E-mail warns students of cab driver threat

By ANGELA SAUOD
Saint Mary's Editor

Students at Saint Mary's received an e-mail Thursday warning them of a cab driver threatening students to pose for pictures by offering them money.

Linda Timm, the driver or drivers' identifies have not been released to students in the e-mail. The e-mail stated that one specific driver has been identified and was issued a no trespass order, forbidding the driver to come onto the Saint Mary's campus. Saint Mary's Security is monitoring the situation, as are other appropriate authorities in the surrounding communities, the e-mail said.

The e-mail also noted that the amounts of money offered for sexual acts have been "significant and intentionally enticing." In her e-mail, Timm warned the campus of the dangers of an activity like this.

"The technology that exists today will allow pictures and video such as is being requested to be sent out over the Internet. It is hard to know just how far such pictures will travel and in whose hands they may arrive," Timm wrote. "Pictures such as these often have a way of surfacing later in one's life when it is least expected. Do not place yourself in this type of situation. The money may sound attractive, but the consequences can be dangerous, sometimes fatal."

The e-mail said any student who feels they have been threatened by a cab driver says or does should come into the Student Affairs building or call security immediately.

Saint Mary's spokeswoman Melanie McDonald said all the information Saint Mary's has was released to students in the e-mail.

"Everything she [Linda Timm] said..."

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Seniors bid farewell to football

Band, cheerleaders cherish memories

By EILEEN DUFFY
News Writer

One hundred two marching band members will play their last notes and 13 cheerleaders will yell their last cheer in Notre Dame Stadium on Saturday afternoon.

"It's really hard to believe that Saturday will be my last time marching out of the tunnel and onto the field," Sarah Swiderski said. "I'll miss the randomness of it all. The unexpectedness can be dangerous, some sequences can be dangerous, some..."

Assistant drum major Dan Ferretti recalled some memorable experiences made possible by being in the band.

"I have had the opportunity to perform in some of the greatest venues in college football — Doak-Campbell Stadium at Florida State, Neyland Stadium in Tennessee, Michigan Stadium and of course Notre Dame Stadium," he said.

"I will miss the Stadium bells," senior Erin Phillips said. "I can't wait to start marching up at 7 a.m.," senior Joe Swiderski said. "I'll miss the randomness of it all. The unexpectedness can be very exciting, like when the unexpectedness came back and beat Michigan this year."

"Some come for the thrill of the athletes, others for the atmosphere..."

"There's nothing better than actually looking forward to waking up at 7 a.m.," senior Joe Swiderski said. "I'll miss the randomness of it all. The unexpectedness can be very exciting, like when the unexpectedness came back and beat Michigan this year."

"I just really hope we win, and I hope it's a memorable game," senior Erin Phillips said. "I can't believe it's our last game."

"Top, an exuberant student section cheers during the Michigan game. Bottom, the band makes its traditional formation."

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Notre Dame students restricted from spring travel to Cuba

Theology class nixes trip due to new law

By MADIE HANNA
News Writer

Due to tightened U.S. government restrictions on travel to Cuba, a group of Notre Dame students will no longer be able to make Cuba their spring break destination in March. University General Counsel Carol Kaesebier informed theology professor Father Robert Pelton Oct. 27 that his "From Power to Communion" theology class could not proceed with their third-annual Cuba trip, scheduled for March 5-13, 2005.

"Am I surprised and unhappy with this development? The answer is yes," Pelton said.

The new law, announced June 30, permits student travel to Cuba only if the trip lasts a minimum of 10 weeks and entails a structured educational program, formal courses of study or teaching at a Cuban academic institution, said Kaesebier.

Students may travel to Cuba for less than 10 weeks, but must be either conducting graduate research specifically related to Cuba, sponsoring a Cuban national to teach in the U.S. or organizing and preparing licensed educational activities. The Cuba service trip will be one of the main University programs affected by the policy change.

Despite these allowances, Kaesebier said travel to Cuba would be severely curtailed.

"Our ability to take trips with such students is going to be severely limited," she said. "It (the trip) has to meet the new guidelines, which is very difficult to do. Most trips aren't 10 weeks."

Also, Kaesebier said only Notre Dame students or faculty could be authorized to use the University's travel, a change from the past when students from other institutions were free to participate in any Notre Dame programs that involved travel to Cuba.

Despite the strict restrictions, Pelton said he was confident the travel situation would improve in the next year or so, since there is so much pressure against it (the new restrictions)," Pelton said.

According to Pelton, the class will be taught as usual with a new focus on bringing Cubans to Notre Dame. Lecturers will visit throughout the spring semester.

Even though undergraduates will no longer be able to travel to Cuba, students have still shown strong interest in the class, said Pelton.

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INSIDE COLUMN

One last chance

It's all over Saturday.
The Notre Dame Stadium lights will be shining down on our cold bodies as we look out onto the field for our last time as students.

The team will have already suited up, with their gold helmets and the rest of the fans will have left the Stadium, but some of us will just be sitting there in the freezing November evening, with tears rolling down our cheeks, Editor-in-Chief not wanting it to end.

Unfortunately, it will have to.

Notre Dame football did have an impact on my college decision. I could have stayed at home and gotten a scholarship to a very good school. Knowing I would have passed up the opportunity to spend four years at the University I had watched on TV since I was 5 years old would have haunted me forever.


That’s why this weekend will be so difficult. That’s why I avoided talking, thinking and writing about it for weeks.

It took me 18 years to get to Notre Dame Stadium and now in what surely didn’t seem like three and a half years, it’s all over.

My first Notre Dame home football game was Sept. 22, 2001 against Michigan State. 11 days after the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Combining the emotions of that first game along with 80,000 people holding American flags chanting “U-S-A” is something I didn’t appreciate at the time, but do so now.

Our four years weren’t storybook. The team didn’t win a national title.

We’ll remember Boston College as that team we never beat and always hate. The only thing that was consistent was the inconsistency.

The two field-winning wins over Michigan, the road trips to see state victories at Florida State and Tennessee, and the Return to Glory with 80,000 people holding American flags chanting “U-S-A” is something I didn’t appreciate at the time, but do so now.

The unders will give us extra time, but at one point it must be over because, as painful as it is for me to write this, we do have to move on.

The next time we watch a Notre Dame football game will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, we must correct our error.

One last chance.

I know I will.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT’S YOUR PREDICTION FOR THE FOOTBALL GAME THIS WEEKEND?

Jenni Fong, Jonathan Klingler, Mike Randolph, Morgan Dill, Ryan Retartha, Will Marra

“31-24, Notre Dame.” “Irish 31, Pitt 13. If we lose at least we’ll probably beat USC.” “I am literally and morally obligated to say our defense is nationwide. Notre Dame takes it to 10.” “Whoever Lee Corso picks against.” “Notre Dame, it’s time for another Pitt loss. 27-13 Irish.”

OFFBEAT

Judge says squirrel can live with couple

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Nutkin the Squirrel can live out her later years hunting nuts indoors with a Pennsylvania couple, a court has ruled.

The gray squirrel, which was born in South Carolina where there are no rules against domesticating wild squirrels, may be kept by a Schuylkill County couple despite state laws that prohibit keeping wild animals as pets, a Superior Court panel ruled Friday.

Senior Judge Joseph Hudeck, in an 11-page opinion, had fun recounting Nutkin’s early years (“Then one day tragedy struck. Nutkin fell from her tree nest!”) and relocation from South Carolina to Pennsylvania in 1994 (“Dark clouds began to gather.”)

Charges slapped on alleged speaker

RED BANK, Tenn. — The owner of a shaved ice business was arrested after two employees claimed he spanked them for making mistakes at work.

Paul Eugene Levengood, 57, was charged with two counts of sexual battery after the 19-year-old women complained.

Levengood was freed on $2,000 bail pending a Nov. 16 court hearing. His franchise in this Chattanooga suburb was closed Tuesday.

At the company headquarters in Minneapolis, sales manager Tom Novitzke described Levengood as a “very Christian person,” adding that “We’ve never had a complaint.”

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Students gather together at Reckers for “Happy Hour”, which is a meeting once every two weeks to eat pizza and talk in Japanese. Organized by Singsensei, far right, “Happy Hour” provides interested students the opportunity to practice speaking Japanese in a fun and relaxed environment.

IN BRIEF

Tom Banchoff, associate professor from the Department of Government and School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, will lecture on “How the Embrys Became Political.” A NANOVC Ethics Seminar, the lecture will take place today from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in 115 O’Shaughnessy.

Ambassador Thomas E. McNamara lectures on “Terrorist Regime no More: Understanding the Libyan Case.” The current event will speak in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium today from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

“The International Coffee House: Songs of Protest” in an evening of protest songs and sing-alongs in Spanish and English in the CSC Cafeteria from 8 to 9 p.m. tonight. A special collection will be taken for the Catholic Worker Team headed tooucher, South Carolina.

The Student Union Board presents “The Manchurian Candidate” in two showings tonight and Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m. in DeBartolo 101. Tickets are $3.

“The Lion King” will be showing at Washington Hall from 9 to 11 p.m. Lyons provides free food, and the chance to win gifts like DVDs and Best Buy gift certificates.

Flipside brings Playground Night to the Roll’s Fitness Center, with basketball, volleyball, badminton, football and other games from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

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**SMC virtual magazine welcomes prospects**

**By APRIL THOMAS**
**News Writer**

Prospective Saint Mary's students can now experience the college's campus without leaving home. Saint Mary's free virtual magazine -- V-Mag -- has been added to the College's homepage, inviting prospective students to go on a virtual tour of the buildings and grounds.

According to Nick Farmer, Saint Mary's director of marketing and communications, V-Mag was initially offered only to accepted students and not publicly displayed on the college's homepage.

"This year the program is offered to prospective students before the application process even begins," Farmer said. The first issue features the guidance of two current student hostesses and seeks to give an accurate portrayal of the school's academic, spiritual and social atmospheres and seeks to give an accurate portrayal of the school's academic, spiritual and social atmospheres.

Junior Anna Bauer, one of the hostesses, got involved with V-Mag through student government.

"I think the best part about the process was the student involvement from the very beginning," Bauer said. "The producers made it a point to use real student interviews, stories and perceptions in writing the scripts." Now in its third year, the newly enhanced virtual magazine has been helping differentiate Saint Mary's from other colleges and reduce traditional marketing costs.

Despite its success, the virtual tour is not meant to be a final step in decision-making.

"The V-Mag is not intended to be a replacement for the campus visit ... rather, it is an exciting invitation to our campus," Farmer said.

Bauer said producing the Saint Mary's V-Mag gave her the opportunity to share her enthusiasm for V-Mag.

This was one of the best experiences during my college career that's for sure," Bauer said. "It was so much fun to get to share this place with prospective students and hope that my story can help them come here and love it as much as I do."

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**Law students help immigrants**

**By PAUL SPADAFORA**
**News Writer**

In an effort to help citizens of foreign countries get their residency in the United States, law students are volunteering to help those in need file their applications to the Diversity Immigrant Visa Program.

The Diversity Program is a government lottery that selects 55,000 of the applicants for legal permanent resident visas. Law students are helping prepare the applications of any willing participant that wishes to apply.

Anne Egan, a third-year law student, said the services the law students provide help those with no access to a computer fill out the exclusively online application.

"Since the program stopped using paper applications two years ago, we've been running this program," Egan said. The law students set up computer kiosks at the local Robinson Community Center and guide applicants through the process.

"There are really specific requirements necessary, so we take the applications picture and go through [their application] step-by-step," Egan said. "It's especially helpful if there are language barriers that would make applying difficult."

Volunteers at the program take the required digital photo of the applicant, and then help the applicant complete their application.

"We go through the basic forms, country of origin, etc," Egan said. Volunteers also aid those who are filling out applications for their spouse and children, but it's more difficult because they need to bring digital photos of all the members who are applying," Egan said.

Egan said that the program has received a great response from the community. It's not just students looking up the information. Even people working on campus have stopped and looked at the flyers," Egan said. "No fees are charged ... people find it to be a great help, especially if they don't have a computer of their own."

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**Fall 2004 Schedule**

Experience an intimate discussion with Notre Dame's most engaging faculty speakers on some of the most pressing issues of our times.

- **9/11 – Michigan**
  - James Vandenburg, Rev. John J. O'Brien Professor of Theology
  - The Dead Sea Scrolls and Christian Origins

- **9/25 – Washington**
  - Rev. Richard McIntosh, Courtesy O'Brien Professor of Roman Catholic Theology
  - Valdine Sayre, Professor of English
  - Robert Coleman, Associate Professor of Art History
  - The Do Vince Code: An Assessment

- **10/2 – Purdue**
  - Donald Leighton, Professor of Film, Television, and Theatre
  - The Movie Mogul: Joseph P. Kennedy's Film Career

- **10/9 – Stanford**
  - George Andrews, Francis A. McManus Professor of History
  - Audacity of an American President

- **10/25 – Boston College**
  - Maureen Hackett, William P. Reardon White Professor of Sociology
  - The Center for Research on Educational Opportunity
  - America’s Largest Private School System: A Look Inside Catholic Schools

- **11/13 – Pittsburgh**
  - Mark Cummings, Notre Dame Chair in Psychology
  - Children and Marital Conflict

For more information, visit the Saturday Scholar Series website at http://saturday.nd.edu
**Band**

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However, there was one aspect that trumped all the others — the students’ reactions.

"When we have a great show, a good dance, neat forms and I hear the crowd respond to that, it creates just an almost indefinable feeling," Ferretti said. "It is the people at Notre Dame that make that place meaningful. When it is all said and done, that is what I will miss most after this Saturday."

Dave Binz, cheerleading co-captain, expressed similar sentiments.

"It’s been four great years, going through the ups and downs of the football team. The best part was definitely doing step-off, leading the band around campus and through the tunnel," Binz said. "I’ll never forget that feeling of walking through the tunnel, hearing those drumbeats get louder and louder.

In the eyes of the younger teammates, the seniors will certainly leave a legacy and a sense that "They’re great leaders," cheerleader Christy Willford, a junior, said of the seniors on her squad. "It’s a big job to pass down all the traditions, but they did it well."

Willford also pointed out that the team is losing 13 of its 29 cheerleaders.

"That’s a major loss," she said.

Members of both the band and the cheerleading squad mentioned the trip to Tennessee as a highlight of their careers.

"The trip to Tennessee was a great experience for the band," Paulson said. "The band loves playing for the team and fans, and we’d love to do so at every away game. We like to think that we bring the intensity and enthusiasm of a Notre Dame home football weekend to any stadium we enter."

"Going to Tennessee was unbelievable," Binz said. "It was so loud, such an intimidating atmosphere. There’s nothing like going in and silencing a crowd of 107,000 people."

Ultimately, Binz said he will embrace the change coming in his life.

"I think it’s time for us to move on, start our lives, and come back as the alumni," he said.

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**Seniors**

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drops more than anything," senior Caroline Meehan said. "Nothing warms you up on a cold South Bend afternoon quite like an ND hot dog. And, whether the Irish win or lose, you can count on your hot dog to be just as tasty."

Despite the ups and downs of the team’s record during the past four years, students have faithfully descended upon the stadium dressed for the Sea of Green for every home game.

"I just remember the four years of games as being really fun. I don’t really remember which games we won and which ones we lost," Phillips said. "I just have an overall feeling of pride at all the games."

Although there have been several memorable games in recent history, most seniors agree that rushing the field after the two home matchups against Michigan made for the best football experiences during their time at Notre Dame.

"My favorite home game memory is that the Michigan game from sophomore year or the Michigan game from this year," Meehan said. "I think it’s the Michigan game from this year because it was so unexpected and provided a great start to senior year."

Although the Class of 2005 faced many troubles with 6ers this season, most feel that the traditional senior marshmallow war will go on undeterred this year.

"The seniors better do it," senior Jenna Linder said. "It’s going to be wild, it’s going to redefine all my moments at Notre Dame."

In the past, the 6ers haven’t been as strict at the last game as they were earlier in the season when enforcing the rules concerning the halftime marshmallow throwing.

Rumors are that the 6ers usually give seniors the go-ahead for their traditional marshmallow war, though that stands unconfirmed.

"Last year, I heard that the 6ers have said they understand that it’s a special senior tradition and they will have no problem with the seniors staying longer," senior JoannaCornwall said.

Seniors will most likely be the first to arrive and the last to leave the stadium Saturday, but when the day comes to an end the nostalgia will begin.

"I’ll miss looking across the student section and seeing our school all there together, and seeing how loud we can be," Phillips said. "And I’ll miss when the football players come over and raise their helmets up, that’s my favorite part."

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**Legion**

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they just took our shirts which is good because students can get them for free."

The Leprechaun Legion has already become a popular organization on campus, and is on probationary club status right now, with expectations to achieve official club status next year.

As with football’s ‘Sea of Green’, the Leprechaun Legion shirt serves as a symbol of unity for fans and support for the team. Tracy said.

Student opinion on the shirt is mixed. Pasquerilla East freshman Tamara Buretz said the shirt is acceptable.

"I like it. It’s kind of plain but it’s nice," she said. "I don’t get it out of the back of the shirt, and I think it’s dumb."

On the other hand, Steve Przywara, a Keough freshman, said he really liked the shirt.

"I like it. It’s kind of plain but it’s nice," he said. "It’s made out of a great fabric, I believe there is no word to describe this genius," Przywara said.

In years past, the Leprechaun Legion used to make money off its own shirt sales, while students who bought tickets received the shirt designed by Sports promotions. As a result the Legion has enough money in the treasury to support itself until it receives Notre Dame funding as an official club.

With this in mind, Tracy and other Legion members decided this year that all profits from the sales of the Leprechaun Legion shirts would go to charity.

"All proceeds go to Coaches Versus Cancer," Tracy said. "That’s [Irish coach Mike] Brey’s favorite thing," he added that Brey has always been a supporter of the Legion.

The Legion does not have a goal in mind for profits, but Tracy is optimistic about the sales.

"Every purchase helps cancer research and supports the team," Tracy said. "No matter how many we sell it is a success."
**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Fighters try to escape U.S. cordon FALUJAH, Iraq — Insurgents tried to break through the U.S. cordoning around Fallujah on Thursday as American forces launched an offensive against concentrations of insurgents in the west that include some 600 insurgents, 18 U.S. troops and five Iraqi soldiers who have been killed in the four-day assault, the U.S. military said.

In an apparent bid to relieve pressure on their trapped allies, insurgents mounted major attacks in Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city 220 miles to the north. Guerrillas assassinated five police officers at a traffic site for several hours, and U.S. and Iraqi troops removed bridges across the Tigris in the city, where a curfew was imposed a day ear­lier.

And in Baghdad, a car bomb exploded Thursday moments after a U.S. patrol passed on an eight-block stretch where bodies and wounded 30. There were no U.S. casualties. The four-day Fallujah offensive has wound­ed at least 178 Americans along with 34 Iraqi soldiers, the military said.

U.N. reports nuclear experiments VIENNA, Austria — South Korean nuclear officials revealed earlier this year produced minute amounts of plutonium and near-weapons grade uranium but there was no evidence linking them to an attempt to make nuclear arms, the U.N. atomic watch­dog said.

The report, drawn up by the International Atomic Energy Agency and made available to The Associated Press, followed up on revelations that South Korea sporadically dabbled in uranium enrichment and plutonium reprocessing from the early 1980s to 2000.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

Bush honors fallen soldiers ARLINGTON, Va. — President Bush paused on Veterans Day to honor the "hidden heroes" in America's military who have fought in Iraq and Afghanistan during his presidency and in wars past. He also paid tribute to soldiers he said are waging a win­ning battle against insurgents west of Baghdad.

"Some of tomorrow's veterans are in comb­at at this very hour," Bush said Thursday at Arlington National Cemetery, where he laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

"They have a clear mission: to defeat the terrorists and aid the rise of a free govern­ment that can defend itself. They are making us proud," Bush added. "They are winning."  

Civil rights group faces turmoil ATLANTA — The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, black rights group that helped lead the fight against seg­regation, is beset by financial turmoil and infighting that led to the resignation this week of its president, the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth.

Shuttlesworth, 82, stepped down Wednesday from the organization he and other black preachers helped found along with the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1957.

"For years, deceit, mistrust and a lack of spiritual discipline and truth have eaten away at the core of this once-hallowed organization," he said in his resignation let­ter.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Glitch found in ballot counting WASHINGTON — A computer glitch in optical-scan voting systems that recorded straight-party votes for Democratic candi­dates who had won their primaries in South Carolina and Florida is causing some confu­sion.

Democrats discovered the error in southeastern Indiana's Franklin County, where ballots were scheduled to be counted again Thursday night. The county's election equip­ment vendor, Fidlar Elec Techs Inc., notified officials Wednesday of the error.

**WORLD & NATION**

**Palestinians grieve for Arafat**

A Palestinian Fatah member carries a picture of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat during a demonstration in Jebaliya refugee camp, northern Gaza Strip. The burial arrangements for Yasser Arafat were set Wednesday for Friday, November 12, 2004.

**Senior CIA officer quits to speak freely**

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A senior CIA off­icer who has become an outspoken critic of the fight on terrorism turned in his resignation this week, citing a desire to speak more freely about problems in the hunt for Osama bin Laden and the debate over intelligence reform.

But he decided the call to leave the agency after 22 years "entirely my own.

I have concluded that there has not been adequate national debate over the nature of the threat posed by Osama bin Laden and the forces he leads and inspires, and the nature and dimensions of intelligence reform needed to address that threat," Scheuer said in a statement sent to reporters Thursday via elec­tronic mail.

Scheuer's CIA assignments includ­ed running the bin Laden unit from January 1996 to June 1999. He hopes his experience and views will produce a more substantive debate.

This week, Scheuer ignored agency orders and began granting interviews about setbacks in the hunt for bin Laden, the findings and recommendations of the Sept. 11 and the intelligence community overall.

During a wide-ranging interview Sunday evening, Scheuer was highly critical of the Sept. 11 Commission's "refusal" to point fingers at senior government officials whose actions contributed to the attacks. Rather than changing the structure of the gov­ernment, as Congress is considering, he said a signal must be sent that people will be held accountable for their actions.

"No one seems to be capable or inclined to find anyone responsible for 9/11," he said.
Frist calls for end to filibusters

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott on Thursday urged Democrats to stop blocking President Bush's judicial nominees and hinted that he may try to change Senate rules to thwart their delaying tactics.

"One way or another, the filibuster and its political nominees must end," Lott, R-Tenn., said in a speech to the Federalist Society, a conservative legal group.

The Democrats' ability to stall White House picks for the federal bench was one of the most contentious issues of Bush's first term. Despite the GOP majority in the Senate, Democrats used the threat of a filibuster to block 10 of Bush's nominees to federal appeals courts. The Senate did confirm more than 200 of the president's choices.

Republican hope their gain of four seats on Election Day will discourage Democrats from using filibusters again. But in a Senate with 55 Republicans, 44 Democrats and one Independant, leaning independent, Democrats still will have the votes necessary to uphold a filibuster.

Frist said filibustering judicial nominees "is dangerous and it must be overcome." The Senate must "speak with one voice," Frist said, to "protect the Constitution that our forefathers created who fairly, justly and independantly interpret the law."

The Senate cannot allow the filibuster of circuit court nominees to continue," Lott said. "Nor can we allow the filibuster of potentially Supreme Court nominees."

"The Republicans would say, of Justice William H. Rehnquist, R.I., is seriously ill today, his third illness in the last seven months. It would not be surprising, if the Democrats have three other justices who have had cancer. The average age of the current appointees is 70. Speculation on a Supreme Court retirement has grown in part because there has been no vacancy in more than 10 years.

The Bush administration's former chief lawyer at the high court told the organization earlier Thursday that "any attempt by appointment to the court, especially of a political firestorm.

Theodore Olson added, "the president's election was merely about the next Supreme Court nominee is for life. It will not be easy."

Olson, who represented Bush before the Supreme Court in Bush v. Gore four years ago and then became solicitor general after Bush took office, predicted that the largest court should get no less than as many justices during his second term. Frist previously had advocated changing Senate rules to make it more difficult to continue a filibuster. While the idea went nowhere in the current Congress, Frist raled it again in his speech, saying that the judicial filibusters were "nothing less than a formula for tyranny by the minority."

The Senate now faces a choice. Either we accept a new and destructive practice or we act to restore constitutional balance," he said.

To block some of Bush's nominees, Democrats have used procedures that required Republicans to come up with 60 votes to advance the president's choices. It takes 66 votes in the 100-member Senate to break a filibuster, meaning some Democrats would have to side with Republicans.

Olson reminded the group of what he called m a l l i c i o u s attacks on "the most conserva tive Supreme Court to be appointed this generation," Free C l a r c e e Thomas and Anthony Kennedy, who was Bush's father, was nominated for a Reagan choice, was rejected.

"It could easily be worse next time around," Olson said.

Olson has been mentioned as a possible high court pick, but his confirmation for solicitor general was rocky.
Blockbuster offers to buy rival

Biggest retailer in movie-rental industry wants Hollywood Video for $700 million

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — PeopleSoft Inc.'s board of directors rejected Oracle Corp.'s $9.2 billion takeover bid Wednesday and vowed to continue its staunch resistance even if a majority of the business software maker's shareholders decide to accept the offer.

After more than a week of deliberation, PeopleSoft's board unanimously concluded Oracle latest $24-per-share bid is inadequate. It marked the fifth time the Pleasanton-based company has snubbed its bitter rival since the Oracle latest $24-per-share bid is inadequate.

The deal would give Blockbuster, which already has 9,000 outlets worldwide, more than 1,970 Hollywood Video stores and 600 Game Crazy specialty stores. But it could also raise antitrust questions.

In 1999, a plan by the two companies to rename Hollywood Video stores under the Blockbuster banner was blocked by the Federal Trade Commission, but analysts say a merger of the two largest movie-rental firms would stand a better chance now.

"We absolutely believe PeopleSoft is worth far more today than at any point since this particular episode," said George "Skip" Battle, the lead director on PeopleSoft's transaction committee.

Many analysts disagree, saying PeopleSoft's market value has been propped up by Oracle's takeover bid. If Oracle withdraws its bid, some analysts fear PeopleSoft's stock will plunge by more than 30 percent.

PeopleSoft shareholders theoretically could override the board's recommendation by offering their shares to Oracle by a Nov. 19 deadline.

Should a shareholder majority side with Oracle, a trial would be necessary to force the issue to a full vote at PeopleSoft's annual meeting next spring.

Fox to provide TV series for phones

NEW YORK — The Twentieth Century Fox studio, a veteran of the big screen and the TV screen, is about to break into an entirely new realm: the really little screen, the kind that comes on a cell phone.

In what appeared to be the first arrangement of its kind, Twentieth Century Fox said Wednesday it would create a unique series of one-minute dramas based on its hit show "24" exclusively for a new high-speed wireless service being offered by Vodafone PLC, the world's biggest cell phone company.

Vodafone will begin offering the one-minute episodes in January in the United Kingdom, coinciding with the start of the fourth season of the show on a satellite TV service.

Microsoft pushes to challenge Google

Seattle — Microsoft Corp. finally debuted its own Web search technology on Thursday, hoping to challenge Google Inc.'s long dominance of the field with results tailored to a user's location and answers from its Encarta encyclopedia.

Google signaled that it is ready for a fight, announcing on Thursday that it would nearly double the amount of Web pages available to search through the site.

The Microsoft search engine, offered in 11 languages, will initially be available on a special "test" site. Gradually, some users visiting Microsoft's MSN site may find that the existing search bar uses the new search engine, said Adam Sohn, a director with the company's online division.

Microsoft also plans to offer by year's end a test version of its hotly anticipated technology for quickly locating e-mail, Web pages and other files on desktop computers. Google launched a similar product last month.

Hoping to steal some of Microsoft's thunder, Google nearly doubled the size of its search engine index to more than 8 billion Web pages Wednesday evening. A Google spokeswoman downplayed the Microsoft connection, saying the Mountain View-based company had been working on the expansion for months. Google had expanded its Web index to 4.3 billion pages in February when another rival, Yahoo Inc., unveiled a search engine powered by its own in-house technology.

"We obviously believe we can hit the market with a product that is going to be better," said Marla Backer, an analyst for Research Associates, said Hollywood Entertainment shareholders should "take the money and run" but that Blockbuster would be smarter to compete in the rapidly changing home entertainment marketplace with a "better positions Blockbuster to compete in the rapidly changing home entertainment marketplace with a" slightly better product". Blockbuster and Hollywood Video Entertainment shareholders hold.

Blockbuster may be wise to commit to a one-year alliance, said the analyst.

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Aguilar addresses immigration

By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

Alfonso Aguilar, Chief of the Office of Citizenship and Notre Dame graduate, lectured Thursday on “Building a Common Civic Identity.” In the past three years, one million green cards were distributed and at least a half million naturalizations conducted, Aguilar explained. Large numbers have migrated from Asia, Latin America and Africa to the United States.

Aguilar said that his position as Chief of Citizenship within the Department of Homeland Security involves promoting civic principles and increasing awareness of the privileges and responsibilities of being an American citizen.

We are a nation of immigrants,” Aguilar said.

He said that America must welcome new immigrants and assist them in the transition to American lifestyle. “The federal government can not be solely responsible, we need to coordinate with the local, state, faith groups and colleges,” Aguilar said.

Aguilar called all citizens to incorporate immigrants into our culture, what unites us are civic principles, we need to learn how to successfully integrate immigrants into our civic culture, what unites us are civic principles,” Aguilar said.

According to Aguilar, immigrants should be invited to participate in the larger community to avoid marginalization. Aguilar admitted biases exist, but said that the situation has improved over the past century.

“We have experience of incorporating people into our nation,” Aguilar said.

The Office of Citizenship initiated new programs to assist immigrants in their transitions to American citizenship. Immigrants now receive a “Welcome to U.S.” guide, which contains information pertaining to healthcare, education and laws. Also, new seminars provide U.S. history and language assistance.

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was able to obtain was in the e-mail,” McDonald said. “We wanted to give the community as much information as possible so this didn’t happen to anyone.”

Senior Kendall Krische said she has never had any problems with cab drivers, but will now be more cautious when using cabs for transportation.

“I usually take a cab somewhere at least once a week,” Krische said. “I guess from now on, if I have to go anywhere, I’ll try to go

with a lot of people.”

And while others agree with Krische, some students said they wouldn’t be afraid to take a cab in the future.

Junior Jessica Landgraf said she would immediately report a cab driver if she were ever propositioned:

“Yes, I’d feel uncomfortable, but I would still take a cab if I needed one,” she said. “I don’t think this should deter people from taking a taxi, especially when they’re doing it for safety reasons like getting transportation to and from bars.”

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JAPAN
Officials try to identify mystery submarine

Associated Press
TOKYO — Japan's military on Thursday shadowed an unidentified submarine that entered its territorial waters the day before, but officials said they had not yet figured out which country the intruder was from.

Tokyo put its navy on alert Wednesday after spotting the submarine off the southern island of Okinawa and sent a reconnaissance plane and destroyer to follow its movements.

The submarine, which spent two hours in Japanese waters before leaving, was heading north Thursday, Chief Cabinet Secretary Koizumi said.

"We don't have enough conclusive evidence to make a determination," Koizumi said.

He said it would take time to identify the submarine because it had not yet surfaced and did not appear to be heading toward a specific country. Hoshoda said Tokyo has not confronted any countries about the incident.

Japanese public broadcaster NHK said defense officials suspected it was a Chinese Han-class nuclear submarine, based on an analysis of the sounds it was making.

In Beijing, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue said she did not know if the vessel was Chinese.

"The Chinese side is now paying close attention to this issue and I do not approve or encourage any random speculations on this question," Zhang told reporters at a regular briefing. "As to whether this is a Chinese submarine, I do not know and I cannot provide you any information on this."

MEXICO
City residents debate art exhibit

Shack perceived as too similar to real poverty

Associated Press
MEXICO CITY — A shanty "shack" that bulges like a tumor off the outside wall of a Mexico City museum is an experiment in living — or an eyesore, a waste of money, an affront to the country's millions of real squatters, depending on whom you ask.

Whatever it is, Hector Zamora's work of art is hard to ignore. It crawls down the side of the Carrillo Gil art museum about 300 feet above street level, reachable from the sidewalk only by a rickety wooden stairway.

Zamora, 29, says the red cocoon-like shack is a three-month experiment in living in a public space, a technical exploration of lightweight buildings and an opportunity to "spark a discussion."

"People have left me angry notes in my mailbox saying, 'I hope someday you live in real poverty,' and 'Now I know where the arts budget is going,'" said Zamora, a designer who builds canopies and pavilions.

Residents of San Angel, the colonial-era suburb of the museum, around the building, bemoaned it so much they forced Zamora to do what normal squatters don't do: battle months of pre construction permits. It's not just the insults. Passers-by have barged unhinged into the red, tarpaper shack. One real squatter stopped by and offered tips for improvement.

Zamora says his wood-frame dwelling — a half-sunken, arch-shaped steel frame supported by cables strung from the museum's roof — mimics the precariousness and lack of privacy that real squatters suffer.

He often has to sleep with earplugs as trucks roar by outside his plastic-sheeted windows. The conclusions from the experiment? "This is a livable space," he says, but he gets out on Nov. 28 and is quick to add that when he builds his dream house, "it will not be in the middle of the sidewalk, or the street."

Zamora says the work, titled "Revolution 1608, his," is meant to reflect the inventiveness of real squatters, who often build shacks in swamps or 45-degree hillsides. He is proud of the lightweight, inexpensive materials like corrugated card board insulation, and old tin fences and discarded wood fencing.

"Some people say it's a r a t's grandparent's come to the city as squatters, but later achieved lower-middle-class respectability. In college, Zamora became fascinated with architectural geometry, and cites Buckminster Fuller as an influence. So when the museum approached him to do the exhibition, it didn't excite me," he says.

He hooked up in the museum's water, electricity and sewer lines, just as real squatters tap into the infrastructure around them, sometimes overloading circuits and causing blackouts.

"I don't think it's provocative enough," said Graciela Schulmich, a contemporary art researcher for Mexico's National Fine Arts Institute. "Perhaps it would have been more effective if he had invaded part of the sidewalk, or the street."

That's what real squatters often do — turn parks, nature reserves and vacant lots into shanty towns. The city's main bike trail is blocked at three points by squatters' camps.

One question being debated is whether the shack, a relatively spacious 860 square feet, reflects the true plight of the city's hundreds of thousands of squatters.

"I had no intention of imitating poverty or of showing disrespect for it," Hector Zamora artist

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NEWARK, N.J. — More than a dozen reputed street gang members, organized crime associates, pharmacists and college students have been arrested for their part in an alleged ring that sold the powerful painkiller OxyContin in the Boston area, authorities said Thursday.

The ring moved tens of thousands of pills, which sold for $80 to $100 apiece, authorities said. It took in about $150,000 a week, and had been operating for over a year.

"No one expects there to be a connection between organized crime figures, street gang members and college students," Union County Prosecutor Theodore Romankow said. "They do make strange bedfellows."

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Staff, NDSP inaction fosters apathy

Bill Rinner

The most compelling yet unsurprising lesson to be learned from the 2004 Presidential election is that the wave of alarmingly hateful anti-Bush rhetoric backed into the Middle America, where voters are more likely to trust the advice of their neighbors than pandered Hollywood elitists and condescending Northeastern liberals who act in the "best interests" of the heartland.

Glancing at the Barnes and Noble "Customer Satisfaction" survey, one could only conclude that the boycott was a successful one. I couldn't help but marvel at the new, over-priced screeds accusing President George W. Bush of every ill facing American society today. Though my initial reaction was one of pity, I took solace knowing the financial success of those authors utilizing their God-given talents speaks volumes for the inclusiveness of our society. Despite the arm-twisting of the author and not necessarily of The Observer.

For months I feared the liberal's wave of disdain directed at the president would overcome the calm and judicious rationale of the American voters and propel Sen. John Kerry's intemperate and aggressive platform to success. I helped George Soros and his ilk would declare victory and fuel even greater funding towards "independent" 527-groups and political action committees. I feared the increasingly partisan mainstream media would feed vindicated for their glaringly preferential treatment of the challenger, and I feared that misguided European unions would overpower the will of American exceptionalism.

In an effort to extend the olive branch towards those who found Bush's re-election unspeakable and now consider moving to Canada an attractive option, I implore my friends on the left to consider their reaction to be inversely proportional to the contempt leveled at him by intolerant Hollywood elitists and as a result, apathy appears to pervade at least portions of Middle America or religious bigotry is virtually inevitable. At this point, they are still searching for any comforting notion to assuage them Kerry truly was the candidate everyone内陆地 does too. Kerry's religious references - the contempt leveled at him by intolerant Hollywood elitists and as a result, apathy appears to pervade at least portions of Middle America or religious bigotry is virtually inevitable. At this point, they are still searching for any comforting notion to assuage them Kerry truly was the candidate everyone

Democrats celebrate diversity

Bill Rinner

Democrats: celebrate diversity

Like other colleges, Notre Dame is a relatively safe place. Rarely does anyone hear of crime or security problems on campus. But this week, there was a security problem — and not many people seemed to notice.

Sunday morning, a man was reportedly seen in the Pasquerilla West showers between the hours of 7 and 8:30 a.m. — a clear breach of the curfew violation. This man is suspected of committing vandalism acts within this female dorm, renewing of sexually explicit phrases written on white boards, doors and shower stalls throughout the building.

The situation seemed to be rather remote, especially at Notre Dame. However, both the Pasquerilla West half-staff and NDSP failed to inform the campus community of this severe safety and security breach in a timely fashion.

Residents of the dorm were not informed about the incident until 11:30 a.m. Monday morning when they received a silent message, more than 24 hours after the actual incident took place. Monday evening, the residents of Pasquerilla West received an e-mail detailing the events and steps they should take to ensure their safety as well as a copy of that e-mail in their rooms. The same night, NDSP issued a campus-wide security alert.

These methods of informing people were ineffective. By using different means of communication, people and messages, signs — the hall staff of Pasquerilla West made sure every resident knew. NDSP also made sure same messages were distributed across campus within less than an hour’s worth of the incident.

But what about Sunday afternoon? The hall staff could make the argument that the girls who saw the intruder did not report the incident right away. And yes, these residents should have told the hall staff immediately when they saw the man.

But the issue remains that the incident was reported at 3:45 p.m. Sunday NDSP since more than 19 hours elapsed before the first report was received. The Pasquerilla West residents deserved to know what happened. They deserved to know right away, so they could be aware of what was going on and take the appropriate precautions. The Notre Dame campus also needed to know what happened so they too could be aware.

And that report was too little, too late.

The residents of Pasquerilla West were already apathetic. They weren’t concerned about what happened. We weren't concerned about a breach of the rules, or just a one-time occurrence. The fact of the matter is a man was in the dorm, in the shower areas, and at that time. None of the residents were concerned because by the time they found out, the incident was over in time.

Perhaps Pasquerilla West’s hall staff didn’t have the entire story by Sunday night. However, the safety of the Pasquerilla West residents should trump an ongoing investigation when there is evidence of an apparent security breach. Even if the story was wrong, residents needed to know about this incident so they could be informed and aware.

Perhaps hall staff and NDSP didn’t want to scare students unnecessarily. But it’s obvious that the words and actions of this is a little more aware, can make a big difference in one’s safety.

The hall staff and NDSP gave them the impression that this security breach won’t be told Monday morning, and as a result, apathy appears to pervade at least portions of both Pasquerilla West and the campus community.

But it was a big deal, and it still is. So why doesn’t everybody care?
I have to chuckle a bit when I think of the Republican voters who expect the next four years will lead to an overturning of Roe v. Wade. You think they were listening to the words of Republican president since 1980 reality would have set in. It has not. When former President Clinton entered office, eight of nine Supreme Court justices were Republican appointees, but Roe was still the law of the land. Many Republican voters bet it was this year, reflecting a president responsible for the largest budget deficit in history and a flasory in the Middle East. Pro-life Republicans bet it would be this year.

A recent study indicates President George W. Bush's first term brought an increase in abortions. Economic problems and rising health costs render it likely we can expect the same in years to come. Meanwhile, abortions dropped by nearly 200,000 annually under Clinton. Such statistics make little difference to those who prefer ineffective abortion morality posturing to actual change. One can be so tied to a cause he forgets the effect.

I took a somewhat perverse pleasure in the fact that, when former President Clinton Shifted fiscal policy, the 2004 election resulted in the GOP. The famously-unified Republicans might soon develop the kind of infighting Democrats have made famous. John Infranca

Democratic Party must become pro-life

Two questions should be asked before, during, and after every election: 1) What hopes do we have for the future, and 2) How do we get there from here? When former President Bill Clinton changed the rules of the Republican Party as well as the economy, he set the stage for the comeback in the Republican Party. Republican voters backing Bush, the pro-life electoral equivalent of an ace-in-the-hole pushed Bush to victory. It seems that many Democrats do not fully comprehend the weight the abortion issue carries, especially in rural areas. I come from a small farm in southern Indiana and have seen abortion single handedly negate the progressive beliefs of many good men and women. I remember one time discussing politics with a friend. I noticed his views were very decidedly left of center. However, when I asked her for whom she was going to vote she instantly replied, "George Bush" and then, automatically acknowledging the inconsistency in her position said, "Bryan, I just can't vote for someone who won't end abortion." Many people, like the ones from my hometown are the lower-middle class, economically progressive voters who provided Bush with a wide margin of victory in rural areas due to Bush's pro-life stance. Although I firmly believe single-issue voting threatens our democracy by allowing a small part of the electorate to decide policy, there is no feasible way to end the practice.

I really distance myself from the pro-choice position will not instantly create droves of converts to the Democratic Party. As long as we live by the principles, we are the party of civil rights, economic and educational opportunity for all and, albeit cliché, we are the party of hope. Let the pro-choice movement in this country about core Democratic values. Let it be known to all who wish to look to the future that while the pro-choice movement has been defeated, Democratic ideals have not. They are not one and the same.

Bryan Hambley

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Democratic Party must become pro-life

For the past few decades, Republicans have succeeded by brandishing a clear vision while Democrats remain mired in what strategist James Carville calls "lit­ nies, not a narrative." The Republican vision in this election was tax cuts, privatization and a more bellicose international presence. Democrats failed to ade­ quately convey an alter­ native. To paraphrase "The Big Lebowski," "say what you will about the Democrats of the Republican Party, as least it has an ethos." This ethos is, however, undergoing a perhaps divisive transforma­ tion.

Bush (really Karl Rove) has recast the Republican Party, much as Clinton shifted the New Democrats to the center. Bush moved the Republican Party to the right. He, the religious right in particu­ lar, has abandoned the traditional Republican posi­ tions — fiscal responsibility, gov­ ernment accountability, concern for the middle class and a reliable, cau­ tious foreign policy. The assertion that he is the heir apparent to President Reagan did not convince the most conservative individuals and publications that chose not to support his reelection or endorsed Sen. John Kerry. I look forward to the debate about Democratic principles, we are the party of civil rights, economic and educational opportunity for all and, albeit cliché, we are the party of hope. Let the pro-choice movement in this country about core Democratic values. Let it be known to all who wish to look to the future that while the pro-choice movement has been defeated, Democratic ideals have not. They are not one and the same.

Bryan Hambley

Who's right?
The dancer-illusionists of MOMIX presents their latest fantastic creation.

When you look at Moses Pendleton’s work, you wouldn’t think it all started showing dairy cows at the Celdonian County Fair. The internationally famous choreographer has come a long way from his family farm in northern Vermont. Since he first started touring with dance company Pilobolus after graduating with a degree in English from Dartmouth College, Pendleton’s work has been featured all over the world, from Paris to Munich to New York. He has created choreography for ballets, operas and music videos among other projects.

Dance enthusiasts have another rare opportunity following on the heels of “Swan Lake” performed by the renowned Moscow Ballet at the Morris Performing Arts Center on Thursday night. On Saturday MOMIX, Pendleton’s famous dance company, will take the same stage with a performance that is unlike anything else in the world of dance.

The performance was arranged by the staff at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. University-sponsored discounts have lowered student ticket prices to $7, far below what would normally be charged for a MOMIX performance.

The group characterizes the unique style for which Pendleton has become famous. Inventive costumes and creative use of choreography combine to create the effect that has brought the members of MOMIX the label of dancer-illusionists. MOMIX uses the full capacity of the human body in its dancing, but does not stop there. The group uses hammers, trapezes, poles and other indescribable props to expand the possibilities of dance. Incorporated elements of gymnastics make the group one of the most athletic in the business. The inventive and technically excellent dance troupe has earned the praise of professional dancers and amateur fans alike.

“Opus Cactus,” the group’s newest touring performance, was inspired by the great saguaro cactus of the American southwest. The choreography is based on the unique flora and fauna of the desert. Dance pieces reflect tumbleweeds, lizards, rattlesnakes and desert blooms.

MOMIX was created in 1981, a year after Pendleton choreographed the closing ceremonies for the 1980 Winter Olympics. The group is named after Pendleton’s solo piece “Momix” which he also performed for the games.

Over the past 20 years the group has performed in more than 20 countries. The group’s more famous performances include “Bad Habits,” a show created to celebrate the opening of the San Francisco Giants’ new training park in 1992, and a performance featured in the 3-D IMAX film “Imagine.” “Bad Habits” was a forerunner for the full-length performance “Baseball,” one of the group’s famous touring performances.

“Opus Cactus” will be performed at the Morris Center for the Performing Arts at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets range from $22-$30. $7 rush seats are available for Notre Dame students.

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Battle of the K's

Keenan confronts Knott for the title
MEN’S INTERHALL FOOTBALL

No. 1 Keenan to meet No. 7 Knott in championship

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

All the hard work, taunting and hype are over. On Sunday, the blue-clad Keenan Knights take on the orange-jerseyed Juggs from Knott at Notre Dame Stadium for the men’s interhall football championship. This Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the stadium.

The Knights come into the game with an impressive 6-0 record and several lopsided victories. Additionally, they have not allowed a point in the playoffs. The Juggs, on the other hand, snuck into the playoffs with a 2-2 record but have shown dramatic improvement since, routing Alumni in the semifinals 24-0.

"We think we’ve always been a good team, we just got some bad breaks," Knott captain Drew Donovan said of his team’s improvement. "We just practiced hard and tried to decrease the mental mistakes.”

Both teams have been impressive in the playoffs, employing balanced attacks and stifling defense.

“This year we have fantastic balance on offense. We’re not reliant on any one guy,” Keenan captain Pat Downey said. “A different guy has stepped up and been our best weapon in each game. We can run the ball with the best of them, and we can throw when we need to.”

Contenders for the honor of Keenan’s “weapon of the game” include quarterback Eric Laumann, halfback Alex Staffieri, wide receiver Danny Zenker and fullback Reed Langton. Each individual has had big games statistically in the past such as Zenker’s two touchdowns last week against Siegfried.

Notably, each of the stars credits the offensive line for their potent attack.

“The real stars of the game are on the line,” Laumann said last week.

Because of their offensive success, the Knights do not expect to change their game plan for the title game.

“We feel we can run the ball successfully against any front, and that opens the passing game," Downey said. "We’re going to stay with our basic package. Hopefully we don’t have to delve into our bag of tricks.”

On the other side of the field, the Juggs will rely on their stingy defense, which has specialized in causing turnovers this season. Last week, Knott had four interceptions on only seven Alumni passes.

“Our secondary has been great for us all year," Donovan said. "We put them in a lot of situations where they have to go one on one and they’ve been aggressive all season in terms of going for interceptions and getting the ball back to the offense.”

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Downey, however, downplayed the influence of the Knott defensive backs.

“We have confidence, and I don’t think our quarterback has thrown four interceptions all year," he said. "That said, we have to respect their secondary. We’re going to have to concentrate on running the ball.”

On offense, Knott will try to compete with the halfback John Lyons, who carried for 120 yards against Siegfried and attack through the air with quarterback Justin Gillett and wide receiver Trey Patrick.

Patrick caught a 30-yard touchdown pass and last week Gillett threw another one for 25 yards.

The Juggs also boast kicker Eric Wooldridge, who kicked a 37-yard field goal last week.

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Keenan’s Laumann leads team with his experience

By TOM STILES
Sports Writer

Keenan’s sophomore quarterback Eric Laumann is not your average football player.

Laumann will be playing in the biggest game of the interhall season on the biggest stage Sunday when his Keenan Knights take on the Juggs from Knott.

The pressure and excitement surrounding this game is unlike any other considering families of players will be flying in to see the championship, including Laumann’s.

With friends and family attending the game, they will almost certainly make up the largest crowd ever at a game played in front of all year.

Although anxiety will be an issue for most of the players, Laumann is not "most players." He has been playing football since the fifth grade up to his senior year at Kettering After High School in Dayton, Ohio. After becoming the starting quarterback his sophomore year, he took his team all the way to the state semifinals both his junior and senior year.

"I played in front of about 15,000 people, which is one of the largest crowds for a high school game in Ohio’s history. So, I really don’t get nervous,” Laumann said. "Before games take it easy and let the defense get pumped up. I just get in my own frame of mind and try to stay focused.”

Laumann has remained one of the most versatile players in interhall based upon statistics alone.

Laumann has already had three games in which he has thrown and rushed for over 200 yards this season. This is in addition to throwing and rushing for at least three touchdowns in each of the contests.

"We like to run a balanced offense, and Eric is a huge part of it because he is versatile enough to execute on running plays designed for him and he can really tuck it and run on the broken ones,” Keenan captain Patrick Downey said. “As any good quarterback, you have to have leadership qualities, and Eric does. He just has that knack for making big plays, especially on third downs. We are very confident when the ball is in his hands.”

Laumann attributes this confidence to his many years of experience.

“I think the biggest thing that I bring to the offense is experience. I can read routes well, and I’m better at pre- sions than most quarterback backs in this league,” Laumann said. "I’m athletic enough to be able to make something happen if people bust through the line. Plus, I have great ability to make moves to Dan Zenker.”

In addition to the Keenan receivers, its defense has been a dominant presence all season long.

The Knights defense has recorded three shutouts and hasn’t allowed an opponent to score more than seven points all season.

“The key for a win on Sunday will be the line. It all starts with the offensive line,” Laumann said. “Then the running game will open up the passing game.”

A successful passing game and making few mistakes is a pressure Laumann places upon himself.

"For me, the big thing is no turnovers and just making the plays that are called. We are good enough where I don’t have to be spectacular," Laumann said. "I know that we have a good running back, but our defense hasn’t given any touchdowns in the playoffs. I’ll be a hard fought game.”

Despite being one of the most prominent in the team’s abilities, Laumann knows what is at stake. He also knows what a great achievement it is to get all the way to the Stadium. Last season, the Knights reached the semifinals, only to lose to Dillon 13-6. Laumann and the rest of the players from last year’s team haven’t forgotten how close they came to reaching the Stadium. This time around though, Keenan looks to relish the experience.

"Last year was a giant tease," Laumann said. "We were so close and we got a taste. But the loss fueled the fire, so we really got to work early this year." Laumann is also hoping last year’s mistakes will help the team to be successful on Sunday.

“I would like to treat this like any other game, but I know the feeling of being on that field will be unbelievable,” Laumann said. "But we as a team want to be remembered by everyone there watching. My whole family is coming, so I really hope it will be an experience that they will remember as well.”

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Walsh family connection propels team to championship

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

On the Walsh interhall football team, the involvement of several family members has resulted in excellence on the field. The Walsh Wild Women finished an undefeated regular season with a record of 4-0-2 and have advanced through the playoffs to face Pangborn in Sunday's championship game. Interestingly enough, a great deal of the team's success can be attributed to one family.

Senior Carrie Campbell serves as Walsh's captain and leader. Carrie's first cousin, Dave Brenner, is the team's head coach. All of Carrie and Dave's mothers are identical twins who attended Notre Dame and lived in Walsh as freshmen. Dave's sister, Molly Brenner, and Carrie's sister, Julie Brenner, are both members of Pangborn's football team. The family's ties are not limited to siblings as Carrie, Dave and Julie have each individually helped Walsh reach the championship.

Just like her cousin, Julie has a knack for making big plays. Walsh teammates celebrate after defeating Welsh Family 13-6. WALSH TEAMMATES CELEBRATE AFTER BEATING WELSH FAMILY 13-6.

Walsh family member on Sunday.

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After playing to a scoreless tie to open the season, Cavanaugh and Walsh face off in Sunday's Championship game - a battle of unbeatens.
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**SCENE**

**TEATRE REVIEW**

"Our Town" shows at Saint Mary's

By JONATHAN RETARThA

Scene Writer

The production of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" at Saint Mary's College this weekend brought together a slice of early 20th century American to 21st century college students. A play in the vein of "Pride and Prejudice," "Our Town" tells the story of the town of Grover's Corners, N.H. at the turn of the century.

By placing a spotlight on a particular, isolated town, Wilder reveals both truths about human existence that are applicable today. The play has three acts-Daily Life, Love and Marriage and Acts-Daily Life, Love and Marriage and Acts-Death. The action in the three acts revolves around two families in Grover's Corners, the Webb family consisting of newspaper editor, George Gibbs, his wife Rebecca (Maria Corso), and their son Jerry (Joe Daniel Gallagher), a young excelsior who wishes to move to Japan in order to be with his girlfriend, Doug (Jason Seh).

The Webb family lives in a nursing care center, and she is called to a house after the young caretaker mysteriously disappears while she is working. Karen Greenly (Ashleigh Stochel) is the victim of rape in "The Grudge."

Karen Greenly's death serves as a foreshadowing of things to come, and it does provide a good number of scares and main-keeps an aura of suspense for a good part of the movie.

The movie follows a linear-plot structure, as it jumps back and forth between various characters and timeframes. It focuses primarily on Karen Davis (Isa Zielinski), a young excelsior who, while visiting Japan, is found dead, and it's up to the viewers to piece things together to find out what happened to Karen. It is a challenging but rewarding film for those who can appreciate its non-linear storytelling and its focus on creating suspense and startling the audience.

The set design for the performance is almost perfectly, and the strong efforts of the cast, especially the rice dancers, allowed Predeina and Domashev to create a whole dance of the four main characters, the howl of a cat and especially the eerie, guttural creaking noise that pervades most of the attacks all help to create an overall mood of anticipation and terror. Watching the film with the mute button on would seriously detract from the overall experience, and it would definitely make many of the viewers jump in their seats. The film's use of flashbacks, cut-backs and some other narrative devices, the film managed to provide scares and a story without giving away too much too soon. The fact that it is based on a Japanese film is evident in how the story is told, as well as how it is resolved in this way. The film does offer a different perspective on what constitutes a horror movie.

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As the film progresses, the doors begin to open on their own, mystery-thrillers appear in mirrors and windows, and a sinister sensation is evoked whenever a character merely enters a room. The film's use of unexpected touches can easily combine a Japanese film with a Japanese "Grudge" series and a Japanese "swan" box office opening. For the film in the United States, it is highly likely that American audiences will be seeing more of the series.

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**DANCE REVIEW**

"Swan Lake" is beautiful but flawed

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN

Assistant Scene Editor

The Moscow Ballet Company transformed tragedy into beauty on Thursday with its presentation of Tchaikovsky's famous masterpiece "Swan Lake" at the Morris Performing Arts Center. The performance was filled with the composer's gorgeous imagery and emotion, thanks to lavish staging and the dancers' superb mastery of their art.

The Moscow Ballet is a self-proclaimed "pure classical ballet company" that consists of all Russian dancers who are graduates of the Moscow Choreographic Institute and the Vaganova Institute. The performers begin the intense training regimen as early as eight years old. Vladimir Statiui and Andrei Litvinov as both Odette and Odile who own the vibrant production. Set against a luminous pastel backdrop, bright costumes adorning with feathers and sparkles decorate the stage for two hours long. The colorful peasant dresses are glamorous on the talented corps of the ballet.

While the ensemble had occasional synchronization problems, the corps was much better than the lead male role with Vladimir Statiui and Andrei Litvinov as both Odette and Odile who own the vibrant production. Set against a luminous pastel backdrop, bright costumes adorning with feathers and sparkles decorate the stage for two hours long. The colorful peasant dresses are glamorous on the talented corps of the ballet.

The music played in the performance is very plain, mostly with a few simple tables and chairs and some wooden platforms. The one set serves as the Gibbs and Webb households, the Congregational church, a soda shop and the cemetery. Props are also rare, but good purpose. The actors are constantly reacting with invisible items and invisible buildings, which serves to emphasize the timelessness of the houses being dealt with.

In all, "Our Town" offers solid performances in everything, with a weakly written plot classic ballet's character-the most developed and depthful characters, the Stage Manager and Emily are played almost perfectly, and the strong efforts of the ensemble placed the characters up to an equal level. "Our Town" is a play about life, and the actors truly are the stars of the show in breathing life into the production.

Our Town performs in the Little Theatre at Saint Mary's College at 7:30 p.m. tonight and Saturday, and for Sunday matinee at 2:30. Tickets are $8 for adults, $7 for seniors and $5 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the box office.

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**MOVIE REVIEW**

"The Grudge' is standard but scary

By MOLLY GRIFFIN

Assistant Scene Editor

Haunted house movies are a staple of the horror genre, and "The Grudge" proves to be no exception in its gory, scaring addition to this classic vein of filmmaking. The picture is a remake of a Japanese film called "Ju-on: The Grudge," and while it isn't as good as the original, it does provide a good number of scares and maintains an aura of suspense for a good part of the movie.

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"The Grudge" centers on a house filled with vengeful, violent spirits.
NCAA FOOTBALL

Dissenters: Joe must go

Is Paterno’s time running out as coach at Penn State?

Associated Press

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — The coaching legacy and goodwill that Joe Paterno proudly built for five decades at Penn State are slowly unraveling with each embarrassing scandal.

The days of scanning the schedule for gimme victories are over. Joe Paterno no longer impresses critics to the criticisms routinely reserved for coaches with lesser pedigrees or without reputations as community patriarchs.

Joe Paterno has the second most career victories (341) in Division-I football, but Penn State has struggled recently.

Joe Paterno has 341-116-3 record over his second in career victories in Division I but has had several losing seasons in recent years.

His determination (or stubbornness?), his unyielding belief (or hope?), and his four-year contract will keep him on the payroll past his 90th birthday. He expects anyone but the coach affectionately known as JoePa will be on the sideline next year.

"I still plan to get this program back to where it belongs and if I can't get it done in a certain amount of time, I have to sit back and say, 'Hey, turn it over to some other guy and you can help.' That is the way it will be," he said.

And that time is?

"I haven't put the slightest idea," he said. "I don't see any reason to say, 'I'm going to get out of here by year, next year or what year.' I don't mean that to be cocky, stubborn or anything like that, I am just trying to do what is right.

What to do with the fading legend seems to be tearing at the conscience of the Penn State community. Has Paterno, who's donated millions to the school in addition to his football salaries, earned the right to decide his own fate? Or should university officials give him a nudge out the door?

"I think he'll never step down," said former Penn State defensive end Michael Haynes, now with the Chicago Bears. "Right now we're having some issues, but it's still all fluffable."

A bronze statue of Paterno greets visitors to Beaver Stadium. There is, looking slyly, pointing toward the sky with his jacket flown open and tig wrapped around as if it were the wind of another thirty football Saturdays.

Engrafted near a plaque to the left of the statue is a Joe Paterno quote: "They asked me what I'd like written about me when I'm gone. I hope they write I've made Penn State a better place, out just that I was a good football coach."

Those stories certainly will be written one day. But JoePa most certainly can't like what's being written now.

One alumna paid $350 to take out a half-page ad in the student newspaper's gaming edition which read: "The talent's there. The coaching is an abomination. TIME FOR JOE TO GO."

"I was trying to do was focus some of the distrust I'm hearing all over the place in a way people can see it and read it readily," said Joseph Korsak, who said he's been to every game since 1967 except for a three-year stint in Ohio. "A few have said it was too harsh, but the vast majority think it's time for a change. A lot of people have been more forgiving and say he should go out on his own terms. Whatever goodwill he's generated ran out at the end of the '02 season."

John Paxson
Bulls general manager

The 'Cuse cruise

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Syracuse had lost its last two season openers. The Orange weren't about to make it three in a row.

Led by Hakim Warrick and Gerry McNamara, No. 4 Syracuse scored the first 24 points of the game and cruised to a 92-67 victory over Northern Colorado on Thursday night in the first round of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic.

Syracuse (1-0) will play Princeton (1-0) in the second round Friday night.

No. 12 Mississippi St. 53, Fairfied 49
BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Ontario Harper scored a career-high 17 points and No. 12 Mississippi State, playing without in-state rival All-America Lawrence Roberts, beat Fairfield 53-49 Thursday night in the first round of the Coaches vs. Cancer Classic.

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Curry’s agents request trade from GM Paxson

DEERFIELD, Ill. — The cornerstone of the Chicago Bulls’ next dynasty appeared to have some structural problems.

Eddy Curry agents said Thursday they are seeking a trade for the 7-footer, who is eligible to become a restricted free agent next summer. That came as a surprise to general manager John Paxson, who learned of the request not from Darren White and Lamont Carr, the agents, but in a story in the Chicago Sun-Times.

"Eddy hasn’t said anything to me yet," Paxson said. "And I'm not going to be intimidated or persuaded by any agent that goes public and tries to do what he thinks is right for his client. I think it only hurts him and it doesn’t do us any good, either.

Curry went to a doctor after hanging around too much at the airport. There wasn’t anything available for comment.

But White told The Associated Press he will continue to explore possible trade scenarios for the Chicago-native Curry and "will operate on the assumption of getting Eddy a trade.

"I’m not going to be intimidated or persuaded by any agent that goes public and tries to do what he thinks is right for his client," said John Paxson, Bulls general manager.
NEW YORK — As joyous fans celebrated by honking car horns in Caracas, Johan Santana sounded overwhelmed. He became the first Venezuelan to win a Cy Young Award, and not only that, he was unanimous choice.

"This is like a dream come true," he said after earning the American League honor Thursday. "I'm a little surprised that I ended up the season where I ended up the season." The Minnesota Twins' left-hander received all 28 first-place votes in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, who led the major leagues with a career-high 53 saves, received the other second-place vote and 24 thirds for 27 points.

"I'm surprised this has been a unanimous decision," Santana said. "I thought this was going to be a real tough race. Santana traveled Thursday morning from his hometown of Tovar Merida to Caracas. President Hugo Chavez planned to congratulate him Friday.

"It's national TV," Santana said. "Hopefully, in a couple of hours I'll be addressing the country and letting them know how I feel." Santana was 13-0 with a 2.21 ERA in 12 starts after the All-Star break, mastering his changeup.

"I expected it, with the numbers he had he couldn't fail," said Luis Aparicio, a Venezuelan voted to the Hall of Fame in 1984. "He's going to continue winning.

Voting was conducted before the start of the postseason, when Schilling beat the Yankees in Game 6 of the AL championship series and St. Louis in Game 2 of the World Series despite pitching with a dislocated ankle tendon held together by sutures.

Arizona State set to honor Tillman Saturday

TEMPE, Ariz. — Pat Tillman used to climb the light towers over Sun Devil Stadium to meditate. He was a fierce Arizona State football player and an honor student who graduated in 3 1/2 years.

The school will honor the fallen hero, killed in combat in Afghanistan last April, and retire his No. 42 in a halftime ceremony of Saturday night's game against Washington State.

Jake Plummer is scheduled to be among the former teammates who gather on the field for the ceremony, the second one at the stadium this season.

The Arizona Cardinals retired Tillman's number at their home opener on Sept. 19.

Tillman was the Pac-10 defensive player of the year as a senior in 1997, when he and Plummer led the Sun Devils to an 11-0 regular season and the Rose Bowl. Tillman, an academic All-American, graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor's degree in business.

Byrd and McClure meet for IBF heavyweight title

NEW YORK — Chris Byrd and Jameson McClure are good friends who both happen to make a living hitting people in the ring.

They go to dinner together and hang out at each other's houses. Their wives talk constantly on the phone.

On Saturday night, they'll fight for the IBF heavyweight title. For a few rounds, at least, friendships will have to be put aside.

"We tried to avoid this for a long time," Byrd said. "But McClure is the mandatory for me. I had no other choice.

Byrd defends his IBF title against McClure as part of a heavyweight extravaganza at Madison Square Garden that features a full ton of fighters. Among them are WBA heavyweight champion John Ruiz, who defends against Andrew Golota, and former champions Evander Holyfield and Hasim Rahman.

Promoter Don King put them all on display at Thursday's weigh-in, where the eight fighters stood with King on a truck axle scale to weigh in at a combined 2,350 pounds.

Mavs place Finley on injured list

DALLAS — Dallas Mavericks guard Michael Finley was placed on the injured list Thursday with a sprained right ankle.

The two-time All-Star was injured in the third quarter of the 94-84 loss at Orlando on Tuesday, starting with Thursday's at Miami.

X-rays were negative, but team officials believe Finley, who has missed 36 games over the past three seasons with an array of leg and back problems, will need at least two weeks before returning.

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field in the breaststroke will dual meets against them [at Michigan State] have given us quick to point out that his team. Weathers is confident in his Michigan State and Pittsburgh are 0-2 trouble in the past," Weathers said. coming into the event, the Irish are 1-2, while Michigan State and Pittsburgh are 0-2 and 2-0, respectively. Despite last week's disappointments, coach Bailey Weathers is confident in his team. "Traditionally, we've beaten both teams," he said. However, Weathers was quick to point out that his team must perform to its capabilities to get the job done. "They [Pittsburgh and Michigan State] have given us trouble in the past," Weathers said. "We were behind in both dual meets against them at one point."

According to Weathers, the Irish will face their toughest challenges in the breaststroke and the sprint events. The field in the breaststroke will be led by Michigan State junior Courtney Filabarger, who won both the 100 and 200-meter breaststrokes in the Spartans' last match against No. 16 Michigan.

Rather than those events, Weathers feels his team's strengths lie in the butterfly, backstroke and middle distances, as well as diving events. Based on the results against Arizona State and Purdue last weekend, the Irish have reason to be confident.

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Bailey Weathers
Irish head coach

Irish host Michigan State and Pittsburgh at Rolfs Aquatic Center.

The Irish are gearing up to get back in the pool this weekend. The team, who fell twice last weekend in a triple meet to top 25 teams Arizona State and Purdue, is trying to get back on track tonight against Michigan State and Pittsburgh at the Rolfs Aquatic Center. Coming into the event, the Irish are 1-2, while Michigan State and Pittsburgh are 0-2 and 2-0, respectively.

Weathers feels Perry-Eaton will be a strength in the butterfly, backstroke and 3-meter board events. Additionally, senior Meghan Perry-Eaton will be a strength on the diving board. A week ago, she swept the diving events, winning both the 1 and 3-meter board events. However, the diver she will face Friday have shared similar success this season. Freshman Danielle Williams from Michigan State and junior Colleen Kristubak of Pittsburgh both swept the diving events in their last event.

As the team prepares for competition, Weathers will likely reiterate they cannot just show up and expect to win. "This will certainly not be a walk through," Weathers said.

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Danielle Herndon and the Irish look to rebound against the Panthers and Mountaineers this weekend.

Irish face conference challengers Pitt and WVU

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Their hopes of an undefeated conference season were swept away by Boston College last week. Notre Dame (14-7, 7-1 in the Big East) now looks to regroup with home matches today and Sunday against Pittsburgh and West Virginia.

With Pittsburgh (19-6, 7-1), Notre Dame and Syracuse all tied atop the Big East standings, these matches should help breakup the conference.

“We were down after [the loss to Boston College],” Notre Dame coach Debbie Brown said. “But we’re eager to play again. The team is determined to get a win.”

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Despite all the talent Pittsburgh brings to the match, Brown is most concerned with the Irish executing and playing a complete match.

“We have to be smart in how we’re trying to defend them and things like that,” Brown said. “But I do think the bulk of it is taking care of our side of the net.”

Sunday’s match against West Virginia will begin at 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center. The Mountaineers are 18-11 overall and 4-4 in the Big East. Despite not being particularly strong offensively, they make up for it with a stout defense that ranks second in the conference by limiting opponents to a .157 hitting percentage and leads the league in digs per game with 18.32. Senior Allison Zemanski is the main reason for the success as the middle blocker leads the Big East in blocks per game with 1.50. Outside hitter Aurora Ebert-Santos is averaging 4.64 digs per game, third in the league.

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Belles to compete in championships

Ten runners will compete for team

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

Ten of Saint Mary's top runners will represent the College on Saturday at the NCAA Division III Regional Cross-Country Competition, hosted by Alma College. The Belles, who finished the regular season in sixth place in the MIAA standings, will face the majority of its conference including Hope, Calvin and Albion — teams that finished first through third, respectively.

Saint Mary's will return four runners to the regional race from the 2003 roster. Junior Becky Feauto and sophomores Erin Nolan, Sara Otto and Katie White all ran in the race, then hosted by Hanover College. Joining the ladies this year will be fresh-
man Megan Gray, along with sophomores Allison Beyer, Meaghan Herbst, Meghan Murphy and Ashley Thoeri. Risa Zander will be the lone senior competing for the Belles.

The 2004 season hasn't exactly been an easy road for the team. After an injury hurt the team's position in the MIAA Jamboree, Saint Mary's was put in a difficult position for the conference championship. The fourth-place spot that the Belles had hoped for eluded the team as more ailments and injuries prevented a few of the top runners from achieving their highest performance at the meet. Since the Saint Mary's Cross Country team has primarily been focused on improving its conference standings — the Belles finished in sixth-place — the regional race is not a principal concern for the team. Coach Dave Barstis has said in the past that the regional meet is mainly a cool down for the training that the team does for the critical conference competition.

For the majority of the team, Saturday will be one last opportunity to improve as a group and look ahead to prepare for next year. Zander, who will wear her Saint Mary's uniform for the final time, looks at her last race as an opportunity to have a strong finish to a memorable experience with the team.

"Personally, I would like to finish on a strong note .... that I can look back on with pride, just knowing that I didn't leave anything behind," Zander said.

A total of 32 schools will be represented at the Regional Meet on Saturday, held at the Pine River Country Club in Alma, Mich.

The women's race will begin at noon.

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several players throughout the preseason, although just returning starter Jaci McCormick will miss tonight's contest.

The Irish had their first winning season in seven years during the 2003-04 campaign. They return three starters from last season's squad as coach Robin Pingeton tries to rebuild a program that has struggled in recent years.

Meanwhile, Notre Dame hopes to begin its season better than a year ago, when the Irish were just 7-16 in their first 13 games before finishing the season at 21-11 with a Sweet 16 berth.

"It's critical for us to get off to a good start," McGraw said. "We played a lot of tough teams on the road (last year). Obviously it was tough, this year I think we have a few more home games, so hopefully that will prepare us a little bit more."

McGraw knows her team should have an easier time getting into the flow of the season at 21-11 with a Sweet 16 berth. "We played a lot of tough teams this year," McGraw said. "We love our fans because they're so into the game and they're so knowledgeable about the game. They just seem to have a sense of when we need them."

The Irish will start the same five players as they have during their two exhibition game victories — Megan Duffy and Breonna Gray at the guards, Jacqueline Batteast and Courtney LaVere at forwards and Teresa Burton at center.

Batteast has already received all kinds of national acclaim and preseason awards. The returning all-American averaged 16 points and 8.6 rebounds per game last season. She will be a leading candidate for Big East Player of the Year and is being mentioned by many as the best all-around player in the country.

McGraw doesn't downplay Batteast's abilities, but is emphasizing other scoring options from her team. "(Batteast) is probably going to see a lot of double teams," McGraw said. "We're just expecting her to play like she did last year, same kind of game. We hope to help her more. The rest of our players, I think, need to step up and give her a little more help."

Notre Dame will not only rely on Batteast and the other returning players, but also on a talented and athletic freshman class. Guard Tulyah Gaines averaged over 20 points a game as a high school senior in Nevada. Fellow guard Charell Allen also had an impressive high school career and averaged 26 points her final season. Center Melissa D'Amico was a New York all-state selection her senior season. All three should see playing time early on this season.

Whether freshman or senior, Notre Dame's players should be ready for opening night, although McGraw knows with that added anticipation comes more mistakes.

"I think the first game you're always a little bit excited and a little bit nervous," McGraw said. "We need to outwork people who have beaten us so we can outrun them."

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MEN'S SWIMMING
Irish increase intensity for crucial dual meet

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sponsor Writer

The Irish (3-1) are gearing up for what has been dubbed their most crucial dual meet of the season against No. 17 Pittsburgh and Michigan State.

In anticipation of today's meet, coach Tim Welsh said the swimmers have intensified their workouts and are looking race-ready.

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**Tyrone Willingham**
Third season at Notre Dame
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**COACHING**

Willingham and staff found a way to beat another top-10 team last week, this time on the road. The offense continues to struggle, but the defense has been as solid as ever. This team has been inconsistent all season, and that could be attributed to coaching.

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**QUARTERBACKS**

Quinn struggled against Tennessee, throwing for just 118 yards on 12-23 passing. However, he didn’t throw an interception. Quinn is still young, but his talent has shown through in a few games. He just needs to find consistency.

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**IRISH RUSHING**

Last week, the Irish ran the ball effectively and scored as a result. Walker was solid on the bench, and Grant was effective as usual. The offensive line is coming into its own. The Irish must run the ball for the offense to be effective, and they are starting to do just that.

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**IRISH PASSING**

Quinn didn’t throw for an extraordinary amount of yards, but he got the job done by turning the ball over. The Irish passing game has solid for the most part, but it isn’t the key to the offense. When the Irish pass a lot, they usually lose.

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**NOTRE DAME**

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**ANALYSIS**

Willingham has the better career record, and has not lost in Pittsburgh while at Notre Dame. Harris is 1-4 against the Irish, including last year’s loss at home. 20-14. Harris is a solid coach, but Willingham got the edge because of his record against the Panthers.

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**IRISH experts**

- Matt Lozar
  Editor in Chief

**FINAL SCORE:** Notre Dame 27, Pittsburgh 10

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**Joe Hettler**

**AMF**

Notre Dame isn’t losing the final home game to a Pittsburgh team that needed overtime to beat Furman earlier this season. The Irish have overlooked opponents in the past, but won’t against the Panthers. The Irish pick up a win and momentum heading into a showdown with Southern California in two weeks.

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**Grant will not be stopped much like Jones wasn’t last year against Notre Dame. Pitt has to beat USC and lose to Pittsburgh this weekend, but the Irish will struggle unless they can get it right.**

**Special Teams**

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coach Joe Plane said. The Irish women have won two consecutive championships at the Great Lakes, and the team will look to add to that streak.

“We hope to finish in the top two and become an automatic qualifier for the NCAAs,” women’s coach Tim Connelly said. “We’ve been in the top two for the past three years and our kids are focused on making it four in a row.”

The Irish have faced the nation’s best runners all season and this Saturday will be no exception. The men’s team will take on No. 1 ranked Wisconsin along with No. 10 Indiana.

“Wisconsin is No. 1 and have been there all year and they deserve it,” Plane said. “We are healthy, and the guys think we can run well and run with anyone in the country.”

Molly Huddle captured the 2003 individual title at the Great Lakes Regional but will sit out this year to rest a sore foot. Despite the critical loss, Connelly feels confident the remaining squad will perform well.

“We still expect to have a very strong group running on Saturday even without Molly (Huddle),” Connelly said. “Our goal is to qualify for the NCAAs.”

With a 15th-place finish at last year’s regional and sixth place at the Big East, Tim Moore looks to be the top runner for the Irish men. Kurt Benninger, Kaleb Van Ort, Sean 0’Donnell and Vincent Ambriico make up the rest of the team’s top five.

Without Huddle, the Irish women will rely on strong efforts from Lauren King, Stephanie Madia and Kerry Meagher. Madia came in 10th place at the Big East behind Huddle.

The Great Lakes Regional will take place Saturday in Ypsilanti, Mich, starting at 11 a.m.

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Irish to face rival Nittany Lions

Penn State, last year's No. 2, will host tournament

By MATT PUGLISI 
Sports Writer

The Irish look to obtain a first-hand scouting report of a key rival while concurrently testing their own preseason form when they travel to State College, Penn., to participate in the Penn State Max Garret Open Saturday and Sunday morning.

In the NCAA Championships in March, Penn State (160) edged Notre Dame (153) for second place. Both squads finished behind national champion Ohio State (193).

"We are going to the place of a big rival [in Penn State]," coach Janusz Bednarski said. "It's not a team [competition] — it's individual — but individuals are from almost all universities. I believe that it will be very strong, maybe not so high-class like the NCAA final in March, but it will be very close to that level, especially because Penn State is close to New York and in New York there are a lot of good colleges.

I know people from the West are coming because they like this competition — this is the only competition to check out the form after the preseason work. So it's like midterm exams." 

Although some of the nation's top collegiate talent will be on display at the Open, one notable absence is the Irish fencer who will not be making the trip to Penn State this weekend is Zagunis. Exhausted from a number of international tournaments and requiring no additional work, Zagunis will instead take a few days off and be acknowledged for her Olympic achievements this past summer during halftime of the Notre Dame—Pittsburgh game Saturday afternoon.

"The reason for [Zagunis not competing] is that she's loaded by international starts," Bednarski said. "She's really engaging in too many competitions — higher caliber than collegiate competition, and there is no need to check her form! We are giving her more free time, and in addition, she will be honored on the field during the Pittsburgh game as an Olympian.

Given that the World Cup Event marked the first time Notre Dame has fenced this season, the Irish will presumably have some rust to shake off this weekend. Bednarski, however, isn't concerned.

"We are not yet in full form except those fencers who competed in the World Cup — they started already, a little bit earlier than others," Bednarski said. "Always at the beginning of the season, we are not in the best form, but I think that [other fencers] have the same problems — higher caliber than collegiate competition, and there is no need to check their form! We are giving her more free time, and in addition, she will be honored on the field during the Pittsburgh game as an Olympian.

The men take the strips Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m., while the women bout at the same time Sunday.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles look to keep the success coming

By JUSTIN STETZ 
Sports Writer

The Belles look to extend their success this weekend at the University of Chicago Maroon Invitational. Saint Mary's is coming off its first victory of the season as it defeated Rose-Hulman by a score of 155-117.

Last year, the Belles beat the Maroons 124-77. In the meet, Kelly Nellis placed third in the 200-yard freestyle and 500-yard freestyle, while Sarah Nowak finished first in the 100-yard breaststroke. She was also second in the 50-yard freestyle as well as the 100-yard freestyle.

Bridget Lebiedz will look to improve upon her fourth-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly. In the 100-yard backstroke, Katie Dingman who finished first last year, will be a key swimmer for Saint Mary's once again. Lebiedz and Nellis, the only two players left from the 2003 squad, which won the 200-yard freestyle relay, will aim for another successful finish.

The University of Chicago is currently 2-1-1 this year over its competition of the season, they defeated Rose-Hulman 112-97. If this final score gives any indication to this year's match against the Maroons, Saint Mary's should have a pretty good idea where they stand following the event.

After hitting her head on the board in her first dive last meet, Megan Medlock came back to earn Saint Mary's some valuable points in back diving events against Rose-Hulman.

The first-years have made quite an impression so far this year. They have meshed very well and haven't had too many problems adjusting to the college level. Coach Gregg Potcoff has stressed the importance of the freshman swimmers for the continued success of the Belles.

"They are essential to Saint Mary's chances for victory," Potcoff said.

The meet will consist of the 100 and 200-yard backstrokes and breaststrokes, as well as the 200-yard freestyle and 200-yard butterfly. Three-meter diving will follow the 1-meter, and the match will conclude with a 400-yard freestyle relay.

The meet begins Saturday at 10 a.m. at the University of Chicago. Following the event, Saint Mary's will have more than three weeks to rest and improve upon its first dive last meet. It will not take the water again until the Wisconsin-Oshkosh Invitational.

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The Irish will take on Western Michigan this weekend.

CCHA squares off against Western Michigan (4-4-0, 2-4-0) in a two-game road series this weekend.

The Irish have not won a conference game this season. They jumped out to a 3-0 lead against Bowling Green on Nov. 5, only to watch that lead disappear and the team barely survive with a 4-4 tie.

The four Irish goals in that game were a season-high, as Notre Dame's offense has been anemic to start the season. The team averages just 1.67 goals per game.

The Irish are off to their worst start since opening the 1995-96 season with a 1-8-0 record. After losing six seniors from last year's class, the team expected to struggle out of the gate, but this kind of start was not what coach Dave Poulin had in mind. Even so, the coach has seen things in recent practice and game situations that excite him.

"I think that our offense will improve because we've been having better practices," Poulin said. "Confidence grows in practice, and then transfers usually onto the ice. I think we're really starting to come up with some fine combinations, as well.

"After losing so many guys, we weren't sure what our lineup would be coming into this season, and now five weeks in I think we're starting to see some combinations really developing.

The team's strength coming into the season - goaltending - has been inconsistent, as well. Sophomore Dave Brown has struggled, while senior Morgan Cey had been nearly unbeatable in net until the 4-4 tie, when he allowed four goals on just 19 shots.

But Poulin knows he has two proven net-minders on his team, and the coach is equally willing to start either one.

"I think [the goalies'] confidence is all right," Poulin said. "Morgan was very upset about his play on Friday, because he thought the rest of the team played well enough to win and he couldn't give him the kind of goaltending they've been used to with him. David will go [tonight], and we're fully expecting him to bounce back and have the kind of good performances he's had in the past."

This weekend's games will also be a homecoming of sorts for Irish forward Evan Rankin, a freshman off to a terrific start. The native of Portage, Mich. - a suburb of Kalamazoo, the home of Western Michigan - has already endeared himself to his coach and teammates with a style of play that relies on both hustle and skill.

Rankin has two goals so far this season. A high second on the team. He has also picked up one assist.

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Athletic Department: Jasinski on administrative leave

Fourth-year head coach led team to up-and-down fall season

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Halfway into his fourth year, Irish head coach John Jasinski is on administrative leave, according to John Heisler, associate athletic director.

"Coach Jasinski is on admini-
strative leave," Heisler said, declining to make further comment on the issue.

Jasinski, assistant coach Chris Whitten, and several team players also declined to comment on the situation.

The news comes just a week after the Irish wrapped up their fall schedule, in which Jasinski piloted them in an up-and-down season.

During Jasinski's more than three-year tenure, the Irish had already made major steps toward force in the collegiate golf world. During the 2003-04 season, Jasinski coached the Irish to the Big East Championship and their first NCAA Regional berth since 1996. They where they finished 12th and just missed a chance to compete in the NCAA Finals.

Jasinski greatly improved the strength of both the Irish schedule as well as its lineup. He recruited strong classes and runners from BC loss in week-end matches.

Assistant Sports Editor

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish begin trip into Preseason NIT

Team will start regular season with non-conference opponent Illinois State tonight

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame can only imagine what challenges Illinois State will present tonight in the opening round of the Preseason National Invitation Tournament at the Joyce Center. The Belles, like the Irish, have not played a game this season. Since Illinois State is from a different conference, No. 10 Notre Dame couldn't acquire any tape of their home-opening opponent, either.

"It's really hard. We can't even get anything from the end of last year so it's a little bit more difficult to prepare," said McGraw, who is entering her 19th season at Notre Dame's head coach. "It's really going to be a challenge for us.

The Lady Bears enter their season-opening game a little beat up. Injuries have plagued

By MARSEY WHITTEN
Sports Writer

Men host No. 17 Ten of the team's top

By justin schulner
Associate Sports Editor

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ND CROSS-COUNTRY

Irish hope to clinch berth for NCAA Tournament

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

After strong performances all season, the Notre Dame cross country teams will set out to solidify a bid for the NCAA championship this weekend.

At the Great Lakes Regional Saturday, the Irish can automatically qualify for the NCAA meet with a first- or second-place finish. Both teams already stand among the top

in the country with the men and women nationally-ranked fifth and sixth respectively.

The men's team comes off a very close first-place finish in the Big East Championship and hopes to carry the momentum through the remainder of the season.

"If we run like we did at the Big East we should have no problem qualifying for the NCAA's but we just need to reproduce that effort," men's

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MELISSA D'AMICO shoots as Crystal Erwin, right, looks on in a Nov. 6 exhibition game against the Hoosier Lady Stars.

FOOTBALL

Team sets 2005 schedule

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

For the second consecutive season, the Irish have moved an October road game to Labor Day weekend.

The Oct. 8, 2005 game between Notre Dame and Pittsburgh was moved to Sept. 3 in a mutual agreement between the schools announced in a press release Thursday.

The game was rescheduled to ensure the teams would play in a nationally-televised contest on a network to be determined.

That game also allows the Irish to play before traveling to Ann Arbor, Mich., to take on the Wolverines, who play Eastern Michigan on Sept. 3.

Notre Dame also announced Thursday the signing of an eight-year contract with Pittsburgh to resume their series in 2008 after a two-year layoff in 2006-07.

The game in 2008 will be at Notre Dame Stadium with the teams alternating as host of the games until 2012.

"The University of Pittsburgh and Notre Dame have a rich his-

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HOCKEY

Icers want to get back on track

By JUSTIN SCHULNER
Associate Sports Editor

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Saluting the Seniors

Photo Illustration by MIKE HARKINS
Looking at the numbers during the past four or five years, Notre Dame’s seniors didn’t rewrite Fighting Irish history by any means. They had two losing seasons. They went 1-4 against Boston College. They never won a bowl game.

But, sometimes, the numbers lie. What the Notre Dame seniors didn’t get done on the field in terms of wins and losses, they certainly made up for in how they played the game and carried themselves on and off the field.

Some Irish fans, alumni and outsiders will look at this class now — and in years to come — as never achieving greatness. They never won a national title. They had two losing seasons. They never returned Notre Dame to a consistent football powerhouse.

But those people make a grave oversight. This group of seniors has shown an uncommonly high degree of character, resilience and toughness that anyone associated with Notre Dame should be proud of — and all qualities head coach Tyrone Willingham preaches and teaches to his team each day in practice.

Derek Curry described the senior class best during interviews earlier this week. “We have a group of seniors that are just phenomenal,” Curry said. “Our fifth-year seniors, I love those guys with everything because they give it their all, week in and week out, summer in and summer out. … You are playing for Notre Dame, you are playing for the family. You are playing for those people who came before you, you’re playing for pride (and) for your seniors that are just phenomenal.”

Perhaps the best example of Curry’s description is Carlisle Holiday. He was thrown in the fire during his first season at quarterback, then bounced back to have an outstanding 2002 campaign, leading the Irish to an 8-0 start and a Gator Bowl appearance.

But the very next season, Holiday and the offense struggled. As the losses mounted, the criticism rained down on Holiday. Rather than blame the inexperienced offensive line that never gave him time to throw, or criticize the ineffective running game that forced him into unbearable passing situations, or rant about the inconsistent wide receiver play, Holiday said nothing — and meanwhile, put all the blame on his own shoulders. He never complained, never pouted. When students made tasteless T-shirts saying, “The Holiday is Over, Quinn to Win,” the quarterback said nothing. Instead, he carried himself as a true champion by doing all he could to help the team, while at the same time sacrificing his own personal gain.

Holiday had played quarterback since he was six; yet he never flinched when asked to change positions last season. When he came back in 2004 as a fifth-year senior, Holiday looked and expected to play significant minutes. Instead, he’s been stuck returning punts and playing sparingly on offense.

But, through it all, Holiday has never wavered. “I think when you look at Carlyle’s character and what he has gone through in the tenure that he’s been here, through both the ups and the downs — to go through that and be the man that he has, I think says a great deal for him, and it’s helped the program through some tough times,” Irish offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said.

Then there are guys like Jared Clark. Another quarterback, Clark asked the coaches if he could change positions in 2004. “I really wanted to be a wide receiver,” Clark said. “I was just afraid that I wouldn’t get done on the field. So, Coach Diedrick said to me, ‘If you’re that good, why don’t you just try another position?’”

Clark was surprised when the Irish coaches went not only to him, but to Holiday and asked them to switch positions. “It was kind of a shock. … But it was a great opportunity,” Clark said. “I think it’s something you can’t help but be excited about.”

But Clark did not complain. He just worked harder, moving up the depth chart to eventually become the team’s third-string quarterback in 2003. “I was excited to do that,” Clark said. “I wanted to keep learning and keep getting better.”

Then at the beginning of the 2004 season, Clark was passed up by players that had played the tight end position their whole lives. Instead of seeing the field as a fifth-year, Clark now sees the bench. But Clark does his best to help the younger players and keep the locker room atmosphere light. He’s the guy that makes his teammates laugh, even when times get tough.

“He did a lot for me, especially early in my career,” fellow tight end Anthony Fasano said. “He helped me along and showed me the ropes along the way. Players like Holiday, Clark and defensive end Kyle Budinscak have made the Notre Dame offensive line tough over the past few seasons, even if the number of wins say otherwise. Budinscak has set an example for other players, compiling a 3.6 GPA while keeping an upbeat and positive attitude.

Asked at practice this week what he remembers during his five years as a Notre Dame football player, Budinscak talked of many experiences. A reporter then asked him, “Is there anything you’d really want to forget?” Budinscak paused for a moment, then said, “There’s plenty of those too, but they only make you stronger.”

When Notre Dame lost to Brigham Young to open the season, it was Budinscak who was a leader in not allowing the Irish to give up. This team had worked too hard, Budinscak said, to let it all slip away because of one bad performance.

Notre Dame’s seniors have taken excessive amounts of criticism at times throughout their careers. Some of it justified, some not. But through it all, emerged a group of 36 guys that have defined what a Notre Dame athlete should be. They’ve been through so much together — two coaching changes, seven offensive coordinators, six different quarterbacks, coach and seven different starting running backs. They’ve dealt with injuries, ups and downs but they’ve never let it all slip away because of one bad performance.

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By JOE HEITLER
Sports Writer

Carlyle Holiday will do anything to help his team — even if that's a baseball uniform.

As a senior at Roosevelt High School in San Antonio, Texas, Holiday was asked by the baseball coach to play in the final eight games of the season. Holiday, who had never played high school baseball up to that time or swung a bat in years, accepted the offer. He honed in his first-at-bat and finished the season with five round-trippers while also helping his team with good defensive play in centerfield.

In 2003, the Cincinnati Reds selected Holiday in the 44th round of the Major League Baseball draft. "I was a big hitter," Holiday says with a smile.

Putting the team first has always been one of Holiday's best traits. The fifth-year wide receiver has seen his shares of ups and downs and it made me stronger. "Putting the team first has always been one of Holiday's best traits."

As a senior at Roosevelt High School, Holiday was named the starter for the next season. "Those (other quarterbacks) I had to fight," Holiday said. "It was just a great season for me overall. Just getting adjusted to playing college football," Holiday said. "Playing with some of the big-time guys that left this program and learning from them, it helped for next season. It was a big learning experience. There were ups and downs and it made me stronger."

Taking the switch and returning for another season

After losing the starting job to Quinn, Holiday was asked late in the 2003 season whether he was interested in switching positions. "I was on the sideline and they just wanted to find a way to get me into the football game," said Holiday, who had played quarterback since the age of 6. "So (the coaches) said, 'Do you want to go to receiver?' and towards the last couple games I decided to switch." The switch was anything but easy for Holiday. He had to learn how to block, run routes and catch the football. The change didn't pay huge dividends for Notre Dame or Holiday as the new receiver caught just two passes for 19 yards.

Despite his best efforts, the transition was a slow one for the former quarterback. "It was hard. I didn't really get adjusted to it until this fall," Holiday said. "It really took me the whole season.

With a year remaining, Holiday decided to apply for a fifth-year and contribute to the Irish in 2004. After seeing another quarterback—converted-to-receiver Arnaud Biakabutuka have success in 2002, Holiday hoped to follow suit.

This season, Holiday has been the primary punt returner and has seen some action as a wide receiver. Heading into the Pittsburgh game, he has two receptions for 21 yards. Despite not putting up the numbers he would have liked, Holiday has tried to help the team in other ways. "The season has been great," Holiday said with his usual optimism. "I have not played as much as I wanted to or caught as many balls, but I still have those opportunities to get on the field and help the team out. Even though I'm not playing a lot and I'm a fifth year, that's what I came back to do, other players can see that and stay strong when they're not playing as much as they want to.

No one should be surprised by that attitude. Holiday has been putting Notre Dame's football team first for the past five years.

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CARLYLE HOLIDAY

Taking one for the team

Holiday has put Notre Dame's success ahead of his personal glory

By CHU1 BENITEZ/The Observer

Holiday wide receiver Carlyle Holiday makes a move as he returns a punt in Notre Dame's game against Michigan this year.

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CASEY DUNN

Long snapper gets thrill of his life against Michigan

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

Life doesn't always go according to plan, and no one knows that better than Casey Dunn.

Once a diehard Miami fan who yearned to play on an Ivy League offensive line, he has strived as the long snapper for Notre Dame this season.

"I was just a freshman deer-in-the-headlights type deal," Dunn said of his days as a preferred walk-on in August of 2001. "I tried to figure out what was going on around me — it was definitely a learning experience."

The Miami resident grew up rooting for the Hurricanes and wanting to attend an Ivy League college. However, the combination of academics and Division-I athletics tipped the scales in favor of Notre Dame — that balance, and an emotional family connection to the University.

"I honestly didn't know anything about Notre Dame football before I got here," said Dunn. "It was just a whole new experience for me, coming in here not knowing much about the history of Notre Dame football."

He did know that his grandfather grew up a diehard Notre Dame fan, watching the games on television throughout his lifetime.

"I never met my grandfather but it was a place my dad always held in high esteem because [my grandfather] loved it," said Dunn. "I applied there just on a whim."

Dunn saw some reps and limited action at practice team for offensive guard and offensive tackle. His opportunity to take the field came after his sophomore year, when the long snapper position opened up.

Since Dunn took over at long snapper during his junior season, the Irish have been grateful for that whim. He has yet to be credited with a bad snap, going over 140 consecutive plays without a missed ball. For someone who snapped in just one game in high school, it has been a road of transitions.

"I basically picked [long-snapping] up in the off season, through spring practice, then two-a-days my junior year I was able to win the long-snapping job," Dunn said. "That was my opportunity to get on the field and play and I took the opportunity and ran with it."

The change from offensive linemen to long snapper involved losing weight, gaining speed, learning to block immediately after the punt and learning a new mental attitude.

"It's physically somewhat challenging, snapping the ball and blocking the punt and punter, but it's more mentally challenging in terms of always wanting a perfect snap and get the ball back there to the punter so he can get the ball off. I remember when I first got the job everyone was like, 'You picked that job? If you screw up everybody's going to know.' You can't screw up, ever."

But Dunn has done more than just snap well and execute blocks. This September, he catapulted into the public eye when he recovered a fumble in the home-opener against rival Michigan.

"Recovering that fumble was incredible — for sure one of the best experiences of my life so far," he said. "There's nothing that can describe standing up with the ball raised above your head and 80,000 people going crazy especially against a team like Michigan — at Notre Dame Stadium, a stadium filled with history, it's surreal."

This season will mark the last time Dunn steps on a football field as an athlete, as he moves on to medical school after graduating with a degree in the College of Science's Pre-Professional Studies. As he moves on, the former Zahn resident will take with him the storied Notre Dame experience from academics, football and life on the Notre Dame campus.

"As much as everybody hates Zahn, I love Zahn to death," he recalled. "It's the closest brotherhood I know aside from the football team."

He earned high grades in the challenging College of Science and is looking to interview at medical schools in order to pursue a career as a doctor "who works with people."

"Just coming here and being part of this whole environment — it was incredible. I'd never seen snow before," Dunn recalled. "It was just one of those things where I decided to pick myself up and put myself in a whole new environment, and it's worked out pretty well."

The Irish special teams would agree; as Dunn has become an essential component to every successful punt.

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Bouncing back

Goolsby has overcome injury to play his best season yet in an Irish uniform

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Justin Tuck can't help but laugh when thinking about Mike Goolsby on the football field. "Man, Gools', he's funny at times," Tuck said. His passion for the game — it exploded on the field. You can tell because he just zones out. He'll be in the bubble just zoned out." Goolsby says he's simply trying to prepare for each play. "I'm always more worried about making mistakes so I'm always constantly looking in my head. 'What do I have to do? What do I have to do?' There's so much emotion in this game. I mean, this year, I get a knot in my throat almost every single game because I want to win so bad. "I'm not a big 'rah-rah' guy in the locker room, but I've learned how to get myself pumped up for games and sustain that throughout the game, which is the most important part." But there was a time when Goolsby didn't know whether he'd play football at a high level again. An injury nearly ended Goolsby's career before the fifth-year senior had a chance to reach his full potential.

A 'special' player

The day Notre Dame offered Goolsby a scholarship to play football, the Joliet, Ill. native knew his college choice. "Going into recruiting, I really didn't have a clear plan of how I was going to do it. I was just taking offers as they came in. I really knew I was headed to Notre Dame not for any particular reason but just because it felt right. I took a couple unofficial visits and I took my only official visit here and committed on my official. As soon as [Notre Dame] came into the picture, I knew I was headed here."

Once at Notre Dame, Goolsby wanted to find any way to be on the field. When the coaches asked him to go on special teams, the then-freshman was thrilled. "Special teams definitely still holds a special place in my heart." Goolsby said.

This season, Goolsby asked to play on the special teams unit once again — this time he wasn't trying to get additional playing time. Rather, Goolsby thought the Irish needed to improve.

"I didn't think our special teams played up to par," Goolsby said. "Kickoff returns was my forte my freshman year. So I asked to be on that and I was just put on just as well. Early on in the season I did it more than I do now." Injured and out Goolsby started all 13 games during the 2002 football season and excelled for the Irish. He recorded 77 tackles, including four sacks and a forced fumble. He led the team with 13 tackles for a loss and added an interception.

But the season ended on a sour note for the linebacker when he broke his left collarbone in the Gator Bowl against North Carolina State. In the offseason, Goolsby also had cartilage problems with his right shoulder at the time.

To make matters worse, Goolsby re-injured his left collarbone playing basketball in the offseason. That injury cost the linebacker another season.

While the Irish struggled to a 5-7 record, Goolsby could only watch, helpless. "It was extremely frustrating," Goolsby said. "The toughest part was seeing the guys every day in practice working there butts off and not getting a 'W' on Saturday. That was the toughest part because I felt partially responsible because I shouldn't have been out there screwing around at Bookstore Basketball." Yet, Goolsby says he's learned a lot about himself during the time away from football on the sidelines.

"What I've learned from it is just how much I love the game and how much I miss the game and how much I think being healthy for granted and everything that goes into football," Goolsby said. "I took it all for granted and then I had an opportunity to come back for a fifth year and I didn't want to let the slip by.

Returning with a vengeance

Goolsby came back this season scared to death. "Failing to reach my potential consumed me for the longest time and I think it still does to some extent," Goolsby said. "During spring ball there were a lot of sleepless nights, just driving myself nuts worrying about getting back with that one year left and trying to accomplish what I wanted to accomplish."

"It was a big worry of mine for a long time until camp when I got it out of my system." Goolsby's worry seems to be for naught, as the fifth-year senior has played exceptional for much of the season. Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham feels Goolsby is just now starting to hit his stride. "I He really appears to be even getting better as he finishes out this last stretch of games." Mike Tuck said Goolsby's return this season has been critical for the Irish defense. "He brings great leadership," Tuck said. "He had an injury last year that was just devastating but his passion for the game came back and he didn't make no complaints about anything. He worked his butt off to get back to where he is. I'm just happy for him."

Goolsby has had the luxury of focusing solely on football this season, so he already earned his degree in American Studies.

"Football is such a huge part of my life," Goolsby said. "It's pretty much a full plate of football for me. There isn't any excuse not to excel. It's put up or shut up for me. In life I try to work hard at different things and I think I have a pretty hard work ethic. I came back for a fifth year for a reason and that's to be successful on the football field and that's my main goal in life right now.

Goolsby admits that he's hoping for a career in the NFL after his final season at Notre Dame ends. But for now, he wants to focus on the final two games of the regular season and help Notre Dame finish strong.

"I'm proud of the way the team handled the adversity and bounced back time and time again," Goolsby said. "Sometimes I wish we didn't have to bounce back the way we do. But you can't change the past. We're going to try and get these next two games and win a bowl game. ... then I'll look back and say I was proud of what we accomplished." Personally, Goolsby has high goals for himself before he leaves this season.

"I'd also like to leave some kind of legacy here," Goolsby said. "You don't want to be one of those guys who's forgotten.

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Irish linebacker Mike Goolsby tackles Washington's James Sims during Notre Dame's 38-3 victory over the Huskies this season.

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Irish linebacker Mike Goolsby returns an interception for a touchdown against Tennessee on Nov. 6. Goolsby's touchdown proved to be the game-winning score.
Derek Curry

Setting an example

Irish linebacker Derek Curry makes an interception near the end of the first half of Notre Dame's game against Michigan State this year. Curry has been one of the leaders of the defense all season.

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Do you use your head, ears, letters, a life-motto for Derek Curry.

For one of Notre Dame's fiesty young seniors, to 'do you' is about more than just playing college football.

"I'm here to tell you that you can live 200 yards from Eric Dickerson and still get back. At attending the power and leadership in the team. That's why Curry is a Notre Dame Foundation story.

"When I became a senior in high school, I really came back," Curry said. "I did not give myself to them, I was not happy because you are being true to yourself.'

"I'm an open guy. That's why Curry is at Notre Dame. I'm from the same body else. I'm from the same side of town as most of those guys, the same city. So I try to leave that opinion open if they want to learn anything about the college level, my life motto for Derek Curry."

"Every time I do go home I try to spend time at the middle school, junior high or athletic department," Curry said. "I try to hang around some kids and let them talk to me. I'm an open guy."

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"I don't want to do that," Curry said. "I just want to tell kids the truth. I want them to know what it's like."

"The thing about a leader, whenever change is made in the program or within the organization, you have to step up, go with the flow and help with the transition so that was my role."

"We're going to do that," Curry said. "We're going to do that."

"I want to be a youth pastor and stay true to myself. Staying true to oneself doing that will allow Curry to follow his own message."

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**RYAN GRANT**

Picking up where he left off

A year after backing up Julius Jones, Grant has experienced a rebirth as a running back

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN

As a sophomore, he was the man, and there were 1,085 reasons for why.

Then that title went to Julius Jones in 2003. Then it went to Darius Walker until the original got healthy again. If there was ever any doubt what Ryan Grant means to the Irish football team, it was washed away when Grant returned from his hamstring injury this season.

With Grant in the game this season, the Irish are 5-1; without him, they are 1-2. If Irish fans haven’t recognized the season, the Irish are 5-1; withman, and there were 1,085 reasons for why.

I think it is silly to look over what Grant adds to the offense,” Willingham said. “First of all, you have to take into account the role of the senior, and the role of the senior is not just on the field. It’s what he provides off the field and in the locker room and the kind of play that we have got now with Ryan has been very solid for us in all areas. It was almost easier for many to forget that two years ago he was a 1,000-yard rusher.

Willingham added that Grant’s low-key personality might overshadow his accomplishments on the field.

“It’s easy to overlook,” he said. “I don’t know if it’s his personality or the way he carries himself, but you have that tendency. But he adds a great deal to our football team in terms of pass protection and in terms of understanding pass routes where he can go, where he can’t go.”

**Mark since Austra Deno in 1998. For Grant, it was quite the season after an elbow injury had sidelined him just a year before.

He carried the ball 261 times, averaging 4.2 yards per carry and scored nine touchdowns. Grant was the feature running back on a team that finished 10-3, starting all 13 games.

But in 2003, Julius Jones came back to Notre Dame after missing a year due to academic problems, and Grant saw his playing time decrease as he split time and carries with Jones.

Grant finished the season with 567 yards and three touchdowns, numbers far fewer than those of his sophomore year. Meanwhile, Jones shined, averaging over 100 yards per game, and racking up 1,268 yards on the season to go along with his 10 touchdowns. Jones started seven of the Irish’s 12 games. Grant said he was frustrated, but he understood that there was nothing he could do.

“I think the frustration is there to a degree, but you have to understand, some of those things I had no control over,” the Nyack, N.Y. native said. “The things that I had control over, I think that might have been frustrating. [For example] if I’m not liking the way I’m running, then I need to change some things.”

**‘Special leadership’**

Grant came into the 2004 season with high expectations for himself. He was ready for a season similar to that of 2002. With the goals he had in mind for himself, Grant thought he could finish in the top-five of all-time leading rushers at Notre Dame.

“My initial goal going into the season, if things would have worked out, I wouldn’t have gotten hurt and I would have stayed on track. I had the opportunity to be top-five (all-time rushing), and that was one of the goals I was looking at,” Grant said. “Whatever the case may be, I’d rather win games.”

Grant missed the first with a hamstring injury, something he never counted on coming into his last season in a Notre Dame uniform.

“It was frustrating more than disappointing just because I was feeling good, I felt like good things were going to happen and it was something I didn’t have control of,” Grant said. “It just happened. It wasn’t something I felt was coming on. It was just spur of the moment.”

With Grant the Irish have excelled, but without him they struggle at times, despite the emergence of true freshman Darius Walker. But Grant says he is finally getting healthy with two games to play, and even with the injury, he is not feeling sorry for himself.

“For the most part, especially with my injury, I had no control over that,” Grant said. “I did everything possible to get myself back out there, but I’ll figure it out some time. I just still need to be there for this team. I feel great now, so I just trying to finish up with the most positive things as possible.”

It is that unselfish attitude that has earned Grant the respect of his teammates and coaches alike this year.

“I think Ryan has been special because in the manner in which he has had to work through this year,” Willingham said. “Great expectations coming into the season and then suffering the hamstring injury, having to fight back, partially out. His leadership has been special.”

Thus far, Grant has played in six games, rushing for five touchdowns and 354 yards. He has just 83 carries on the year, but he remains more concerned with his team:

“Part of me being a leader on this team, it means that all the other guys are mentally sharp,” Grant said. “I can’t worry about not getting the ball because I can’t let other guys on the team see that, feed off that. I have to make sure whoever’s in is taking care of business. So I feel like that is part of my role on this team.”

Willingham has always acknowledged the importance of Grant to this Irish team despite ups and downs of his career.

“With Ryan has done, and I think what he might say, if I could say it for him, is that the team is better with him and the team is better without him. So that’s in my mind, and I really think that that is part of my role on this team.”

Willingham also said he has really enjoyed the four years he’s spent at Notre Dame, as it was everything he hoped for and more.

“It’s been great, even with all the ups and downs of the team,” said Grant. “I feel like every year we have gone through the ups and downs of the team. I’ve played on, Grant said. “To be able to see the team every week and fight every week and the sweat that goes into staying on Saturdays and having those great games. I’ve seen a lot of great things and a lot of great people, and I appreciate everyday I’ve had with them.”

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Ryan Grant scores a touchdown against Navy during Notre Dame’s 27-9 win over the Midshipmen on Oct. 16.
Budinscak just as comfortable reading Frost as reading the playbook

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Spokes Editor

He's played for two coaches and experienced the resigna­
tion of another. He quotes Robert Frost and knows all about the worst rates and risk and return.

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Budinscak has been through a lot in his five years at Notre Dame. He was here for the Hol­

Davie era and the debacle that was the hiring of George O'Leary. He has been through the hiring and firing of Tyone Willingham.

When asked about the ups and downs that he has had throughout his career, Budinscak responded with a quote from Robert Frost.

"If you don't keep on going, because that's the only thing to do," Budinscak said. "It was tough but you keep on going.

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numerous times, including the

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he registered a 3.97 grade-point-average. Budinscak has learned Academic All-District honors the last three seasons and is an Academic All­

American candidate. He said the key to his success is disci­

pline.

"It's hard," he said. "People

think I can't give in,' and I

think he saw the same thing

with me sometimes."

Budinscak has been one of the team's leaders on defense this year.
MATT HASBROOK

Walk-on lineman transferred to ND for its academics

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

The future rarely unfolds as planned.

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Irish defensive tackle Matt Hasbrook stretches during a recent Notre Dame football practice.

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The battle-tested veteran

In the Irish secondary, nobody has more experience than Burrell

By PAT LEONARD
Assistant Sports Editor

Quentin Burrell made 90 tackles and seven interceptions in his senior season at Southwest Dekalb High School. He broke up 13 passes. But when he came to Notre Dame, Burrell waited. Recruited by a team already ripe with secondary talent in Georgia Class 5A all-state honorable mention selection, Burrell was relegated to special teams under head coach Bob Davie. "My freshman year and my sophomore year I was kind of just playing my role," Burrell said. "There were a lot of upperclassmen, especially in the secondary, with a lot of experience so it was kind of like a wait your turn deal." Now, going into his final game at Notre Dame Stadium facing Pittsburgh on Saturday, Burrell finds himself starting at free safety for the 19th time in the past two seasons.

Burrell was, after all, the most experienced member of the defensive backfield going into the 2004 season. And that makes him, unofficially, the leader. "I think he's handled the responsibility well," defensive backs coach Steven Wilks said. "He's been consistent all year." Burrell is third on the team with 56 tackles and 30 solo, and he made four tackles last Saturday in an upset of top-10 ranked Tennessee. "I can really tell you the last three weeks, he has really stepped his game up," Wilks said. "I'm talking about the way he plays, the way he's practicing. He's diving for balls in practice. He's trying to make great decisions in reading the quarterback. So I've seen great improvement in Quentin throughout the year, but most importantly he's stepped up and been the leader." The process of reaching the starting safety position was an unmarked one, but Burrell felt the opportunity to showcase his skills would have to come sooner or later. "Going into my junior year I knew I didn't have much time left," he said. "My clock was ticking. So I needed to do something sooner or later." And then, Glenn Earl got hurt. Thrust into the spotlight in the midst of a 23-10 loss to Purdue, Notre Dame fans were distraught. They complained that a freshman quarterback should never throw that many passes (59) in a game, or that no team should lose when it out-gains its opponent that badly (346 Notre Dame to 223 for Purdue).

Burrell's introduction to the Notre Dame defense in replacement of Earl, who saw limited action afterward, was planned over. He would go on to make five tackles and his first career tackle for a loss that day. But Burrell's presence the remainder of the season was not overlooked.

Burrell started the last nine games of the season, finishing fourth on the team in tackles with 55 (39 solos) and logging over 265 minutes played. Those numbers compared in a lopsided fashion with his statistics of 2002 (two tackles, 41 seconds). "I knew my main thing was gaining healthy because I had a lot of ticks and kvacks there," Burrell said. "It was unfortunate that Glenn got hurt, but at the same time I looked at it as an opportunity to step up and do things that I knew I could do when I came here. So I looked at it as an opportunity. And once I had that opportunity I just took it and ran with it." Stanford found out better than any team how Burrell could run with it.

With Notre Dame up 27-0 on a bewildered Cardinal team Nov. 29, 2003, Burrell scooped up a Stanford fumble and took the ball 65 yards for the touchdown, his first ever score in a Notre Dame uniform. He also intercepted Stanford Chris Lewis once that day, but Burrell said the fumble recovery was "the most memorable moment as an Irish defender. "As far as performance on the field, I would maybe say the Stanford game from last year," Burrell said. "I had an interception in that game and I took a fumble back like 70-some yards. But Burrell's memories are not all good ones.

Taking the bad with the good

There was the Syracuse game Dec. 6 of last season, when Orangejumper running back Walter Reyes beat Burrell to a spot 15 yards downfield to score his fourth of five touchdowns that day. There was the BYU game to start the 2004 season, when the Cougars went deep on two key passes against him, including a 49-yard secondary to score or set up backbreaking touchdowns.

Wilks knows the defensive backfield has struggled this season, but also knows Burrell is a key component in accomplishing the secondary's goals. He helped the defense hold Michigan receiver Braylon Edwards without a touchdown, and he leads the secondary in tackles, albeit quietly.

"With our defense and the way we invert our safeties a lot, [Burrell] is a tackle quietly if you're going to happen as far as making plays," Wilks said. "At times we've missed some [plays] and they were crucial ones, but for the most part I feel he's stepped up his game." Going from 48 special teams appearances his freshman year, to 54 appearances as a sophomore showed Burrell he had the opportunity to make an impact soon on the team. And since he did not have the minutes to show coaches his talents in game situations, the next best option was to impress them in practice.

"I think the thing was during the off-season and during spring ball, I think I had one of the best spring balls I've ever had here," he said. "And the coaching staff took well to that. So once I got the opportunity, it was there for me." Burrell entered this season for the first time ever penciled in as the preseason starter. Being a senior, Burrell not only had to shoulder the preparation responsibilities of a starter. He also was part of a select group that could control the direction of the Irish team.

"Going into the season, I was a part of a lot of the upperclassmen. We're really close," Burrell said. "And we just didn't want to have any regrets. "We've lost some games we shouldn't have lost, and we could be in the national championship basically if it went a certain way, but that's over and done with. We're bowl eligible now and we've got to look forward to going to a good bowl, a bowl that we deserve to be in, and we'll just go from there." The game against Pittsburgh "next Saturday will be Burrell's last at Notre Dame, but the free safety seat isn't his style. "It kind of, sort of [cares] but I'm not going to get too emotional, I'm just like that," Burrell said. "I was fortunate enough to have the opportunity to come to this university, I did the things that I could do here, and it's just time to move on. I had a good time here, and it's just another chapter in my life."
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Proving everyone wrong

Jackson has not let his smaller stature keep him from being a defensive force

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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What would possibly make a talented football player from the state of Florida ignore the lure of southern programs and come instead to a tiny Catholic school in the middle of frigid northern Indiana?

Shane Walton, who played at Notre Dame from 1999 to 2001, bears several comparisons to Preston Jackson, who is also a corner to do all the yapping all the time, he said. "We probably talk more than the other players on the field." Of course, it shouldn't be surprising that Jackson talks so much. His role model taught him that.

Walton's influence

Shane Walton, who played at Notre Dame from 1999 to 2001, bears several comparisons toJackson. Both came to play for the Irish from warmer-climate states (Walton played high school football in California). Both were considered underclassmen (Walton was 5-foot-10, 185 pounds). Both are characterized by their toughness and willingness to talk on the field.

And, according to Jackson, both know the importance of having a high football IQ. "I watched Shane. Everybody knows that Shane was very smart, even if he wasn't the best athlete on the field," Jackson said. "I always want to be a step ahead of you and watch the mistakes they make so you can learn from them and make a better player." I try to almost mock him in a way, be a good leader and also watch film and study what my opponents are doing. If you study your opponent and know what he's going to do, then it's really easy to make plays — you don't even have to be the best athlete.

Jackson has continued to remain focused on his ultimate goals. "I wouldn't say they were our biggest games that we learned more from," Jackson said of losses like BYU and Boston College. "Every week you play a whole different kind of offense. So, being in the secondary, you've got to learn to shrug things off. You have to get off the field and bounce back to make a play the next time. You may get beat one time, but that's football — they other team wants to make a play, too.

Jackson has been there to comfort his teammates, as well, such as against Boston College when fellow defensive back Mike Richardson was the player who the Eagles' Tony Gonzalez beat for the winning touchdown. "It's never one play that loses a game. I try to remind myself of what he told Richardson after the loss. "It's things that happened in the first through third quarters that lose ball games, and it's just so evident that sometimes your mistake is more evident than the things before that." And yet through all the criticism and the praise, through the high times and the low times, Jackson has continued to remain focused on his ultimate goals.

"I'm going to keep my options open. I earned my degree and I'm going to put myself in the job market; make myself marketable — that's what I came to school for," Jackson said. "I'm not sure about the [National Football League]; if the opportunity comes I'll jump on it, but for right now I've got very broad horizons and a lot of things to reach out and grab. I've got personal goals I've set for myself, and I'm hoping to accomplish them."

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Hobbled and humbled

Pauly has been impressive in bouncing back from an injury early in his career

By PAT LEONARD

Injuries are an athlete’s worst nightmare, but they’re even worse when they happen in games that don’t matter.

Don’t tell it to Greg Pauly. He knows.

Pauly tore his ACL in a 2000 summer all-star game. And until his junior season at Notre Dame, he could barely wrap his head around the interior lineman’s knee did not fully heal.

“I think my junior year I started feeling a lot better, getting more comfortable,” Pauly said. “It was difficult. Especially because I added weight on, too. With Kyle [Budinscak] and Justin [Tuck], I’m surprised how fast they’ve come back from their surgeries. I wasn’t even close to where they were.”

Pauly’s knee surgery prior to his freshman year forced him to sit out an entire season as he watched the Irish go 9-3 in his absence.

But the wait was well worth it.

As a fifth-year senior on the 2004 squad, Pauly, 6-foot-6, 295 pounds has 31 tackles and 4.5 for a loss as one of two starting defensive tackles. He has started all nine games so far this season, the most since he started three in his sophomore year.

The sudden and drastic increases in playing time have placed Pauly in the spotlight.

“It’s a little harder on the body, I guess,” Pauly said. “I’ve taken a lot more reps in practice, taken a lot more reps in the games. But I think it puts me in more of a role out there to step up and make plays.”

One-fourth of a whole

Pauly comprises one-fourth of a dominating defensive line that has made plays to limit Irish opponents to 95.2 yards rushing per game. In a season marked by inconsistency, Notre Dame’s run defense has been consistent and impermeable.

“I think we’re playing pretty tough against the run,” Pauly said before the Stanford contest. “Hopefully, by the end of the season we’ll establish a name for ourselves that way.

By now, the words “Notre Dame defense” scream run-stopping. And that is largely due to the push from the interior defensive line, something Pauly says is important in pass defense, as well.

“It’s tough. It’s two-three-three usually because you’ve got the center and two guards blocking me and Derek [Landri] or me and Trevor [Hilliard],” Pauly said. “And it’s tough because usually you’re getting double teamed or someone’s slaming back on you. But I think we’re getting a good push.”

Willingham often rotates junior tackle Derek Landri and sophomore tackle Trevor Lisse in their roles on the line, but Pauly said he understands the reasons of the leadership that comes with being an experienced fifth-year player.

“I think it’s a leadership role,” Pauly said. “I’m an older player, I’m going to look up a little bit. It kind of puts me in more of a role in the eye of the team to do things well and step up.

But playing time was not always so easy for Pauly to find. Though the Wisconsin native was a Parade All-American and first-team USA Today All-American, Pauly came to Notre Dame and knew he was starting over — injury and all.

“Coming in freshman year, I was pretty highly recruited and everyone had a big head and that happens,” Pauly said. “Coming in I had big expectations. I wanted to play right away. After I got hurt, I was here watching practice and seeing it happen and how different it is.”

Pauly’s hype going into high school was just as high, and he matched it. In his first year at South High School in Waukesha, Wis., Pauly became the first freshman starter at the high school since John Anderson, who went on to play for Michigan and the Green Bay Packers.

He dominated the league. Particularly in his senior season, Pauly set record numbers with 40 solo tackles, 62 assisted tackles, 17 sacks, 20 tackles for a loss, two interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

Pauly accumulated countless accolades. He was one of 34 players on the Rosebowl ESPN All-America team. He was voted No. 17 on the Chicago Sun-Times top 100 list.

And the list goes on.

As a five-year senior on the 2004 squad, Pauly helped command has not lived up to expectations. The line...
COLE LAUX

Walk-on fullback has always loved ND

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

His soft voice contrasting with his muscular physique, Cole Laux slowly described how he would feel strapping on the gold helmet one final time.

"I'll just take it as it comes," he gushed. "That's usually how I do it." Laux said.

This calm, confident attitude has helped the senior walk-on fullback become a fixture in the scout team backfield and one of the leaders of the entire Notre Dame squad over the past five seasons.

"I always take it as a challenge to myself to try and get better," he said. "I like to go against the starting defense and beat them when I can."

Born in Texas and raised in Indianapolis, Laux and his family moved to South Bend when Cole was in the eighth grade. He attended Marion High School in Mishawaka and was the starting tailback on a 13-1 team that attended Marian High School in Indianapolis, Laux and his family.

"I was always an Irish fan," he said. "I decided after my senior year was over that I could probably continue (playing football) if I could get into Notre Dame and try out for the team."

After receiving his acceptance letter, Laux contacted then-Irish recruiting coordinator Bob Chmiel and sent in some high school game film. The Notre Dame coaching staff liked what they saw and Laux started practice the first day of school.

"I'm most proud of my work ethic," he said. "I think I've worked pretty hard and maybe some of that has rubbed off on some of the other guys. Maybe they've stepped up their attitudes coming into practice by watching and seeing what I've been doing."

Laux came back to Notre Dame for a fifth year to finish up the requirements for his finance and history double major and to enjoy one last season playing football for the Irish.

"My favorite part of playing has been the camaraderie with the other guys on the team," he said. "Just building relationships with the guys that you're always spending time with day in and day out. Getting to know them and working out with them at 6 a.m. on Saturday mornings and hanging out with them on a Saturday night. It's been a lot of fun. There are a lot of good guys on the team."

Laux's hard work and tight friendship with his teammates has helped him face the challenge of going to practice every day against players who are often bigger and stronger than him.

"I like to go out there and have fun," he said. "I have a lot of fun with those guys on defense, joking around about who won the personal battles. I like to say I've won a bunch of them and they'd probably say they won a bunch of them. It's a good time."

Like every senior, Laux has seen the Irish head coaching job change hands from Bob Davie to Tyrone Willingham and he has many positive words to say about Willingham's effect on the team.

"Coach Willingham brings a lot of emotion and intensity to the program," Laux said. "I think he is able to get the most out of his players."

Sideline recently with a knee injury, Laux hopes to be healed in time for the Irish bowl game. Though he might downplay it, he knows that his last game wearing an Irish uniform will be special.

"I don't really get a chance to look too far in the future, but it will probably be somewhat emotional," he said.

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JARED CLARK

The odd man out

Clark has been a team player in his role as backup tight end this season

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Jared Clark didn’t know what to do in the spring of 2002. He was struggling at quarterback and had little chance of seeing the field. He didn’t enjoy playing football anymore.

So Clark decided to take a chance.

“I actually approached one of the (graduate assistant) coaches and asked kind of out of the blue if there was interest in me playing at another position because I was struggling so bad at quarterback,” Clark recalls. “It was really getting to the point where it wasn’t fun at all. (The graduate assistant) said ‘Absolutely there’s interest in you at another position.’”

So he went to the coaches and I actually asked coach [Tyrone] Willingham if it’d be alright if I switched positions and he said ‘you can be a tight end’.

Switching was no easy task for Clark. At first, he thought he’d be on the other side of the ball.

“I thought they were going to say linebacker, that’s where I thought they were going to put me,” Clark said. “They said they wanted me at tight end and I was fine with that too because I had played on offense primarily and it was probably better for me than linebacker.”

While he was big (now listed at 6-foot-3, 235 pounds), Clark had mainly played quarterback his whole life. There were no possible obstacles, Clark wanted to contribute for Notre Dame.

So Clark native made the change to tight end and hasn’t looked back.

Indoors

Clark was a sought-after quarterback at Sarasota Mooney High School in Sarasota, especially after an outstanding senior season. Clark threw for 1,372 yards and 17 touchdowns, and ran for more than 700 yards and 10 more scores as Mooney advanced to the third round of the Florida state playoffs.

Clark narrowed his choice for college down to three schools — Miami (Fla.), Georgia and Notre Dame. He finally chose the Irish after visiting the campus and meeting senior Irish tight ends coach Mike Denbrock with helping make the transition smooth.

“Coach Denbrock did a great job. I’ve come a long way since that first day,” Clark said.

Despite just changing positions a few months earlier, Clark showed signs of promise at his new position in 2002. He caught seven passes for 104 yards, including a 37-yard reception against Florida State and had four more catches for 41 yards in the Gator Bowl against North Carolina State.

“It was just fun to be able to get in the game and help the team out,” Clark said.

With a season at tight end under his belt, Clark emerged as a threat for the Irish in 2003. He started two of the team’s 12 games and finished the season fifth on the team with 15 receptions for 142 yards. Besides contributing on offense, Clark played a significant role on special teams, recovering a fumble in Notre Dame’s upset win against Pittsburgh.

Stiff competition

After applying and receiving a fifth-year of eligibility, Clark went back to work in the off-season and spring practice to continue improving at tight end.

But when the 2004 season began, Clark found himself on the bench and not on the field.

The problem for Clark? Notre Dame had too many talented tight ends on their roster.

“We have a great group of tight ends and someone’s not going to be playing that much or at all and I guess I’m that guy,” said Clark, who has yet to catch a pass this season. “If that’s the role they need me to play I’ll be the backup guy and whenever they need me to come in, I’ll come in.”

Clark said he’s enjoyed his experience at Notre Dame, even if things didn’t turn out how he once envisioned a few years ago.

“Right now not playing that much and taking a different role has been tough,” Clark said. “But I think looking back and seeing that I was able to play for the University of Notre Dame and I was able to get in there and help the team a little bit...”

“The biggest thing I’ll take away from this are my teammates and the friendships I’ve made on this team. I’ve never been as close as I am with a bunch of guys on this team and hopefully we’ll be friends for life.

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Billy Palmer

No regrets

Palmer might not have the gaudiest stats, but he wouldn’t trade ND for anything

By MATT LOZAR
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Billy Palmer’s career at Notre Dame hasn’t been flashy.
With two regular season games lost in his Notre Dame career, the Wynnewood Heathrow, Fla., native only has four career catches for 44 yards and zero touchdowns.

He gets lost in the shuffle behind junior Anthony Fasano who has broken onto the scene this year, sophomore John Carlson who is earning more playing time by the week and even converted linebacker and fifth-year senior Jerome Collins who was making strides before suffering an injury against Stanford.

But what Palmer brings not only to the tight end position, but also the Notre Dame offense is something that can’t be seen on the field.

“I think about all he brings a great deal of leadership and stability to the position,” Irish offensive line and tight ends coach Mike Denbrock said. “He’s been around the world more than once and lends a great deal of experience not only to the position but to the other guys that are there.

“His position coach thinks if you go through transition, it’s not an easy thing, but I was fortunate enough to grasp the offense and they were confident enough in me to play, so it was a positive transition for me.”

With Willingham and Irish offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick incorporating more of a pro-style offense, the tight end is obviously used more. Willingham recruited tight ends to fit his system that were more complete players where opponents couldn’t guess run or pass based just on personnel.

With six players at one position, the competition at tight end became intense, but worthwhile.

“I think every coach demands his players to be a complete player,” Palmer said. “Definitely with this many tight ends, you had to work that much harder to be a complete player.”

That type of competition only makes you better. I’ve been blessed with some great guys. It’s friendly competition, but there definitely was some competition in the offseason and during the season, but it’s helped us all.”

“Too ugly,” he said.

One family member Palmer could follow the footsteps of is his father, Bill, who played for in the Canadian Football League. In the 2004 CFL draft, the British Columbia Lions selected Palmer in the fifth round.

“It’s definitely an honor. Being a Canadian citizen, there’s a certain amount of pride,” Palmer said. “Being selected by the B.C. Lions was definitely an honor to me, and I’m very proud to be Canadian and very proud of the CFL and might be something I pursue down the road.”

Palmer’s dad, just like throughout his life, hasn’t pressured his son to play in Canada.

“My father has always been very happy with me in letting me do what I want to do, so long as I’m successful and work hard at what I do, he’s happy,” Palmer said. “If that’s the case, it just might be it.”

His position coach thinks if Palmer wants to play professionally, the CFL is a viable option.

“I think it’s up to him,” Denbrock said. “If that’s something he chooses to pursue, I think he’s got that type of ability.”

Palmer hasn’t had a career filled with lots of receptions or touchdowns, but that hasn’t developed any ill feelings about his decision to attend Notre Dame for the past five years.

For Palmer, it’s about realizing what an opportunity the past five years have been.

“You know what, I’ve been extremely fortunate to be here and play with some great football players, and I’ve enjoyed my experience no regrets,” Palmer said.

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Stan Reveille has enjoyed the Irish experience

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Stan Reveille sounds like every coach's dream.

His team-oriented attitude makes him the kind of player coaches can rely to keep the 1-0-1. While focused and inspired, "If you're practicing day in and day out in the cold and the rain, you find that a lot of people aren't motivated," Reveille said. "I just kind of convince them that they're an important part of the team.

In his four years at Notre Dame, the unassuming senior walk-on quarterback has risen from an inexperienced freshman to a leader and prominent feature on the team.

A native of Poplar Bluffs, Mo., Reveille comes from a storied high school football career. The all-team.

Revelle comes from a storied high school. Despite a high school career characterized by glory and achievements, Reveille remained uncertain whether or not he could find a place on the competitive and prestigious Irish team.

"I didn't really think it could happen to me, and then it just kind of all fell into place. It was never really something I dreamed about or expected because I didn't think it was within my reach," Reveille said. Reveille's doubts vanished as he watched a highlight film at an awards banquet. He realized that his love for football was so ingrained in his personality that playing football at Notre Dame was something he had to do.

"At that moment, I knew I would miss football if I didn't at least give it a try," Reveille said. "I guess I just love to throw the ball. I love to see a good spiral."

Revelle joined the team under coach Davie through good seasons and bad seasons. "After Davie, there was more of a change in attitude in the coaches than in the players. They've kind of focused on a person being a more of a total package - a great student, great athlete and a great person spiritually."

Revelle added that each of the players walk away from the team as stronger individuals prepared to face any challenge.

"I think being on the team is something that's really going to help me in the working world because it's taught me how to be mentally tough and find unique ways to motivate those around me," Reveille said.

Revelle will graduate this year with a degree in electrical engineering, and says he hopes to pursue his love of football.

I'll probably try to get involved in a social league or a club team," Reveille said. "It's going to be a hard transition leaving (Notre Dame)."

With football, if you put this much time into it, it's not just something you can stop."

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Dwight Ellick

Irish defensive back Dwight Ellick tries to prevent BYU's Todd Watkins from making a catch late in Notre Dame's 17-14 season-opening loss to the Cougars.

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
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It's hard to imagine the strain mentally and physically on a Notre Dame football player. In addition to duties as a full-time college student, you're expected to perform at the highest athletic level at least 12 Saturdays a year. You're expected to lift weights, eat healthy and practice with your best effort nearly the rest of the time.

And if you're Dwight Ellick, you'll occasionally make time for a little run or two.

The senior cornerback is one of the unique breeds in college sports - the two-sport athlete. In addition to his starting position as a cornerback for the Irish, Ellick is also one of Notre Dame's biggest track and field stars.

Double the sports, double the fun.

Ellick has always had speed, and has made use of it on both the football field and the track at Moose Krause Stadium. This year he placed sixth in the 200 meters at the 2004 Big East Outdoor Track and Field Championships, coming in with a time of 21.66 seconds.

Being a two-sport varsity athlete hasn't been that big a deal, the senior said, particularly because of the helpfulness and good attitude of the coaches in both sports.

"The coaches on both staffs - track and football - are definitely understandable and accepting to the guys who want to do football and track," Ellick said. "So they don't work you over time in both sports."

"Our strength and conditioning coach is the one who's with us out there. You go to the track coach and they talk about what they're going to do. They schedule my workouts together so that I'm able to do both of them at the same time." Ellick was born in Syracruse, N.Y. and later moved to Tampa, Fla., but not before first earning the mantle of the fastest high school runner in the Empire State. His time of 10.62 in the 100 meters as a junior in high school gave him the state championship in that event.

To his Notre Dame coaches, that speed has always been one of Ellick's most impressive physical attributes, but not the only thing that makes him a good defensive back.

"He's a kid that's a real quick guy," Irish secondary coach Steven Wilks said. "But we really emphasize technique and at times if you make a mistake, speed doesn't always allow you to recover.

"It's great that he has speed but it's something that we don't try to rely on too much.

Speed not always enough.

Irish fans always seem to pick on the secondary. It's inevitable.

The defensive backs are literally out on an island, usually one-on-one with an opposing receiver. When the defensive back wins the battle, everyone notices.

And of course, when the defensive back loses the battle, everyone notices.

"You've got to have a short memory - that's probably one of the most important things to have besides the physical tools," Ellick said. "You need great technique, have to have good anticipation. You've got to have great discipline and learn not to make the same mistake twice in a row."

Ellick has certainly seen his share of criticism during his career at Notre Dame, but the cornerback has shrugged most of that blame off. His coaches continue to use his speed as an asset, putting him on the opponent's best receiver every time.

"Ellick really allows us to key in sometimes on a team's winger, with his speed and technique," Wilks said. "Anytime you can take away another part of the other team's offense, that can be a big boost for your team defensively."

Although Ellick will finish his career as a cornerback, his talents on the high school gridiron were much more varied and extensive.

From Tampa to 'Tundra'

As a senior in Florida, Ellick played in one of the most football-crazed states in the nation. The Sunshine State has never been short on talent, and Ellick was among the state's all-around athletes.

As a senior at Wharton High School in Tampa, he made 70 tackles, intercepted three passes and broke up 16 more. In addition to his defensive prowess, Ellick collected 287 yards and scored six touchdowns as a receiver, while collecting 348 yards rushing.

He also became a track champ in both the100 (10.66) and 200 (21.35) meter races.

So, how does an athlete from one of the warmest states in the world in the cold up in the 19010 60 degrees of South Bend, Indiana?

"Education. When I came to visit, I got along good with all the players," Ellick said. "That was one thing I was really looking for. I liked the coaching staff. They were coming off a big year and it seemed like a program that was definitely on the rise, so I wanted to be a part of that."

The season Ellick referred to was the 2000 season in which head coach Bob Davie's truth went to the Fiesta Bowl, only to lose 41-20 to Oregon State.

Ellick's freshman season was a disappointment to say the least. The Irish went 5-6 and Davie was fired after his fifth year of mediocre coaching. After resume fraud prevented George O'Leary from being named the next Notre Dame coach, Tyone Willingham came to Notre Dame from Stanford.

Some players might be upset or frustrated from having to deal with a coaching change, but Ellick enjoys playing for his teammates who his teammates have previously referred to as "The Prophet."

"It's great to play for Willingham," Ellick said. "He's a coach who's going to treat you like a man and going to expect you to hold yourself like a man. I like that. I'm not sure how other coaches around the country are, but what I hear from other guys I know, not all the coaches are like that.

"They're not going to disrespect you in any way, but you know, they're going to have a lot more say in what you do every time. Whereas here, the coaches will talk to you what to do, but they're also going to let you hold yourself accountable and be a man, both on and off the field."

A bigger role this season

After making six starts last season, Ellick has blossomed into the team's starter at cornerback alongside fellow Floridian Preston Jackson.

Under new defensive backs coach Wilks, Ellick has been able to improve his skills, continuing the progress he made under coach Trent Walters - who accepted an assistant coaching job with the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles after the 2003 season.

"To be honest with you they're kind of the same guy in two different bodies," Ellick said of the difference between Walters and Wilks. "They've both had basically the same teachings on technique and things like that. I'd probably say the only difference is that coach Wilks is a lot more hands-on.

"He's a lot younger than coach Walters, so he's a lot more energetic."

Ellick's improved play has shown this season, collecting his first interception of his career against Michigan and adding another pick against Washington.

He hopes that his improved play this season has done more than just quiet his doubters, but also impress professional scouts.

"My main goal is to go to the NFL," Ellick said. "That's been my dream since I was five years old. Besides that I do want to start my own business, perhaps in a car dealership or something."

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Irish defensive back Dwight Ellick just misses an interception against Purdue.
Carlos Campbell

Not quite as planned

Campbell might not have had the career he'd hoped for, but he still enjoyed the experience

By PAT LEONARD
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Carlos Campbell is a great athlete. In high school, he was a great athlete. And when Campbell committed to Notre Dame, he had to make the decision that faces so many All-American, superior all-around athletes out of high school — which position should he play?

"Coming in, of course, I wanted to be an All-American," Campbell said. "And when I first came in, I wanted to be a receiver." His past experience on both sides of the ball was impressive.

Campbell was a two-way starter who earned all-state honors as a defensive back in 2000 and as a receiver in 1999. He caught 31 passes for 812 yards and 12 touchdowns in 1999, totaling career numbers of 75 catches, 1800 yards and 20 touchdowns. Over his final two seasons, Campbell also intercepted 15 passes. All factors pointed to a successful stint on either side of the ball. But Campbell found on the Division-I college level that success was not guaranteed.

"Things were going well [at receiver] and then things didn't work out, so I wanted to switch to the other side of the ball," Campbell said. "I went to the coaches and told them, because I've always had a defensive player's mind, and I felt that was the right time to change." Campbell now plays as a reserve cornerback and top special teams asset, ranking No. 12 on the team in tackles with 10 total (13 solo). But the statistics under Campbell's name did not always count tackles.

In his freshman and sophomore years, Campbell had caught just five passes for a total of 70 yards and zero touchdowns. During that time, he also received playing time on special teams, making three tackles as a sophomore and making 92 appearances on kick returns and coverage.

That's something that I enjoy, especially being in my position and not having the type of career that I've wanted. Special teams plays a special part and is a key to this team," Campbell said. "Whenever I get in the game, I can take advantage of my opportunities."

The taste of hitting offered on special teams eventually swayed Campbell to flip his role on the Irish squad to the other side of the ball completely. And though Campbell saw the field only 12 minutes in 2003 as a reserve corner often hindered by injury, first-year defensive backs coach Steven Wilks feels a healthy Campbell has given the coach more options this season.

"I've seen [physical play] in Carlos several times," Wilks said. "Throughout fall camp and last spring, he is physical. The one thing we've talked about with our whole secondary is just being consistent. And that's the reason we put him into the boundary. That's a guy that can play a boundary corner. We are able to roll him up (to the line), be physical for run support and things like that."

But Campbell's greatest value has appeared on special teams, where Notre Dame has struggled but relies on veterans like the Hampton, Va. native to prevent breakdowns.

"He's a very important part of our special teams, particularly at gunner in gunner control on punt return teams," Wilks said. "Those two [gunner] positions are very important to what we're trying to do, and you've got to have guys with speed to plays those positions no question."

Regardless of the position he is listed at, Campbell — and coaches — know he has speed. The senior also competes on the Irish track and field team as a sprinter, posting a 2004 indoor best of 7.27 in the 60-meter dash last season.

"He also adds a lot of speed," Wilks said. "He's a track guy, as well, so I think he has a little bit of both, so be a boundary and field corner and a gunner."

Campbell displayed his speed on the big scene in 2003 when he returned a fourth quarter Boston College fumble for a touchdown. Notre Dame would lose the game — its first loss of the season — but the play represented the epitome of Campbell's college career.

"I would say my sophomore year [was most memorable], coming in with the new coach then going in winning eight straight games (and) being on the verge of winning a championship," Campbell said. "Of course, it didn't end like we wanted it to, but that's the year I'll probably most remember."

Save a few big plays, Campbell feels he did not accomplish the goals he had set coming in as freshman. All the same, the senior has no regrets heading into his final game at Notre Dame Stadium against Pittsburgh on Saturday.

"Things happen for a reason," Campbell said. "Of course, I didn't have the career I wanted to have, but I don't think I had a bad one either. There was always an injury here or there or something like that, but I have no regrets about anything."

Head coach Tyrone Willingham said the loss of Campbell and his classmates, as it happens every year to a group of seniors, is not cause for despondence. Instead, it is an indelible ritual of college football.

"It's one of those special acts that take place in college football that you don't get any place else," Willingham said. "That you get to have guys sometimes with four, five years and then to see them go off and hopefully on to pro careers and beneficial to them and their families."

"It really doesn't hurt. It's a joyous moment."

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Irish defensive back Carlos Campbell, far left, keeps an eye on the ball carrier during Notre Dame's game against Stanford.

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Irish defensive back Carlos Campbell makes a shoestring tackle of BYU's Todd Watkins during Notre Dame's season-opening loss to the Cougars.

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Irish defensive back Campbell also turned in a strong season-opening performance against BYU, the first of his career.
Dealing with change

Collins has played four different positions and had three different coaches

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

Four positions and three coaches later, Jerome Collins has come home catching the football.

Collins has endured numerous changes in his past years at Notre Dame, but this year, he has maintained the field the most, playing tight end and special teams.

Coming to Notre Dame, Collins was a highly-touted wide receiver, hailing from Wheaton-Warrenville South High School in Wheaton, Ill. Collins was in the top 100 prospects in the nation, according to numerous publications. The Chicago Sun-Times ranked him No. 94 in its 1999 top 100, and the Detroit Free Press ranked him No. 11 on the list of the Midwest's best players. He was also an honorable mention all-state selection.

Collins chose Notre Dame for both its education and football program. Plus, his parents loved the school.

"I definitely really wanted me to go here," Collins said. "The coaches thought it was the best fit for me academically and athletically. It was closest to home and the best overall college I was recruited by."

But when Collins arrived, things changed immediately.

Playing all sides of the ball

Collins started as a tight end, but he was no longer a pass-catcher after the first team meeting he ever attended.

"I came in as a wide receiv­er, but as we got into season, we had a lot of injuries, and me and my parents really wanted me to go here," Collins said. "They thought it was the best fit for me academically and athletically. It was closest to home."

Collins stuck with it and played outside linebacker up until the middle of his junior year. As a sophomore, he saw action in three games as a line­backer and special teams player, but not at tight end. Then, as a junior, the 6-foot-5, 256-pounder finally saw some playing time. As an outside linebacker, he played in 11 games and recorded some depth and some help and now that he's got a chance to play tight end, he thinks he's got a chance to showcase the abilities that he has a little bit more.

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Collins has struggled to see the field the most, but that was due to a nagging ankle injury, which he's had for the last five years. Collins has tried to maintain a positive attitude.

"It's been frustrating, only from the fact that, anybody who comes to Notre Dame, they want to play they want to be out there on the field, they want to contribute," Collins said. "So that's the only frustrating thing. Coaches are going to change because that's the way things are run in college. Position changes - they're trying just to put me in the best spot to get me to play on the field as quickly as possible and it just seems as though it took me a little bit longer to get into a position that I could be the most successful and help the team the most. It's been a bit frustrating but I just gotta move on to the next thing."
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**JUSTIN TUCK**

Justin Tuck made history this season, breaking the Notre Dame career sack record against Tennessee. His 23.5 sacks at the time broke the record that was held by Kory Minor, and Tuck would later add another sack to increase his mark. The defensive lineman from Kelbyton, Alta., was ignored by large SEC schools and has been an absolute force since he first came to Notre Dame. Tuck’s 6-foot-5, 260-pound frame has been nothing less than a challenge for opponents to block this season. Irish opponents have often been forced to double or triple team Tuck, allowing other members of the Irish defense to pressure opposing quarterbacks.

Tuck had large shoes to fill in 2003, being forced into the starting lineup after an injury knocked starter Brady Quinn out for the last few minutes of the fourth quarter.

**D.J. FITZPATRICK**

Former walk-on D.J. Fitzpatrick has come out of nowhere to be one of the most-consistent members of Notre Dame’s special teams this season. Fitzpatrick first saw action in 2003, after starting kicker and punter Nicholas Setta went down with a season-ending injury. A local product, from Marian High School in Granger, Fitzpatrick has a 75-percent (9-for-12) success rate on field goals this season, and a punting average of 42.3 yards per kick. Fitzpatrick has proven reliable in clutch situations, including a last-minute field goal to beat Navy in 2003.

**BRANDON HOYTE**

Brandon Hoyte’s not your typical football player. In addition to his role as one of the team’s most-punishing hitters, Hoyte has found time to write and recite poetry and to participate in community service events.

The linebacker has been responsible for the injury of not just one, but two, quarterbacks so far. BYU quarterback Matt Berry was sacked by Hoyte and was forced to leave the game. And Saturday, Hoyte’s hit on Tennessee quarterback Erik Ainge knocked the freshman out of the game and might have helped the Irish pull off the upset against No. 9 Tennessee.

Hoyte had large shoes to fill in 2003, being forced into action as a replacement for Mike Goosby — who would miss the entire season with an injury. But Hoyte blossomed, finishing the year with 74 tackles, including 7.5 for a loss. He also recovered a fumble, forced a fumble and broke up two passes.

This season, Hoyte has joined with linemen Mike Goosby and Derek Curry to lead one of the nation’s stingiest rush defenses. Hoyte’s current mark of 60 tackles is second on the team.

Hoyte should return in 2005 and be one of the defense’s biggest senior leaders.

**MARK LEVOIR**

One of the team’s veteran linemen, Mark LeVoir has latched on as the starter at right tackle. After missing the last three weeks of 2003 practice with an injury, he has bounced back and been one of the team’s top linemen this year.

In 2003, LeVoir started all 12 games at left guard, and led the team in playing time with 311 minutes, 48 seconds. The Eden Prairie, Minn., native was a first-team pick on the USA Today All-Amer­ica team. He was a successful tight end in high school, but changed his position to offensive tackle when he arrived at Notre Dame as a freshman.

LeVoir should return in 2005 as one of the team’s most-experienced linemen.

**COREY MAYS**

Corey Mays has proved himself as one of the team’s most reliable special teams players, seeing action as a backup linebacker capable of playing all three positions.

Mays has 12 tackles in nine games so far during the 2004 season, with the bulk of those coming on special teams. He played in 12 games in the 2003 season, finishing 10th on the team with 26 tackles. He also collected a sack, blocked kicks, a fumble recovery and a forced fumble.

If Mays decides to return, he should be a competitor for one of the linebacker spots left by graduat­ing seniors Mike Goosby and Derek Curry.

**JOSH SCHMIDT**

Irish fullback Josh Schmidt went from a successful interhall football player for Zahn to a walk-on that saw significant action in 2003 and this season.

Schmidt proved himself as a receiving threat out of the backfield last season, collecting 13 passes for 125 yards. He also was serviceable as a blocker for the Irish running backs.

The Notre Dame rushing attack in 2004 has used the tight end as the primary blocker more often than the fullback, limiting Schmidt’s playing time. He has caught one pass for 14 yards. Schmidt has the option to return for a fifth year in 2005.

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have one year left

RASHON POWERS-NEAL

Irish fullback Rashon Powers-Neal has shown himself to be a versatile back so far this season. The 6-foot-2, 243-pound bruiser has been used in short-yardage situations in addition to his usual role as a blocking fullback.

Powers-Neal has also been one of the team's more-consistent receivers out of the backfield, leading all backs with eight catches for 51 yards. The St. Paul, Minn., native has a running touchdown and a receiving touchdown so far this year.

Powers-Neal should return in 2005 to give the Irish an additional option on offense, both when running and when passing.

MATT SHELTON

Irish receiver Matt Shelton may not look like it, but he's one of the fastest players on the team. He has made use of that speed this season, leading the team with five receiving touchdowns, including two against Michigan.

Shelton is currently fourth on the team with 14 catches for 377 yards, proving himself an equally capable threat when going deep as when running a quick hitch route. Recently, Shelton has been used as a kickoff returner, hoping to give the Irish breakaway speed on special teams.

Shelton played in all 12 games of the 2003 season, primarily on special teams. He caught three passes for 80 yards and scored a touchdown against Stanford on a career-long reception of 65 yards.

The speedy wide receiver has played larger than his 6-foot-1, 175-pound frame, showing a fearlessness when going up against bigger, athletic defensive backs. He should return in 2005 as a serious deep threat for the Irish.

Darin Mitchell

Darin Mitchell came into the 2004 season as a player whose role was expected to be bigger, but that outcome has not materialized.

The veteran offensive lineman was a reserve guard his first two seasons, and has continued in that role for the 2004 season. Mitchell has made one start in his career, filling in for an injured Sean Milligan against Michigan State in 2003.

Because the Irish are not losing many linemen, and because of the emergence of young players like Ryan Harris, Mitchell might not see much action if he returns next season.

Zachary Giles

Zachary Giles has spent most of the 2004 season as the backup center behind John Sullivan. Giles played in six games in 2003, with a game (against Michigan State) and finishing the Florida State game at center after an injury to starting center Rob Morton.

Giles, from Marshfield, Mass., was a Parade All-American and a second team on the USA Today prep All-American team, but has not yet clicked in the Irish starting lineup.

With Sullivan returning, it might be difficult for Giles to find playing time at center if he decides to return for 2005.

Lionel Bolien

Lionel Bolien has made two tackles in 2004, in his role as a reserve defensive back.

Bolien played in 11 games in 2003 and started against Florida State. He was credited with 12 tackles, including an assist on a tackle for a loss.

The 6-foot, 210-pound Bolien was a versatile athlete in high school, averaging 12 points and helping his team to the state championship game.

Bolien has an option to return in 2005.

Brian Beidatsch

Brian Beidatsch has been a versatile depth player thus far during his Irish career. He is capable of playing either the defensive end or defensive tackle positions.

He has made one tackle so far in 2004, in five games. Beidatsch played in nine games in 2003, making four tackles and recovering a fumble. As a senior high school player at Marquette High School in Milwaukee, Wis., he made 100 tackles and 15 sacks.

He has an option to return in 2005.

Dan Stevenson

Stevenson has been one of the team's most-consistent linemen in the 2004 season, starting all games so far at right guard.

The 6-foot-5, 293-pound lineman from Barrington, Ill., has always had football in his blood.

His father Mark played for the Detroit Lions, brother Tom played at Arizona State and brother Joe played at Arizona Western.

Stevenson was one of the top linemen in the country coming out of Barrington High School. He was rated the top offensive lineman in the Midwest by the Chicago Sun-Times, and was a Parade All-American.

His first start came in a big game for the Irish in the 2002 season, when he started at offensive guard against North Carolina State in the Gator Bowl.

Stevenson has bounced back successfully from an injury in the Florida State game in 2003. He took missed those two games and returned against Stanford to help Julius Jones rush for 213 yards. Stevenson made 12 special teams appearances in 2003.

Stevenson has been a critical part of an offensive line that has helped quarterback Brady Quinn put up career numbers.

He should return in 2005 as one of the team's most-experienced linemen and help anchor an improved offensive line.

Irish offensive lineman Dan Stevenson blocks for quarterback Brady Quinn in Notre Dame's game against Stanford.
Canadian force

Thorlakson, Tancredi and Chapman lead the Irish into the NCAA tournament

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Going into the NCAA tournament, the Irish will look to the season’s top performers to play an integral role in the success of the team’s post-season run.

Canadians Katie Thorlakson, Candace Chapman and Melissa Tancredi have each played pivotal roles in Notre Dame’s 19-1-1 season. Irish coach Randy Waldrum said the Canadian trio has been an important ingredient for the team’s achievements.

"They have been a key to our success," Waldrum said. "We are a team loaded with talent, but we’d certainly be different without those three."

Earlier this year, the Irish were faced with the possibility of losing Thorlakson for three weeks.

Thorlakson needed to make the decision of leaving the team to play for the Under-19 national Canadian team. Her participation in the Under-19 World Championships would have caused her to miss the first three rounds of the NCAA Championships.

Thorlakson chose to remain playing for Notre Dame, drawing on the team’s close-knit dynamic to make her decision.

"It was a hard decision," Thorlakson said. "But I just thought that our team was more like family."

Thorlakson has made her coaches and teammates proud this season by leading Notre Dame’s cohesive unit offensively all season and putting herself in position to win the Hermann Trophy award where she is a finalist for the best women’s soccer player in the country.

She began the season with a record-setting performance against Baylor by being the first Irish player ever to score or assist on the first five goals in a game.

She hasn’t slowed down since.

Additionally, Waldrum says Thorlakson brings a sense of team-oriented play to the field, helping her teammates shine in the spotlight instead of adding a goal to her already impressive career.

"Most of the players who are scoring goals are just scoring goals and not really getting the assists," Waldrum said. "She [Thorlakson] brings so many other people into the game, and it is really rare that you will see somebody get double digits in goals and assists. She has taken upon herself to be that leader, that goal scorer for the team to do their best, and she has done tremendous with that."

Her efforts have not gone unnoticed. After the impressive performance against Baylor, Thorlakson was named one of three Big East offensive player of the week awards and the Big East offensive player of the year honor as well. However, adding to her already impressive list of awards this season has not been Thorlakson’s primary focus.

"It is nice to get the recognition for playing hard, but it is just one step in the road to get the national championship," Thorlakson said. "Our defense is such a big part of that," Thorlakson said. "We don’t have to do as much work because we know she is back there taking care of it for us."

Waldrum agreed.

"She separated herself last year from the rest of the pack in the conference, and it is no different this year. But this isn’t just in the Big East. We haven’t seen a person as dominant in the rest of the country as Melissa has been for us," Waldrum said. "She is so good in the air that the ball does not spend a lot of time in the defensive end. She quickly gets the ball into the attack and it makes the game from being a full field game, 115 yards to a 60 or 70-yard game."

In addition to the dominance she brings to the backfield, Tancredi serves as a mentor for the team as she was selected as one of the tri-captains for the 2004 season.

Another mentor for the team is Chapman who came back from an ACL injury that caused her to miss the entire 2003 season.

Prior to the injury, Chapman was already a freshman All-American and had earned the 2002 Big East defender of the year award.

This year, Waldrum moved Chapman to the forward position, where she has turned into one of the team’s top offensive players.

"Our mindset was that if we can get her back, let’s get her into the attacking end of the field because she is such a dangerous player and such a good athlete," Waldrum said. "She can strike the ball with both feet so well that we knew she could score goals for us. She adds a whole new dimension offensively that most teams probably aren’t prepared for because they expected her in the back."

One of Chapman’s top performances this season came during the 3-1 victory over Seton Hall Oct. 24. Chapman scored twice for the Irish. This match served as a culmination to all of her success at that point of the season. She already had scored eight goals during the season in just five games, including three two-goal games.

"She is a huge strength because she is going to work hard for every ball and she is so physical in her plays," Tancredi said. "If you need her, she will play in the back, and she can play up front. You can put her anywhere and know she will have an impact in the game."

However, the Irish believe the team puts pressure on the ball no matter where an opposing player tries to attack.

"We see it as a whole unit," Chapman said. "We have all the skill, we have all the finesse, we have all the athleticism, we just have to put it all together and focus.

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One win six times equals one championship

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

Clichés are a journalist’s nightmare. As the type of people who are supposed to have some creative ability in the realm of the written word, we
sports writers get our jollies from the creative sound byte. Muhammed Ali, Dennis Rodman and Shaquille O’Neal are notable wellsprings of quotable gold.
So when several team members told me early in the season that they were just “taking one game at a time,” I nodded, smiled and tried to rephrase the question to get a different answer.

But when that same axiom kept rearing its head week after week, even from the coach, I was beginning to doubt my ability to ask an effective question.
The realization soon dawned on me that the generic answers were not a result of bored interviewees (or so I hoped) but rather the product of a team which knows first-hand the dangers of looking ahead.
The ghosts of the 2003 meltdown still haunt Notre Dame. Last year, the Irish reached the heights of a No. 2 ranking after an 18-6-1 record during the regular season only to tragically falter in three of their last five games.
A Big East semifinal loss to Boston College and two losses to Michigan, once in the regular season finale and again to end the season in the second round of the NCAA tournament, left Notre Dame with sour titles and plenty bitter memories of an otherwise sweet season.

Therefore, “take one game at a time” became the team’s mantra for the 2004 season. To safeguard against a letdown, coach Randy Waldrum broke the season into small chunks, the non-conference games, the Big East conference schedule and finally the post-season. Each of those segments breaks down into the individual games, essentially giving the Irish six one-game seasons.

Thus far, the formula seems to have worked. Notre Dame sits at No. 1 in the collegiate polls for much of the season. The Irish finished the regular season unbeaten for the fourth time in program history. Connecticut had to come from behind to defeat them in the Big East Championship game.

But Notre Dame is at the point in its season where one slipup can mean only a long, cold, South Bend winter to ponder what could have been. To avoid this, to instead bask in the Caribbean-like glow of a national championship, the Irish will need to break down each game so as to halt aressenting trend.

During the loss to Connecticut, the Huskies had only two shots on goal but converted both into scores. Similarly, in their two postseason losses last year, the Irish only allowed four total shots on goal but three found the back of the net. The Notre Dame offense provided little support, only combining for two goals in the three games.
The Irish stars will have to step up to turn this trend around. The post-season is the time when National Player of the Year candidates Katie Thorlaksson and Melissa Tancredi need to back up those nominations.

They need to be the first to embrace the challenge put before them and set an example for rest of their teammates.

After all the regular season success, this team is under tremendous pressure to win and to avenge last year’s failure. The stars and the leaders are the ones who can turn that pressure into an equally large opportunity, a chance to show the nation the extent of their greatness.

This is chance for the Irish to be great, but they can’t look past anyone. They should just go out there and have fun, remembering that there’s no “I” in the word “team” but only as long as they take one game at a time.

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Midfielder Jen Buczkowski dribbles by one defender and prepares to take on another during a game this season against Eastern Illinois.

The Top 16

No. 1 North Carolina (17-2-0)
The defending national champion will have the top seed despite failing to win a Big East title for the first time in 13 years.

No. 2 Penn State (18-2-1)
The Nittany Lions are an ACC Championship game away from their first Big Ten title and second NCAA championship.

No. 3 Virginia (16-2-2)
By outshooting the Tar Heels in an overtime shootout for their first ACC Championship, the Cavaliers proved they can win the big, close games.

No. 4 Notre Dame (19-1-1)
The Irish look to exorcise the demons of their second-round loss in last year’s NCAA tournament. Notre Dame lost the Big East Championship to Connecticut.

No. 5 Portland (17-3-0)
The Jaguar duo of Christine Sinclair and Lindsey Hale are both Player of the Year finalists and combine for 73 of the Pilots’ 126 points (60% on the year).

No. 6 Ohio State (16-3-3)
Midfielder Lara Brooks managed to score her 12th goal of the season when she scored the last-minute winner against Penn State for the Big Ten Title.

No. 7 Princeton (16-2-0)
It was a banner year for the Tigers, setting a school record for wins (16) and becoming the first men’s programs to have a perfect league record (7-0-0).

No. 8 Kansas (17-4-0)
The Jayhawks gave up two goals in their last two semi-final losses, marking the first time in program history that they have given up more than one goal in a game this season.

No. 9 Texas A&M (17-5-0)
The Aggies have their highest NCAA seed in school history, following their Big 12 championship. Texas is a 3-4 upset.

No. 10 Florida (16-3-3)
The SEC champion Gators have plenty of goal-scoring experience. Florida played in six overtime games this year with a 2-1-3 record in those games.

No. 11 Tennessee (15-4-2)
The Volunteers lost to Florida in the SEC Championship game, but have a SEC Defensive Player of the Year Keeley Dowling to secure the back line.

No. 12 Texas (13-6-2)
The Longhorns biggest win of the season came on Oct. 24 when they upset then-No. 6 Kansas in a 2-0 double overtime thriller.

No. 13 Arizona (15-8-0)
The Pac-10 champion Wildcats are making their first appearance in the NCAA tournament in program history.

No. 14 UCLA (13-6-0)
UCLA split the Pac-10 championship with Arizona. The Bruins have a 2-2 record against higher seeded teams.

No. 15 Washington (14-4-1)
Washington goes out of the gate with an 8-6-1 start but only finished 6-6 in its last 10 regular season games.

No. 16 Santa Clara (15-4-3)
The Broncos started the season ranked third in the country. As co-WCC champions, they finished the season with seven straight wins.
By MATT MOONEY  
Sports Writer

Short-term memories are at a premium as national fourth seed Notre Dame (19-1-1) kicks off its first game of the NCAA tournament tonight at Alumni Field at 7:30 p.m. against Eastern Illinois (13-5-2).

The Irish enter the 64-team tournament having just dismissed their perfect record after losing the Big East Championship game to Connecticut 2-1 on Sunday. The loss conjured up memories of the end of the 2003 season when the Irish lost three of their last five games. Notre Dame fell in the Big East semifinal to Boston College and then was bounced out of the second-round of the NCAA tournament by Michigan in a 1-0 upset. The pain from those losses still lingers, but has also taught valuable lessons to players and coaches alike.

"We can't look ahead," coach Randy Waldrum said. "This week we have not even talked about the other two teams that are here this weekend. Everything has been focused on Eastern Illinois. I think maybe that's where we fumbled a little bit as a staff last year and as players, trying to look ahead and who you may get down the road."

Senior Kate Tulisiak feels the scars from the loss are nothing if not motivational.

"We'll never forget about losing in the second round last year and we don't want that to happen again," she said. "That's constantly running through our minds. It'll stick with us and help us to play harder so it won't happen again."

Eastern Illinois, a team familiar with playing in South Bend, will be first to test that commitment. Notre Dame hosted the Panthers in the second game of the season, a contest the Irish won easily by a 3-0 margin. Eastern Illinois struggled against the Notre Dame defense and only managed one shot on goal.

"We knew that we would have a team that was qualified and capable of winning a title," Annie Schefter Irish midfielder said.

But for some players, the early season is a distant memory compared to where they are now. "A game like Eastern Illinois was so long ago that we kind of forgot," Schefter said. "Honestly, it's kind of like we never really played them. I couldn't tell you who we played three weeks ago."

As for the present, the four teams playing on South Bend have a higher combined win total than any other site. Waldrum refuses to underestimate any team, regardless of previous matchups.

"Obviously they went on to have a pretty good year again, winning their conference. The one thing that we've tried to emphasize to the kids is that they've now been in the tournament four years in a row," he said. "Each year you're in it you gain more experience, and you learn to handle it a little bit better. I don't think it's going to be that easy of a time for us."

Now that the Irish are entering their last stage of the season, there is a tension as players try to stay focused in the present while still maintaining the drive to achieve their larger goals.

"We knew that we would have a team that was qualified and capable of winning a title," Schefter said. "Pieces are fitting together and if it doesn't end up that we win a championship everyone will be very disappointed."

Meanwhile, the coaches continue to stress that the focus must remain on the game at hand to prevent a letdown similar to the 2003 postseason.

"We just have to take each game and go from there, win each game and keep going," Tulisiak said. "Coach is always saying that, every practice, every game, all the time. It's always running through our heads."

The winner of tonight's game will advance to the second round on Sunday against the winner of the Dayton-Wisconsin game. The first two rounds of competition for these four teams will all be played at Alumni Field.

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**Irish refocused to begin NCAA tournament**

**South Bend, Ind.**

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