New TCE proposal gains support

Students, faculty express positive sentiment

By TERESA FRALISH
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One semester after faculty and students clashed over publication of teacher course evaluations and ultimately failed to reconcile their differences, the two groups appear to be back on track — due to a new course evaluation proposal that promises to satisfy both sides.

The new plan, proposed by associate provost Dennis Jacobs this fall, calls for the University to create a reporting mechanism, entirely apart from the TCEs, for students to provide other students with information and assessment of classes.

"The TCEs by themselves do not adequately capture teaching," Jacobs said. "If the measures we have are unreliable, then we can't make advances in any real way," Jacobs said.

Student government's previous proposal to publish the actual data compiled from the TCEs recognized that need, but ran into trouble when faculty — concerned about publicizing information used for sensitive decisions on tenure and promotion — voted it down last spring.

Throughout this semester, Jacobs and student leaders worked to satisfy both sides.

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Junior Bob Hallman said football left him disappointed but was hopeful about the upcoming basketball season.

"I expect Notre Dame basketball to generate that winning feeling left void during the fall," he said. "I think the basketball teams success will largely depend on how Chris Thomas plays. I think this will be his year to shine."

According to Hallman, the team would likely do well if it can get back to the NCAA tournament after missing out in 2003-04.

"Despite the parity in the Big East, I think we have a good shot of winning the Big East title and advancing far into the tournament," he said.

Freshman Mike Hatke credited his hopes for the season.

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News Writer

"There's like 10 guys who could start," he said.

The performance drew modest turnout, Mason added, "if we've touched one person with this show, it's been a success."

Playwright Tony Kushner's most well-known work, "Angels" presents the tale of four men and one woman in 1980s New York City, battling various inner demons. The four men also happen to be homosexual.

"Coming from a Catholic school background, you don't even really know about homosexuality," said junior Mark Huberty at the

Campus reacts to disputed play

By K. AARON VAN COTTERTHOUT
News Writer

Despite anticipated controversy, "Angels in America" flew onto campus with virtually no protest. According to director Steve Horpinger, this is perfectly fine.

"It wasn't really controversy that I wanted," he said. "I wanted people to talk."

The performance drew modest crowds, 100 two nights ago on opening night and 139 Thursday, and stage manager Chelsea Mason expects the same tonight.

"That's pretty typical for a student show like this," she said.

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"Winning," off the field

Notre Dame Stadium has always been a place where dreams fade or dreams are made. And on that sun-drenched Sunday afternoon, a dream was put away for another fall for the Caravaggio interhall football team. After a season starting at the top and ending first in the polls, there was only one goal left — unfinished — bringing home the coveted title home to the North (Quad).

Disappointing? Yes. Devastating? No. But demeaning? Never. Because valuable. As post-victory parties, I would take the field with 50 teammates and a crowd cheering with passion unrivaled by any football Saturday. Jesus raising his arms behind her, who time show) and played a hard-fought game and learned a few lessons along the rocky road that is the interhall women’s season.

And at the end of the day, without trophy but brimming with pride, we look back and remember the reasons that interhall football really is what Notre Dame is all about.

My parents probably never thought they would raise a daughter who would run through the tunnel with Touchdown Jesus and sing with her, who would take the field with 50 teammates and a crowd cheering with passion unrivaled by any football Saturday.

So ok, so I’m more flaky than the Rocket, but I had a number of fans yelling my name and one verified jersey-chaser. I didn’t have a golden helmet (which is convenient, as the last thing I want in a postgame photo is helmet hair) but I did have a lovely set of flaps and a green T-shirt that I wear with unequalled pride. And I had a lovely set of flags and a green T-shirt that I wear with unequalled pride.

On the field, I’ve realized that football isn’t quite as easy as it looks — and we’re not even required to make tackles. But off the field lessons are just as valuable. As post-victory parties, I saw that your best friends will do anything and everything is fair game for a cheer. I saw that your best friends will do anything and everything is fair game for a cheer.

But the off-field lessons are just as valuable. As post-victory parties, I learned that putting your trust in your teammates — and yourself — is probably one of the hardest things to ask of yourself.

Students in the class "Technology, Nature and Death: The Problem of Antigone" lay on the ground in front of DeBartolo Hall Thursday in an effort to draw attention to the class. Other students also drove out flyers explaining the project.

Bill Gates gets 4 million e-mails a day

SINGAPORE — Bill Gates might not use AOL, but he’s definitely got mail. The Microsoft Corp. chairman receives millions of Internet messages a day, said Steve Ballmer, the company’s chief executive. "Bill literally receives 4 million pieces of e-mail per day, most of it spam," Ballmer said Thursday.

Spam or junk e-mails are unsolicited messages, generally advertising goods or services and usually sent to many e-mail accounts simultaneously.

Ballmer said Microsoft has special technology that just filters spam intended for Gates. In addition, several Microsoft employees are dedicated to ensuring that nothing unwanted gets into his inbox. "Literally there’s a whole department almost that takes care of it," he said.

Entire class suspended for food fight

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A cafeteria food fight on "meat loaf day" led to the suspension of the entire eighth-grade class at a Memphis school. The students were suspended after refusing to clean up the mess they caused.

"Given an opportunity to apologize for their behavior and help with the cleanup, most of the class refused to cooperate," school spokesman Vince McGaskill said.

The food fight broke out Wednesday at Gester Middle School, which has 637 students in grades six through eight. Meat loaf and chicken were on the menu.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Conference to address listening techniques

By MEGAN O’NEIL
News Writer

As part of its commitment to interfaith dialogue, the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) is hosting a two-day conference this week-end at Saint Mary’s titled “Called to be Compassionate Listeners.”

Two prominent figures in the field, Leah Green and Linda Wolf, will serve as facilitators for the workshops.

The event, part of a CWIL program called “Living as Women of Faith,” will focus on the importance of compassionate listening and the techniques one should utilize in order to be a conscious listener.

Green founded and serves as the director of The Compassionate Listening Project, a program which focuses largely on the Israeli-Palestinian crisis. She has led 16 citizen delegations to Middle Eastern hot spots.

Wolf, the author of numerous books, is the founder and director of the Teen Talking Circle Project. She also co-founded Global Youth Allies, an organization of the Teen Talking Circle books, is the founder and director of The Project. She also co-founded Global Youth Allies, an organization of the Teen Talking Circle books.

Participants realized that real progress in the area of human rights would require compassionate listening and requested a forum specifically dedicated to that topic.

“They really wanted to learn how to do it well, not just a sample of it,” Farina said.

The theme of compassionate listening. Farina added, is “striking a chord” with students and community members.

“We don’t know how to really to talk to one another, and to listen to one another deeply,” Farina said.

Publicized through student government and the student diversity board, the conference quickly filled its 35 available slots, and Farina was forced to create a waiting list.

Organizers hope, however, that the conference will mark only the beginning of the recognition of the role of compassionate listening in conflict resolution.

The skill, they believe, can be used both in violent world conflicts and conflicts on the campus itself.

“Hopefully what will emerge is the notion of compassionate listening circles where we can bring issues that occur on this campus,” Farina said, “and where we can discuss them openly.”

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Haitian service trip to resume

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After a cancellation last spring due to an unstable government situation, the University will resume its humanitarian trip to Haiti this spring break. Since 1999, Steve Silliman, associate undergraduate dean in the College of Engineering, has taken nine students to Haiti for a one-week mission to repair wells and train the local population to maintain and repair their hand-pumps.

Silliman began organizing these student seminars after his own trip to Haiti with LifeWater International, a Christian organization that helps rural poor obtain safe drinking water in 1996.

“Once I visited there, I thought it would be a good place for Notre Dame to be involved,” Silliman said.

The seminars have taken place at different times during and after the academic year depending on several different factors.

“The time of the trips can vary. They can be during fall break, spring break or even senior week,” Silliman said. “It depends on several factors including my time, the political climate, and availability of housing.”

Silliman canceled the last seminar, which was to take place last spring break, because of a coup in Haiti. Since such a dangerous political environment prohibited students from traveling to this mission, it has been about 18 months since the University has completed this service project in Haiti.

Silliman usually receives about 75 applications to this program, but he is only able to take 10 people — himself and nine selected students.

Once selected, these students begin training on campus for at least two hours every week.

“The training consists of two parts — to fix hand pumps, which only takes about two to three hours of training and to learn about the social, religious and political conditions,” Silliman said.

The main objective is not just to repair the water pumps but, most importantly, to train the locals on how to repair these pumps themselves, Silliman said. Before returning, the group will leave the Haitians with tools to continue making these repairs and the skills to help their community maintain their source of safe drinking water.

In addition, when in Haiti, the students and Silliman will stay in housing provided by OMS, a missionary group with a significant compound in Cap Haitien. OMS also provides the group with all their food and water in addition to allowing them the use of vehicles, ensuring the students safe food and transportation while they are there.

The program prides itself not only on the repair of India Mark II pumps and the training given to the locals but also on the opportunities it gives students to experience life in Haiti, interact with the Haitians and finally, live their faith.

There will be an information session regarding this seminar in the next few weeks, and applications will be due soon afterwards. Students will be notified about the program in December or January.

In addition to Silliman’s service project, there are a number of other professors and organizations on campus who have extended their efforts to help the people of Haiti. Kenneth Filchak, for example, has gotten his freshmen involved in raising money through Lifesaver sales.

“Haiti is the poorest country in the hemisphere and so, with the freshmen, I started our own charity to try to win support,” Filchak said.

Filchak went out and bought 200 pounds of Lifesavers and asked his students if they wanted to raise money for Haiti.

“The hook with the lifesavers is that $2.50 will save a life in Haiti,” Filchak said.

Filchak makes it a point that his students know this fundraising is not part of the class. However, even with no extra credit offered, Filchak has raised about $2,500 over the past two years with the help of his students.

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where an SUV suspected of commandeering the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, said the U.S. casualty toll in the Fallujah offensive stood at 31 dead and about 425 wounded. An estimated 1,200 insurgents have been killed, along with about 1,025 enemy fighters detained or killed, the military says.

Sattler told reporters he felt the U.S.-led attack on the city had dealt a serious blow to the insurgents. "We've taken away this safe haven," Sattler said, adding that insurgents had disappeared elsewhere in Iraq where they lacked the resources available in the Fallujah area.

Iraqi authorities, meanwhile, said they arrested 104 suspected insurgents in a raid in Fallujah, including nine who had fled Fallujah. However, insurgents struck back elsewhere in volatile Sunni Muslim areas.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.N. wants to fight drug traffickers

WASHINGTON — Heroin production is booming in Afghanistan, undermining democracy and putting money in the coffers of terrorists, according to a U.N. report Thursday that called on U.S. and NATO-led forces to get more serious about fighting drug trafficking.

"Fightning narcotics is equivalent to fighting terrorism," said Antonio Maria Costa, executive director of the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime. "It would be an historical error to abandon Afghanistan to opium, right after we rescued it from the Taliban and al-Qaida."

Yet while all sides agree on the goal, disputes over tactics surfaced.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai called fighting the narcotics industry his "top priority," but\n
Southern rebels have been fighting the government since 1983, and the western region of Darfur erupted into violence in February 2003.

Annan urges warning Sudan forces

WASHINGTON — The government of Afghanistan opposes the aerial spraying of poppy fields as an instrument of eradication, Karzai's office in Kabul said.

National News

Specter wins crucial backing

WASHINGTON — Arlen Specter on Thursday won strong backing on a Pennsylvania Senate committee for the new Republican candidate to replace the late U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter's seat.

Scientists find human, ape ancestor

WASHINGTON — A nearly 13 million-year-old ape discovered in Spain is the last probable common ancestor to all living humans and great apes, a research team says Friday in the issue of Science magazine.

A husband-and-wife team of fossil sleuths unearthed an animal with a body like an ape, fingers like a chimp and the upright posturing of humans. The ancient ape bridges the gap between earlier, primitive animals and later, modern creatures.

This newest ape species, Pierolapithecus catalaunicus, is so significant that it adds a new page to ancient human history.

LOCAL NEWS

Voting fraud key in recount

BLOOMINGTON — Allegations of voter fraud will be a key point in the recount of Republican Mike Sodrel's almost certain victory in southern Indiana's 9th Congressional District.

Fiorello’s campaign responded to the request of Democrats for a recount in the district by claiming a "substantial number" of ineligible voters may have cast ballots in Monroe County, which Hill won by some 7,000 votes.

Clinton library opens in Ark.

Center debuts with celebration, chronicler of former president's 8 years in office

Associated Press

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Possible mad cow case discovered

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government is checking the possible new case of mad cow disease, officials said Thursday, rattling the nation's cattle industry, food processors and beef-oriented restaurant chains.

Agriculture Department tests, which are designed to be false alarms. Inconclusive results "are a normal component of screening tests, which are designed to be extremely sensitive so they will detect any sample that could possibly be positive," said Clinton, much thinner as a result of his September heart surgery, chuckled several times as the other ex-presidents recounted stories of past meetings with him, and often slapped his thigh.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, said the new library "is like my husband: it's open, it's expansive, it's welcoming, it's filled with life, and the exhibits tell the story of someone who loves his fellow man, who cares deeply about all of our children, who recognizes our common humanity."
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exchanged dialogue on the topic, and the provost's office eventually developed a reached the provost in August, but brought a strong background in teaching excellence and intended to critically examine undergraduate education at Notre Dame.

His proposal calls for new course review process as just one part of a strategy that aims to provide students with access to standard information, standardized course descriptions, reading materials and learning objectives.

"The larger question is how we can help inform the process by which students select courses," Jacobs said.

At the November Faculty Senate meeting, Jacobs presented the course review information initiative as well as a plan to reform the current student course review process. As it stands currently, the student review plan will likely rectify many of the concerns that led faculty to call for the TCE publication a past two years, especially in the students' evaluation results on tenure.

"The TCE is a very sensitive subject," Jacobs said. "It's treated with a high degree of confidentiality and trust.

If approved, Jacobs said the mechanism would most likely include a set of questions separate from the TCE drafted by a committee of faculty, students and the administration specifically designed to provide students with feedback about courses and instructors.

"The TCE questions were written with a different purpose in mind," he said. "There is a set of questions that would better serve the needs of the students and for which students are well-qualified to answer.

Students would complete the survey simultaneously with the regular TCE, but would receive clear instruction about the purpose, use and need of the survey questions. The data would likely be uploaded in an online format, with everything encrypted, and the provost and the teacher of the course.

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Foley, 2002-03 student body vice president

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John Robinson, last year's Faculty Senate chair and current Faculty Affairs chair, said the current student review proposal resolves a key flaw in the old process.

"The real purpose of TCEs is twofold — to help the teacher become a better teacher and to make the second is normative," he said. "But it's given people's time is feeling like it's already in place."

"It seemed like a great way," he said. "But it just never happened." He added, "I feel like students like me and everyone else has an issue with the system, but I think the second is normative," he said. "In reference to TCE use in tenure and promotion. I think the best thing to do is separate those two sets of interests.

According to Robinson, the new proposal promises to do just that.

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with Dr. Mosonyi" occurring Sunday in LeMans Hall.

The creation of "Service Sundays" allows students with busy schedules a low time commitment opportunity to volunteer one Sunday per month at the Christ Child Society.

SGA has made old traditions new again by restarting the "Big Sister-Little Sister" program, which pairs up every first-year student with a sophomore. This program was first initiated by SGA President C. Crista C. T. H. and is being continued by incoming senior class president Claudia T. H.

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Deadline: December 1 @ 5:00 PM.

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Social Service = Special Interest

Still have questions? Email Amy Geist
agleist@nd.edu

http://sao.nd.edu/studentgroups/listing/prospectivegps/index.shtml

Stop pondering the questions and get some answers!

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MARKET RECAP

In Brief

FDA finds five drugs too risky

WASHINGTON — At least five medications now sold to consumers pose such risks that their sale should be limited or stopped, said a government drug reviewer who raised safety questions earlier about the arthritis drug Vioxx.

In testimony Thursday before the Senate Finance Committee, Food and Drug Administration reviewer David Graham cited Meridia, Crestor, Acuetane, Bextra and Serevent.

The nation is "virtually defenseless" against anything in the $280 billion racket, Graham said.

Leading cigarette makers contended for decades to deceive the public that smoking to cancer. "How can you have it both ways?" asked Victor Schachter, a Mountain View, Calif., lawyer who argues on behalf of companies. "It's very much a mixed bag."

His clients' companies and other California firms are facing a "genuine exploitation of whistleblower claims," Schachter said.

Under the new federal law, companies are not allowed to fire or otherwise retaliate against a worker who reasonably believes financial fraud is taking place and files a complaint, either with the company or an outside agency.

Evidence weighed in tobacco case

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Government lawyers told a federal judge Thursday they had made the case that the tobacco industry conspired for decades to deceive the public about the dangers of smoking.

Leading cigarette executives conceded the government had failed to prove anything in the $280 billion racketeering case.

Both sides provided U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler, who oversaw summaries in the trial, which began in September and is expected to last several more months.

Justice Department lawyer Stephen Brody said that while the industry did not admit that smoking causes cancer until about five years ago, there was a consensus long before that.

Brody directed Kessler to the testimony of William Farone, a former Philip Morris scientist who worked at the company in the 1970s and 1980s.

Farone said it "so widely accepted among scientists that it was just an established fact" with no controversy.

He said that was evident from the decline in smoking that followed a 1964 surgeon general's report linking smoking to cancer.

Kessler asked how the industry could argue that the companies point of view was legitimate if average citizens were so sure smoking causes cancer. "How can you have it both ways?" she asked.

Brody also reminded the judge of the industry's public pledge in 1953 to fund research into "all phases of tobacco use and health."

The industry compared the effort to a crusade. Broady scoffed at that. "It wasn't a crusade for research. It was a crusade for profits on the sale of cigarettes," he said.

Whistleblower complaints rise

2002 law offering protection to corporate insiders has led to surge in allegations

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Home on sick leave two years ago, Ammar Halloum says he watched the Enron Corp. investigation play out on television — then decided he had to blow the whistle on his own employer.

His former company, computer chip maker Intel Corp., says that's just a flimsy cover story. Halloum's whistleblower allegations — that the company purposely delayed payments for factory parts to bolster its earnings — are the invention of an employee who knew he was on thin ice for poor job performance, Intel says.

Either way, the run-in between Halloum and Intel points to the tension generated by a recent surge of workers accusing their firms of fraud or misconduct, a wave touched off by high-profile scandals at Enron, WorldCom and other firms.

The rise in workers claiming whistleblower status began after Congress' approval of a law in 2002 offering new protection to corporate insiders willing to flag financial trickery at publicly traded companies.

Just a handful of workers stepped forward at first, but 181 filed such complaints by year's end, more than tripling the year before, the Securities and Exchange Commission said.

Halloum blew the whistle on Craig Barrett, above, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Intel Corporation, the world's largest computer chip maker.

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Whistleblowers who will raise issues in which we some find merit, but they will raise them in order to gain personal protection for marginal performance," said Victor Schachter, a Mountain View, Calif., lawyer who argues on behalf of companies. "It's very much a mixed bag."

His clients' companies and other California firms are facing a "genuine exploitation of whistleblower claims," Schachter said.

Under the new federal law, companies are not allowed to fire or otherwise retaliate against a worker who reasonably believes financial fraud is taking place and files a complaint, either with the company or an outside agency.

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Using football for post-election rhetoric

Call it an academic addiction. Call it the post-election withdrawal syndrome. Political junkies like this writer try to unwind immediately after a presidential election but have difficulty with the "odd" left over after the league approach. Notre Dame Stadium was almost empty last weekend in Pittsburgh, and that fact has caught me as far as this first time I had the opportunity to watch the ND-PSU Irish game. As events of the game unfolded, my mind raced to formulate rhetorical tongue-in-cheek rapid responses.

ND-Pitt games have always been a personal contradiction for me. Following graduation from high school, I entered the University of Pittsburgh and earned a major in journalism. From there, my heart always lies with Notre Dame, but I attended Pitt for the football. Tony Dorsett led the Panthers to football prominence and a national championship. Great football achievements marked both universities at the time, but their philosophies were as different as this year's Republican red and Democratic blue presidential state atmospheres.

Notre Dame embodies everything "red" in this year's electoral map — a private institution with a fundamentally-based identity that espouses a strong moral anti-abortion position, that maintains single-sex dormitories with parochial hours, has a hesitancy to officially recognize gay student or alumni groups, refusal to allow alcohol commercials during televised athletic events, etc. But when it comes to the sport of football, they have enamored at least one bowl official with their attitude.

The University of Pittsburgh I attended with Tony Dorsett in the mid-70s was the epitome of bad boy blue. For about three years as a graduate student, I had the chance to work with Tony Dorsett in the media office and athletic department. As the men's basketball program continues to grow under Mike Flanagan, I can say his efforts have been positive. I can recall one high-profile athlete who had not heard me. The "flipping" day. Thank you, "flipping" team live on television Friday, November 19, 2004.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Do you see any ivy?

Thank you Stephen Dick, for informing me that “Notre Dame is more than its football program” and that the world will not end if we keep losing. I can finally feel right.

I’ve read all the Viewpoint letters to the editor about the football team, but Stephen Dick’s letter in the Nov. 18 Observer made it impossible for me to bite my tongue.

First and foremost I will admit that I grew up with a Notre Dame blanket in my crib, and have been a Notre Dame Football fanatic for as long as I can remember. I am the product of an alumni upbringing, and I warmly embrace that fact. That being said, I don’t even want to talk about the football team, the coaching staff, our recruiting, or the analytics. I just want to address the school.

While I agree that Notre Dame has outstanding academics and an excellent faculty, this is not what the school was built on. Many of us have heard Notre Dame termed as one of the “Ivy’s of the Midwest.” What if you may fail to realize, is that this is not what Notre Dame has always been. I have spoken with many alumni who openly admit that if admissions were this tough when they were in high school they would never have been able to attend Notre Dame. An enormous growth in the applicant pool has allowed the admissions to demand more from the students at Notre Dame as tough as an Ivy League.

The bottom line is the University would not be what it is today if weren’t for the football program. It is the football program and the spirit of Notre Dame that has always attracted students. “Ivy League” academics are a relatively new development.

Here’s the thing: Notre Dame is not an Ivy League school. I did not choose to, nor did I want to go to an Ivy League. Many of the students here could have attended a Northwestern, Yale, Princeton or any number of schools with academ­ics just as good as Notre Dame’s. But Notre Dame is different.

Dick expressed his disappointment with some students’ obsession with football and said that he would expect that of a state school because football is all they will ever have. He added “But I don’t expect that from us. By getting sucked into the hype, we merely bring ourselves down to their level.” It is this mentality that makes me sick. This attitude is typical of an Ivy League student: to think all other schools, especially state schools, are in some way inferior. It is this attitude I precisely want to avoid when coming to Notre Dame.

What makes Notre Dame different is that the students come together in a united love for the school, and with that, a love for the legacy of Notre Dame Football. Notre Dame students are not concerned with our school being viewed as one of the most academically challenging schools in the country or being ranked among the Ivy’s. Or perhaps I should say, the students never used to be concerned with that. Instead, the campus has always become a home and the student body a family, with weekly fall outings to the stadium that fills us with a sense of pride, excitement and belonging.

I fear the mentality Dick has is shared by too many ND students. Alumni feel such an intense tie to the school because of the experiences they shared here, which are almost all closely tied to football. I have heard from too many alumni the disgust they share when students leave the football games early, do not stay for the alma mater, or even don’t purchase tickets. This school relies on the alumni, but I fear the student body is changing in a way that will lose that alumni support to dwindle.

People will always love Notre Dame. I don’t deny that. But what will the school become with an increasing proportion of the students not caring about the football program or the legacy of Notre Dame? An Ivy League? No thanks.

If you don’t care at all about the football program, fine. If you think the rest of us should not care about it or ignore the losses, and you cannot recognize or acknowledge that the school is where it is because of the football program, Notre Dame should have gone to an Ivy League. That’s not what Notre Dame ever was, and it’s not what it should be.

Kim Fornella
Sophomore
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Live tolerance, love

We e-mailed the articles to each other. It wasn’t the first time we’d heard such intolerance. But it was the first time we’d heard such nonsense since learning that two family members — our brothers and sons — were gay.

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Why should people’s sexuality matter? Do you think that God somehow makes a mistake — ever and ever again — in creating gay people? Or has the Church perhaps made a mistake?

Let’s face it, the Church is run by people with human weaknesses, and it has made mistakes over the years. Fortunately, the Church is also run by people of good conscience, who eventually realize their mistakes and make the needed amendments. We hope that day is coming for gays.

In the meantime, deciding how gay people should be treated isn’t that difficult. What would Jesus do? Would he put on a suit and tie — maybe chuck the sandals for some wingtips — and parade self-righteously around campus? Or would he extend a hand and say, “Gay? Fine by me.”

You know the answer. We all do. Let’s live it.

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Asian Allure is back

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By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

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Events at the show have included such things as drag dancing, martial arts demonstrations, Bhangara dancing and fan dances. There are also a variety of model groups in the show, consisting of anyone of any Asian background.

"Now that diversity at Notre Dame has increased over the past years, Asian Allure gives students an opportunity to not only embrace each of our own cultures but other people' s cultures as well," president Sarah Liu said.

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Son of Glam returns to Notre Dame

Promising hits from Metalica, Bon Jovi, Poison and others, the popular 80s cover band will perform at Legends tonight

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

Everything about Son of Glam is characteristically 80s, even down to the drums.

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Assistant Editor

Welbilt comes to Legends Saturday

Washington D.C.'s finest independent band finally makes a stop in South Bend

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Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Michigan quarterback Chad Henne has never played against Ohio State, but he has already used the word "to describe the historic rivalry between the Wolverines and Buckeyes.

Henne and the seventh-ranked Wolverines (9-1, 7-0 Big Ten) will try to punch their ticket to the conference championship on the line they visit the Buckeyes (6-4, 3-4) in the continuation of one of college football's storied series.

"It's the biggest tradition in college football," Henne said. "They hate us and we hate them."

Michigan coach Lloyd Carr didn't agree with Henne's description.

"Hate, I guarantee is not part of this rivalry," Carr said. "And I think when he's through he would not characterize it that way. They probably have guys that say the same thing.

"I think if you're at Michigan, you hate to lose to Ohio State. And if you think you're at Ohio State, you hate to lose to Michigan. Chad Henne meant, so print it that way."

Henne has been a key to the Wolverines' success, throwing for 2,188 yards and 19 touchdowns. His favorite target has been Braylon Edwards, who has 76 catches for 1,049 yards and 11 touchdowns.

This is the 101st meeting between the schools, with Michigan leading the all-time series 57-37-6. There is no question that the Wolverines have much to lose in this encounter as the teams conclude the regular season.

A win would assure the Wolverines, seventh in the Bowl Championship Series standings, a spot in the Rose Bowl and a record 17th outright Big Ten title.

Michelle controls its postsea­son destiny. For what happened in the Michigan game three years ago during coach Jim Tressel's first season.

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"I don't think we come into this game with nothing to lose because we're playing here at Ohio State; we're playing against Michigan and that pretty much speaks for itself," Buckeyes wide receiver Santonio Holmes said.
Belles open season at annual Tip-Off Classic tournament

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writer

After a disappointing 5-18 campaign in 2003-04, the Saint Mary's basketball team is looking to take the first steps toward becoming an MIAA power this season. The first hurdle in achieving that goal will come this weekend, as the Belles play Franklin and Marshall on back-to-back days in the annual Tip-Off Classic.

Roose-Hulman Institute of Technology is also scheduled to play in this weekend's tournament, but is not scheduled to play the Belles.

Associated Press

Sorenstam on top of her game and in the lead

Champion since it moved round in the ADT Championship in 2004, the first round of the Division II tournament before losing to Wilmington 75-50.

This year's edition of the Belles will look different than past years. Bellina has made tactical changes, including changes to the offense and the use of more full-court press.

"We've gained a lot of quickness in our guard positions," she said. "We're going to use that to pressure full court.

Saint Mary's lost only one major contributor, point guard Katie Miller, off last season's squad. According to Bellina, team leadership will not be a problem this year.

"We have four seniors who, along with the rest of the team, are really focused on making this a good season," she said.

One of the biggest factors in making this a successful season will be the play of senior forward Emily Creachbaum.

Creachbaum was selected as an all-MIAA player each of the last two seasons, making her the first Belle to be so honored. Bellina expects Creachbaum to be a vocal leader in the locker room.

"Emily is a very focused player," Bellina said. "She has a hand on what everyone on this team is doing and she's keeping everyone focused on the goal.

Creachbaum is not the only Belle that earned hardware last season. Senior guard Katie Boyce earned the MIAA Defensive Player of the Year award, a feat made more impressive by the fact that she is only 5-foot-2.

The Belles also expect to have major contributions from their freshmen, guards Alison Tessler and Bernadette Broderick and forward/center Abbey Baun.

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ND VOLLEYBALL

Irish ready to meet BC in Big East semifinals

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Junior Carolyn Cooper jumps and spikes the ball in Notre Dame's 3-0 victory over Pittsburgh Nov. 12

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Though the Irish have next week in mind as well, they will look forward to taking on a strong Louisville squad.

"Louisville is a much improved team this year, and we're starting to build a good team performance."

Welsh said. "We're in preparation for our own invitational meet here at ND the weekend after Thanksgiving, so this will also be a dress rehearsal for that."

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Not satisfied with historic victory, Irish push forward

Team looks to build on first win over ranked opponent this weekend at Louisville

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

In the minds of the Irish swim team, the historic win over Pittsburgh on Nov. 12 wasn't the culmination of the season—it was just the beginning.

The victory over the No. 17 Panthers marked the first time in the 47-year history of the program Notre Dame has beaten a ranked team.

"We want to build on Friday, but we also want to start over. We don't want to rely on it." Irish coach Tim Welch said. "We want to go out there and earn it all over again. We know what we want to do for the year, and we're making great progress. But anyone who's watched Notre Dame athletics this fall knows that you can't take any success for granted until it's final."

The Irish will get their first chance to follow up Friday's performance when they travel to Louisville this weekend for a meet that will last two days and contain three sessions. Rather than participating in the same standard events as the previous four weeks, the teams will swim the same events as the NCAA championships, including three new races—the 200 freestyle, the 500 freestyle and the 400 medley.

"This meet is valuable to us, because we swim all the events that we would at the NCAA championships, and in the same order," Welch said. "We're in preparation for our own invitational meet here at ND the weekend after Thanksgiving, so this will also be a dress rehearsal for that."

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"It's going to take our whole team to Louisville and looking for a complete team performance."

The recent success by the Irish has them ranked No. 21 in the latest College Swim Coaches poll, marking the first time in 47 years that the team has been ranked.

"It's a giant step for the program, and it's very exciting," Welch said. "It's a measurement of our progress, but it also acts as an incentive. We know the only way we can stay ranked is to make it to the national championships and score in the top 25, something that has never been done in school history."

"By itself, the ranking means nothing, but as an incentive to progress, it's fantastic."

"L o u i s v i l l e  i s a m u c h
different team."

Welch said. "We're going in really focused and determined to win."

Brown said. "It's going to take a combined and inspired team effort, but we are expecting to bring the title back to Notre Dame."

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**Hockey**

**Irish to face U.S. Under 18 team in exhibition**

By JUSTIN SCHUVER  
Associate Sports Writer

The Irish will take a break from regular season action tonight as they face the U.S. National Team Development Program's Under-18 team at 7:35 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

This is the second year in a row that the Irish have played the Under-18 team in an exhibition, with the Irish coming away with a 4-0 win over Team USA on Nov. 14, 2003.

Notre Dame and the Under-18 team have always had a good relationship, and several recent Irish players were once members of the National Development Program.

Current Notre Dame junior Noah Babin and sophomore Tim Wallace were members of Team USA's 2001 squad, and recently of the National Development Program.

Sophomores Michael Bartlett and Josh Sciba were also one-time members of Team USA, although their squad never faced the Irish in an exhibition.

Notre Dame comes into the exhibition on perhaps its best stretch of the young season. The Irish tied Western Michigan 2-2 Nov. 12, then came back and picked up their first conference win with a 3-2 victory over the Broncos. The three points on the weekend moved Notre Dame from last in the CCHA to eighth.

"At least we don't have the entire week off, I'm happy we're at least playing a game tonight," Irish coach Dave Poulin said.

"We're pretty banged up right now — Cory Meieran, Evan Banklin, Matthew Williams-Kovacs and Dan BeVard are all trying to heal from various things, so hopefully we can use this as a chance to get some of those guys healthy.

"We'll also get a chance to try some things with our special teams, maybe play Victor Oreskovich and Tim Wallace some more on the power play and give the younger guys a chance to do something."

Team USA comes into the Joyce Center on a tear, having recently won the Four Nations Tournament in Ann Arbor, Mich., defeating Under-18 teams from Switzerland, Sweden and Finland.

They have not been a pushover against their collegiate opponents this year, either, amassing a respectable 3-2-2 record against Division I teams. Team USA owns a win over Michigan Tech (6-2) and a tie against Northern Michigan (3-3), both teams are on the Irish 2004-05 schedule.

"Team USA is a very good hockey team," Poulin said. "Guys on our team like Michael Bartlett and Josh Sciba have been in that other locker room, and they know how it feels to be young kids playing against big college programs, so you know they're going to be fired up and ready to play."

Following the exhibition tonight, the Irish travel to Alaska Fairbanks for a two-game series with their conference rival on Nov. 26-27.

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Fantasy Football

NFL

Philadelphia Eagles’ Terrell Owens answers questions from reporters Thursday after apologizing to anyone offended by the provocative introduction to this week’s “Monday Night Football,” which generated many complaints.

Owens apologizes for role in MNF skit

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — While Terrell Owens would never say he’s sorry for his flashy touchdown celebrations, he did apologize Thursday to anyone offended by his role in a steamy segment with actress Nicollette Sheridan for the intro to “Monday Night Football.”

“I felt like it was clean, the organization felt like it was a clean skit and I think it just really got taken out of context with a lot of people and I apologize for that,” Owens said. “Personally I didn’t think it would have offended anyone and, if it did, I apologize.”

ABC and the Eagles also apologized this week, with the team saying it wished the titling segment “hadn’t aired.”

The opening, which has generated complaints to ABC and the Federal Communications Commission, showed Sheridan [of the hit show “Desperate Housewives”] wearing only a towel and provocatively asking Owens to skip the game for her as the two stood alone in a locker room. She drops the towel and jumps into Owens’ arms. Owens had no idea the intro would create such outrage.

“I thought it was a fun skit and that was it,” Owens said.

Owens, known for his outrageous touchdown celebrations, seemed to believe the skit was generating controversy because of his participation, not because of simulated nudity.

“Anything I got involved with, I’m obviously a target,” he said. “It happened.”

The sexually charged promo goes way beyond Owens, however. Reaction — are you ready for some controversy? — has ranged from amusement to outrage.

Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy found it racist, offensively offensive. Owens is black and Sheridan is white.

Philadelphia quarterback Donovan McNabb wasn’t quite as vocal, saying he didn’t find the segment offensive and believing people were overreacting.

Michael Powell, chairman of the FCC, questioned ABC’s judgment in airing the scene.

Even Rush Limbaugh, who made a racially charged critique of McNabb last season, chimed in on his radio show, saying he was “shocked” by the content, which was “too close to this Kolbe Bryant situation for comfort.”

In Brief

Greek sprinters charged with doping violated drug tests

ATHENS, Greece — Greek sprinters Kostas Kenetris and Katerina Thanou and their coach were charged Thursday with avoiding a drug test on the eve of the Athens Olympics and faking a motorcycle accident hours later.

Chief prosecutor Dimitris Papangelopulos, announcing the results of a two-month investigation, issued charges against the two athletes and coach Christos Tzarkos. The coach was also charged with illegally importing and selling banned substances.

Twelve others — including seven doctors at the state-run hospital where Thanou and Kenetris were treated after the alleged motorcycle crash — were charged with making false statements.

No trial date was set, though it is expected the case will be handled in court by the end of the year.

The case involves two of Greece’s top sprinters — Kenetris, 29, won gold in the 200 meters at the Sydney Olympics in 2000, and Thanou, 29, won silver in the 400.

On the eve of the Aug. 13 opening ceremony in Athens, the pair could not be found at the Olympic Village for a doping test. Hours later, they said they were involved in a motorcycle accident that happened because they were rushing back to the Olympic Village to be tested. They spent four days in the hospital and later withdrew from the Olympics.

Bender out indefinitely with knee injury

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers forward Jonathan Bender’s chronically injured left knee has taken yet another turn for the worse.

Bender will be out indefinitely to allow scar tissue to heal, the latest in a series of injuries.

“It’s not good,” Bender said after practice Thursday. “The doctor’s re-evaluated it and I’m going to sit out for a while.”

Bender played 11 minutes in Wednesday night’s win over the Atlanta Hawks, the first time he’d played since the season opener against Cleveland.

Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said he didn’t have a specific timetable for Bender’s recovery, but the team will “have to consider sitting Jonathan out for an extended period of time to allow him to really rehab this knee right.”

Bender has been plagued by the injury for years, missing huge chunks of time, then coming back for a few games, only to miss more time.

“We’re at a point where it doesn’t make sense to yo-yo him in and out and for him to keep having the setbacks he’s having,” Carlisle said.
Senior Josh Schmidt runs with the ball during practice earlier this season. Schmidt is not returning for a fifth year.

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Ious University of Tennessee fans in Knoxville, Schmidt knew he was looking for a good business school in his college choice. Combining that career path with always being a football fan and Notre Dame would seem like a natural fit.

When he got to campus, it was exactly that.

"Once I got here it was like, Wow, this place is amazing. This is where I want to spend my four years," Schmidt said.

After playing football in high school, it was always in the back of Schmidt's mind that he could walk on to the Irish. Schmidt felt comfortable with the academics after his first semester, and with the coaching change, knew this was his chance.

He sent Willingham and the coaching staff tapes of his high school games and went to talk with them. Joining the team a few weeks before spring practice started, Schmidt was able to start working out with the team and build on his freshman frame of "200 pounds soaking wet."

That small frame left the new fullback at a make-up disadvantage compared to the other fullbacks on the team, sending intentions to him onto the practice field tartly and time again.

But then he started getting up and each time he got up, Schmidt's confidence that he could hang with Division I football players grew.

"I'm sure (his confidence) probably came from having his head knocked off a couple of times," Irish offensive coordinator Bill Diedrick said. "You have to keep getting up and coming back at it and pretty soon, instead of getting rejected in the hole you are starting to move the hole a little bit, that just comes with a number of repetitions."

That confidence has allowed Schmidt to rise to second on the Irish depth chart at fullback. He mainly comes into the game to either open a hole or catch a pass out of the backfield. He's now someone the coaching staff can rely on when they call his number.

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In several areas, starting with pitching.

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Mainieri said the lefthander, Sam Elam, "has as good an arm on a lefthander as you're going to see."

Elam is ranked as the 18th best player in the nation by Team One Baseball and posted 54 strikeouts in just 26 innings last season.

He also finished his junior season with a 2.20 ERA. Right-hander Brett Gruffy was 6-1 with a 3.28 ERA for Juliet Catholic High School last season, helping his team to a state runner-up finish. He is the No. 2 prospect in Illinois.

"I think we're bringing in a lot of challenges in that area," Mainieri said. "I mean that's a really big deal in that area, so we've got a couple of guys who are really impressive in that category."

Mainieri said bringing in players who could hit the ball well was critical to Schmidt's class.

"We don't know what we're going to lose this year," Mainieri said. "A major core of our players is our junior class.

"When you have guys that are eligible for the draft and they're good players, you have to assume you're going to lose a number of them because of the nature of the beast."

"It's really been the best thing in the world not having to go back to an empty apartment, but a gorgeous wife."

Not only did Schmidt get married over the summer, but also he was awarded a scholarship.

"I guess when you first walk on and see guys like Jimmy O'Neil and guys that have been here before, you put into it is just blows your mind and guys that have gone before, you assume you're going to lose a ton of talent, but you are losing this year," Mainieri said. "It was critical for this year's class.

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Four years later, he will have 26 victories, a national scholarship and a dream come true to show for.

"Not to say I didn't come in with high expectations," Schmidt said. "I don't think I really knew what to expect to play.

"I thought I'd stay and I'd see what I could do to get everything I can to get on the field, that's definitely what my mentality was going in to not really expecting to play."

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early-season battle.

I love the fact we're going there," Foster said after Ohio State's victory Wednesday. 'I love
that we're seeing where we are.
It's only Nov. 20. We couldn't ask for a better situation.

'We got off to a good start at
home, and we earned a shot to go
and play for a championship in
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to confront the
opposition and I think that is

Jessica Dav-
gerent leads the
Buckeyes with 16
points, and seven
rebounds per
game. Teammate
Michelle Obama
averaged 14.7
points and three
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first three contests, dropped 20 against Arizona on

Wednesday.
The Buckeyes have shot the ball especially well, while playing
stiff defense. Ohio State has connected on 52.9 percent of its
shots and held opponents to just 38.9 percent.

On the other bench, Notre
Dame has played pretty well in its
own right. The Irish have won three games, including the
impressive victory against then-No. 10 Duke team. All-American
Jacqueline Batteast has been her

usual self, leading the Irish in
scoring and also piling up high
assist totals. She's averaged 18
points and 5.3 rebounds.

The real surprise for Notre
Dame has been the play of fresh-
man Charel Allen.

Allen poured in 16 points
during the Big East
postseason, which


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"They're anxious to play," Irish
coach Randy Waldrum
said. "After playing UConn, we felt
like we just gave one
away."

According to Waldrum, one of the
deciding factors during the
Big East Championship was

our confidence throughout
the entire match.

"We just need to stay focused for
90 minutes. It wasn't anything
particularly that we broke down," Waldrum
said. "We just lost track of some of their
key players. And we got punished
for it."

Despite losing

the Big East Championship,
the Irish remain confident in
how they've played throughout
the season and expect
Saturday's match to be no dif-

ferent.

"When we go back and evaluate
the season, we have been
good all year except for the
last 30 minutes of the Big East
Championship game," Waldrum
said. "We spent this
week to make sure that
we come out the same way and
not let that one game define us.
I don't think it did, so
we would look for us to be very
good on Saturday."

In addition to their
confidence, the Irish believe they
will be prepared for the style
of play they are expecting from
Connecticut.

"We got a really good handle
on UConn. We have played
them so often the past few
years that we are not looking for
them to come up with any
thing to surprise us," Waldrum
said. "(During the postseason) you try to put your players in
the best ways to exploit your
opposition and I think that is

us.

that they will do if they make
any changes."

However, the Irish have two
individual players they are
hoping will challenge the
opposition of the Huskies and
who have significantly added
to the team's success during
the post-season.

Freshman Ashley Jones
and junior Annie Schelter are
two players Waldrum feels
should receive more attention for
the contributions they give the
Irish defensively.

"Those are two kids we don't
praise or talk about enough," Waldrum said.

One of the notable perform-
ances Jones has had during
her post-season came
when she scored her first goal
of the season during the Big East
Championship game. However,
for Schelter it has been her
friendliness and knowledge of
the sport that makes her a
valuable asset to the team's suc-

cess.

"She has a better under-
standing of the game than
most players and she sees
the game two or three passes
ahead and raises her talent
to another level during this
stretch of the playoffs," Waldrum said. "She is going to
be such a big factor for the
organization of the team
throughout the playoffs."
ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
The godfather comes to town
Muffet McGraw’s son’s godfather coaches preseason WNIT final opponent Ohio State

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Muffet McGraw’s son, Murphy, will get to see his godfather Saturday. That’s because Jim Foster happens to coach Ohio State’s women’s basketball team.

No. 11 Notre Dame looks to finish off an impressive start to its season with a victory in the preseason Women’s National Invitation Tournament final against No. 10 Ohio State at the Joyce Center at 7 p.m. Saturday. The Irish are fresh off a 76-65 upset of No. 6 Duke on Wednesday night, while the Buckeyes have cruised through three opponents, winning by an average score of 81-38. Ohio State has wins over Bowling Green, St. Joseph’s and Arizona this season.

For McGraw, the game is especially exciting. She and Foster are close. McGraw and her husband, Matt, named Foster the godfather of the couple’s only child, Murphy.

“We go back a long way,” McGraw said. “Last year we went down there and spent some time with him and his staff. He’s doing a great job with his team this year so it’s going to be another great game.”

Foster is also looking forward to seeing the McGraw family, and facing Notre Dame in an

ND WOMEN’S SOCCER
Team thriving on momentum
Irish anxious to redeem themselves after losing to UConn in the Big East Championship

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

With just a week passing since the thrilling 1-0 victory over Wisconsin, the Irish prepare to face conference rival Connecticut in the third round of the NCAA tournament. The two teams are set to meet Saturday at 7 p.m. at Alumni Field in a rematch of the Big East Championship finals where the Huskies upset the top-seeded Irish 2-1.

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Irish anxious to redeem themselves after losing to UConn in the Big East Championship

Walk-on turned scholarship senior fullback not returning to team for fifth year

Freshman Amanda Cicardi battles for the ball during Notre Dame’s 1-0 win over Wisconsin in the NCAA tournament Sunday.

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Schmidt’s storybook journey comes to end
Walk-on turned scholarship senior fullback not returning to team for fifth year

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Forget about wearing the blue and gold in Notre Dame Stadium on Saturdays — senior Josh Schmidt had trouble making the Zahm interhall football team as a freshman.

Spraining his ankle while “messing around” in a pickup game, Schmidt couldn’t make the dorm’s tryouts but was able to convince the captains he could be a contributor as a tailback.

Four months later, Schmidt was doing some more convincing — to new Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham.

“Tyrone was the one really pushing me to new Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham,” Schmidt said. “He’s a football player, a coach and a utility player. "I think it’s a really outstanding class. I’m really excited about this group,” Irish coach Paul Mainieri said.

Student Sports has ranked the class 21st in the nation. Notre Dame has consistently had top recruiting classes, including a No. 1 ranked group in 2002, as Mainieri and his assistants continue to build the Irish program into one of the elite in college baseball. The Irish have compiled 195 wins during the last four seasons, while Mainieri has a 399-160-1 record during nine seasons in South Bend, including a College World Series berth in 2002.

Mainieri said the Class of 2009 should help Notre Dame
Men's Basketball 2004-05 Preview:

POINT TAKEN

Behind senior point guard Chris Thomas and a deep roster, Notre Dame begins its campaign to validate high preseason expectations.
Preseason expectations mean talk ends tonight

Chris Thomas has talked about winning 30 games. Jordan Cornette mentioned Wednesday about being undefeated heading into the Big East schedule just over a month after saying the leters "NIT" aren't in Notre Dame's vocabulary anymore. SI.com's Stewart Mandel and ESPN.com's Andy Katz both predicted the Irish to be in St. Louis in April for the Final Four, with Mandel projecting Thomas as the national player of the year.

In the locker room, in the student body and in experts' minds, expectations for the 2004-05 Irish are as high as a team could have, and they should be. Right now it's all talk. This team and its fifth-year coach know that. "Our group is dreaming some big dreams, and I don't want to dampen them. I just want to remind them we're certainly not there yet," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We're a work in progress. This is a marathon, not a sprint.

"If we don't talk about the things they talked about, we're really going to have to listen and understand (that) it's going to be difficult and not just pay it lip service.

"That's why tonight's game against Harvard is so important. It might not seem obvious. The first three games on Notre Dame's schedule leading up to the showdown in Ann Arbor on Dec. 4 should be three easy wins. The combined 2003-04 record for these teams was 13-76. But this team needs confidence from the opening tip. And the easiest way to gain that confidence is to win - convincingly.

"The Irish closed out their opening night win last season over Northern Illinois in ugly fashion and heat Mount St.

Mary's by a 14 in game two. Then came three games that really hurt. The blowout loss to a Marquette team looking for some payback, the buzzer-beating jumper to RRIT-Akron Central Michigan and just flat-out disappointment to Indiana out of the first losing record at home.

All season, the Irish had to battle back from that three-game stretch along with other troubles in an effort to make it in the NCAA tournament. Until the three-game win streak over Connecticut, Seton Hall and Syracuse in mid-Febuary brought them to the NCAA tournament, Losing focus for even just one game can create a hole you may not be able to climb out of for the rest of the year, like last season's 2-3 start.

An early-season home loss to any of the teams before Big East play starts would do just that for the Irish again this year.

"Expectations are high, but if you watch a couple of the teams we play, like Providence against Niagara, you can't look past past teams," Cornette said. "Mandan is going to be a tough team. They are going to be a lot better. You have to give them credit. That's a big part of college basketball is avoiding the letdowns, and it starts (today).

"All summer in the weight room, all off-season scrimmaging blue and white, our preseason against the Division II teams, this team has had more than just getting back to its fourth NCAA tournament in the five years on its mind, because it feels it can do more than that.

"It's talked about playing the type of defense that takes teams past the first weekend in March. It's talked about utilizing the suddenly deep 10-man bench. It's talked about being unselfish to utilize all of that talent. All of that leads to this team not being threadless for having big-time program expectations.

"I think I'm able to play with Chris in having lofty goals for this team, only for the simple fact that I think we can achieve them, but at the same time knowing how he likes to look at goals." Cornette said. "By no means do I think we can't achieve that.

"A record going for a bit-time sport winner, just look at the student tickets selling out to fewer than three hours, men's basketball has been talked about for months.

In the 100th month of Notre Dame basketball, this team wants to hang its own banner along the rest in the Joyce Center.

Not just a Big East title banner. Not just another year under NCAA tournament kids or Sweet 16 appearances. But a banner next to the one that says NCAA Final Four - 1978. It all starts tonight.

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Kurz ready to make impact

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Fans may not have to wait until next season to see just how fruitful Notre Dame's recruiting efforts have become. Bob Kurz is already here.

The 6-foot-9, 219-pound freshman out of Philadelphia is the lone member of the incoming class, in contrast to the four big names who signed letters of intent Nov. 10 to play for the Irish next season.

But Kurz, who averaged 18.5 points, 12 rebounds and 4 blocks during his senior year of high school, showed his new teammates this summer that he can make an immediate impact.

"In the summer he had really earned the respect of the older guys playing pickup, but I still didn't know if he'd be part of things this year," coach Mike Brey said. "But in talking to coach [Martin] Inglesby, who's able to watch because he can't coach, with our older guys Bob Kurz is going to compete for it.

Kurz played two seasons at Germantown Academy before transferring to finish his high school career at Penn Charter with Virginia recruit Sean Singleterry.

Brey used his freshman a good amount in Notre Dame's two preseason exhibitions, submitting Kurz into the power forward position.

Against St. Joe's, Kurz played 15 minutes, shot 3-for-6 from the field and hit all three of his foul shots in total points. He also grabbed four rebounds and committed just one turnover.

Brey increased Kurz's minutes to 20 against Quincy, playing him more than all but five players on the roster. Kurz turned the ball over three times, but those can be attributed to freshman jitters.

The first-year player scored four points, had five rebounds and four blocks in the win.

Kurz, who is as old as most current sophomores, exhibits maturity by redirecting focus off his individual potential and onto the team's potential.

"You always want to start the season strong, and we want to set a tone early on how we are going to play for the season," Kurz said. "[We must] start out playing unselfishly and playing really hard, start building that momentum now when so the conference season starts, we are playing at a high level."

As a freshman, Kurz is inexperienced. But he hangs down low and can step in over the 15-foot jump shot. Kurz's quick development will give Brey another option with three low-post threats in Torin Francis, Dennis Lalimare and Rich Cornett already established.

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Irish main concern: get injured players healthy

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Injury Prone
Six of Notre Dame's fourteen players (11 counting walk-ons) have had significant injury problems in previous seasons. Surgery is noted with an asterisk and is considered in potentiates. By PAT LEONARD

Rick Cornett left foot stress fracture* (July 23)

Jordon Arnette sprained ankle

Torn Francis herniated disk back* (Mar. B)

Omari Israel knee ACL* (Feb. 2003)

Rob Kurz broken jaw

Chris Thomas left knee* (Age 9, arthroscopic)

Fifth-year head coach Mike Brey has affirmed only one goal thus far for his 2004-05 Irish: return to the NCAA Tournament.

"We did add more walk-ons to make sure we had more bodies to pick from... We'll be fine, we'll get there."

Senior Greg Brog joins the roster for his second straight season as a walk-on point guard. Notre Dame added just one forward—Ben Nickol and Chris Murphy—to fill the roster and help with practice match-ups.

Rick Cornett, who strained his back as well just before the preseason games, is expected to play tonight against Harvard. Brey said Cornett is not alone as a team with a long list of injuries.

"There's a lot of programs in our boat right now, just talking to [Michigan coach] Tommy Amaker, the other day. Brey said "But we did add more walk-ons to make sure we had more bodies to pick from. We'll be fine, we'll get there."

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Mike Brey Irish head coach

"I don't think Thomas is 100 percent yet but I think he's very close." Brey said before the first preseason game. "We have plenty of time for him to get back to that level, he was a younger guy I'd be a little more if he was an older guy, I'd say his way back in a couple weeks."

Thomas said he is not 100 percent yet but he feels better now than he did at any point last season, when he played through the injury over the final weeks of the season.

His teammate and fellow Wooden Award candidate, Francis, had an earlier surgery and a quicker recovery. "I feel very good about the two major surgery guys," Brey said. "I think Francis is 100 percent. Of course, he's had plenty of rehab. I think we did that surgery in March so he's looking good. Francis is just doing individual work outs and in the conditioning. I feel good about him." Brey said Notre Dame is not alone as a team with a long list of injuries.

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### Men’s Outlook

**GREG BOSL**
*Walk-on*
GUARD
6’1”, 198 lbs.
No. 55 — SR
High school stats
Points 10.0
Assists 6.0
Rebounds 5.0

2004-05 expectations
Bosil will not play much, but the second-year walk-on will push Notre Dame’s guards in practice. His brother, Mike, played for Villanova in 1998-99.

**JOHN CARLSON**
*Walk-on*
FORWARD
6’5”, 248 lbs.
No. 4 — SO
2003-04 stats
Minutes 0.3
Points 0.7
Rebounds 0.0

2004-05 expectations
Carlson, also a tight end for the football team, joined the roster midseason last year to add size after Torin Francis got hurt. He won’t play much.

**RUSSELL CARTER**
GUARD
6’4”, 223 lbs.
No. 43 — SO
2003-04 stats
Minutes 2.1
Points 0.8
Rebounds 0.4

2004-05 expectations
Carter brings instant offense. He balanced 25 pounds of muscle over the offseason. The only step remaining for Carter to get minutes: defense.

**JORDAN CORNETTE**
FORWARD
6’10”, 236 lbs.
No. 12 — SR
2003-04 stats
Minutes 30.7
Points 5.8
Rebounds 3.0

2004-05 expectations
Cornette moves outside on offense with the potential to be a star and give the Irish all the size they need inside. His ability to contribute off the bench will be crucial.

**COLIN FALLS**
GUARD
6’5”, 204 lbs.
No. 15 — FR
2003-04 stats
Minutes 15.6
Points 6.4
Rebounds 3.6

2004-05 expectations
Falls was Notre Dame’s best three-point shooter last season. He will look to increase his role on the team, making key baskets in a backup role.

**TORIN FRANSCE**
GUARD
6’11”, 252 lbs.
No. 34 — JR
2003-04 stats
Minutes 31.6
Points 14.2
Rebounds 8.3

2004-05 expectations
Francesc was Notre Dame’s best all-around player last season. He has a great eye for the game and leads the team in scoring.

**DENNIS LATIMORE**
*Eligible transfer*
FORWARD
6’9”, 219 lbs.
No. 31 — FR
2003-04 stats
Minutes 12.0
Points 3.2
Rebounds 3.1

2004-05 expectations
Latimore and Cornett. A IL of the factors that hinders a second run. Not sure if he will be able to contribute.

**CHRIS MURPHY**
FORWARD
6’6”, 210 lbs.
No. 24 — JR
High school stats
Minutes 15.8
Points 8.2
Rebounds 3.6

2004-05 expectations
Murphy played at Beast Academy and has skills. He’s a quiet guy and may be more of a shot-blocker.

**CHRIS QUINN**
GUARD
6’7”, 185 lbs.
No. 2 — JR
2003-04 stats
Minutes 35.8
Points 4.5
Assists/TO 2.8

2004-05 expectations
Quinn is the most skilled player on the team and can shoot from long range. He’s a great athlete and will lead the team in assists.

**JORDIE RUSSELL**
FORWARD
6’2”, 210 lbs.
No. 5 — FR
2003-04 stats
Minutes 12.5
Points 6.5
Rebounds 3.2

2004-05 expectations
Russell is the most dynamic player on the team and can shoot from long range. He’s a great athlete and will lead the team in assists.

**BEN NICKOL**
FORWARD
6’5”, 218 lbs.
No. 21 — JR
High school stats
Minutes 38.3
Points 19.7
Rebounds 4.2

2004-05 expectations
Nickol played at Gonzaga Prep and has grown into a star at Idaho. He has good tools that will keep Idaho players alert on defense in practice.

### The Schedule

#### 2004-05 Schedule

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**WOMEN'S OUTLOOK**

**CHAREL ALLEN**  
GUARD  
5'11"  
No. 2 — FR  

High school stats  
Points: 26.1  
Rebounds: 10.5  
Assists: —  

2004-05 expectations  
Allen brings a long, athletic body to the backcourt. Her speed will add a threat to Notre Dame's fast break and her reach will help on defense.

**JACQUELINE BATTESTE**  
GUARD  
5'10  
No. 21 — SR  

2003-04 stats  
Minutes: 32.9  
Points: 16.0  
Rebounds: 8.0  

2004-05 expectations  
Batnette, the big freshman, should make an impact early. She is playing behind her teammate Teresia Borton and is very good at both ends of the floor. She will see time at guard this year.

**MELODY D'AMICO**  
FORWARD/CENTER  
6'5"  
No. 33 — FR  

2004-05 expectations  
The big freshman should make an impact early. She is playing behind D'Amico should see the court.

**MELISSA D'AMICO**  
FORWARD/CENTER  
6'5"  
No. 33 — FR  

High school stats  
Points: 20.7  
Rebounds: 9.7  
Blocks: 3.5  

2004-05 expectations  
The big freshman should make an impact early. She is playing behind D'Amico should see the court.

**MEGAN DUFFY**  
GUARD  
5'7"  
No. 13 — JR  

2003-04 stats  
Minutes: 33.3  
Points: 9.9  
Assists: 2.9  

2004-05 expectations  
The graduate of the Notre Dame can make an impact early. She will direct the offense and lead her teammates. She is the versatile wing that was the Big East player.

**COURTNEY LAVERE**  
GUARD  
5'7"  
No. 41 — JR  

2003-04 stats  
Minutes: 22.2  
Points: 0.8  
Rebounds: 4.5  

2004-05 expectations  
LaVerde was the cold shots to Boe 15 points and 10 rebounds in the Big East. The junior and Borton should be back by this game. She will see time at guard this year.

**TULIAH GAINES**  
GUARD  
5'6"  
No. 1 — FR  

High school stats  
Points: 20.2  
Assists: 4.0  
Steals: —  

2004-05 expectations  
Gaines is a quick, athletic point guard who can score and set up her teammates. She loves to run the ball, and her energy ignites the Irish.

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**THE SCHEDULE**

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Dec. 30 at Northern Illinois  
Jan. 2 Seton Hall  
Jan. 5 Syracuse  
Jan. 9 at Villanova  
Jan. 12 Connecticut  
Jan. 16 Purdue  
Jan. 19 at Syracuse  
Jan. 22 Rutgers  
Jan. 26 St. John's  
Jan. 30 at Connecticut  
Feb. 2 Boston College  
Feb. 5 at Pittsburgh  
Feb. 9 at Providence  
Feb. 12 Georgetown  
Feb. 15 at Boston College  
Feb. 17 at Rutgers  
Feb. 26 West Virginia  
Mar. 1 at Seton Hall  
Mar. 5-8 Big East Tournament  
Mar. 19 NCAA Tournament Begin
Ba tteast and the Irish opened the 2004-05 schedule by scor­ching Premier Sports in a preseason exhibition game, 84-52.

Crystal Erwin, left, and Charel Allen, right, are two members of a strengthened supporting cast for Big East Preseason Player of the Year Jacqueline Batt east.

"I knew this year I would be taking a bigger role in the offense for us to win, and she's somebody who's going to be the feature for the opponent."

Muffet McGraw
Irish head coach

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

In the first exhibition game, Jacqueline Batt east showed everyone why she has been named the Big East Preseason Player of the Year and in Basketball News, the National Player of the Year in the second exhibition game, Batt east showed why this year is different than last.

But Batt east shone in the opener, putting up 23 points on 9-for-14 shooting. But in the second game, she struggled, at times forcing shots. She finished with 11 points, but on 5-for-12 shooting.

And the Irish still scored points—80, in fact.

B atteast also serves as a role model for Big East Preseason Player of the Year Jacqueline Batt east.

"I have a huge part in the scoring off the bench that can add things. So even if I'm not scoring well, I know there's other people, Megan (Buffy), Courtney (LaVer e) and T (Borton), that can hurt people."

McGraw has as much confidence in the players around Batt east as she does in her star player.

"I think it's important for the whole team to feel that they have a huge part in the scoring role," McGraw said. "I think everybody has to come in and do their part. Teams are going to try to take Jackie away, and she's going to have games where she's double-teamed and not even able to get the ball so I think the more Teresa, Courtney and Megan can score, the harder it is going to be for the other teams to take her away.

"She's incredibly hard to guard now, and I think it would be a huge challenge for a team to take her away completely, but I think we have to have the other weapons ready.

Playing on the perimeter

This season, Batt east will play mostly the three-guard spot. With Burton, LaVer e, Crystal Erwin and newcomer Melissa D'Amico, the Irish have plenty of depth at the power forward and center positions. So the best possible Irish lineup includes shifting Batt east to play the third guard position.

B atteast is a versatile 6-foot-2 and can face-up or back down defenders. Despite her versatility, Batt east said it's been an adjustment to play as more of a guard — especially on defense.

"Guarding guards is really tiring," Batt east said. "I have to run a lot. I'm not used to that post defense part."

Now, I'm chasing someone through screens and trying to get the rebound and be the first one down on offense, so that's a lot of running. It takes some adjusting, and if I keep practicing I should get into shape.

B atteast also worked on her outside shot this summer to prepare for her new posit ion.

"I know this year I would be playing a little more guard and on the perimeter, so I worked on my outside jumpshot and quickness trying to guard guards on defense," Batt east said.

But even with her new position, Batt east wants to keep a high field goal percentage. Last season, she shot 45.2 percent from the field. She said she wants to get that number closer to 50 percent this season.

"I want to try to come in, rebound well and score," Batt east said.

"More than just a scorer"

Although Batt east is known as a scorer, she means much more to this Irish team. With three talented freshmen on the roster in D'Amico, Tulyah Gaines and Courtney [Lavere] and T [Borton], that can hurt people."

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McGraw, Irish inching closer to top

If the 2004-05 Irish make a serious run at the national title — and they can — people may look back to a game during the 2003-04 regular season as the starting point.

Against No. 4 Connecticut at the Joyce Center in mid-January, Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast showed the country just how good she could be.

Taking the spotlight away from National Player of the Year Diana Taurasi, Batteast poured in bucket after bucket, forced to double-team her, which should free up shots and opportunities for the rest of the Irish.

Winning the raucous Big East game was an intangible asset that makes Notre Dame a title contender.

Batteast must be the best player during the second half of last season. Her consistency is key.

The Achilles heel for last season's Irish team was a lack of confidence. McGraw has preached to several seasons that Notre Dame has been pushed around in the final four.

Irish coach Muffett McGraw has all of the pieces in place this season to have a banner year behind senior Jacqueline Batteast.

Irish will need what every championship team needs — a little luck. This team has the pieces in place. They've filled weak areas from a season ago. They've got the arguably the best player in the nation. And they're experienced, talented and fairly deep at all positions.

It's been four years since McGraw and Notre Dame cut down the nets to celebrate the program's first-ever national title.

If things fall into place this season, the Irish may have their schooners out once again in early April.

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