National journalists tackle media explosion

By KATIE STUHLREHER
News Writer

The Advisory Committee of Notre Dame's Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy discussed the uncertain future of journalism with students, faculty and visitors Monday as they addressed the question, "What will it take for journalism to survive the information revolution?"

The seven members of the committee, all Notre Dame graduates who currently hold prominent and diverse positions in the American media, drew upon their various experiences in the field to explain the increasing adaptations the industry must make to survive in a world which is becoming more dependent upon the Internet and corporate ownership.

Professor Bob Schmuhl, director of the Gallivan Program, posed the central question that weighed on the minds of many young journalists at the beginning of the discussion — with the rise of the Internet media outlets, blogs and downsizing of print and broadcast staffs, will there even be jobs in traditional journalism in the future?

Although several panelists expressed frustrations with recent changes in how news is gathered and distributed, the majority of the speakers projected an optimistic view of the future of journalism.

Tim Betag, senior executive producer of ABC News "Nightline," responded that although bloggers and Internet sources have encroached upon traditional journalists' turf, this has drawn more people to consume the news and the"bottom line is that the audience is higher.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Debby and the unborn

There were a lot of little crosses on South Quad this weekend. This happens periodically. As I'm sure we're all quite aware, the crosses represent the abortions performed in the U.S. in years past, a protest from a vocal minority of people who believe that abortion is evil. The party with the anti-abortion, pro-life values down. There haven't been good people and their good old-fashioned majority in government anymore. There are those who believe that abortion is evil and that it's time for these con artists to show up with a lot of mountainous political support for their cause.

There is, finally, an evil majority holding good people and their good old-fashioned values down. There haven't been good people and their good old-fashioned majority in government for years now. Nor am I merely Bush-bashing, as much as that can be. No, all I want is for you to look at the evidence. Abortion is one of those conservative issues that I have great sympathy for, along with fiscal responsibility and protection of personal freedoms. I won't support every spending cut, but I like the idea. Similarly, I am not convinced that abortion is evil (I'm an atheist, after all), but I like the idea of protecting the defenseless.

Abortion, politically, is a smoke screen. It's a carrot being dangled in front of the moral values constituency — and the dangers are the most alarmed people in America, men and women who have devoted their lives to the exploitation of their fellow man. You've seen them rip off the poor people of the Third World for factory and agricultural labor, seen them poison our waterways and level whole mountains in their reckless abandon. While we're at it, let's call the women who are the exploiters, the ones being lied to you and I, we probably disagree on a lot of things. But here, our interests coincide; it's time for these con artists to leave office. My colleagues in the progressive movement are aghast at the thought that abortion may be recriminalized, but I say that if that's the case, we have to sacrifice to take the queen of social justice and a foreseeable end to poverty, it's a fair trade.

Today is election day. There aren't any interesting races, and the news flashes tonight won't be about hanging chads or Diebold. But symbolically, today, let's take stock of who our political friends—or rather enemies—are really.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WILL YOU CHANGE YOUR SPRING BREAK PLANS AFTER RECENT PIRATE ATTACKS?

Christina Hedges and Christine Dube seniors off-campus

"No, because we are going to Tybee Island and not getting arrested this year."

Carolyn Torres graduate student off-campus

"Yes, I will definitely be going on a cruise now."

Brian Kelley graduate student off-campus

"There are no pirates at the North Pole."

Suzanne DeBerry graduate student off-campus

"I'm a law student. I don't have spring break plans."

Josh Creamer junior Keough

"Not if they look like Johnny Depp."

Sade Murphy freshman Punbhorn

"I wasn't planning on being on a ship anyway. You'll be more cautious."

OFFBEAT Cheeklers arrested after sex in bar restroom

TAMPA, Fla. — Two Carolina Panthers cheerleaders were charged after their arrest at a bar where witnesses told police the women had sex in a restroom. Renee Thomas, 20, of Pittsboro, N.C., and Angela Keatley, 26, of Belmont, N.C., were taken to Hillsborough County Jail early Sunday.

Witnesses said the women were having sex in a stall with each other, angering patrons waiting in line to get into the restroom at the club in the Channelside district.

Thomas was charged with battery Sunday after allegedly striking a bar patron when she was leaving the restroom, then landed in even more trouble after police said she gave officers a driver's license belonging to another Panthers cheerleader who was not in Tampa.

Thomas, who made the trip to Florida for Sunday's game between the Panthers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers, was released from jail on $500 bail before police learned she was not the person she claimed to be.

Ship damaged by pirates

MIAMI — The crew of a luxury cruise ship used a sonic weapon that blasts ear-splitting noise in a directed sonic weapon that blasts ear-splitting noise in a directed sonic weapon that blasts ear-splitting noise in a directed sonic weapon that blasts ear-splitting noise in a directed sonic weapon that blasts ear-splitting noise in a directed.

The Seabourn Spirit had a Long Range Acoustic Device, or LRAD, installed as a part of its defense systems, said Bruce Good, a spokesman for Miami-based Seabourn Cruise Line. The Spirit was about 100 miles off Somalia when pirates fired rocket-propelled grenades and machine guns as they tried to get onboard.

The subsidiary of Carnival Corp. was investigating whether the weapon was successful in warding off the pirates, he said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

Senior vice president for Global Communications Kathryn Reimann will give a lecture entitled "Ethics and Compliance in a Large Public Company" at 7:30 p.m. today in the Jordan Auditorium.

Michael McConnell of the American Friends Service Committee will speak at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Center for Social Concerns about his experiences with war and the draft.

Andre Connors, senior curator of the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque, N.M., will give a lecture titled "Graphic Text: The Enduring Power of a Well-Designed Message" at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Annenberg Auditorium in the Snite Museum.

The Saint Mary's Spanish Club is hosting a salsa night from 8 p.m. to 10 Wednesday in the Saint Mary's Student Center. Music, dancing and games included.

The Notre Dame volleyball team faces the University of Saint Louis at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Joyce Center.

The film "2001: A Space Odyssey" will be shown at 10 p.m. Thursday in Browning Cultural Center as part of the Physics and Film Series. Tickets are $6 general public, $5 faculty/staff, $4 seniors and $3 all students. To purchase tickets, call 574-631-2900 or visit http://performingarts.nd.edu to purchase tickets.

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Admissions rules face scrutiny

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

The question of how to attract more applicants to Saint Mary’s — a recurring concern for the College — sparked discussion at Monday’s Board of Governance (BOG) meeting.

Admissions Commissioner Annie Davis spoke to and sought feedback from the Board about potential changes in the College’s admissions policies. Davis reported that the Board of Admissions had suggested, but has not approved, two initiatives aimed to increase the number of applicants and excite prospective students about Saint Mary’s.

The first objective would be to calculate a student’s cumulative ACT score through the combination of her best performance on each of the four sections of the test, rather than through assessment of the best mean score, Davis said. This is an effort to increase the student’s average score, which would allow her to receive a larger scholarship.

During the admissions process, the College does not include religion courses taken by a student when factoring an alternative grade point average (GPA) based solely on her academic courses, such as math and English, Davis said. The Board of Admissions has proposed to now include religion courses as a part of this GPA. But this change would not impact a student who has not taken any such course.

Davis said these efforts would be used as promotional tools to alleviate concerns voiced by parents who wondered why their daughter’s religion courses were not factored into the revised GPA.

Some BOG members were reluctant to support the proposed changes, saying these policies would prove unappealing to students who attended public school. “I don’t think it is fair,” BOG Chief of Staff Monica Lindblom said. “Admissions are being judged in two different ways.”

Junior Class President Heidi Mitros said, “Religion is an academic course and student should get credit for it.”

Student body president Kellye Davis also agreed with the Board of Admissions’ recommendations.

“I remember thinking to myself, why would I waste eight hours [of courses] that mean nothing when I go to college?” Mitros said. Davis said that she would take the Board’s ideas back to Admissions for further evaluation of the proposed policy changes.

In other BOG news:

♦ An increased anticipation for the College’s Heritage Week, scheduled for the second week of January, was apparent as Mitros reported on the progress of the event’s planning.

“We are hoping to make this a whole week of spirit,” Mitros said. “It will be an event filled week that celebrates our pride and heritage.”

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Council of Representatives

New ‘Shirt’ president says teamwork is key

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

Following discussions of “The Shirt” project’s goals and methods at recent Council of Representatives (COR) meetings, the new “The Shirt” president, Rich Fox, was introduced at Monday’s meeting.

Fox described his intentions to create a “Shirt” committee to deal with the project’s design, marketing and unveiling ceremony.

“My past experiences have shown that everything works well when you have a strong team and committee around you,” Fox said.

The proposed committee would include Fox, two design coordinators, two marketing coordinators, two unveiling coordinators and a Web designer.

The design coordinators would deal with issues relating to “The Shirt” itself, while the marketing coordinators would promote “The Shirt” both to students and the rest of the Notre Dame community, Fox said. The unveiling coordinators would arrange programming for the April unveiling of “The Shirt” at the Bookstore.

“The committee will provide a sounding board to bounce ideas off and allow me to focus on higher-level, more important issues that the president should be focusing on,” Fox said.

Fox was introduced by the 2005 president of “The Shirt” Project, Katie Fox (no relation). “He has lots of enthusiasm for the project and great new ideas,” Katie Fox said. “I am confident Rich will continue the success of the project.”

Katie Fox explained the two-part process of selecting “The Shirt” project’s new president. “Applications were available online and advertised in The Observer,” she said. “Rich was one of the first-round finalists selected ... We had a final round of interviews and then asked Rich if he would accept the position, given approval.”

The interviewing panel was made up of Katie Fox, Director of Student Activities Brian Coughlin, “The Shirt” project advisor Ryan Willerton, Financial Management Board president Michael Marshall and COR representative James Lein.

Rich Fox was approved without opposition.

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Voluntary employee reported being pushed as she left LaFortune during the game at approximately 3:30 p.m., Johnson said.

"I'd put him with [new Chief Justice John] Roberts, a judicial conservative but well within the mainstream of judicial thinking," Garnett said.

It is possible to get a sense of how Alito approaches cases from his long record of judicial work, Garnett said. "He shows judicial modesty," Garnett said. "You get a sense in the church-state opinions that he takes religious freedom seriously.

Alito's views on federalism are more socially acceptable. "The menage a trois we're now made to feel ashamed of it with Ben and Jerry," she said.

Another visible trend is the segmentation of women's bodies, she added. "The women are objectified. Kilbourne said, abuse becomes more socially acceptable. "The most dangerous thing to do is mix sex and violence," she said.

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Student Senate Gender issues committee chair Ali Wishon, the Student Senate Gender issues coordinator behind the Eating Disorders Awareness Week events, said she hoped the lecture would "get the discussion started.

Wishon said she left Notre Dame for three semesters to deal with her own eating disorder, and she said when she returned to campus it realized it is an environment in which eating disorders aren't talked about.

Other events for the week—themed "Shaping Perfection"—include a lecture at 7 p.m. Wednesday entitled "Facing the Freshman (or Sophomore, Junior, or Senior) 15 Strategies: Assess the Causes and Reverse the Problem" in South Dining Hall's Oak Room, as well as a discussion at 8 p.m. Thursday entitled "360 Degrees: Perspectives on Eating Disorders" in North Dining Hall's Room F.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

President Fujimori arrested in Chile
SANTIAGO — Former Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori was arrested Monday on charges involving corruption and massacre at home as he tried to return to Peru to run for re-election after five years in exile in Japan.

Fujimori, target of an international arrest warrant, now faces extradition from Chile to Peru.

Some believe he simply manipulated observers think he is confident Chile's Supreme Court will reject his extradition and release him, as it has for other Latin Americans who have sought asylum.

French youth identify with rioters
LE BLANC MESNIL — Shouting over each other to be heard, the young toughs seated about their lives in Paris' tough suburbanprojects and the rioting that has set them ablaze and grown into a nation-wide insurrection of disgruntled youth.

All French-born children of Arab and black African immigrants, this group of a dozen or so teens at Les Tillieux housing project north of Paris complain of being marginalized by French society.

None said they participated in arson attacks, but their sympathies are clearly with the rioters who have shaken France to its core, prompting the government to say Monday that it will impose curfews under a state-of-emergency law.

Prime Minister de Villepin also said France would call up 1,500 police reservists to reinforce the 8,000 police and gendarmes already on guard against the rioting that has spread from places like Les Tillieux to nearly 300 cities.

NATIONAL NEWS

Pentagon charges detained suspects
WASHINGTON — The Pentagon said Monday that it had charged five terror suspects detained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, with offenses, and that they would face trial by a military tribunal.

That brings to nine the number of detainees at Guantanamo Bay detainees who have been charged by the Bush administration. There are about 500 detainees there, many captured in Afghanistan more than three years ago.

The five suspects charged are citizens of Saudi Arabia, Algeria, Ethiopia and Canada.

The Defense Department charged with conspiracy to commit murder and aiding the enemy. The four others are charged with conspiracy to commit several offenses: attacking civilians, murder, destruction of property, and aiding the enemy.

Public transportation resumes in PA
PHILADELPHIA — Subways, trolleyhs and buses started rolling again for the first time in a week Monday after city transit workers agreed to end a strike that forced more than 400,000 daily riders to find some other way to get around.

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The main issue was how much they would have to contribute to health care.

LOCAL NEWS

Tornado death toll climbs to 22
EVANSVILLE — Crews found the bodies of another 11 people Tuesday as they searched the wreckage of a tornado that leveled a mobile home park as they turned their attention Monday to searching a large area where dozens of others were feared more bodies could be found.

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WORLD & NATION

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Elderly therapists convicted
Nursing home owners forced mentally ill residents to work naked; videotaped sex acts

Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — The married owners of a group home for the mentally ill were convicted Monday of engaging in a racketeering conspiracy, forcing them to work naked and perform sex acts, and illegally billing their families and the federal government for their care.

Arlan Kaufman, 69, and his wife, Linda, 62, were convicted of 30 federal charges, including health care fraud, Medicare fraud, forced labor and holding clients in involuntary servitude at the Kaufman House Residential Treatment Center. Arlen Kaufman was also found guilty of making a false representation.

The convictions could put the two in prison for the rest of their lives.

The couple showed little emotion but briefly hugged and kissed before being led from the courtroom to jail.

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U.S. Attorney Eric Melgren, right, is flanked by Kansas Attorney General Phil Kline as he faces reporters in Wichita, Kan. Monday.

Prosecutors called it abuse and said it spanned more than 20 years while the couple billed Medicare more than $216,000. The Kaufmans incorporated their unlicensed treatment center in 1990 and ran it until their arrests in October 2004.

Justice Department lawyer Keisy Parker told jurors the residents were turned into "uncompensated actors in a never-ending pornographic movie."

The defense had portrayed them as respected professionals who had raised three children of their own.

"It was therapy. No one was harmed. They were helped," Arlan Kaufman's attorney, Tom Haney, told jurors.

"Linda Kaufman's attorney, Steve Joseph, argued prosecutors had no solid evidence against her. He noted that in one videotaped session, she was reading a newspaper and didn't even look at the nude resident.

The Kaufmans face up to 20 years in prison for each of the other charges.

No sentencing date has been set.

Police foil attack, arrest 16 suspects

SYDNEY — Australia arrested 16 terror suspects, including a prominent radical Muslim cleric, in a string of raids early Tuesday and said they had foiled a major terror attack.

The Australian Federal Police said eight men were arrested in Sydney and nine in Melbourne in the coordinated raids that also netted evidence of weapons, computers, backpacks and apparent bomb-making materials.

"I was satisfied that this state was under an imminent threat of potentially a catastrophic terrorist attack," said New South Wales Police Minister Graeme Richardson.

Australia's Sky News reported that a man who had been under surveillance was shot and wounded by police in the raids, which followed a 16-month investigation.

An AP photographer saw a bomb squad robot examining a backpack the man was wearing.

Rob Stary, a Melbourne lawyer for the couple, said: "He is a great man before 11 September. Nobody knows who did it."

"Obama bin Laden, he is a great man," Abu Bakr said. "Obama was a great man before 11 September. They said he did it and until now nobody knows who did it."

ABC reported that Abu Bakr had been under investigation by the Australian Security Intelligence-Organisation, which accuses him of supporting Australian Muslims who participate in insurgencies overseas.

Australia has never been hit by a major terror attack, but its citizens have reportedly been targeted overseas, particularly in Indonesia.
domains over the past several years, established journalistic institutions still perform valuable roles in society that cannot be replaced. "People simply do not have the time to experience all these things for themselves," Bettag said. "They need editors to weed this stuff down into what they need to know as a citizen. Even more important, there is a serious credibility problem with Internet sources. If someone established like Tom Brokaw says something, you can probably believe it." Anne Thompson, chief financial correspondent for NBC News, echoed Bettag's sentiments. "It's not only an issue of credibility, but bloggers also do not have the same resources that journalists like us have," Thompson said. "They don't necessarily have money for travel or other things like that needed to produce quality news." Bill Mitchell, director of publishing and online editor at the Poynter Institute for Media Studies, highlighted the immense changes occurring in the journalism world as a result of the information revolution. "We no longer play the 'gatekeeper' role that we once did," Mitchell said. "Back in my parent days, if someone decided what was and was not newsworthy, but now there are no fences on either side of the gate, so things are rushing in all around us." In addition to problems with changing roles of journalists and their ability to control the flow of information to the public, other panelists drew attention to the more survival of traditional journalism. Monica Vant Kinney, metro columnist for The Philadelphia Inquirer, expressed frustration over the uncertainty of her job due to constant fluctuations in corporate ownership and cited such issues as indicative of broader problems in the media industry. "Knight-Bidder owns us, and they decided that a 19 percent profit margin was not enough, so for the fifth time in five years, we are now re-imaging who we are and what we should cover," Vant Kinney said. "We need local voices and credible figures to survive because no one can do our jobs like we can." John McMeel, chairman of Andrews McMeel Universal, said although struggles with corporate ownership can be difficult, the information revolution should not be viewed as a completely negative phenomenon. The expansion of online consumer of news allows traditional publications and networks to now utilize multiple vehicles for disseminating their content, McMeel said. For example, a news anchor can write for the network Web site and respond to questions from viewers online. Kelley Tuthill, anchor for WCVB-TV in Boston, also discussed the possibilities for additional opportunities in journalism sparked by the online news expansion. "I'm very hopeful about these new sources of news, it becomes more and more difficult to determine the veracity of news available to the public," Tuthill said. "Yet, I think the answers lie with the students in this room and young consumers of news. You will find a new approach because you grew up in a different age and will know how to get consumers to give us what we want — their time." Mitchell outlined three specific groups he thought would demand such a new approach to distributing news: consumers who consistently pay money for quality news, workers who believe in their craft as a public service and advertisers who want to get their ads to run in respectable and widely-circulated publications. Contact Katie Stubbleriher kmsmillie@md.edu

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dance to see what themes would be desirable for the specific time period. The proposal was the brainchild of the Social Concerns task force, which has been investigating the nature of hall dances for the last several months. Recognizing that some past dances have "represented poor judgment and a lack of consideration and respect by the dance organizers," the group decided to make provisions to the current manual. Social Concerns task force chair Jacques Nguyen said, "With hall dances already underway, our task force thought we should look into this and see if there were things that could cause us problems and the main thing was themes," Nguyen said. "The resolution is hopefully pretty straightforward. The dance manual never talks about appropriateness for dance themes." The resolution was passed unanimously. It will be sent to Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman next, although student body president Dave Baron said that Assistant Director of Student Activities Peggy Huntakos will also receive a copy since she will be responsible for making the adjustment to the dance manual.

In other CLC news:

- Hall Presidents Council co-chair Dan Zenker told members the empty seats in the student section of the pep rally were the result of last-minute changes made by Joyce Center officials and members of the Student Activities Office.
- "Student Activities, along with Joyce Center officials, met last week to implement a new ticketing system for fans," he said. "They also created a 6,000-seat limit for student fans. I would have said don't reserve that many seats for students, because all the seats were not filled."
- Zenker said he doubts the remaining two pep rallies will attract 6,000 student fans.
- "I'm going to meet with Student Activities to iron these things out," Zenker said. "There was a miscommunication last week. They're trying to do different things to get fans into the Joyce Center in the most effective way."

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Intel CP (INTC) | +2.13 | 3.14 | 154.22
Cisco SY (CSCO) | -0.02 | -0.22 | 20.45

**Commodities**

| **LIGHT CRUDE ($/bbl)** | -1.11 | 59.47
| **GOLD ($/oz.)** | -0.10 | 460.10
| **PORK BELIES (cents/lb.)** | +2.38 | 91.18

**Treasures**

| **TEN** | 17.62
| **EURE** | 0.84
| **POUND** | 0.57
| **CANADIAN $** | 1.18

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**IN BRIEF**

Unions join to fight Delphi wage cuts

DETROIT — Six unions that represent workers at Delphi Corp. said Monday they are banding together to fight proposed wage and benefit cuts at the auto supplier, a sign Delphi may face a strike as it pushes in bankruptcy court for concessions.

The unions represent 33,650 active Delphi workers. The United Auto Workers union represents the vast majority of those workers, at 24,000. Other unions in the group are the International Union of Electrical Workers-Communications Workers of America, the United Steelworkers, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, and the International Union of Operating Engineers.

"Delphi's contract proposals to our unions, together with CEO Steve Miller's public statements, clearly reveal senior management's contempt and disdain for the hard-working people who have played a vital role in making Delphi the world's leading automotive parts manufacturer," the unions said in a joint statement.

Guidant sues Johnson & Johnson

NEW YORK — Medical device maker Guidant Corp. sued Johnson & Johnson on Monday in an attempt to force it to complete its $25.4 billion acquisition of Guidant, which has been roiled by a series of recalls. The suit signals the two sides have failed to renegotiate the acquisition which had been slated to close last week as the deal will likely dissolve. Shares of Indianapolis-based Guidant tumbled nearly 5 percent in early trading Monday before recovering slightly. J&J shares rose.

Meanwhile, Guidant's problems mounted as it reported sharply lower third-quarter earnings on Monday and disclosed it was under investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Moody's Investors Service changed the direction of Guidant's rating review to possible downgrade from stable. The decision because the transaction didn't occur as planned.

CHINA

Product piracy continues to grow

U.S. Customs seized $68 million in fake shipments in 2004; figure expected to increase

**Associated Press**

SHANGHAI — Illegal copying of music, movies and other goods by Chinese product pirates is rising despite official efforts to stamp it out. U.S. officials said Monday, calling for stronger enforcement of intellectual property laws. Almost two-thirds of all seizures of fake products by U.S. Customs officials come from China, far more than any other country, and despite stronger laws and top-level pledges to crack down the problem has been getting worse, the officials said.

"The bad news is that the amount of seizures of pirated products is increasing," said Jon Dudas, deputy secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property. "The percentage is growing. Even small businesses, universities and other cultural producers are stepping up cooperation in combatting such crimes."

In one prominent case resulting from a joint operation, a Shanghai court sentenced two U.S. citizens to up to 2 1/2 years in prison in April, along with two Chinese co-defendants, for running an international counterfeit DVD ring.

One of the men, Randolph Hobson Guthrie III, was deported to the United States where is remains under house arrest before a Jan. 3 trial on multiple charges of copyright infringement.

Agency: Wal-Mart knew of illegality

**Associated Press**

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The lawyer who asked that the affidavit be unsealed said it shows Wal-Mart knew it had illegal janitors in its stores.

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Abolish the IRS

Since 1954, the size of the United States’ tax code has increased by almost 500 percent. Tax reductions created by the Internal Revenue Service have increased in volume by 939 percent, and in April 2006, Americans will spend a combined total of 6.5 billion hours, at an estimated cost of close to $50 billion, in order to simply pay for the privilege of footing Washington’s bill.

It is time for the FairTax. Perhaps you have heard of the FairTax by now. It is a comprehensive plan for the dissolution of the IRS that would replace all income taxes with an embedded personal consumption tax. According to the website of Americans for Fair Taxation (www.fairtax.org), the FairTax would abolish “personal, estate, gift, capital gains, alternative minimum, Social Security, Medicare, self-employment and corporate taxes.” In their stead would be a 23 percent, 5000 dollar, per household consumption tax that is collected at the retail level.

However, the FairTax is unlike the current sales taxes that exist in this country. These taxes are imposed on top of embedded income tax and compliance costs. In the FairTax Book, written by libertarian radio personality Neal Boortz and Congressperson John Linder, a loaf of bread is used as an example to illustrate these hidden costs. For every loaf of bread, the seed producers pay tax costs on consumers. The shipping company does too. In fact, processors, bakers, distributors and grocery stores all pass a portion of their income tax burdens onto consumers, no matter how rich or poor they are. Eliminating these costs initially, by eliminating the income tax altogether, would reduce the market price of all products by an average of 22 percent.

“Don’t take my word for it, though. Take the word of the Harvard Economics Department. When these costs are abolished, the FairTax is added and returns the prices of consumption goods to—you guessed it—exactly where they are today. The difference is, of course, that people who are purchasing these things keep every last penny of their paychecks. For low-income families, this would mean an immediate average increase in pay of 25—30 percent.

If you are trying to think of ways in which to oppose this plan, I need to know one thing: why? The federal government would still steal—I mean, collect—the same amount of tax revenue as it does today under the FairTax. The FairTax does not cut funding from any cherished socialist programs like welfare or Social Security. It is merely a new way for the federal government to pay for its existence. But wait, it gets better. The FairTax Act of 2005 (yes, it has already been passed) also contains mechanisms for a "prebate." Based on government figures, the federal government would calculate the "annual consumption allowance" of a household that is, the amount of money that household can be expected to spend on the necessities of life for that year— and refunds the money. Every household in America gets a tax refund, every year.

In case you had not noticed, wealthy individuals tend to spend more money than poor individuals on consumption goods; thus, the wealthy would end up paying more in taxes than the poor. Most people seem to like this idea. Finally, the economic impact would be astounding. Driven by the “increasing burden of taxation and Social Security payments, combined with rising state regulatory activities and labor market restrictions.” American businesses have been seeking out “tax havens” in other countries with much friendlier tax structures. The media buzzword for this phenomenon is “outsourcings,” and believe it or not, our government has been helping.

Passing the FairTax Act would make the United States the "only nation in the world whose companies could sell into a global economy with no tax component in the price system." Companies would rush to bring jobs back to the United States, and their American workers would keep all of the money they earn.

The FairTax is a typical libertarian solution to a greater social problem. Instead of promising more regulations, like many Republicrats typically do, we reduce it. It is a novel concept, I know. The results would be revolutionary.

The FairTax is not a panacea. It does not lower taxes, and it does nothing to curb the spending orgy. The Republicrats have been having in Washington. It does not stop pork barrel spending, nor does it re-evaluate how these regulations are being spent. The responsibility for affecting change in those areas falls squarely on us, as voters.

However, the FairTax would be an enormous stake in the heart of the mentality that is the IRS. I thought it was enough to make any libertarian smile happily and sleep better at night.

We need the FairTax now.

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I would like to respond to your Nov. 4 article about cab companies. I am very frustrated with the way we are treated by cab drivers. Three students have been targeted by local cab companies. In my cab-riding experiences, the prices quoted in the article were incredibly low. I have never been charged lower than $6 per head and as much as $13 per head. I also have never ridden in a cab that let the meter run.

I hate the fact that because I am a student, many drivers take advantage of me and automatically mark up their prices when I ride with them. If the drivers wish to receive more tips as mentioned in the article, they should stop marking up their prices for students. I can guarantee that I will never tip a driver who has cheated me, because the way I see it, I have already tipped him a tip whether I wanted to or not.

I am also concerned with the way drivers treat students. My first truly bad experience was with Michiana Taxi, the company mentioned in your article. The driver was reported to persuade two more students to squeeze into a van with six students in it. When I protested because there weren't enough seatbelts for eight passengers, the driver responded that 90 percent of the students don't care about seatbelts, especially when we're drunk. I told him that he still couldn't have so many people in the cab because it endangers our safety. He gave in and drove us home and dropped me off last. After I paid him, he condescendingly told me that I was lucky that he was a nice guy because any other cab driver would have kicked me out of the cab for giving him lip about the seatbelts like that. He then called me a "bitch" and drove off. I went inside my apartment and called Michiana Taxi's number. The dispatcher kept me on a total of three times when I tried to tell him my story and told me that I needed to learn to talk respectfully to others, and he also called me a "bitch."

My second bad experience was with Express Cab. I was coming home from a bar with a group of friends when a guy friend protested the high price the driver was charging us and attempted to negotiate a lower one. The driver immediately slammed on the brakes and remained stopped in the middle of the road, insisting that we get out of the cab immediately. He finally agreed to let him stay in the cab, but refused to start driving again until we all paid him the full amount he demanded in cash.

What angers me the most about these experiences is the fact that both drivers were willing to sacrifice their passengers' safety in exchange for a bigger profit. The Michiana driver clearly wanted to make more per head on the same trip, and the Express driver refused to even listen to a protest over his inflated prices. I have been afraid to challenge the inflated prices, and these experiences have reinforced this fear. It shows me that if I stand up for myself, I will be walking home and subjected to insults not only from the driver, but also from the cab company itself.

If most of the cab companies' business during the school year does indeed consist of Notre Dame students, then perhaps they should start treating their major clientele with a little more respect. Until then, I'll be taking the bus.

Kristin West faculty
Oil-campus
Nov. 7

Racism still alive
A simple proposal

In response to Stephanie Yoshida's Nov. 7 "Grouping is natural" letter to the editor, I would agree that Notre Dame is a self-segregated campus. However, Yoshida and I have some very different opinions on this issue which I would like to discuss. I do not agree with Yoshida's argument that people from a particular ethnic group inherently have more similar interests. Certainly, there are cultural similarities in many cases among people from these ethnic groups.

However, from personal experience I would say that an Asian-American from Minnesota normally has fewer common interests with an Asian-American from California than he or she shares with a white Minnesotan. So, the idea that self-segregation at Notre Dame occurs along racial lines due to shared interests is undoubtedly flawed.

With the idea that common interests lead to self-segregation on campus well discredited, it becomes clear that there is a different reason for this phenomenon. The reason that I am about to suggest is more cynical than the reasons presented by Yoshida.

Racism in America is still alive and among some people quite strong. This also applies to the Notre Dame campus. The number of racist remarks I have heard since arriving on campus only a few months ago is staggering.

With this, my theory is revealed as to why there is self-segregation on campus. In an effort to place themselves in a comfortable and fully accepting environment, ethnic minorities are almost forced to self-segregate into their own groups. I am not claiming that Notre Dame is a completely racist campus, however, complete racism is not necessary to cause discomfort for those who are targeted. Students form self-segregated groups because they know they will not be unfairly judged among ethnic groups.

I feel that the problem at Notre Dame is the racist tendencies that many students have without even realizing it. So, the best solution is to closely examine our own thoughts about race and to hopefully realize that race should not be an issue when interacting with or talking about other people.

Jeff Tate
Freshman
Fisher Hall
Nov. 7

The issue of self-segregation has been played out in the pages of The Observer recently — both of the authors of this letter are among those whose opinions have been published. We have a small proposal for this university, for which we seek the guidance and support of the entire Notre Dame community.

Initially coming from different sides of the current controversy, namely a small group of Notre Dame students here, we met over coffee Wednesday evening with two students here to get beyond the present petty discussion to actually bring people of different backgrounds together — without being forced, without being denied that which makes them unique, without the exclusion of those who aren't thought of as "deserving." In our discussion, we agreed that students don't exclude themselves from others who are different out of hatred or fear. So other than they are afraid to leave a comfort zone in which they can readily identify with others who share their religion, race, class or even their residence hall.

Our proposal is simple and idealistic — and that's its strength. With the help of academic departments at Notre Dame, our campus cultural organizations and student media, we want to publicize a day once a week when students are asked to sit with someone they don't know — someone who may be different from them — at the dining hall. It will show us how much we have in common while affirming how unique we all are.

Perhaps it sounds childish or naive. In the "Little Way" philosophy advocated by St. Therese of Lisieux, small and child-like actions are very often the most powerful means for human fulfillment and for bringing about a change to people's hearts. This proposal has the power to do those very things.

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Will Seaback
Senior
Money Mansion
Nov. 7

Ashley Williams
Freshman
McGlinn Hall
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I don’t know how to say this, but...

It came to my attention the other day that I might not actually have anything to say. Really, this realization emerged out of the fact that a large portion of the things that I say are actually taken from movies. Thinking of this terrified me for a moment — until I realized that this in no way the sole victim of this phenomenon.

Quoting movies is a part of our cultural climate, particularly as college students, but I began to wonder — why do we do it? And, more specifically, why do some movies become choice mines while others don’t?

To clarify this discussion, there is a difference between classic movies that get quoted, such as “Casablanca,” “Citizen Kane” and “Gone with the Wind,” and more current movies. These films are like great literature and art and carry with it a cultural heritage rather than a source of amusing quotation. If you say, “Here’s looking at you, kid,” it is possible that you, your parents and your grandparents will know exactly what you are talking about, regardless of whether they have seen the movie. If you say, “We’re going streaking!” (to quote “Old School”), it is less likely that you will get funny looks from those who haven’t seen the film multiple times.

These movies that become popular sources of quotes are usually juvenile comedies, but this doesn’t necessarily spell the decline of the modern college student. It speaks more to a need to feel accepted and a need to find quotes that apply to our daily lives.

“Show me the Legend of Ron Burgundy” is currently a favorite source for choice phrases. In an odd way, quotes from these films are a sort of secret code, and knowing them makes you part of a select secret society of sorts. If you say, “I don’t know how to put this,” but I’m kind of a big deal, people know me, you will either get blank stares (those who haven’t seen the movie and think you’re slightly pompous) or the person will volley back with, “I’m very important. I have many leather-bound books and my apartment smells of rich mahogany,” initiating a sudden and inescapable bond between the two of you.

It may not make perfect sense, but this phenomenon goes deeper than the fact that you have both seen the same movie. In quoting a film, it is implied not only that you have seen it enough to memorize it, but also that you somehow want to be associated with it.

Frequenty-quoted films also usually have phrases in them that are applicable to everyday life. For all the money that the “Lord of the Rings” trilogy or the “Harry Potter” series made, you rarely hear people quoting witty returns from hobbits or Hermiones. While these are legitimately popular and well-made films, they often lack the witty one-liners that lodge in our brains. More importantly, they often lack the everyday applicability of other quotes.

“Napoleon Dynamite” is a great example of how lines that can be used in everyday conversation become popular. While it has a much smaller audience than other films, I can guarantee you that if you say a phrase, “Gosh,” “Time to eat the food,” or “If you vote for me, all of your wildest dreams will come true,” there exists a large majority of people who will know exactly what you’re talking about.

Since this film is generally about everyday life, a rarity among comedies, it is a gold mine of quotes for inane daily situations, even if you don’t live in rural Idaho.

While these films are generally well known, there are certain films out there where quoting them is a true “I’m on” proposition. “Monty Python and the Holy Grail” is a specific example. Either you love this film and know every line of dialogue, or you make up a few hamster and your father must of elderly brothers and “Yes, shrubbery is my trade. I am a shrubber,” your name is Roger the Shrubber, your design, and sell shrubbery, or you have absolutely no clue what is going on. With films like these, it is less a matter of what the quote applies to a given situation and more of whether people know that you are part of the cult.

Movie quotation identification also occurs along gender lines. While movie buffs def gender stereotypes, there are certain movies that divide between boys and girls. If you say to a girl, “I’ve never had orange was the new pink was seriously disturbed,” most will know that you are referring to “Legally Blonde.” Say the same thing to a guy and he might think you’re insulting his clothing choices. If you say, “Come and say hello to my little friend,” he might think you are getting fresh instead of “Scarface.” If you say “Scarface” once again, a matter of audience and in what context you use the quote.

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Film quotes are more than just conversation fillers. They are a means of identifying with others and relating our lives to the always interesting world of film. The movies we choose reveal what we want others to know about us, and “Great Odin’s Raven!” it’s also a just a great way to throw around your truly great one-liners that we could never write on our own.
Yousou N'Dour prepares for an emotional moment in one of his songs on Sunday. He has worked towards fusing many different styles into a unique sound.

N'Dour shared the stage with his fellow musicians during the performance on Sunday. Every instrument is necessary to create his unique sounds.

Krystian Zimerman is a world-famous pianist known for his musical talents. He has dedicated much of his life to learning the fine arts.

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene Writer

Krystian Zimerman is the latest in a series of high-profile musicians to be featured at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Hailing from Poland, this award-winning pianist will perform several notable classical pieces at his upcoming concert Wednesday night, including works of Beethoven, Chopin and Ravel.

Zimerman has studied the piano since the age of seven, when he began training under leading musicians at a music conservatory in Katowice, Poland. After graduating 14 years later, Zimerman went on to win several high-profile music competitions. As mentioned in a recent South Bend Tribune article, his victory in the world-renowned Warsaw International Frederick Chopin Piano Competition in 1975 helped jump-start his fledgling career.

Since that time, Zimerman's touring and performance schedule has expanded dramatically, to all of Europe, America and Asia. Primarily, he has performed and recorded with the Béla Viktor Gramophon label. Zimerman has also expanded his teaching at the Music Academy in Basel, Switzerland in recent years.

Often praised by both critics and his faithful audience, Zimerman recently was the subject of dedication of Witold Lutoslawski's latest piano concerto. According to his official biography, Zimerman often makes a conscious effort to play particular pieces of music in their original environment. To Zimerman, performing Mozart in Vienna or Bernstein in New York is a particular priority.

"If I were an actor, I would also set myself the aim of performing Shakespeare in London and Chekhov in Russia," Zimerman said in his biography. While Wednesday's show will not feature any native Hoosier music, this kind of appreciation for the roots of his pieces makes Zimerman a unique musical performer.

True to his heritage, Zimerman also incorporates a Polish piece of music into each American performance. Wednesday night's concert will follow suit, featuring several Polish folk dances called mazurkas. Zimerman's inclusion of Chopin, arguably one of the best Polish composers, also contributes to his efforts to bring more Polish music to this American audience.

Zimerman is also widely known for his collaborations with several respected modern conductors. Working with men such as Leonard Bernstein, Seiji Ozawa and Stanislaw Skrowaczewski has given Zimerman an unparalleled grasp of the more subtle nuances of both conducting and performing music.

"Working frequently and closely with an outstanding musical personage, a master of orchestral sound, was a formative experience for him," says of his collaborator with Bernstein. Zimerman's biography says of his collaborations with Bernstein, this type of connection with the conductor's viewpoint lends a distinct perspective to Zimerman's performances.

Recently, Zimerman has been the recipient of several international awards for his performances. His alma mater, the Katowice Music Academy, has awarded him an Honorary Doctorate of Arts, the second in the institution's history. He has also been of late the recipient of France's "Ordre National de la Légion d'honneur," as well as Japan's 2004 Record Academy award for his 2004 Rachmaninov recording with the Boston Symphony.

Zimerman's performance this upcoming Wednesday night will serve as a chance for the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's communities to hear a true artist at work at his craft.

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Okur's career-high leads Jazz to win in OT

Wade's foul shots and defensive play in final seconds lift Miami over New Jersey

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Mehmet Okur scored 20 of his career-high 31 points in overtime, and the Utah Jazz beat the Charlotte Bobcats 96-91 on Monday night.

Andrei Kirilenko added 20 points and 12 rebounds for the Jazz, who recovered after blowing a 14-point third-quarter lead.

Primoz Brezec, Sean May and Luol Deng scored 13 points each and Emeke Okafor added 12 points and 11 rebounds for the Bobcats, who were trying to win three in a row for the first time in franchise history.

Okur hit back-to-back jumpers to put the Jazz ahead for good 90-89 late in the overtime period. He was 11-of-17 and 10-of-12 from the free-throw line.

The Bobcats, who rallied from a 12-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat Boston on Saturday, came back against the Jazz behind rookies May and Raymond Felton.

May's 13-foot jumper with 34 seconds left tied the game at 81-81. On the next possession, Felton stole the ball from Utah rookie Deron Williams — in their head-to-head matchup since last season's NCAA championship game — leading to Brezec's jumper that gave Charlotte its first lead at 82-81 with 2:37 left.

In overtime, the Jazz committed their 24th turnover, an over-and-out violation, to give the Bobcats the ball with 14 seconds left. But Kirkmiss missed a runner at the buzzer to send Charlotte to overtime for the first time since the Los Angeles Lakers in 1991.

Charlotte leading scorer Gerald Wallace did not play in overtime as he sat out with a bruised right heel in the head on a drive to the basket in the second quarter. Guard Kirkmiss was scoreless in 12 minutes as he continues to be bothered by a back injury.

Bobcats coach Bernie Bickerstaff paired Knight and Felton in the backcourt for most of the final 17 minutes because of Knight's foul trouble.

Leading 44-43 early in the third quarter, the Jazz went on a 12-2 run. Kirilenko's shot in the paint made it 56-45 with 5:43 left. Utah twice built the lead to 14.

Cleveland 105, Toronto 93

TORONTO — LeBron James had 27 points to lead the Cleveland Cavaliers over the winless Toronto Raptors on Monday night.

James had 16 points in the second half and scored 10 of the game's last 12 points to help Cleveland pull away in the fourth quarter.

Timberwolves past the Los Angeles Clippers to a season-low 12 rebounds. He got the Nets into their first tie in three nights, the eighth overall pick in the three in a row for the first time in several weeks after blowing a 14-point third-quarter lead.

Miami 90, New Jersey 89

MIAMI — Mehmet Okur made a free throw with 5.2 seconds left and blocked a potential game-winning shot by Jason Collins in the buzzer to give the Miami Heat a 90-89 victory over the New Jersey Nets on Monday night.

Wade, who had 23 points, drove on the Nets' Jason Kidd and fouled. He made the second of two free throws through blocking Vince Carter's shot.

The Nets pleaded for a foul, to no avail. Nets coach Lawrence Frank ran halfway across the court to complain about the non-call, as the whistle blown as the Nets celebrated their 10th straight win over New Jersey.

"All ball," said Wade on his way to the locker room.

Carter had a game-high 32 points.

Antoine Walker had 18 points and Gary Payton added 13 for the Heat. Alonzo Mourning and Anderson Varejao added 11 apiece for Miami, which again played without the injured Shaquille O'Neal and used a seven-man rotation in the game. Mourning had 12 rebounds for the Heat.

Garnett had 22 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists as the Spurs rebounded from a 103-94 loss at Dallas on Saturday.

Elum Branid had 26 points and 12 rebounds for the Spurs. Tony Parker scored eight of his 22 points in overtime, and Tim Duncan finished with 24 points and 16 rebounds.

"Pop always tells me everytime he calls a timeout I've got the freedom to do that," Parker said. He said, "Anytime you want to go all the way to the basket, just do it. And tonight, it was just a great opportunity to make it happen, and it worked out for me."

Parker was 6-of-14 from the field and 10-of-12 from the free-throw line and finished with nine assists as the Spurs rebounded from a 103-94 loss at Dallas on Saturday.

San Antonio also boosted its record to 14-10. It was the Spurs' sixth straight win and 12th in 14 games in overtime after going 2-9 a year ago.

Tied at 91 after regulation, San Antonio outscored Charlotte 13-4 in overtime to secure the win.
Terrell Owens warms up for a preseason game Aug. 26. The Eagles announced Monday that Owens will not play for the remainder of the 2005-06 season.

Owens' antics land him on sidelines

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Terrell Owens can take his touchdow ns and dance somewhere else.
The tem pestuous star receiver won't return to the Philadelphia Eagles this season — or probably ever — because of "a large number of situations that accumulated over a long period of time," coach Andy Reid said Monday.

Owens was suspended for Sunday night's 17-10 loss at Washington, and will remain suspended for three more games without pay. After that, the Eagles plan to deactivate him for the rest of the season.

Reid said the outspoken player "had been warned repeatedly about the consequences of his actions."

"We gave Terrell every opportunity to avoid this outcome," he said. Owens was suspended Saturday, two days after he said the Eagles showed "a lack of class" for not publicly recognizing his 100th career touchdown catch in a game on Oct. 23. In the same interview with ESPN.com on Thursday, Owens said the Eagles would be better off with Green Bay's Brett Favre at quarterback instead of Donovan McNabb. Owens also was involved in a fight last week with former Eagles defensive end Hugh Douglas, who remains with the team as its "ambassador." Owens apologized for his comments about the organization in a brief statement on Friday, but he didn't apologize to McNabb or the team.

"The league has been notified by the players' union that they will be griev- ing our right to take that action," Reid said, "therefore there is nothing more that I can say at this point."

Owens summoned police to his home in Moorestown, N.J., late Monday because there were some people on his property. He said he wanted to be left alone, had no comment and would not contact the news media when he did want to speak, police at the scene said.

Owens' agent, Drew Rosenhaus, refused to com­ment. Owens' relationship with the Eagles took a dra­matic turn after he hired Rosenhaus and demanded a new contract just one season into the seven-year, $48.97 million deal he signed last summer.

IN BRIEF

Duke tops NCAA basketball's preseas­son poll

(Duke is back at No. 1 in the Associated Press' preseason college basketball poll, while defending champion North Carolina failed to even make the Top 25.

Kansa­w, the preseason No. 1 last year and another regular in the poll, also was not among those teams ranked Monday.

The Blue Devils were a runaway choice for No. 1, the sixth time they have started the season atop the rankings.

North Carolina becomes the first de­fending national champion not to be in the preseason poll the next sea­son since the Kansas JayHawks in 1984-89. The Tar Heels lost their top seven scorers from last season, three to graduation and four underclass­men will attempt to enter this year's NCAA field.

Bolstered by the return of All-America guard J.J. Redick and all-conference center Shelden Williams from a team that went 27-4 and reached the third round of the NCAA tournament, Duke received 61 first-place ballots and 1,785 points from the 72-member national media panel.

Neely headlines Hockey Hall of Fame inductees

TORONTO — Former Boston Bruins star Cam Neely was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame on Monday along with Ia­ce Sovt­er for­ward Valeri Kharkalmov and Canadian amateur hockey leader Murray Costello.

The 40-year-old Neely, who recently rejoined the Bruins as an ambas­sador, had 395 goals and 299 assists in 726 regular-season games in a career cut short by injuries at age 31. The power forward had a Boston-record 35 playoff goals.

"It's great to be recognized for the way I played the game," Neely said. "It's not strictly about goals and assists. It meant as much to me to give a big hit as it did to score a big goal and to leave a mark for being that kind of player is special to me."

Pete Rose Jr. guilty of steroid distribution

CINCINNATI — Pete Rose Jr., the son of baseball's all-time hits leader, pleaded guilty Monday to charges that he distributed GBL, a drug sometimes sold as a steroid alternative, to his minor league teammates.

The 35-year-old Rose appeared before a federal judge and said nothing but "yes, sir" when asked if he understood the charges and plea.

Rose could be sentenced to 21 to 24 months in federal prison and fined up to $1 million under terms of his deal with prosecutors. Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul O'Brien said the sentencing hearing is set for Feb. 20.

"This is a tragedy. Anyone who knows this young man knows he is a very, very fine young man," Rose's attorney, Jeffrey Brody, said outside the courthouse. "The use of this stuff is common. It's used as a sleep aid by many people in sports. And he got caught in a time warp because it was legal up to 2000."
Tiger Woods tees off on seven Sunday in the Tour Championship at East Lake Golf Club. Woods finished second.

The golfer will play four more events this season before winter

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Tiger Woods boarded his plane at midnight for Shanghai, starting a four-week stretch of five events before he can wrap a ribbon around 2005 and decide where it ranks among his 10 seasons on the PGA Tour.

With six victories, two majors and all the top awards, some consider it his second-best year. Others favor his '99 season, when he won eight times — including four in a row — and one major.

He gave himself more chances on the back nine Sunday in the majors this year, a big plus.

Then again, twice he didn't even make it to the weekend.

"It's a loss-up," Woods said after his runner-up finish to Bart Bryant in the Tour Championship.

Considering the state of his game when he left East Lake a year ago, Woods didn't mind this kind of debate.

He used to talk about progress in his swing that only he could see, but hardly anyone believed.

Now he has the best kind of evidence — a green jacket from the Masters, a silver cup from the British Open, two more World Golf Championships, and PGA Tour victories at Doral and Torrey Pines against the strongest fields this side of a major.

Woods measures success almost exclusively by the majors, so there was no hesitation when he was asked for a quick assessment of the year shortly after his final putt dropped Sunday afternoon.

"A great season," he said. "To make all the changes that we've made the past couple of years now, and to have this type of contention in the major championships again, that's ultimately where I want to be."

Woods has said the reason he revamped his swing was to get even better than his record-setting 2000 season, when he was perceived as unbeatable.

Along with winning nine times in 20 starts, including the final three majors, Woods only finished out of the top 10 three times.

He is not there yet.

Instead of rebuilding his mystique, Woods was a man of mystery this year.

He provided the most dramatic shot of the year on the 16th hole at the Masters, when his chip from behind the green did a U-turn at the top of the ridge, trickled to the cup and paused for two full seconds before falling for birdie.

It was vintage Woods, until he followed that with two sloppy bogeys to lose his two-shot lead and fall into a playoff with Chris DiMarco. Then came his best two swings of the week — maybe the year — to birdie the last hole.

"This year, I think the biggest moment for me was the playoff at Augusta, because I had just played three bad holes in a row, but then I hit my two best golf shots when I absolutely needed it the most," Woods said. "So that was a huge turning point for me this year."

His power was on display all year.

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MLB

Street, Howard get top rookie awards

Oakland’s closer is the second straight winner from the A’s

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Huston Street kept the rookie of the Year award in-house.

Oakland’s poised closer became the second consecutive winner from the Athletics, and Philadelphia Phillies first baseman Ryan Howard won the NL award on Monday.

Street readily had to look far for inspiration. The previous AL winner was his roommate this season, A’s shortstop Bobby Crosby.

“Maybe he rubbed off,” Street said.

Street, who took over as Oakland’s closer in May, got 15 of 28 first-place votes in balloting by the Baseball Writers’ Association of America and finished with 97 points. New York Yankees second baseman Robinson Cano came in second with 22 points. He batted only .194 against him. "He worked hard," James Street said. "The biggest thing is he got lucky with the Devil situation, but he went out and got the job done. I’m awful proud of him, his mom and I both are. I told him, ‘In sports they give you awards for things you’ve already done, so what are you going to do next year?’ He still got the job done. They can’t take that away from that kid.”

Now the family has another prize to put in the crowded trophy room at home. "It’s dominated by dad right now," the pitcher said, adding that he plans to give the plaque to his parents. "Made my mom cry this morning. It’s obviously a pretty big deal if my mom is crying.”

The day early in the season, Phillies manager Charlie Manuel compared Howard to a former teammate. "That’s how regular, he took full advantage of a season-ending elbow injury and went 5-1 with 23 saves in 27 chances and a 1.77 ERA — second among AL closers to New York’s Mariano Rivera.

"It’s a tremendous honor. Coming into the season my goal was just to stay, one day at a time. Coming out of spring training it didn’t even look like I had a chance to make the team," Street said. "Rookie of the Year, it’s something that’s pretty cool — you’ve got one chance to get it done.”

Street had 72 strikeouts in 71.3 innings, and opponents batted only .214 against him.

"He worked hard," Street said. "Things just started falling my way. I had a chance to make the roster, I took full advantage of it. When you go out and do things you’ve already done, so what are you going to do next year?”

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NCAA Football

Alabama takes No. 3 spot

NEW YORK — Alabama is now on deck.

The Crimson Tide moved into third place — slightly ahead of Miami — in the Bowl Championship Series standings Monday, putting itself in position to play for a National Title if Southern California or Texas stumbles down the stretch.

The first-place Trojans and Longhorns remain locked into the top two spots and on course to play for college football’s championship at the Rose Bowl on Jan. 4.

USC raised its BCS average to .9002 (890.3) and lead on Texas (.9765). For the first time in the BCS’ eight-year history, the two teams have held the top two spots for the first four standings. USC has been in first for three weeks and Texas one.

And they’re both way ahead of Alabama this week. The Tide has a BCS average of .8714, leaving it barely ahead of Miami (.8805). This is Alabama’s best showing ever in the BCS standings.

The Hurricanes (7-1) defeat Virginia Tech 27-7 on Saturday to make it possible for both of them and the Tide to move up two spots this week. The Hokies had been in third place in the BCS standings.

"It really doesn’t matter right now, because the bowls aren’t decided until December," Alabama defensive coordinator Kirby Smart said. "It’s too early in the season, but we’re just trying to keep ourselves in the hunt and keep them in the mix.”

Alabama is facing a difficult stretch run with LSU coming to Tuscaloosa on Saturday and the Iron Bowl at Auburn on Nov. 19. If the Tide survives, it’ll play in the Southeastern Conference title game, likely against Georgia or Florida.

But even winning out against that tough schedule makes the Tide a long shot to catch USC or Texas if those two remain undefeated.

"Anytime you go undefeated in the SEC and then have to play the SEC championship game on top of that, you’d kind of like to think that’s enough.” Tide quarterback Brodie Croyle said. "All we can do is handle our own business.”

Alabama could become the second straight unbeaten SEC champion to be left out of the BCS title game in favor of the Pac-10 and Big 12 champions. Last year, Auburn had a perfect regular season, but ended up in the Sugar Bowl as USC and Oklahoma played in the Orange Bowl for the national title.

USC and Texas are currently Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, in the AP, coaches’ and Harris polls. The Harris and coaches’ poll each count for one-third of a BCS average. A compilation of six computer rankings make up the other third. The Trojans and Longhorns have a huge lead in the polls and the computers.

Alabama is third in the coaches’ poll and fourth in the Harris and AP polls. Miami is third in the Harris and media polls and fourth in the coaches’ voting.

USC finishes the season with a game at California on Saturday, then home games against Fresno State (Nov. 19) and UCLA Dec. 3. Texas plays Kansas at home on Saturday and at Texas A&M on Nov. 22.

The Big 12 title game is Dec. 3 and Colorado would be the Longhorns’ most likely opponent.

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Alabama quarterback Brodie Croyle attempts a pass in the first half Saturday in a 17-0 victory over Mississippi State.

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ment. Notre Dame defender Christie Shaner is not worried about the brackets. It’s a difficult draw, but it’s part of the game," Shaner said. "We knew going into the tournament that something like that could happen. We may be at a little disadvantage not playing at our home field ... but they have pressure on them too." But before the possible quarterfinal matchup between two of the top five teams in the country, Notre Dame has some work to do.

The Irish will play Mid-Continent Conference champion Valparaiso Friday night with the winner moving on to play the winner of Michigan State and Bowling Green Sunday.

"Obviously we have to take one game at a time, because we have [Valparaiso] and if we don’t take care of that game, we don’t have a Sunday game," Shaner said.

Should Notre Dame survive this weekend, the Irish will move on to play whoever comes out of the bracket that includes Duke, Central Connecticut State and Fairfield. Notre Dame would have home-field advantage in that game as well.

"A lot of girls were looking further into the schedule ... but obviously we can’t look that far ahead," Shaner said.

Notre Dame is on a 10-game winning streak heading into the tournament. The Irish have just come off a weekend where they won the Big East tournament, and feel they are picking up their game at the right time.

"I think our team has begun to peak," Shaner said. "We had some losses earlier in the season but because of those we’ve only gotten better. Each game you see everyone stepping up the level, it’s playoff time." Notre Dame has the added pressure of last season’s NCAA title hanging over its head. With a 19-2 record, and having outscored their opponents 46-1 during the 10-game winning streak, the Irish clearly have the strength on both sides of the ball to repeat as champions.

But Shaner said there is a lot that goes into winning a championship — such as peaking at the right time, good team chemistry and even a little bit of luck.

"I think winning last year was a great thing, but you need a lot of things to go right when it comes to NCAA time," Shaner said.

Irish coach Randy Waldrum could not be reached for comment Monday night.

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“We’re just focused as a team, and we’re ready to take on the NCAA tournament and the Big East tournament,” Tarutis said. “And then we just kind of lost our focus.”

Ashley Tarutis
Irish sophomore

“I think that we played really well in the first two games. And then we just kind of lost our focus. We kind of lost respect for them [Pittsburgh] after we killed them in the first two games.”

The Irish had today and Monday off because of their recent grueling schedule consisting of matches against top Big East teams.

“We’ve had a lot of really tough matches lately,” Tarutis said. “We’ll be in the gym Wednesday.”

The last time the Irish lost, they went on the second-longest winning-streak in program history — a 15-match tear in which it dropped only four games.

With the loss, the Irish realize they might have blown any chance at a top national seed in the NCAA tournament. But Tarutis said the loss will motivate them even more.

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NHL

Crosby is dominant in victory

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sidney Crosby’s first goal in Madison Square Garden helped the Pittsburgh Penguins get out of last place.

Crosby — the game’s first star — scored his fifth goal in his 15th NHL game and Mario Lemieux picked on a familiar opponent in the Penguins’ 3-2 victory over the New York Rangers on Monday night.

After starting the season with nine consecutive losses — the Penguins jumped over the New York Islanders into fourth place in the Atlantic Division.

Crosby has three goals and two assists through the first four games of the Penguins’ longest road trip of the season. And it’s no surprise that Pittsburgh is 3-1 with one game left.

“Every game he gets better,” Lemieux said. “That’s amazing that he just turned 18 and he’s our best player night in and night out. It’s incredible.”

Crosby had never been in Manhattan before Sunday, but he looked totally comfortable on the ice.

“It’s an historic place,” said Crosby, who has points in 13 games. “The atmosphere here ... it’s always a challenge to play here so it was nice to get one.”

Zigg Palffy also scored, and Sebastien Caron made 35 saves in his sixth straight start for the Penguins (4-6-5), who rebounded from a 6-3 loss at Boston on Saturday. Lemieux has 61 goals and 71 assists in 68 games against the Rangers. Crosby’s goal brought a wide smile to his face.
ND WOMEN’S SOCCER

Bring on Valpo

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame’s defense of its national championship will begin Friday night at 7:30 p.m. against Valparaiso, the Irish learned Monday when the 2005 NCAA Tournament bracket was announced. The Irish have home-field advantage until the quarterfinals, when they will travel to Portland should both top seeds advance.

It is a difficult draw for the No. 2 Irish, as Portland is the No. 2 team in the country. Despite the tough arrangement, see BRACKET/page 16.

FOOTBALL

Irish move to No. 11 in BCS rank

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Notre Dame moved up three spots in the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) rankings this week, from No. 14 to No. 11 after its 41-21 win over Tennessee Saturday. That three-spot jump could equal approximately $15 million in gains for the University. Under the current arrangement Notre Dame has with the BCS, the Irish need to win nine games and finish the season in the BCS top-12 to be eligible for a berth in a BCS bowl — this season, the Orange, Sugar, Fiesta and Rose bowls.

Notre Dame is guaranteed a BCS berth if it has nine wins and finishes in the BCS top six. If selected, the Irish will receive approximately $15 million in a payout normally reserved for a major conference team. Notre Dame is considered a partner in the BCS along with the six major conferences and, therefore, is eligible for a berth in a BCS bowl — this year’s top teams have already advanced to the BCS top six.

But when things don’t go so well for the Irish, Tarutis willingly takes the blame. “I put the blame on my shoulders when we don’t perform well...I’m pretty happy.”

Irish quarterback Brady Quinn is pressured by Justin Harrell in Notre Dame’s 41-21 win over Tennessee Saturday.

ND VOLLEYBALL

Tarutis willing to take the good with the bad

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

When things go well for the No. 5 Notre Dame volleyball team, Ashley Tarutis rarely receives the credit she deserves.

Tarutis sets up teammates Lauren Brewster, Lauren Kelbley, Carolyn Cooper or Adrianna Stasiuk for kills, and at the players who spike receive much of the recognition.

But when things don’t go so well for the Irish, Tarutis willingly takes the blame. “I put the blame on my shoulders when we don’t perform well...I’m pretty happy.”

Tarutis is often the unsung leader who drives the potent Irish offense. The sophomore setter leads the Big East in set assists with a 12.85 per game average. Tarutis has 1095 set assists through only 85 games, while many of the other Big East leaders have played more than 100 games.

As a vocal leader, she keeps the Irish offense rolling. Notre Dame ranks No. 4 in the conference in kills per game with 16.05 and No. 3 in hitting percentage with a .254 average. But most importantly, the Irish are tied for No. 1 in the conference with 11 wins and sit atop the Big East standings.

ND Women’s Soccer

SMC Swimming

Belles lose meet with Engineers

Rose-Hulman beats Saint Mary’s 113-85 Monday afternoon

By DEIRDRE KRAUSLA and BECKI DOMER
Sports Writers

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SMC Swimming

Rose-Hulman beats Saint Mary’s 113-85 Monday afternoon

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Despite improved performances since its last meet, Saint Mary’s lost to Rose-Hulman Saturday 113-85 as only seven swimmers showed up for the Belles.

The lack of divers guaranteed the Rose-Hulman an upper hand in the meet.

The small numbers allowed "others to have the opportunity to swim events that they normally wouldn’t," captain Kelly Nells said.

She herself proved once again to be a leader for the Belles winning in both the 1,000-free and the 400-free relay.

Junior Kaela McGough also turned in top performances, winning the 100-free and joining Nells and Nelles in the 200 medley relay victory.

“We had a lot of fun and are looking forward to our meets in January,” McGough said.

Solid efforts by Nelles and McGough were not enough to give the Belles a victory. The Engineers walked away with six individual wins and one relay victory. Sophomore Ania Ilsch carried the Engineers, winning the 100- and 200-free, while also a vital member of the winning 200-medley relay team.

Other key players for Rose-Hulman included seniors Carmen Gilkerson and Judy Spinage.