NDSP warns of increased theft during finals

By KATIE PERRY  
News Writer

With final exams rapidly approaching, Notre Dame students strive for an increase in their grade point average while Notre Dame Security Police aims to decrease in campus crime. In a memo posted on its website, NDSP warned students of heightened criminal activity prior to, during and after finals week. According to NDSP Assistant Director Phillip Johnson, instances of theft and robbery are more frequent at this time of year because criminals tend to capitalize on students’ increased immersion in their studies.

“We see more theft at the end of the semester because some criminals are opportunists,” Johnson said. “They take advantage of how busy students are and how they can be distracted preparing for final exams, the holidays and travel home.”

In addition, the memo cautioned students to be especially vigilant of their belongings in the library, study areas around campus and dining halls, as these have been prime locations for theft in past years.

Thefts occurring over winter break are often more serious than those before and throughout final exams. Last year, a number of College Park residents were shocked to find their apartments had been robbed over winter break. The string of break-ins left some students without their video game systems, laptop computers and DVDs.

In an effort to prevent similar robberies at off-campus housing complexes, NDSP has offered secured storage for those students who do not reside on the Notre Dame campus. According to NDSP, valuables will be placed in a storage room that will be both locked and alarmed for the entire duration of break. Off-campus students are also invited to thwart any potential robberies.

Several College Park apartments were ransacked last year over winter break.

Turtle Creek to get face-lift

New owners to invest in apartment upgrades

By KATE ANTONACCI  
News Writer

The Turtle Creek Apartments, a popular off-campus housing option for Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students, will undergo renovations including landscaping, re-carpeting and re-fencing.

AIMCO, the largest apartment management group in the county, took ownership of the property two weeks ago and has already made plans to improve the popular student housing complex.

“We are here to serve the Notre Dame community,” Randy Felm, executive vice president of the University Communities Division of AIMCO, said. “AIMCO really gets involved in the communities where it has apartments, so we want to get involved in the South Bend community as well.

The complex, located to the east of Notre Dame, was purchased by AIMCO’s parent company, The Apartment Investment Management Company (AIMCO), purchased it for $11.8 million.

Racism, sexism addressed in second SMC identity forum

By NICOLE ZOOK  
News Writer

Saint Mary’s Board of Governance sponsored a second Identity Forum Tuesday evening in Regina Hall in hopes of determining what a Saint Mary’s woman really is.

The forum turned out to be an intimate meeting of minds as 11 BOG members and students met to discuss such issues as racism, sexism and the definition of the Saint Mary’s student.

Katie Kelly, BOG Women’s Issues commissioner, organized the event.

“I think it was very successful at this point with the dynamics of the issues on campus,” Kelly said.

“Having a targeted group and being able to speak candidly about the issues of the shirt and diversity, and how our student body understands these issues (is) important to how the student body can implement ideas in the future to be more pro-active and implement change on campus.”

The shirt, sold during Pride Week earlier in the semester, has spurred protest on campus. Kelly said the forums are meant to give students the Friday before finals off.

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Students discuss the image of Saint Mary’s women at an identity forum Tuesday.

Saint Mary’s study day trial continues

By KELLY MEEHAN  
News Writer

In an effort to help students relax and prepare for finals, Saint Mary’s will continue to observe its study day by not holding classes Friday.

The first study day was implemented for the 2003 fall semester after many years of student government campaigning. Two years ago, the Academic Affairs committee approved a proposal to give students the Friday before finals off.

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INSIDE COLUMN

In the arms of Morpheus

It has become a pattern. By the end of the semester, as the dark days descend on us and the work piles up, I turn nocturnal. My most productive hours are between midnight and four in the morning.

Over the years, I have learned not to fight this inevitable shift in my sleeping schedule because by recognizing and yielding to my insomnia at night, I get the most work accomplished. And there are other benefits — I am allowed a daytime nap, and I have fantastic dreams.

Because my sleep cycles are interwoven into my longer periods of consciousness, I often remember my dreams. And these dreams have become increasingly realistic. I find myself questioning whether an event really happened or if I imagined it. I am slipping somewhere between the declaration of love inscribed in the creation of reality. I pay more attention to little things — the way of life has sharpened my perception and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we or corrections of the author and the one I create, and the one I

First-year members of the Irish men's soccer team go through their initiation process in front of Professor Dashti-Gibson's First Year Composition class Tuesday.

The players had to dress up as women and stop whatever they were doing to dance whenever an upperclassman team member played music.

OFFBEAT

Woman auctions father's ghost on eBay to ease son's fears

HOBART, Ind. — A woman's effort to assuage her 6-year-old son's fears of his grandfather's ghost by selling it on eBay has drawn more than 34 bids with a top offer of $78.

Mary Anderson said she placed her father's "ghost" on the online auction site after her son, Collin, said he was afraid the ghost would return someday. Anderson said Collin has avoided going anywhere in the house alone since his grandfather died last year.

In a description titled "This isn't a joke," Anderson told Collin's story on eBay.

"I always thought it was just normal kid fears until a few months ago he told me why he was so scared. He told me 'Grandpa died here and he was mean.' His ghost is still around here!"

Upperclass Oxford hooligans trash pub, destroy crockery

LONDON — The owner of the 15th-century White Hart pub in sleepy Fyfield, near Oxford in southern England, was not amused this week when 14 well-dressed young men showed up, ate salmon and steak, and started to brawl.

"It was very peculiar. They were not rude or violent to my staff," said Ian Rogers, who called police when fighting broke out Wednesday evening.

As it turns out, for decades, members of Oxford University's Bullingdon Club have had a tradition — they dress up in smart suits and ties, dine in a quiet pub or restaurant, then trash the place.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Professor wins Grawemeyer award

Special to the Observer

Georgie M. Marsden, the Francis A. McNamara Professor of History at Notre Dame, is the 2005 recipient of the Louisville Grawemeyer Award in Religion for his biography of the American theologian Jonathan Edwards.

Given jointly by Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and the University of Louisville, the annual award includes a cash prize of $200,000.


"This central cultural tension of Edwards' era surfaces today as the ongoing struggle between evangelicalism and intellectual inquiry in American Christianity and in the American political process."

An expert on the history of Christianity in America, Marsden holds bachelor's degrees from Harvard College and Westminster Theological Seminary, and master's and doctoral degrees in American studies from Yale University. He taught at Calvin College and Duke University before coming to Notre Dame in 1992. He has written or edited more than a dozen books on the history and present state of fundamentalism in America and the culture of American university education.

Marsden has received fellowships and awards from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Pew Freedom Trust and the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation.

In addition to the Grawemeyer Award, Marsden's "Jonathan Edwards: A Life," published by Yale University Press, won a Bancroft Prize from Columbia University, the Merle Curt Award from the Organization of American Historians, and the Annibel Jenkins Prize from the American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies. It also was named one of 10 "Books of the Year" for 2003 by Atlantic Monthly, one of eight "Best Religious Books of 2003" by Publishers Weekly, and one of 12 "Notable Religious Books of 2003" by Richard Ostling of the Associated Press.

Student team wins $12,000 prize

Special to the Observer

The Notre Dame women's soccer team wasn't the only group from the University to win a major championship over the weekend in North Carolina. A team of five MBA students from Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business won the $12,000 first-place prize Saturday in the Fuqua Product Strategy Case Competition at Duke University in Durham, N.C.

Organized by Duke's Fuqua School of Business, the competition is the first and largest business school case challenge focusing on product strategy. The teams received the case Friday morning and had 24 hours to formulate a strategy and present their recommendations to a panel of judges who are managers with John Deere.

A third team from Notre Dame participated in the preliminary round of the Fuqua competition, along with students from Dartmouth College Columbia, New York and Northwestern Universities, the Universities of Chicago, Michigan, Minnesota and Pennsylvania.

Psychology professor publishes autism book

Special to the Observer


Intended to serve as a college textbook and as a guide for parents, teachers, and therapists and other professionals, Whitman's book examines the key symptoms used in defining autism and other characteristics that are important for understanding the development of the disorder. Major psychological, social and biological theories of autism are reviewed and a new theory of autism is proposed that explains how people with autism develop a unique self-regulatory system that results in withdrawal from their social environment.

The book also summarizes educational and biomedical interventions that have been utilized to treat the disorder. Finally, the impact of autism on families is examined and recommendations are made to parents and professionals regarding how families and children with autism can best be served.

The book emphasizes even though autism cannot presently be cured, implementation of early intensive intervention programs can prevent many of the developmental delays associated with the disorder and help people with autism lead more typical lives. Currently, Whitman and his students, in conjunction with the new Regional Autism Center at Logan on South Bend, are helping families of children with autism to implement this type of program.

Whitman, who joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1967, focuses his research in the areas of early child development and intervention. He has a special interest in studying the factors associated with resilient development in at-risk children. He has been involved in several longitudinal studies evaluating the effects of medical and family environments on the socio-emotional and cognitive development of children.

Whitman teaches courses in developmental psychology, autism, developmental disabilities, behavior therapy, applied behavior analysis, psychology and medicine, and has written, "The Development of Autism." It is published by Jessica Kingsley Publishers and is available at, or can be ordered through, Barnes & Noble and Borders.

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sites of student parties, Fein said.

"Making it a desirable center, among other amenities, a swimming pool, sand volleyball..." Every body loves that location because of its accessibility," Fein said.

AIMCO was attracted to the property because of its "closest to campus" location, Fein said.

The group includes new property manager Delphina Smith, who previously managed a property in West Lafayette, near Purdue University.

"I think that such improvements," Fein said. "Our intention to uphold the general tradi tions associated with Turtle Creek, however, at the same time, will enforce the law."

Students were given notice before AIMCO brought in their management team to Turtle Creek. This group also enforces rules and regulations that are common, "Fein said. "Our intention to uphold the general traditions associated with Turtle Creek, however, at the same time, will enforce the law.

"We have been renting very strongly for both the spring and for next year. I think people are excited about the improvements," Fein said.

AIMCO expressed enthusiasm about their new acquisition.

"Student groups that want to use facilities or work with us in terms of leasing — we are wide open to work with anybody," Fein said.

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Gather White said.

"Although many Saint Mary's students are grateful for their study day, some would like to see a second study day added onto the academic schedule."

"I think that a second study day would be nice," first-year student Christine Hannert said. "I have a goal to get a lot of things done on Friday, but in reality I will probably just end up sleeping in and then going to the basketball game."

If we had two days, I know would get something done on the second day.

"Although the goal of the day is to provide students an extra opportunity to prepare for exams and rest, many students will use it as an opportunity to go out and partake in social activities."

First-year student Alexandra Hathaway has decided to head to Chicago on Thursday night to see her sister and get some Christmas shopping done before heading back to campus on Saturday.

"I wanted to take a little break from this hectic week, clear my head and then come back ready to play the rest of the weekend," Hathaway said.

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by requesting a Home Watch from local authorities.

Despite the small number of robberies reported in dorms over break, NDSP asked all on-campus students to also remain prudent and use common sense to protect their belongings.

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"Break-ins on campus are infrequent," Johnson said. "But mostly, burglary in a residence hall happens when someone enters an unlocked room."

For those students opting to leave their cars at Notre Dame while they travel home for the holidays, NDSP will look and give "special attention" to the parking lot. NDSP cannot guarantee no car break-ins will occur, however, so valuables should be removed from the vehicle beforehand, she said.

According to Johnson, the simplest and best way to avoid stolen valuables is to avoid leaving them on campus over break.

"If it's something you can't live without, take it with you," Johnson said.

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"My goal as the Women's Issues commissioner is to help facilitate these discussions because the issues of diversity have faced our campus for a long time, and I feel that the shirt aided in bringing the discussion to light," Kelly said. "We need to look at the next semester and see how we're going to move forward."
**Ghanaians exercise voting rights**

ACCHA, Ghana — Urged to wield the “power of the thumb,” Ghana’s people exercised it in force Tuesday pressing ink-stained thumbs to ballots in an presidential election marking the decade of peace in a country where coups once were commonplace and democracy was dismissed.

**Afghan leader sworn in**

A fghan lea d e r  sw o rn  in to ballots in an presidential election marking the beginning of the Afghan constitution, which was adopted in 2004 after the fall of the Taliban regime.

**Kofi Annan plans to ‘carry on’**

Kofi Annan plans to ‘carry on’ as U.N. Secretary-General after a decade of service to the United Nations, according to a statement released by his office.

**Pentagon addresses sexual assault**

The Pentagon has announced a new military-wide policy protecting women and men from sexual assault, following allegations of abuse.

**United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan plans to speak at the United Nations Correspondents’ Association’s annual dinner awards on Friday.**

**New York cases drug laws**

New York has agreed to scale back some mandatory prison terms under New York’s famously harsh drug laws, which critics said caused severe overcrowding and addicts to spend too much time in state prison. During Maynulet’s Article 32 hearing the Army officers testified that the driver had appeared jittery as he repeated an oath of allegiance read to him by the white-bearded chief justice, Fadi Al-Shiwwar.
Fire safety measures saved lives

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Lessons learned in a deadly 2003 high-rise fire may have saved lives this week when a fire broke out on the 29th floor of a downtown skyscraper, fire officials said Tuesday.

Six people died in the fire last year at a county government building, prompting authorities to overhaul many rescue techniques. Their reforms were put to the test Monday as flames began shooting from windows at LaSalle Bank's corporate headquarters.

As workers huddled inside, hundreds of firefighters went to work against the fire, but a much smaller team of rescuers rushed into the building with just one job: finding workers trapped by smoke and flames.

The fire burned for 5 1/2 hours Monday night, and more than 30 people were injured — most of them firefighters — but none died.

Authorities credited the new rescue tactics for saving lives, but said they were also fortu­ nate that stairwell doors in the 43-story building stayed unlocked and that many work­ ers listened to firefighters' directions and remained in place.

"The lights were out and it was pitch black, and the smoke was so thick you couldn't see your hand in front of your face. But at every landing there was a fireman keeping us moving," said Jim Rubens, an attorney who was rescued after about 40 minutes of sitting on the floor, the only place workers could find air to breathe.

The fire department on Tuesday continued to search for clues about the cause of the fire that started on the 29th floor and spread to the 30th.

Workers reported some con­ fusion, complaining they sometimes could not get through to fire officials on the telephone and could not always make out instructions being broadcast in hallways.

Many remained behind doors they dared not open for fear of letting in more smoke.

It was clear that firefighters had learned from the October 2003 fire at the Cook County Administration Building, where 11 workers were found in a stairwell 90 min­ utes after firefighters arrived.

"They launched a stream of 'rapid ascent team' arrived knowing beforehand their only mission would be to search for trapped occupants."

"They started going up and down stairwells and floor by floor, searching from top to bottom," said department spokesman Larry Langford.

Of the 450 fire department personnel on the scene, as many as 75 did nothing but search for people inside, Fire Commissioner Cortez Trotter said.

The search led to dozens of workers who, with stairwells and hallways filling with smoke, could only close office doors, stuff jackets and rags along the floor to keep out smoke, and call 911.

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"Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults"

This Sunday at the 11:45AM Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart we will recognize those members of the Notre Dame community who are seeking to become fully initiated into the Catholic faith community in the Rite of Welcome. These men and women have met together over the past several months to explore their faith and the Catholic Church more deeply through the RICIA process. Catechumen seeks full initiation through the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Catechumens are already baptized and are being received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church through the sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation. The Rite of Welcome offers an important opportunity to encourage these men and women as they continue their journey of initiation in the months ahead.

Catechumen and their Godparents
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Earnings growth looks likely to slow further in the coming quarters, as the economy cools and competition intensifies. The continuation of the slowdown in economic growth in the United States, Europe, and Japan is making it harder for companies to sell their products and services. The resulting pressures are likely to lead to lower earnings growth rates in the coming months. However, some companies have been able to adapt their strategies to remain profitable in a challenging environment. For example, many companies have reduced costs and increased efficiency in order to maintain their competitiveness. As a result, a number of companies have been able to achieve unexpectedly strong earnings growth, even as the overall economy has weakened. This suggests that companies with strong management and a focus on innovation and efficiency may be well-positioned to weather the current economic challenges and continue to grow in the future.

The current economic environment is characterized by a number of macroeconomic factors that are likely to affect earnings growth. These include the ongoing trade tensions between the United States and its trading partners, the uncertainty surrounding the outcome of the Brexit negotiations, and the continued uncertainty surrounding the path of monetary policy in the United States. These factors are likely to contribute to slower economic growth and lower earnings growth rates in the coming quarters. However, the management of companies that are able to adapt to these challenges and remain focused on innovation and efficiency may be well-positioned to continue to grow and generate strong earnings growth in the future.

Auto manufacturers sue California

Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — Automobile manufacturers sued Tuesday to block California regulators from adopting the world’s highest vehicle-emissions standards, arguing in a lawsuit that the standards are the federal government’s responsibility.

"Federal law is designed to ensure a national uniform standard for vehicle emissions," said Fred Webber, general counsel of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, in announcing the suit, which had been expected since the regulations were adopted in September to reduce greenhouse gases.

The complaint was filed in federal court in Fresno, where previous similar

Consumer products giant Colgate-Palmolive Co. announced job cuts on Tuesday as part of a four-year plan aimed at boosting sales and profits.

Colgate said Tuesday that the plan would result in charges against earnings of between $550 million and $650 million after taxes over the four years, but would generate savings in the range of $250 million to $300 million annually by the fourth year of the program.

In September, Colgate-Palmolive issued a race warning that its profits would fall short of expectations as it faces tougher competition and increased expenses as it headed into the last quarter of the year.

"I think it’s fair to say the two parties have been at the table two or three times this year," Peter Welch, an analyst at Cowen & Co., said stock analyst Dhulsini De Zoysa of SG Cowen & Co., declined on Tuesday to comment on the report.

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EGYPT

Preliminary Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement reached

Associated Press

CAIRO — Egypt reported Tuesday reaching an understanding with Israel, the Palestinians, the United States and Europe for a comprehensive settlement of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict that would include a truce and a peace conference in the American capital next summer.

The report by Egypt's state-run news agency, MENA, came amid increased optimism over the peace process after the death of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat last month and the prospect of Palestinian elections in January.

Egypt, the first Arab country to make peace with Israel, has taken an active role in mediating between the two sides, and there have been signs of increasingly warm ties between Israel and Egypt.

MENA said Egypt's plan, which was discussed with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and other officials, included the withdrawal of all Israeli forces from Gaza and a plan for Egyptian border troops to be responsible for security of the Egyptian-Palestinian border and the Palestinian side of the border with Israel.

MENA said a dialogue among Palestinian factions on a cease-fire agreement would begin in March in Cairo. The report said Egypt would seek an international peace conference in Washington next July to discuss the plans, and predicted continued improvement in Israeli-Egyptian relations.

In Jerusalem, an Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity, welcomed a possible truce.

"If the Palestinians come up with a truce, that is to say they cease and desist from acts of terror, then we shall refrain from acting against them, except in the case of persons posing an immediate danger," he said.

Palestinian officials were not immediately available for comment. Egyptian officials had no comment, but reports on MENA usually reflect government opinion and news.

Asked about the MENA statement, State Department deputy spokesman Adam Ereli told reporters in Washington, "I've seen the reports but I don't have anything to corroborate them."

Just as Egypt was talking of a new truce, however, Hamas militants broke three weeks of relative calm in Gaza, setting off a bomb that killed a soldier and triggering Israeli retaliation that killed four Palestinian gunmen.

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UKRAINE

Stalemate hit in election rematch

Associated Press

KIEV — Lawmakers fought over and failed to pass legal reforms aimed at ensuring a fair rematch of Ukraine’s fraudulent presidential runoff, accusing each other Tuesday of acting in bad faith as several thousand orange-clad protesters besieged parliament and chanted, “Parasites! Parasites!”

The demonstrators, supporters of opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko, have grown impatient over lack of progress in approving the electoral amendments sought for the Dec. 26 repeat vote. Yushchenko supporters say the changes will close loopholes for fraud that marred the Nov. 21 runoff and prompted the Supreme Court to cancel the victory of Kremmlin-backed Prime Minister Viktor Yanukyovich.

But a loose coalition of communists, socialists and pro-government factions in parliament agreed to pass the electoral changes only together with constitutional changes, which would turn some presidential powers over to parliament.

Yushchenko has balked at the changes, saying that allies of outgoing President Leonid Kuchma want to weaken his authority should he win.

In Sofia, Bulgaria, Secretary of State Colin Powell rejected Russian charges of Western political manipulation in Ukraine’s electoral process. Powell addressed the 55-nation Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe after hearing Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov suggest the West was interested in a power grab in Ukraine.

SAUDI ARABIA

Americans targeted by gunmen in attack

Associated Press

JIDDAH —The militants stormed into the compound’s inner courtyard, bringing their guns from behind trees, bursting into offices and shouting: "Where are the Americans? Where are the Americans?"

"Each one of the terrorists took a group of us, and they started shooting at the guards."

Salah Abdel Qawi Alyafee
attack victim

"I don't know whose bullet hit me," he said. "I was on the floor and my face was to the inner courtyard, firing their shots."

The militants "clearly understood how cars entered the compound, and they were conducting surveillance," U.S. Ambassador James C. Oberwetter said Tuesday.

Still, as Oberwetter offered condolences to the families of five slain consulate workers, he said, "the events of yesterday show the need for improvement. We will examine what additional steps need to be taken."

State Department spokesman Adam Ereli warned that there could be more attacks in Saudi Arabia. "Our operating assumption is that there are still terrorist elements active in the kingdom, targeting U.S. citizens and facilities, as well as other commercial and civilian establishments," Ereli said. "Therefore, maximum alertness and caution and prudent security measures are called for."

"To bolster diplomatic security, Defense Department officials are discussing formaing a joint counter-terror team that would go to Jiddah. Typically there are 50 Marines in such teams, trained in providing security and countersurveillance in urban areas."

Saudi officials, meanwhile, said four of the assailants were Saudis and one remained unidentified.

None of the three identified by name — Fayez bin Awad al-Juhaini, Eid bin Dakhil Allah al-Juhaini and Hassan bin Hanid al-Hazimi — appears on the kingdom’s list of 26 most-wanted militants. Saudi officials did not say whether the al-Juhainis were related, or provide details about them. Four of the five attackers died.

The five slain consulate employees were from Yemen, Sudan, the Philippines, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. The director of King Faisal Hospital said a total of 10 wounded were brought there, and eight remained Tuesday. Two American staff members were slightly wounded, but the circumstances remained unclear.

One of the wounded consulate employees, Salah Abdel Qawi Alyafee of Yemen, said the militants first stormed into the consulate courtyard, then held people as human shields as Saudi forces rushed the attackers in a fierce gunbattle.

"Each one of the terrorists took a group of us, and they started shooting at the (Saudi) guards," he said. "And thanks to God, the Saudis did not shoot at random. They aimed into the terrorist." Alyafee, who works as a dispatcher at the consulate, said he kneeled down as the firing began, and then was shot.

"I don’t know whose bullet hit me," he said. "I was on the floor and my face was to the floor."

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Race matters at Notre Dame

Wednesday, December 8, 2004

Peter Quaranto

A Call to Action

The Observer

The greatest trick the Devil ever played was convincing the world he doesn’t exist. In contemporary America, there has been a dominant politico-cultural push over the last two decades towards a post-race “color-blind” conception of society. While such a vision tickles the conscience, it fails to account for the very real racial divisions and injustices that still exist throughout America as well as here under the Dome. On Nov. 30, the University fired Irish head coach Tyrone Willingham, leaving the black community stunned, disillusioned and angry. This sudden move not only called the priorities of the university into question, but highlighted racial divides that persist at Notre Dame. In this complex watershed moment for our University, it is crucial that we stop running from the reality that race matters.

The decision to fire Willingham, the first time ever that the University fired a coach before his contract expired, was made under a cloud of secrecy. Meetings were held on Monday night and on Tuesday morning, involving only seven men. Yet, it appears that the win-or-die mentality of a few Board of Trustees leaders was the driving force for the decision. This win-or-die attitude is problematic for a University that prides itself on values, but even more problematic is that University officials failed to understand the racial implications of such an action.

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Domestic terrorism is a method of control

Since Sept. 11, 2001, the national political dialogue and the social world we live in has been transformed by real and imagined threats of terrorism. Billions of dollars are being spent internationally in the fight against domestic and international terrorism, in the Department of Homeland Security. Fighting terrorism has become the new American priority.

But what kind of terrorism are we fighting?

Terrorism is the use of violence, targeted or random, to cause disruption or destruction, and to send a message. This violence is intended to instill fear and cause behavioral and societal changes. Current policies are designed to fight one type of terrorism, yet there are citizens of this country who are terrorized every day who experience continual and pervasive threats to their physical and mental health and well-being but are given few tools to fight it.

Violence against women in this country is domestic terrorism. Incest, child sexual abuse, rape, sexual assault, sexual harassment and violence against domestic partners are all overwhelmingly crimes committed by males against females with devastating and overshad​ows domestic problems. The vast majority of Americans do little to prevent terrorism and the public has little control over intelligence and military operations. We should be discussing what we do have control over—domestic terrorism. This occurs in our homes, our schools and our streets every second of every day.

Women, solely because of the body they have been born into, are subjected to a constant, elevated level of danger. In the United States, "every hour 78 woman are raped. That's 1,872 per day, 13,000 a week, 52,000 a month, 629,000 a year," according to the National Center and Crime Victims research and Treatment Center. Over a lifetime one in four women will be raped, according to the National Center and Crime Victims research and Treatment Center.

Abuse within marital and romantic relationships is also pervasive. The leading cause of injury for women in America is intimate partner violence.

Thirty percent of women report having been physically abused by an intimate partner. In the last year 8,850 women were killed by an intimate partner. One in three women will be raped at some point in their lives. While men are most likely to be killed by strangers, women are more often killed by an intimate partner or a ex-partner.

Some may say international terrorism has greater catastrophic potential, while the effects of continual violence are not as obvious and harder to sell. We need to challenge the illogical quiet, everyday suffering because its impacts are subtler, less obvious and harder to sell.

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I believe the shirt is racist. There is only one woman—a white woman—representing all of the Saint Mary's student body. This is not an accurate representation; there are women of various races attending Saint Mary's. To clarify, neither myself nor anyone else I know who has been offended by the shirt is insisting that there should be an absence of people altogether on Saint Mary's' shirts. We are suggesting, for instance, that more than one woman should be portrayed, and that these women should be of more than one racial background. We're not protesting the American flag, animals and French crosses, despite what Cheryl Barker implied in her Nov. 22 Observer letter entitled, "Remember and respect Saint Mary's history."

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Spare the accolades

My name is Carlos Gutierrez and I am currently a senior finance and political science double major I am from Mexico City. Recently, students and professors alike have congratulated me for the nomination of Carlos Gutierrez-Chavez-Toldeo, by the administration of President George W. Bush, for the position of Secretary of Commerce. Indeed, the overwhelming accolades received from the Notre Dame community have been incredibly supportive and have allowed me to become an instant celebrity among my peers. However, I cannot let this conscience continue reaping the benefits of this nomination; therefore, I have to make some clarifications:

1. The man nominated to the cabinet is not the same as the Carlos Gutierrez writing this letter.
2. I have never worked for the Kellogg Corporation or have sold cereal from the back of the can in Mexico City in 1976.
3. I do not have a moustache.
4. I am not from Cuba.
5. And most importantly: I have yet to find a job.

I have to disappoint and inform the 27 people that have e-mailed me so far about this event, including the three people I do not know.

Thank you Notre Dame.

Carlos Ignacio Gutierrez
junior
Korean Hall
Dec. 6

Facebook: craze or crazy?

Okay, so maybe my roommate who refuses to join Facebook as a point. Technology has ruined the basics of life. Now AIM serves as the best way to ask someone out, have the "talk," break up with your hot lover, apologize to your ex-hot lover or stalk your next one. It's all gotten even worse with the advent of Facebook. I mean, is there really a polite way to reject a "friend?" And what about those Sweet 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence, began Nov. 25 and will run through Dec. 10. Dozens of local and student organizations are taking part in it.

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By LAUREN WENDEL
Scene Writer

As throngs of alt-rock fans filed into Chicago’s Aragon Ballroom Sunday night, tension and anticipation filled the spacious venue. Three of today’s hottest rising bands, Snow Patrol, The Hives and Franz Ferdinand, took the stage and gave the audience its fill of thrashing guitar riffs and stage kicks. It was the final day of a three day concert spree featuring nine bands produced by Chicago’s alternative rock radio station Q101.

Snow Patrol, a mid-tempo rock group from Belfast, took the stage promptly at 6 p.m. As a still widely unknown U.K. group, the crowd was slow to warm to its quiet vocals and raw pop anthems that are also displayed on its third album “Final Straw” (Universal 2004). At times, this quintet sounded symphonic with its intricately layered productions such as “Run,” but could switch tempos and create intimate portraits of love with “Wow” and “Chocolate.” Their most well known song, “Spitting Games” garnered the largest crowd response of the set.

Front man Gary Lightbody did not let the apathetic response dampen his energy level. He jumped around onstage for the vast majority of Snow Patrol’s half hour set, always teetering on the brink of crashing to the floor. Despite some vocal problems, he was able to deliver each song clearly and with emotion. At times he even made quirky hand movements as though he was attempting to force power into his guitar. Bassist Mark McClelland added to the band’s energy level as well by singing along with the few members in the crowd who knew their lyrics.

Overall Snow Patrol’s songs are somewhat underdeveloped, always leaving one wanting something more. However, the band’s lyrics are noteworthy, as it dwells on common themes using more subtle lines that evoke raw emotions. Popularity and musical talent aside, these five musicians displayed a love of their music unfound in many current artists.

The energy spark of Snow Patrol only grew into a raging inferno as the next band claimed the stage. The Hives, a quintet from Sweden, are widely known for their highly energetic live performances and arrogant proclamations such as “Hello Chicago, we are The Hives and we are your new favorite band” and “America loves The Hives.” With names such as Howlin’ Pelle Almqvist, Dr. Matt Destruction and Chris Dangerous, one must expect such antics from this talented and fun band.

With his dapper black shirt and white suit, lead singer Almqvist strutted, jumped and kicked around onstage like the lost twin of Mick Jagger, all while screeching lyrics about everything from politics to death to girls. The aggressive and bombastic guitar playing of Nicholaus Arson, along with his chaotic eyebrow movements and darting stares, added not only intensity but also spontaneity to the set. The showmanship exhibited by The Hives exceeds that of every band presently together.

“Main Offender,” with its high octave endnote guitar riffs, proved to be a set highlight. So band’s newer singles from their third Tyrannosaurus Hives” (2004) such as “Walk, Id and “Two Timing Touch and Broken Bones” are noteworthy.

The lighting fit the show, chaotic and flashing crisp white accents that helped highlight the
bleached white blazers. Along with its plastic, pageant queen waves, these outfits projected the band to a state of rock royalty not many recent bands have been able to successfully capture.

Taking a cue from the Hives most recognizable single "Hate to Say I Told You So" (Veni Vidi Vicious 2000), many left thinking that indeed the hype is true. The Hives are the best live band, possibly ever, and should become "everyone's new favorite band."

After witnessing a Hives set, it is difficult to appreciate the lower energy and more complex lyrics of a band such as Franz Ferdinand. The majority of the young audience left thinking that indeed the hype is true. The Hives are the complete full course, Franz Ferdinand would be the sweet dessert you don't know if you have enough room for.

This foursome from Glasgow, Scotland has been pegged as a future force of contemporary rock, but have yet to prove their talents aside from a debut album. Their single "Take Me Out," in rotation for months around the country, has the largest crowd response. Yet, the three unreleased songs that were also performed squashed any momentum from lead Alex Kapranos.

The concert would have been more consistent if Franz Ferdinand played the second slot, helping to build up even more energy in the crowd for The Hives. All three bands added a different flavor of rock for the crowd to sample, with The Hives providing the most energy out before the drive home.

The film offers Hesburgh's views on the questions real people might ask about if they had 30 minutes to talk with the Holy Cross priest about his life. Hesburgh discusses happiness, marriage, love, loss and other problems relevant to people of all ages and in all places.

Over the years the world has become familiar with the eventual life of Hesburgh through numerous interviews, books and articles; and the attention to Hesburgh's accomplishments is well deserved. Even on paper Hesburgh's list of accomplishments is nearly impossible to imagine Notre Dame without the former president. Hesburgh's focus has not only been limited to issues concerning the University. He has held 15 Presidential appointments and served four Popes in a variety of roles.

With the new "A Man For All Generations" NewGroup Media, the production company for the film, was aiming for something different from a traditional documentary. The film is shot in various locations around the Notre Dame campus including the Grotto, the Basilica, Hesburgh's office and the porch of Sorin College. Shots from past moments in Hesburgh's life are also interspersed throughout the interviews. "These were our intimate locations for him," said producer Christopher Salvador. "We didn't want another documentary."

The film tells very little about the facts of Hesburgh's life and focuses instead on his attitudes towards faith and relationships. The segments build a portrait of the belief that allowed Hesburgh to accomplish all the things he did.

On the attitude of Hesburgh throughout the interview, Sister Judy Zielinski, a Franciscan nun who conducted the interviews for the video, said, "He was very genuine and frank with us ... He was most confortable with free associating."

The idea for a different kind of video came up during the filming of another documentary on Hesburgh's life. "[Sister Judy] was listening to him talk, and she said, 'I wish we could talk to him about life.' At the time, the idea seemed especially pertinent since it arose not long after the death of former Executive Vice President Father Edmund Joyce. "His friend Father Joyce had died about six months ago," Zielinski said. "It emphasized the fact that Father Ted is 87, and while he's still in good health, we wanted to record him on a personal level."

Hesburgh discusses faith very seriously in the video, but mentioned it in his comments following the screening with more humor: "Anyone working or living at Notre Dame is going to have a special life," Hesburgh said. "The best thing to do is wake up every morning and thank God we're here instead of Kokomo or somewhere else."

"A Man For All Generations" will be available for purchase in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. The video is priced at $19.95 on DVD and $24.95 on VHS.
Cowboys upend Orange at Jimmy V Classic

Oklahoma State wins while Lucas scores only five

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Two top-five teams known for their different styles of defense were even for the first time ever.

Then Oklahoma State took over and the fifth-ranked Cowboys beat No. 4 Syracuse 74-60 in the Jimmy V Classic.

"That second half we probably played as well as we can play," Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton said. "That first half, I told them they played like they had never been coached. That first half was one of the worst halves I've seen in a long, long time."...

Stephen Graham scored 16 points, including two three-point plays in the final 4 1/2 minutes, for Oklahoma State (6-0), which was able to pull away from a 45-all tie with 6:22 to play as the Orange (7-1) couldn't hit from the field or the free throw line.

"That was a tremendous, physical defensive battle," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "We played defensively as well as we can tonight."...

No. 11 Pittsburgh beat Memphis 70-51 in the other game of the doubleheader at Madison Square Garden.

John Lucas hit a 3-pointer — and put up three airballs in the first three minutes — and put up seven airballs in the game. He finished 1-of-12 shooting as Pittsburgh, which opened the game with a 12-2 run and had its first 20-point lead at 30-10 with 9:04 left in the first half.

No. 14 Texas 86, North Texas 77

Brad Buckman didn't block every shot the Cowboys put up. It just seemed that way.

Buckman blocked 18 points and had three blocks — one short of the Texas single-game record — as the Longhorns to a victory over North Texas.

"We have long arms," Buckman said. "I've got to use them for something."...

Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim cannot watch in the second half of a 74-60 loss to Oklahoma State Wednesday night.

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NFC
Chief's coach looks
forward to Sunday
Cunningham returns
as coordinator to face
former team
Associated Press
NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Gunther
Cunningham is proof that time,
and a healthy lack of ego, can
heal any pain.
Cunningham first came to
teach in Tennessee bitter and
upset over being fired as head
coch of the Kansas City Chiefs.
He returns on Monday night to
teach against the Titans as
defensive coordinator of the
Chiefs, and he said Tuesday it
will be especially emotional for
him.
"If I tell you, it took me 10 hours
to say goodbye to the support
people in that facility when I
went. You just can't imag­
ine, when you get to be my age
and you feel like your whole life
has fallen apart professionally,
and you meet people like I met
down there," he said.
"And that starts with the head
coach."
Cunningham credits Titans
coach Jeff Fisher with resurrect­
ing his career by hiring him as
linebackers coach in 2001 short­
ly after the Chiefs fired him after
a 16-16 record in two seasons.
Cunningham learned of his firing
on the Internet.
He came to Nashville, a short
drive from where his mother
lived, and took over a veteran
group of linebackers. The Titans
switched gears in 2002 and went
younger with Keith Bulluck and
Peter Sirmon.
"He had a real way of forming
a special bond with each person
and kind of figuring out what
each person's personality was
and pulling you aside at the right
time," Sirmon said.
Cunningham said being on
Fisher's staff revived his love of
the sport.
"I walked into the room every
day or into the office and it was
 camaraderie, it was respect and
it was people feeling about the
game like I feel about it," he
said. "That is when I decided I
could do anything."
Even going back to Kansas
City. He wanted the chance to
prove that he could succeed, so
he took over the same job he
held between 1995 and 1998,
even though he also had been
talking about a similar position
with the New York Jets and
Atlanta Falcons.
Cunningham hasn't had much
success yet with a defense where
the personnel didn’t change from
last year despite finishing 29th.
He joked that the worst thing in
Kansas City has been the room
where coaches eat at night.
"Every once in a while I go in
there, and there are all these
former head coaches' pictures
up there and I am between
Marty (Schottenheimer) and Dick
Vermeil. And I keep thinking I am
dead every time I see it. You
are not supposed to come back
and see that picture on the wall," he
said.
"That is the only time I think
about it, but it has been great."
The linebacking corps the
Titans (4-8) put on the field
against Kansas City (4-8) won't
feature the starters Cunningham
coached last season. Sirmon is
put after tearing his left ACL in
July, and middle linebacker
Rocky Calmus tore his left ham­
string last week, putting him out
for the rest of the season.
Only Bulluck remainshealthy.
He took a moment on
Thanksgiving to call Cunningham and thank him for
helping him reach the Pro Bowl
last season.

Good luck with finals.
LONDON — The IOC opened an investigation Tuesday into doping allegations against Marion Jones, who said she eventually will be stripped of her five medals from the 2000 Olympics.

International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge set up a disciplinary commission to look into the claims made by Victor Conte, head of the California-based lab accused of illegally distributing steroids.

Conte told ABC's "20/20" in a broadcast aired Friday that he gave Jones performance-enhancing drugs before and after the Sydney Olympics. He said he watched Jones inject herself with human growth hormone.

"The allegations made by Mr. Conte are extremely serious and the IOC is fully committed to bringing to light any elements that will help the truth prevail," the IOC said in a statement.

Jones won three gold medals (100 meters, 200 and 400 relay) and two bronze (long jump and 400 relay) in Sydney. She repeatedly has denied ever using banned drugs, and has threatened to sue Conte for defamation.

Attorney Rich Nichols reiterated that Jones has consistently denied use of performance-enhancing drugs, passed a lie detector test and has maintained the same physical appearance.

"Victor Conte is someone who is under federal indictment, facing serious prison time and has a record of issuing a host of contradictory, inconsistent statements," Nichols said in a statement. "Victor Conte's allegations are not true and the truth will be revealed for the world to see as the legal process moves forward."

The U.S. Olympic Committee did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

World Anti-Doping Agency chief Dick Pound, a senior IOC member, has said Jones should be stripped of her medals if Conte is telling the truth. Any decision on the medals would be made by the IOC executive board.

Rogge advocates a "zero tolerance" policy on doping.

"I hope the truth will emerge," he said last week. "We want the truth. We want to know what happened and the more we know, the better."

Under the IOC charter, Olympic decisions can be challenged within three years of the games' closing ceremony. The Sydney Olympics ended more than four years ago, on Oct. 1, 2000.

But Thomas Bach, the German lawyer and IOC member who heads the three-member investigative panel, said the three-year rule shouldn't apply in this case.

"I don't think it plays a role," he told Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Pound said there was no actual decision taken in Sydney and the allegations are only coming out now.

Jones, who did not win any medals at the Athens Olympics, has been under investigation for months by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, but has not been charged. USADA has said it will take Conte's allegations into account.

Conte, head of the BALCO lab, said he worked with Jones from August 2000 to September 2001.

He said he designed a doping regimen for her that included the previously undetectable steroid THG, the endurance-enhancing hormone EPO, human growth hormone and insulin.

Bach said his first move will be to request a transcript of the ABC program.

"First of all we have to check carefully whether the allegations concern the time of the Olympics, and then we have to determine who is concerned," he said.

Bach said the investigation could cover athletes other than Jones mentioned in the program. The panel will ask for athletes' statements and could ask them to appear at a hearing.

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Marion Jones' attorney

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International Olympic Committee

The IOC could strip the entire American track team — including five-time Olympic champion Michael Johnson — of the gold medals. The IOC is waiting for the Court of Arbitration for Sport to rule on an appeal by the U.S. Olympic Committee.
Surging Bills have sudden postseason hopes

Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Pat Williams is a big man with a big heart and appetite. So imagine his dilemma when the Buffalo Bills were back to their bumbling selves at the start of this season. Most every time the defensive tackle went out, he couldn't escape the critics and questions about what was wrong with his team.

"You weren't hearing anything good from nobody," Williams recalled. "I heard it all the time, 'What's going on here?' or 'What's going on with Drew Bledsoe?'"

It got so bad Williams considered not going out for dinner anymore. Fortunately for the 317-pound Williams, it never led to such drastic measures. To the relief of Williams — and restaurant owners who stood losing a bulk of their business — he can now eat out in peace.

Williams is hungry and so are the Bills, who have gained a sudden appetite for the playoffs. They've overcome an 0-4 start to make the playoffs. And they've found an offense ever since Willis McGahee became the starting running back in October.

As much credit as McGahee deserves — the Bills are 6-1 with him starting — it's Williams who has helped lead the team to a team that was better than its 6-10 record in 2003. If Williams irritated his veteran peers with his loudness for wake-up calls during his first training camp, and persistently blamed the players and media for the Bills' woes, Mularkey came in with a low-key, inclusive approach.

A former Steelers player and offensive coordinator, his best attributes are his creativity and flexibility.

Mularkey addressed the Bills' early-season penalty problems by borrowing from Jets coach Hermann Edwards in bringing in officials to throw flags in practice. He bolstered the team's stumbling goal-line offense by bulking up his line with Pat Williams and fellow massive nose tackle Sam Adams.

And he came up with the "Cheesburger Solution" to help end the team's road troubles. Comparing travel itineraries with other NFL coaches on the East Coast, Mularkey learned that some serve their players cheeseburgers as an extra meal when making trips to the West Coast.

It worked when the Bills ended a six-game road skid by beating Seattle 38-9 last month.

Mularkey also has shown unwavering resolve. At a time when the Giants turned to Eli Manning and the Cowboys flirted with Drew Henson, Mularkey didn't give in to critics demanding he bench Bledsoe in favor of first-round draft pick J.P. Losman.

It was Bledsoe who responded with three of his most effective outings of the season, a stretch in which he's thrown eight touchdown passes, one fewer than in his previous 11 games. And suddenly, it's not inconsiderable Bledsoe who will be back as the starter next season.

Instead of giving up following the 0-4 start, Mularkey rallied his team with a "Why Not Us?" mantra, urging his players to ignore outsiders' attempts to tell them how bad they were.

And these aren't the same bumbling Bills, even if they're still far from the level of the team that won an unprecedented four consecutive AFC titles in the early 1990s.

It's that history current Bills will always be measured against — until they actually win a Super Bowl.

There's truth to the saying Buffalo is a drinking town with a football problem, where a passionate fan base believes it has more answers than Ken Jennings on "Jeopardy!"

Bad Bills president Tom Donahoe listened to half the cranks who called sports talk shows in September, he would've resigned. Marc Levy would've been back as coach and McGahee would never have been drafted.
Boise State’s Quinton Jones celebrates a first quarter touchdown against San Jose State. Boise State signed head coach Dan Hawkins to a five-year extension after he coached the Broncos to an undefeated regular season.

**Hawkins signs five-year $2.6 million extension**

Associated Press

**BOISE, Idaho — Boise State coach Dan Hawkins signed a five-year, $2.6 million contract extension on Tuesday that could keep him with the Broncos through the 2009 season.**

"I'm very excited about what we have accomplished and even more excited about what is possible in the future," Hawkins said in a statement.

The contract will pay him with the Broncos at Boise State four seasons ago, the Broncos led the nation in scoring twice and are second this year. Hawkins' new deal is packed with incentives.

If Boise State wins at least six games, Hawkins would receive a 5 percent raise the following year. Eight or nine wins guarantee a 10 percent raise, while winning 10 or more games would give Hawkins a 15 percent raise.

Additionally, Hawkins will get 1/12 of his salary if Boise State finishes in the top 25, and he would get an additional $10,000 bonus if the Broncos finish in the top 10.

The contract also allows Hawkins to receive 1/12 of his salary bonus for a conference championship and 5 percent bonus for a bowl appearance without a conference championship. If Boise State wins at least six games, Hawkins would receive a $350,000 bonus and if he stays until the end of the deal 2010 he gets an additional bonus of $150,000. If Hawkins wants to leave Boise State, it will cost him or his new team $85,000,000 to buy out the contract.

During Hawkins' four years with Boise State, as head coach, Boise State has won three consecutive Western Athletic Conference championships and compiled a 44-6 record, including a perfect 11-0 this season.

Since Hawkins took over at Boise State four seasons ago, the Broncos led the country in scoring twice and are second this year.

**IN BRIEF**

Garciaparra re-signs with Cubs for $8 million

CHICAGO — Nomar Garciaparra enjoyed his brief stay with the Chicago Cubs so much he's coming back.

Garciaparra signed a one-year contract Tuesday with the Cubs. The deal also includes performance bonuses for games started and plate appearances.

Garciaparra hit .305 with nine homers and 41 RBIs with Boston and Chicago last season. Garciaparra said at the end of the season that he'd consider coming back to the Cubs, but he wanted to test the free-agent market for the first time in his career.

Garciaparra spent the first 8-1/2 years of his career with the Boston Red Sox before being traded to Chicago on July 31 as part of a four-team deal.

He played only 81 games last year because of Achilles' tendon, left wrist and groin injuries. But when he's healthy, the two-time AL batting champion still has plenty of power, hitting .344 and driving in 28 runs from July 1 to Aug. 31.

Garciaparra is a career .322 hitter with 182 home runs and 710 RBIs. He's hit .300 or better in seven seasons, and had a career-best 30-game hitting streak in 1997. He's been in the playoffs three times, and set an American League series record in 1998 with 11 RBIs in four games.

Players authorize union to reach new steroid agreement

PHOENIX — Baseball players gave their lawyers the go-ahead Tuesday to reach an agreement with owners on tougher testing for steroids.

Commissioner Bud Selig repeatedly has called for more frequent testing and harsher penalties for steroid use, stepping up the intensity following reports of grand jury testimony in a steroid investigation that includes Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi and Gary Sheffield.

"We're very pleased they're coming to the table, and we hope we can achieve a program that works," said Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer.

"What you will see is a significant reduction," union spokesman Greg Bouris said.

Sprewell suspended one game for vulgarity

MINNEAPOLIS — Latrell Sprewell was suspended for one game by the NBA on Tuesday for yelling a sexual vulgarity at a female fan.

The Minnesota Timberwolves swingman's comment to a heckler was picked up by a courtside microphone and could be heard on broadcasts of the team's game against the Los Angeles Clippers on Saturday.

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The former All-Star also said they would interest in extending his contract or trade him, saying, "I've got my family to feed."

Sprewell, who will make $14.6 mil- lion this season in the final year of his deal, drew criticism from NBA commissioner David Stern.

**BOISE STATE'S QUINTON JONES CELEBRATES A FIRST QUARTER TOUCHDOWN AGAINST SAN JOSE STATE.**

**BOISE STATE SIGNED HEAD COACH DAN HAWKINS TO A FIVE-YEAR EXTENSION AFTER HE COACHED THE BRONCOS TO AN UNDEFEATED REGULAR SEASON.**
Cowboys' Jones has Dallas feeling optimistic

Associated Press
IRVING, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys can only imagine how different their season might be had Julius Jones been healthy the whole time.

"It's his fault that we lost seven games. It is," receiver Keyshawn Johnson said, smiling. "Ask him, I tell him that after every time that he scores a touchdown."

The rookie who missed eight games keeps running like this, after every time that he scores a touchdown. "Ask him, I tell him that after every time that he scores a touchdown."

If the Cowboys have won consecutively for the first time since September and are still in playoff contention, it has 429 yards rushing and five touchdowns on 93 carries in three starts since returning from a broken shoulder blade suffered in his NFL debut in Week 2.

"The running back was pretty good, in case you didn't notice," coach Bill Parcells said. "I told the team this, that we're better off right now as a team than at any point this year. We've just got more balance in our attack, and we're a bit better now."

Thanks to the rookie whose durability and toughness was being questioned by Parcells earlier this season.

Dallas, which had lost six of seven before the last two wins, still has a chance for its second straight playoff appearance under Parcells. The Cowboys are among six 5-7 teams a game behind in the standings for the NFC's second wild-card spot.

The Cowboys would have the tiebreaker against Seattle 10-6, which is tied with St. Louis for the NFC West lead. They also have wins against Chicago and Detroit, two of the other 2-7 teams, and their regular-season finale is against the New York Giants. "Hopefully, we can get up enough energy to play the last month good," Parcells said. "I've always told my team what you do after Thanksgiving, that's what counts."

Jones missed the season opener because of sore ribs, and then had just five carries in his debut against Cleveland before breaking his shoulder. He didn't play again until Nov. 21 at Baltimore, when he started to answer the questions Parcells had about him.

In his first start, Jones had 30 carries for 81 yards, and four days later carried 33 times for 150 yards and two touchdowns in a Thanksgiving Day win over Chicago. Only Emmitt Smith (237 yards) and Tony Dorsett (206) have rushed for more yards in a Cowboys game than Jones did against the Seahawks.

"Once again, I proved that I can handle the load," Jones said. "I go out every game with a chip on my shoulder to prove something." Jones had 30 of the 31 carries Monday night, the other going to Vinny Testaverde when the 41-year-old quarterback scrambled away from pressure. Eddie George didn't even get in, ending his streak of 139 straight games played.

Jones isn't only surprising other people with his performance. "I had high expectations of myself. I go out and expect myself to perform at the best level, top level," he said. "But I am somewhat surprising myself."

And showing why Parcells was willing to trade out of the first round in the draft when he had his choice of any running back, and waited until the second round to get Jones from Notre Dame.

One of the team's primary concerns last April was to get a running back, and none had been picked when Dallas traded its No. 1 to Buffalo and moved down 21 spots. Steven Jackson, Chris Perry, Kevin Jones and Tatum Bell were all gone when the Cowboys got another turn.

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Dallas quarterback Vinny Testaverde hands the ball off to running back Julius Jones in the first quarter against Seattle Monday night.

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Equestrians claim High Point Honors over the weekend

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame/Saint Mary's equestrian club competed in two shows this weekend at Taylor University on Saturday and the Irish "23 points placed them behind first place Illinois (133 points), and second place Indiana State points but on Sunday, the riders claimed High Point Honors with 38 points.

In Saturday's competition, Katie Barro garnered first in open flats and second in open fences with Kelsey Ostberg taking fourth in the same events. Molly Kopp, fourth, and Julia Burke, sixth, also scored points in open flats.

Three Irish riders - Chelsea Brown, Marina Cardona and Andrea Oliverio - took 1st in their intermediate flats divisions. Ana Richter and Molly Schmiege finished third and fourth.

Other team highlights for the day included Mary Jorgent's third place in novice fences, a fifth for Schmiege in intermediate fences, and a 2-3-4 finish in novice flats by Britanny Gragg, Catherine Linn, and Hayden Pascal.

Heather LaDue and Lauren Croall tied for second in advanced walk-trot-canter, with Katy Routh sixth. This enabled Croall to qualify for regionals. Anne Trent's sixth place finish in walk-trot completed the scoring.

In Sunday's action, the Irish captured first places in five events.

Katie Baran in open flat, Andrea Oliverio in intermediate flat, Molly Schmiege in intermediate fences, Heath LaDue in walk-trot-canter and Anne Trout in walk-trot all took blue ribbons. Oliverio and Croall each took second. Dorgani and Marina Cardona third, Pascal, Linn, and Schmiege fourth, and Liz Bell, Ana Richter, and Laura Hale fifth place, and Julia Burke sixth in their events to complete the team scoring.

Women's Ice Hockey

A short-handed women's ice hockey club dropped two games at Ohio State this weekend, 10-3 and 9-3. The Irish were without the services of several key defensive players in Columbus. In each game, the Irish had more shots on goal than the Lady Buckeyes.

Julia LaPointe, Jacky Kelher and Saint Mary's Megan Mattia with an assist from Natalie Gravas each scored for the Irish in the first game. Mattia scored twice more in Sunday's game, with an assist from Erin Walker on the first goal, and LaPointe scored unassisted for the final tally. Kara Brennan played in her debut at defense for the Irish.
McDonald’s All-American Games come to South Bend

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

About a year ago, the South Bend Regional Sports Commission started exploring the idea of bringing the McDonald’s All-American Games to South Bend. The group’s hopes were to bring the event to the area a couple of years down the road. Tuesday, it was announcing ticket sales.

Along with former NBA first-round pick and Notre Dame great LaPhonso Ellis and the McDonald’s Corporation, the commission kicked off ticket sales for the 28th annual McDonald’s All-American high school games to be held at the Joyce Center on March 30, 2005.

“It is absolutely amazing how incredibly quick how things came together, South Bend Regional Sports Commission chairman Thom Villing said at Tuesday’s press conference. "Little did we know the stars would converge as they did, and we were awarded the games."

Ellis was a McDonald’s All-American in 1988 before playing for four years in South Bend. Ellis currently sits in first place on the all-time Irish career blocks list, third in all-time rebounds and 13th in all-time scoring.

When selected as an All-American in 1988, Ellis said his life was shaped more by what happened the day before than on the court in Albuquerque, N.M., that weekend.

“The day before we had a special opportunity to do something different. We visited some of the children who benefit from all the proceeds from the McDonald’s All-American Game,” Ellis said. "As a 34-year old husband and father of four, that charitable aspect of who I am was planted back in 1988 by the McDonald’s Corporation and its charities.”

Fast participants in the game include Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Kevin Garnett, LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony, Dwight Howard and Notre Dame’s Chris Thomas and Courtney LaVere.

The Powerade Jam Fest will be held on Monday, March 28 at Bethel College and was won in 2004 by Candace Parker; the first time a female ever won that event.

Tickets for the All-American game, ranging from $25 to $100, are available by phone, at the Notre Dame ticket office or online. Separate tickets are needed for the banquet and are available at the Bethel College box office and by phone.

Proceeds for the event will go directly to Ronald McDonald House Charities of South Bend and Fort Wayne.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Zook takes over Illinois’ football program

Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Former Florida coach Ron Zook took over Illinois’ struggling football program Tuesday, returning to his roots and promising to turn around a team that has sunk to the bottom of the Big Ten since winning a league title in 2001.

Zook, a native of Ohio and a former assistant coach at Ohio State, said taking the job was an easy decision.

“I was raised in the Midwest. I coached in the Big Ten,” he said. “It’s one of the finest athletic conferences in the land.”

Athletic director Ron Guenther said he wanted to find a coach with integrity, who was committed to academics and with a strong ability to recruit. He called Zook “a perfect fit.”

“They didn’t think about the ramifications to the African-American community,” Bourree said. “If they are truly dedicated to expanding ethnic diversity in the university, this action isn’t in line with that.”

When Willingham was hired, Bourree said, there was a slight increase in applications from black high school stu­dents, whom she said may have felt more welcome on campus by his hiring.

“This action does quite the opposite,” she said.

Black Alumni of Notre Dame raises money for scholarships and helps the university recruit and mentor minority students.

Bourree said some members of the group wanted to give up their positions in protest and no longer help recruit students, but they changed their minds.

Bourree said the group is willing to help the university repair the damage caused by the firing. And she said if a similar situation arises, she hopes the university consults people of color and thinks about the impact on the black community.

About 40 black students met with some Notre Dame admin­istrators Sunday to discuss Willingham’s firing and how they felt betrayed by the uni­versity’s action, a student who attended told the South Bend Tribune.

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Black enrollment at the uni­versity has been gradually increasing in recent years. This semester, black students account for 3.7 percent of the Notre Dame undergraduate student body.

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among our football players.” The statement represents a consensus of the group’s 18-member national board, said Danielle Bourree, the group’s chairwoman and a 1991 Notre Dame graduate. Bourree said Tuesday that she and other black alumni were shocked at Willingham’s firing.

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"Coming off a loss like we had, there's no time to feel sorry for ourselves," Irish guard Chris Quinn said. "We've got to bounce back and be ready to play tonight."

After the 2003-04 season, which saw the Irish drop a number of tough losses on national television and to ranked teams, they know how to deal with the kind of defeat they had Saturday in Ann Arbor.

That's why Irish co-captain Jordan Cornette isn't concerned about a hangover from the Michigan loss.

"With these guys, I'm never really worried about bouncing back," Cornette said. "We've had our share of tough losses since I've been here, and we know how to bounce back. These guys are excited for another challenge."

In their first road game of the season, the Irish got off to a disappointing start, going down 27-16 with three minutes, 36 seconds remaining in the first half.

That start was surprising considering the veterans in the starting lineup that should have known how to play well on the road in a tough environment like Crisler Arena.

"It's just one of those mental things. It's not an X or O thing. It's the whole starting lineup being ready to perform right after tip-off," Irish senior Dennis Latimore said. "I don't feel like the whole starting five was ready to go, composed and poised to go out there the first five to 10 minutes of the game."

"We have to accept responsibility and hold ourselves accountable."

Assembly Hall will be an even tougher place to play than Crisler as this is obviously a big in-state rivalry.

"Going down double digits early in the first half is not the recipe for success tonight against the Hoosiers."

"The main thing for us is staying focused and paying attention to detail, especially in game situations, and there's going to be a lot of those coming up," Cornette said. "It's going to be loud. It's going to be tough to hear and tough to communicate. You have to deal with those intangibles and handle them if you want to be a great team."

If the Irish are in the position late in the game tonight as they were Saturday against the Wolverines, then Grey will be satisfied — especially given the past history of Notre Dame at Indiana.

"I'd love to be in those game situations in Bloomington (tonight) and see if we can make the correct decisions down the stretch," he said.

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forward Emily Creachbaum, who enters the game red hot.

She has scored in double-digits in each of the last two games and five out of the last six. Creachbaum also leads the team in rebounds per game.

However, some Belles are in need of a turnaround against Anderson.

Junior Bridget Boyce will look to rebound from a tough performance against Olivet on Saturday. Her six-point effort was a season-low for Boyce, and she will need to approach her 16.8-point average for the Belles to have an effective offensive performance.

This is the only meeting of the teams this year, and they did not play last year.

The Belles' schedule in the next three weeks includes Tri-State University at home Saturday, The Saint Xavier Tournament (from Dec. 27-29, hosting Calvin College on Jan. 6 and at Hope on Jan. 8). Thursday's tip-off is at 7:00 p.m.

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**

In-state showdown

Irish look for first victory in Bloomington since 1973

By MATT LOZAR

Irish head coach Mike Brey isn't hiding the obvious from his team concerning the Notre Dame-Indiana series. "They've had our number for a long time," Brey said. "I know we haven't won down there since 1973, and I kind of explained that to our guys that the series has been very one-sided, that their program has been the marquis program over time.

"It would be a good win for our program, obviously for this team up, to beat them on their court." The Irish play the Hoosiers tonight in Bloomington with history not exactly on their side. Indiana has won eight in a row in this series, 13 of the past 14 overall and the last 13 at Assembly Hall.

All of those negative factors going against the Irish leave them no time to stay down about their second-half collapse at Michigan Saturday.

**FOOTBALL**

Black ND alumni speak out

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND — Some black Notre Dame alumni say the recent firing of football coach Tyrone Willingham will hamper the school's efforts to recruit and retain black students and teachers.

The Sydney of Notre Dame, a group representing about 2,000 Notre Dame graduates, has issued a statement of support for Willingham and is mailing letters to all of Notre Dame's trustees expressing their concern over his firing last week.

"The decision made by the University in both premature and unprecedented," the statement said. "It disregards (Willingham's) outstanding first season, off-field success and increased integrity and academic strides and makes the only ones with chips on their shoulders in the contest."

To counter this, Saint Mary's must bring its top defense, especially the pressure that has forced over 60 steals in just seven games.

"We have been quite effective in this end," Duffy said after Tuesday's practice. "It's a good opportunity to play in front of family and friends before I get out of Notre Dame and I have...

Irish guard Chris Thomas attempts to drive past Michigan's Dion Harris in Notre Dame's 61-60 loss to Michigan Saturday. Thomas finished the contest with two points, 10 assists and eight rebounds.

**SMC BASKETBALL**

Belles ready to battle Anderson Thursday

By KEN FOWLER

After losing consecutive double-digit leads in the past week, the Belles look to rebound Thursday night against a non-conference opponent in Anderson University. However, the Belles won't be the only ones with chips on their shoulders in the contest.

Although Saint Mary's comes into the game on the heels of two tough losses, the Ravens come in on a worse skid. Anderson will enter the Angela Athletic Center with a six-game losing streak to start the season.

For the struggling Ravens, guards Heather Terflinger and Emily Bailey each average over 10 points a contest and create the majority of offensive opportunities for the team.

Terflinger is also shooting a team-high 60 percent from long distance.

The Belles have been quite effective against this end. In fact, after her two steals in a Saturday loss to Olivet, Katie Boyley became the fourth Belle to break double-digit steals on the season.

In the key, Stacie Jennings has grabbed just under eight rebounds a game, including five in the Saturday loss to Olivet. Jennings is also shooting a team-high 76 percent from the free throw line.

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