Anxiety grows amidst dorm thefts

Students caught off-guard by robberies in multiple dorms

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

A growing wave of concern about theft and trespassing is sweeping campus as police, residence hall officials and students react to a disturbing increase in crimes committed by people outside Notre Dame.

Unlockled doors, stolen items and suspicious sightings have led to student unrest, leading the residents of one men's dorm to prominently display their outrage.

"It seems like some people are targeting us this year," Zach restroom Dan Parrish said. "This is just one example of a campus-wide trend noticed by Assistant Director of Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) Phil Johnson.

"I'm concerned," Johnson said. "We've had several burglaries, a few arrests already this year."

In both recent cases with suspect descriptions, the perpetrator was a male. Residents are on high alert after several burglary reports.

Alleged assault reported

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

A Saint Mary's student reported she was sexually assaulted in a Notre Dame residence hall this past week-end. College officials said Wednesday the student is acquaintance with her alleged assailant, according to a crime alert posted on the Saint Mary's home Web site Tuesday afternoon.

Director of marketing communications Nick Farmer declined to specify the day or time of the alleged assault or whether the alleged assailant was a Notre Dame student. He also declined to specify in what dorm the alleged assault occurred.

Building resolution reviewed

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Ideas regarding plans to expand or supplement the LaFortune Student Center -- which many students complain is too cramped -- swirled at Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting.

The Residence Life committee, chaired by Mark Seiler, presented findings from meetings and senator-conducted focus groups, as well as a "Resolution in Support of a Discussion of an Expanded Student Center," ultimately sent back to the committee for revision.

The issue surfaced after Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman spoke to senators at the beginning of the meeting.

Comps exemplify arduous work

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

It's that time of year again, when seniors around campus at Saint Mary's become scarce. Not because of the imminent frigid weather for which South Bend is notorious, but because of rapidly approaching due dates for many of their senior comprehensive projects.

As a culmination of their career at college, students are required to complete a comprehensive project with varying requirements, depending on their major of study.

University celebrates Rosa Parks

By KATE ANTONACCI
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame's tribute to the late civil rights icon Rosa Parks was one that began and ended in song.

"Lead me, guide me along the way. For if you lead me, I cannot stray," Chandra Johnson, associate director of campus ministry and director of cross-cultural ministry, sang at the opening of Wednesday's rememberance service in LaFortune Ballroom.

Johnson, who spoke about Parks' deep faith and commitment to serving God, led attendees in singing Notre Dame's "Alma Mater," and "We Shall Overcome" at the conclusion of the service.

The service was held on the day Parks was laid to rest at Greater Grace Temple Church in Detroit, Mich., the city where she died Oct. 24 at age 92.

"The beautiful reality of this tribute is that students developed the concept, and they called us together ... to honor the life of a woman they know affected their lives," Johnson said. "You will make a difference because it's the right thing to do. You must. We must."

The service was held to celebrate Parks and tell the story of the "mother of the civil rights movement," senior Ericka Smith, president of the Notre Dame chapter of the NAACP, said.

"History is only important in terms of how we choose to remember things," she said.
INSIDE COLUMN

Quizzical quiz

In an apparent attempt to help high school-aged girls make a great choice in a higher educational institution, CosmoGIRL! has posted a College Guide on its Web site for the past several weeks.

Fragmented advice is mentioned at collegesa.org accompanied by a picture of a group of sweet-looking girls gathered in a cozy room.

"What do Hillary Clinton, Madeleine Albright and Cathie Black (the head of CosmoGIRL!) and a bunch of other women all women's college graduates accompanied as far as I know.

It then invites visitors to the site to click on a link to a four-question quiz to determine if indeed you should consider a women's college.

"Does having boys in your classes keep you from doing your best work?" it begins. "Do you think that your school's clubs don't provide enough opportunities for girls like you?" it continues. "At college, are you willing to improve your math and science skills?"

The quiz asks, "Are you a lesbian? If not, why not?" and "Are you comfortable attending a female college?"

It is no wonder the Saint Mary's admissions office struggles to construct a class of 400 each year. One careless person such as Marty Nemko, the author of this quiz, can erase the work that others do.

"They left me there, going to determine if indeed you should consider a women's college."

Questions of the Day: What are you writing your senior comp on?

Danielle Lerner senior  
Opus Hall  
"I am writing a very long but enjoyable mystery story."

Cammie Johnston senior  
Opus Hall  
"National League of Nursing Exam."

Ginger Francis senior  
Opus Hall  
"Literature review in psychology on the complexity of trauma and coping mechanisms following sexual assault."

Jasmin Abbavlioti senior  
Opus Hall  
"Racial and ethnic stereotypes in humor, in particular the Dare Chappelle show."

Jess Eaton senior  
Holy Cross Hall  
"Student teaching first grade."

Kim Zigler senior  
Opus Hall  
"Strategic case analysis for Nike."

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What are you writing your senior comp on?

Senior Amanda Caddy, a member of Feminist United, makes a presentation Wednesday in the Saint Mary's Student Center theater following the showing of the film "Mean Girls." The event was part of Feminist United's Love Your Body week which runs through Friday.

OFFBEAT

Man glued to toilet seat
sues Home Depot

BOULDER, Colorado — A hardware retailer Home Depot has found itself in a sticky situation, defending a lawsuit filed by a man who claims the chair's Louisville store ignored his cries for help after he fell victim to a prank and was glued to a toilet seat.

Bob Dougherty, 57, of Nederland, said he became stuck to a bathroom toilet seat on which somebody had smeared glue on Oct. 30, 2003, and felt "tremendous panic" when he realized he was stuck.

"They left me there, going through all that stress," Dougherty told The (Boulder) Daily Camera. "They just let me rot."

His lawsuit, filed Friday, said Dougherty was recovering from heart bypass surgery at the time and thought he was having a heart attack. A store employee who heard him called the head clerk via radio, but the head clerk "believed it to be a hoax," the lawsuit said.

Woman puts home, hand-in-marriage up for sale

DENVER — For $690,000, a 40- to 60-year-old man can buy a house in a trendy Denver neighborhood that comes complete with a bride.

Deborah Hale, 48, has placed an ad on eBay offering to sell her home in the Washington Park area to a compatible man who wants to spend his life with her. She also has her own Web site outlining the deal.

"I'm looking for my soul mate," Hale told the Rocky Mountain News Tuesday. She did not immediately return a telephone message left at her home Wednesday.

IN BRIEF

Ana Garcia RodriIelo, visiting fellow at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, will present a lecture titled "Post-Genocide Transitional Justice: The Process of Cambodia in Dialogue with Bosnia and Rwanda" at 4:15 p.m. today at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Graphic designer Michael Beurlt will give a lecture at the Saint Mary's Museum of Art today at 7:30 p.m. entitled "Michael Beurlt, at Notre Dame—Finally."

The film "Merce Cunningham on Film," directed by Elliot Caplan, will be shown today at 10 p.m. in Browning Cinema.

The sophomore class council is hosting Comedy Sports—an improvisational comedy act—in Washington Hall Friday at 8 p.m.

"Open Doors to the Physics Labs" will take place Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon in the Science Center.

Professor Chris Kolda will speak from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in room 118 on "God's Directive: Einstein and the Journey from the Wedgwood Killins to the Uncertainty Principle."

Blak Images — The Black Cultural Arts Council signature event — will take place Saturday at 8 p.m. at Washington Hall. Performances from First Class Steppers, Voices of Faith and Troop NDP will highlight the event.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, email information about an event to

Question of the Day: What are you writing your senior comp on?

Senior Amanda Caddy, a member of Feminist United, makes a presentation Wednesday in the Saint Mary's Student Center theater following the showing of the film "Mean Girls." The event was part of Feminist United's Love Your Body week which runs through Friday.

OFFBEAT

Man glued to toilet seat
sues Home Depot

BOULDER, Colorado — A hardware retailer Home Depot has found itself in a sticky situation, defending a lawsuit filed by a man who claims the chair's Louisville store ignored his cries for help after he fell victim to a prank and was glued to a toilet seat.

Bob Dougherty, 57, of Nederland, said he became stuck to a bathroom toilet seat on which somebody had smeared glue on Oct. 30, 2003, and felt "tremendous panic" when he realized he was stuck.

"They left me there, going through all that stress," Dougherty told The (Boulder) Daily Camera. "They just let me rot."

His lawsuit, filed Friday, said Dougherty was recovering from heart bypass surgery at the time and thought he was having a heart attack. A store employee who heard him called the head clerk via radio, but the head clerk "believed it to be a hoax," the lawsuit said.

Woman puts home, hand-in-marriage up for sale

DENVER — For $690,000, a 40- to 60-year-old man can buy a house in a trendy Denver neighborhood that comes complete with a bride.

Deborah Hale, 48, has placed an ad on eBay offering to sell her home in the Washington Park area to a compatible man who wants to spend his life with her. She also has her own Web site outlining the deal.

"I'm looking for my soul mate," Hale told the Rocky Mountain News Tuesday. She did not immediately return a telephone message left at her home Wednesday.

IN BRIEF

Ana Garcia RodriIelo, visiting fellow at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, will present a lecture titled "Post-Genocide Transitional Justice: The Process of Cambodia in Dialogue with Bosnia and Rwanda" at 4:15 p.m. today at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Graphic designer Michael Beurlt will give a lecture at the Saint Mary's Museum of Art today at 7:30 p.m. entitled "Michael Beurlt, at Notre Dame—Finally."

The film "Merce Cunningham on Film," directed by Elliot Caplan, will be shown today at 10 p.m. in Browning Cinema.

The sophomore class council is hosting Comedy Sports—an improvisational comedy act—in Washington Hall Friday at 8 p.m.

"Open Doors to the Physics Labs" will take place Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon in the Science Center.

Professor Chris Kolda will speak from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in room 118 on "God's Directive: Einstein and the Journey from the Wedgwood Killins to the Uncertainty Principle."

Blak Images — The Black Cultural Arts Council signature event — will take place Saturday at 8 p.m. at Washington Hall. Performances from First Class Steppers, Voices of Faith and Troop NDP will highlight the event.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, email information about an event to

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and reserves for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If you have made a mistake, please contact us at 515-455-2652 so we can correct our error.
D.C. program jump-starts careers

By MOLLY LAMPING
News Writer

While many undergraduates opt to spend a semester in a foreign country, Saint Mary's political science majors have the option of studying "abroad" in one of the world's most politically-charged cities right here at home - Washington, D.C.

The Saint Mary's College Washington Semester Program provides students the chance to gain valuable work experience and establish a professional network, all while working toward a degree in political science.

Begun in the early 1970s, the program is run by American University and is comprised of two main parts — an internship and a seminar series.

Through their internships, students have the opportunity to work at a multitude of institutions and organizations including ABC News, the Pentagon and Congressional offices.

Senior Therese Beaulieu worked in the Department of Commerce's Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs during the fall semester in Washington. There in the midst of the Bush-Kerry presidential campaign in the fall of 2004, she had a front row seat to one of the most exciting functions of the American political system, but it gave students the chance to start creating one's own professional network.

Beaulieu said, "Senior Sarah Staley worked for Congressman Eliot Engel (NY) while in the capitol. She was responsible for working on grants, answering constituent phone calls and occasionally giving tours of the Capitol building. She once attended a foreign policy meeting at which former secretary of state Henry Kissinger made a presentation. "I would go to meetings or hearings and report back to a legislative aide in the office," Staley said. "My duties pretty much changed everyday.""

The seminar series component of the program requires participants to attend seminars relating to their internships three days per week at American University. The seminars are not a lecture in the traditional sense, according to American political science chair Scan Savage, because field trips and guest speakers from almost every political affiliation and career in the American political system are a major part of the seminar series.

"We had a class in a senator's office," Beaulieu said. "Senior Jenny Mayer was a part of the Washington group, and Love Enforcement program, one of several different tracks of study participants can select. Because of this, she would take many field trips for her seminar.

"We would actually go to the Pentagon and hear about the cuts. Our class in a senator's office, instead of just reading a book," Mayer said.

For the women involved, the Washington Semester Program is not just an amazing opportunity to work in the heart of the American political system, but it gave students the chance to start creating one's own professional network.

Mayer went back to Washington over fall break to visit her old office. She said that one woman in her office told her "If I was looking for a job to come find her right away."

"We have a number of students who ended up getting paying jobs in Washington because of the connections they made through the program," Savage said.

The Saint Mary's D.C. Alumni Club welcomed the participants to the area and created connections for high-profile events for the young women, Beaulieu said.

"Saint Mary's is definitely known in Washington, D.C.," Beaulieu said.

The semester in Washington, D.C. requires sacrifice and sometimes additional work on the part of students. For Mayer, the experience of working in the Pentagon meant she had to add a political science major and made her take 21 credit hours every semester. Despite the sacrifices she had to make, Mayer strongly encourages others to participate in the Washington Semester.

"I want to work in the government someday, and what better place in the world is there to start than in Washington, D.C.?'" Beaulieu said.

Contact Molly Lamping at mlamping@smi.edu

Mendoza requires Web design classes

By JACLYNNE MADDEN
News Writer

Business is not just about money anymore. The ever-evolving world of technology has revolutionized the business industry, and the Mendoza College of Business is taking measures to ensure their students keep up by making computer classes a requirement.

Information Technology (IT) Management and Operations is a course required of all sophomore Business majors. This class, which is an introduction to the technological processes in which students will be more involved later on in their careers, is divided into two components, MGT 20600 and MGT 21600.

MGT 20600 is a lecture segment, which teaches technology fundamentals and the managerial uses of software, such as Excel, Access and Dreamweaver. During the lab portion of the class, MGT 21600, students are given a hands-on opportunity to use this specific software. Two primary requirements of the lab are to create a personal Web site and to design a commercial Web site.

"The students are going through an integrative process by being in this course," because students use Access databases and Dreamweaver to create their own Web sites, said professor Bruce Wood.

The first Web site requirement is one in which students design their own Web page. The individual nature of this project allows students to learn the basics of how to structure a Web site. Individual Web sites are also available for others to view, especially prospective employers who can observe the technological abilities and creativity students possess.

Design and implementation of an e-commerce Web site, or a commercial Web site, is the second required project for business students. A group of five students work as a team in completing this assignment and are given a case study as the basis of the project.

The case study for making this second Web site asks students to pretend they are interns within a corporation; this corporation has given them the task of developing a Web site that reflects the corporation itself. After the Web site is completed, students must give a presentation of their project to both faculty members and other students.

The implementation of the Web site project, which began in 2000, has been a combined effort among faculty members within the Mendoza College of Business. Professor Deborah Barkou teaches the lecture component of the course, while Wood and Professor Barbara Miller teach the lab component.

"Students really seem to like this project," Wood said. "Students repeatedly come back and offer suggestions. It is also really rewarding to see the creativity that comes out of them. It gives students the opportunity to shine and some of the Web sites really are impressive," he said.

Contact Jaclynne Madden at jmadden@nd.edu

Grilled Burgers, Brats, and Other Specialties
Cold Beverages

60° Screen TV's
Fully Enclosed Tent

631-2000
www.themorrisinn.com
The Observer • CAMPUS NEWS

Thursday, November 3, 2005

Comps continued from page 1

study. In most departments, the comprehensive consists of an extensive research project, the results of which are the basis for a paper, and is comple-
ted with presentations of a professor or an off-
campus advisor during the spring of their junior year.

"In communications, the idea is that when a group graduates from Saint Mary's, they're right at the point where they can do professional-
level research," Berdayes said, "so what we've tried to do is ensure the person can write, is familiar with the material, and that they are capable of work on the pro-
jects that could conceivably be published." According to Mary Connelly, associate professor and chair of the mathematics depart-
ment, seniors in the math major are also required to do extensive research for their comprehensive.

"Seniors in the math depart-
ment do independent research for the senior com-
prehensive," she said. "They study a topic not covered in any of the courses they have taken and work under the direction of their department. Seniors present two prelimi-

"In communications, the idea is that when a person graduates from Saint Mary's, they're right at the point where they can do professional-level research."

Vince Berdayes, associate professor of communications

Graduate Student Union

Members discuss parking issues

by Maggie Huyhe

The Graduate Student Union (GSU) held its monthly meeting Wednesday and discussed the improve-
ment of parking for off-campus graduate students, the formation of an appeals committee, the invitation to join a group of students from other universities and the raising of student activities fees for graduate stu-
dents.

Graduate students have been struggling to find parking spots since the removal of many due to con-
struction. Numerous students expressed frustration with the difficulty of getting to "University commit-
mements" because of a lack of parking.

"We have a firm commitment to conduct a study for the D2 parking lot," said Quality of Life committee chairman Kevin Robbins. "Our force is one non-voting member on a committee, the invitation to join a group of students from other universities and the raising of student activities fees for graduate stu-
dents.

Graduate students have been struggling to find parking spots since the removal of many due to con-
struction. Numerous students expressed frustration with the difficulty of getting to "University commit-
mements" because of a lack of parking.

"We have a firm commitment to conduct a study for the D2 parking lot," said Quality of Life committee chairman Kevin Robbins. "Our force is one non-voting member on a committee, the invitation to join a group of students from other universities and the raising of student activities fees for graduate stu-
dents.

Graduate students have been struggling to find parking spots since the removal of many due to con-
struction. Numerous students expressed frustration with the difficulty of getting to "University commit-
mements" because of a lack of parking.

"We have a firm commitment to conduct a study for the D2 parking lot," said Quality of Life committee chairman Kevin Robbins. "Our force is one non-voting member on a committee, the invitation to join a group of students from other universities and the raising of student activities fees for graduate stu-
dents.

Graduate students have been struggling to find parking spots since the removal of many due to con-
struction. Numerous students expressed frustration with the difficulty of getting to "University commit-
mements" because of a lack of parking.

"We have a firm commitment to conduct a study for the D2 parking lot," said Quality of Life committee chairman Kevin Robbins. "Our force is one non-voting member on a committee, the invitation to join a group of students from other universities and the raising of student activities fees for graduate stu-
dents.

Graduate students have been struggling to find parking spots since the removal of many due to con-
struction. Numerous students expressed frustration with the difficulty of getting to "University commit-
mements" because of a lack of parking.

"We have a firm commitment to conduct a study for the D2 parking lot," said Quality of Life committee chairman Kevin Robbins. "Our force is one non-voting member on a committee, the invitation to join a group of students from other universities and the raising of student activities fees for graduate stu-
dents.

Graduate students have been struggling to find parking spots since the removal of many due to con-
struction. Numerous students expressed frustration with the difficulty of getting to "University commit-
mements" because of a lack of parking.

"We have a firm commitment to conduct a study for the D2 parking lot," said Quality of Life committee chairman Kevin Robbins. "Our force is one non-voting member on a committee, the invitation to join a group of students from other universities and the raising of student activities fees for graduate stu-
dents.

Graduate students have been struggling to find parking spots since the removal of many due to con-
struction. Numerous students expressed frustration with the difficulty of getting to "University commit-
mements" because of a lack of parking.

"We have a firm commitment to conduct a study for the D2 parking lot," said Quality of Life committee chairman Kevin Robbins. "Our force is one non-voting member on a committee, the invitation to join a group of students from other universities and the raising of student activities fees for graduate stu-
dents.

Graduate students have been struggling to find parking spots since the removal of many due to con-
struction. Numerous students expressed frustration with the difficulty of getting to "University commit-
mements" because of a lack of parking.

"We have a firm commitment to conduct a study for the D2 parking lot," said Quality of Life committee chairman Kevin Robbins. "Our force is one non-voting member on a committee, the invitation to join a group of students from other universities and the raising of student activities fees for graduate stu-
dents.

Graduate students have been struggling to find parking spots since the removal of many due to con-
struction. Numerous students expressed frustration with the difficulty of getting to "University commit-
mements" because of a lack of parking.

"We have a firm commitment to conduct a study for the D2 parking lot," said Quality of Life committee chairman Kevin Robbins. "Our force is one non-voting member on a committee, the invitation to join a group of students from other universities and the raising of student activities fees for graduate stu-
dents.

Graduate students have been struggling to find parking spots since the removal of many due to con-
struction. Numerous students expressed frustration with the difficulty of getting to "University commit-
mements" because of a lack of parking.

"We have a firm commitment to conduct a study for the D2 parking lot," said Quality of Life committee chairman Kevin Robbins. "Our force is one non-voting member on a committee, the invitation to join a group of students from other universities and the raising of student activities fees for graduate stu-
dents.

Graduate students have been struggling to find parking spots since the removal of many due to con-
struction. Numerous students expressed frustration with the difficulty of getting to "University commit-
mements" because of a lack of parking.

"We have a firm commitment to conduct a study for the D2 parking lot," said Quality of Life committee chairman Kevin Robbins. "Our force is one non-voting member on a committee, the invitation to join a group of students from other universities and the raising of student activities fees for graduate stu-
dents.

Graduate students have been struggling to find parking spots since the removal of many due to con-
struction. Numerous students expressed frustration with the difficulty of getting to "University commit-
mements" because of a lack of parking.

"We have a firm commitment to conduct a study for the D2 parking lot," said Quality of Life committee chairman Kevin Robbins. "Our force is one non-voting member on a committee, the invitation to join a group of students from other universities and the raising of student activities fees for graduate stu-
dents.

Graduate students have been struggling to find parking spots since the removal of many due to con-
struction. Numerous students expressed frustration with the difficulty of getting to "University commit-
mements" because of a lack of parking.

"We have a firm commitment to conduct a study for the D2 parking lot," said Quality of Life committee chairman Kevin Robbins. "Our force is one non-voting member on a committee, the invitation to join a group of students from other universities and the raising of student activities fees for graduate stu-

Assault continued from page 1

occurred. The alleged victim does not intend to file charges at this time, College spokeswoman Melanie McDonald said. Although he said he did not know when the student con-
tacted College officials, Farme said that larger College community was noti-
ified as soon as sufficient information was available.

"Any time a student reports anything that takes place on campus, that's when the College takes it serious and shares it with the College. Farme said.

The College is required to disclose information about campus crimes by the Jeanne Clery Act, Farme said. The alleged incident does not appear on the Notre Dame Security/Police crime blotter on Oct. 29, Nov. 1 or Nov. 2. The crime alert did not specify whether alcohol was a factor in the alleged assault. It did conclude by encourag-
ing students to be vigilant about personal safety.

"Be aware of your surround-
ings," the alert said. And, as always, if you are consuming any type of beverage, pay increased attention to your own drink and do not let it out of your sight at any time.

Contact Megan O'Neill at
O0999@ saintmarys.edu

The alleged incident does not appear on the Notre Dame Security/Police crime blotter on Oct. 29, Nov. 1 or Nov. 2. The crime alert did not specify whether alcohol was a factor in the alleged assault. It did conclude by encourag-
ing students to be vigilant about personal safety.

"Be aware of your surround-
ings," the alert said. And, as always, if you are consuming any type of beverage, pay increased attention to your own drink and do not let it out of your sight at any time.

Contact Megan O'Neill at
O0999@ saintmarys.edu

The Riverside Terrace

426 Lincolnway East

- cindy@theriversideterrace.com

- 574-256-2277

Look for Our New Website Coming Soon!

theriversideterrace.com

Dancing, Music, Makeup the River

Formal Dinners

Special Events

Dances Accommodates up to 700 Persons

Off Premise Catering

Book Your Dance and Banquet Now!
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Pakistan death toll reaches 73,000

Pakistan's official death toll from the earthquake jumped by 16,000, and officials warned Wednesday that it is likely to rise further as relief supplies fail to reach thousands of victims stranded in remote parts of the Himalayas.

The announcement, which puts the official toll at 73,000, brings the central government figures closer to the number reported by local officials, who say the Oct. 8 quake killed at least 29,000 people.

"I just imagine how many villages and towns became a heap of rubble and how many people got buried," said Maj. Gen. Fawad Ahmed Khan told reporters.

The South 73,276 people have been confirmed dead in Pakistan and Pakistan-controlled Kashmir, up from the official count of 27,297. In India's portion of Kashmir, an additional 1,350 people died.

Troops rescue four electoral officials

KINSHASA, Congo — Congolese troops rescued four electoral workers from their militia captors in a raid that set off a battle that killed dozens of militiamen and one police official, officials said Wednesday.

Mayi-Mayi fighters had kidnapped the officials Oct. 23 at Baroubo in North Kivu province in northeastern Congo, and the army freed them late Sunday, military spokesman Jean Willy Mutombo told The Associated Press.

"Some 40 Mayi-Mayi militiamen were killed by our army," Mutombo said. "One soldier was killed and three others injured."

A spokesman for a United Nations peacekeeping force, Col. Thierry Provendier, confirmed the rescue.

WASHINGTON — A flu pandemic that hits the United States would force cities to ration scarce drugs and vaccine and house the sick in hotels or schools when hospitals overflow, unprecedented new federal plans say.

Signs that a super-llu is spreading among military service members have raised the public profile in recent weeks and has not ruled out a presidential run in 2008.

Democrat Tom Daschle says all U.S. troops were killed, two in a helicopter crash in Iraq, now the biggest killers of American military service members have died since the Iraq conflict began in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

The suicide bombing occurred about 2 p.m. in the center of Musayyib, a Euphrates River town 40 miles from Baghdad. On July 16, nearly 100 people died in a suicide bombing in front of a Shiite mosque in Musayyib.

Witneses said the latest attack took place as the market was crowded in advance of the three-day Eid al-Fitr holiday that marks the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. Many women and children were feared among the dead and wounded.

The town police chief, Lt. Col. Ahmed Mjali, said 25 people were killed and 51 wounded. But officials warned the figures could change as rescuers frantically searched the area for meat and vegetable stalls, shops and cafes.

LOCAL NEWS

Woman's body found in corn field

HOTON, Ind. — Investigators believe a body found in a corn field is that of a 37-year-old woman who had been missing since September.

A farmer harvesting a corn field near the home found a partially unburied body Tuesday afternoon, police said.

Investigators believed in the body of 79-year-old Rosetta Neist of Sturgis, Mich., who was reported missing Sept. 22. The site where the body was found is only a few miles from Neist's home.

WASHINGTON — Perhaps it wasn't the finest moment for the memorial to Rosa Parks: dozens of prominent speakers paid tribute to the 72-year-old woman who rode the bus seven times a week.

Rosa Parks funeral casket is carried into Greater Grace Temple in Detroit on Wednesday. The Rev. Jesse Jackson said Parks "allowed the rebirth of hope," while former President Clinton called what she did "a single, simple act of dignity."
Parks
continued from page 1

"Rosa Parks didn't give up her seat because she was tired ... beyond that one day in 1960." Rosa Parks was still a remarkable figure. Parks, who became a symbol of the civil rights movement although she was born in the rural town of Tuskegee, Ala., was a woman of faith—a woman who was able to act on behalf of "humming Christian light," Johnson said.

"Rosa Parks once confessed that she was led by God ... lived her faith as a true woman of God can." At the time of the bus boycott, Parks was 43; and she was described as "psychologically tired" and compelled to become a catalyst of social change, said junior Kyree Blackwell.

"She's not one of these white heroes who were victims of abuse," Richard Pierce, chair of the Arthur Murray Studies department, said. "[Parks'] lesson is not just the [city's] history. It was one of preparation," Pierce said.

Parks was educated and was taught not just how to protest, but why to protest, Pierce said. Development in Detroit, which she had been kicked off that bus ... by a bus driver. She was stopped," she said. "There was a difference. On Dec. 1 was that she was kicked off the bus by a people followed ... she prepared herself and tried to prevent her for the freedom movement.

Senior Shea Boyd, chair of the Seneca
continued from page 1

A Seneca and Residence Life committee member Pat Knapp presented the idea of offering more housing to student surveys conducted by Rachel Murphy.

"So far, the input has been on the student body as a whole," Knapp said. "What we're doing now is airing out the ideas in front of all the student leaders, to get your feedback.

"Most students surveyed did not support renovating LaFortune, Knapp said, including favoring "separated, complimentary facilities."

Students wanted to see this proposed additional student center somewhere on central campus.

He said nine of the 13 focus groups supported Crowley Hall.

"Crowley Hall's existing offering of student services and LaFortune are major advantages," the committee's preliminary report said.

"Though Washington Hall was discussed as a possible location to expand student services, there is a clear sentiment among the student body that Washington Hall is highly valued as performing as a separate student production." The senators did not argue the concepts presented in the preliminary report, they responded with questions regarding its implementation.

"La Crowley [Hall] up for grabs?" Morrissey senator Brian Klein asked.

"Brian, director of Student Activities, said the building would be available if the music department relocated expanded. It's like they were building the [DeBartolo Performing Arts Center]." Coughlin said, noting that different groups moved out of Washington Hall and left vacant spaces.

In response to Lewis Sena... Karen Murphy said that Crowley might not be "big enough" — the report requested input on more than 15 meeting rooms and offices — Knapp said Crowley would be considered as additional, not the only, student center.

And, he said, it's hard to meet everyone's demands.

"If the part of the past, we want it all," Knapp said. "If we want it all, we probably won't be bothered by using a separated complimentary facility with Crowley.

Other questions surfaced about the project's timeframe — a point that does concern student body president Dave Baron.

"We do, foot for foot, have much smaller space than any common residence hall," Baron said. "We are talking long term here. That's okay." The report also recommended that Crowley Hall, if accepted, be redesigned in a more "grand" manner, second center, be redesigned in the Gothic architectural style.

In other Senate news:

Judicial Council president James LeFou and vice president of the Peer Advocacy program John Trippi addressed senators at the beginning of the meeting, saying the need to keep the building's reputation intact. They said they hoped the senators could provide feedback on the building's design.

Faculty
continued from page 1

we are willing to listen. The priority is everyone at the University.

Engineering Professor Timothy Ovaet, professor of engineering, said he is not advocating that students consider budget reallocation. "I'd be happy to talk."
WASHINGTON — Final federal rules issued Wednesday will cut Medicare’s reimbursement rates for some 42 million older and disabled Americans.

Doctors have said that such a cut in their reimbursement rates would prompt many to stop seeing Medicare patients. Congress has indicated a cut of at least 3.7 percent.

"The bearish factor for the market was a lower-yielding one-way draw in distillate inventory," said John Kilduff, energy analyst at Fimat USA Inc., a futures brokerage firm. "That coupled with an extended forecast for moderate temperature has pushed the entire complex down.”

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

"John Kilduff, energy analyst at Fimat USA Inc., a futures brokerage firm, said that the inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.

The inventory report showed continued strength in gasoline and diesel supply and demand balance after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The report showed a lower Wednesday as traders shrugged off weekly inventory data.
Terrorism defendant addressed, FBI adds

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — After confessing to FBI agents that he joined al-Qaida and discussed plans to assassinate President Bush, an American student wrote a letter to his parents saying that "everyone makes mistakes."

"I know this will be difficult for you ... but I've been detained here in Saudi Arabia for some charges of terrorism," wrote Ahmed Omar Abu Ali, 24, who is on trial in federal court for conspiracy to assassinate President Bush, in a letter to his parents.

Prosecutors believe the letter is evidence that Abu Ali was misinformed and that he had no role in the plot to kill President Bush.

"It seems like I will spend some years in jail. I know that you raised me to be a good person, but everyone makes mistakes," he wrote.

But prosecutors say Abu Ali's confession is not believable because FBI agents, who had traveled to Saudi Arabia to question Abu Ali, ignored his request for a lawyer.

Prosecutors are relying instead on a confession by Abu Ali that he was aware that the Saudi government was looking for him.

"It will be a difficult period," said Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb., a former member of the group. "I'm not hearing any of my colleagues talk about it, and I'd rather not hear any of my colleagues on the other side talk about it as well."
Thief
continued from page 1
...tors were men, Johnson speculated this could be the reason men's locks seem to be the theft targets.
"Perhaps as men, the perpetrators would be more out of place in a woman's hall," he said.
A South Bend man, previously arrested by NDSP for illegally entering Alumni, was arrested again Monday for criminal trespass and false information after police found him in possession of belongings stolen from Dillon residents, including laptop computers, jewelry and DVDs, Johnson said.
A student inside Alumni spotted the man knocking on a door in attempts to enter the dorm just before 10 a.m., Johnson said. The student recognized the man — arrested on Aug. 23 for criminal trespass and false information — and immediately called NISP, Johnson said.
Officers arrested the man just south of Alumni, near the Morris Inn. Dillon rector Father Paul Doyle said the possessions were all identified returned to Dillon residents.
"It's a tough combination when we're all so trusting, when we open doors for people and leave our own door unlocked," Doyle said. "This is our home. We don't expect this but it happens."
And it's something Zahm residents can attest to, Johnson reported "suspicious activity" in Zahm on Oct. 27, where students watched a man enter an unlocked room.
Suspiciously, the students approached the man, who said he was "looking for George," since they didn't know anyone by that name, the students called NISP, Johnson said.
By that time, however, it was too late. Johnson said the man — described as "a male, white, 40 to 50 years old, with brown and gray hair, slightly balding with a widows peak and mustache, wearing gold-rimmed sunglasses, a brown Carhartt jacket, a blue shirt and blue jeans" — fled Zahm and rode off on a bike.
"The investigation is continuing," Johnson said Tuesday.
But since Zahm residents, the investigation has been going on for a while. The man in question is known around the dorm as "WD40," or "white d — bug age 40."
"Everybody knows him," said junior Pat Knapp, who explained that the same man had been seen wandering around the dorm several times before this latest incident.
Posters warning residents of WD40 are tacked through the halls and in the bathroom stalls.
While this man is not directly linked to this year's rash of thefts which Parrish said include five laptops, over $500 in cash, a number of wallets and DVD players — students suggested he could be a suspect.
"I probably should have taken the signs down," Parrish said. "I left signs up because the guys were really upset."
Resident assistant Chris Rodblinting said he had never seen the "harrying" man, but had heard rumors.
"It's just weird that somebody from off campus is wandering around the dorm," he said. Rodblinting recalled the story of a second-floor resident who went across the hallway for 20 minutes and came back to his room to find money stolen.
"Zahm's kind of a place with an open-door policy," Rodblinting said. But Wednesday night, there were a lot of shut doors. Rodblinting said he has begun to look his doors, all the time.
"Even if I'm just going to the downstairs, but we've got to respond to situations accordingly and create conditions so theft de­creases."
There have been two thefts this year in Morrissey, Vierling said. He said the first incident involved a bicycle, and the other involved laptop computers, a wallet and watch.
While only in his first year as Morrissey's rector, Vierling still spoke to a trend of increasing theft.
"From what I understand, this is the first time we've been hit this way," he said.
Keehan is also experiencing more problems this year, rector Father Mark Thesing said.
"This stuff seems to run in cycles. We've had more [thefts] this year than in past years," Thesing said. "I'm a little concerned myself about the continua­tion of [these crimes]. Often the rectors on the edges of campus — at places like Alumni, Dillon or Keenan — have more of a problem than at places like Keman where you have to walk in a bit (to reach the dorm)." Thesing said four thefts — including two laptops, a cell phone, a wallet and an iPod — occurred in Keenan during mid­to­late September.
Despite these crimes, Thesing doesn't see any change in safety measures practiced by students.
"The individuals from whom the items were stolen were visibly upset, however there has not been a general consensus of anger within the hall," Thesing said. "They aren't more vigilant and these incidents have not changed their behavior. There are those students who always lock their doors and then there are those students who never lock their doors."
Alumni rector George Rozum, who said he didn't consider theft or trespassing to be a bigger problem in his dorm, agreed with Thesing about the issue of students not locking their doors.
"What can you do?" Rozum said. "You tell people to lock their doors and be careful who they let in, they don't always do that, but people usually leave many doors unlocked anyways."
This attitude, Johnson said, is exactly what NISP wants to con­tain.
"Don't let people you don't know in the residence hall. Notre Dame students are very polite, judicious," Johnson said. "Don't prop open locked doors or defeat security measures. Lock your room when you sleep or are away for a few minutes. If you see suspicious activity, report it immedi­ately."
"We really need student help to stop horrorific." Contact Maddie Hanna at mahan11@nd.edu

**F.Y.I.**

while you were out

**MIRE**
university outfitters called.

**ADIDAS**
You & veggies in.

The #83
data--,er_jersey you

offered is worth

order is in.

- Brett

**UNIVERSITY OUTFITTERS**
the campus store off campus*

located in the Martin's Supermarket Plaza 1 block east of Turtle Creek Apartments

243-4197

---

**The Observer** • NEWS

---

**Iranian government will fire 40 diplomats**

Associated Press

Tehran — Iran's government announced Wednesday that 40 ambassadors and senior diplo­mats, including supporters of warmer ties with the West, will be fired, continuing a purge of reformers as the regime takes an increasingly tough stance at home and abroad.

The diplomatic changes are part of a government shake-up by President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad that includes putting Islamic hard-lin­ers in key posts at security agen­cies. Some Iranians worry the president will bring back strict social policies.

Ahmadinejad has steered the Iranian state into a more con­frontational stance in its dealings with other nations, particularly in facing suspicions about whether Iran's nuclear program is illicitly trying to develop nuclear weapons, a charge the regime denies.

The president also raised a storm of international criticism last week by calling for Israel to be "wiped off the map."

---

**IRAN**

---

**SAFETY**

15% off all services*

- Specializing in Color & Cuts
- Close to campus

574-289-5080

1367 N. Ironwood Dr. • South Bend, IN

www.salonrougeinc.com

*discount with student ID, Mon-Wed.
"If you allow it to occur," said Dr. Chris Feudtner of Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, "it will occur in cases where it is not appropriate, period." Feudtner was referring to the Netherlands' legal- ization of euthanasia of newborns and infants pursuant to the Groningen University Protocol. The Protocol prescribes the killing procedures. The child must be "hopelessly and unexceptionably suffering," so that "the parents and the physician ... concur that death would be more humane than continued life." The Protocol condones the informal Dutch practice under which newborns had been euthanized, usually for spina bifida, with no physicians prosecuted.

The Netherlands were the first nation to legalize euthanasia for adults, allowing the physician to "terminate life on request or to provide assistance with suicide." That law, which took effect in 2002, allows a person of 12 years or older to be killed if he had made an advance written request for termination of his life if his suffering is "unbearable" with "no prospect of improvement." If the patient is between 12 and 16, the parent or guardian must agree to the killing. If the patient is between 16 and 18, the parent or guardian must be consulted. The Dutch get undeserved credit as trail-blazers in euthanasia. The United States may be the front-runner, even if it unintentionally shortens life. Incompetent patients may be denied nutrition and hydration if they had, when competent, expressed their desire to be so denied or, in some states, if such denial is in the best interests of the patient. In cases where the family and the physician agree that the patient should die, the issue never gets to court and the patient can be quietly starved and dehydrated to death.

We have not formally legalized it, but we are further down the slippery slope of euthanasia than are the Dutch. We have, in effect, legalized homicide of patients by starvation and dehydration, when the family and the physician agree, without even the minimal procedures required in the Netherlands.

Moreover, we have progressed beyond the allowance of private killing to killing by order of the state. In Roe v. Wade, the Court authorized the mother to kill her unborn child. The law does not mandate the killing. In the Terri Schiavo case, the state itself, in the person of Judge Greer, ordered that Michael, her husband, "shall cause the removal of nutrition and hydration" from Terri. The court mandated Terri's execution. The only reason we heard about the Schiavo case is because Michael Schiavo and Terri's parents disagreed and the court became involved. What Michael did to Terri happens routinely, without public notice, when the "caregivers" agree that the patient should be killed.

As this practice becomes entrenched in the culture, we can expect judges to rule that defective, incurable or even simply aged patients, can be permitted to die. The only qualification is that the killing will give way to the painless injection. And Schiavo already established that PVS, the persistent vegetative state, is an accepted excuse for execution of a patient whose consent can be inferred even from the testimony of a hostile witness. We can expect the justifications to go beyond PVS. So the Dutch may be the ancestors here. We are smart enough to explain it all to our children. We are further down the slippery slope than the Dutch. We have, in effect, legalized homicide of patients by starvation and dehydration, without even the minimal procedures.

The Observer is the independent, daily newspaper published in print and online by the students of the University of Notre Dame. Its editorial content, including advertisements, is not governed by policies of the administration of either institution.

The Observer reserves the right to refuse advertisements based on content. The news is reported as accurately and objectively as possible. Unsolicited advertisements represent the opinions of the majority of the Editor in Chief. Managing Editor, Assistant Managing Editor and department editors. Controversial, letters and columns present the views of the authors and not necessarily those of The Observer.
We have just celebrated the feast of All Saints. Because this great festival is celebrated in conjunction with All Souls Day, there is a temptation to consign All Saints Day only to those men and women who have been recognized in a special way by the Church through beatification or canonization. After all, this is the way the Church acknowledges the holiness of life of a man or woman or adds their name to the canon or list of those declared to be in heaven with God.

But we all know saints who have come into our lives and whose holiness and closeness to God are easily recognizable. And since the call to holiness is part and parcel of what it means to be a follower of Christ, each one of us is called to be holy.

On Nov. 1, 1982, a Holy Cross priest was canonized as the first bishop of Fort Portal, Uganda, and several years later, was consecrated as bishop of that new diocese. His simple church was at Wriga, which roughly translated to Our Lady of the Snow in a Kikuyu place name in Eastern Africa. I asked him about this, and he showed me the permanent rug on the far distance of Nanguanzori Mountains, and told me that for 300 to 500 farmers, precipitation was a sign of God's pleasure and blessing. This was true, he said, even if it rained on a couple's wedding day.

During the remainder of his life, McCauley served the East African Church and especially the poor consistently. He received victims of the brutal Amin regime and assisted them with money and in every other way he could. He knew that some of these people were taking advantage of a man known to be generous, but explained that he would rather be duped by a person taking advantage of his generosity than to deny help to someone who truly needed the money. And, for years, he suffered from a face cancer which caused serious disfigurement as a result of more than 40 operations. But he accepted his fate, happy to be able to fulfill the promise to Mary made at Lourdes as a young man.

McCauley was buried on Nov. 4, which was a chilly but sunny full day. As the final prayers were said before his body was lowered into the ground, a small black cloud passed over the cemetery, and there were 30 or 50 seconds of very light snow flurries. I knew it was a clear sign of Our Lady of the Snows welcoming her faithful son into her Son's home.

This Sunday is Mission Sunday on campus when money collected at the Basilica is given in its entirety to support Holy Cross missions in Africa and Asia, including some of those places where McCauley served God's people.

And while the power of All Saints Day still tingles, it is important for us to realize that we know people who we, and Holy Cross, who are able to describe the signs of grace that are part of their lives—accepting hardships or illnesses with a contagiously upbeat spirit, living out commitments with faithfulness when it was not easy to do so, showing special concern for students or for the poor, incorporating service into their lives or becoming people of prayer.

We, too, are called to be holy people.

Father Richard Warner is the director of Campus Ministry. He can be contacted at Warner.2@nd.edu

Stephanie Yoshida
Freshman
Nov. 1

I want to take a minute to thank the over 800 students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross for their attendance at and enthusiastic participation in last Friday night's Fighting Irish Hockey game against Princeton. In addition, the single-game attendance and visitation from our Hockey Pep Band and the energy and support of the "Stanford Syndicate" were greatly appreciated by the team. While Friday's result on the ice was disappointing, I was proud of the way the team bounced back the next night to beat Princeton 2-0. With your continued support, our fortunes lay ahead of us — both at the Joyce Center and elsewhere.

This Friday night, the Irish have the strongest challenge of this young season when the Michigan Wolverines, currently ranked 5th in the nation, come to the Fieldhouse. In previous years, free student admission to the biggest games has been limited to only 400 seats — but not this year. While the game will be sold out, an additional 400 tickets (total of 800) have been purchased for the exclusive use of ND, SM, and HCC students for this game. Will you be among the 800 students to cheer the Irish to victory? As an extra incentive, I have arranged with our promotions department to guarantee that four students will win a round trip flight to Las Vegas or Orlando on Allegiant Air, and one student will have the chance to win free books for a semester from the Hammes Bookstore on Friday night.

Thank you for coming out last weekend to cheer on the Irish hockey team! Now, this Friday night is when the Notre Dame Fighting Irish take on the Michigan Wolverines, come out again and prove that there is no finer, louder, more enthusiastic "self-segregate" themselves. If you truly want to learn about another culture and get to know people from other backgrounds and walks of life, take the initiative. Next time you pass by an ethnic minority group at the dining hall, ask to join them. You just might learn something about yourself.
by MICHAEL FRENCH

CD Reviews

Antony’s album a voyage of self-discovery

If the cover art for this album isn't striking enough, the uniqueness of Antony’s vocals in the first two lines of “Hope There's Someone” - the album's first track - should be sufficient to draw in any listener. The first thought that comes to mind when listening to the album is the beauty of its vocals, followed closely by the question of whether it is a male or female singing those lyrics. Androgyny is Antony’s specialty, and walking the line between male and female makes up a great part of the album’s thematic substance. Case in point: this song “For Today I Am a Boy,” a song in which his voice is accompanied solely by a simple piano melody that, by the end of the song, proves alongside one of the scant appearances of a drum set to create one of the more memorable tracks on the album. Lines like “One day I’ll grow up, I’ll be a beautiful girl / But for today I am a child, for today I am a boy” emphasize the lack of gender and question of gender categorization that pervades throughout much of the album.

The sheer splendor of Antony’s voice and deep, haunting, yet beautiful vocals are sufficient to put together an outstanding album, yet the band employs a series of guest stars to add, at times, indispensable depth to their tracks. While Devendra Banhart and Lou Reed—who's played shows with Antony on numerous occasions—are featured briefly at the beginning of “Spiralling” and “Fistfull of Love” respectively, it’s worth noting that George (think George Michael, not George Boy George) and Rufus Wainwright have the greatest impact on the album. “You Are My Sister,” features Boy George turning in an incredibly powerful performance, perfectly complementing Antony’s lead voice. The songs lead on to “What Can I Do?” a song that checks in at less than two minutes, but proves to be another highlight on an album that is markedly devoid of lowlights.

In spite of the numerous cameos, it is an album unmistakably dominated by Antony’s voice and his deeply introspective lyrics. While the tone of the album is founded primarily upon the combination lead vocals and an accompanying piano, the nearly inquisiting vocals, the pinnacle of the album comes on the aforementioned “Fistfull of Love,” which deviates from the simplistic structure of the other nine songs. After Lou Reed’s short spoken-verse verses, it opens up as the other tracks do, with pristine guitar lines backing the ever-present piano. This, however, is the end of the softness, as the song quickly picks up the pace and employs the bombast of trumpets, trombones, Reed’s noodling guitar riffs and the only dominant drum line of the album. The lyrical strength of the song lies in the juxtaposition of Reed’s sincere opening lines with Antony’s symbolic violence - “And I feel your fists / And I know it’s out of love.... And I feel your burning eyes burning holes / In some of the more breathless parts.”

The album’s chilling finale “Bird Gerh” completes the voyage of self-discovery that progresses from the first words of the first track. Antony’s trembling vibrato takes center stage once again, proclaiming, "I've been searching / For my wings some time / I'm gonna be born / Into the sky / 'Cause I'm a bird girl / And the bird girls go to heaven.” Contact Michael French at mfirenchl@nd.edu

Contact Trevor Gass at tgass@nd.edu

Chicago pop-punk band still overshadowed

By TREVOR GASS

If a figurative snapshot were to be taken of MEST's latest release, "Photographs," the result could be summed up as following — three chords, one theme.

The ten-year-old Chicago-born pop-punk band is frequently compared to other big fish in the genre including heavy weights like Blink 182, Good Charlotte and Green Day — a testament to their inability to form a readily recognizable identity of their own. "Photographs" turns a turn from their previous albums (with the help of producer John Feldmann, vocalist from the group Goldfinger) into the angst-driven reality that is true love and what goes wrong, all delivered under a guise of cheerful chords and repetitive melodies. "Photographs" develops a darker image of MEST, pushing it more towards the emo side of the pop-punk spectrum. Almost every song on the twelve-track list revolves around dark images of nightmares and death, a majority of these moments being products of some past or current heartbreak. The lyrics contain a few dry metaphors and, while not entirely bad, repeat the same theme over and over throughout the 43-minute duration of the CD. Whether it is their unusual coupling with melodramatic yet upbeat riffs or Tony Lovato's wubby voice, something is left to be desired.

Each song follows the same general format, alternating between verse and chorus with a short interlude, before ending on a variation of the chorus or a repeated phrase that modulates the piece to a close. The vocals are solid enough, but not worthy of special attention, which ends up hurting the song where they are the sole melodic element strewn over top of bare guitar chords and drums. The same style of vocal harmonization is found in every song, which helps fill out the sound, but is distracted by the over use of reverb and techno effects, a major disruption in the track "Tonight Will Last Forever.

Though the listener may be left wanting more, MEST still manages to create a number of simple yet addictive riffs, a trait high­ly sought after and hungrily consumed in today's pop mar­ket. "Place Melodies from several songs manage to imbibe themselves into your head (for better or for worse). Some of the catchi­er tunes can be heard in "Photographs" and "This Time." Though the attractive melodies from songs like "Last Kiss" may manage to nestle themselves into your head, the actual lyrics, "Stare at you as you slice my wrists and as we share our last kiss / Hold me as we die" are probably not something you want to be caught singing to yourself while wait­ing for a professor to start class.

Accompanying the CD is a bonus DVD that trails the band during its cross-country tour. The DVD provides several suggestions on how to get yourself arrested - the tasteless antics of some of the band members are in a league with what you might expect from Tom Green.

Critics may debate whether or not you may manage to nestle yourself into your head, the actual lyrics, "Stare at you as you slice my wrists and as we share our last kiss / Hold me as we die" are probably not something you want to be caught singing to yourself while wait­ing for a professor to start class. Accompanying the CD is a bonus DVD that trails the band during its cross-country tour. The DVD provides several suggestions on how to get yourself arrested - the tasteless antics of some of the band members are in a league with what you might expect from Tom Green.

Contact Trevor Gass at tgass@nd.edu

MEST band member Tony Lovato (right) thought of the name while looking at a case of Milwaukee's Best beer. They released their album on Oct. 18.

Recommended tracks: 'Hope Theres Someone,' 'For Today I am a Boy' and 'What Can I Do?'

Recommended tracks: 'Tonight will last forever,' 'Last Kiss,' 'Photographs' and 'As His Heart Dies'

Contact Trevor Gass at tgass@nd.edu

Photographs

MEST

Maverick

Recommended tracks: 'Tonight will last forever,' 'Last Kiss,' 'Photographs' and 'As His Heart Dies'

Contact Trevor Gass at tgass@nd.edu

What happens if you get too much of something mediocre? "Photographs" is one example. Lack of variation is what kills this album more than anything else, along with the empty feeling it leaves in (your pocketbook) when the realization sets in that nothing noticeably innovative has occurred. With some sound found in "Photographs," reminiscent of Alkaline Trios, MEST, though displaying a knack for creating catchy melodies, is still overshadowed by its more popular cousins. For those who are fans of the above listed bands that MEST emulates, their earlier album "Destination Unknown" (2001) would be a good way to test the waters before plunging into "Photographs".
The memory of Bob Marley

Although Damian Marley was three when his father passed away, he feels that he still continues his father's musical legacy in spirit, especially since he is constantly working with his siblings on challenging and experimenting with reggae and roots music.

"If the master has come back on this record — it is multidimensional music. In a way, I'm saying that I have returned and am trying to create a culture of uplifting Rasta influence," said Damian Marley.

Marley has worked tirelessly to bring a newfound sense of intelligence and history to the current reggae community.

"The master has come back on this record — it is multidimensional music. In a way, I'm saying that I have returned and am trying to create a culture of uplifting Rasta influence," said Damian Marley.

"The master has come back on this record — it is multidimensional music. In a way, I'm saying that I have returned and am trying to create a culture of uplifting Rasta influence," said Damian Marley.

"The master has come back on this record — it is multidimensional music. In a way, I'm saying that I have returned and am trying to create a culture of uplifting Rasta influence," said Damian Marley.

"The master has come back on this record — it is multidimensional music. In a way, I'm saying that I have returned and am trying to create a culture of uplifting Rasta influence," said Damian Marley.

"The master has come back on this record — it is multidimensional music. In a way, I'm saying that I have returned and am trying to create a culture of uplifting Rasta influence," said Damian Marley.

"The master has come back on this record — it is multidimensional music. In a way, I'm saying that I have returned and am trying to create a culture of uplifting Rasta influence," said Damian Marley.

"The master has come back on this record — it is multidimensional music. In a way, I'm saying that I have returned and am trying to create a culture of uplifting Rasta influence," said Damian Marley.

"The master has come back on this record — it is multidimensional music. In a way, I'm saying that I have returned and am trying to create a culture of uplifting Rasta influence," said Damian Marley.

"The master has come back on this record — it is multidimensional music. In a way, I'm saying that I have returned and am trying to create a culture of uplifting Rasta influence," said Damian Marley.

"The master has come back on this record — it is multidimensional music. In a way, I'm saying that I have returned and am trying to create a culture of uplifting Rasta influence," said Damian Marley.

"The master has come back on this record — it is multidimensional music. In a way, I'm saying that I have returned and am trying to create a culture of uplifting Rasta influence," said Damian Marley.

"The master has come back on this record — it is multidimensional music. In a way, I'm saying that I have returned and am trying to create a culture of uplifting Rasta influence," said Damian Marley.

"The master has come back on this record — it is multidimensional music. In a way, I'm saying that I have returned and am trying to create a culture of uplifting Rasta influence," said Damian Marley.

"The master has come back on this record — it is multidimensional music. In a way, I'm saying that I have returned and am trying to create a culture of uplifting Rasta influence," said Damian Marley.

"The master has come back on this record — it is multidimensional music. In a way, I'm saying that I have returned and am trying to create a culture of uplifting Rasta influence," said Damian Marley.
Iverson scores 31, but Philly falls in Detroit
James nails half-dozen three pointers as Cleveland rocks Charlotte 109-87

Associated Press

but he was scoreless in the third and Maurice Cheeks replacing 88 on W ednesday night in a past the Philadelphia 76ers 108-

The Observer - CLASSIFIEDS

in an overtime win at Philadelphia, Redd scored a career-high 41 as the Bucks beat New Jersey Wednesday night.

Pistons point guard Chauncey Billups, right, tries to knock the ball away from 76ers guard Allen Iverson, left, in the first half of Detroit's 108-88 win over Philadelphia Wednesday night.

Cleveland's LeBron James looks through several New Orleans defenders during the Cavaliers' 109-87 win over the Hornets Wednesday.

in the NBA.

Colonel Michigan State University

Iverson, left, in the first half of Detroit' s 108-88 win over Philadelphia W ednesday night.
**College Fencing Coaches' Poll**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>team</th>
<th>record</th>
<th>Prev.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ohio State</td>
<td>1-0-0</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Penn State</td>
<td>3-0-0</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Notre Dame</td>
<td>5-0-0</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harvard</td>
<td>0-0-0</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Arizona State</td>
<td>3-2-0</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Princeton</td>
<td>0-0-0</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pennsylvania</td>
<td>3-0-0</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rhode Island</td>
<td>2-2-0</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boston U</td>
<td>1-2-0</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>North Carolina</td>
<td>2-2-1</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boston Coll</td>
<td>2-2-0</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Air Force</td>
<td>0-0-0</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Women's Fencing Coaches' Poll**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>team</th>
<th>record</th>
<th>Prev.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Notre Dame</td>
<td>1-0-0</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ohio State</td>
<td>1-0-0</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Penn State</td>
<td>2-0-0</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harvard</td>
<td>6-0-0</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Columbia-Bard</td>
<td>5-0-0</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Northwestern</td>
<td>6-0-0</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tennessee</td>
<td>3-2-0</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Princeton</td>
<td>8-0-0</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>St. John's (NY)</td>
<td>1-0-0</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Duke</td>
<td>9-0-0</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**College Football Top 20**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>team</th>
<th>record</th>
<th>Prev.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Penn State</td>
<td>7-1-0</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Michigan</td>
<td>5-1-0</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cornell</td>
<td>1-1-0</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>North Dakota</td>
<td>5-2-1</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vermont</td>
<td>9-0-0</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Minnesota</td>
<td>2-3-0</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Michigan State</td>
<td>3-1-1</td>
<td>7</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wisconsin</td>
<td>4-1-2</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Denver</td>
<td>3-3-0</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>North Carolina</td>
<td>2-2-1</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ohio State</td>
<td>2-2-1</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Northern Michigan</td>
<td>3-1-0</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harvard</td>
<td>1-0-0</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miami</td>
<td>3-3-0</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>St. John's (NY)</td>
<td>3-2-0</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cornell</td>
<td>3-1-0</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SI. John's (NY)</td>
<td>1-3-0</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Princeton</td>
<td>7-2-1</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Penn State</td>
<td>5-1-0</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boston U</td>
<td>1-2-0</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>St. Lawrence</td>
<td>4-2-0</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Women's Cross Country**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>team</th>
<th>points</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Duke</td>
<td>390</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Notre Dame</td>
<td>389</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ohio State</td>
<td>387</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harvard</td>
<td>387</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Arizona State</td>
<td>383</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Illinois</td>
<td>382</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BYU</td>
<td>381</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Colorado</td>
<td>379</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Virginia Tech</td>
<td>375</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>North Carolina State</td>
<td>375</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**College Hockey Top 20**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>team</th>
<th>points</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>St. Lawrence</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>St. John's (NY)</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Princeton</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Penn State</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ohio State</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boston U</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>North Carolina</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Utah</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harvard</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Notre Dame</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cornell</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>St. John's (NY)</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Penn State</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Harvard</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Columbia-Bard</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Northwestern</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pennsylvania</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Princeton</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Penn State</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**New Philadelphia Phillies general manager Pat Gillick, left, surveys Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia, Pa. with the team's president, David Montgomery. Gillick replaces Ed Wade, who never took the team to the playoffs.**

**Phillies contract new GM in Gillick**

**In Brief**

**Willingham happy at UW**

Seattle – At a distance, Tyrone Willingham's once-sailing career appears to be plunging into the Pacific Ocean.

His Washington Huskies, not long ago the kings of the Pac-10, are 1-2 and last in conference. They have lost 3 consecutive Pac-10 games entering Saturday's home game against Oregon State.

Now Willingham is at the bottom of big-time college football in the same week his Notre Dame successor, Charlie Weis, signed a 10-year extension to become a fixture at the sport's most storied program.

But Willingham sees no others do not.

"Obviously, the record says more than anything else. And, obviously, I am not doing well," he said. "But if you are saying [how is] Tyrone Willingham? He is at peace with himself."

"He's at a great university that has great leadership, that has great tradition, and whose fans have great passion for Husky football. So, I think I am in a great place."

**Maddux nabs 15th Gold Glove, Vizquel earns 10th**

NEW YORK — Chicago Cubs pitcher Greg Maddux won his 15th Gold Glove on Wednesday, one shy of the record shared by pitcher Jim Kaat and shortstop Ozzie Smith's 13. "I think this has been the most emotional Gold Glove," Willingham said.

**Pacers, Artest solid in win**

ORLANDO, Fla. — Ron Artest behaved perfectly in his return to the NBA on Wednesday night. He played pretty well, too.

Artest had 16 points, three rebounds and five assists, and the Indiana Pacers began life without Reggie Miller with a 90-78 victory over the Orlando Magic.

Artest started 0-of-7 from the field but shot off the rust in the second half and led the Pacers to victory with several big plays and strong defense. He finished 4-of-14 from the floor and 0-of-9 from the free throw line.

He converted a three-point play and made two 3-pointers — all in a 2-minute span late in the third quarter — that helped Indiana build an 11-point lead.

**Pacifica, Armes solid in win**

ORLANDO, Fla. — Ron Artest behaved perfectly in his return to the NBA on Wednesday night. He played pretty well, too.

Artest had 16 points, three rebounds and five assists, and the Indiana Pacers began life without Reggie Miller with a 90-78 victory over the Orlando Magic.

Artest started 0-of-7 from the field but shot off the rust in the second half and led the Pacers to victory with several big plays and strong defense. He finished 4-of-14 from the floor and 0-of-9 from the free throw line.

He converted a three-point play and made two 3-pointers — all in a 2-minute span late in the third quarter — that helped Indiana build an 11-point lead.

**Jose Canseco, Armes solid in win**

ORLANDO, Fla. — Ron Artest behaved perfectly in his return to the NBA on Wednesday night. He played pretty well, too.

Artest had 16 points, three rebounds and five assists, and the Indiana Pacers began life without Reggie Miller with a 90-78 victory over the Orlando Magic.

Artest started 0-of-7 from the field but shot off the rust in the second half and led the Pacers to victory with several big plays and strong defense. He finished 4-of-14 from the floor and 0-of-9 from the free throw line.

He converted a three-point play and made two 3-pointers — all in a 2-minute span late in the third quarter — that helped Indiana build an 11-point lead.

**Jennerman, O'Neal score, Pacers win**

ORLANDO, Fla. — Ron Artest behaved perfectly in his return to the NBA on Wednesday night. He played pretty well, too.

Artest had 16 points, three rebounds and five assists, and the Indiana Pacers began life without Reggie Miller with a 90-78 victory over the Orlando Magic.

Artest started 0-of-7 from the field but shot off the rust in the second half and led the Pacers to victory with several big plays and strong defense. He finished 4-of-14 from the floor and 0-of-9 from the free throw line.

He converted a three-point play and made two 3-pointers — all in a 2-minute span late in the third quarter — that helped Indiana build an 11-point lead.

**Jennerman, O'Neal score, Pacers win**

ORLANDO, Fla. — Ron Artest behaved perfectly in his return to the NBA on Wednesday night. He played pretty well, too.

Artest had 16 points, three rebounds and five assists, and the Indiana Pacers began life without Reggie Miller with a 90-78 victory over the Orlando Magic.

Artest started 0-of-7 from the field but shot off the rust in the second half and led the Pacers to victory with several big plays and strong defense. He finished 4-of-14 from the floor and 0-of-9 from the free throw line.

He converted a three-point play and made two 3-pointers — all in a 2-minute span late in the third quarter — that helped Indiana build an 11-point lead.
USC & UCLA on an undefeated collision course

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The city of Angeles has been a perfect college football town this fall. Two of the nation’s five unbeaten teams are separated by a 20-minute freeway trip, connecting Southern California near downtown UCLA over in Westwood.

"It's a great thing for our city of Los Angeles," USC offensive guard Fred Makau said. "Top-ranked USC and No. 7 UCLA have 8-0 records and are on a collision course. They'll meet at the Coliseum in early December with much more than just city bragging rights on the line.

The Pac-10 championship, a spot in the national title game and even the Heisman Trophy could all be riding on the outcome. The Trojans and Bruins haven't gone into the rivalry game with perfect records in more than a half-century. Both were 8-0 when they met in 1952, a 14-12 USC victory. But the Trojans lost to Notre Dame the following week.

"It would be awesome to go to a couple more games and have a chance to be in a position like that," USC coach Pete Carroll said of the Dec. 3 showdown. "I know their fans and their follow­ers have just got to be loving it."

The Bruin, who have lost six straight to their crosstown rivals, realize they're still relegated to second billing on the college football marquee in Tinsel Town.

"We're a good team, but we're not good enough to make any claims," said coach Karl Dorrell, who went 12-13 in his previous two years at UCLA before the Bruins' breakout.

"We're young, still growing as a team and we need to keep people focused on the task at hand.

"We're excited about being in this position, having the recognition we have right now. But now we have to prove each and every week that we deserve to be in that position."

Along with the shiny records, the Trojans and Bruins have star power. USC quarterback Matt Leinart, the 2004 Heisman winner, again is a leading con­tender, although bardkeeper-ma­reggie Bush might be the front-runner.

The Pac-10 championship, a spot in the national title game and even the Heisman Trophy could all be riding on the outcome.
Epstein downplays bad relations with Lucchino

Associated Press

BOSTON — Theo Epstein fled Fenway Park in a gorilla costume on his last day as Boston Red Sox general manager. It was Halloween, and the TV cameras were none the wiser.

Yes, Epstein said, it was inconvenient to have reporters camped out at his home. But he didn’t give up what had been his dream job because of the sometimes suffocating interest in the local baseball team, a fascination that became a frenzy after Epstein helped build the Red Sox into World Series champions in 2004.

It was “unfortunate,” he added, that details of his contract negotiations with longtime mentor Larry Lucchino leaked out. And it’s true that the Red Sox loballed him — the most successful general manager in franchise history — as if he were still a kid.

But that’s why he left, either.

A “multitude” of reasons, taken together, persuaded Epstein to step down as Red Sox GM on Monday, just one year after ending Boston’s 86-year title drought. In his first public comments on the decision, Epstein would not say exactly why he quit but said a break­through general manager, Lucchino, was in so much pain he was “taking a drink on Wednesdays” before going to the field, realized the thing. Our numbers were too low.

Red Sox owner Larry Lucchino, left, and, general manager Theo Epstein, right, speak during a press conference on Nov. 25, 2002.

“I just didn’t think it was a macho I thought,” Epstein said. “They were telling me to go out, and I thought, ‘Naw, we don’t have nobody else.’”

Joe Salave’a said the only time his foot was in pain was when he “was taking a drink on the sidelines.” Still, he looked out onto the field, realized the defensive running was out of players and went back in.

“I don’t think it was a macho thing. Our numbers were down,” Salave’a said. “You don’t want to put your teammates in that predicament, so I was able to go back in, hobble around and make a couple of more plays.”

Defensive end Joe Salave’a injured in game against Giants

Ashburn, Va. — After Phillip Daniels sprained his ankle, he was in so much pain he dragged his knee between plays. His teammates were getting concerned.

“They were telling me to go out,” Daniels said. “I said, ‘Naw, we don’t have nobody else.’”

Joe Salave’a said the only time his foot was in pain was when he “was taking a drink on the sidelines.” Still, he looked out onto the field, realized the defensive running was out of players and went back in.

“I don’t think it was a macho thing. Our numbers were down,” Salave’a said. “You don’t want to put your teammates in that predicament, so I was able to go back in, hobble around and make a couple of more plays.”

Perhaps someone should be taking a roll call of healthy backs when Washington’s defensive line has a meeting. Defensive end Joe Salave’a and Cornishus Griffin did not practice Wednesday after limping off the field for some or most of Sunday’s 36-0 loss to the New York Giants. Backups Cedric Killings and Ai Jones are also banged up. The Redskins’ defense had to borrow offensive linemen just to get through practice.

“I told them we need a sign­up sheet at the end of practice — sign up and try out for D-line,” said Renaldo Wynn, the only healthy starter. Griffin lasted only two plays against the Giants with a hip flexor and is listed as questionable for Sunday night’s game against Philadelphia. Daniels is probable with his ankle problem, while Salave’a is questionable but plans to play even though he needs several weeks of rest.

The injuries are coming at a tough time.

Every body — able or not — will be needed for the crucial division game against the Eagles.

The loser will fall into last place in the NFC East.

“We’re about as short as I think I’ve ever seen a group of guys,” said defensive tackle Brandon Noble, who has stayed around as an ad hoc assistant coach after season-ending knee surgery in September.

“There are guys that are not going to have a choice.”

Red Sox owner Larry Lucchino, left, and, general manager Theo Epstein, right, speak during a press conference on Nov. 25, 2002.

Red Sox owner Larry Lucchino, left, and, general manager Theo Epstein, right, speak during a press conference on Nov. 25, 2002.
Ottawa dominates Buffalo, earns 10-4 win

Havlat's four goals too much for Sabres

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Daniel Alfredsson has an intimidating message for the rest of the NHL.

"I don't think we hit our peak yet," he said after Ottawa's 10-4 win over the Buffalo Sabres on Wednesday night. "I think we can get better."

Alfredsson and Martin Havlat each scored four goals, and Dany Heatley added two more for the Senators, who won for the ninth time in 11 games. They are off to their best start since entering the league as an expansion team in 1992.

Alfredsson tied a pair of team records and set career highs with four goals and six points. It was the first career four-goal game for Havlat as well, and the third time in three games a Senators player has scored four times.

"When the team plays well, good things happen for the individuals as well," Alfredsson said. "I got some good breaks tonight and was able to put them away." It was also the first time in franchise history that Ottawa had two four-goal scorers in one game. The 10 goals were a season high and the second-most in franchise history.

Alfredsson's comment aside, it's hard to imagine Ottawa playing much better, especially after its offensive display against the Sabres.

"To have two guys score that many goals, I don't know if I've ever seen that," Sabres coach Bryan Murray said. "It's amazing and different, and doesn't happen very often." Heatley extended his club-record point streak to begin a season to 11 games, and Jason Spezza had a career-high four assists.

It was the fifth career hat trick for both Alfredsson and Havlat.

Blackhawks 6, Blues 5

"It's a awesome," Seabrook said. "I'm thrilled right now. I'm going to keep that puck." Martin Lapointe had a goal and two assists, and rookie Pavol Vorobiev added a goal and an assist for the Blackhawks, who blew a three-goal lead in the third period but recovered to snap a four-game skid that included three consecutive losses to Detroit.

Chicago (4-9-0) won for only the second time in eight games and improved to 1-9-0 against Central Division foes.

"The guys deserve a lot of credit," Blackhawks coach Trent Yawney said. "I mean, they rallied down and went back and played for the win. They played to win as opposed to playing not to lose after a lucky goal goes in. To keep our poise and composure, we did it the right way." Seabrook hit a wrist shot from the right circle to the left corner of the net after taking a pass from Vorobiev for the game-winner.

"Pavol made a great pass," Seabrook said. "I was trying to get open and he found my stick." Kings 6, Stars 3

The NHL's new rules allow defencemen to be more involved on the offensive end, and Lubomir Visnovsky is taking full advantage.

Visnovsky scored three goals for his first career hat trick, and rookie Jason LaBarbera made 29 saves to lead the Los Angeles Kings past the Dallas Stars Wednesday night.

Sean Avery, Jeff Cowan and Pavel Demitra also scored for the kings, 6-2 in their last eight games. Visnovsky leads NHL defencemen with 18 points on six goals and 12 assists.

"It's more of an open game," he said. "It's better for offensive-mindedness. I'm getting more chances." Visnovsky had six shots on goal, and while he contended that he was "lucky" to score three times, his teammates said there's also a lot of skill involved.

"He's in the zone where he's really feeling it," Kings center Craig Conroy said. "He shoots it and it goes in the net. He could probably close his eyes and score. It's pretty to watch." LaBarbera improved his record to 7-1-3, beating Dallas for the second time this season.

The Pacific Division rivals met for the third time this season, all in Dallas. The Kings have won the last two, outscoring the Stars 13-5.

"Sometimes teams have your number and they're winning a lot of games against you," Stars defenceman Philippe Boucher said. "They're clearly outplaying us right now. We see them five more times this year. It's something that needs to be addressed."
Players have mixed reactions to playoff plan

Commissioner Finchem introduces NASCAR-like points race called FedEx Cup

ATLANTA — Tiger Woods walked wearily across the parking lot in twilight Wednesday, recalling the year he played eight consecutive weeks as he wrapped up his record-setting 2000 season.

"I was wiped out at the end of the year," he said.

Woods might want to get used to playing long stretches under a new PGA Tour schedule in 2007 that Commissioner Tim Finchem said would include the "most impactful series of events in the history of our sport."

It includes a season-long points race called the FedEx Cup. It features three blockbuster events leading to the Tour Championship, which would end in September, with a playoff that Finchem said likely will be the largest of any playoff system in sports.

About the only thing missing were the details.

Finchem delivered a skeletal sketch of the new season, conceding that he has not figured out the points system, how the points race will be divided among the six out of seven events at the Tour Championship, which would precede the FedEx Championship. One week later would be the start of the FedEx Cup, which points accrued since January would be prorated going into three straight tournaments, with the top 30 eligible for the Tour Championship.

"If you want to win the cup series, you're going to have to play those events," Woods said. "It's going to be a lot — six out of seven events at the end of the year, then probably a Ryder Cup or Presidents Cup. That's a lot of golf, but after that, you're pretty much done, which is great."

It is similar to the Chase for the Championship that NASCAR began last year, in which the top 12 players compete in the final 10 races for the title. "We go so far into the football season, and so far into the fall, that we haven't been able to get the kind of strength we see in other sports," Finchem said. "We're the only major sport that doesn't have a playoff system.

The first step is taking the model to TV negotiations, expected to begin later this month.

"We have given a general flavor of the direction we're going with our television partners," Finchem said. "They see the possibilities in terms of strengthening our overall product."

Some players still expressed concerns.

Chris DiMarco noted that Singh, who has missed the last two cuts, might not be eligible for the Tour Championship. Woods also missed the cut the last time he played, two weeks ago at Disney.

Even if a player were to win all four majors, it's conceivable he would not win the FedEx Cup or even make it to the Tour Championship.

"What's the worse-case scenario? That our Super Bowl doesn't have all the marquee players," David Toms said.

Finchem did not say how many players would be eligible to win the FedEx Cup, although he said the three events in the Championship Series would have 144 players.

The Associated Press first reported the new model in July, and tour officials have been tweaking the concept since. They still are unsure how the points system will work, and Finchem said there was much work left.

"I've met with Tim five times, and I've heard five different things," Woods said.

Multiple sources involved in the discussion, all speaking on condition of anonymity because the tournaments have not been announced, have said the three events leading to the Tour Championship would be the Barclays Classic in New York, the Deutsche Bank Championship outside Boston and the Western Open. The Western Open is still dealing with sponsorship issues and a decision on where to play.

Golf World magazine reported last week that the Western Open might be rotated among such markets as Minnesota, Indianapolis, Chicago and St. Louis. Finchem mentioned that Bellerive outside St. Louis was supposed to host the American Express Championship, an event canceled because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The heart of the season will be shorter.

But for those tournaments concerned they might get knocked off the schedule, Finchem said there would be six or seven other events after the Tour Championship in which players could try to earn their tour cards for next year.

That section of the season would be called the "Quest for the Card,", although Woods said he would not play any of those tournaments, and other top players also would be taking time off.

Still, Finchem believes a season-long points race, coupled with a Tour Championship in September, would mean more top players in the same tournament.
Bender continued from page 24

new coach is confident in his ability to adjust to his new position, despite not having any experience at the college level.

"Other than the shot clock, the only thing I have to change is teaching the girls the new game plan," Bender said.

Bender’s new plan is an overhaul on both offense and defense. The Belles will utilize a new motion-style offense to score quickly with multiple defenders leaking into different areas in order to contain their opponents.

Saint Mary’s also has been working on its team speed to convert defensive stops into quick turnovers. Bender has worked this fast-paced transition offense into practices, focusing on fast break points at most practices.

One of the biggest advantages Bender has in implementing his own scheme is the amount of freshman playing for the Belles this season. Bender was left with only three returning starters from last season’s team — senior Bridget Lipke, junior Allison Kessler, and Sophomore Lauren Minter.

But with the freshman players, including starting center Nicole Beier, Bender can shape their college games with his strategy.

"The one thing that has to be done is to get them used to up-tempo college basketball," Bender said.

Even though tonight’s game is up-tempo, it is still important for the team, according to Bender.

"The team needs to improve off Saturday’s intra-squad game. We want (Bethel) to expose our weaknesses," he said.

Bendye, last season’s second leading scorer and the high-scoring player returning this season, understands the importance of the Bethel scrimmage.

"This is going to be a great learning experience for all the freshmen on the team," Boyce said. "I think we are going to surprise a lot of people out there with our new offense." Despite a disappointing season last year, the Belles cannot wait to start playing at 7 p.m. tonight to prove how much better they are. Boyce and senior Bridget Lipke will win and continue to succeed through the rest of the season.

"We know that we will be the team to beat this year," Boyce said.

Contact Jay Fitpatrick at jfitpatrick@nd.edu

Vols continued from page 24

our own mistakes with the takeaway, which is our No. 1 job — to take the ball away. You don’t like to do it always like that, all the way backed up and just the defense in bad field position, but that beats the alternative of lining up for an extra point."

Irish head coach Charlie Weis added another issue, emphasizing how he used last week’s bye to focus on the details Minter alluded to.

“There’s a lot of things that we need to clean up — like penalties, like ball possession,” Weis said. “Some of the things that were glaring errors in the BYU game. When you have a normal 20-hour work week, it’s tough to spend extra time on a couple of facets, because you have installation to deal with as well.”

Notre Dame was penalized 11 times for 77 yards in its 49-23 win over BYU on Oct. 22.

Irish strong safety Tom Zbikowski said cleaning up mistakes has been a focus of practice this week.

“I know for the Linemen, if they’re not hitting, they might not get to start running," Zbikowski said. "The coaches are watching on and making sure they don’t jump offsides. Luckily I don’t have that problem."

During Zbikowski’s 83-yard interception return for a touchdown against the Cougars, he extended the ball outward on his way to the end zone. But Weis and he both agree that will not happen against Tennessee.

Bridget Lipke, right, plays defense in a game against Alma last season. She is one of three returning starters this season.

Anthony Fascano, front, is tackled during Notre Dame’s 49-23 win over BYU on Oct. 22.

"Yeah I’ve been carrying the ball with two hands this week for (Weis)," Zbikowski said.

Notes:

♦ The Irish will not be traveling to Tennessee’s 104,759-seat Neyland Stadium, famous for being a loud environment. But Weis is still focused on getting on top early — even without an opposing crowd to quiet.

"Any time you’re playing a tough opponent, the advantages of getting on top early are great," he said. "It puts pressure on the whole mentality of the whole team. Conversely, if you get behind early, now you’re putting some extra pressure on yourself. I’m always big on trying to get on top early.”

♦ In the wake of Air Force coach Fisher DeBerry’s comments regarding the lack of African Americans in his program, Weis was asked for his take on the issue of race in college football.

"I learned a long time ago, long before I got into the business world, to be color blind," Weis said. "I think that anyone who’s a success in life better practice that philosophy.”

Contact Mike Gillson at mgillis@nd.edu

MLB

Reds owner sells team to local group

Carl Lindner’s share of team believed to be priced at $270 million

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Carl Lindner agreed Wednesday to sell his controlling interest in the Cincinnati Reds to a group of area businessmen, keeping baseball’s first professional franchise in local hands.

The group is headed by Robert Castellini, chairman of a Cincinnati-based produce company, and relatives of a family that owned the team when it became the Big Red Machine in the 1970s. The sale must be approved by Major League Baseball.

Most sales take between three months and a year to get approval from baseball owners, the timeframe often depending upon the number of parties involved.

Several groups showed an interest after three limited partners put their shares — representing 51.5 percent of the team — up for sale in March. Lindner said then that he wanted to keep control.

He changed his mind and agreed to sell his controlling shares as well. Castellini’s group will buy between 75 and 80 percent of the team, valued at $870 million, said one of the parties involved in the sale.

Castellini’s group was the last to show an interest, getting involved only a month ago, said the source, speaking on condition of anonymity because baseball had barred comment on the deal until it is approved.

Two other groups made similar bids, but Lindner felt most comfortable with Castellini’s group.

“Carl knew them well,” said another party involved in the deal, also speaking on condition of anonymity because baseball has barred comment on the deal until it is approved.

Carl Lindner became the Big Red Machine in 1968 and would want to sell the team, said Castellini’s business partner in the ownership group with Castellini, who would become the team’s chief operating officer. All three have been part of the St. Louis Cardinals’ ownership group in the 1970s, when they were two World Series champions and became known as the Big Red Machine.

Two of the Williams’ descendants — Thomas and William Jr. — will be part of the new ownership group with Castellini, who would become the team’s chief operating officer. All three have been part of the St. Louis Cardinals’ ownership group led by Bill DeWitt Jr. and would have to sell their interests in that club.

The Williams family was part of the ownership group that sold controlling local car dealer Marge Schott in 1984, setting up one of baseball’s order.

The sale adds to the Reds’ legacy of local ownership.

Broadcasting pioneer Powel Crosley Jr. bought the Reds in 1934 and became known as the Big Red Machine.

The sale adds to the Reds’ legacy of local ownership.

The 86-year-old Lindner owns the team when it became known as the Big Red Machine.

The sale adds to the Reds’ legacy of local ownership.

The sale adds to the Reds’ legacy of local ownership.

Two of the Williams’ descendents — Thomas and William Jr. — will be part of the new ownership group with Castellini, who would become the team’s chief operating officer. All three have been part of the St. Louis Cardinals’ ownership group led by Bill DeWitt Jr. and would have to sell their interests in that club.

The Williams family was part of the ownership group that sold controlling local car dealer Marge Schott in 1984, setting up one of baseball’s order.

The sale adds to the Reds’ legacy of local ownership.

Two of the Williams’ descendents — Thomas and William Jr. — will be part of the new ownership group with Castellini, who would become the team’s chief operating officer. All three have been part of the St. Louis Cardinals’ ownership group led by Bill DeWitt Jr. and would have to sell their interests in that club.

The Williams family was part of the ownership group that sold controlling local car dealer Marge Schott in 1984, setting up one of baseball’s order.
Irish take care of Billikens

By TOM DORWART  Sport Writer

The maintenance crew at the Joyce Center didn’t have much cleaning to do Tuesday night as the No. 5 Irish swept another opponent on their home court — defeating St. Louis 30-13, 30-27, 30-24.

It was the sixth time in nine home matches that the Irish won in three straight games.

Coach Debbie Brown kept her team ready after two huge Big East wins over the weekend.

They were not about to take the Billikens lightly, but Brown wasn’t sure how her team would start the non-conference match after the high-emotion weekend.

From the looks of the 30-13 score, the Irish came ready.

“It was a really good first game,” Brown said. “We executed well. We served really tough. We’re trying not to get ahead of ourselves. We’re working really hard, so we’re trying not to get ahead of ourselves. We’re putting ourselves in a really good position to finish strong and finish well, and that’s what we want to do.”

There’s plenty of work to do.

This weekend the Irish will hit the road for the first time after playing at home since Oct. 21. Considering they are the defending Big East regular season and tournament champions, and given their No. 5 ranking in the nation, the Irish expect the best from their opponents.

“We’re not taking any weekends off,” Brown said. “Any time you play in the Big East, we always have a big target on our backs, so the teams play up for us for sure.”

“We’re on the road, so that’s a little more of a challenge too. Pittsburgh is one of the top teams in the conference. They’ve got very good outside hitters. We’ll have to get a good practice in and a good film session in and be on the road and play well again.”

One more practice and the Irish will be ready to go again. They have something special going this season.

Later this week, they hope to keep rolling.

Contact Tom Dorwart at tdorwart@nd.edu

Thompsons continue dominance in ITA’s

Tennis twins will play in their second grand slam of season

By RYAN KIEFER  Sport Writer

Catrina and Christian Thompson’s assault on the Notre Dame women’s tennis record book will continue today at the second grand slam of the season, the ITA National Indoor Championships.

The Thompsons are attempting to become the first team from any school to win both the All-American Championships and the National Indoor doubles titles in the same year.

The twin sisters, winners of the doubles title at the first grand slam last month, the All-American Championships, are the No. 1 seed in this weekend’s tournament. It is the first time Notre Dame has ever earned the top seed in a grand slam tournament.

Assistant coach Michelle Dasso, who coached the sisters at the All-American tournament, said she has seen them become more focused since they won the first grand slam in Irish history.

“Winning that tournament helped their mental confidence,” Dasso said. “They know they can win, but they also know everyone is gunning for them. They have been taking each match one at a time, and I hope that’s how they approach this weekend.”

“This is the toughest draw in the country and they can’t get ahead of themselves,” Dasso also felt that the singles play might help Catrina Thompson’s doubles game, as it would offer more competition and a chance to improve her intensity.

While the Thompsons will be competing in Columbus, Ohio, the rest of the No. 24 Irish will travel to Urbana, Ill., to play in the Midwest Blast, hosted by the University of Illinois.

Play will begin Friday in a simulated dual format. The Irish will play to face the Illini and Wisconsin in dual matches, but team scores will not be kept.

Results will count for individual ranking purposes.

Without the Thompson twins, the rest of the Irish will have the opportunity to play up a few spots in the lineup.

Dasso was excited that the team would be able to play better competition at the higher positions. She also said that she would most likely shuffle the lineup between matches to get different players playing different positions in the lineup.

Contact Ryan Kiefer at rkiefer@nd.edu

Turtle Creek Apartments

Adjacent to Campus!

Remodeled Apartments Available

www.campuscribs.net

1.866.395.4201

1710 Turtle Creek Drive
South Bend, IN

CLOSEST TO CAMPUS

Catrina Thompson anticipates a shot in a March 22 match against Purdue. Thompson will play this weekend at Ohio State.
only each other," Quinn said before Tuesday’s practice. "It'll be exciting to build up against someone else.

The two teams have met, Lewis University was Lewis College. In the first of two exhibitions games, Notre Dame will take the court at 7:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center, with the same name but with a drastically different face from last week.

Point guard Chris Thomas has graduated, but the team has welcomed four promising freshmen to a roster filled with players who either excel or are fighting for second playing time.

"There’s probably more moving parts at this time of the season, but even so I’m looking forward to Tuesday. "Thinking even further, the only guy I know I’d start Thursday would be Chris Quinn. After that, let them all fight it out."

Mike Brey  
Irish coach

Brey was half-joking, because he knows Thomas will rely sometimes on guard Colin Falls’ shooting. He understands center setwot Francis is his tallest body in the post. But Brey also knows, graduated center Farrell can be explosive from the perimeter or on the drive. He said for- ward Collings has worked hard in the off-season to increase the minutes he saw last season.

The coach repeatedly has said Notre Dame has 10 to 11 players who all could, and most likely will, factor into the rotation from November to March. And the quickest way for players to earn time, and the Irish to improve — is to buckle down defensively, Brey said.

"I think my biggest concern is what’s our defensive identity, Brey said. "I think the Brey coaching staff at Lewis? Is it both? Personnel will dictate some of that. And it could be something that’s changing throughout the year given personnel and given different styles of play — especially in our conference."

"But defensively, we know what to do with it down there. It’s just digging in and having a physical presence on the defensive end and then consistently rebounding the ball.

Notre Dame’s defense gave up 70 points per game last season (fifth among Big East teams), but the Irish only had the ninth-best field goal percentage defense in its conference — teams shot 42.4 percent against them.

The Brey insertion of senior captain Durrell Roselle at center and moved junior forward Albury to center in the starting five.

"I think it’s definitely exciting. I probably couldn’t have asked for a better first goal of my college career,” Clark said.

"It’s stressful for them, but up to this point, since Labor Day, they’ve only missed two days of practice. They’ve only missed two days of school,” King said. "After next week in Augusta, we’re demons will be everywhere we go. We’ll have a chance to get caught up.

After the Lady Jaggers, Notre Dame will not compete against another Central District Classic in Parrish, Fla.
**Men's Soccer**

Orange juiced

Notre Dame defeats Syracuse 4-2 on penalty kicks to advance in Big East

By KEVIN BRENNAN

Freshman Matt Besler's first career goal certainly was a big one.

After Notre Dame and Syracuse battled through regulation and two, 10-minute scoreless overtime periods, the teams settled their first round Big East Tournament match up on penalty kicks.

With Notre Dame leading the shootout 3-2, head coach Bobby Clark called upon the young shootout 3-2, head coach Bobby Clark called upon the young goalkeeper Robert Cavicchia and pushing the Irish into the second round of the tournament.

"I really wasn't thinking about winning the game for our team," Besler said. "I was just...

By MIKE GILLOON

Notre Dame has given up seven straight goals, falling 34-31 to No. 15 and 44-41 in overtime to No. 1 Southern California on Oct. 16.

"We've covered up some of our shortcomings but have come by a total of only six points, falling 34-31 to No. 1 Southern California on Oct. 16 and 44-41 in overtime to No. 1 Southern California on Oct. 15 and 44-41 in overtime to Michigan State on Sept. 17."

"But despite this, the Irish aren't totally satisfied with their play this season."}

**NBA**

Pistons 108

Sixers 88

Allen Iverson scored 31 points, but Detroit easily beat Philadelphia.

By PAT LEONARD

Notre Dame plays Division II Lewis University tonight for the first time since 1967. To Irish point guard Chris Quinn, it feels like it's been just as long since the Irish played anybody.

"We've been here since the middle of June playing against some tough competition."

"Well if you ask me how good are we, I don't think we've played real great this year," Notre Dame defensive coordinator Rick Minter said at Wednesday's press conference.

"Minter pointed out the way Notre Dame has given up several big drives but has come up with a turnover before the opponent can score.

"We've played hard, and we've played solid," he said. "We've covered up some of our deficiencies but have come by a total of only six points, falling 34-31 to No. 15 and 44-41 in overtime to No. 1 Southern California on Oct. 16 and 44-41 in overtime to Michigan State on Sept. 17."

"But despite this, the Irish aren't totally satisfied with their play this season."