Rice nominated as secretary of state

'75 graduate keeps Notre Dame ties strong

By CLAIRE HEININGER News Writer

Rice, a star pupil at the University of Denver, "was going to look at colleges out east — Harvard, Yale," Hesburgh said, "So I said, 'Well, you can't get there without going by Notre Dame so you've got to come' see us first."

Rice obliged, touring the campus with her father — who at the time was the University of Denver's president — and with Hesburgh, who gladly answered her questions about Notre Dame's political science and international studies programs. She never made it out east.

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SENA TE

Group discusses courses, election reform

By AMANDA MICHAELS Associate News Editor

The Student Senate unani mously approved two reso lutions concerning Teacher Course Evaluations and a student discount at the bookstore at its last meeting for two weeks.

Three years in the making, the resolution on TCES sets forth a comprehensive outline for a two-pronged system of course evaluation for students.

The first part of the proposal calls for faculty members to "communicate a vision of their courses in advance of the DART registration period," according to the resolution. This would include loading information about course times, descriptions, goals, syllabi and evaluation methods onto a web-based platform accessible by students.

The second part allows students to voice their opinion in a questionnaire handed out at the same time as traditional TCES, and to view the results of the survey.

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Campus connects to VoIP

ND makes 5 year deal with SBC for network

By AMANDA MICHAELS Associate News Editor

SBC Communications announced plans Tuesday for a multi-million dollar, five-year deal with Notre Dame that will make the campus home to one of the largest, state-of-the-art Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) networks in the country.

The VoIP system will replace the current phone network with an internet-based system that will link users to advanced features like a single inbox for voice and e-mail messages, "click-to-call" functionality from computers and "find me, follow me" call routing options, according to an SBC press release. Additionally, a "plug-and-play" service allows for the addition of new phones and service and location changes.

"Accessibility campus-wide and via the internet, the network makes users reachable outside the office — a problem with the current, Centrex-based system. "We’re not just replacing phones, we’re outfitting the University with a completely new network which enables to bring together voice and data systems into a single question," SBC representative Sarah Silva said.

Though a press release from SBC contains a timeline for the project, Thayer spoke about it during his presentation to the Thayer speaks about gay, lesbian rights

By MADDIE HANNA News Writer

Andy Thayer, founder of the Chicago Anti-Bashing Network, spoke about inequality and discrimination directed at gays and lesbians members of the South Bend community Wednesday night at the Notre Dame Center for Social Concerns.

"If we’re going to combat the problem of anti-gay violence, we need to go to the root of the problem. The question is, what gives rise to this hatred of gay people?" Thayer asked.

In answering that question, Thayer blamed the government. "If the government says it’s okay to dehumanize humans, it sends a message to society at large," he said. "The fact of..."
INSIDE COLUMN

ND means hibernating all winter

When applying to Notre Dame, my high school counselor once said, ‘It will be beautiful, just gorgeous — but the winters there are cold as... You know, the actual temperature will be below freezing and snow will be falling. But not all winter times are bad, because the holidays are here and we can have a bit of fun with cold weather, I assumed he meant the weather over here gets pretty darn cold and went from there. This comment, though strange, didn’t cause me to reflect upon the situation as well as what I would do when winter finally did come.

Last Friday, departing from my 6 to 6 p.m. class to almost complete darkness, I recalled the words of my counselor and realized the time for dorm room hibernation is almost upon us. Soon, Internet lecture notes will become essential, and don’t forget to restock those vital food items before it’s too late. You know the type - Cheez-its, granola bars, that huge bear shaped tub of animal crackers, nilla wafers... the list goes on and on.

Though we may be confined to our dorm when winter hits, there are still plenty of things to do — being from rainy Seattle, I am used to not seeing the sun for weeks at a time. Staying off the internet while trapped inside on particular wet days. Catching up on that list of movies-to-see is a good activity. For those who need a bit more physical activity, hallway soccer or basketball is always a hit. And who could forget — Halo 2 is now out.

Small, floating Chick-fil-A promotion cows dropped from the ceiling of the Joyce Center Wednesday during a timeout at the Duke-Notre Dame men’s basketball game. Chris Brown, Heather Booth, Tommy Wang, Phil Hicks and Justin Rugby.

OFFBEAT

Woman sentenced in split-personality case

FREEHOLD, N.J. — Nira Nevins said only one of her many personalities robbed a bank, but they’re all going to jail. Nevins, 55, woman maintains that an alternate, childlike personality came over her the day she robbed the bank.

“I am so ashamed of our actions,” she told Superior Court Judge Edward M. Nothley on Tuesday.

The judge ordered Nevins to serve 18 years in prison for kidnapping the bank’s head teller and forcing her to drive from the scene. He also imposed a concurrent 13-year prison term for the second robbery of the bank in 2002.

Nevins must serve 15 years and three months before becoming eligible for parole.

Cleveland anchor appears nude in TV report

CLEVELAND — A television news anchor appeared on the air nude in a first-person report about an artist’s photographs, drawing a record number of viewers for the time slot, the station said.

Sharon Reed was one of hundreds of people who participated in Spencer Tunick’s nude photo installation in Cleveland in June. Her report, shown Monday on the 11 p.m. newscast on WOIO-TV, showed far away angles of her nude and some closer seminude shots, as well as other participants.

The report comes in the midst of increased attention to the airwaves, following Janet Jackson’s breast-bar performance during the Super Bowl halftime show. The Federal Communications Commission proposed a record fine of $550,000 against CBS, WOIO’s parent network. The network is protesting.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

The Nanovic Institute will present a screening of “The Bourne Supremacy” at 10 p.m. Thursday in DeBartolo Hall.

Malachy McCourt will be in the Haumes Notre Dame Bookstore on Friday at 4 p.m. signing his book “Malachy McCourt’s History of Ireland.”

Saint Mary’s Basketball Tip Off Classic game will be Friday at 6 p.m. at Angela Athletic Facility against Hanover College.

The Notre Dame men’s basketball team will face off against Harvard Friday at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center Arena.

The Notre Dame Chorale and Chamber Orchestra will perform Friday at 8 p.m. in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

The Notre Dame Percussion Ensemble will perform on Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Band Building.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observewndu@yahoo.com.

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Giri advocates gender justice

By APRIL THOMAS

Saint Mary's College Wednesday.

The Office of Information Technologies indicates otherwise, the service is only for the approximate 7,000 administrators, faculty and staff at the University and at offices across the country, said Silva.

"The student body is not part of the transition, though including them in review and consideration," Silva said. "As of now, students will not be affected by the change, only staff and faculty and administration."

"This is not like an all-at-once, grand restructuring. It's a gradual phased migration."

Sarah Silva
SBC representative

The OIT release puts the number at 16,000 users and includes students. Silva could not speak to the discrepancies between the two plans and said she did not know where OIT's numbers came from. OIT officials were not available for comment.

Implementation of the system will begin in 2005 and continue over the next two to three years, according to Silva.

"This is not like an all-at-once, grand restructuring," Silva said. "It's a gradual phased migration."

SBC also said that SBC expects the transition process to be relatively hassle-free.

"Because they're both SBC systems, we can integrate the systems as you move from wireline into VoIP infrastructures to make the transition smooth," Silva said.

The VoIP network — technically called SBC PremierSERV Hosted Internet Protocol Communications Service — was introduced by SBC in November 2003 and is in use in 69 metropolitan areas across the country.

Technologically-speaking, the VoIP system works by converting voice calls into data packets and treating them with the same protocol used to transmit data on computer networks.

"We are excited to work with the University of Notre Dame in implementing one of the largest migrations to hosted VoIP to date," Cathy Coughlin, president of Business Communications Services, SBC Global Services, Inc. said in a press release. "We have provided reliable solutions to educational institutions of all sizes for more than a century, and we believe the University of Notre Dame's forward-thinking approach will serve as a model for other customers with large, complex campus environments that are looking to migrate to a hosted IP solution."

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matter is, when the government says, "We're going to call out this whole class of people, who happen to have the same rights as other folks" — that dehumanizes you, makes you a target," Thayer said.

Thayer said that the loss of constitutional rights for gay couples would endanger the rights of all Americans.

"We need the far right in this country to pick on, to vilify any group that they feel you allow them to get away with that, and it sets a horrible precedent for other people," Thayer said.

Switching to the topic of gay marriage, Thayer said that 1,138 federal rights are obtained by marriage. They include access to pension and Social Security survivors' benefits, immigration rights, medical care, and the ability to adopt children, among many others.

"Many gay and lesbian couples who were forced to immigrate from this country because they can't get their partner naturalized," Thayer said.

Recalling one woman's complaint about the immigration law, which has "a fixed interest rate. If that title isn't renewed, it will make it much more difficult for students to pay off their loans," Young said.

Matthews said she felt that the conference provided a way for students to help get involved in this change. Matthews said the NAGPS conference provided a way for students to help promote their needs in a setting where they can be effective.

"We think that Graduate students have a very strong voice, and we just need that to be represented within our national government." Matthews said. "We think that if we give our students the opportunity to speak we feel that they can voice our concerns clearly and strongly." We're just trying to provide the means and mode of communication."

In other GSU news: The initial details of this year's annual GSU blood drive were discussed in the meeting.

A tentative date of Feb. 3 was proposed for the blood drive. Eric Pirnie, Health Care Committee Chair, said the GSU blood drive was an excellent way to promote Graduate Student civic participation.

"It's something that helps get Graduate Students involved in [making] their country," she said.

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ND students focus on graduate conference

By PAUL SPADAFORA
Newly elected Graduate and Professional Students union president John Young and co-president Amanda Matthews talked with the other GSU members about the recent conference by the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students in Pittsburgh.

"We have the ability to be a lobby," Thayer said.

Matthews said that the conference helped to foster good working relationships with other graduate students and contacts from other schools.

"Our objective was to seek out and make contacts with those organizations, and we were able to achieve that," Amanda Matthews, co-president of NAGPS said.

"Things can change in some unexpected ways," Thayer said.

Thayer also referred to the ability of gays to marry in Canada and the Netherlands.

"There are truly equal marriage rights, and you can't say the sky is falling in [because of them]," he said. "Maybe the Netherlands had something up on the U.S. The U.S. is a world leader in family dysfunction." Thayer also talked about former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich's criticism of the gay community.

"Those who vilify us are some of the best destroyers of the family. For example, take Newt Gingrich," he said.

Pointing out Gingrich's flawed history as a family man, Thayer referred to the former Speaker of the House's multiple divorces.

"They (critics of gay marriage) can never seem to map it out how our marriages affect theirs. They must be truly insecure in their own marriages," he said.

Thayer criticized former presidential candidate John Kerry and the Democrats for not taking a clear stand on gay rights in this month's election.

"Civil rights and equality is like a light switch — it's either on or off. It's not a gray area or discrimination," he said.

Thayer also said that gays and lesbians should not settle for civil unions, but stand up for their rights.

"Things can change in some of the worst circumstances if people are willing to get out into the streets and work for it. This is why we do what we do," Thayer said.
Catholic Cardinal condemns media, partisan forces for attacking U.S. bishops

**Bishop William Sklystad of Spokane, Wash., incoming president of the U.S. Conference of Bishops, addresses a meeting in Washington on Wednesday.**

Archbishop Raymond Burke said he would deny the Eucharist to Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry, a Catholic who supports abortion rights.

Anti-abortion advocates pressured Burke to follow Burke's lead. Other Catholics lobbied the prelate to highlight a broader range of moral issues, such as war and poverty.

Kerry supporters joined the fight, accusing Catholic leaders of trying to help re-elect President Bush, a Methodist whose position on abortion is more in line with Catholic teaching. Bush won the Catholic vote.

McCarick said that the bishops' position on Communion has been widely misunderstood.

"We do not believe that our commitment to human life and dignity and our pursuit of justice and peace are competing causes," he said. "While we do not believe that all issues have equal moral claims, we will work to protect those whose lives are destroyed by abortion and those who are dying of hunger. We will strive to protect human life from the moment of conception to the moment of death. God calls us home and we will strive to pursue peace ... This is what we are and what we believe."

In an interview, McCarick said that the bishops' position on Communion has been widely misunderstood.

Only a few of the more than 250 American bishops said that dissenting lawmakers should be denied Communion. A dozen or so other prelates said the politicians should voluntarily abstain from the sacrament, but would not be denied if they sought Communion.

Most bishops took the same position as McCarick.

**Iraqi suicide bomber blasts convoy**

Insurgents fired rocket-propelled grenades, mortars and Kulachikov rifles at American forces in the city center, Zayouri district and along the main highway in town, said Abdel Karim al-Hili of Ramadi General Hospital.

Ramadi, about 70 miles west of Baghdad, falls within the restive Sunni Triangle area north and west of the capital where the bulk of insurgent attacks have erupted. Although fighting has ebbed in Fallujah, it has not ceased. The U.S. military said pockets of insurgents remains even though the city is fully occupied by American troops.
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"She said, 'Daddy we don't have to go any further — I want to come here,'" Hesburgh said. Though she graduated in 1975 after a two-year stint of concentration in Russian studies and Soviet affairs — beginning her trajectory to government positions in foreign relations — Rice is still passionate about her Notre Dame alma mater.

This July, Rice hosted about 30 administrators, donors and trustees in the West Wing office that she occupied for the last four years as the president's national security advisor, where blue and gold memorabilia is proudly displayed on the walls, said Lou Nanni, vice president for University Relations.

"She's a huge football fan," Nanni said, recalling the "candid" Q&A session that ensued, with topics ranging from the war in Iraq to Rice's biggest surprises in the White House to her personal recollections of Sept. 11, 2001. "She [is] somebody who just by her persona commands respect."

Lou Nanni vice president for University Relations

"We're not seeing new blood, we're not seeing new points of view," he said. Political science colleague Peri Arnold agreed. "I think the president is making a choice to guarantee that there will be more unanimity in the foreign policy establishment," he said. "Condoleezza Rice has demonstrated that she's happy going along... she personally so close to Bush that it's difficult to imagine how she could play an opposition or counterbalancing role." And while the State Department could gain clout within the administration due to Rice's influence with Bush, it could also lose ground to the Defense Department because she lacks Powell's penchant for inter-agency battles, Lindley said. "She has a reputation for not taking the strongest positions, for being more of a sounding board," he said. "If she maintains the quiet pressure she won't be taking full advantage of the State Department pull... hopefully she'll grow into the job."

Rice won't have much time to adjust, as states' immediate challenges in the Iraq war, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, the developing nuclear programs of Iran and North Korea, HIV/AIDS initiatives in Africa and damaged relationships with U.S. allies, said former Peace Studies director of policy studies at the Korey Institute for International Peace Studies. "Clearly the Secretary of State role is going to call for a great many diplomacy," he said. "But she is about as articulate and persuasive a person as I have met. She's also someone who's not easily daunted."

"Our hope is that when she chooses to step down from her role in public service is that she'll be able to resume her role with Notre Dame in one capacity or another," he said. "I think we're proud of our association with her, as I think she is proud to be a part of the Notre Dame family."
Kmart-Sears deal raises stocks

Market soars as investors welcome $1 billion merger of U.S. retailers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks surged Wednesday, as investors shrugged off a fresh indicator of rising inflation and welcomed a $1 billion deal that combines retailers Kmart Holding Corp. and Sears, Roebuck and Co. The deal is the largest such transaction involving U.S. retailers, and strong data on industrial production overshadowed a worrisome rising of Consumer Price Index, the government’s most closely watched indicator of inflation barometer.

"It’s quite obvious that the merger itself is good news, and of course the fact that the two had industry production taking off has helped strengthen the market," said Paul Cardillo, chief strategist with S.W. Bach & Co. "On the inflation front, that’s not such good news, but the effects of $50-plus oil on prices are beginning to show up in the numbers, and going forward, that could make the Fed (Federal Reserve) more aggressive in raising interest rates.

In afternoon trading, the Dow Jones industrial average was up 66.37, or 0.52 percent, at 10,548.02.

The broader gauges were also higher. The Standard & Poor’s 500 index rose 8.96, or 0.6 percent, to 1,182.32. The Nasdaq composite index was up 17.30, or 0.85 percent, at 2,096.22. Discount chain operator Kmart soared $13.60, or 15 percent, to $116.85, on its plans to merge with Sears, a deal that will create the nation’s third-largest retailer. Sears stock surged $10.98, or 10 percent, to $128.97.

The combined company is expected to have $55 billion in annual revenues, 1,200 billion and off-mall stores, and 1,100 specialty retail stores, meaning it will trail only Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Target Corp. Wal-Mart shed 48 cents to $56.41 on the news, while Target was up 11 cents at $51.49. Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia rose $1.68, or 9.7 percent, to $19.08, as investors bet the merger would lead to a broader merchandising agreement.

"Wal-Mart sells Martha Stewart products in the United States, while Sears sells the company’s products in its stores in Canada. Rising costs for energy and food sent the Consumer Price Index up 0.6 percent in October, the biggest advance in five months. The Labor Department’s latest snapshot of the inflation climate makes it more likely that the Fed will raise interest rates when policy makers next meet, on Dec. 14."

"Excluding volatile-energy and food prices, “core” inflation increased by a more modest 0.2 percent in October. Both readings were higher than economists expected.

Stuart Behrman at Mesirow Financial noted the market was also pleased with the CPI reading because it suggests it may be easier than previously believed for companies to pass along rising costs to consumers. That suggests that down the line, corporate earnings may not get squeezed as much by rising inflation. "Obviously higher prices are a concern, but the fact that they’re able to pass a lot of these costs along makes it less of a concern, and not as big a negative as investors feared yesterday when they saw that whopping PPI number," said Jack A. Ahlin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank.

Sears, Roebuck and Co. and Kmart Holding Corp. combined Wednesday in a $1 billion merger to create the nation’s third-largest retailer.

Separately, industrial production increased 0.7 percent, a reading that suggests the sector is gaining momentum. Home building showed strength after the Commerce Department reported a 6.4 percent jump in housing construction last month.
not be used in faculty reappointment, tenure, promotion or salary decisions.

"We need collaborative support with the faculty ... and we want everyone to be a part of this process," former student body president Jeremy Luo said.

Committee for Academic Affairs chair Vijay Ramanan said they will be meeting with representatives from the Faculty Senate today to gauge students, faculty representatives from Institutional Research.

"This is a step we have taken based on unresponsive-ness from the bookstore in my previous attempts to contact them," Bates said. "We're hoping to pass this resolution and be able to take it to the bookstore and show them exactly what we want."

The resolution reasons that faculty and staff currently receive a 20 percent discount on everything except class textbooks — for which they receive a 10 percent discount — and that students should be given the same consideration.

"If you give us a discount, more students will shop there and offset any loss in profit from the discount," Siegfried senator Lee said.

Again, the resolution passed without objection. Finally, in a continuation of discussion from last week’s meeting, senators debated amendments to the section in the constitution regarding undergraduate student body elections. The two points of contention were the articles granting senators the power to vote against the will of their dorms in the event a tie, and removing the option for abstention on the run-off election ballots.

Ramanan spoke out against allowing senators to "vote by their conscience," even if odds are against an exact vote tie putting the election in Senate’s hands.

"I know we’re trying to remove the wheeling and dealing that happens when the vote comes to Senate, but this isn’t going to help," Ramanan said. "I trust 99.5 percent of the senators elected, but it’s that .5 percent that scares me."

Cavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni said the decision to give senators the power was based on the idea their dorm puts faith in a senator’s decision-making abilities when they elect them.

Director of Student Activities Brian Coughlin issued a word of warning.

"Senate should be careful what they vote for when granting this power," Coughlin said. "In the event that an election comes down between a presidential candidate that’s not an ideal selection, a resolution that somehow makes it through the Senate, you could have a pretty good size uprising on campus."

Zahn senator Mike McGinley brought up problems with the removal of the option to abstain on run-off election ballots (abstention would still be available in the primary).

"Abstention makes discontent public," McGinley said. "Even if it doesn’t make a different in who is elected, it’s a matter of political expression."

Fisher senator Sujal Pandya said, "We use elections to elect a leader, not to gauge the popularity of student government," said Pandya.

Senate came to no definite conclusions, but the amendment must pass on the Dec. 1 meeting if changes are to be implemented for this year’s election.

In other Senate news:

• Meghan Hanzlick spoke to the Senate regarding a letter-writing campaign to U2 frontman Bono, asking him to return to campus for a conference to raise awareness of AIDS in Africa.

She encouraged senators to get students from their dorms to sign and mail a form letter she provided to Bono to try to convince him to come back to campus.

"We don’t want him just for the concert, but for awareness of AIDS and other African issues, which is what Bono and his involvement in Africa is about," Hanzlick said.

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**Academy documentary nominees announced**

**Academy documentary**

**harsh lives of children of Calcutta**

**of contenders released Tuesday**

**best documentary at the Academy**

**Thursday, November 18, 2004**

**The Observer**

**grossed $120 million, as the No. 2**

**office. "Super Size Me" ranked**

**$11.5 million at the domestic box**

**office.**

**LOS ANGELES — The fast-food**

**restaurant chain "Super Size Me"**

**is one of the most popular**

**documentaries in recent years,**

**grossing $120 million, making it the**

**No. 2 box office hit of the year.**

**"Super Size Me" is a critical**

**exposé of the fast-food industry,**

**focusing on the health implications**

**of fast food consumption.**

**The movie highlights the**

**unhealthy diet and sedentary**

**lifestyle promoted by fast food,**

**and its impact on public health.**

**"Super Size Me" received**

**nominations for several**

**Academy Awards, including)**

**Best Documentary Feature.**

**Wednesday, November 18**

**McKearn Hall Auditorium**

**The Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture**

** hosts the**

**Annual Film Conference**,

**which aims to explore**

**the ethical implications**

**of film.**

**Shirts continued from page 1**

**safe space for people who**

**live alternative lifestyles,**

**Anna Gomberg, graduate**

**student and co-coordinator**

**of the unrecognized student**

**people's opinions.**

**"You wear it if you support**

**gays and don't wear it if you**

**don't. It's just a declaration**

**of the position you already**

**hold," he said.**

**Eugene Walls, graduate**

**student, fully supported yest-*

**erday's events, saying,**

**"It's a good way to keep**

**the dialogue going. We feel that**

**on campus, it's really a**

**monologue," he said.**

**"According to Walls, the**

**campus culture is ready to**

**welcome this kind of**

**change and inclusiveness.**

**"I think Notre Dame has a**

**long ways to go in terms of**

**becoming a comfortable place**

**for people of all sexual**

**orientations," she said.**

**Furthermore, some students**

**commented negatively on the**

**shirt's design.**

**"It's pretty anti-Catholic,**

**freshman Blake Jones said.**

**"According to me that we can**

**be accepting without wearing**

**shirts and putting closets on the**

**quad and trying to force**

**our opinions on people."**

**Jones said that the shirt**

**demonstration was unnecessary.**

**"If you're going to be gay,**

**that's fine, but you don't need**

**to broadcast it to everyone.**

**Besides, there's plenty of**

**other things people get excluded for that**

**no one parade around," he said.**

**Like Jones, sophomore**

**Tommy Forr criticized the**

**shirt and closet, saying both**

**events went too far as public**

**demonstrations.**

**"The event is a little over-**

**board," Forr said. [The]**

**shirt is just too ambiguous for**

**me to wear. I think we need**

**to accept them [gays and les-**

**bian] as people, but the**

**shirts imply we should accept a**

**lifestyle, and I'm not going to**

**do that," he said.**

**Senior Chris Christensen**

**organized a counter demon-**

**stration for students to dress**

**up instead of wearing the**

**orange shirts.**

**"First, it does not insult.**

**But, it gives us the opportuni-**

**ty to explain what we really**

**think about the gay and les-**

**bian issue—we don't have any**

**relationship to gay or lesbian,**

**and we simply disagree with their**

**choices and see those choic-**

**es, not the individuals, as**

**objectively immoral, like we**

**see stealing or lying,"**

**Christensen said.**

**He said that dressing up**

**could even show respect for**

**gay students.**

**"At the prompting of a friend, I think it's a very good**

**idea for us to dress up as a**

**show of respect and even**

**honor for those who struggle with**

**homosexual tendencies," he**

**said.**

**Senior Monica Koff also**

**drew up for the occasion.**

"It's not that we're focusing on homosexuality, but on marriage," she said.

Even with the presence of these negative opinions, some think the Princeton Review's ranking of Notre Dame as number one for "Alternative Lifestyles not an Alternative" was largely inaccurate.

"I don't think we believe the number one ranking on Princeton Review at all. I think students in general are pretty accepting—it's more of the administration not accepting AllianceND," Stuhl said.

"After Mary Louise Gide, advisor to the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, said that she did not consider the stereotype perpetuated by the Princeton Review to be valid."

"I don't think it's the case, and I don't think the gay and lesbian students would say that either. If you're out on this campus, you're well treated—that's what the gay and lesbian students would say," she said.

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"I think Jesus probably existed," said the man in the pub, before proceeding to explain that his message had been corrupted by the Church. Having only met the man that evening it felt a bit early to get into a debate about Jesus, but in hindsight I brought it on myself by making it clear that I had no interest in that. Upon meeting a countryman who doesn’t follow soccer, an Englishman is liable to go through a process somewhat akin to grief, quickly cycling through stages of denial, confusion, anger and negotiation, before finally reaching a resigned acceptance. Then he is likely to panic and start talking about something that matters.

Jesus’ true message, the man opined with some conviction, had been about love (Jesus loves us for it) and tolerance (he was in favor of that too). But the Church had twisted that message and made it about rules and, while we were on the subject, Christians are hypocrites too.

Although the man clearly took some pride in his insight, there was nothing particularly original about his idea; it was the view of John Lennon, and it could fairly be described as orthodox among those who are always imagining that while they have no time for organized religion, they are nevertheless very spiritual people.

Jesus has a strong claim to be the most influential person who ever lived. Napoleon, Lincoln and Mao are footnote by comparison. Students of history, believers and nonbelievers alike, note by note the prominence of Jesus and I’ll tell you who you are. When we read William Blake calling Christ an artist it tells us a lot about Blake but nothing about Jesus. Oscar Wilde had the talent to be a professor of Greek, thought not the temperament, but the most influential person who ever lived. Schweitzer corresponded with their own moral convictions. The historical Jesus was a mirror in which people saw, not their own reflection, but the personification of their ideals.

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In preparation for writing this article I resolved to reveal the Gospel of John. I proved harder than I expected. W.H. Auden once said that a real book is not one that we read, but one that reads us. The Jesus of the Gospels is rather like that. Whereas the Jesus we know is a comfortable figure; the Jesus who knows us is altogether more frightening. And if that wasn’t the case, what could his forgiveness mean?

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Eminem coasts in cruise control

By KENYATTA STORIN
Assistant Scene Editor

Simply put, "Encore" is hands down the worst album of Eminem's career. He showed signs of a slight decline on his last release, "The Eminem Show," since it lacked the originality of his previous efforts, but it was still a solid rap album and better than most of its competition. Unfortunately, if his latest album is the long anticipated "Encore" to that show, then fans might be better off heading to their ears early to beat the traffic.

Listen to either "The Slim Shady LP" or "The Marshall Mathers LP" and you will hear an emcee distinctly different from the one on "Encore." Love him or hate him, the old Eminem was funny and clever, and would spout creative rhymes and images that other rappers would never even think of. He was a brilliant storyteller, and never afraid to speak his mind no matter how many people he offended. Even if you couldn't stand him, you had to respect his talents.

But that Eminem left the building a long time ago, and left a cardboard cutout of his former self to do the duties for "Encore." Yes, this new Eminem still says whatever he wants, pokes fun at celebrities, makes the usual references to his daughter, ex-wife and Dr. Dre, and makes obscene, juvenile jokes — but that is exactly the problem. Eminem uses the same old tricks, but like an aging basketball player, he fails to execute them with the same grace and finesse as he once did.

One cannot help but get the impression that Eminem did not put a whole lot of thought into "Encore." Most of choruses are too silly to be funny, with lines like "You're really just a big wussie, big woo-nie" or "you make my pee pee go / da doing doing doing." Even worse, Eminem sings on a number of the choruses, which is about as pleasant as listening to the various farting, burping and puking sound clips littered throughout the album. Furthermore, even the targets of Eminem's jokes are questionable. The album's first single, "Just Lose It," is dedicated to poking fun at Michael Jackson, which is rather cliché considering that Jackson has been the brunt of jokes for years. He also devotes "A- Like That" to insulting Triumph the Insult Comic Dog (from "Late Night with Conan O'Brien"). Not only is this song not particularly witty or funny, but one has to wonder what was going through Eminem's mind when he decided to spend an entire song insulting a puppet.

Despite these problems, Eminem is too talented to let the entire album drag. He still has his hilarious moments like the track "Rain Man," where he admits at the end, "I just did a whole song and I didn't say hallelujah!" But most of his best moments actually come when he is serious and honest. For instance, although "Mosh" has a dull beat and repetitive rhyme patterns, Eminem spouts some clever rhymes attacking President Bush: "Strip (Rosh) with an AK-47 / Let him go / fight his own war let him impress daddy that way." Eminem also speaks from the heart on "Like Toy Soldiers," expressing his regrets over the Ja Rule / 50 Cent feud: "I'm just willing to be the bigger man if y'all can quit poppin' / I'm not gonna let someone else's coffin rest on my conscience."

Like on his other albums, he sheds more light on his relationship with his ex-wife on "Crazy for Love," but he gives a fresh, honest perspective on it, admitting he needs her: "But your essential to me, you're the air I breathe, I believe if you ever leave me I'd probably have no reason to be." Eminem and Dr. Dre split production duties on the album. Although the beats have their moments, they are not up to the level of Eminem's previous works. Dr. Dre is particularly disappointing because he is often looked upon as one of the best in the business. In fact, the best beat on the album turns out to be Eminem's simple piano and snare beat of "Like Toy Soldiers."

It is difficult to ask any artist with the fame and track record of Eminem to maintain the same high level of quality with every release. However, he falters much more than he should on "Encore." This album is simply not in the same league as his previous full-length releases, and shows an Eminem who is just going through the motions, rather than trying to change the game. Fans can only hope he gets the fire back that he once had, or else Eminem will disappear into obscurity like many popular rappers before him.

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Second Sanctus Real album a success

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Assistant Scene Editor

When most people hear anything about Christian music they immediately think of the commercials advertising praise and worship songs being sung to a crowd with their arms raised in praise. Is this an entirely accurate assumption? Not really, since there is much more to Christian music than praise and worship bands. This is shown in bands such as Sanctus Real that fall into the "Christian Rock" genre.

"Fight the Tide," Sanctus Real's second album released on a label is a perfect example of an album composed of consistently solid rock songs. The only major difference is found in the lyrics, which are generally provocative and challenging throughout "Fight the Tide."

Sanctus Real first came onto the Christian rock scene with "Say it Loud" in 2002. Since then the four-piece rock band has come far in terms of the substance of its songs, both musically and lyrically. With catchy beats and lyrics, "Fight the Tide" showcases Sanctus Real as a serious band with a strong message. The message is no coincidence.

"Fight the Tide" is about maintaining spiritual integrity," lead singer Matt Hammit said. "It's about what we do in the face of struggles, fears and temptations. We have a choice to whether we will throw in or towel out being overly overt in doing so."

The message is one that comes through clearly on "Fight the Tide," and does not overtake the album, which conveys solid messages without being overly overt in doing so. The strongest songs of the album are a bit softer in their lyrical nature, and in such convey more complicated and multi-dimensional thoughts. Seemingly more about a girl than God, the song works to either end as Hammit sings, "Two hearts entwined, yes, you are mine / And I'll be yours forever / I've done the math, I'm less than half / we're better off together."

It is a catchy song with enduring and memorable lyrics that does not leave much to ask for. "The Fight Song" and "The Show" are another couple of great rock songs on "Fight the Tide."

Sanctus Real shows a slower and more reflective side on "Fight the Tide," very successfully in "Change Me."

Still maintaining heavy guitar and drums, the song is slower and a bit more reflective than most of the other tracks asking, "Would you change me from who I am lately? / Cause I know I'm nothing / without you."

With a bit more of a ballad feel to it "Change Me" is one of the few slow songs on the album.

Overall, Sanctus Real shows that Christian Rock is more than people give it credit for in "Fight the Tide." A great album with terrific and memorable songs, "Fight the Tide" deserves the chance to be in any rock fan's music collection.

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John Mayer hits his stride

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Music Scene Editor

The best version of John Mayer is him in concert. Live, Mayer often extends his songs to upwards of 10 minutes, bending every chord he plays as he grooves across the stage. Mayer's talent exceeds what any listener can grasp from his studio albums, and as such the "As/Is" album is a little piece of soulful heaven for any Mayer fan, and is at least an interesting album for others. For anyone who wants to belt along to many of Mayer's hits over the entire span of his career, "As/Is" is a good album. For anyone who wants to hear a spectacular guitar player and musician hit his stride, "As/Is" is the album.

The "As/Is" collection has only recently been released by Mayer on iTunes.

As/Is
John Mayer
Aware/Columbia

"As/Is" is a must have for any John Mayer fan who has never seen him in concert. Live Mayer often loses his focus to the music control the show and thus the pure music is very obviously the driving force on "As/Is." There is only a slight bit of irritating crowd background noise and participation, but when it exists, it is not extremely distracting. "As/Is" is Mayer at his best. The album may not be easy to get a hold of (it is chiefly only available online), but it is well worth the trouble.

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Brooks and Dunn do it again

By COURTNEY WILSON
Music Scene Editor

Picking up where they left off in 1998, Brooks and Dunn's "The Greatest Hits Collection, Vol. 2" oozes chart-topping hits. With many records under its cowboy hats, this dynamic duo knows exactly what to do to satisfy its fans and pick up some new ones along the way.

Consistently at the top of their game, Leon "Kix" Brooks and Ronnie Dunn have created a style of music now referred to as "New Traditionalist Country." Still maintaining its honky-tonk image, the vocal duo has effectively added the influences of pop and rock, and pushed its fan base beyond the limits of country enthusiasts.

"The Greatest Hits Collection, Vol. 2" is basically a guaranteed favorite for Brooks and Dunn fans, since it includes all of the duo's most recent radio frontrunners. The reminiscent and romantic songs, "Red Dirt Road," and "My Heart is Lost to you," are two of the more mellow ballads the duo has chosen to present. Also brought in are foot tapping songs "You Can'T Take the Honky-Tonk" and " Ain'T Nothing 'Bout You." Naturally the hit "Only in America" is included, with lyrics that shout, "Only in America / Dreaming in red, white and blue / Only in America / Where we dream as big as we want to / We all get a chance / Everybody gets to dance." It is an uplifting patriotic broadcast following the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Along with previously released favorites, three new songs are also thrown into the mix. "That's What its All About," has already reached air waves, and made its way all the way up to the No. 1 spot on the "Hot Country Singles" Billboard chart. The song must be a parental favorite with lyrics that include, "Well, they won't go to bed / so do what you said or eat their food / They cry and they fuzz and you're stressed and you're mad / and she smiles and says I love you, Dad."

The other new tracks are "Independent Truckin'," and "A Man This Lonely." Both are excellent additions to the ever popular collection.

The group has come a long way since the release of its debut album "Brand New Moon," which propelled it to almost instantaneous fame. The song "Boot Scootin' Boogie," from the album is considered a country music classic. With Dunn leading vocals, and Brooks working the guitar, the vivacious twosome has established a hefty collection of awards and accolades. This year marks the 10th year Brooks and Dunn has taken home the much-esteemed "Vocal Duet of the Year" Country Music Award. The two have also received the "Top Vocal Duet" American Country Music Award for a total of seven years. Their compilation of smash hit records and animated songs are no doubt proof this record will be hanging out at the top of the Billboard charts for a long time to come.

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The Greatest Hits Collection, Vol.2
Brooks and Dunn
BMG
Hornets only attempt two foul shots in a loss to Suns

Grant Hill scores most points in 4-and-a-half years as the Orlando Magic cruise to victory over the Utah Jazz.
Campus Ministry

what's happening

Thursday, 11.18
Prayer from Around the World Series
Muslin Prayer
7:00pm
Coleman-Morse 330

Friday, 11.19
Freshman Retreat #55
Friday-Saturday
Sacred Heart Parish Center

Notre Dame Encounter #83
Friday-Sunday
Fatima Retreat Center

Sign Up for Retreats!
Freshman Retreat #56
(Dec. 3-4)
Applications are available in 114 CoMo or online at campusministry.nd.edu!

Saturday, 11.20
Solemn Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Every Saturday - 9:00am
Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Notre Dame

Word of Wisdom...

God grades on the cross, not the curve...

But may I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

- Galatians 6:14

Mass Schedule

Basilica of the Sacred Heart
Saturday, November 20
5:00 pm Vigil Mass
Rev. Edward A. Malloy, csc

Sunday, November 21
10:00 am Sunday Mass
Rev. Edward A. Malloy, csc
11:45 am Sunday Mass
Rev. Paul F. Doyle, csc

Solemnity of Christ the King
Around Campus (every Sunday)
1:30 pm
Spanish Mass
Rev. Edward A. Malloy, csc
11:45 am Sunday Mass
Rev. Paul F. Doyle, csc

The Reason(s) Why We Sing
by Karen Schneider-Kirner
Director, Handbell and Celebration Choirs
Assistant Director, Folk Choir
Assistant Organist, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

This coming Monday, November 22, we mark the feast day of Saint Cecilia, patroness of church music, virgin and martyr. This is an important feast day for the hundreds of students who serve weekly in hall chapels and in the Basilica as ministers of music. Members of Campus Ministry choirs will gather at the 5:15pm Basilica Mass tomorrow to celebrate the saint's upcoming feast and gather in fellowship.

Saint Cecilia, Pray for Us!

Who exactly was St. Cecilia? Many details of her life will forever remain unknown, but appearing around the middle of the fifth century was a document entitled "Acts of the Martyrdom of St. Cecilia," which related the story of her life. A Christian by birth to an upper class family, Cecilia was given in marriage by her family to a noble pagan youth, Valerianus. She, however, was determined to uphold her virginity, having dedicated herself to God. On her wedding day, while musical instruments were playing, she appeared to be "singing in her heart alone to God." She was said to have professed, "Make my heart and body pure that I may not be confounded."

At a time when Christianity was illegal in Rome, she ended up converting her husband and his brother to the faith. Not long after, they were beheaded for this. Cecilia was discovered not long after and was ordered to meet a similar fate. The first attempts at execution were miraculously unsuccessful, and during this time of suffering she saw to it that her assets were given to the poor and that her house would be used as a church.

There are many medieval portraits of the saint from the 14th and 15th centuries where Cecilia is represented playing the organ. When the Academy of Music was founded in Rome in 1584, she was named patroness of this institution, at which time her veneration as the patroness of church music became more universal.

Musicians have a very important role in the Church, and we musicians on the staff of Campus Ministry are very indebted to the generosity and talents that our students share so willingly week after week. As the U.S. Catholic bishops' document "Music in Catholic Worship" states, "Among the many signs and symbols used by the Church to celebrate its faith, music is of preeminent importance." Why might this be true?

As the document continues, "Music should assist the assembled believers to express and share the gift of faith that is within them and to nourish and strengthen their interior commitment of faith. It should heighten the texts so that they speak more fully and more effectively. The quality of joy and enthusiasm which music adds to community worship cannot be gained in any other way." This is a huge responsibility, and this is why musicians train so long and hard to perfect their craft.

Music is unquestionably a great gift from God. Music lifts us up when we feel downtrodden, helps us express what is in the depths of our hearts, deepens our prayer when words can go no further, and unifies many disparate voices into one great voice of praise. While styles of music and choices of instruments may vary from Mass to Mass, when all strive to make Mass a prayer, the end result is that men and women of faith are proclaiming and sharing their faith in prayer, so that Christ may grow among us all. We are so blessed to be at Notre Dame, which celebrates the intertwining of faith and intellect, with so many opportunities for spiritual development. Soli Deo Gloria!
NFL

Dolphins looking for motivation with 7 games left

Associated Press

DAVIE, Fla. — Ricky Williams retired in July, Dave Wannstedt resigned last week and the rest of the Miami Dolphins would probably prefer to call it quits on a season gone sour.

Seven games remain, however, so even through the Dolphins have a lousy record and no shot at the playoffs, they dutifully practiced Wednesday, with interim coach Jim Bates seeking to motivate his team.

"Most of the time when you make a mistake in practice, you just go back to the huddle," tight end Randy McMichael said. "Now he's making you sit out a play and run to the fence and back and think about what you did. It's funny.

The Dolphins certainly need a few laughs — and all the motivation they can muster. They share the NFL's worst record at 1-8, and a defeat Sunday at Seattle would ensure their first losing season since 1988.

Wannstedt's resignation likely was just the start of an organizational housecleaning. Fan and media focus over the next couple of months will be on changes to come, rendering the remaining games a footnote.

"They may be meaningless to people who aren't playing," defensive end David Bowens said. "To us — the people playing and the coaches — the games matter."

Although little has gone right since the ill-timed departure of Williams, the Dolphins' effort came into question only once this season under Wannstedt — in a lopsided Monday night loss to the New York Jets on Nov. 1. They staged a late rally in their most recent game, only to blow the lead and lose to Arizona.

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Associated Press

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NCAA FOOTBALL

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Denton, Texas — North Texas tailback Jamario Thomas has already matched Harry Sanders and Marcus Allen. Now he has Ron Dayne and Marshall Faulk in his sights.

The nation's leading rusher at 189.9 yards per game, Thomas needs 155 yards to reach his season high of 291 yards rushing past football greats.

"He's oblivious to a lot of the things around him," North Texas coach Darrell Dickey said. "He knows about the records, but he's not obsessed with them. It just hasn't sunk in yet for him.

In fact, the shy and unassuming Thomas disliked football growing up in Longview.

"I really don't think about it," he said. "I guess when I get really old I can tell my grandchildren about it.

Thomas has an NCAA-record six 200-yard games this year, including five straight to tie another mark held by Allen and Sanders.

The only thing that might be able to slow him down is a hamstring injury he suffered while leading North Texas to its fourth consecutive Sun Belt Conference championship in a win over Idaho.

The win was the Mean Green's 24th straight in conference play.

If he doesn't get to Dayne's mark against Arkansas State, he'll get another chance Dec. 14 in North Texas' fourth straight New Orleans Bowl.
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NBA

Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony, left, goes up for a shot against Utah Jazz forward Jarron Collins. Anthony had charges of marijuana possession against him dropped on Wednesday.

Marijuana charges dropped against Anthony

Associated Press

DENVER — Prosecutors dropped a marijuana pos­session charge against Denver Nugget star Carmelo Anthony on Wednesday, saying it would be tough to get a conviction after a friend claimed the drug was his, not Anthony's.

Anthony was charged with possessing less than 1 ounce of marijuana on Oct. 15 after a bag with the drug was found in his backpack as the team waited to board a flight to Milwaukee for a preseason game.

Anthony said the drug belonged to a friend, James Cunningham, who often stays with Anthony when he is in town on business, said he borrowed the backpack without Anthony's knowledge and accidental­ly left the marijuana in it.

"Carmelo is happy to have been vindicated by the case being dismissed," said Anthony's attorney, Daniel Recht. "From the beginning, he has said he was innocent and never intended to possess the marijuana."

Shortly after Anthony was charged, Nuggets general manager Kiki Vandeweghe sent Cole a letter saying Anthony had passed four random drug tests last season and that his tests from the U.S. Olympic Committee at the Athens Games this summer were also negative.

"He has passed every drug test with the Nuggets because he does not take illegal drugs," light said. "The case has upset Carmelo a great deal because he does not want his fans, especially the kids, to get the wrong impression of him."

Anthony faced a fine of $100 and no jail time for the petty offense, but the bit to his image would have been much more difficult to take.

But there also have been some growing pains for the 20-year-old.

Anthony refused to go back into a game last sea­son after his teammates complained about his shot selection, and he was rele­nated to the bench in Athens after team USA coach Larry Brown called him a selfish player.

Anthony also was involved in a scuffle at a New York bar after some­one reportedly spit on his girlfriend, MIV host La La Vasquez.

IN BRIEF

Colts could be missing both starting guards

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts could be playing the Chicago Bears Sunday without their starting guards.

Guard Rick DeMulling has been limited in practice because of a bruised chest. He was replaced in the starting lineup last week by rookie Jake Scott.

But the Colts were dealt another blow Wednesday when backup guard Maka Freitas could not practice because he hurt his back lifting weights Monday. If Freitas can't play, coach Tony Dungy said rookie Ryan Lilja would likely make his first NFL start.

The Colts also put offensive line­man Trevor Hulon on the active roster, signed offensive lineman Joe Forristal to the practice squad and released tight end Bryan Fletcher.

Thompson to step down at end of season

RALEIGH, N.C. — East Carolina football coach John Thompson will step down at the end of the season, a school source told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Thompson, 3-18 in two seasons, was to announce his resignation Wednesday at an afternoon news conference on the school's campus in Greenville, according to the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Thompson will coach the Pirates in their last two games, the source said.

The Pirates (2-7, 2-5 Conference USA) play Memphis on Saturday, then finish their season Nov. 27 against North Carolina State.

The move comes about two months after Terry Holland was hired as ath­letic director at East Carolina.

Thompson was the defensive coor­dinator at Florida when he was hired to take over from Steve Logan in December 2002. The East Carolina job was his first head coaching assignment after 29 years as an assistant at eight schools.

Pericall agrees to two-year deal with Tigers

DETROIT — Free agent Troy Percival agrees to two-year deal with the Detroit Tigers.

Pericall, 35, is 2-3 with a 2.90 ERA and 33 saves last season with the Anaheim Angels, who made no attempt to re-sign him. He was fourth in the AL in saves, reaching 30 for the seventh straight season, the longest streak by an active pitcher.

"We're extremely pleased to have a person of his makeup and his ability to bolster the bullpen," Tigers presi­dent Dave Dombrowski said.

On Nov. 5, Detroit exercised a $4 million option on Ugueth Urbina, who was 4-6 with a 4.50 ERA and 21 saves in his first season with Detroit. He left the team after his mother was kidnapped Sept. 1 in Venezuela.

around the dial

NBA

San Antonio at Philadelphia 7 p.m., TNT
NY Knicks at Houston 9:30 p.m., TNT

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Maryland at Virginia Tech 7:30, ESPN

Women's Volleyball Top 20

1 Washington 22-0
2 Hawaii 23-0
3 Nebraska 23-1
4 Penn State 22-2
5 Minnesota 22-4
6 Southern Cal 16-6
7 Ohio State 24-2
8 Colorado State 17-8
9 Stanford 19-6
10 Southern Cal 16-4
5 Minnesota 24-4
7 Ohio State 24-2
4 Penn State 23-2
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11 Texas 21-3
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18 UC Santa Barbara 22-3
15 West Virginia 8-2 442
12 Boise State 9-0 827
11 Louisville 7-1 880
10 Georgia 8-2 947
9 Boulder 22-0
8 Colorado State 22-0
7 Oregon 22-1
6 Utah
5 Texas 9-1 1,222
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3 Auburn (4) 10-0 1,433
2 Oklahoma (6) 10-0 1,435
1 USC (51) 10-0 1,514

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6 Texas 10-1 1,301
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8 Louisville 10-1 1,279
9 Wisconsin 8-1 1,282
10 Florida State 8-2 1,304
11 Georgia 9-2 1,379
12 Miami 7-2 834
13 Boston College 7-2 871
14 Georgia Tech 7-2 957
15 LSU 7-2 786
16 Tennessee 7-2 735
17 Iowa 8-2 626
18 Virginia 8-2 541
19 Boston College 7-2 490
20 Arizona State 8-2 442
21 West Virginia 8-2 330
22 Texas A&M 7-3 274
23 Utah 8-2 223
24 Southern Cal 7-2 152
25 Bowling Green 8-2 42

ESPN/USA Today poll

1 USC (55) 10-0 1,514
2 Oklahoma (6) 10-0 1,455
3 Auburn (4) 10-0 1,435
4 California 8-1 1,311
5 Texas 9-1 1,222
6 Utah 10-0 1,283
7 Michigan 9-1 1,279
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9 Wisconsin 9-1 948
10 Georgia 8-2 947
11 Louisville 7-1 860
12 Rice 8-2 837
13 Miami 7-2 774
14 LSU 7-2 771
15 Virginia Tech 6-0 688
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By JUSTIN SCHUVER

Hockey

Irish sign 7 players to national letters of intent

Irish coach Dave Poulin recently announced the signing of seven players to national letters of intent to play for Notre Dame. Four of the seven players will join the team in the 2005-06 season, while the remaining three will defer for until the 2006-07 season.

Forwards Eric Condra (Livonia, Mich.) and Christian Hanson (Venetia, Pa.) along with goalie Kyle Lawson (New Hudson, Mich.) and defenseman Jamie Silverson (Thunder Bay, Ont.) are the four who signed to play next season immediately. Defenseman Tyler Moen (New Haven, Mich.) and forwards Kevin Deeth (Gig Harbor, Wash.) and Ryan Thang (Edina, Minn.) will defer and play one more year of junior hockey before coming to the Irish.

Condra, Hanson, Pearce and Silverson will step in next season to replace graduating class of 2005 that will include current senior forward Cory McLean, goalie Morgan Cey and defenseman Joe Zurenko.

Pearce will especially be a big part of the future of the Irish, and should continue the line of impressive Notre Dame goaltenders, joining current sophomore David Brown and junior Rory Walsh in the mix for goaltending next season.

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For the Americans, the match was merely a tuneup and a chance to give several young players World Cup qualifying experience. The Americans, who got a goal from Eddie Johnson, won a spot in next year’s six-team regional finals with a 6-0 win over Panama last month.

Panama advanced to the regional finals with a 3-0 win over El Salvador on Wednesday.

Johnson scored in the 15th minute for the Americans on a lofting pass from Pablo Mastroeni. Andy Williams tied the score in the 27th minute on a penalty kick.

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Irish believe they can take down the top-ranked Trojans

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Despite their role as huge underdogs against Southern California in Notre Dame's last game of the season, the Irish still believe they can hang with the Trojans. They really don't have a choice.

"Everybody that gets on that plane to go to California had better be convinced we can win this game," Irish senior linebacker Mike Goosby said. "You can't go into an atmosphere like that and be successful if you don't totally believe you have a shot to win."

For the Irish to pick up that upset victory, Goosby says it all comes down to one simple goal — stop the run.

"First step for any defense at any level of football is to stop the run," he said. "Work on that, and then you can focus on [quarterback Matt] Leinart and his receivers."

Notre Dame's defense has been rather inconsistent this season — six times the Irish have allowed 20 points or more to an opponent. But the one aspect of defense that has been consistent this year is the team's ability to stop an opponent's running game.

The Irish are averaging allowing just 95.3 yards rushing to their opponents during the 2004 season, and have only allowed five rushing touchdowns. Goosby and his two fellow senior linebackers, Brandon Hoyte and Derek Curry, have been the cornerstone of that impressive run-stopping defense.

"One of the biggest things we pride ourselves on going into every game is to stop the run," Goosby said. "Even against a Pac-10 team that's going to throw the ball a lot, your first goal and mindset is to stop the run."

"I think with our front seven we have the ability to do that: we've got a lot of older guys up front and really have the ability to do that."

Yet even with their success against the run, the Irish have not been able to perform consistently in the secondary, and the results show in the final scores.

Against Brigham Young, Notre Dame allowed just 22 yards rushing, but lost 20-17. The Irish allowed 99 yards against Purdue, but were blown out by 52.

Against Southern California, the Irish defense took a step backwards. USC gained 396 yards rushing, with 19 carries of 10 or more yards. The Trojans' ground game came with a Pro Bowl selection, Reggie Bush. Bush is a quick shifty back, but it's his play that gives that team spirit, gives them heart, and makes them the good team that they are.

"If you can take that aspect of the defense away from them, you can really take the heart of that team."

The Trojans have a varied offense that makes use of both their running backs' unique abilities. White is a bruiser power back, while sophomore phenom Reggie Bush is a quick shifty back who is also a threat out of the backfield catching the ball.

"That will be a major job of ours to see if we can contain [White]," Willingham said. "But you also have to factor in Bush. He's going to have his six to 10 plays and on any one of those he can go the distance. So we've got to do a great job of team defense against the run and team defense about just pushing ourselves in the right position to make a play."

There's little doubt that USC has some talented and athletic players, and the Irish coaching staff acknowledges that discipline will be one of the biggest keys to stopping the potent Trojan offense.

"If one guy makes a mistake — and when you have great players on the other side they're going to make you miss sometimes — then Bush is where his teammates need to be there to make the next tackle," Willingham said. Contact Justin Schuver at jschuver@nd.edu

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Irish defensive end Justin Tuck, left, bears down on Pitt quarterback Tyler Palko during the second half of Saturday's game.

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while Sires does the play-by-play.

"I'm just trying it out," Riley said of the radio broadcasting.

"I'm just excited I got to catch the first two games, and broadcasting is something I'm interested in. So when I am in town, Sean lets me be his sidekick. He does his job and lets me talk a little bit. And I'm calling Notre Dame games, so it makes it a little easier for me."

Riley, a member of the 2001 Notre Dame national championship team, returned to Notre Dame with yet another award, as she was part of the U.S. women's basketball team that won the gold medal in Athens. However, she was not originally selected to the team. But when Delisha Milton-Jones went down with an injury, Riley was asked to join the team. And as a result, she won gold.

The women defeated Australia for the gold medal by a score of 73-63 on Riley's 25th birthday. She averaged 3.4 points and 2.4 rebounds in seven games for the United States.

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But regardless of what she has accomplished, Riley maintains the humble attitude that she had in 2001 when Notre Dame won the national championship. Riley is still young, just 25 years old, and she is still growing as a player. But she is already a legend in Notre Dame basketball, and she is sure to be remembered as one of the greatest players in the history of the program. She has been a life-long dream came true for her.
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But for the Irish, it wasn't just Batteast. She was joined by three other Irish players in double-figures. Freshman Charel Allen played the best game of her young career, finishing with 16 points, three assists, three steals, two blocks and three rebounds. She was a spark for the Irish off the bench, playing 32 minutes. Allen also played solid defense on Duke's star, Monique Currie, limiting her to 14 points on 6-for-19 shooting.

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Erwin decided to do something about it. Down three points with about 14 minutes left, McGraw put in Erin. The 6-foot-1 sophomore entangled herself with the aggressive Williams on several possessions before finally getting into the Blue Devil forward's face. Even though Erin picked up a questionable foul for the confrontation, she didn't back down any more for the Irish by sparking the largest crowd, and her teammates.

"I really think Crystal Erin helped us (to be aggressive)," McGraw said. "She gave us energy and changed the whole tone and gave us a positive, upbeat attitude coming into the game. That was really big."

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Trailing by four at the time, the Irish ended the game with a 35-20 run. The 2004-05 Irish have proved to be a contender, but as a team to be feared. The Irish have the talent — that's not a surprise to anyone. But what else they learned Wednesday is how to play with a swagger. They weren't intimidated by the No. 6 team in the nation coming to South Bend for an early-season matchup.

When the Blue Devils threw a punch, the Irish came back with a combination. When Duke tried to get physical under the glass, Notre Dame didn't shy away. And when one of the nation's best teams — a team with a legitimate shot at a national title — wanted to rumble, it was McGraw's squad who said "Bring it on.""

The 2004-05 Irish have proved in the beginning stages of the season that they will be in the national spotlight for the long haul. This is a team that has all the parts to advance much further than last season's Sweet 16 group did.

McGraw put it best in the post-game press conference: "We've righted ourselves away from last year at this point," she said. "That's scary for anyone in Notre Dame's way this season. Just ask No. 6 Duke."

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2. A spider in the grass
9. Obviously
10. Who takes after
13. Formed the Yankees
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16. A color
19. The one in the pole position
22. To ask
23. A player on the bowling team
24. Submitted
25. A person
26. Have
27. Like most
28. All Henrik
30. A rare trick
31. Rare trick takers
34. Faraway
35. Sugar sub-
36.批发市场
37. See 28-Across
39. Just below 90
40. A mountain
41. Jacob
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63. A uniform shade
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65. "Ode to the Confused Dead" poet
66. T.V.'s warrior princess

**DOWN**
1. A sun to skin
2. A spy
3. Undeveloped expense
4. With 37-Across and 90-Down, step taken after an airplane accident
5. A kingdom
6. A siren
7. A title
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**EUGENIA LAST**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY**

- **Clarks Ioann Hansen**, Daisy Fuentes, Robert De Niro
- **Happy Birthday**: You will be a little ahead of your time this year. That doesn't mean you should abandon what you are working toward, but you should give others a chance to catch up. Take this time to do double-check all the ravens and stars so that your work is flawless. Your numbers are 5, 19, 26, 30, 43, 49

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**

- From alliances with people in your industry or peer group, travel, group discussions and partnerships will all lead to a better position.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**

- Notice of what your competition is up to. If you lose sight of your goals it will be difficult to get back on track. Rely on family and close friends.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21)**

- Plan to socialize and you will enrich your life. Take part in activities that will make you think and add your essence. You are inventive, curious and interested in what everyone else is doing.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22)**

- Take a moment to figure out how to make your home life better. Change is a must and must be carried out. Once you make your move, your life will be different.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**

- Love should be on your mind. You will attract attention if you get involved in community activities. Short trips will give you a new perspective.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**

- Don't let the little things get to you. Focus on your work and doing a good job. The people around you will respect you for your efforts. Advancement or a new position is likely.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**

- Take a look to catch a unique opportunity. Everything that is going on around you. Let your ideas be known and focus on getting what you want.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**

- Nothing will be out of your reach. You will have a mad time making the right decision. Protect yourself from someone who wants to lead you astray.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

- Don't give up on someone you care about. This person will come around if you show your support. Love can be confusing but what you will do is the key. This will help you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**

- Work and money will be highlighted today. The more you can do to get ahead, the better. Your goals are realistic and you will capture success.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**

- You have plenty of opportunity to pick up information that will lead you to a new and exciting direction. Someone will show an interest in what you are doing as well as in you.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**

- You will be interested in a unique offer. Money can be made, but it will require changes to your current lifestyle. Follow the path that beckons you.

**Birthday Baby**: You are ambitious, curious and interested in what everyone else is doing. You are a considerate with a strong will. You are not likely to do anything or anyone push you around or hold you back.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Big game, big performances

By HEATHER VAN HOGERDAN
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Notre Dame kept itself in the game just long enough for Jacqueline Batteast to come back in the game after two early fouls. Then she took over, as No. 11 Notre Dame knocked off No. 6 Duke 76-65 Wednesday night at the Joyce Center in the semifinals of the preseason Women's National Invitation Tournament.

Batteast scored 10 straight points to give the Irish a 65-58 lead with 4:50 remaining. Batteast had only played 10 minutes in the first half due to foul trouble, and she picked up her third foul just over two minutes into the second half. However, she came back strong on offense, despite the fact that two of her fouls were offensive fouls.

"I just tried to be aggressive," Batteast said, who finished with 17 points, seven assists and four rebounds. "I know that I had a couple of charges before, but the coaches told me to keep taking it. And once a couple started falling, I thought it was better if I shot."

It was the most physical game the Irish have played this season, as pressure defense was played from start to finish. But Notre Dame's 50-point second half was too much for Duke.

"I thought it was a very hard fought game, and I thought they played an exceptional second half, hit some big shots, some big 3s and just really wore us down," Duke coach Gail Goestenkors said.


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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Riley continues basketball success

Former Irish center won gold in Athens

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Sunday afternoon at the Joyce Center, she took off her headset and was swarmed by 10 people. They just kept coming.

"Ruth, will you sign my shirt."

"Ruth, will you take a picture with me."

Ruth Riley returned to Notre Dame as even more of a celebrity than she was to begin with after winning a gold medal in Athens, Greece.

"I get a great reception when I come back," Riley said. "Not only am I an obvious figure walking across campus, but so many people support and love and still support me, whether I'm in Detroit, or at the Olympics. It's nice to know that when you come back here, people have appreciation for what you do."

The 6-foot-5 center was broadcasting with ESPN Radio's Joe Noriega and ESPN2's Alison Williams. Teresa Burton and Courtney Lavere battled for offensive and defensive rebounds with Duke's 6-foot-7 tower, Allison Hulm. And Notre Dame displayed some intestinal fortitude in its 76-65 win against the Blue Devils in the semifinals of the preseason Women's National Invitation Tournament that last season's team simply never had.

A big reason for that change was Allen. The thin guard from Minnetonka, Minn., rarely shows emotion on the court. Allen simply does anything her team needs, all the while keeping that same stoic, unassuming stare on her face.

Wednesday evening, Notre Dame fans got to see just how good this rapidly rising star will become in an Irish uniform.