in a close Ryder cup final

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LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Paul Azinger and Nick Faldo are linked by a dynamic Ryder Cup match in which neither player wanted to lose, even after they had nothing to gain.

In the final pairing atThe Bolsey in 1993, Faldo took the lead with an ace on the 18th, square the match.

And although the United States already had clinched victory, they battled to the very end. With Faldo pouring everything into a 12-foot birdie on the 18th hole for a half.

"The last time I talked to Nick Faldo, he shook my hand at the Ryder Cup," Azinger said.

The next time could be in the broadcast booth at ABC Sports.

Two sources connected to ABC, both speaking on condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that the network will announce next week at the Tour Championship that Azinger and Faldo will share the booth with host Mike Tirico for a majority of ABC's golf telecasts next year.

"I can't answer that," said Mark Loomis, wrapping up his first full season as ABC's coordinating producer for golf.

Azinger, who first dabbled in television at the '95 Ryder Cup when he was recovering from cancer, is among five players who worked sparingly with ABC this year as the network tried to find a replacement for Curtis Strange.

"I don't want to be a full-time broadcast," Azinger said.

Faldo worked with ABC at the British Open and the American Express Championship.

He said in Ireland that he would like to work a dozen tournaments for ABC as a way to keep in touch with golf.

The sources said minor details were being worked out this week as ABC tries to complete its lineup of talent.

The other networks have only one analyst in the booth.

Johnny Miller at NBC, Lanny Wadkins at CBS.

"We are definitely going to be different next year," Loomis said. "I'm really excited about what we're planning." It would be the latest wrinkle in a season of change for Loomis, who was hired about this time last year when Jack Graham resigned as ABC's golf producer.

ABC is often perceived as the weak link among network golf coverage, in part because of its schedule.

CBS has the Masters and the PGA Championship, along with highly rated PGA Tour events early in the season ( Pebble Beach) and in the spring (Wachovia, Byron Nelson, Memorial). NBC has the fewest tournaments, but scores with the Florida swing, the U.S. Open and the Ryder Cup.

"Whoever has the Masters is always going to be the greatest focus. That's one golf tournament that sticks out," Loomis said. "And Johnny Miller has made a huge difference in golf television. I don't think we're third, but that's not my decision. I can just tell you we're trying to make it better."

Loomis sent out a questionnaire to his entire crew, from cameramen to announcers, and the resounding response was that the telecast needed more energy.

He considered taking the lead analyst out of the booth and putting him on the course, although that never happened. The one experiment he liked was getting an on-course commentator to the ball quickly to explain what the player is facing on the next shot.

"Logistically, it's hard to make that happen," Loomis said. "We have to have a camera out there right away. And the best time to go to commercial is when they hit their tee shot, because it's a long walk. I don't want to do this just to do it. I want to do it when it makes sense."

The biggest change was when Strange resigned in June after nine years in the booth.

Strange turns 50 next year and will be eligible for the Champions Tour, although he was interested in staying with ABC if he could get a long-term commitment.

ABC didn't offer one as it tried to chart a new course.

Loomis says there is no model for golf coverage, although having two analysts in the booth would break the mold. As he spoke, ESPN's college football show was on the television behind him — with Chris Fowler, Lee Corso and Kirk Herbstreit.

"Who says it has to be two, three, four people?" Loomis said. "It depends on the personalities and the mix. My hope is we put the right mix together. If I had to say anything about what the future holds, it's that we'll have a better mix of personalities."

"Don't get me wrong — golf is the most important part how we present it," he said. "I can do a million things produces-wise, and the average viewer might subliminally notice or might be more entertained. But consciously, you really notice the announcers."

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WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Northwestern might not have Michigan's pedigree or Wisconsin's lofty ranking in the AP Top 25, but that hasn't stopped No. 17 Purdue from calling Saturday's game against the Wildcats the biggest of the year.

The Boilermakers (5-2, 2-2 Big Ten) are reeling after dropping two heartbreakers in a row at home to the Badgers and Wolverines.

Purdue's best start since 1945 now seems like a distant memory for a team that is suddenly desperate just to get a victory. "We need to find a way to win a football game, if that's possible," Purdue coach Joe Tiller said. "And we think it is."

The Boilermakers could not ask for better timing to play Northwestern (3-4, 2-2). Purdue has defeated the Wildcats seven straight times, only once by a margin less than eight points.

And finally, after facing two of the best defenses in the country in consecutive weeks, Purdue's secondary plays primarily in zone schemes, and Orton expects to see more of the same the rest of the season.

"I suspect every team will try that against us," Tiller said. "If you're playing against Purdue, wouldn't you do it? I would." The Wildcats may not.

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Titan's plan to avoid rebuilding is unraveling

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Six hours before kickoff, doctors removed Shad Meier's appendix, leaving the Tennessee Titans with only one healthy tight end to replace them in Houston, the Texans.

That forced coaches to scrap all plays with two tight ends, a staple of the offense, and drop plays specially designed for Meier to use his physical skills and minimize his inexperience.

After the last-minute changes, the Titans lost for the first time to the team that replaced them in Houston.

"Every week, there's something wrong injury-wise, and it's very frustrating," Steve McNair said.

The Titans thought they could sneak under the salary cap this season that started with Super Bowl dreams and is being undermined by injuries and inexperience.

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WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Gene Keady's final days as coach at Purdue have begun. Keady, who is in his 25th and last season as head of the Boilermakers, has n°t feeling sentimental yet.

"It's the same as usual, business as usual," Keady said Tuesday at Purdue's annual media day. "It's nice to know this will be my last media day," he joked.

"There are a lot of "toes" happening these days," Keady said.

After this season, Keady will step aside and hire his "head" to former Boilermaker Matt Painter, who was hired from Southern Illinois in the offseason to serve as an assistant for one year before taking over.

Judging by his demeanor on Tuesday, Keady couldn't be happier with the situation. "It's been great. Matt's been a great addition," Keady said.

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SMC VOLLEYBALL

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The Olivet College Comets cooled off Saint Mary's yesterday by defeating them in four games. For the Belles, this marked their fourth consecutive conference loss in a row. Saint Mary's finished the season 5-11 in the MIAA and currently resides in seventh place in the league. The Comets came out strong in the first game and drowned the Belles by a score of 30-24. Saint Mary's was able to regroup in the second game and easily won 30-23. But after losing to Saint Mary's in three straight games earlier in the season, Olivet did not let up and beat the Belles in the next two games by scores of 30-24 and 30-22.

The victory was only the Comet's third conference win of the year and places them at 8-22 overall. The offense struggled to put points on the board all match long. Despite this difficulty, Michelle Turley once again dominated for the Belles as she posted 16 kills. Stephanie Rauer added 12 to finish the contest. The comets ended the game with 18 more kills than Saint Mary's and had almost 40 more digs than the Belles.

Even with the skid at the end of the year, the Belles still know that they some games left to play before the tournament begins. Saint Mary's is now 5-14 overall and they have dropped six of their last seven games. With the MIAA tournament beginning in less than a week the Belles will be looking to finish their season on a strong note. "We all had obstacles to overcome this season. The coaching staff included," said Turley. "But since our season is coming to an end, it's time to put it all behind us and give these last games our all."

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Michelle Turley outside attacker

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Belles lose fourth consecutive loss. The Belles will take the court again today at 7 p.m. as they travel to Manchester College.

Last year, Saint Mary's upset the Spartans in four games to capture the win. In the game, strong play by Elise Rupright and Cusack helped the Belles to victory. The team will need both of them again if they hope to win. Manchester is currently 10-13 on the season and should be a good test for the struggling Belles.

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NFL

Bengals save pride and season

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CINCINNATI — Now that they've won their first Monday night game in a dozen years, the Cincinnati Bengals can't expect anything more unexpected.

Chad Johnson is convinced of it.

Shortly after the Bengals saved face and their season with a 23-10 victory over Denver, the receiver who made it happen was asked if his last-place team is capable of another playoff run.

"Yes," he said, without hesitation or elaboration. "We all had obstacles to overcome this season, the coaching staff included."

The Bengals were 1-4 — the same as last season — when they pulled themselves together for their first Monday Night Football appearance since 1992. Johnson led the way with seven catches for 149 yards, repeatedly beating Pro Bowl cornerback Champ Bailey.

The Bengals are still languishing at the bottom of the AFC North, but they're no longer a lost cause.

Same as last season. Cincinnati crawled out of an identical start in coach Marvin Lewis' first season by winning six of its next seven games, moving up to 7-5 and a first-place tie with Baltimore. The Bengals stayed in contention until the final week, finishing two games behind the Ravens at 8-8.

"We were 1-4 last year and we bounced back," Johnson said. "We were 1-4 this year and we bounced back."

They did it once, why not again?

Well, the schedule is much more daunting. The final three road games are in Baltimore, New England and Philadelphia.

And the Bengals (2-4) have yet to prove they're anything more than a creation of prime time television. Their two victories are 16-13 over Miami at home on Sunday night, and the upset over Denver at home on Monday night. In their four day games out of the national spotlight, they've looked half-asleep. Maybe they're just nocturnal.

"We're pretty good at night," quarterback Carson Palmer said. "The atmosphere is just unbelievable. You could tell that Cincinnati wanted a Monday night game for a long time. We really fed off of it. It was crazy all night long. The intensity they brought really kind of propelled us through this game, especially defensively."

Palmer's 50-yard touchdown pass to Johnson got the Bengals ahead, but it was the defense that kept them there. One of the league's lowest-ranked units had two interceptions, forced a fumble, got three sacks and kept the Broncos (5-2) in check for most of the night.

For the first time since that Sunday night win, the defense played like something important was at stake.

It was.

"We had our backs to the wall, we're playing on national television. It's early in the season and we're 1-4," linebacker Brian Simmons summed up. "It feels good, but keep in mind we're only 2-4. There's no reason we can't play this way every week."
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Possible victory Sept. 15. Sawyer leads the Big East in both goals against average (1.4) and shutouts (9) and Stewart has even chipped in on offense, notching a pair of goals, including the game-winner in 2-0 win over Boston University on Sept. 5.

In addition to Stewart and Sawyer, defender Kevin Goldwaite has also been stellar in the back since returning from injury in late September. However, as much as defense has been the story this year, the maturation of a young, yet potent offensive unit has been equally responsible for the Irish climbing to the No. 5 spot in the most recent NSCAA/Adidas poll.

Graduating 15 of 38 goals from last year's Sweet 16 squad, to say the Irish were unsure where the tallies would come from at the beginning of the season would be an understatement. "Ask me (who will score the goals) at the end of the season, and I'll be able to answer your question," coach Bobby Clark said during preseason action.

Forwards Justin Ditter (14 goals) and Devon Prescod (12 goals) and midfielder Greg Martens' six goals accounted for 32 of the team's 38 goals last season.

Goldwaite, Stewart and sophomore midfielder Ian Etherington were the only players currently lacing up the boots to find the back of the net last season. "The scoring really fell to two main players last year," Clark said after Notre Dame's second and final preseason game. "I think the way to cover that is to get goals from a lot of different areas and not rely on solely one or two guys. "Can we actually get goals from four, or even six different areas?" "I think that's possible this year."

Clark's comments appear prophetic several months later as a handful of young Irish players have stepped up and shouldered the goal-scoring burden.

Junior forward Tony Mensa (five goals) and sophomore forwards Alex Yoshinaga (three goals, two assists) and Joe Lapira (two goals, two assists) have frequently contributed.

Both Mensa and McGeeney currently sit fifth in the Big East in goals scored with five each while Etherington's five assists rank third in the conference.

The young unit leads the Big East in a pair of offensive categories — shots (291) and corner kicks (101) — and ranks third in both goals (26) and assists (23). While inconsistency often accompanies youth, the Irish offensive has been characteristically steady this season, netting at least one goal in 13 of 16 games, including a goal or more in each of their last nine contests (8-0-1 during the stretch).

Although the Irish may not light up the scoreboard night-in and night-out, in the end, they've gotten the job done, as evidenced by Notre Dame climb­ ing to the No. 5 spot in both regular season conferences even since the Irish joined the Big East in 1995 with a 2-0-1 conference road trip over fall break.

Should the aggressive young offense continue to buttress what has been a shut-down defense, the Irish may achieve yet another "first" come NCAA tournament time — a national championship.

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playoffs, the team still expects to play at a high level.

"We definitely will come out with some intensity, because we're not the type of team to give up," Hendman said.

"We'll try to upset some other people's seasons if we can, and try to get as many wins under our belt."

Unlike their first game of the year, however, the Belles will no longer have the advantage of playing on their home field.

"They (Hope) are tough to play at home, and they're probably not happy about us beating them earlier in the year," Hendman said.

"We'll try to show them today that that's the way it should be."

In their last four games on the road, the Belles have been unable to post a victory, and their road record for the season stands at 1-4-1.

"We'll be looking to improve on our road record, because it's clear to see that road games have been a problem for us," Artzak said. "We have two away games left, and it would be nice if we could put two more points in the win column there."

Even with high expectations gone unfulfilled, a second win against Hope would leave the Belles feeling confident about their season. "Hope is a strong team, and being the top conference team is always a big accomplishment, even if we don't make the NCAA, the season has still been very successful," Hendman said.

"We've got a great record, we've played some amazing games, and we've beat some very good teams in this conference. Just because we didn't pull off everything we should have doesn't mean this season wasn't a success."

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**Women's Basketball**

**Batteast honored as Preseason National Player of the Year**

Senior also named first team All-American by Basketball News

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN

After a season that saw her named to a first team All-Big East performer and honorable mention All-American, Irish senior Jacqueline Batteast has been named the Preseason National Player of the Year and a first team All-American by Basketball News. The forward earned these honors in the publication's season preview after a season in which she averaged 16 points and 8.6 rebounds per game.

During the postseason, one which saw the Irish reach the Sweet 16, Batteast averaged a double-double — 22 points and 11.7 rebounds per game, to go along with a .483 field goal percentage. Last season was the third in a row Batteast was named to the shishskewer team. Entering the 2004-05 campaign, Batteast is in 11th place nationally-acclaimed defense.

Bye week allows the team an opportunity to rest and prepare for Tennessee

By MATT LOZAR

After the disappointing loss to Boston College, the first instinct for a lot of players is to want to get back out as soon as possible and play again. But the Irish aren't in that situation.

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