Willingham addresses firing with class

Third-year coach disappointed he didn't meet own expectations

By MATT LOZAR
New Wire

Tyrono Willingham walked to the microphone in the Joyce Center interview room Wednesday afternoon, with one thing standing out from his outfit of a gold blazer and black collarless shirt.

Unlike past press conferences, Willingham wasn't wearing any Notre Dame apparel.

In his standard calm and collected manner, Willingham talked with the media for more than 15 minutes only one day after being fired as Notre Dame football coach.

"To say I am disappointed, I think that very much hits the mark, but at the same time, I understand that I didn't meet the expectations or standards that I set for myself in this program, and when you don't meet your own expectations, you make yourself vulnerable to the will of others," Willingham said. "My goals have always been to inspire people to be the best they could be, on and off the field. Believe that I have been true to that in my time here at Notre Dame and appreciative of the opportunity and appreciative of what we have done, and I am disappointed with what I didn't do more than anything else."

Willingham said he became aware of conversations about his job security occurring Sunday afternoon, but was surprised at the Tuesday firing.

Even though he was surprised, Willingham knows every coaching job doesn't come with a long-term guarantee for holding that post.

"Forgive me, but as a football coach — I think I said this at some point — there is no security," he said. "It doesn't exist. It's not there."

Willingham also understood the expectations at Notre Dame as an institution remained unquestioningly pro-life, always having banned groups such as NARAL, the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League.

In 1984, more than a decade after the Roe vs. Wade decision, supported by Catholic politicians, including, most recently, John Kerry.

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Campus addresses abortion, women's rights

Winn speaks on being pro-life and feminist

By MARY KATE MALONE
New Wire

With a sense of humor and the wisdom that comes from personal experience, Sally A. Winn spoke in Debartolo Wednesday night about abortion's negative effect on the power of feminism.

Winn, a graduate of Indiana University and vice president of Feminists for Life of America, was brought to the University by Notre Dame Right to Life. Winn recognized the difficulty of being pro-life in today's culture.

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INSIDE COLUMN

The rules of AIM

We're all addicted to AIM. It's a given. It's an easy way to make plans or take your mind off homework. Any message checking is the root of so much procrastination. The funny thing is that over half the people on your buddy list you never even talk to—they are solely there so you can check their away message. The idea of the away message is so ingenious that people are starting to use their white boards in the dorms as away message boards. I don't really agree with this. The white board is neither the time nor the place. It is for other people to leave you messages—a mail box of sorts. Putting up an away message on a white board is like sending yourself mail. No one does that.

If you follow certain etiquette when actually conversing with people don't you think that there should be some online etiquette as well? Me and my friends certainly do.

The No. 1 rule people should follow is to avoid AIM ADO. The most annoying thing a person can do is IM you and then just stop and not respond. I absolutely hate when people do this. Why even IM you in the first place? Along with that, if you IM someone first, it's your responsibility to carry the conversation. There is no excuse for saying: "Hey, what's up?" and nothing else. And one word responses are never polite.

Second, it's really rude to put up an away message when you're having a conversation with someone without saying goodbye. It takes very little effort to type the three letters: BYE. It's pretty much a given that LOL and hahaha are overused. I hate that. People hate when people write their content. Additionally, there are some things that are inappropriate away message content. I hate when people write their whole day's schedule on their away message. Nobody really cares that you have an away message. You should acknowledge your message is like not waiting when someone waves at you while passing. And everyone knows how embarrassing that can be.

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Offbeat

New York hotel offers $10,000 martini

NEW YORK — Drinkers might want to keep a clear head when ordering a mar­ tini at New York's historic Algonquin Hotel or they might pay $10,000 for that cold sip.

The landmark hotel, where famed wit Dorothy Parker and fellow literary icons at the Round Table imbibed, offers a $10,000 martini, complete with a loose diamond at the bottom.

The message was: "The razor-toothed piranhas of the genera Serrasalmus and Pygocentrus are the most ferocious freshwater fish in the world. In reality they seldom attack a human." Cook competed against a friend, Dave Studdard, and others in a televised text-off. Cook improved on his early performances, which took him about four minutes to type out the standard Guinness World Record sentences.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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IN BRIEF

The lecture "The Transition Process: A Closer Look at the Peruvian Truth Commission," will be given by 2004 Notre Dame Prize Recipient Sofia Macher in C-103 Hesburgh Center today at 4:15 p.m.

The Notre Dame women's basketball team will take on Michigan State tonight at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena.

The Notre Dame Glee Club and Chamber Orchestra will perform Handel's "Messiah" tonight and Friday at 8 p.m. in the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

The film "Amen" will be shown tonight in the Browning Theatre of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts tonight at 7 and 10 p.m.

The 32nd annual Christmas Madrigal Dinner will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Regina North Lounge at Saint Mary's College.

The Notre Dame hockey team will take on Michigan Saturday at 7:05 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse.

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

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Associate News Editor

The Student Senate passed a flurry of resolutions at Wednesday night’s meeting, quickening the pace as the semester draw s to a close, and finally approved a constitutional amendment regarding elections after three weeks of extended debate.

Discussion of the amendment, first introduced at the group’s Nov. 10 meeting, took almost an hour as senators worked against a deadline. Because the electoral process had to be solidified before the introductory candidates meeting held later Wednesday night, the amendment had to pass if there was to be any kind of reform for this year’s election.

The three main points of change are an increased petition signature requirement for write-in candidates, the removal of the abstention option from the run-off election ballot and the inclusion of a free-choice vote for senators in the case of an exact vote tie in the run-off.

On the first point there was no contention, but the other two sparked a debate.

Student body president Adam Iaviana supported the removal of the abstention option, citing research of election policies at seven of Notre Dame’s peer institutions that showed the majority of schools fail to provide the option to abstain even in the primary.

These senators opposed to the change cited the principle behind abstaining, saying that students lose the chance to make their opinion known if it is removed from the run-off ballot.

Zahn senator Mike McGinley — a leading voice in the opposition camp — proposed a change to the amendment wording that satisfied both sides. The run-off ballot will retain the abstention choice, but in order that one of the two candidates gains the mandate of a majority, the abstentions will not be factoring into total vote percentage calculations.

The decision to give the senators the power to vote as they please and not by how the majority of the dorm voted in the case of a perfect run-off tie was reversed, returning the original constitutional language.

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Morrissey senator

Ivanka supported the removal of the abstention option from the ballot at Wednesday’s meeting.

"If the ideal situation is that everyone will follow the vote of their dorm if given the choice, let's cut out the 'ideal' part," Morrissey senator Josh Pasquesi said.

It was repeatedly noted that the chances of an exact-vote tie are extremely low, so odds are against this section of the constitution coming into play.

A round of applause accompanied the amendment’s approval. The Committee for Academic Affairs introduced a proposal to change the way the class registration times are scheduled. It suggests the Registrar’s Office alternate students’ times between the first and second day of their class’ registration times, so that a person who gets a time on the first day one semester will automatically get a time on the second day the next semester and vice versa. The proposal was approved and will be used as a negotiating position with the Registrar.

The final two resolutions of the evening created a new hall commission position as liaison between the University Counseling Center and the dorm, and extending thanks to the stadium ushers for allowing seniors extra time to leave after the final home game. Both were passed unanimously.

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Abortion

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students and faculty as well as Notre Dame Law students, set up a pro-choice counter-demonstration at the clinic.

A few hours later, over a hundred members of CALL, including a number of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, left their protest at the clinic and marched to University President Father Edward Malloy's office in the Main Building, where they demanded to speak with him and then knelt down and began to pray the Rosary.

Finally, after more than seven hours, Malloy agreed to meet with the group's leaders on the condition that their protesters leave the building.

In the meeting, the leaders of the group requested Malloy join them to pray at the clinic, but he declined, commending them for their support of the pro-life cause but telling them he would express his views in his own way.

The debate about abortion continued at Notre Dame in this past election cycle. In October, Mark Roche, Dean of Arts and Letters, wrote an op-ed to the New York Times defending Catholics who would choose to vote for a Democratic, pro-choice candidate. He argued that while the Republican position on abortion is more in line with Church teaching than that of Democrats, "the Democrats are closer to the Catholic position on the death penalty, universal health care and environmental protection."

Although Roche declared abortion an evil comparable to slavery, he said the most successful way to keep abortion rates low would be to keep a Democratic "social safety net" under the nation's poor, those statistically more likely to obtain an abortion.

The day after Roche's article appeared in the Times, Law Professor Gerald Bradley wrote a response in National Review Online. Bradley said that the 1.3 million abortions that occur every year in the United States demand a response with a degree of urgency far outweighing that of the death penalty, health care, or the war in Iraq.

Bradley agreed with Roche that abortion was as grave an evil as slavery, but then compared Roche's argument that abortion should be kept rare rather than outlawed to that of 19th-century abolitionists who recommended economic policies to reduce the demand for slaves rather than work to illegalize slavery altogether.

Less than a month after the two articles were printed, President Bush won re-election, claiming more than half the Catholic vote. Some political commentators have said that the President, who is already feeling pressure from conservative Catholics and evangelicals, might use the retirement of certain Supreme Court Justices as an opportunity to populate the Court with conservatives eager to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Whether he does or not, there will be no lack of passionate students and faculty at Notre Dame who will argue about abortion for years to come.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Napoleon's anniversary marked by students' protests, violence

The French aren't giving up the return of the 200th anniversary Thursday of Napoleon Bonaparte's crowning as emperor in a reminder of their country's former glory.

The Corsican, whose diminutive size belied his ambitions, Brock in the news for the biennial — and the timing couldn't have been more telling for a country facing an identity crisis and searching for its role in a 25-member European Union and a wider world led by the United States.

"History has been a little hard on the French lately," said Steven Englund, an American award-winning biographer of Napoleon. "And I think they're looking for reasons to celebrate their own history.

The Napoleon nostalgia underscores France's obsession with retaining its influence as a self-appointed EU leader and creating a "multipolar" world — its buzzword for a counterweight to U.S. hegemony.

Rwandan force suspected in Congo

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NATIONAL NEWS

Priest sentenced in child rape case

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A Roman Catholic priest was sentenced Wednesday to 4 1/2 to 5 years in prison for repeatedly raping an altar boy in the 1980s.

The Rev. Robert Gale pleaded guilty Tuesday to four counts of raping a child just as jury selection was set to begin for his trial. He was sought for a decade of 10 to 12 years, but the judge settled on the shorter prison term, to be followed by 25 years of probation.

The sexual assaults took place at St. Jude's parish in what is now known as Mission at Goma. He spoke at a news conference in Goma, the largest city of the east.

Scott said investigators do not believe engine failure was a factor because the roar of the jets can be heard on a cockpit voice recorder. He also said the plane did not break apart in the crash.

Ebersol, 57, and another 100-year-old, Charlie, remained hospitalized in Grand Junction but were expected to make a full recovery, NBC said. Dick Ebersol reportedly suffered broken ribs, a broken sternum and had blood in his lungs, while Charlie suffered a broken hand and had a sore back.

The co-pilot, identified by Denver newspapers as Eric Wickzell, 30, of Dayton Beach, Fla., was in critical condition at a burn unit in Denver. The plane had not inter­viewed Wickzell. "We don't interview people who are fighting for their life," Scott said.

The behavior of the aircraft makes it more likely that de-icing is an issue," he said.

NDT spokesman Keith Holloway said investiga­tors want to compare Sunday's crash with a deadly January 2002 crash in England of a CL600 Challenger that tried to take off in freez­ing temperatures without de-icing.

"We will look at it and see if there are similarities other than that," he said.

Associated Press

Ebersol speaks about plane crash

Plane only lifted 20 feet off ground before falling back to runway, NBC exec says

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The pilot of the Ebersol plane, 50-year-old Luis Alberto Polanco of the Dominican Republic, and flight attendant Warren T. Richardson III, 38, of Coral Gables, Fla., were also killed. The Federal Aviation Administration will conduct toxicology tests, Young said.

TEDDY EBERSOL, the youngest son of Ebersol and "Kate and Allie" actress Susan St. James, died after being ejected from the plane and crushed by the wreckage. Montrose County Coroner Mark Young said Dental records flown from Connecticut were used to positively identify the boy.

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HAITI

Powell condemns political violence

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Heavy gunfire in what was supposed to be a presidential palace Wednesday as Secret Service Goral Powell prepared to meet with the country's interim leaders. He denounced the shooting as a "reprehensible act of political violence." Powell said international peacekeepers were on the scene, and the president was safe.

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mists are pro-choice advocates, a look into the history of the women's rights movement reveals otherwise. "Believe it or not, pro-life feminism is not an oxymoron," Winn said. "It is entirely congruent with the fundamental feminist principles that brought about the women's rights movement."

In fact, many early American feminists were opposed to abortion. Winn cited such famous figures as Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Blackwell as being high vocal critics of abortion.

Citing alarming statistics of the frequency of abortions, Winn challenged her audience to question why the procedures are so common in our culture.

"Today, there are 1.3 million surgical abortions every year," she said. "Every 37 seconds, your sister, your girlfriend, your daughter, your best friend, is laying down her body for an abortion. Why?"

According to the research arm of Planned Parenthood, the top two reasons women resort to abortion are lack of financial resources and lack of emotional support. This is a telling fact according to Winn.

"Second to newborns, women are pregnant. The need for society to provide space and support for pregnant women who are pregnant, the lack of support, coupled with the social stigma of an unwed mother on a college campus, are responsible for the fact that 40% abortions are performed on college age women.

"Women are not men. We have children so get over it. Don't make us fit into a mold," Winn said. "Why should we have to sacrifice our bodies for our career goals?"

As a woman who has had first-hand experience of being pregnant in college, Winn referred to the overwhelming lack of support universities provide for pregnant women.

"In 10 women will become pregnant this year. Where do they go? They drop out or have abortions," Winn referred to this year. Where do they go? They drop out or have abortions," Winn referred to that which brought about the women's rights movement."

"Oh honey we can't afford a room?" Winn said. "My daughter is the love of my life."

Still the need for change at college campuses nationwide has never been greater.

"It is so obvious that something needs to be done," she said. "Pro-life and Pro-choice advocates need to stop screaming at each other and be a catalyst for change."

To do this, panels should be created on campuses, comprised of powerful decision makers who are willing to ask themselves why they are not providing for their pregnant students, Winn said.

Referring to the success of a new day care program at GeorgiaTech University, Winn said if goals are set and people are willing to come together, women will benefit greatly.

"It isn't an easy road, but it is so gratifying," she said. "My daughter is the love of my life.

"It is entirely congruent with the women's rights movement." Winn closed her speech by adding this piece of advice he gave Wednesday he didn't do that one thing enough.

"There's only one thing Win, that's it," Tyone Willingham former Notre Dame football coach, said.

"We had some success. We didn't have enough success," Willingham said. "That is, I think, the bottom line. We didn't reach the level that I wanted to reach.

"When the topic of being given three years was fair or not, Willingham said. "I'm not going there."

"We have spent the last 30 years proving we can make it in a man's world," Willingham said. "I got off to an 8-0 start in 2002. The 13-15 record in the 28 games since that started, coupled with eight losses by more than three touchdowns, was a major factor in why Willingham was fired."

Willy said he didn't think it was necessary to discuss whether or not he would be asked to make any staff changes.

As for his successor in South Bend, Willingham paused for a while when asked what one piece of advice he would give to the next coach of the Irish.

"It would be 'be yourself,'" Willingham said. "That's always what's important.

"We never said anything about his feelings regarding the Board of Trustees.

"We have 58 trustees. There was no emergency meeting of the Board of Trustees involved in this. It was just this group," the official said. "I wanted to clarify that it has gotten out in so many accounts that there was an emergency meeting. It's not our term. We never said anything about it.

The Observer reported in Wednesday's edition that sources said a Board of Trustees meeting was held Monday night.

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**Consumer spending boosts stocks**

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**In Brief**

Southwest airlines ceases operations

LoRgo, Fla. — Southwest Airlines, a Florida-based discount airline serving seven destinations along the Atlantic seaboards and Midwest, announced that it has ceased operations. The company said in a statement posted on its Web site that it "has made its final landing and has ceased airline operations. We apologize for the inconvenience this will cause to our customers."

The airline said the decision was due in part to the airline's customer base. There was no answer at its customer support line.

Southwest had operated 26 flights a day from its New York City area operations, including its 10-day new service to Logan Airport in Boston. The airline said the decision was due in part to high fuel costs. There was no answer at its customer support line.

The airline served Allentown/Bethlehem, Pa., Newburgh, N.Y., Gary, Ind., Columbus, Ohio, and three Florida locations: Fort Lauderdale, St. Petersburg/Clearwater, and Orlando.

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Wall Street was also happy with the latest report of the Institute for Supply Management's manufacturing index for November, which measures the nation's industrial activity. The index came in at 78.7, up from 56.8 in October and better than the 77 reading Wall Street expected.

Merger activity dominated company news, with Wellpoint Health Networks Inc. successfully completing its $16.5 billion merger with Anthem Inc., creating the nation's largest health insurer. Shares of the merged company, which will go by the name Wellpoint Inc. and trade under the ticker symbol WLP, were up $4.61 at $105.94.

Blockbuster Inc. rose 35 cents to $8.83 after it said it was willing to raise its takeover bid for rival video rental chain Hollywood Entertainment Corp, where its original offer was up 11.50 per share offer. Hollywood gained 23 cents to $12.92 on the news.

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — The slowdown in the growth of health care spending leveled off earlier this year after two years of declines, a new study found, with the cost of treating a privately insured American rising 7.6 percent in the first half of 2004 — virtually the same as in the second half of 2003.

Paul B. Ginsburg, co-author of the study, said that "we have found that our index shows that health care costs are rising more slowly than they did in previous years." He added that "the slowdown in the growth of health care spending is the result of a number of factors, including changes in the way health care is delivered, changes in the way health care is financed, and changes in the way health care is regulated."
Is Christmas a political event? Yes, in two ways. First, American Civil Liberties Union lawyers can be counted on to rush to court, at the first sign of Christmas, to force communities to remove Nativity creches from public places, to silence Christmas carols in schools and to prevent public use of the word "Christmas." From corrupting the Roman Empire which regarded no one as higher than the absolute person of its laws. Some philosophers, such as the Roman statesman Cicero, had argued that laws were "the distinction between civil things just and unjust, made in agreement with the law of Nature." But the general rule before Christ was that objective justice had nothing to do with the validity of law and therefore that there was no moral limit to what the state could do. The incarnation of the divine person as man, manifested in humanity at Christmas, affirmed instead that the power of earthly rulers is subject to the law of God. As Peter told the Sanhedrin, "We must obey God rather than man." Acts 5:29. The Christian era began with civil disobedience when the Magi, at divine direction, disobeyed the state law of Herod and "went back to their country by another way." Matthew 2:12. And Joseph and Mary quickly found the authority of the state where they fled to Egypt with the child to escape from Herod. Matthew 2:13-15. With the entry of the divine person, Christ, into the world, the absolute claim of the state over a new kind of challenge. Herod tried to kill the baby because he wrongly saw him as a contender for political power. Pontius Pilate could not understand why Christ would not make a deal. He asked, "What is truth?" (John 18:38) unaware that Truth, with a capital T, was the person standing in front of him.

Are there moral limits to what the state can do? The answer given by the Soviet Union, Nazi Germany and many regimes in history was No. The question remains today. The people of California voted last month to put a "free speech" fund into law by declaring that bears the purpose of killing them and their parts for the benefits of others. This was an extension of the free speech fund, in which the Supreme Court decreed that the state is free to subject to execution at the discretion of others. That power of the state to deprive the innocent of the legal premise of the Nazi de-personalization and determination of the fate of the Jews, it was the same as the power to deprive the innocent of the legal premise of a free speech fund.

The rights of every individual can be secured only if we identify its Lawgiver. The political leaders derive their rightful authority from the real God and they must be willing to be accountable to that source of authority. Consider, for example, the case of public use Christmas carols in _______________. Should Notre Dame have accepted the "Holiday Holidays." Fans will support a winning or losing team. In a second and more basic way, that was Notre Dame. The administration has risked losing Notre Dame's defining characteristics: "Notre Dame is the most popular football team over the last few years. So Notre Dame is a special football powerhouse. However, over the coming weeks, as the search for a new coach begins, let us not lose sight of what made Notre Dame special.

Michael Zingale

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Save the tunnels

It is January at Saint Mary's. It's about 25 degrees outside, and you have just stepped out of the shower and your friends are waiting to go to dinner. Clearly it would not be smart to go to the dining hall with wet hair. Instead you compromise with the glasses and throw on some shorts and flip-flops and take the tunnels to Hogan Commons. Or let's say it is 1 a.m., on a snowy night in February. Your girlfriend in Le Mans has just gotten the ax from her boyfriend, and she needs a shoulder to cry on. You don't want to walk outside in the cold by yourself so late at night, and so you run over in the tunnels.

If you or I went to Saint Mary's, I am sure that you have been in a similar predicament, and have first-hand knowledge that our tunnels can really come through in a pinch. They are a shareable passage, and so many current Saint Mary's women have used and appreciated.

I recall that during freshman orientation we were taken on a complete tour of campus, and we were then shown how to navigate the tunnels. Little did I know how often they would come in handy over the next two years. Sure, they always feel like they are about 25 degrees, and yes, the pipes are kind of old and often leaking. Nevertheless, the tunnels of Saint Mary's are an embodiment of convenience that has been in place for nearly a century.

On Nov. 22 we were informed that the tunnels would be shut down for pedestrian use on Dec. 15. This has raised a lot of questions and many complaints among the students. Not only does it seem like an inappropriate time to close the existing tunnels (what with the onset of winter and the inevitable rash of pedestrian-break-ups that will require consoling), but the school has also just constructed a new tunnel to connect Le Mans with the new student center.

The letter addressed to the Saint Mary's community stated that the steam lines, electricity, water lines, communications and other systems that run through the tunnels are old and no longer meet restrictive code requirements. They fear that the pipes are potentially hazardous to those using the tunnels, should something happen. It seems to me that if these pipes are so dangerous, then they should be repaired rather than just shut down.

Nevertheless, the tunnels of Saint Mary's are an embodiment of convenience that has been in place for nearly a century. The issue is not a matter of simply upgrading the existing utility tunnels but rather one of building a completely new and separate tunnel system designed for pedestrian use. The logistics, not to mention the expense, of mapping out such a separate system amid present building and construction on campus, indicated the prohibitive nature of such a project. For this reason no estimates were solicited. This may be true, but after speaking with many alumni and current students I have learned that there are many members of the Saint Mary's community who are willing to donate money to save the tunnels.

The tunnels may not seem like they should be that important, but if you have ever been a student at Saint Mary's, then you know it is a little sad and maybe a bit angry when you hear they are to be closed. Ladies, let's not let them take our tunnels away from us or from future SMC Chicks. Even if it takes years before they are able to re-open, let's pass the bat around and champion the cause of saving our tunnels!

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
U2 produces another classic

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Music Editor

There are a few newly-released albums that can be called "classic" in this era of music. Often groups are "revolutionary" or "ground-breaking" and are noted for that, but few musical performances are able to take the genre of rock and roll, rich in history and influence, and make an album that is truly great. Bon Jovi, the Edge, Adam Clayton and Larry Mullen Jr. accomplish this feat in the latest U2 album "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb." U2 has taken a genre that it has heavily influenced and created an album with a strong U2 character, yet one that is still new and distinct, and all this has been done without letting a single bad song slip onto the album. Early rumors of "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb" had it doomed by Bon Jovi himself as U2's first rock album. While the two truly rock songs on the album, "Vertigo" and "Love and Peace or Else," are great songs, they are the only two songs that have a heavy rock heat behind them. The rest of the album is composed of what U2 does best: the rock ballad. The remaining nine songs on "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb" are all songs that are better than most rock bands' singles. Songs with terrific melodies, strong music composition and moving lyrics seem to be average fair for U2 on this album. U2 has been around for awhile, and thus it is not entirely surprising that its songs are not composed of lyrics concerning anything less than enlightening. The song "Miracle Drug," which has been mistranscribed by many as a song about AIDS, is in fact about a man from the high school the members of U2 attended. This boy was completely paralyzed, but his mother would still talk to him out of her love for him. Eventually he began taking a drug that gave him the ability to blink his eye and through this ability he conveyed moving poems to his mother that had been stored up in his head. This man experienced a whole new world because of his mother's dedication to him. Bon Jovi sings of his newfound freedom in one of the best lyrics on the album: "freedom has a scent / Like the top of a newborn baby's head." While the remaining nine songs on the album are not composed of lyrics, they are generally pretty close. There is hardly a line in the album that is not poignant and memorable. While not all the songs on "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb" are terrific, they are generally pretty close. "City of Blinding Lights," written about U2's first visit to New York City surrounding the moving into the classic, "Where the Streets Have No Name." There is something to be said for and about every song on the album, and that is a novel occurrence.

"How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb" may very well turn out to be one of U2's best albums in regards to almost every song being really spectacular. It definitely at least holds its own in the ranks among "Achtung Baby" and "All That You Can't Leave Behind." U2 fan or not, it would be hard not to at least appreciate the pure experience and ingenuity that shines through on every track of "How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb." Contact Becca Saunders at rsaunder@nd.edu

How to Dismantle an Atomic Bomb

U2
Interscope

Free Yourself winds up disappointing

By BRODERICK HENRY
Scene Music Editor

Fantasia Barrino proved to be an amazing live performer. Armed with the vocal stylings of a woman far greater in age and life experiences, the American Idol winner has drawn a number of comparion live performers. Armed with the vocal talent and image surrounding Barrino: are audiences really to take her singing. Both onstage and while recording the song, Barrino sold 142,000 copies which is pale in comparison to the sales of Fantasia's first single, "I Believe," which has been quiet the opposite of "I Believe" can be directly attributed to Fantasia's over singing. Both on stage and while rehearsing, she has the tendency to scream and shout notes rather than actually sing them. Although television audiences may have been used to standards and even enjoyed the two-minute outbursts, it remains to be seen whether record buyers have the wherewithal to listen to the same outbursts in heavy rotation.

Yet, with her debut album, "Free Yourself" does little to quiet the critics. The 13-track album, which is relatively short by R&B standards, suffers from a number of debilitating ailments. Most noticeably, Barrino, without fail, sings every song in the shrillest yet raspy octave imaginable. But the shouting is often to the detriment of the songs. For the listener it provides neither soul nor inspiration, but rather distractions for listeners.

In order to compensate for Barrino's shortcomings, Clive Davis, the album's executive producer must have had one - aged as many segments of music buyers as possible. Therefore any producer who has made a hit record in the last five years was invited to assist on the project. Missy Elliott, Jermaine Dupri, and Rodney Jerkins all lend a helping hand to the album. Yet, with so many cooks in the kitchen, "Free Yourself," just ends up sounding like a compilation. I doubt the Gershwin Broadway classic "Summertime" juxtaposed to "Baby Mama," a song saluting young single mothers, will rest well with most listeners. For their sake the album should be titled "Songs That Will Never Sound Good Together.

Even with its many missteps "Free Yourself" does have a couple of standout tracks. One track in particular, "Good Lovin" finds Barrino praising the love she receives daily from her "man." What a sunny, sunny morning/ when my man is close I felt love inside." The aforementioned Elliott even finds a way to mildly contain the idol star's waiting. Accompanied by a bass-heavy track, the song sounds like a 70s classic.

Overall, "Good Lovin" illustrates the greatest disappointment surrounding Fantasia. It is obvious she has a great deal of talent. But it appears she is more intent on relaying her vocals prowess rather than delivering beautiful occasionally well-written songs in the manner in which they were intended. Luckily, much has been invested in the young star, and she will definitely get the chance to make another album. Let us hope Fantasia matures in the art of singing before she embarks on that endeavor. In the meantime, free yourself from the disappointment, and leave this album on the shelf.

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ALBUM REVIEWS

Beatles' U.S. albums finally released

By JULIE BENEDER Scene Music Critic

By 1963 the Beatles were an established act in the United Kingdom, inviting hysteria wherever their Beatles boots tread and selling records faster than bats can cut off the grate. Despite this glitzeneration, miles across the Atlantic, the band was a hard sell. Ingrained with the attitude that nothing other than "British" would sell in the U.S. — especially nothing away with long hair Major American record labels systematically refused to sign the Beatles. Producer George Martin managed to convince the tiny gospel and R&B label, Vee-Jay, to take a chance on the band, but its first U.S. release, "Introducing The Beatles," was a flop, and the group was quickly dropped. Meanwhile, back in England, the Beatles continued to meet with astounding success, and Beatlemania hummed along in full force.

The Capital Albums, Vol. 1
The Beatles
Capitol

Mos Def rusty after long hiatus

By KENYatta STORIN Assistant Scene Editor

Mos Def Fans beware — this is not the same Mos Def of five years ago. Back in the late 90s, Mos Def came out with "Black Star" (featuring Talib Kweli) and his solo debut, "Black on Both Sides," and immediately became one of hip-hop's top up-and-coming artists. A gifted and socially conscious rapper, he provided an intellectual alternative to gangsta rap, much like rap groups De La Soul, Brand Nubian and A Tribe Called Quest. However, after the release of "Black on Both Sides," Mos Def decided to pursue other endeavors, acquiring several acting roles ("The Italian Job," "Monster's Ball"), appearings on Broadway ("Topdog/Underdog") and starting the rock band, Black Jack Johnson. After this long hiatus, Mos Def has finally come out with his second solo release, "The New Danger," but unfortunately he has lost much of the magic that once made him great.

On the album, Mos Def brings in a number of music geniuses aside from hip-hop, including rock, soul and blues. Unfortunately, the result is a messy musical montage, with awkward transitions between tracks. Furthermore, Mos Def's attempts at some of these genres are pedestrian at best. On tracks like "Jas Pants," and "Modern Marvel," he puts his singing at the forefront, and while he is a better singer than most rap artists, he is still not good enough to carry songs with his voice. His attempt at blues on "Black Jack/Blak" is also nothing special.

Black Jack Johnson, is featured on several tracks, and after one listen it becomes quickly apparent why the band does not have its own album yet. The group's guitar riffs and grooves are listenable, but ultimately bland and uninspiring. For the most part, the band seems out of place on the album, showing Mos Def likely included it for the sole purpose of giving his band publicity.

The New Danger
Mos Def
Geffen

Not surprisingly, Mos Def is at his best when he sticks to rapping. Aside from Kanye West, the album has no big-name producers, but the beats, while not stellar, are generally pretty effective. If there is any track that would make a good single, it would be "Sex, Love & Money," which has a simple, but effective flute and bass beat. "Sunshine" and "Grown Man Business" are also quality hip-hop tracks. But no one would expect from a five-year hiatus, Mos Def's flow is more Bausked than it was before the new millennium. For instance, there are several instances where Mos Def rhymes the same word twice: "Layin the cut like they don't give a shit." Cuz if I gotta make a move down they gotta know. Also, he often falls into repetitious rapping patterns, rhyming the same sounds over and over. "Like, Half Mary, full of grace / [people] come in and shoot up the place. / And make you pull up your face / The deck, I'm a pull out the sea."

But his biggest area of decline is his song content. While there are glimpses of social commentary, it is a far cry from the provocative lines he used to flow. This is exhibited best by one of the album's worst cuts, "The Rupe Over," an attack on the hip-hop industry that remakes Jay-Z's song, "Izzo (H-O-V-E)." On it, he ends with the line: "Quasi-Momexenus is running this rap s—,..." something he never would have said before. Even worse, the song abruptly ends shortly after this line, with Mos Def simply muttering, "That's it," which makes one wonder exactly how much effort Mos Def put into the album.

For a man of Mos Def's talents, it is hard to call "The New Danger" anything but a disappointment. It still has its moments here and there, but it is nowhere near the quality of "Black on Both Sides" and "Black Star." Clearly, Mos Def has lost the drive he once had in his music. Hopefully, he finds something to inspire him again for his next album, and will once again resemble the groundbreaking emcee he once was.

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Capitol Records recently released the first four American Beatles albums in CD format for the first time ever.

In what some call a natural, albeit late, move and others a strategic moneymaking ploy, Capitol has finally released the first four American Beatles albums in box-set form, titled, "The Capitol Albums Volume I." For the first time, Beatles fans can possess and listen to "Meet the Beatles," "The Beatles' Second Album," "Something New and Beatles '65" in CD format. For original U.S. fans, this is a chance to hear the Beatles exactly how they heard them the first time around in 1964. For fans a generation removed, this is a chance to own a bit of Beatles history.

Some complaints have been aired about this release, and rightfully so. "The Capital Albums" is listed at close to $70, and, after all, these American releases contain no new music. For the fun that already has the British Beatle albums, this is money spent for songs already owned. For a real Beatles fan, however, this package is a dream come true. The quality of music is unimpeachable, and the four CD set comes with a 48-page booklet and the original album cover art. There are the classic songs like "All My Loving," and "She Loves You," and the lesser known, but equally good songs like "No Reply," "I'm A Loser," and "This Boy," included is even the German version of "I Want to Hold Your Hand," "Komm, Gib Mir Deine Hand." Even more, each album contains twice the amount of songs, with each song appearing in both the mono and stereo versions. A true Beatles fan will be able to detect the sound differences and delight in both variations. And, with several other U.S. albums still unreleased, there is promise that these songs won't be the last notes heard from the band.

Whether "The Capital Albums" is a money scam or enticing package, the Beatles unquestionably retain the masters of rock 'n' roll. No matter how it is boxed up, wrapped up or sold, the band and its music will always be priceless.

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OXFORD, Miss.—David Cutcliffe struggled to make major changes after his first losing season in six years as coach of Mississippi.

Those two issues cost him his job.

Cutcliffe was fired Wednesday, following the Rebels’ worst season in 10 years.

The usually stoic Cutcliffe fought through tears several times while speaking regretfully about his final season in Oxford.

"Things just haven’t been good in 2004," he said.

He declined to discuss specifics of his dismissal, which came after two days of meetings with athletic director Pete Boone and chancellor Robert Khayat.

"We just couldn’t come to an agreement," Cutcliffe said. "We couldn’t get everything on the same page.

Boone said Cutcliffe refused to submit a written plan to fix problems within the program, including improving a defense that consistently ranked among the Southeastern Conference’s worst.

"He preferred the status quo, keeping things the way they are," Boone said. "I didn’t hear a plan to make that better.

Assistant coaches will remain employed until the new coach decides whether to retain them, Boone said. Boone and Khayat will lead the search for a new coach.

Boone is looking for a high-energy coach with previous experience and reputations for having aggressive defenses and creative offenses.

Under Cutcliffe, "we had peaks and valleys of emotional levels by the players," Boone said. "Sometimes they’re motivated, sometimes they’re not." 

Cutcliffe was fired 44-29 in six seasons at Ole Miss, 25-23 in the SEC, and just a season removed from going 10-3 and finishing tied for first in the West with Manning at quarterback.

But without Manning, the first pick in the NFL draft, Ole Miss went just 4-7 this year. The Rebels were 3-5 in the SEC and lost four games by a total of 19 points.

Manning, now the starter for the New York Giants, said he was disappointed by the firing.

"Coach Cutcliffe and I had a great run and a great relationship, and I think he’s a great coach and a great person," Manning said. "He definitely left Ole Miss a better place than when he came in. I know he’ll be fine.

Cutcliffe, the former offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Tennessee, had been criticized for his handling of the quarterback position this season.

Meichael Spurlock was pulled after the beginning of the season, but was benched mid-way through the final season for Ethan Flatt. The Rebels lost the next nine games. Midway through the season, Cutcliffe switched the defense to a three-quarterback rotation with redshirt freshman Brett Ratliff entering the mix.

After a win over then-No. 25 South Carolina, the Rebels lost four straight against three SEC ranked teams.

"It’s certain that the football program be competitive. It’s not now and not competitive. It’s every-year-competitive," chancellor Robert Khayat said. "We expect our program to be outstanding, to be moving forward. We will not accept mediocrity.

Boone said he had five candidates in mind, but declined to identify them further. Boone said he has already surfaced around interest in the job.

"It’s essential that the football program be competitive," Boone said.

Crowton lost a strong supporter in the athletic director Val Hale, dismissed him in the middle of a news conference.

"I think that’s a good run," Boone said. "I think we’re going to have a good program when athletic director Val Hale, said he wants to get back into coaching and would pursue other job opportunities.

I wish I had gotten more wins. I think that’s what it’s all about. I think getting wins, and getting the right ones," Boone said just before leaving the news conference.

Crowton returned to Provo with a wide-open offense that was prolific his first six seasons and brought back many of BYU’s at its best, with Edwards guiding quarterbacks such as Steve Young, Jim McMahon and Ty Detmer.

Cutcliffe was the only coach in school history to win at least seven games in his first five years.

After last season’s success, his contract was extended. He has three years remaining on a $550,000 salary per year, or a total of $1.7 million annually, including perks of $100,000.

Khayat declined to discuss Cutcliffe’s contract situation.

Crowton resigns after third straight losing season at BYU

Associated Press

PROVO, Utah — BYU coach Gary Crowton resigned Wednesday, ending a four-year stint with the Cougars that began with 12 victories and finished with three straight losing seasons.

Crowton finished 5-6 this season and went 14-21 over the last three, the school’s worst three-year run since the early 1970s.

BYU athletic director Tom Holmoe said at a news conference that Crowton’s decision was "good for both of them."Crowton was disappointed by the firing.

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NFL

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Associated Press

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Titans owner Bud Adams told Houston television station KTRK on Monday that it's important that McNair keep playing. The franchise is 77-48 when McNair starts, but Adams said any decision McNair makes will not be based on money.

"He's a real conservative guy, he's hung on to his money and has a lot of it in the bank. If he wanted to hang on it, he would be fixed for the rest of his life," Adams said.

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Indian head coach Gerry DiNardo hangs his head as he paces the sideline during their 52-7 loss to Penn State in State College, Pa., in this Nov. 15, 2003 photo. DiNardo was dismissed as Indiana's football coach Wednesday.

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Gerry DiNardo is now the latest coach to have failed to reverse the fortunes of the long-suffering Indiana football program.

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The firing is the first major coaching change by athletic director Rick Greenspan since he was hired in September as the school’s fourth AD in a little more than three years.

Greenspan said Wednesday there was a “sense of urgency” for turning around a football program that has not had a winning season since going 7-4 in 1994 — the 11th of Bill Mallory’s 13 seasons as coach.

“The goal for us is to build a viable program,” Greenspan said. “We’re going to have some urgency.”

A telephone message seeking comment from DiNardo, who replaced Cam Cameron after the 2001 season, was left Wednesday at his home.

DiNardo had an 8-27 record in three seasons. Fred Eichborn, president of the school’s Board of Trustees, said that record and declining attendance at games were factors in the decision to fire DiNardo.

“If you’ve got a problem, you don’t continue the problem,” Eichborn said. “They’re completely picking on the little guy ... It’s not fair.”

During my tenure with the IHSAA, Baker’s resignation, announced Wednesday by IHSAA Commissioner Blake Ross, is effective Jan. 31.

Baker, former radio voice of the Indiana Pacers and TV announcer for HSSA championship events since 1978, said he plans to continue his broadcasting career. He currently is a part of the broadcast team for the Indy Racing League.

Pacers sign Halsip to help replenish roster

INDIANAPOLIS — The short-handed Indiana Pacers signed former Milwaukee Bucks forward Marcus Halsip on Wednesday.

Halsip, a 2002 draft pick out of Tennessee, was waived by the Bucks when they signed Marcus Fizer last month. In 70 games for the Bucks over the last two seasons, the 6-foot-10, 230-pound Halsip averaged 3.6 points and 1.5 rebounds.

The Pacers roster has been depleted by injuries and suspensions. Ron Artest, Stephen Jackson, Jermaine O’Neal and Anthony Johnson were suspended for fighting with Detroit fans, and Jeff Foster, Reggie Miller and Jonathan Bender are injured.

In Brief

Pistons ban two fans from Palace after brawl

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Two men were banned from events at the Palace for what the Detroit Pistons say is their involvement in last month’s brawl during an NBA game.

John Green and Charlie Haddad have been sent letters informing them of the ban, which also includes events at DTE Energy Music Theatre in Clarkston, Pistons spokesman Matt Dobek said Wednesday. The Clarkston location is another holding of the Palace Sports and Entertainment organization.

Green, of Oakland County’s West Bloomfield Township, is accused of lobbing a cup at Indiana Pacers forward Ron Artest on Nov. 19, sparking the brawl. Haddad, of Burt, ran onto the court that night, Dobek said.

The brawl spilled into the stands and led to three Indiana players being suspended for 25 or more games — including a season-long penalty for Artest.

“That’s ridiculous. Are they going to ban Artest and the other Pacers who ran into the stands and beat up on our fans and the people that live in this community,” Shawn Smith, Green’s attorney, said Wednesday. “They’re completely picking on the little guy ... It’s not fair.”

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In Brief

Pistons ban two fans from Palace after brawl

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Two men were banned from events at the Palace for what the Detroit Pistons say is their involvement in last month’s brawl during an NBA game.

John Green and Charlie Haddad have been sent letters informing them of the ban, which also includes events at DTE Energy Music Theatre in Clarkston, Pistons spokesman Matt Dobek said Wednesday. The Clarkston location is another holding of the Palace Sports and Entertainment organization.

Green, of Oakland County’s West Bloomfield Township, is accused of lobbing a cup at Indiana Pacers forward Ron Artest on Nov. 19, sparking the brawl. Haddad, of Burt, ran onto the court that night, Dobek said.

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Indiana fires DiNardo as football coach
Belle basketball

BELLES BLOW HALFTIME LEAD IN LOSS

By: CHRIS KOHEREY  Sports Writer

At halftime, it looked as if St. Mary's would continue its winning streak. The Belles led 37-32 and had dominated much of the first half action, building a lead as large as 11 points. However, the team fell apart in the second half, building a lead as much as 11 points, showing that the destruction was not limited to the first half.

The Belles started strong in the game, as Katie Boyce, Bridget Boyce, and Bridge Boyce chipped in 10 points from her teammates. The Britons 71-62 Wednesday night with 22 points, 15 coming in the first half. However, a 3-point shot by substitute Christine Mathew and an old-fashioned three-point play by Casky reduced the halftime lead to five.

In the second half, both teams started cold but Saint Mary's was able to extend its lead to 46-39. It was there, however, that the game started sliding away from the Belles.

Guard Vanessa Thompson made two 3-pointers to pull the Britons within one and Sventicus scored inside to give Saint Mary's its first lead since early in the first half at 52-51. All in all, the Belles found themselves on the wrong end of a 23-4 run and suddenly faced a 10-point deficit.

Baskets by Bridget Joyce and Bridge Lipke brought the game back to 63-56, but the Belles could not get any closer.

ALBION 71, SAINT MARY'S 62

at the KRESGE GYMNASIUM

SAINT MARY'S (3-3, 0-1)

Boyce, K. 2-4 0-0 6, Lipke 3-5 1-2 8, Kessler 2-3 0-1 4, Broderick 1-2 0-1 2, Mullen 1-3 0-0 2, Rohe 1-8 0-2 2. Bush 3-4 0-0 10.

ALBION (4-1, 1-0)

Hoffman 1-2 1-1 4, Mathew 1-0 0-0 2, Bryant 0-1 0-0 0, Cassady 0-0 0-0 0, Messer 2-2 0-0 4, Congdon 1-2 1-2 4, Thompson 3-0 0-0 0, Babcock 3-4 1-3 11, Casky 6-12 7-9 18, Meyer 1-5 0-0 4. Sventicus 6-11 1-3 12.

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3-point goals: Saint Mary's 6-14 (Boyce, K. 2-4), Lipke, B. 1-2, Kessler 0-1, Broderick 0-3, Boyce, B. 0-1, Bush 1-4, Crockham 0-1, Albin 7-0 (Matthew 1-2, Clem 0-2, Mauer 1-1, Congdon 1-2, Thomsen 2-5, Babcock 1-5). Foul shot: None. Rebounds: Saint Mary's 21, Albion 10. Two free throws: Saint Mary's 18 (Lipke, Boyke, K. 5). Albion 16 (Casky, Thompson, Congdon, 3). Total Fouls: Saint Mary's 17, Albion 15.

Total stats: Saint Mary's 13-33, 1st half 22-24, 2nd half 10-7.

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ND MEN'S SWIMMING

Team to host Notre Dame Invitational

Swimmers looks to improve race times

By: ANN LOUGHERY  Sports Writer

For the No. 21 Irish (6-1), this weekend's Notre Dame Invitational isn't solely a matter of winning and losing. "This is the halftime report," coach Tim Welsh said. "Excellence of time and excellence of place is what we're looking for, but [placing high] without good times will not be satisfying.

Ten men's and women's teams will travel from all over the country to compete in the three-day invitational, which begins this morning at 10 a.m.

Welsh said he expects to see impressive performances from West Virginia, Columbia, and Truman State among others.

West Virginia (3-3) is hoping to redeem itself after losing to West Virginia. Kansas 102-128 on Nov. 13. Freshman Pabjolo Mamejlo looks to be a tough competitor this weekend after leading the Mountaineers with wins in the 100 free (9.56.90) and 200 free (1:54.34).

After winning their home opener Nov. 22, Columbia's team will be looking to build on its success. Columbia (1-1) defeated Fordham 168-131.

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Sophomore Tobin White fell just short of breaking a pool record, clocking 50.89 seconds in the 30 behind Greer Doherty's pool record of 50.7 seconds. White also helped bolster the 200 medley and 200 free relays to victories.

While Truman State's last competition featured impressive performances by junior Josh Ols and sophomore Robert Fletcher, the Bulldogs (2-3) lost to Missouri-Rolla 120-81 on Nov. 13. Ols won the 200 IM (1:56.92), while Fletcher cruised to first place in the 200-yard backstroke with 1.55.99.

Notre Dame is looking to surpass the team's seasonal best times and measure its progress after the Irish overwhelmed Louisville on Nov. 21 242-117. Senior Frank Krakowski exemplified the team's talent and potential, as he won both the 100 and 200 free, while also helping the 200 medley relay to a first place finish.

Welsh said that he expects a similarly outstanding performance from the team this weekend. "Everyone is clear on what the goals are," Welsh said. "We just have to be focused and intense from the moment the gun goes off."

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ND Women's Swimming

Swimmers and divers split up this weekend

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Like couples in all long-term relationships, the No. 21 Irish swimming and diving teams are taking a weekend apart to follow their own paths. The swimmers will travel to Athens, Ga., to compete in the Georgia Invitational. The prestigious event, which will feature top-ranked Georgia and top-10 power California, will be the Irish's biggest measuring stick to date.

"It will go as the culmination of what we've been doing this fall," coach Bailey Weathers said.

The team will be led by freshman Caroline Johnson and sophomores Jessica Stephens and Ellen Johnson, all of whom have had excellent seasons. Caroline Johnson leads the swimmers with 12 overall victories, with Stephens and Ellen Johnson close behind with 10 and nine, respectively.

While many of the team's top swimmers will be in the pool this weekend, however, the Irish will be without some of their leaders. Seniors Katie Eckholt and Brooke Taylor will not travel with the team, staying in South Bend because of LSAT testing.

"It will definitely take points out of the meets, but that's how it is right now," Weathers said. The team will also be missing a few swimmers because of injury, but Weathers declined to comment on the nature of those injuries.

On the other hand, the divers will stay in South Bend and play host to the Notre Dame Invitational, facing off against Denver and Truman State, among other teams. While these teams will bring both swimmers and divers, Rolfs Aquatic Center will only be defended by the Irish divers.

Senior Meghan Perry-Eaton, who is a 2004 All-American and owns 11 victories out of the 12 events she has competed in, will lead the divers.

Weathers is pleased she will be able compete in a bigger event against more people.

"The competition will be good for her, the diving is as good or better than the swimming," he said.

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Irish come home to face Mich. St.

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame returns to the Joyce Center tonight — where it has won 24 straight games — to face its third ranked opponent of the early-season schedule, this time against No. 15 Michigan State at 7 p.m.

The Spartans (4-1) are looking to rebound after their first loss of the season — an 80-75 defeat to Texas Christian Sunday. Meanwhile, the No. 3 Irish (7-0) haven’t played at home since facing Colorado State Nov. 22.

“They’re just a really good team,” Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw said of Michigan State. “They have a great inside and outside game. They play great defense and they present a lot of match-up problems for us.”

Lindsay Bowen, a second-team All-Big Ten selection who poured in 33 points against TCU including 6-of-11 3-pointers, is one of the leaders of the Spartans.

Center Kellie Roehrig also gives Michigan State a strong inside presence. She was third all-time in career field goal percentage entering the 2004-05 season.

“They’re very balanced,” Irish guard Meghan Duffy said. “They have great guards that can score and they distribute the ball. Their post players are very physical — a typical Big Ten team.”

Last season, Michigan State pummeled Notre Dame 92-63 in East Lansing. The Irish hope to return the favor this season.

“Just from watching the film from last year’s game we were extremely disappointed with our effort,” Duffy said. “That’s the biggest key for [this year’s game], just to come out and have intensity and shut them down defensively.”

Duffy scored 20 points in Notre Dame’s 69-59 victory against Valparaiso Tuesday. All-American forward Jacqueline Batteast scored 25 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

Batteast tweaked her ankle during practice Wednesday, but should be ready for tonight’s game.

The Irish may be without the services of forward Courtney LaVere, who injured herself during the second half of the Southern California game Friday. Assistant sports information director Chris Masters said LaVere is a game-time decision.

After two straight road games, McGraw said Notre Dame is excited to be playing at the Joyce Center.

“We’re just a lot more comfortable playing at home in front of our home fans,” McGraw said.

After tonight’s game, the Irish have a much-needed week off before facing Dayton on December 9.

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Irish guard Meghan Duffy drives to the basket against USC on Nov. 26. Duffy and her teammates face Michigan State tonight.

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**Irish decide to attend Insight Bowl**

Baer will serve as interim coach at game

By JUSTIN SCHUVER

American Sport Editor

Notre Dame players agreed Wednesday to continue with the team's commitment to participate in the Insight Bowl in Tempe, Ariz., on Dec. 28, despite the firing of head coach Tyrone Willingham Saturday.

Coach Tyrone Willingham was fired by the University Tuesday, said Wednesday he had had informal contact with the University of Washington regarding that school's vacant head coaching position.

When asked what his future plans were, Willingham said that he was planning think about things.

"I will take a step back," Willingham said. "I will relax for a moment. I do not know how long that moment will be, but a moment could be a moment or it could be a whole week. Then I will reflect on what I need to do, and I will make that decision."

The Washington position opened up after Keith Gilbertson resigned under pressure in early November after two years as Huskies head coach. Washington finished the season 3-10 and 0-8 in the Pac-10 Conference, including a 38-3 loss at Notre Dame. Gilbertson was 7-13 in his two years as Washington's head coach. It was Washington's first losing season since 1976. Willingham addressed reports that he was interested in the job Wednesday.

"Of course, today there is much speculation, I think, about what is already taking place, and I was somewhat surprised by what I saw," Willingham said. "Two weeks ago I was contacted by the University of Washington. There was unofficial contact with the University of Washington. (In) any contact with anyone, my position would have been very simply straightforward — I am the Notre Dame football coach. I came to do this job and only this job."

Washington athletic director Todd Turner said after the announcement of Gilbertson's resignation that the school was committed to finding the right coach for the Husky program.

"Budget-wise, I think it's most important that we have the right person in place and our leadership is committed to that and we'll figure it out," Turner said in a Nov. 1 press conference.

Should Willingham be offered a job at Washington and accept, he would face the Irish in Notre Dame's fourth game of the season, Sept. 24 at Washington.

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**84th annual ND football banquet cancelled**

Major event's absence could affect team's recruiting efforts

By PAT LEONARD

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Due to the firing of head coach Tyrone Willingham, Notre Dame cancelled its 84th annual football banquet scheduled for Friday night.

Irish players agreed with the coaching staff and their families to modify the banquet to a private dinner.

"The banquet is formally open to the public, with tickets sold for a dinner and the presence of a prominent guest speaker," Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White said as early as Tuesday's press conference that closing the banquet to the public was a distinct possibility.

"The football banquet will proceed," White said. "We are in conversation about making the banquet a players, family and coach event only. We will have an announcement about that here shortly."

The weekly banquet also serves as an important recruiting window for Irish coaches.

The annual banquet is scheduled for Friday night.

Irish coaches were offered a job at Washington on Friday night. By then, Frank said, many recruits will have made verbal commitments.

A number of players announced their intentions in early January at the U.S. Army All-Star game on national television.

"In all reality, if they really want to go to Notre Dame, they're going to wait and see who the coach is, develop a relationship and see if they still want to go," Frank said.

Former Irish Heisman Trophy-winner Raghib "Rocket" Ismail was scheduled to speak Friday.

Former Notre Dame quarterback Joe Montana spoke at the 83rd annual banquet on Dec. 12, 2003. The Notre Dame ticket office staff is contacting members of the general public who bought tickets to provide automatic refunds via the initial payment mode.

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**Gruenold officially states he has no interest in ND job**

By MATT LOZAR

Sports Writer

The man who was on top of many people's wish lists in 2001 to replace departed coach Bob Davie has said he isn't in the running to replace recently fired coach Tyrone Willingham.

Jon Gruenold addressed the media Wednesday afternoon after the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' practice about the Notre Dame coaching situation.

"I love Notre Dame. I went to high school there. My dad coached Montana and Oregon and coaches there."

Gruenold said: "I'm not a candidate for that job. I've got the Buccaneers football job, and I've got to work hard to keep it. I wish Notre Dame well. I'll always be a big fan, but I guarantee I'm not candidate for that job."

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Jon Gruenold

Buccaneers coach

"You'd have to ask the Brown or Sean Mahan. They know a little bit more about the recent ups and downs at Notre Dame."

"But I'm here to talk about the Bucs, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers."

Gruenold has a career 66-48 record and is in his third season in Tampa Bay. He was head coach for four seasons with the Oakland Raiders.

In his first year in Tampa Bay, Gruenold led the Buccaneers to a Super Bowl title.

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Players react

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN

The e-mail was sent at 12:30 Tuesday afternoon — there was a meeting at 1 p.m.

Most thought it was about the Insight Bowl, others weren’t quite so sure.

But according to Irish players Wednesday, none expected the announcement of the firing of head coach Tyrone Willingham at that meeting.

"As players, we didn’t know what was going to happen," offensive lineman Ryan Harris said. "We knew there would be some meetings taken, but I believe that if you would have asked any of the players here, no one would have thought that coach Willingham would not be the coach any longer."

Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White told the team at Tuesday’s meeting that Willingham would no longer be their head coach.

Shortly after, the team was able to meet with Willingham to talk with him about the decision made.

"I was completely shocked," Irish quarterback Brady Quinn said. "It really went from talking about the bowl game to that. I had no idea. I had no idea that was coming. It was just shocking."

Wednesday, Irish players expressed both shock and disappointment that Willingham would no longer coach.

"I just have a heavy head, a heavy heart," Irish tight end Anthony Fasano said. "There’s whispers all the time around here about coaching changes. Especially at the time it happened — no one on the team ever thought it would really happen."

Irish lineman Brandon Hoyte, who said he wished he had the character of Willingham, said the team was emotional upon hearing the news.

"It was definitely very emotional," Hoyte said. "Anger was definitely something that played into it. It was hard, overall, just hard."

Most of the players blamed their performance as a team for one of the reasons Willingham was fired. These comments came a day after White said Notre Dame wasn’t getting it done on Saturdays.

"We as players don’t feel we did enough to help coach out," Harris said. "That’s not for me to answer if he got a fair shot, but there is a sentiment among players that we should have done more, we could have performed at a higher level for each."

The Irish finished the regular season with 6-5 record, and last season finished 5-7. They were 21-15 during Willingham’s three-year tenure. However, after winning their first eight games with Willingham at the helm, they finished 13-15.

"Everybody on this team is responsible for our performance the last two years, and it’s a shame he gets blamed for it," Fasano said. "It’s really not him. It’s not team, it’s our coaches and that’s really what it comes down to."

Players commented on Willingham’s character and leadership abilities. Most said they were sad to see him go.

"First off, we’re losing a great leader," Quinn said. "He’s someone who, without a doubt, leads a life that, I think as a person, many people should try to imitate."

Also, as a leader and a coach, he’s someone who I was always able to confide in, talk to and get a little extra something from."

When asked if he thought Willingham had enough time to show what he could do at Notre Dame, Quinn said the coach should have been given more time.

Willingham was the first Irish coach to be fired before his initial contract expired.

"If you think about it, that’s not even allowing one of his recruiting classes to get all the way through," Quinn said. "Quinn also said that if he got to look for a new head coach, he’d want someone similar to Willingham.

"For me, I would want someone like coach Willingham," he said. "So, if he’s got a twin or someone out there he doesn’t know about...

The Irish quarterback, who started as a true freshman last season, also expressed his gratitude for Willingham’s support throughout the past two years and the ups and downs.

"I can’t thank him enough just for the opportunity he’s given me, and for the man he’s made me these past two years," Quinn said.

The Irish team now turns to each other for support and to move on. But Quinn said it will be no easy task to achieve that goal.

"Anytime you don’t have closure on an issue, especially one where a lot of emotions play a big part, it can be hard for a lot of people to get through something like this," Quinn said. "Right now, I think what we need to do as a team is rally together and use this time to get close."

As the coaching search begins, the Irish find themselves unsure of what the future holds, both for the team and the head coaching position.

"It’s a tough situation," Fasano said. "You think about a lot of things, and you really just worry about your teammates, yourself and the future of what is going to happen."

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