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Brad Pitt's and Ed Norton's new movie "Fight Club" was a success last weekend. Read The Observer's review of this movie.
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Basketball coaching legend Marv Wood dies from cancer

By NELLIE WILLIAMS
News Writer

Marv Wood, the former Saint Mary's basketball coach who inspired the movie "Hoosiers," died Wednesday, Oct. 13, from bone cancer. He was 71.

In 1954, Wood took his small town team from Milan, Ind., to the state championship, where it defeated city school Muncie Central.

After coaching at Milan, Wood coached at Mishawaka High School, Indianapolis North Central, New Castle, for Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) and Saint Mary's.

"I went to the athletic director and said I know this coach," said Tammie Radke, a former Saint Mary's player who played under Wood for AAU.

"He blew [the athletic department] over," she said. "He had a history of coaching for so many years. He played in college. He knew what it was like to be an underdog and helped us win some games we probably shouldn't have."

Wood began coaching at Saint Mary's in 1984. For 11 years he coached the Belles, teaching them not only game skills, but life skills as well.

"He was very supportive [and] treated me like a son," said Frank Notturmo, one of Wood's assistant coaches. "[He] made himself available to talk to, lend advice, [and he] was there when I was alone during the holidays."

"He was more concerned about us in life than he was us in basketball," said former player Charlotte Albrecht.

Albrecht played for Wood in his last year of coaching, after Wood had already survived one bout with cancer.

"Everyday was a [life] lesson to be learned by us from him. He would come to practice and say 'It's a great day to be alive,'" Albrecht said. "He was different from any other coach I'd ever met. He wasn't so much about winning in basketball — he was more about winning in life."

"He kind of symbolizes everything you wanted in a coach — determined, focused,"



Photo courtesy of Saint Mary's Yearbook

Former Saint Mary's basketball coach Marv Wood lost his battle against bone cancer Wednesday, October 13. Wood coached at Saint Mary's for 11 years and was an inspiration to his players. His 1954 Milan High School basketball team inspired the movie "Hoosiers".

said Julie Radke, who also played for Wood. "He knew so much about the game and really cared about the players who played for him. He was a great man."

Notturmo recalled Wood's style on the court.

"I remember when I offered to scout opposing teams prior to playing

them. [He] said, 'Son, we don't do any scouting here. We watch what the other team does in the first few minutes and then we adjust,'" he said.

Wood was a friend with everyone, said John Kovach, Wood's assistant coach during his last year at Saint Mary's.

"He knew everybody," said Kovach.

"I loved the season [1995-1996] I spent with him. He knew what he wanted to execute as far as his coaching style. As a coach, he had this quiet confidence about himself."

"[Wood was a] very fair individual and had expectations from everyone," Kovach continued. "[He] knew the game needed to be fun."

Gonzalez tells effects of Gold Rush



EDEN ESSEX/The Observer

Michael Gonzalez lectured on the role the Gold Rush played on ethnic relations in California.

By LINDSAY FRANK
News Writer

The roots of conflict between Mexican immigrants and white Californians stem from the Gold Rush of 1849, according to University of San Diego history professor Michael Gonzalez.

Gonzalez said resentment that many people feel toward their neighbors is indicative of how history tends to repeat itself.

"What we say and do in the present is a culmination of the past," he said.

During the Gold Rush, Mexican miners, equipped with knowledge of silver mining, moved North and set up mining camps along with other Spanish speakers from countries like Chile.

Fear of the unknown and wild rumors of these groups as roaming bandits contributed to the rise of conflict and hostility, said Gonzalez.

"The presence of an unfamiliar people excited speculation that the Mexican miners were preparing to start controversy," he said.

The extreme work ethic and skills these miners possessed were equal to and in some cases

ND student falls, in coma in London

Observer Staff Report

A student visiting friends during fall break at the University's London Program now lies unconscious in a London hospital after suffering serious head injuries in a fall.

Andy Donlan, a junior from Fisher Hall, is currently in stable condition in an intensive therapy unit at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery in London. The accident happened on the night of Saturday, Oct. 16, Donlan's first night in London.

He is expected to remain in the hospital for several weeks, said Bill Kirk, assistant vice president for Residence Life. Doctors there

put him in a coma in order to more safely treat the swelling in his brain.

He did not damage his spine or neck in the fall, but there is significant injury to his brain and some blood in his lungs.

"This is obviously a pretty serious injury," Kirk said. Hospital officials and administrators at the London Program declined to comment without permission from Donlan's family.

Notre Dame administrators, including associate vice president for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman, have been in close contact with the Donlans, according to Kirk.

"We're trying to give the family as much support as

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INSIDE COLUMN

Amen

As the final seconds on the stadium clock tick down after every home game, thousands of people pour from the bleachers and take off in a great race. While some rush to the parking lots or dinner reservations in town, others scurry toward the Basilica for the Saturday evening Mass.

That Mass is always popular with visitors and it's hard to get a seat as the faithful fill the pews and spill into the aisles, grabbing every inch of floor space along the altar and off to the sides. On a recent autumn evening, I joined the chaos with two visiting friends. Decker out in our Irish gear and exhausted from a long day of Notre Dame football, we claimed a tiny square of carpeting near the pew reserved for the handicapped.

Two men in wheelchairs were behind us that evening: one who seemed perfectly healthy despite his useless legs, and another whose body appeared ravaged by years of disease. This man struggled to sit upright as his arms flailed about, and his cloudy eyes never focused on those around him. His head bobbed almost uncontrollably, calmed only by the soothing hand of a friend accompanying him.

When the Mass began, the first man fully participated. He spoke clearly at all the right times and sang along with the Women's Liturgical Choir in the loft far above. The second man, however, labored to join in. His moist lips and tongue never formed the right words and his responses were little more than groans.

During the sign of peace, the first man warmly greeted those around him with a firm grip. The second man struggled to shape his uncooperative fingers into a handshake, and required assistance to connect those fingers with anyone else. His attempts at "Peace be with you" were barely coherent.

At those post-game Masses, receiving Communion is quite a production. The aisles are blocked by extra people who have no pews to sit in and the Eucharistic ministers on the sides of the altar are often squeezed into tiny nooks with lines flowing around them in all directions. The process is time-consuming, allowing the idle to irreverently stare at their neighbors. I watched as a Eucharist minister squeezed through the crowd toward the men in the wheelchairs. Although some dictate from my 14 years of Catholic education told me that I should be using that time to pray, I couldn't take my eyes of the man behind me as the minister neared him.

"The Body of Christ," the minister said. I listened closely, wondering if the minister would even be able to hear a response. Seconds passed, and awkward fingers slowly, gently, came together. Then one flailing hand softened and folded into the other, forming a cup for Christ. The bobbing head straightened and the cloudy eyes cleared for the first time that evening, staring straight ahead.

"Amen."

The response was so articulate and unmistakable that the tears soon followed, not from the eyes accepting the body of Christ but from the irreverent eyes watching him. Within seconds my cheeks were wet and when I reached the front of the line, it was I who struggled to say "Amen." For in that simple exchange between a man and his God, I witnessed a miracle.

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THIS WEEK ON CAMPUS AT NOTRE DAME AND SAINT MARY'S

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
◆ Concert: Notre Dame Glee Club, Washington Hall, 8 p.m., free admission	◆ Pep Rally: Joyce Center, gates open at 5:50 p.m. students, 6:10 p.m. others	◆ Film: "An Ideal Husband," Snite Museum of Art, 7:30 & 9:45 p.m., tickets \$2	◆ Mass: The Basilica of the Sacred Heart, 10 and 11:45 a.m.
◆ AcoustiCafe: Student bands and performers, LaFortune Student Center, 9 p.m.	◆ Concert: Natalie MacMaster, O'Laughlin Auditorium, Saint Mary's, 8 p.m., tickets available at 284-4626	◆ Film: "Urban Legends," Carroll Auditorium, Saint Mary's College, 9 p.m., tickets \$2	◆ Happy Halloween! candy for everyone ...

OUTSIDE THE DOME

Compiled from U-Wire reports

Fake ID's are trouble for U of Iowa students

IOWA CITY, Iowa University of Iowa sophomore Dalton Kidd, 20, never expected Iowa City police officers to confiscate his false ID after he was caught carrying a case of beer that had been purchased by a 21-year-old friend.

Kidd's friend had bought the beer at a convenience store and had given it to Kidd to carry.

When he walked away from the store, Kidd hesitated when he heard someone yell, "Hey, stop," from behind but kept walking when he saw two men wearing jeans.

After catching up to Kidd, the two men pulled out flashlights and identified themselves as undercover Iowa City police officers.

"They patted me down because they said I was trying to run," Kidd said, which is when they searched his wallet and found his fake ID.

"Look for obvious defects such as discoloration, bubbles or air beneath the lamination, larger or darker typesetting."

Andy Lewis

Department of Transportation

But users of false identification are not the only ones harmed when they are caught — alcohol vendors also suffer consequences.

In an effort to curtail the acceptance of false IDs, state officials met with local alcohol providers at the Ramada Inn, in Coralville, Tuesday.

"Look for obvious defects such as discoloration, bubbles or air beneath the lamination, larger or darker

typesetting than normal, false photos and obvious errors in information or dates," said Andy Lewis, a state Department of Transportation investigator.

Several state organizations and departments sponsored the program and introduced two new technologies that would help establishments identify false IDs.

The "Identifier" and "Viage" are two types of magnetic scanners that read the magnetic strip on the back of the drivers' licenses and state IDs, then show the age of the user on its screen. The information can also be saved and stored on any PC software and printed out.

"We have been using a scanner to read IDs for about six months," said Dave Moore, co-owner of the Fieldhouse. "It's been successful in catching some good fakes, but we

Duke's national move is 'no sweat'

DURHAM, N.C.

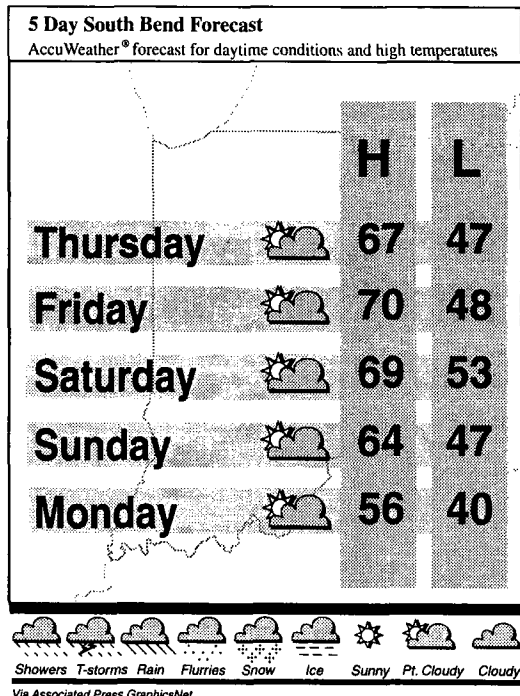
Duke's local anti-sweatshop movement just went national. Four members of Students Against Sweatshops traveled to Washington, D.C. late last week to address the Senate Foreign Relations Committee — an indication that the student-led anti-sweatshop movement may be gaining some national political clout. Casey Harrell, senior and spokesperson for the delegation, testified before the committee as part of its hearings on the International Labor Organization's Convention on the Worst Forms of Child Labor. The treaty, adopted unanimously in June by ILO delegates from 174 countries, is intended to eliminate the exploitation of children through pornography, prostitution, slavery, hazardous work and compulsory military service. "It was just a good chance to talk about what we've been doing here, for one thing, and also to talk about some of the struggles we're going through right now," said Trinity sophomore Justin McBride. In a five-minute speech prepared collaboratively by the student delegation, the group showed the need for stringent regulation.

JFK films found at Texas Christian

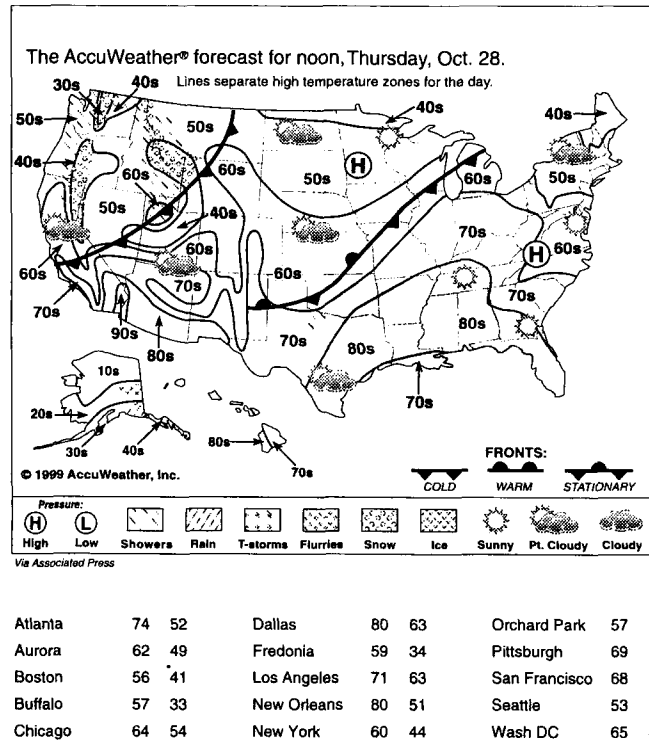
FORT WORTH, Texas

On Nov. 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy spoke to a crowd of supporters at a breakfast at the Hotel Texas in Fort Worth. As he joked with the crowd, laughter and joy spread throughout the ballroom. But hours later, sadness and grief spread across the nation as Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas. Those few hours in Fort Worth, captured on 8mm film, were discovered in the Mary Coats Burnett Library among material donated to the university. In 1990, former Speaker of the House and current TCU professor Jim Wright donated the collection of material he compiled during his 34 years in Congress. The 8mm film was found among the material, and it has left TCU archivist Glenda Stevens wondering who owns the film. Most work comes to the library with an identified creator, Stevens said. Books have authors and letters have signatures, but this film is different because no one knows who shot the footage, she said. "In the case of a piece of film like this, it could have been from someone who was in the district and at the breakfast," Stevens said.

LOCAL WEATHER



NATIONAL WEATHER



Future of Gender Studies debated

By KATE NAGENGAST
News Writer

As the Gender Studies program faces its 10th anniversary and an external review in 2000, professors and students gathered Wednesday to discuss its future at Notre Dame.

Both a concentration and a second major at Notre Dame, Gender Studies includes more than 40 courses and approximately 85 faculty members. The program began in the spring of 1988 as an undergraduate concentration in the college of Arts and Letters.

"This forum ... is part of an intellectual process of writing a statement of purpose as a part of our external examination process," explained Kathleen Biddick, history professor and presenter at the roundtable.

The forum began with presentations based on two articles published in "Differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies," but quickly focused on the relevance of gender studies to Notre Dame.

Graham Hammill, an assistant professor of English and the forum's second presenter, raised issues such as involvement with Saint Mary's Women's Studies program and the consideration of the Catholic identity as it affects gender studies.

In addition, Biddick specifically mentioned a "fruitful

direction" ignored by the debated articles.

"I think that gender studies of the future needs to bring the fine arts studio out of the closet ... because that's where the aesthetic issues of cultural and capital can negotiate," she said. "I'd like to see an undergraduate education that [thought] of ... students not only as producers of so-called knowledge, but students as producers of so-called art."

However, this program also has bureaucratic considerations, such as the potential for Gender Studies to become a primary major in a designated department and the subsequent effects that would have on the program's flexibility.

The aforementioned articles were referred to as "cautionary tales of institutionalized programs" because their authors seemed to lose sight of the original goals of gender studies and the importance of student/faculty relations. All members of the discussion agreed that students should remain the primary focus of any academic discipline.

In addition to dealing with the bureaucratic issues all departments face, some gender studies programs are burdened by prejudices. However Biddick does not believe that is the case at Notre Dame.

"I think we've been very lucky here [at Notre Dame in

that] Gender Studies has not become a dumping ground for misogyny and homophobia," she said.

Barbara Green, director of Gender Studies, also suggested the unique opportunities gender studies provides. "Students come to Gender Studies to try to work out the contradictions that they experience ... in everyday life. This is a period of transition [for many students]," she said.

However, the unique opportunities offered by gender studies truly occur in the classroom.

From an academic perspective, Meghan Lynch, a senior with a major in anthropology and a concentration in Gender Studies, commented, "There is a broad spectrum of

interests in the program [because another major is required]."

Christine Wolbrecht, assistant professor of government, agreed, "We want to emphasize that Gender Studies is an interdisciplinary program where we honor different perspectives."

"One of the ways gender studies is going to survive in the new millennium, not just here but everywhere, is by showing universities that our programs are already uniquely situated to provide a place for this interdisciplinary work to come together," Wolbrecht said.



Green

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Barbara Green
director of Gender Studies

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

BOG discusses School of Americas

By COURTNEY BOYLE
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) discussed passing a resolution to support shutting down the School of the Americas (SOA) during Wednesday night's meeting.

SOA is a military school on Georgia's Benning Military base that allegedly specializes in educating Latin Americans soldiers in torture tactics. The funding for these classes comes from tax dollars, which means that the U.S. spends \$3.9 billion annually to fund SOA.

In order to take a stand on such a school the Peacemakers of Saint Mary's will protest walk in Georgia to show their support in wanting SOA shut down. However, the student Peacemakers would like to carry a banner saying that Saint Mary's also shares these same views.

In order to do this they are asking for an endorsement from BOG.

"We want to say on our banner the school of Saint Mary's supports this," said Peacemakers member Katie Cousino. The pacifist group will also approach faculty in hopes of carrying their endorsement to Georgia.

"We came to the student's first because the faculty follows what the students say," said Cousino.

BOG tabled this topic until next week so that they can research the topic more and have a full understanding of the issues.

Also discussed at Wednesday night's meeting was Senior Dad's Weekend, scheduled for Nov. 12 to 14. Many events are planned for the senior women and their dads.

Friday night's kick off will be Casino Night at Union Station from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. Saturday is the Twilight Tailgate at Heartland from 2:30 p.m. until the end of the Pitt game. To wrap up the weekend there will be a Mass on Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m.

The cost for the entire weekend is \$115.

"We want to say on our banner the school of Saint Mary's supports this [the shutting down of the School of Americas]."

Katie Cousino
member of Peacemakers

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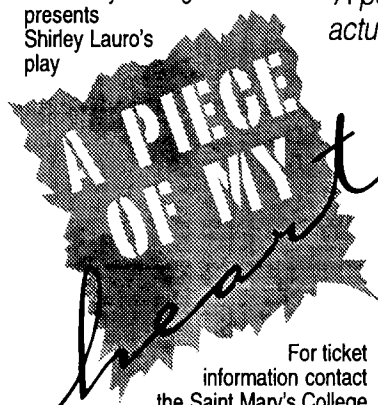
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Gonzalez

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greater than that of their Anglo-Saxon counterparts. Gonzalez said the white miners' bitterness toward these skills may have provoked the violence they inflicted upon the Mexican miners.

"Maybe in some way they beat their Mexican compatriots in an effort to reduce the similarities between them," he said.

The violence Mexican miners endured during this time at the hands of the white Americans was extremely severe.

"If the lynching episodes provide any gauge the Mexicans, more than other Spanish speakers, had a greater chance of experiencing violence," said Gonzalez.

However, despite fantastic tales of Mexican miners seeking

revenge by massacring their white persecutors, Gonzalez said the presence of their families would have hindered the Mexicans from retaliating.

"It is unlikely they would have exposed their families to violence," he said.

Gonzalez also said that while the miners may have experi-

enced more physical violence, today's Mexican immigrants face the same hostility. Despite the fact that by 2040, 48 percent of California's population

will have a Spanish surname, many white Californians continue to view these new Hispanic residents as nothing but drug dealers, welfare cheats and vagabonds, Gonzalez noted.

"We must note the symmetry between then and now," he said. "To degenerate the newcomer is to deny all ties."

Gonzalez spoke as part of the American Studies Seminar lecture series.

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Michael Gonzalez
lecturer

Donlan

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we can," he said. The University helped fly Donlan's brother, a freshman at Notre Dame, back to campus when classes resumed this week.

Father Richard Warner, director of Campus Ministry and a priest-in-residence at Fisher Hall, went to London during the break and celebrated Mass for Andy. Approximately 65 students attended the Mass in London, and all services since then have been dedicated to the

student.

One London student was impressed with how the Program and the University have rallied around the hospitalized Donlan.

"It's a tribute to the University as a whole through this," said Donlan's friend Chris Chambers, who is spending the semester in London. "It's amazing how many people are thinking about him and praying for him and pulling for him, which I think his family really appreciates."

The junior class will sponsor a prayer service and Mass for Donlan in the Fisher Hall Chapel at 5:15 p.m. today.

STUDENT SENATE



Student senators discussed issues such as Cushing's showing of the movie "South Park" and the color of the water tower at yesterday's meeting.

'South Park' discussed at meeting

By FINN PRESSLY
Assistant News Editor

While mid-semester break kept Student Senate from presenting any new business at last night's meeting, they did discuss a handful of minor concerns.

Parliamentarian Stephen Sanchez expressed concern over this weekend's SUB movie, "South Park," at Cushing.

"I've seen it ["South Park"], and I think it's pretty offensive," said Sanchez. "What if SUB chose to show a movie that's more offensive?"

Student Activities director Joe Cassidy replied that the University tends to exercise more control over the movies presented outdoors on the

quads, rather than the Cushing films.

"If someone goes into Cushing, they've made a conscious decision to watch the movie," he said.

In other senate news:

♦ Keenan senator Matthew Kloser brought two concerns before the senate. According to Kloser, residents in Keenan have requested a drop-off box for film development in LaFortune.

Lyons senator Jill Boroniec said topic had been discussed with personnel from the bookstore who expressed interest in pursuing the idea further.

Kloser also brought forward the paint color of the water tower. He suggested a navy blue with a gold interlocking "ND" logo to replace the current sky blue color scheme.

Student body president Micah Murphy expressed doubt over the proposal, stating the dark color may attract too much solar heat. Chief of staff Matt Mamak also suggested that the sky blue color may have been deliberately chosen to disguise the large metal structure.

♦ Hall Presidents Council representative Emily Todd reported three issues in particular that were discussed at the last meeting of HPC: the closing of the dining halls during mid-semester break, a phone at the north end of North Dining Hall and the inclusion of more undergraduate students in College Bowl.

♦ Colleen Sobolewski replaced Maureen Donovan as the Saint Mary's senate representative.

PROJECT WARMTH

Facts and Figures on Poverty and America's Working Poor

In 1997, 13.3% of the U.S. population, or 35.6 million people, lived in poverty.

In the median state a minimum-wage worker would have to work 87 hours each week to afford a two-bedroom apartment at 30% of his or her income, which is the federal definition of affordable housing.

A 1998 study estimated that 46% of the jobs with the most growth between 1994 and 2005 pay less than \$16,000 a year; these jobs will not lift families out of poverty. Moreover, 74% of these jobs pay below a livable wage (\$32,196 for a family of four).

Project Warmth is in full swing!!

The Center for Social Concerns is excited about sponsoring another successful run of Project Warmth this year. Last year, approximately 1500 coats were received and distributed to sites all across the country, including the Appalachia region, Indian reservations in the Dakotas, and outreach facilities around the South Bend area.

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

FDA approves new flu pill

WASHINGTON
Flu sufferers won their first effective pill against both types A and B flu Wednesday, as the Food and Drug Administration approved Tamiflu. The pill, manufactured by Hoffman La-Roche, helped reduce the duration and severity of flu symptoms in unvaccinated adults who agreed to be infected with influenza to test the drug. Wednesday's decision means flu sufferers this year have two new treatment choices. The FDA earlier approved an inhaled flu drug called Relenza that also works against both A and B flu. Older flu medicines worked against only the type A flu, which accounts for about two-thirds of the estimated 20 million U.S. flu cases yearly, and doctors have said those medicines didn't work very well.

Female golfers win suit over bad tee times

BOSTON
Nine female golfers who said they were given terrible tee times and denied other country club benefits because of their gender were awarded nearly \$2 million Wednesday by a jury. The amount of the damages — from a Superior Court jury of seven men and seven women — even surprised attorneys for the plaintiffs. "I think it's a case which puts country clubs and other institutions on notice that women have a right to the same opportunities as men," said Assistant Attorney General Anthony Rodriguez, whose office represented the women. Henry Owens, the attorney for the Haverhill Country Club, said there was no discrimination at the club, called the damages excessive and promised to appeal.

Hundreds mourn mother of Columbine victim

HIGHLANDS RANCH, Colo.
Hundreds of people attended the funeral Wednesday of a woman who committed suicide six months after her daughter was critically injured in the Columbine High School shooting. Carla Hochhalter, 48, shot herself in a pawn shop last week. Relatives have said she suffered from clinical depression, and that the Columbine shootings and her daughter's grave injuries were more than she could tolerate. "The stress was mounting, and Carla was dealing with an illness," pastor David Jensen told mourners at Christ Lutheran Church. "It became too much, not just for Carla, but for many of us." About 700 people filled the church's main sanctuary and a separate room set up with folding chairs and a television screen for the overflow crowd. Hochhalter walked into an Englewood pawn shop Friday and asked to see a handgun, police said.

FRANCE



Hundreds protest in Paris against the detention of 13 Jews arrested in Iran, accused of spying for Israel. Iran's president Mohammed Khatami is making a three-day visit to France, the first such visit by an Iranian president since the 1979 revolution.

Iranian president visits France

Associated Press

PARIS
Iran's president began the first visit to France by an Iranian leader since the 1979 Islamic revolution on Wednesday, urging respect among nations during a trip that prompted French authorities to tighten border security and raid the offices of an Iranian opposition group.

President Mohammad Khatami, who is locked in a fierce power struggle with

conservative clerics in Iran, was kept apart from angry protesters who held demonstrations in Paris. On the three-day visit, the moderate president is aiming to fortify Iran's timid ties to the West.

French police, fearing violence from Iranian opposition groups, stepped up security and staged a pre-dawn crackdown on members of Iran's largest exile organization. Up to 40 people, most apparently members of the People's Mujahedeen of Iran, were

detained.

France also increased border controls along frontiers with Germany and Italy, sending back many Iranians trying to enter the country to protest Khatami's presence in France.

Interior Minister Jean-Pierre Chevènement, justifying the measures, spoke of "serious and precise threats."

The Iranian president, on his second trip to Europe since his 1997 election, has reached out to the West,

seeking dialogue over confrontation. But his power struggle with hard-liners in Tehran means he must tread carefully.

The visit comes during a period of increased tension between various factions in Iran, and many cases of alleged human rights abuses, including the charging of 13 Iranian Jews as spies.

After a lengthy meeting with French President Jacques Chirac, Khatami said he sought a world in which all nations have equal weight.

House votes to limit assisted suicide

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
The House stepped into the emotional debate of physician-assisted suicide Wednesday, voting to bar doctors from using federally controlled drugs to help patients die.

The House voted 271-156 for a bill sponsored by House Judiciary Chairman Henry Hyde that penalizes doctors who aid in a suicide but encourages them to treat the pain of dying patients.

Opponents said the bill would discourage pain treatment for millions of

Americans. Doctors will be so worried about losing their licenses to prescribe drugs, and spending at least 20 years in jail for aiding in a suicide, that they will decline to dispense needed medication, they said.

"For the first time we've got law enforcement making medical decisions," said Rep. Darlene Hooley, D-Ore.

Hyde, R-Ill., dismissed suggestions that his bill would create a medical "Gestapo," saying federal drug agents already review prescriptions. He said the bill adequately protects doctors who treat pain, while authorizing \$5 million for more training and educa-

tion to improve end-of-life care.

"Suicide is the ultimate act of despair and facilitating the intentional killing of a human life is the opposite of healing," said Hyde.

The measure is a major setback for Oregon, the only state that has legalized physician-assisted suicide for patients with less than six months to live. All 15 patients who died under the law during its first full year in 1998 used controlled substances to end their lives.

During the House debate, some members spoke of the debate in personal terms — a child who died of

leukemia, a parent who died from cancer — but used those experiences to draw opposite conclusions.

Some Hyde supporters compared physician-assisted suicide to euthanasia and abortion and invoked the name of Dr. Jack Kevorkian.

Oregonians painstakingly tried to point out the protections in their law that limit the circumstances when people can take their lives. "Please read the Oregon statute before you vote," pleaded Rep. David Wu, D-Ore.

With the House passage, attention now turns to the Senate.

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ARMENIA

Gunmen kills seven and prime minister

Associated Press

YEREVAN

Gunmen holding dozens of hostages in the Armenian parliament said Thursday they were close to a peaceful solution after talks with the country's president. The attackers earlier killed the prime minister and seven other politicians in a torrent of gunfire.

President Robert Kocharian was handling negotiations with the gunmen at the parliament building. An agreement had been reached to allow the gunmen to make a television broadcast, they claimed.

"Literally 15 minutes ago I met with the president, and we decided that the problem would be solved peacefully," the leader of the gunmen, Nairi Unanian, told Russia's NTV network in a phone interview.

Unanian claimed the president had guaranteed the gunmen's security and that they would be given a fair trial.

The gunmen overnight released four hostages.

Police said up to five gunmen were holding hostages in the main chamber of the parliament building. The gunmen claimed they were holding 50 hostages.

"They said it was a coup and called on the journalists to inform people about it. They said they were going to punish the authorities for what they did to the nation," said one reporter who was in the chamber during the attack.

Unanian told a local television station: "This is a patriotic action. This shake-up is needed for the nation to regain its senses."

"The country is in a catastrophic situation. People are hungry and the government doesn't offer any way out," he said.

In an interview with Armenian TV channel A1 Plus, he said the deaths were unintended except for Prime Minister Vazgen Sarkisian, who he claimed had failed to serve the nation.

The other deaths, he said, were "the result of technical mistakes."

"Other than the prime minister, Vazgen Sarkisian, all the others are innocent victims," he said in the interview, as reported by the ITAR-Tass news agency.

Armenian television broadcast footage of the stunning attack, showing at least two men in long coats firing automatic weapons in the parliament chamber. Some lawmakers dove under their desks, others fled into the streets.

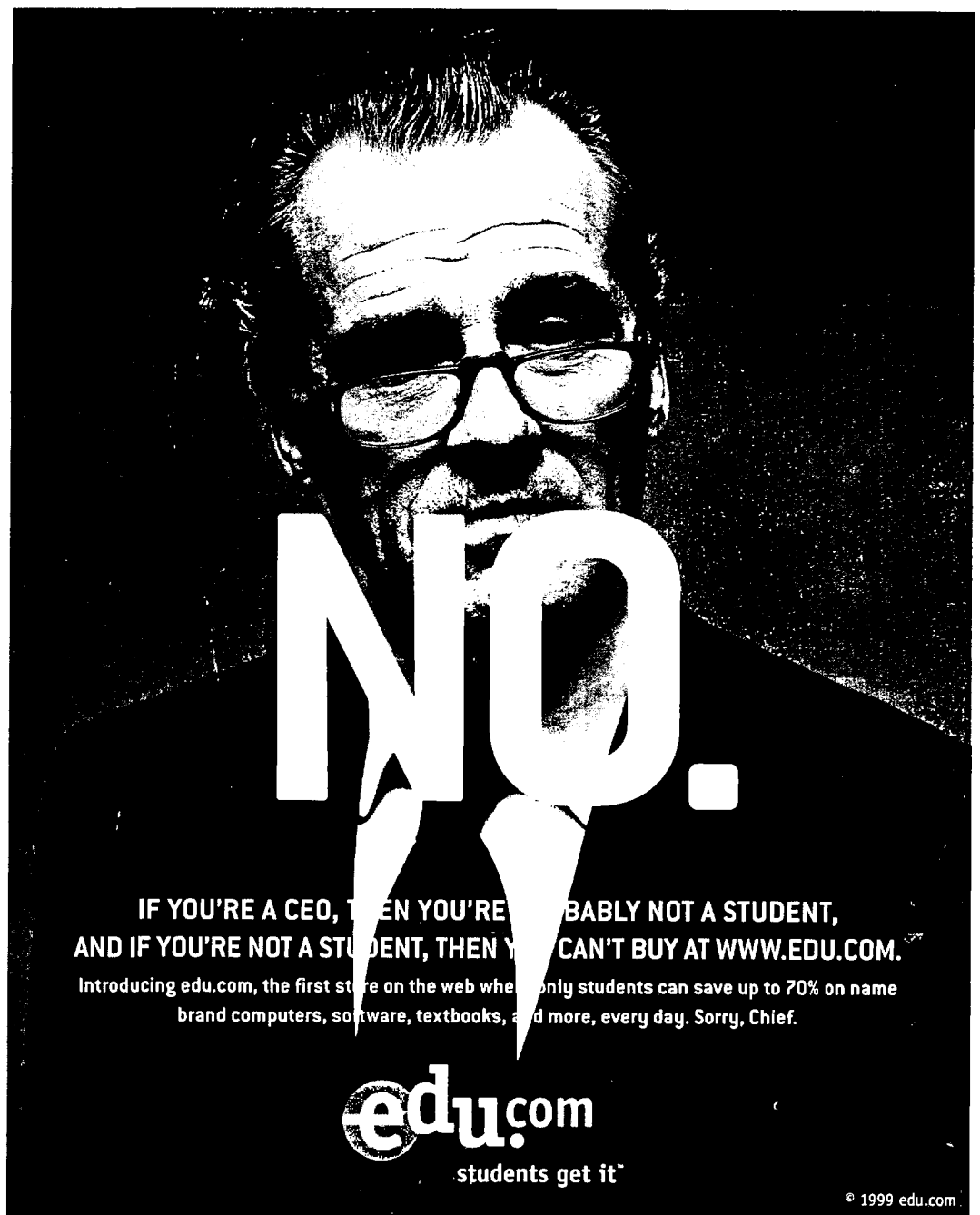
One of the attackers approached the prime minister and said: "Enough of drinking our blood," according to reporters present during the attack. The premier calmly responded, "Everything is being done for you and the future of your children."

The attacker — identified by reporters as Unanian, an extreme nationalist and former journalist — opened fire. The other gunmen included Unanian's brother and uncle, the reporters said.

The attack was likely to plunge Armenia into a major political crisis. The country, which became independent following the 1991 Soviet collapse, has been plagued by political and economic turmoil for the past decade.

President Clinton said he was shocked and saddened by the attack.

"I condemn the senseless act against individuals actively engaged in building democracy in their country," Clinton said in a statement.



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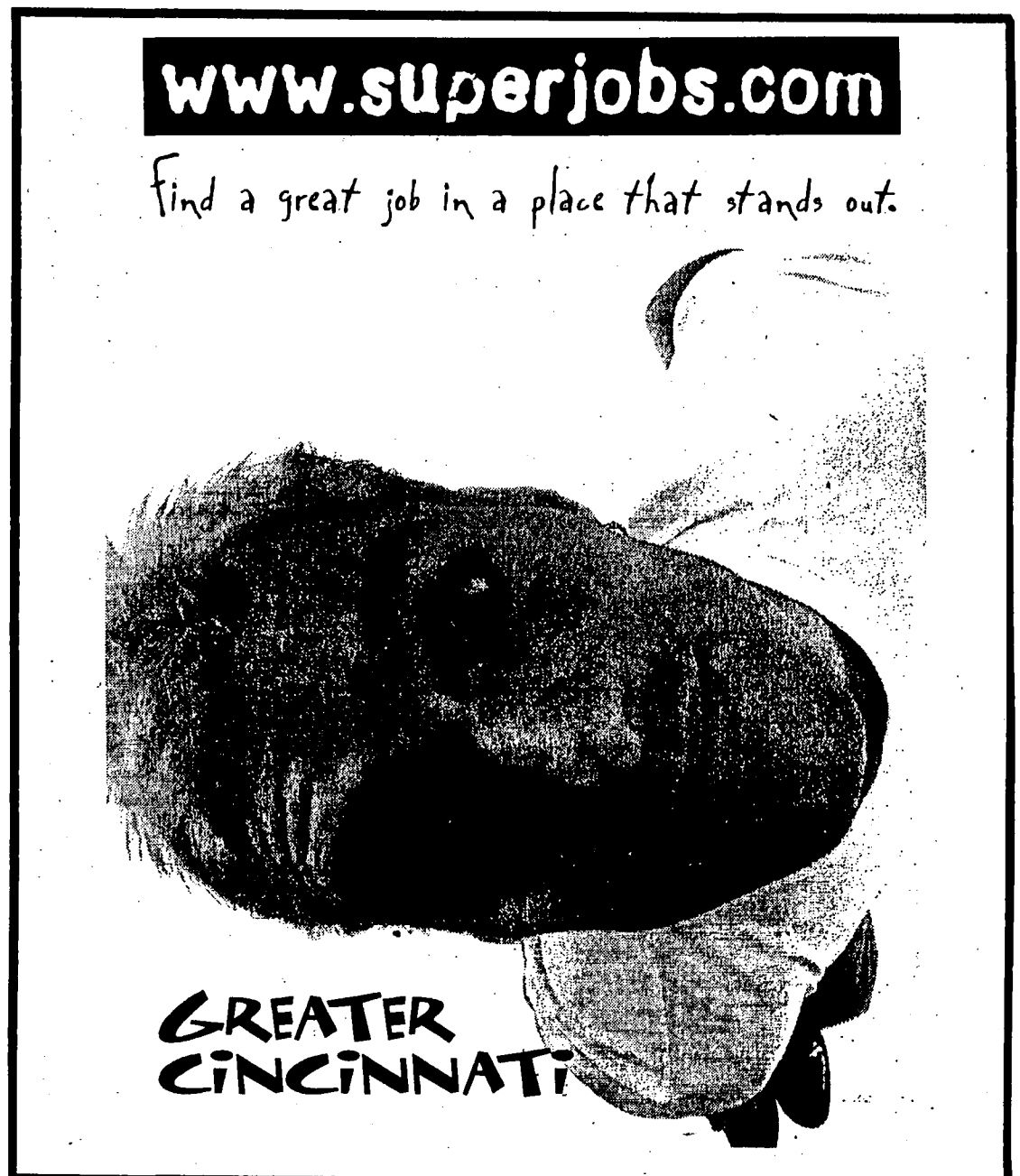
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Monroe's dress goes for big bucks

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Marilyn Monroe's form-fitting, flesh-colored dress — a sequined stunner she wore to serenade President Kennedy that still left jaws dropping nearly 40 years later — sold Wednesday for a record \$1.26 million.

The dress, worn by Monroe during her breathless "Happy Birthday, Mr. President" to JFK in 1962, was the highest-priced item at the first session of a two-day Manhattan auction.

The crowd cheered loudly when the winning bid, from the Manhattan-based Gotta Have It! Collectibles, was announced. It set a new record for an auctioned dress, obliterating the \$222,500 paid for an ink blue Princess Diana gown sold in 1997.

Asked why he spent a small fortune on the dress, company co-owner Robert Schargin told reporters, "Because it wasn't \$3 million, which we thought it was worth ... We stole it."

He bid \$1.5 million; with the house commission, he paid \$1,267,500.

Buyers snapped up everything from her blue jeans and boots to screenplays, most at prices far beyond the predictions of auction house Christie's. Bikini bottoms were to be sold Thursday. The total take for some 50 items auctioned was \$5,630,500.

The bidding for the dress she barely wore at JFK's May 19, 1962, birthday celebration at Madison Square Garden culminated in a wild 2 1/2-minute showdown. Made of silk souffle gauze and covered with 6,000 rhinestone beads and sequins, the Jean Louis dress originally cost \$12,000.

Another dress — a full-length black sequined evening dress, believed to have been worn to entertain U.S. soldiers in Korea in 1954 — sold for \$112,000. The previous high price was \$57,000 for a dress she wore in the 1953 film "How to Marry a Millionaire."

Designer Tommy Hilfiger paid \$42,550 for three pairs of Marilyn's jeans, and \$85,000 for the cowgirl boots she wore in "The Misfits."

"I'm inspired by pop icons and pop culture," Hilfiger said.

Tony Curtis, Monroe's co-star

in "Some Like It Hot," sat in the front row as the auction opened. Actress Demi Moore was in a booth upstairs.

A picture of Monroe autographed by an assortment of her Hollywood co-stars including Groucho Marx, Jimmy Stewart, Lauren Bacall, and Humphrey Bogart sold for \$88,300.

The first big-ticket item — a platinum eternity ring, encrusted with 34 baguette-cut diamonds, given to Monroe by ex-husband Joe DiMaggio — sold for \$772,500. The pre-sale estimate was \$30,000 to \$50,000.

Bidding far outpaced what experts at Christie's had predicted. A baby grand piano, once owned by Monroe's mother and reacquired by the actress years later, sold for \$632,500; its pre-sale estimate was \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Even a plaster floor lamp, estimated to sell between \$2,000 and \$4,000, sold for \$21,850. The auction aired live on the American Movie Classics channel, and 1,200 people registered to bid. More than 100 telephone lines accommodated bidders who couldn't attend.

Britannica gets 10 million hits per day

Associated Press

CHICAGO

For 10 million Internet surfers a day, a free Encyclopaedia Britannica apparently is worth waiting for. But for how long?

One of the year's most-touted Internet sites remains clogged nine days after the debut of free online encyclopedias — brought to a virtual standstill by huge worldwide demand and insufficient hardware and software.

Britannica.com Inc., hoping to assuage the roughly 10 million people who have been trying daily to get into www.britannica.com, posted its third apology at the entrance to the blocked site Wednesday. The Chicago publisher promised to make it accessible "soon."

"Our teams have been busy unpacking crates, installing hardware, configuring software and boosting capacity worldwide," said the statement, describing a round-the-clock repair effort.

But an executive acknowledged the problems will take weeks to fully fix. While many users should be able to get in by next week, redesigning the system to increase capacity several-fold will take longer, said Jorge Cauz, senior vice president for sales and marketing.

The cyber troubles, at nine days and counting, have marred an innovation that had succeeded in drawing attention to the struggling publisher as it tries to shake its stodgy image and get with the electronic program.

The company, which says only 100,000 people have managed to reach the site's first page, admits it underestimated the early public response.

"No one in his right mind would have built an infrastructure capable of handling the initial demand we had," Cauz said.

But analysts say the bottom line is poor planning.

"For this to be your core site, you can't make a mistake like this," said Rob Enderle, a consultant for the Giga Information Group in Santa Clara, Calif. "If they were a startup company, we'd probably be talking about them going out of business."

Still, the rocky debut may not be harmful over the long haul because of Britannica's prestigious brand name.

"I think consumers will give them a few more chances than they would some nameless, unheard-of Internet startup with a premature product launch," said Emily Meehan, analyst for the Boston-based Yankee Group. "There are too many educational institutions out there that want to get their hands on a free Encyclopaedia Britannica that are willing to wait."

The longer the tie-up lasts, the greater the chances that some would-be customers will vanish for good, she said.

Sales of Britannica's printed sets have fallen off by an estimated 80 percent since peaking at about \$650 million in 1990 as knowledge-seekers turn to computer versions, mostly Microsoft's Encarta program.

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Bradley, Gore debate

Associated Press

HANOVER, N.H.

Pressed in campaign debate about President Clinton's personal behavior, Vice President Al Gore said Wednesday night that he understood the public disappointment and anger and sought to provide "as much continuity and civility" as possible during the Monica Lewinsky controversy.

"He's my friend," Gore said of the president, fielding the first question from a voter in the first debate with campaign rival Bill Bradley.

In the opening moments of the debate, Bradley touted his \$65 billion plan for universal access to health insurance. He said the 44 million uninsured Americans present "a big problem and it needs a big solution."

Both men pledged to work for an overhaul of the campaign finance laws to reduce the role of big money. Gore, trying to fend off a surprisingly spirited challenge from Bradley's campaign, sought to take the offensive even before the television cameras were switched on.

Onstage for introductions to the audience, the vice president turned to the audience and said: "What do we do now? ... Why don't you start asking some question while we're waiting."

With that, members of the audience did.

The first question was about bipartisanship, and both pledged to work with Republicans and Democrats alike.

Gore said he would "build personal bridges" with both

parties. Bradley, like Gore a former senator, said, "It's about reaching out to people."

Only a few moments into the debate, Gore was asked about Clinton.

"I understand the disappointment and anger you felt toward President Clinton. I feel it myself," he said.

The vice president added: "He's my friend. I took an oath under the Constitution to serve my country through thick and thin and I interpreted that oath to mean that I ought to try and provide as much continuity and civility ... as I possibly could."

Gore also noted there were "some real hard fights" on economic and other issues at the time.

Bradley sat on his stool listening when Gore addressed what is likely to be a key issue in his bid to succeed Clinton in the Oval Office.

The two men squared off before an audience of 500 at Dartmouth College. Members of the audience were selected by a lottery.

"I understand the disappointment and anger you felt toward President Clinton. I feel it myself."

Al Gore
vice president

Bradley leads in East

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y.

While Al Gore has a hefty lead nationally over Bill Bradley, the vice president trails in the East in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination, a poll reported Wednesday.

A separate national poll found Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona running neck-and-neck with Gore in one possible general election matchup but trailing Bradley.

"There's a large regional difference in the support for Gore and Bradley," said Lee Miringoff, head of Marist College's Institute for Public Opinion.

Nationally, the latest Marist poll found the vice president leading the former senator from New Jersey, 49 percent to 32 percent. An April poll from the Poughkeepsie-based Marist pollsters had Gore leading Bradley, 59 percent to 25 percent.

But in the East, Miringoff said his latest poll had Bradley, a former star with the New York Knicks, leading Gore, 52 percent to 35 percent. Conversely, Gore, a former senator from Tennessee, led Bradley in the South, 58 percent to 19 percent.

In an NBC/Wall Street Journal poll released Wednesday, Gore led Bradley 53 percent to 29 percent. In a hypothetical matchup with GOP presidential front-runner George W. Bush, Gore was behind Bush, 49 percent to 39 percent. Bradley trailed Bush by about the same margin.

When Pat Buchanan, who

Democratic Nomination Race: POLL RESULTS

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SOUTH

Al Gore 58%
Bill Bradley 19%

NATIONWIDE

Al Gore 49%
Bill Bradley 32%

SOURCE: Marist College's Institute for Public Opinion
ERIN LARUFFA/The Observer

this week left the Republican Party to run for president as a Reform Party candidate, is added to general election matchup, both Bradley and Gore cut Bush's lead in half.

Gore and Bradley were to meet Wednesday night in New Hampshire for their first debate of the campaign.

Miringoff said the new poll also showed "Gore's fortunes are very much tied to how Clinton is viewed." Among Democratic voters who approve of the job Clinton is doing, Gore leads Bradley, 52 percent to 30 percent. But with Democrats who don't like the president's work, Bradley leads, 47 percent to 26 percent.

In recent polls, Gore's earlier leads over Bradley have vanished in such crucial early primary states as New Hampshire and New York.

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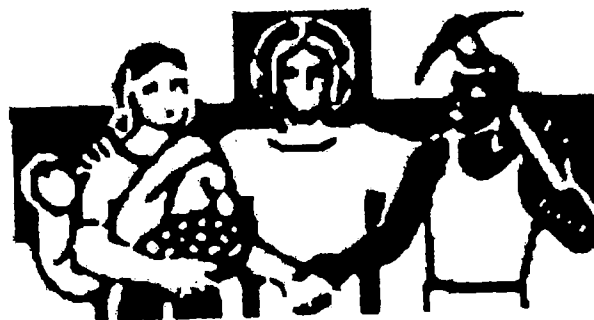
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U.S. posts a record-setting budget surplus of \$123 billion

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
After decades of deficit gloom, the United States posted a record \$123 billion federal budget surplus last year, marking the first back-to-back surpluses since Dwight Eisenhower was president.

The good news announcement — exceeding all estimates — sparked a battle for bragging rights Wednesday between the White House and the Republican-led Congress, with both sides hoping to reap political dividends in next year's elections.

President Clinton said American businesses and

workers have benefited from lower interest rates, a shrinking national debt and a growing pool of investment capital.

"We have closed the book on deficits and opened the door on a new era of economic opportunity," Clinton said. The president, battling Republicans over spending, accused the GOP of writing a budget that siphons \$18 billion from the Social Security surplus. "That is wrong and it doesn't have to be," he said.

Republicans also claimed credit for the surplus.

"This is what happens when Republicans take care of the government checkbook and hold the line against tax hikes

and more spending," said Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas., chairman of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee.

The administration acknowledged the 1999 surplus came entirely from Social Security. The huge benefit program is collecting more in payroll taxes than it is paying out in benefits. Without the Social Security cushion, the government would have had a \$1 bil-

lion deficit.

Despite the two surpluses in a row, the government still has a \$5 trillion debt.

The United States was plagued by a long string of budget deficits since 1931 in the wake of the Depression and then World War II. In all that time, there

were only eight years of surplus. The tide finally turned when the government broke into the black in 1998, and now the government projects surpluses far into the future.

Democrats and Republicans have spent Social Security surpluses for decades but both have pledged this year to leave that money alone, trying to cast themselves as protectors of the massive pension program.

Last year, before taking Social Security into account, the government had a \$29.9 billion deficit but a \$99.2 billion Social Security surplus turned the overall deficit into a surplus of \$69.2 billion.

With the onset of surpluses, the government has paid down the national debt by \$140 billion over the last two years, the largest debt reduction in American history, Clinton said.

The shrinking debt also has meant lower interest costs for the government, Clinton said, and more investment capital for businesses.

He said working families

also have enjoyed lower interest rates. "It means \$2,000 less in home mortgage payments for the typical family," Clinton said, talking with reporters on the South Lawn as he left for an appearance on Capitol Hill. "It means \$200 less in car payments and \$200 less in college loan payments."

However, interest rates and mortgage rates have been rising in recent months as the Federal Reserve has tightened credit in an effort to slow the economy and fight inflation.

The \$123 billion surplus in fiscal 1999 was almost twice the size of the previous year's. It also was the largest ever in nominal terms and the largest since 1951 as a percentage of gross domestic product. The 1998 and 1999 figures marked the first two consecutive years of surplus since 1956-57.

The administration said Clinton set the nation on a path of deficit reduction when he pushed a package of tax increases and spending cuts through Congress in 1993 — a move that was opposed by every Republican House and Senate member.

The campaign got more momentum from the 1997 balanced budget act supported by the White House and Congress.

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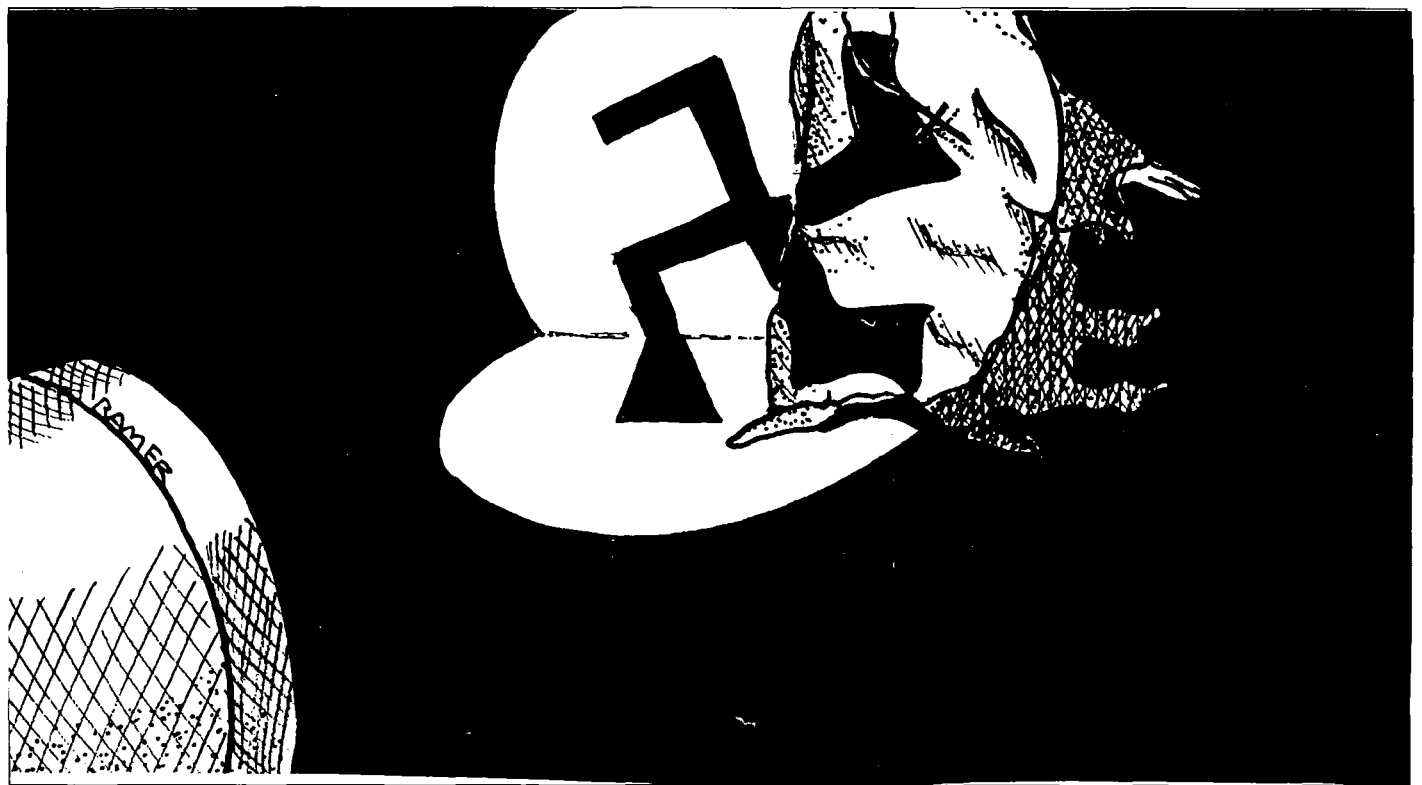
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Pius XII should be seen as a hero

Your neighbor takes your family hostage. You've learned he is going to rob a bank, but he warns you that if you call the police, your family will die.

What do you do?

You call the bank, alert them, and ask them to keep your name secret. You offer your van to help. But if you are humble, you don't go to the newspapers saying what a big hero you are.

This is the situation of Pope Pius XII during the Second World War. He knew what was going on with the Jews. He arranged for and encouraged their rescue, saving as many Jewish lives as he could. But he could not yell condemnations to the four winds. He had a family to take care of: the millions of Catholics in Europe — and the Jews themselves.

His predecessor, Pope Pius XI, had published the encyclical "Mit brennender Sorge" ("With Burning Anxiety") in 1937, condemning the evil of the Nazi regime. It was secretly published in German and read from all the pulpits of Germany. The consequences were frightening, as the Nazis imprisoned priests, persecuted lay Catholics and stepped up their hostility against the Jews.

The Nazis eventually proved that jails could seem pleasant compared to genocide. Although many deny it, many Catholics all over Europe helped the Jews, following orders from the pope. Was Pius XII to hinder their saving work and endanger his own Church by noisily condemning Hitler? Research leaves no doubt that wherever the Catholic hierarchy protested officially against the Nazis, the unintended

result was that a greater proportion of Jews was killed. It is one thing to be a martyr. It is very different to play hero and send millions to martyrdom.

Would the horrible beast that was Hitler have spared a single Jewish life because of a papal condemnation? Nazis responded to criticism with torture and bloodshed. All that a condemnation would have earned Pius XII was the applause of those who comfortably read the paper in their homes. This was clear in the pope's lifetime, so he never had to officially defend himself.

The pope did what he had to do: He made it clear that Nazism was anti-Christian and worked quietly to save as many Jewish lives as he could.

A new book has come out on this old topic, interpreting the pope's (prudent) silence as complicity. Even readers who are not sympathetic to the Catholic Church are exposing it for what it is: a pile of lies. It takes a bit of the truth, mixes it with a lot of imagination, spices it with dramatic language and presents it as the whole truth. Notre Dame is used to this kind of journalism. We are used to incendiary rhetoric, based on very little evidence. There are some journalists, of course, who carefully research facts and expose alarming realities. But all too often, bad journalists (purposefully?) ignore the evidence that would disprove their agenda and make accusations with little logic and what honesty.

What about Pius XII?

Fact: The Chief Rabbi of Rome was at least as well informed — and indignant — as the pope about the plight of the Jews. Doubtlessly, Israel Zolli heard the Pope's "silence." Doubtlessly, whatever Catholic complicity there was, he was aware of it. So what did he do after the war while trials for crimes against

humanity were going on?

He exposed the pope for what he was — a Nazi-phile, right? Wrong. The most important Jew in Rome became Catholic. He embraced the religion that, supposedly, was out to get him. He did not do this out of fear — the Nazi terror is long dead; he can be a Jew now. He did it out of conviction in the Catholic faith and out of admiration for the love shown to his people by Catholics during the war. Moreover, when he converted, Israel Zolli became Eugenio Zolli, in honor of Pope Pius XII, who had been baptized Eugenio Pacelli.

For years, the Holy See was flooded with the gratitude of the Jewish community for the pope and the bishops acting under his command. When Pius XII died, Golda Meir, prime minister of Israel, said that "when fearful martyrdom came to our people, the voice of the Pope was raised for its victims." It took a theater play by a former Hitlerian Youth to start the process of defamation against Pius XII — to those Jews the play was an evident lie.

Is Eugenio Zolli's conversion surprising? Well, it is from our point of view because we have heard all the accusations. But it was not surprising for a Jew who had seen many of his brothers and sisters saved by the generosity and the boldness of one of the most courageous and slandered popes of this century — Pope Pius XII.

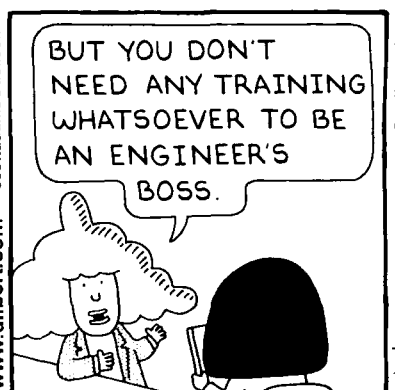
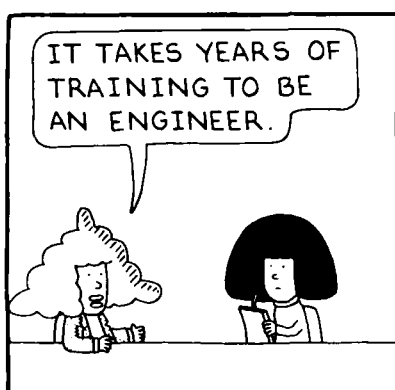
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Gabriel
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*Like arrows in
the hands
of a warrior*

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"My doctrine is this: If we see cruelty or wrong that we have the power to stop, and do nothing, we make ourselves sharers in the guilt."

Anna Sewall
author, "Black Beauty"

Let us make our own health decisions

I don't smoke.

I have never smoked. In fact, I have had a deep-rooted antipathy to smoking since birth. I was the kind of kid who would lecture adults about the dangers of smoking and how it can cause cancer.

Nakasha Ahmad

So, what's my point?

When I was 9 years old, I was furious with my father because he smoked ONCE. (He's not a smoker — I don't even think he's picked up a cigarette since then.) In my book, smoking is practically up there as the Eighth Deadly Sin.

So, out of all the people at Saint Mary's, you would think that I would be the one person in favor of the new anti-smoking proposal that will be enacted later this year. This new plan would essentially make SMC a smoke-free campus. Smoking would not be allowed in any of the residence halls or in the classroom buildings. Smokers would have to go outside to light up their cigarettes, even in the winter.

The reasoning behind this new plan is admirable. The reason for implementing it is that smoking, in case you haven't heard, is not exactly the best method you can think of to prolong life. The plan is intended to promote student health. And student health is a good thing.

However, though the intentions are good, this plan is symptomatic of a trend that is popping up all over the U.S. Everywhere more laws and rules are being made that force us to be healthy and safe. We need to be healthy and safe, and by God, we will be, by hook or by crook — or by law. Whether we want to be or not.

For example, California passed a law a few years ago that banned smoking in bars. I understand outlawing smoking on airplane flights. Or having separate smoking and non-smoking sections in restaurants. But bars? It's OK if you die from cirrhosis of the liver or kill somebody driving home, but don't you dare get lung cancer or expose others to a miniscule amount of carcinogens. I understand that the ban in part would be to not expose non-smokers to second-hand smoke, but the chances that you're going to get lung cancer from a chance encounter with someone else's cigarette are infinitely small.

And as we all know, practically every state in the nation has passed seatbelt laws. If you're not wearing your seatbelt, then you can get ticketed and fined. Now, you can get pulled over just for a seatbelt violation. In another development to driver and passenger safety, air bags were installed to make it safer for people who got into car accidents — and much LESS safer for small and short people (like me), some of whom

have been killed from airbags. But we can't switch the airbag off, because if we did it would be "unsafe."

In addition, a campaign is afoot nationally to tax fast food and junk food because they are unhealthy. The reasoning is that if Big Macs, Whoppers and Skittles were taxed, fewer people would consume them and, therefore, they would be healthier.

The goal of having a healthy population is an admirable one, but there is nothing in the Constitution about legislating health. Health is a personal issue. Laws that require baby seats and safety measures for children are reasonable and understandable, because children are minors who can't properly take care of their own needs and thus have to be taken care of by others. To require the caretakers to protect children is reasonable. But laws shouldn't be passed to force responsible, intelligent adults to be healthy.

Certainly, the goal of health for all people is a worthy one. But legislating it leads to a slippery slope because it can provide a justification for the taking away of so many freedoms "for our own good." If I want to indulge in the greasiness of a Big Mac (and I frequently do), I should be allowed to do so without having to pay a penalty for my weakness to the government.

The legal age for smoking is 18. By the time we are 18, most of us who are smokers have already started, so the proposal will probably stop very few people from starting. But it will prohibit those who do smoke from being able to smoke. It is important to provide places for smokers to smoke in peace, and for non-smokers to breathe in peace. However, to ban smoking from a campus altogether seems to be a rather extreme move. Each building could have one lounge in which smoking would be allowed so that smokers wouldn't have to go outside in 10-degree weather. North lounge in Regina, the Vendolands in McCandless and LeMans and one of the lounges in Holy Cross could be designated as "smoking spaces."

We are in college now, and we are old enough to make decisions about our health. A college or university's first mission should not be to promote students' health, but to educate them and to treat them like adults so that they can make responsible decisions when they are in the "real world."

Legislating health or other behaviors should not be the job of outside rules and laws. People should be free to make those decisions themselves.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Awareness march a success

I am writing this letter to recognize and thank all of the women and men who helped to make Saint Mary's "Take Back the Woods" a success.

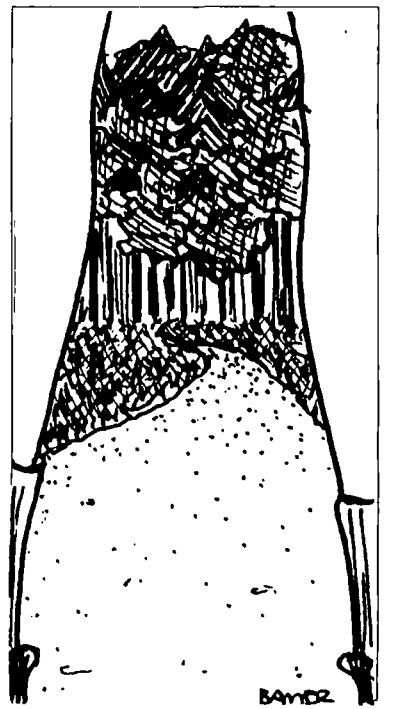
I am deeply grateful to the Feminist Collective, the YWCA, Dr. Catherine Pittman and Dr. Susan Alexander for all of their support in making it possible. This march was dedicated to all of the victims of sexual assault and domestic violence who have survived and lived to educate others about their experience. The march ended Saint Mary's Pride Week and kicked off the YWCA's Week-Without-Violence on October 10.

Not only was this a chance to voice our support for these victims, but it was also a chance for the women of Saint Mary's to reclaim our land and our right to feel safe wherever we

may choose to go on our campus, particularly the woods. Although the women's movement has evolved by leaps and bounds within the last century, the quest for equality has been paralyzed by such simple things as our fear of walking alone at night or our fear of running alone in the woods. We need to take back our rights and freedoms of going where we please and doing what we please without fear or looking over our shoulder.

I feel very lucky to have been a part of this liberating occasion, yet I hope that in the future generations to come there will not be a need for such an event.

Sara Salazar
President
Feminist Collective
October 27, 1999



Crawford is the embarrassment

Well, here we go again — only at Notre Dame could the two main topics of conversation and debate consistently be football and homosexuality. Mary Crawford's Oct. 15 letter to the editor did nothing if not contribute to my disbelief that there are still seemingly intelligent, educated people out there in the world (other than Jerry Falwell) who continue to believe homosexuality is immoral and somehow un-Catholic.

She stated that as a Saint Mary's student she takes pride in her Catholic teachings, values and morals and that she has been taught to live as a "true" Catholic all her life. It is obvious though, that she is not informed of the "true" teachings of the Catholic Church on the issue of homosexuality. Her argument appears to reduce down to the basic form of "being gay equals being immoral." Or, more accurately perhaps, "encouraging people who are gay to come out to their family and friends and no longer be ashamed of who they are equals being immoral."

Her substantiation to these claims seems to come from the Catholic nature of our institutions and these "true" Catholic teachings. How many times do we have to go over this, people; I mean, really. After what seems like hundreds of letters to The Observer and countless clarifications and reclarifications on this issue, you'd think that everyone on our campuses would know what the Church's stance on homosexuality is.

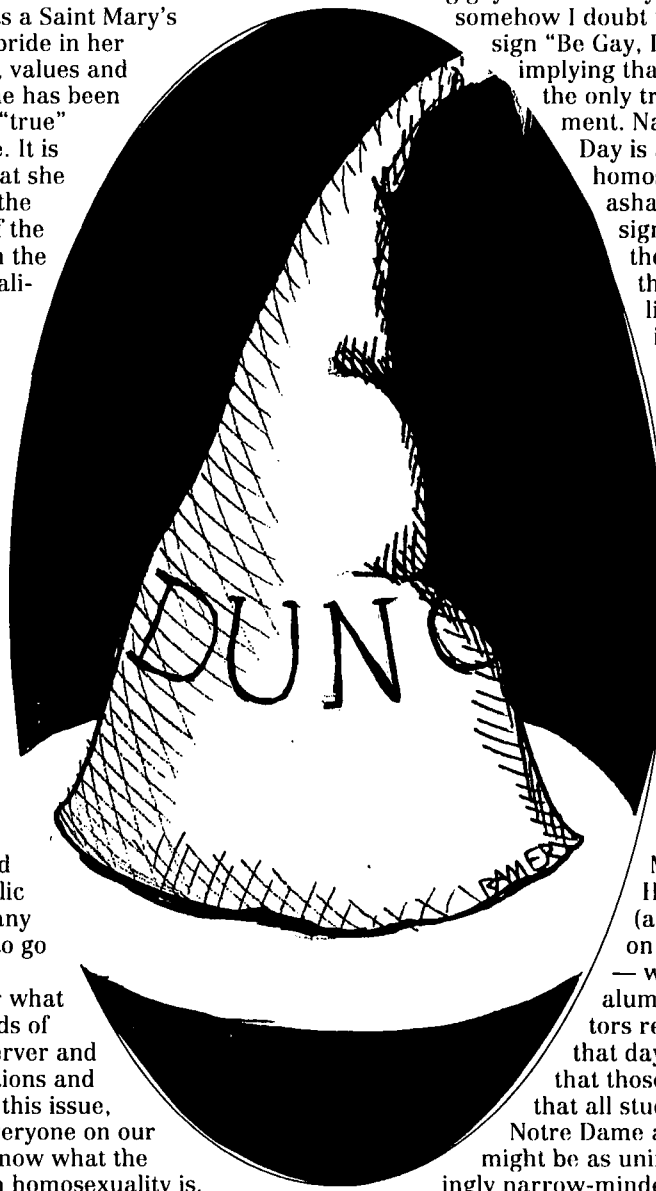
The Church does not believe that homosexuality is immoral, but that homosexual acts are. The Church encourages homosexuals to live a celibate life and believes they should be supported and loved in their struggles. The Church has even suggested that homosexuals do not necessarily choose their way of life. To reiterate, according to the Catholic Church, homosex-

uality is not immoral! Therefore, encouraging those who are homosexual to be "loud and proud" cannot be considered immoral. This of course calls into serious question the University's ban on GALA ads and exclusion of sexual orientation from the non-discrimination clause, but that's for another letter.

As for her insightful words of wisdom that being gay isn't the only way to be happy — somehow I doubt that the writers of the sign "Be Gay, Be Happy" were implying that being gay is, in fact, the only true path to enlightenment. National Coming Out Day is about encouraging homosexuals who are ashamed of or hiding a significant aspect of their lives to talk to their friends and families about their feelings. This openness could lead to increased happiness on their part, if the people they come out to are accepting and supportive (as "true" Catholics should be).

Advertising National Coming Out Day in the manner that she objected to is merely a means in which to show this support and raise awareness. Frankly, I was embarrassed, just as Miss Crawford was. Her letter came out (ah, no pun intended) on a football weekend — who knows how many alumni, parents and visitors read The Observer that day. I am embarrassed that those people might think that all students who attend Notre Dame and Saint Mary's might be as uninformed and seemingly narrow-minded as Miss Crawford.

Julie Fahey
Senior
Farley Hall
October 16, 1999



MOVIE REVIEW

Scorsese magically brings dead to life

By JOHN CRAWFORD
Scene Movie Critic

In "Bringing Out the Dead," a master director takes moviegoers on a tour through madness and salvation — a territory he knows well.

Martin Scorsese's driving and searing film, probably his best since 1990's "Goodfellas," follows New York City paramedics into a hellish world filled with drug overdoses, gunshot wounds and overcrowded hospitals.

In many ways, "Bringing Out the Dead" is a return for Scorsese to the world of "Taxi Driver." Much like the classic movie's Travis Bickle, the paramedics roam through a night filled with hookers, neon lights and rising steam. Like Bickle, they are isolated and frustrated loners looking for some sort of redemption on the street. Instead of ultimately taking lives, however, they are trying to save them.

For Nicolas Cage, who plays burned-out paramedic Frank Pierce, "Bringing Out the Dead" also represents a return — a return to worthwhile filmmaking. Thankfully leaving behind the world of bad action flicks like "8 mm" and "Snake Eyes," he gives a performance that is at least as good as his Oscar-winning turn in "Leaving Las Vegas."

Cage's strength as an actor is playing characters who are off-balanced and explosive. These attributes are greatly on display in "Bringing Out the Dead." Throughout the film, his face fills with darkness and need and resignation. His

eyes burn, flame out. He erupts then cools.

Cage's performance is anchored by an excellent supporting cast including John Goodman, Ving Rhames and Tom Sizemore, the three of whom play Pierce's partners. The film is also well-scripted by Paul Schrader, who has written past Scorsese projects like "Raging Bull" and

"The Last Temptation of Christ," and is beautifully shot by Robert Richardson.

For much of the movie, Cage is covered in white light, like an angel of the street searching for lives to save. Unfortunately for Cage and his fellow paramedics, however, there aren't many to rescue. Patients are too shot up, too far gone. The city is a slaughterhouse. In a

sense, the paramedics are guardian angels with no one to help and no one to protect.

The movie finds Scorsese very much at the top of his game. The film's ambulance sequences, which crackle with humor and tension, are among the best scenes Scorsese has ever done, which says a lot considering that he is arguably America's finest working director. The paramedics drink alcohol and crave coffee. They beat up patients and break car windows with baseball bats. They praise Jesus and flirt with hookers and their dispatcher. These are men on the edge, if not over it. In many ways, they are reminiscent of the "Goodfellas" gangsters. In just seconds, their laughter can give way to violence, their calmness to chaos.

Even Scorsese's choice of music is first-rate. Too often, today's filmmakers fill their movies with obvious musical selections

"Bringing Out the Dead"



out of five shamrocks

Director: Martin Scorsese

Starring: Nicolas Cage, John Goodman, Patricia Arquette and Ving Rhames

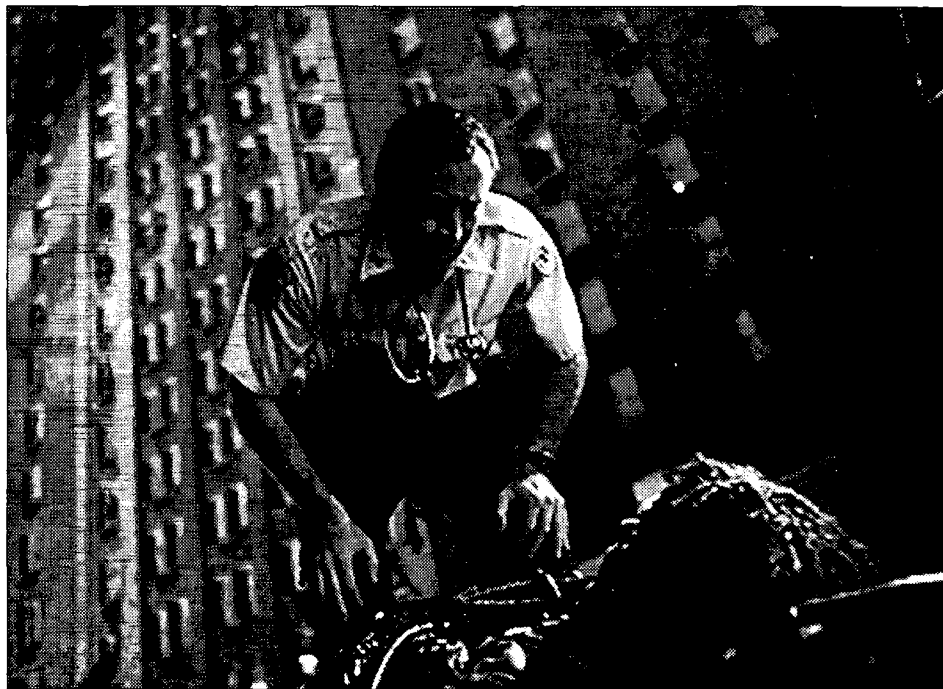


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Nicholas Cage stars as burned-out paramedic Frank Pierce in the Martin Scorsese film "Bring Out the Dead."

either meant to sell soundtracks or cue audience reactions. If there's a happy scene, they play a happy song. If it's a sad occasion, they play something depressing.

Scorsese's musical choices, however, are much more subtle and add meaning and resonance to the picture. As the ambulance rockets through the city, Martha and the Vandellas' "Nowhere to Run" plays on the soundtrack. Normally a peppy Motown song, it transforms the scene and takes on new meaning, coming to suggest the trap the city, hospitals and the paramedics' jobs have become. Indeed, Cage and his cohorts have nowhere to run.

Still, something holds the movie back from joining the ranks of Scorsese masterpieces like "Raging Bull" and "Goodfellas."

Some of the scenes, in particular those between Cage and Patricia Arquette, who plays the daughter of a victim Pierce saves, seem sluggish and sometimes flat. Their slowness, perhaps meant to offer relief from the chaos of the paramedics' nights, conflicts with the rest of the movie. They force a roller coaster ride to a screeching halt.

"Bringing Out the Dead," however, should contend for best picture come Oscar time — maybe even win — especially considering that Academy voters may feel sympathy for Scorsese, who amazingly has never won the award. While it is certainly too early to know how everything will shake out, "Bringing Out the Dead" could very well bring home the Oscar.

VIDEO PICK OF THE WEEK

New Year's Eve 1999: It's a 'strange day,' eh?

By GUNDER KEHOE
Scene Movie Critic

Welcome to Los Angeles 1999 and feast your mind on the drug of the future. No longer do humans fool around with pills and powdery substances; the narcotics have gone digital. Just connect a small recorder to your brain and play back any human experience ever captured on disc.

"Strange Days"

Director: Kathryn Bigelow

Starring: Ralph Fiennes, Angela Bassett, Juliette Lewis and Tom Sizemore

This is the world of "Strange Days," a cyber-thriller from Kathryn Bigelow ("Point Break") that packs so much energy and visual flare it will feel like lightning struck your eyes.

Ralph Fiennes is Lenny Nero, an ex-cop who peddles the digital drug on the streets of L.A. On Dec. 31, 1999, the eve of the millennium, Nero is slipped a memory that captures the brutal killing of a young brunette. Lenny's investigation takes him to a crooked record producer who holds the secret behind the execution of a black rap artist.

Lenny joins Mace (Angela Bassett), a bodyguard for hire, and Max Peltier (Tom Sizemore), a working private eye, to find the perpetrators who committed and recorded the killings. The trio dodges trigger-happy policemen while trying to save Lenny's ex-girlfriend, Faith (Juliette Lewis), from the whole web of deception. The climax finally detonates amidst the chaotic New Year's bash attended by a



Photo courtesy of 20th Century Fox

Angela Bassett and Ralph Fiennes star in "Strange Days," a cyber-thriller set in Los Angeles at the end of the millennium.

madhouse of wild citizens.

The murder mystery within "Strange Days" is watchable but the supporting fabric is what makes the film memorable. The concept behind recorded memories and getting high off emotions as well as the atmosphere of L.A. make "Strange Days" a visu-

al pleasure. Not to mention, Fiennes simply looks cool in the film as he hustles the city in his cyber-outfits and sleek Mercedes. Fiennes assumes an element of mystery while exuding a quiet vulnerability.

Bassett has the biggest arms of any actress out there, and she successfully portrays the toughest character in the movie. As Faith, Lewis sings badly, but her look is dead-on for the aspiring rock star.

The sequences of the memory drug are relentless. The camera mimics a single take and bolts around frenetically like a charged electron. Each of these clips are entirely point-of-view so the viewer is thrust into the eyes of the drug-user and transported into the picture.

Bigelow's L.A. paints a setting so ripe with tension, it's an ideal backdrop for a movie set on New Year's Eve 1999. It's a claustrophobic melting pot of every culture, race and lifestyle. When Lenny roams the streets, there's never a feel of open space and every city-dweller is feisty like rats in a cage.

The New Year's bash embraces every nation giving the sense that cities of the future will be shared by people of every nationality. Also, warm neon lights bathe Los Angeles and visualize this new cyber-punk era. All these elements collide to intensify not only Lenny's journey but all the questions surrounding the millennium.

The movie can be overly preachy about race relations, and the pairing of Fiennes and Bassett feels like a gimmicky way to mend racial tensions. But it's an electric picture nonetheless. "Strange Days" is a slick thriller and at its core there exists unparalleled atmosphere and viable questions concerning the start of the next millennium.

MOVIE REVIEW

Pitt and Norton fight for right to emote

By GUNDER KEHOE
Scene Movie Critic

Question: What do you get when you mix nitroglycerin with sodium nitrate and add a pinch of sawdust?

Answer: Dynamite.

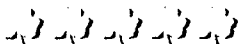
Then stir in the dark vision of director David Fincher ("Seven"), add Edward Norton and Brad Pitt and what you get is "Fight Club," the cinematic equivalent of TNT.

"Fight Club" might be the darkest, most depressing movie you'll ever see. But it's also an explosive masterpiece. Based on the subversive novel by Chuck Palahniuk, the movie takes everything audiences are supposed to believe and boldly states the opposite. It's about modern man being emasculated by consumer society, devoting his life to products he doesn't need and goals he'll never achieve. He needs an outlet and "Fight Club" is the satirical society

where extreme violence is the only means of restoration.

Edward Norton plays Jack, a man so numb he's lost every ounce of feeling in his body. Insomnia leaves Jack plodding zombie-like through his

"Fight Club"



out of five shamrocks

Director: David Fincher

Starring: Brad Pitt, Edward Norton, Helena Bonham Carter and Meat Loaf

daily routine while consumerism has him concerned with what kind of dining set defines him as a person.

His search for emotion finally gives way to tears at a cancer support group where crying in the breasts of a fat man, Bob (Meat-Loaf), signals a revelatory experience: Only when Jack pretends he's on the verge of death and loses all hope can he feel emotion. There goes Jack, assuming phony identities to attend meetings of the terminally ill for a quick fix of feeling. His cure doesn't last long when along comes Marla (Helena Bonham Carter), who ruins everything.

Marla, the pale, smoke-breathing "tourist" is like Jack, faking her disease to lose all hope. Jack, however, cannot cry with another faker like Marla in his midst, so he graduates to rougher solutions.

On a business flight, Jack is seated next to soap-making anarchist, Tyler Durden (Brad Pitt). Durden is everything Jack isn't and everything he wants to become. Tyler is anti-establishment, Tyler can make bombs, and best of all, Tyler has devised Fight Club, a place where feminized men like Jack meet their cure.

It's a secret society where they can shed their shirts and shoes, beat each other senseless and finally feel like men.

There's brutal violence in Fight Club, and the audi-



Photo courtesy of 20th Century Fox

Brad Pitt stars as anarchist Tyler Durden in David Fincher's "Fight Club." The film marks the reunion of the duo who made "Seven" a hit a few years ago.

ence winces at every punch. The participants' cheeks and noses aren't caved in for the thrill of destruction, but rather to show how far these men will go for an inkling of emotion. For the members of Fight Club, pain is better than no feeling at all.

Tyler escalates his club into Project Mayhem, an organized onslaught against all objects that shouldn't matter in life: computers, corporate art, Volkswagen Beetles. Tyler's final apocalyptic vision is to bomb the high-rise buildings that house credit-card companies. It all plays into his master plan of chaos and reducing everything to nothing. Even Jack thinks Tyler has gone too far with his commitment to losing all hope. Tyler and Jack brawl it out, and by the end, Jack is sucking on a pistol barrel with a front-row seat to mass destruction.

Pitt has tossed the fluff aside and found a role that suits him perfectly. This is his best performance to date and his quirky nuances will keep anyone chuckling. Everyone calls Norton the best actor of his generation, and "Fight Club" does everything to support this claim. Norton is the perfect sleepless drone to

admire Pitt. Together, the two personalities pack quite a punch. Bonham Carter is grim and sexy while Meat Loaf is convincingly emotional and pathetically funny.

"Fight Club" is complicated material and Fincher knows it inside and out. Every frame and each spoken line reads with subtext that plays to the film's secret, twisted reality. Fincher employs a world of techniques to tell his story with stunning effect. He balances bleak humor, multiple themes, flashbacks, hallucinations, to say nothing of his visual wizardry. One minute, the camera is swimming through Jack's brain tissue, and the next, it's lurking in a wastebasket filled with Krispy Creme garbage.

The movie demands a lot from its viewers and when the film ends, each viewer is left in a daze of ideas. But it's only moments until this daze crystallizes and forces the viewer to realize "Fight Club" is genius. Fincher serves up a platter of rebellion in a darkly comedic and energetic movie. See it once, see it twice, see it as many times as possible. "Fight Club" only gets better.

BOX OFFICE



"The Best Man," starring Taye Diggs and Nia Long, came in at the No. 1 spot at the weekend box office, earning \$9 million. The film beat out other new films "Bringing Out the Dead" and "Bats," both which still debuted in the top 10. Box office No. 2 "Double Jeopardy" continues its climb to \$100 million, showing that poorly-reviewed films can succeed during the fall movie season.

Photo courtesy of Universal Pictures

Top Ten Weekend of Oct. 22-24

Movie Title	Weekend Sales	Total Sales
1. The Best Man	\$ 9.0 million	\$ 9.0 million
2. Double Jeopardy	\$ 7.6 million	\$ 91.0 million
3. Fight Club	\$ 6.3 million	\$ 21.9 million
4. Bringing Out the Dead	\$ 6.2 million	\$ 6.3 million
5. The Story of Us	\$ 5.4 million	\$ 17.8 million
6. American Beauty	\$ 5.2 million	\$ 48.6 million
7. Bats	\$ 4.7 million	\$ 4.7 million
8. Three to Tango	\$ 4.4 million	\$ 4.4 million
9. Three Kings	\$ 4.3 million	\$ 50.1 million
10. The Sixth Sense	\$ 4.1 million	\$ 255.5 million

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WORLD SERIES

Led by Clemens, Yankees sweep Braves in World Series

Associated Press

NEW YORK

The Rocket can rest now. The ring is his.

Roger Clemens pitched the New York Yankees to their second straight World Series sweep, shutting down the Atlanta Braves 4-1 Wednesday night and ending his quest for the one and only prize that eluded him.

With raucous fans waving yellow, plastic brooms all over the ballpark and Clemens bouncing around on the mound, the Yankees won their record 25th championship. Game 4 marked New York's 12th Series victory a row, matching the mark set by its Murderers' Row teams.

Clemens waited his entire career for this moment and, at last, commanded the October stage.

Showing the form that earned him five Cy Young Awards and 247 wins in 16 seasons, Clemens shut out Atlanta into the eighth to outduel John Smoltz.

Brought to the Bronx this spring from Toronto in a trade for David Wells that many Yankees fans disliked, Clemens walked off the mound to rousing cheers, tipping his cap and holding both hands high to acknowledge the ovation.

Mariano Rivera who had two saves and a win in the Series was selected as MVP.

The Yankees finished off a week in which they simply overwhelmed the club that had best record in the majors, and accomplished a lot more along the way they:

—Became baseball's first repeat champion since Toronto in 1992-93.

—Posted the first set of consecutive Series sweeps since the Yankees in 1938-39.

—Completed an incredible run in which they won 18 of 19 postseason games. The only loss came when Clemens was beaten by Pedro Martinez at Fenway Park 11 days earlier.

—Overcame a year of adversity, which began with manager Joe Torre's prostate cancer in spring training and included the death of outfielder Paul O'Neill's father early Wednesday.

—And, in the last game of the 20th century, their all-century team pitcher ended all debate about which club was most dominant this decade.

For Atlanta, the loss was its record-tying eighth straight in the Series, a

string that began in 1996 against the Yankees. It surely was a bitter disappointment for the Braves and manager Bobby Cox.

After winning the title in 1995, they had "Team of the 90s" engraved on their rings. Instead, they joined the New York Giants of 1910-19 as the only teams ever to lose four World Series in a decade.

Clemens and the sellout crowd of 56,752 fans, meanwhile, basked in pin-striped glory after taking an early 3-0 lead.

At 37, he won his first championship — John Elway was the same age when he won his first Super Bowl.

Featuring a fastball in the mid-90s mph, Clemens struck out four and walked two in his first World Series victory — he got two no-decisions in 1986 when his Boston Red Sox blew it against the New York Mets.

Smoltz struck out three to avoid trouble in the second inning, but could not escape in the third. Chuck Knoblauch and Derek Jeter opened with singles and a one-out intentional walk to Bernie Williams loaded the bases.

Tino Martinez followed with a hard grounder and, perhaps screened by Williams, first baseman Ryan Klesko let the ball skip off his forearm for a two-run single. With two outs, Jorge Posada hit an RBI single.

That was plenty for Clemens, who took a two-hit shutout into the eighth. The Braves then nicked him with singles by Walt Weiss and Gerald Williams, and Jeff Nelson relieved.

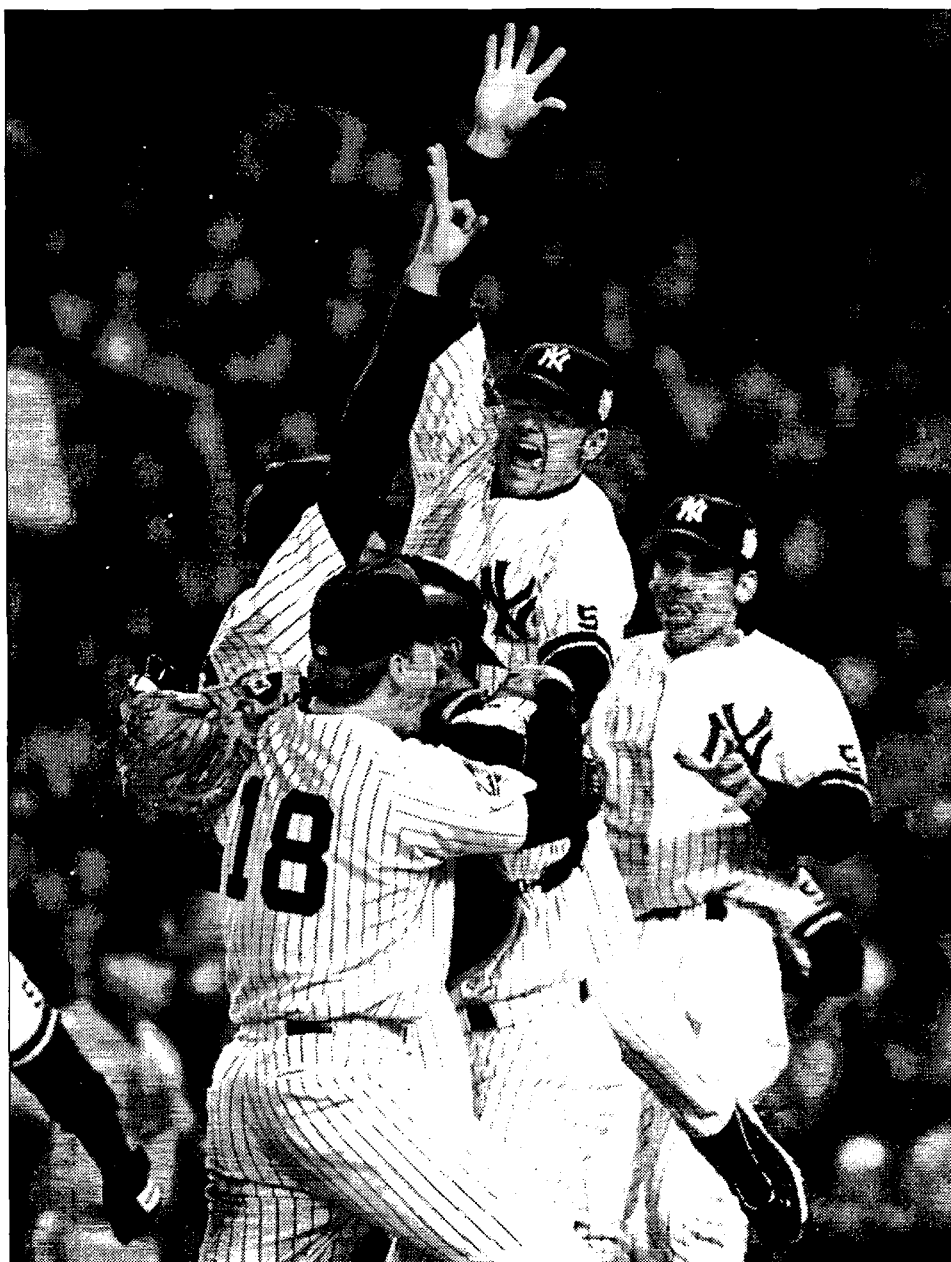
After Bret Boone hit an RBI single, Rivera took over and kept the Braves from doing any more damage. He got Chipper Jones on a grounder with runners at the corners to end the inning, and pitched a scoreless ninth.

Rivera ended this season with 43 scoreless innings, and extended his postseason shutout streak to 25 2-3 innings.

As if for good measure, pinch-hitter Jim Leyritz launched a solo home run in the New York eighth off Terry Mulholland. Remember, it was Leyritz's homer off Atlanta relief ace Mark Wohlers in Game 4 in 1996 that turned the momentum in the Yankees' favor.

Never has a team overcome an 0-3 deficit in the postseason, and the Yankees made sure it did not happen this time.

Clemens, often a victim of his high



KRT PHOTO

New York Yankees swarm the mound as a 4-1 win over Atlanta gave the Yankees their 25th world series win of the century.

emotions in big games, jogged to the mound a full minute after his teammates took the field to start the night. Third baseman Scott Brosius and Jeter came in to offer words of encouragement before the first pitch.

The fans were with Clemens the whole way, standing up after he got two strikes

on leadoff man Williams. Clemens finished the job, fanning Williams, and pumped his fist after retiring Jones on a grounder to end the first.

Clemens spent the rest of the game shouting to his fielders and offering congratulations. In the eighth, he was on the receiving end.

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11/02.	Tuesday.	Holy Cross Hill between lakes. 0800PM-1000PM.		
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10/29.	Friday.	Keenan Hall.

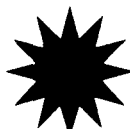
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Meeting with Barbara Burlingham-Brown, Catholic Charities' adoption counselor.		
11/01.	Monday.	Notre Dame Room, Lafortune. 0900PM.
Talk by Dawn Kober, abortion survivor.		
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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Streiffer leads Irish to 38 straight Big 10 wins

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish extended their winning streak against the Big 10 to 38 games with a 9-2 win over the Wisconsin Badgers last night in Madison.

Senior midfielder Jenny Streiffer led the Irish offense with two goals and one assist. Her five-point night gave her 194 points in her career and moved her into first place all-time on the Irish career list.

The Irish offense chased Badger goalkeeper Kelly Conway from the net in the 70th minute after she gave up six goals and made just five saves. Her replacement, Katie Spillone did not fair much better as the Irish scored three goals on four shots against Spillone.

All-American defender Jen Grubb opened the scoring for the Irish in the 13th minute off an assist from junior forward Meotis Erikson. Erikson finished the day with three assists and a goal.

Wisconsin tied the game less than a minute later when Allison Wagner scored her first goal of the game.

Grubb gave the Irish the lead back in the 16th minute. Big East defensive player of the week Kara Brown assisted on the goal.

Streiffer picked her first point of the game when she assisted on Erikson's game-winning goal in the 56th minute to give the Irish a 3-1 lead.

Wagner scored another quick counter goal a minute later to close the Irish lead to one. Emily Stevens assisted on the goal.

Streiffer pushed the lead back to two when she took an Erikson pass and fired the ball past Conway for her 63rd career goal.

Senior forward Jenny Heft gave the Irish a three goal lead in the 61st minute for her 75th

career goal before Streiffer scored her second goal of the game three minutes later.

Junior Anne Mäkinen scored two straight goals before senior Irish Lancaster closed out the Irish scoring in the 76th minute.

The Irish offense scored its most goals since Oct. 1 when the Notre Dame scored 10 goals against Georgia. The nine goals are also the most the Irish have scored since the on the road since a 10-0 victory over the Badgers on Oct. 14, 1997.

NHL

Detroit wins with Shanahan goals

Associated Press

DETROIT

Brendan Shanahan scored two goals as the Detroit Red Wings beat the Colorado Avalanche 5-3 Wednesday night in the season's first renewal of one of the NHL's fiercest rivalries.

Vyacheslav Kozlov, Tomas Holmstrom and Darren McCarty also scored for the Red Wings (7-1-1), who have won five straight and are

unbeaten in seven games since their lone loss Oct. 5 against Dallas.

Adam Deadmarsh scored two goals and Shjon Podein another as the Avalanche (5-4-2) fell to 2-2 on a four-game road trip that ends Thursday at Philadelphia.

Deadmarsh's second goal came in the final minute on a six-man attack. But McCarty's empty-net goal with 18.4 seconds left ended Colorado's comeback hopes.

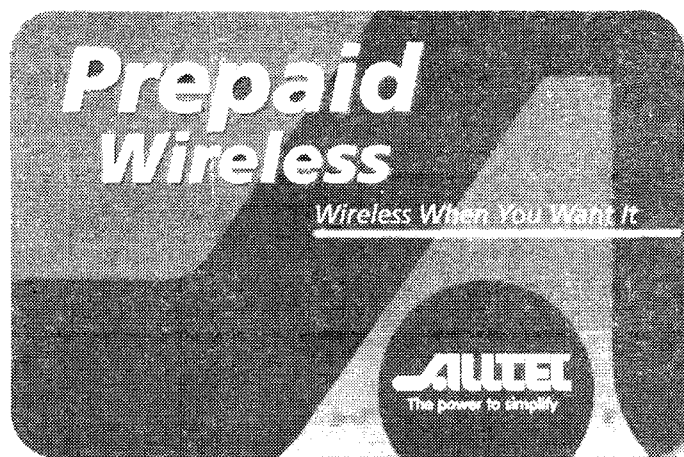
Detroit goalie Chris Osgood

made 20 saves. Colorado's Patrick Roy had 23 stops.

The game was the first meeting between the teams since Colorado ousted Detroit in six games in last season's Western Conference semifinals.

It was cleanly played with no fights and only six minor penalties.

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"Doris Sullivan was definitely their strongest player," Milligan said.

Olivet plays Calvin College at 3 p.m. on Thursday in the second round.

Milligan was optimistic about next season, which will be the third for the varsity soccer program.

"The base we have set com-

ing into next year is extremely solid," Milligan said. "We return a majority of our starting lineup, and the class coming in next year will fill in holes created by graduation."

Of his seniors, co-captains Barger, McCabe, Rachel Egger and player Liz Coley, Milligan had nothing but good things to say.

"The seniors we are graduating are magnificent women on and off the field," Milligan said. "We will miss them a great deal."

MEN'S INTERHALL

Dawgs enter playoffs as top seed

By KEVIN BERCHOU
Sports Writer

The much-anticipated interhall football playoffs kick off this weekend, and for the first time in recent memory, a change has occurred

at the top of the seeding.

The Keenan Knights, owners of an 18-game unbeaten streak that spans three years, find themselves in an unfamiliar position — seeded third among the eight playoff squads, rather than first, the pole position they had grown accustomed to.

The Alumni Dawgs instead occupy the top spot based on the strength of their impressive 4-0 record, which was just enough to secure the Blue League championship. The Siegfried Ramblers, who amassed a strong 2-0-2 record, come in as the second seed by way of their first place finish in the Gold League.

But a higher seed does not necessarily mean a better team, according to Siegfried head coach Jamie Bordas.

"Every team in the playoffs is high quality," Bordas said. "The rankings aren't always indicative of who is going to come out on top."

The RecSports department, which runs and regulates interhall play, seeds teams systematically using a point system. The top two slots are automatically awarded to the two league champions. Two points are allotted for a victory and one for a tie. Alumni, by accumulating the most points overall, was seeded first.

Siegfried and Knott were tied for Gold League championships, but Siegfried was

declared winner as a result of its victory over Knott. The rest of the seeding is done in much the same fashion. Keenan and Knott each finished second in their respective leagues, but Keenan's 3-0-1 record was good enough to earn a third seed and Knott fourth.

Alumni players believe they deserve the lofty ranking.

"We enjoy being seeded where we are," said Dawgs captain Pat Paquette. "Obviously we feel some pressure, but I don't think there's necessarily a big advantage. Every game is going to be tough. We're going in with the attitude that were the team to beat."

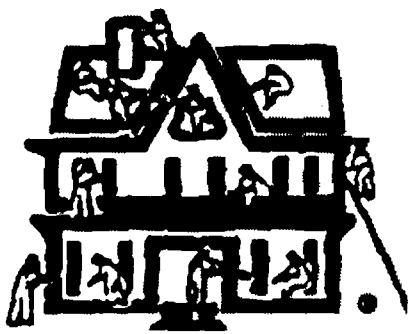
Siegfried is thrilled to be seeded second.

"Our goal at the beginning of the season was to make the playoffs as a high seed, and we've done that," said Bordas. "Now it's anybody's to win."

Popular sentiment has the Blue League, comprised of the larger dorms and boasting higher level of competition, slated to produce the champion, but Bordas doesn't think that's necessarily the case.

"I think they have a slight advantage, simply because they draw from a bigger pool of kids," the Ramblers coach said. "This year I think play has leveled off though. Teams like us, Knott and Sorin are all very strong."

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HOCKEY

Irish hope to beat Redhawks, end losing streak in CCHA

By MIKE CONNOLLY
Associate Sports Editor

The Notre Dame hockey team looks to pick up its first Central Collegiate Hockey Association win tonight when it takes on the Redhawks of Miami University in the Joyce Center at 7:05 p.m.

The Irish are currently 0-4 in the CCHA and stand in last place.

"We have to get a win," head coach Dave Poulin said. "There is no question that is a priority with us right now. Everything is focused on winning a hockey game Thursday night."

The early losses have hurt the team's confidence a bit, according to Poulin.

"When you start like this there is not question that it has been very, very difficult," he said. "We went into this year with his expectations and we haven't played well. That compounds and you certainly start to doubt what you are doing."

Notre Dame's 1-5 record on the year is especially perplexing to Poulin considering the talent he has assembled. From a talent standpoint, this year's Irish squad is one of the fifth-year head coach's best.

"You have changes on the team every year," Poulin said. "Seniors graduate, freshman come in and I think on paper we're probably a deeper team. We've brought a lot of skill in and it simply hasn't meshed yet. We are a talented hockey team that has not played well."

The area that has produced the least this year for the Irish is special teams. Last year the Irish finished second in the CCHA on the power play with a 19.1 percent success rate. This

year the Irish are 11th on the power play in 1999 with just a 8.7 percent success rate.

The Irish have had trouble killing penalties as well. They've given up 10 power play goals and two other goals just after a power play expired. Their penalty-kill rate has fallen from 83.2 percent last season to 75 percent this season.

"Special teams have been a huge problem for us without question," Poulin said. "We've given up power-play goals and haven't scored them."

"It just hasn't jived," he continued. "From a pure talent standpoint, there is more talent that I've had in my five years on the power play. It just hasn't meshed yet."

The loss of Brian Urick, Aniket Dhadphale and Benoit Cotnoir to graduation could be a factor in the Irish power-play struggles. Dhadphale finished his Irish career fifth in career power-play goals. Cotnoir and Urick also played key roles on the power play last year as they combined for nine goals and 19 assists.

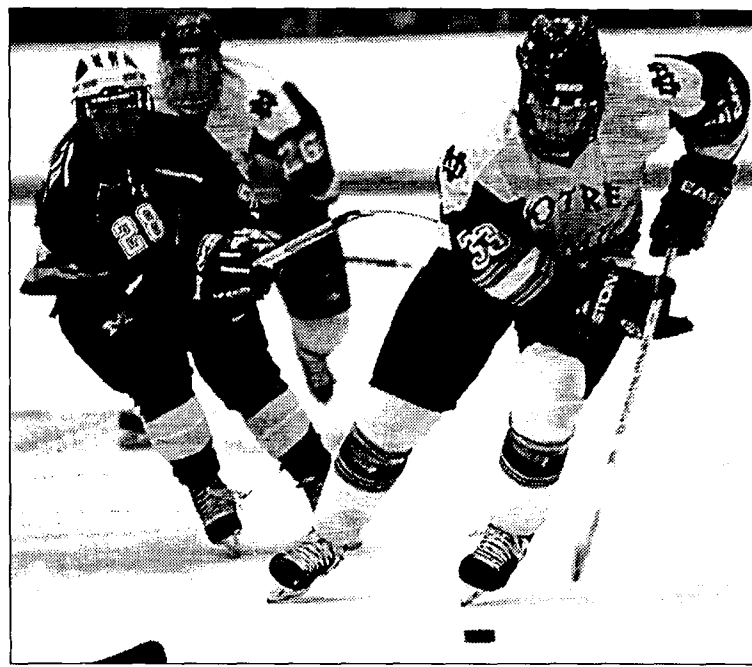
In 1999, the Irish have gotten five power-play goals from five different players. David Inman, Dan Carlson, Ben Simon, Tyson Fraser and Brett Henning have each scored one goal with a man-advantage.

The slow start to the season could be seen as the result of Notre Dame getting off to slow starts in games. So far in 1999, the Irish have been out scored 7-1 in the first period. The poor starts have been a result of a lack of mental focus, according to Poulin. Poulin said that the team needs to be better prepared to play in the first period but there is no single way to motivate a team.

"It's preparation to get ready and everyone prepares differently to get ready," he said. "What I talk to the players about is finding the way that suits them best. There is not a right way to get ready. There is a proper way for you to get ready, and you have to learn that and be ready to go."

The Irish will have to be ready when the Redhawks take the ice tonight. Miami is 4-1-1 overall and 1-0-1 in the CCHA. Led by a power play that scores 20 percent of the time. The Redhawks are third in the CCHA in scoring with 3.67 goals per game. They have, however, also given up a lot of goals. Their 3.00 goals allowed per game is seventh in the CCHA.

The Irish have already dug themselves a deep hole in the CCHA with losses to Michigan and Ferris State and cannot afford to fall to 0-5 if they expect to make the playoffs. The Irish have improved this week in practice and are ready to turn around the season, according to Poulin.



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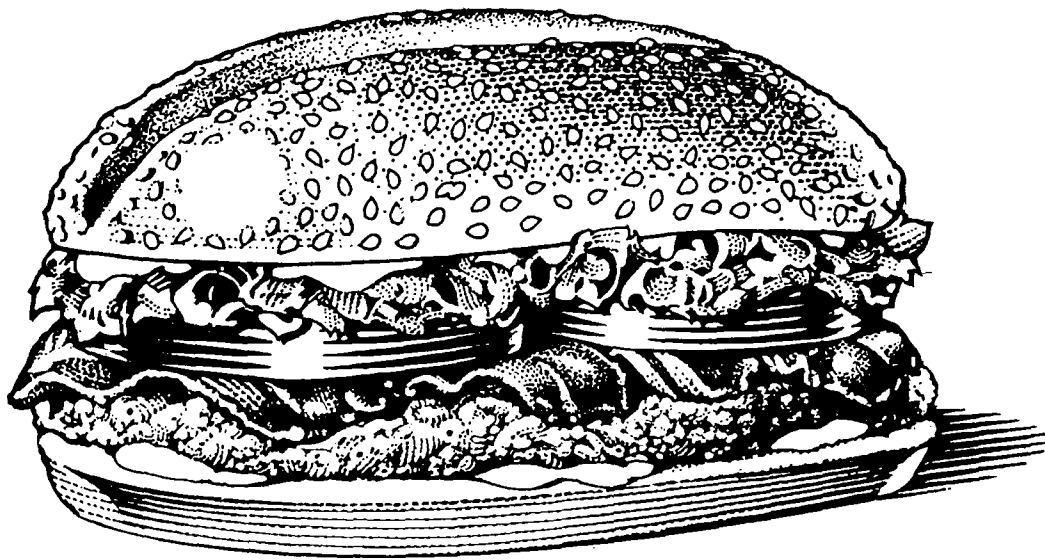
Right wing Joe Dusbabek, seen here shooting against Michigan, is one of the seniors looking for their first conference win against Miami.

"We had an interesting practice [Tuesday]," Poulin said. "We've addressed some of the

issues we've had. The main thing we have to do now is play."

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black in the Major Leagues. That fact alone, however, should not guarantee a place on the team. His numbers are

slightly worse than both Rod Carew and Nap Lajoie, and arguments can be made against Joe Morgan's exclusion as well.

Inarguably though, Robinson's status as the first African-American player and his hero status within an entire race of people was one of the predominant determining fac-

tors in his inclusion on the team.

It's confusing, then, to see Roberto Clemente excluded. Clemente was to Latin-Americans what Jackie Robinson was to African-Americans. Though he wasn't the first Latino in the majors, he certainly was the best.

He is widely considered the greatest all-around rightfielder of at least the last half-century. His arm legendary, his intelligence uncanny, Clemente was one of the few players equally capable of playing spectacular defense and offense. Though his untimely death cut him down in the prime of his career, his statistics still rate among the leagues best. What's more, Clemente's clubhouse presence made his Pirates team better and his service to his community is legendary. A more deserving player has never played.

Josh Gibson was unfortunate enough to die in 1947, the year that Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier. However, never has a hitter dominated a league like Gibson did the Negro Leagues in the years before blacks were allowed to play in the Major Leagues.

He hit approximately 962 homeruns in his 17-year career, including hitting 75 in one season, numbers even Babe Ruth can not match. His lifetime average of .391 would rank him far ahead of Ty Cobb's Major League-leading .367-lifetime average. Imagine averaging nearly .400 for 17 years. And yet, his lack of playing the Majors has unfairly left him off of this team.

Joe DiMaggio, one of the greatest hitters of all time, called Satchel Paige, "The best and fastest pitcher I've ever seen." DiMaggio wasn't alone in his praise.

Paige spent 22 years dominating the Negro Leagues pitching an astounding amount of innings. He once started 29 games in one month and won 104 out of 105 games in a calendar year. He once pitched 64 consecutive scoreless innings and won 21 consecutive games.

What's more, Paige was equally dominating in barnstorming games against Major Leaguers. There are tales of him striking out the first nine batters in a game and striking out as many as 22 total Major Leaguers.

Satchel did it in style too. He once waived his outfielders off of the field, sat his infielders down at their positions and then struck out the potential winning run with the tying run on second base. He even walked the bases loaded just so he could face Josh Gibson and then promptly struck him out.

Paige didn't break into the major leagues until he was 42 years old. He spent the next five years in the majors averaging 5.45 strikeouts per games and compiling an earned run average of 3.29. But Paige wasn't done at the age of 47. He made a return appearance in 1965 at the age of 59, striking out a batter and pitching three innings of scoreless baseball.

Can any other pitcher claim that?

Though Gibson's and Paige's statistics were racked up in the Negro Leagues, it's important to note that these leagues were not an inferior league like the USFL or CBA. In fact, many of the stars on this team began in the Negro Leagues. What's more they had to face each other, a daunting task for any player.

Arguably three of the most dominating players ever seen in baseball, these players were left off of the team because of bad timing and tragic deaths. No other reason can exist.

Clemente, Paige and Gibson should be on the team not because they're African-American or Latino, but because they deserve it.

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Sophomore Intro

Sunday, October 31, Lindenwood

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Most Rev. Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.

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Gospel Matthew 23: 1-12

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Tom Doyle, C.S.C.

Each year when I interview all the freshmen in the dorm, I pose the question "What do you like about Notre Dame?" The most common response is, "people are so nice here." People generally are nice here, and well behaved, respectful and good mannered. Sometimes I fear that Notre Dame is the most polite place in the world. Our niceness is so pervasive that we can trick ourselves into thinking that somehow we have arrived . . . we are doing enough . . . a high percentage of students who do service . . . competitors hug each other after Bengal Bouts matches . . . everyone who is here loves it and feels like they belong . . . we are all good Christians . . . Ex Corde Ecclesiae is a moot point . . . Notre Dame is the greatest Catholic University in the world . . . and Jesus Christ himself would be lucky to be enrolled at this esteemed place.

It's not that I have anything against being nice. I find it a much preferable disposition to being mean, rude, ornery or other disagreeable behaviors. It just seems that acting nicely can cover a multitude of sins. Being and desperately wanting things "nice" at Notre Dame can cause us to overlook and camouflage some of our most ugly and sinful features. As a community, we have some deep fissures that are too often dangerously draped over by majority populations and a culture of niceness. Race, economic status, gender and sexual orientation: our attitudes toward these painful, awkward, complex realities painfully strain our community. To the extent that we do not have empathy for, and conversation with, people who live on the other sides of these divides, we are prevented from being in communion with one another and our God. Our avoidance and inability to share our experience honestly across these chasms weakens and destabilizes the beloved ground we tread upon. And when we're on the larger more powerful side of these divides, we're less likely to experience the effects of these tremors.

Homosexual people study, work and make significant contributions at Notre Dame. My work in Campus Ministry leads me to believe that externally, gay and lesbian persons blend in pretty, if not very, well. Internally, they often don't usually feel like full and valued members of this community.

In part, gay and lesbian persons feel disconnected because they have frequent contact with the few people at Notre Dame who fall short on our general standards of niceness. These people tell crude jokes about gays and lesbians. They'll scrawl FAG on a dormitory whiteboard but don't have the decency to sign their name to the message. They'll make prank or threatening phone calls in the middle of the night. They'll speak in hushed voices speculating with others about someone else's sexuality.

In part, Notre Dame doesn't feel safe or like home for gay and lesbian persons because the silent majority is often too nice. Lots of people hear the gay jokes, don't laugh, think they are wrong but don't protest. Some sit silently on the periphery of speculative and judgmental conversations about someone else's sexual orientation and are too embarrassed to ask their friends not to gossip. Many pass by the white-boards and don't wipe away hurtful messages because they weren't responsible for writing them. People too nice are indicted by their inaction. When I was at Notre Dame as an undergraduate, I had a very good friend who waited seven semesters before he shared with me that he was gay. Why did he wait so long? Why didn't he trust me with this aspect of his life earlier? Why didn't he share with me the weight of his burden? I'm sure he knew I was nice enough to listen to his news, but he must of doubted that I was courageous enough to meet him on the edge of a very deep fissure.

This weekend, at all the campus masses, Campus Ministry and representatives of OUTreachND are going to ask you to politely accept a gift. It is a prayer and pledge that we have co-authored. It attempts to describe and open ourselves to how we believe that God calls us to be in communion with lesbian and gay persons at Notre Dame. The pledge makes concrete how we will strive to relate to one another. The ribbon is a sign that you are invited to display which indicates that you have prayed the prayer, spoken the pledge and have the courage to meet a friend or stranger on the edge of one of our campus', this country's, our Church's and the world's deepest fissures.

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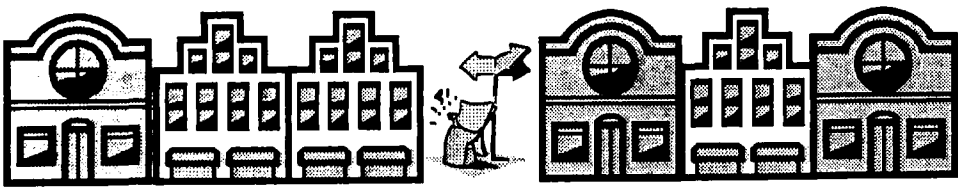
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BASKETBALL

Murphy named to All-Big East first team

Special to The Observer

Khalid El-Amin, who has directed Connecticut to the 1999 NCAA title and a 66-7 record over the past two years as the starting point guard, has been named 1999-2000 Big East Preseason Player of the Year by a vote of the league's head coaches.

El-Amin is joined on the 1999-00 Preseason All-Big East First Team by two seniors and two sophomores.

The seniors are Miami swingman Johnny Hemsley and Syracuse center Etan Thomas.

The sophomores are Notre Dame forward Troy Murphy and St. John's guard Erick Barkley.

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field.

"He's a little different style back," Rogers said. "The other guys are long, tall guys. Tony Fisher and Tony Driver are both 6-foot-1-, 6-foot-2-inch guys and probably 220 [pounds] or so. Julius Jones is more the scat back kind of guy — a 5-foot-10-inch, 195 ball of muscle that can really change directions, has great speed and can catch the ball also. With the ball in his hands, he's a pretty exciting guy."

Jones has offered excitement on special teams. Jones emerged as the Irish return man after Getherall went down with a shoulder injury. He averages over 12 yards on punt returns and almost 20 yards on kickoff returns.

"Playing on special teams has helped me out a lot," Jones said. "Joey got hurt early in the season, so I had to step up and go in. I've been producing pretty well at that position, and I think that's given me the chance to play at tailback because the coaches

are starting believe in me more."

Head coach Bob Davie had high praise for the freshman back.

"I want to see him get the football. No doubt about that," Davie said. "His plate is going to keep getting filled up now. He is no longer a freshman. We have been through seven games and two open dates, so we are going to let him rip now."

Jones, however, knows there is still a lot to be learned.

"I'm learning from all the tailbacks," Jones said. "They know the offense pretty well and I'm still learning, so they help me out with the blocking assignments."

Rogers and the rest of the coaching staff see the talent in Jones and are trying to mold him into a complete player.

"He can be special. I don't think there is any question about it," Rogers said. "Julius' biggest problem right now is that he was a high school player at this time last year. The way you practice, every play is different than it was in high school. When you're a big shot in high school, you're able to take a play or two off. We have to cure him of that."

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WOMEN'S INTERHALL

Quarterbacks Choi, Plummer bring talent to playoffs

By RACHEL BIBER
Sports Writer

The path to the renowned field in Notre Dame Stadium will begin this weekend as the interhall football playoffs begin, and two stellar quarterbacks have their focus set on leading their perspective teams to the hallowed destination.

The dominance of Breen-Phillips quarterback Jenny Choi and Pasquerilla East's quarterback Elizabeth Plummer has turned heads this season, while each has guided her team through successful regular season play.

Plummer's team leadership is exemplified by the fact that the Babes cruised through the regular season unscathed by their opponents, posting an undefeated record. Not only did her pure athletic talent determine her offensive dominance, but her motivated spirit contributed as well.

"Her strengths are her leadership ability and her sheer athletic talent," Pyro captain Anna Benjamin said. "She goes out of her way to know everyone, and she gets everyone fired up."

The Babes' Choi has exhibited similar leadership as well throughout the regular season, also leading her team to a sparkling record of 6-0. BP's penetrating offense has no doubt been due to the intelligent play of its quarterback.

"She has a lot of experience,

and she is smart on the field," BP captain Katie Leicht said.

"She is a motivator on the field and always has a good attitude," Leicht said. "While balancing the academic load of a triple-major, Choi has still proven dedicated to her fellow teammates throughout the season."

"Her presence at practice and games is always assured, despite her demanding schedule. She is a triple major," Leicht continued. "But she never makes excuses."

Choi recognized her knack for the quarterback position as a freshman in BP.

"I started playing freshman year," Choi said. "I'd never played football before and I tried out for fun."

Without any previous experience before coming to Notre Dame she still shines on the field.

The leadership, talent, and ability that Choi consistently displays could be a result of a lucky sock bearing the name of Notre Dame that she tries to wear each time she leads her team to victory. The Babe's 6-0 record is most likely the result of strong team unity and talent, but wearing an old sock each game has obviously not

hurt BP's chances.

"I try to wear the Notre Dame sock each game," Choi said. "But I rely on my teammates."

Choi, a fifth-year senior, enjoys the friendships that interhall football has to offer, and takes pride in the teamwork that she and her fellow Babes exhibit on the field.

"I enjoy the teamwork," Choi said.

"It's a time to go out and have fun, and it is also an opportunity to meet people in your dorm."

BP coach Kevin Shannon was quick to praise Choi's ability and talent. Her natural

"She is a tremendous leader and very intense. Her strengths are her agility and her ability to move around"

Kerry Hanley
Pyro football player

talent at the quarterback position has impressed him throughout the time that he has coached the Babes.

"She is very coachable and catches on right away," Shannon said. "She's a good team leader."

Plummer received equal acclaim from Pyro captain Anna Benjamin who has never seen another player like Plummer. Plummer's aptitude for the role of quarterback has caused PE to be a perennial powerhouse during her time at Notre Dame.

"She completely dominates the game," Benjamin said. "She is in another league, and she does not come close to anyone we have played against."

The Pyros' interhall team has been synonymous with the name of Plummer during her five-year tenure at Notre

Dame. Recent speculation claims that Plummer's decision to return to Notre Dame rests on the opportunity to play interhall football, but her constant contribution to her teams winning ways and her solid leadership probably explains why her opponents make that allegation.

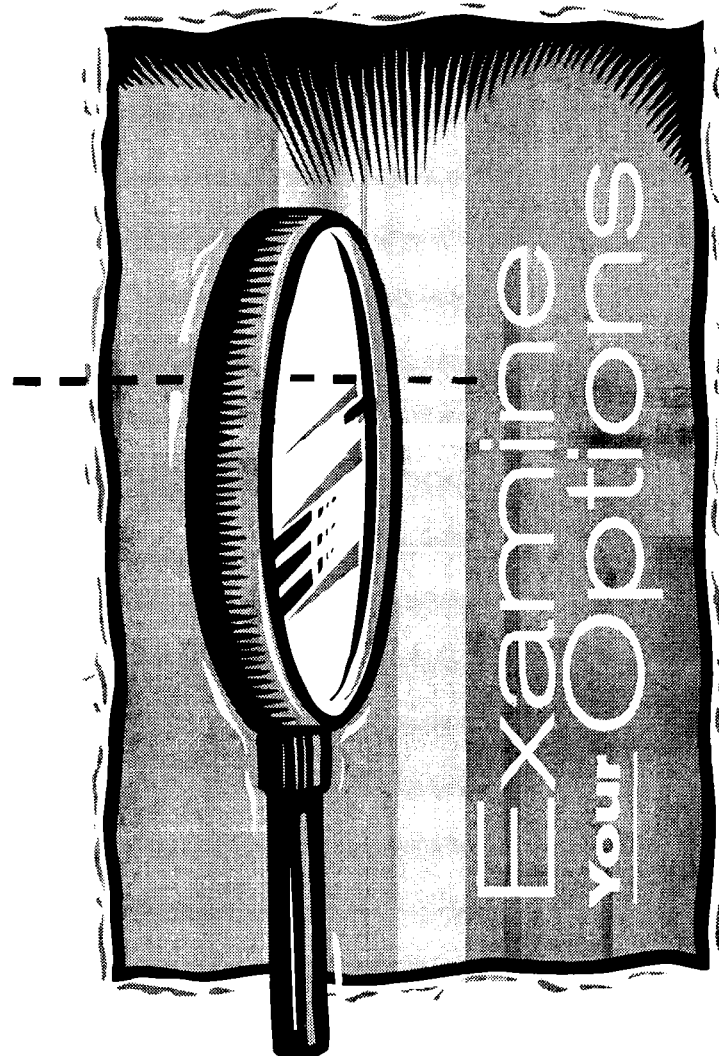
"She is a tremendous leader and very intense," fellow teammate and wide receiver Kerry Hanley said. "Her strengths are her agility and her ability to move around."

The road to the championship game this season will be tough for both the Babes and the Pyros, but the consistent offensive force that Choi and Plummer have contributed to their teams this season will provide a powerful thrust in allowing either BP or PE to end its season on the field inside Notre Dame stadium.

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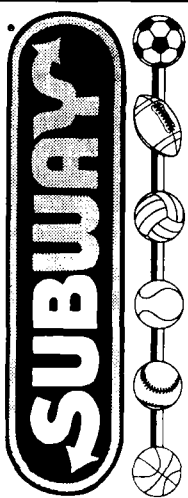
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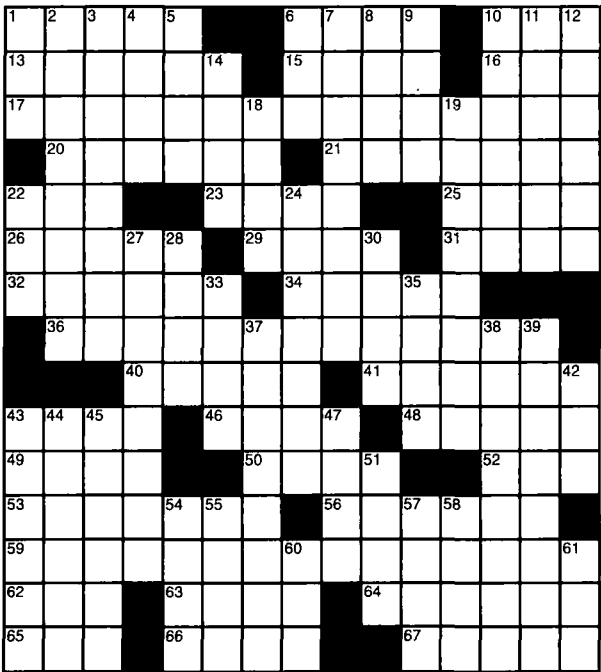
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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do a little socializing with your clients or colleagues. You'll have the know-how when it comes to charmingly getting your own way. Don't be afraid to present your ideas. **OOOOOO**

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First Team.
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FOOTBALL

Jones takes advantage of opportunities

By BRIAN KESSLER
Sports Editor

Freshman tailback Julius Jones came to Notre Dame in August not expecting a whole lot.

Prior to the season, calling the Irish backfield deep and talented was an understatement. Autry Denson, the school's all-time leading rusher, had departed, but there were several capable backs waiting to fill Denson's shoes. So Jones knew he had to be patient and wait his turn.

But early in the season, Jones caught the eye of the coaches. Darcey Levy transferred, Tony Driver was suspended, Joey Getherell was injured — and Jones now finds himself starting on special teams and No. 2 on the depth chart at tailback.

"I never expected this, but I'm glad it's happened to me," Jones said. "I'm getting better as the year goes on and things are working out well for me."

Really well.

Jones led the Irish tailbacks in rushes and yards in the past two games and is expected to see even more carries as a result of Driver's suspension.

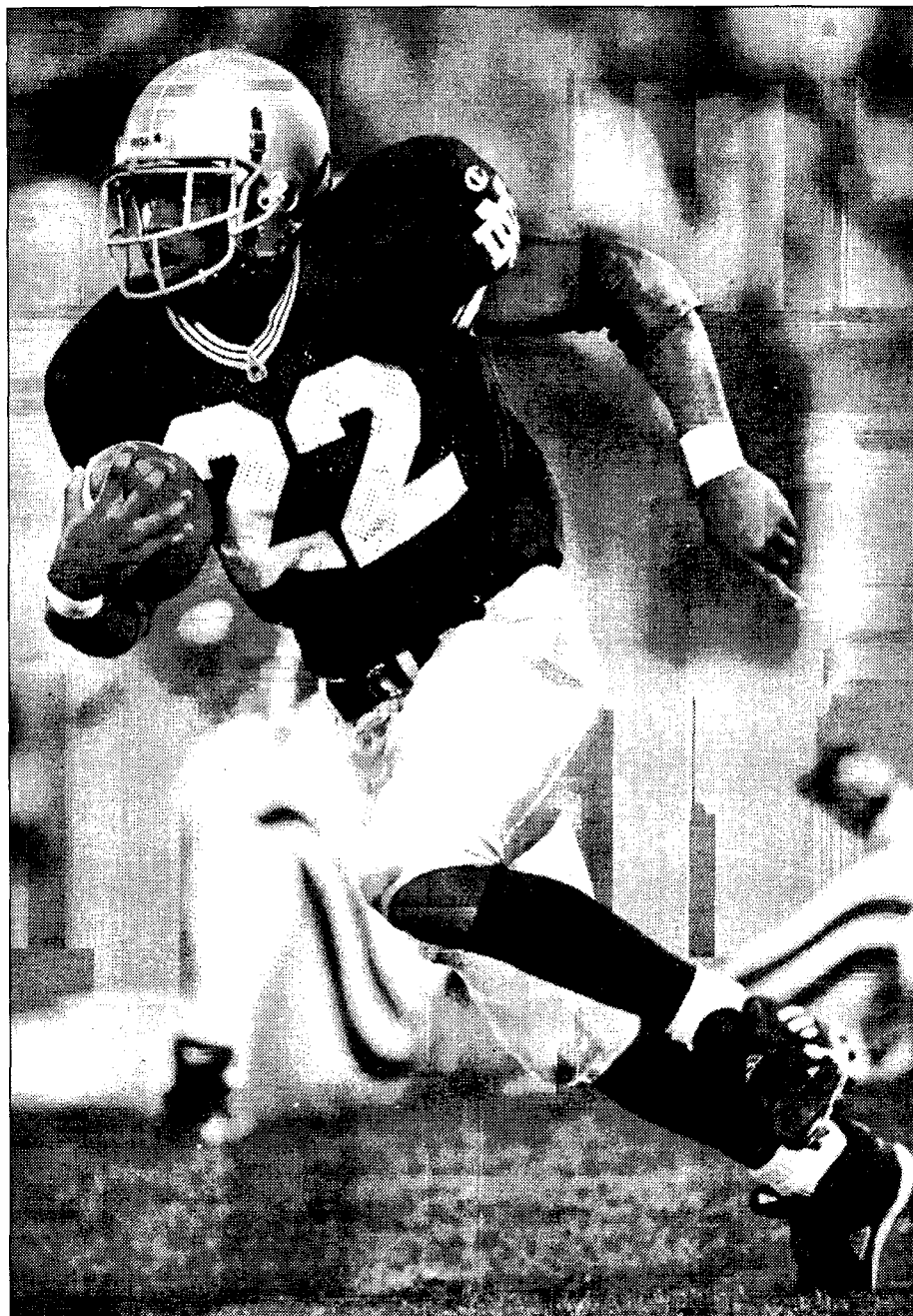
"I'm just getting a little more playing time and trying to step up," said Jones, who ranks fourth on the Irish squad in all-purpose yards and total offense. "It's unfortunate he [Driver] got into the situation he did, but we just have to step up and take over. Any time you get more play time, you get excited about it. I just have to go out and help the team out."

"His role is increasing here every week with Tony [Driver] here or not," offensive coordinator Kevin Rogers said. "Obviously though he'll be used more. I think over the course of time he's proven that he's a pretty talented guy."

Julius' brother Thomas is pretty talented as well. Thomas Jones, a senior at Virginia, is second in the country in rushing, averaging nearly 160 yards per game.

"I talk to him almost every other day," Julius said. "We're very close. He helps me out and tells me how to deal with things since he's already been through it."

Jones offers a different look for Rogers' offense and adds some excitement in the back-



JEFF HSU/The Observer

Freshman Julius Jones will start on special teams and hold the No. 2 tailback position when Notre Dame faces Navy on Saturday.

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Team of century lacking

The end of the century is near, in case you haven't noticed.

It seems like everyone and their mother are busy trying to formulate lists of

Brian Churney

greatest this and that of the century.

On the Hot Corner

Major League Baseball,

not to be outdone, recently announced its list of its "All-Century team," making a gallant ceremony during game two of the World Series.

Much has been made of Pete Rose's controversial selection to the list and Bud Selig decision to allow him to be a part of the ceremony. In fact, so much has been made, that the three most glaring omissions on the list have gone overlooked.

The All-Century team was riddled with ridiculous inclusions and equally abhorrent omissions to it. Consider that Mark McGwire, who hits homeruns but barely fields his position, made the team while Jimmie Foxx, an excellent fielder who hit a full 60 points higher and had 11 more homeruns this century than McGwire, was left off.

While it's hard to criticize Cal Ripken Jr.'s selection because of his dedication to playing everyday and his hall of fame stats, it's also hard to leave off Ozzie Smith, the man who was possibly the greatest fielder ever.

Frank Robinson was left off of the team despite hitting 586 homeruns, winning a triple crown and winning MVPs in both leagues, as was Joe Jackson who, despite being banned from baseball, hit .347 for his career and is regarded as one of the best "five-tool" players ever. Steve Carlton was left off of the team despite ranking second in all-time strikeouts and ninth in all-time wins.

While Major League Baseball tried to correct some of these grievous wrongs by adding five players after the voting was already over, they inexcusably excluded three men. The three stick out primarily because of the inclusion of Jackie Robinson to the team.

Jackie Robinson was fortunate enough to be the first

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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Belles shut out in first round of tournament

By SARAH RYKOWSKI
Sports Writer

A season that has been, in many ways, Saint Mary's best, ended as the Belles were eliminated from the MIAA tournament on Tuesday.

The team fell in the first round of the tournament, losing to Olivet College, 3-0.

"Overall I was pleased with our play," head coach Jason Milligan said. "We had lots of [scoring] opportunities, but we were not able to finish them."

This problem plagued the Belles all season long, especially in league contests. In the regular season game against third-ranked Olivet, the score was also 3-0.

"The score was the same, but we controlled the flow of play much better than earlier," Milligan said. "Overall, we played much, much better in this game than we did in the regular season game [against Olivet]."

Saint Mary's had eight shots on goal compared to Olivet's 15. Katy Barger and Erin

McCabe, both senior co-captains for the Belles, had four and two attempts, respectively. Laura Paulen and Lynn Taylor also had shots.

"SMC was definitely ready to play," Milligan said.

The Belles' work on their defensive skills paid off in this game. Olivet had 17 corner kicks, all of which Saint Mary's blocked. Goalie Brie Gershick made nine saves against Olivet.

"They did not score any goals off of corners, which was one of our objectives,"

Milligan said. "We did a good job of marking their lead scorer [Laura Fiorino]. She only had two shots, no goals and no assists."

Olivet's first two goals came in the first half. Hope Murphy scored the first goal off of a penalty kick. Doris Sullivan scored the second when she beat Saint Mary's defenders in the penalty box. In the second half, Sullivan scored again off a throw-in from out of bounds.

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